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Road to U.S. citizenship not always easy

Dr. Weinan Chen of Big Spring, who is currently in the process of applying for his American citizenship, stands outside his home with son Nicholas. Nicholas already is a U.S. citizen — he was born here.

Photo courtesy Chen family

By Andrea Fryrear
MRT Correspondent

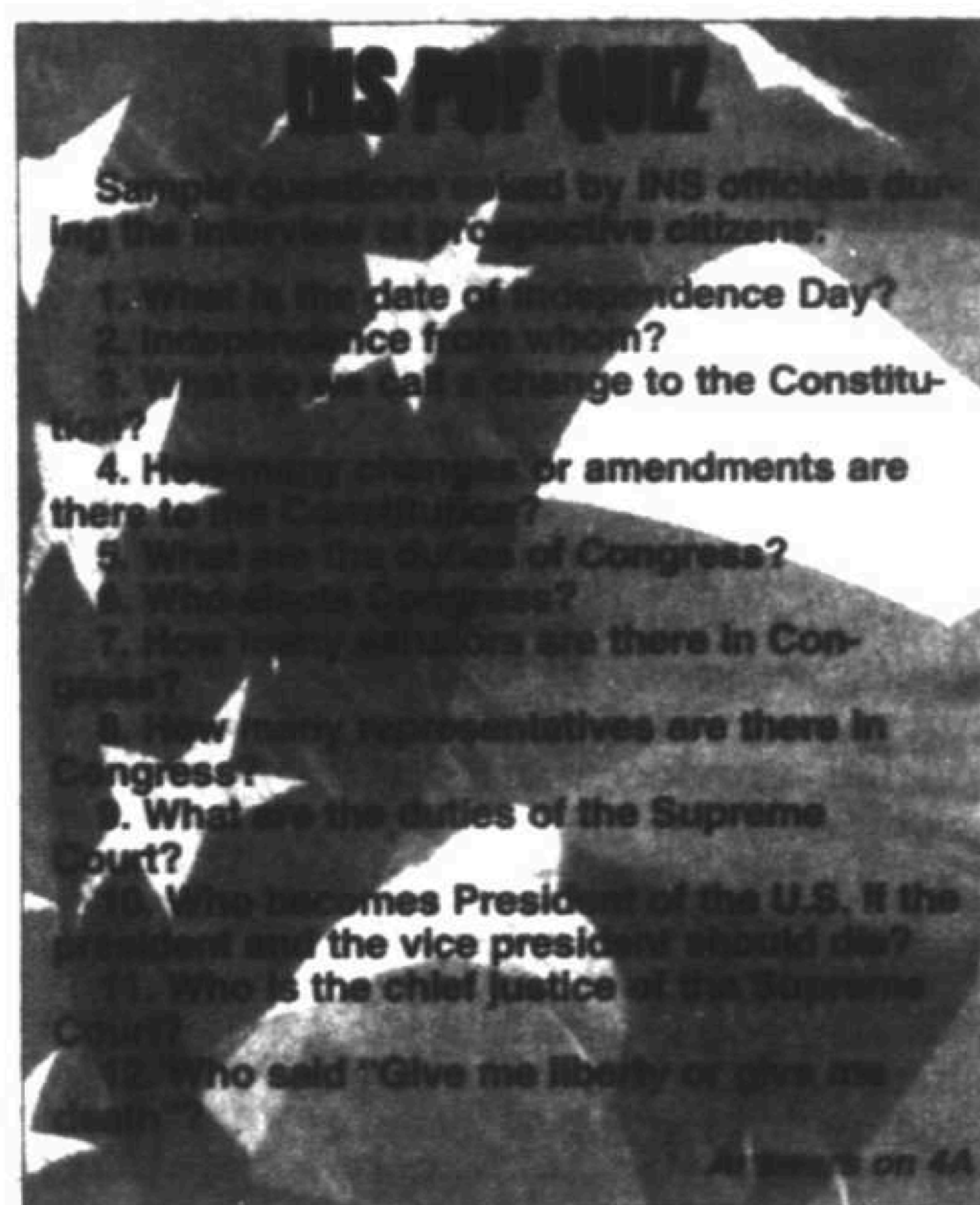
"Many people have died for freedom."
"It is important for all citizens to vote."
"You drink too much coffee."
"I am too busy to talk today."
These sentences are not nonsense, and they are not the newest phrases for a talking children's toy. They are sample sentences prospective U.S. citizens might be asked to read, write or say during the interview portion of their naturalization application.

■ U.S. immigration has rich history/4A

Dr. Weinan Chen of Big Spring, who is currently in the process of applying for his American citizenship, is exempt from the interview portion of the process.

"Because I came over here as a scientist, my family case did not need

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Mom focuses on back-to-school preparation

By Kasey Kelly
MRT Correspondent

She is a good mother and, as all good mothers do, she is preparing to send her three children — 15-year-old Michelle, 12-year-old Brandt and 9-year-old Brooke — back to school in a few short weeks.

But, they can't just go back to school. They must go back to school dressed in the right clothes.

So Gail Hankinson is focusing on the task at hand: Back-to-school shopping.

And what better time to do it than the statewide tax-free weekend, set for Friday-Sunday? Buy quality school clothes at a bargain price while getting a break from Uncle Sam. Sounds good.

But, how does one make the most of such a good deal?

Planning and organization. They are the keys to success.

The first step is organizing each child's closet to see what is needed.

Each child goes through his or her clothes and pulls out whatever they won't wear. They then toss out the clothes that are worn and out of fashion or that have gotten too small over the summer.

"I used to be really picky and say, we spend too much on that," said Ms. Hankinson. "But, if they don't like it, they won't wear it. I let them get rid of it."

The Hankinsons then organize their closets by clothing style.

"We organize our closets by pants and T-shirts and shirts that we won't wear to school, but we want to wear after school and by dress stuff that we want to wear to church," said Ms. Hankinson. "Then we have it all organized like we want."

The next step is to make a list.

"We make a list of what we have, that we will wear to school and what we need, that we need to get," continued Ms. Hankinson.

Michelle, Brandt and Brooke each must adhere to certain dress-code requirements at their schools.

Michelle, who will be a sophomore at Midland High School, and Brandt, who starts his junior high year at Goddard Junior High, don't have to wear uniforms this year, but they still have to follow a strict dress code.

Please see CLOTHES/4A



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— Gail Hankinson

LEFT: Michelle Hankinson, 15, poses atop a pile of clothes she no longer wants to wear. Her sister Brooke, 9, above, attempts to organize the closet full of clothes in her room. Both girls, with mom Gail's help, are cleaning, organizing and preparing for back-to-school shopping during the tax-free weekend.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

Tax-free items

The state sales tax holiday will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Following is a list of tax-free items:

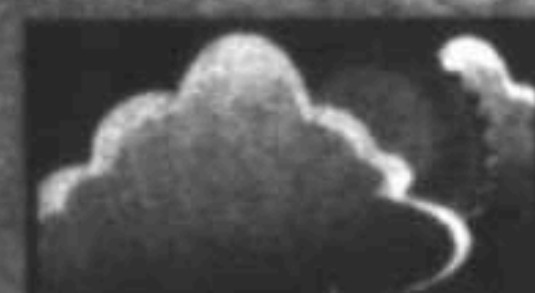
Baby clothes
Bathing suits
Belts with attached buckles
Boots — cowboy, hiking
Caps/hats — baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
Choir robes
Coats and wraps
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Diapers — adult and baby
Dresses

Gloves (generally)
Gym suits and uniforms
Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts
Hosiery
Jackets
Jeans
Jerseys — baseball and football
Jogging apparel — bras, suits, shorts
Neckwear and ties
Pajamas
Pants and trousers
Raincoats and ponchos
Robes

Shirts
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Clouds tease, drop 'trace' of rain on Tall City

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

For a few fleeting moments late Friday afternoon, the impossible seemed ... well, almost possible.

Clouds had gathered in the sky. A sense of anticipation was rising among local residents, many of whom stepped outdoors and stared at sky. And then it happened. It rained ... well, sort of. The weatherman called it a "trace." But in some parts of Midland, downtown included, rain actually fell to the ground.

But then things returned to normal.

It stopped.

But to prove the scene was indeed real, a rainbow quickly formed over the Tall City skyline.

The scene was almost repeated on Saturday. The clouds gathered. The anticipation heightened. But, alas, the rain didn't follow ... not even a trace.

With little or no rain for a month, and a year-to-date level of rainfall three inches lower than normal, even Friday's brief shower was a needed resource for the area's parch, dry terrain.

But more than anything, it seemed to tease drought-weary Midlanders, offering a glimmer of hope and then cruelly yank-

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A rainbow forms an arc over downtown Midland after clouds produced a "trace" of rainfall in the city Friday afternoon.

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More families coping with life in homeless shelters, officials say

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The boy in the homeless shelter ponders the question: If you could change your life — in any way at all — what would you do?

"I'd be the most famous person in the world and have vast magical powers," Christopher Yoder says, his eyes widening. "And my little brother would actually listen to me."

There is no mention of the small room with two bunk beds and a dresser that he shares with his 11-year-old brother, Darryl, and his single father, a machinist who lost his job more than two months ago.

There are, instead, typical answers from a 12-year-old boy — one who says he's coping just fine with a situation that shelter providers say is becoming more common for America's children.

National figures on homelessness are difficult to come by. Even the U.S. Census Bureau has shied away from giving an official count of this difficult-to-track population.

Census officials say a three-day survey conducted in 2000 found 280,527 homeless nationwide, but add that many people were probably missed because the homeless are among the most difficult to find.

Shelter providers and food bank directors say the sputtering economy and dwindling supply of affordable housing are forcing more families to seek their help. Some also point to cutbacks in welfare benefits in many states, including Wisconsin.

In Milwaukee County alone, records show that homeless shelters received more than 7,000 requests for beds for children and teens last year — a 47 percent increase since 1998.

Shelter providers from coast to coast note much the same.

"Our typical family used to be a single mom with one or two kids and a myriad of problems — abuse, addiction, things like that," says Donald Gean, head of the York County Shelter Programs in Alfred, Maine.

Now he and other shelter providers say they're seeing fam-



AP Photo
Ken Yoder sits outside the Hope House shelter as his son, Christopher, 11, roller-blades past, in Milwaukee. Yoder, who lost his job two months ago, and his two sons share a small room in the homeless shelter.

ilies with one and even two employed parents who have, other than a shortage of cash, few of the problems — drug addiction and physical abuse, among them — that homeless parents have traditionally had.

"They really come in a state of shock," says David Hinkley, who's seeing a similar trend at the Catholic Charities Homeless Support Center where he works in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Although known around the shelter for their chattiness, Christopher and Darryl don't talk much about the events of the past several months: How their dad, Ken, had a heart attack in March and, a few weeks later, was fired from his \$15-an-hour job because he missed too much work.

Soon they were evicted from their two-bedroom apartment

and, at first, moved into their aunt's garage while Ken looked for another job.

"A couple more days," he kept telling them.

But days turned into weeks — and the threesome shifted to a Salvation Army shelter.

Last month, they moved into their room at Hope House, a tidy three-story shelter on the outskirts of downtown Milwaukee, where families can stay up to two years while they pay off debt and build savings. Only families who agree to follow strict rules and want to better their lives need apply.

Christopher says he likes this shelter — in part because families don't have to move their belongings out of the rooms each day; as they did at the Salvation Army.

He surveys the common areas on the second floor of Hope

House, which are reserved for the families: a large living room, simply furnished with blue chairs and couches, a TV and a few framed paintings, including one of a family celebrating. Christopher is sitting at an empty table in the adjoining dining area, where the families share meals that they cook for one another.

"This place is nice," he says. "I could live here."

His conversation drifts to his love of antique swords and memories of a day he explored a creek near the family's former two-bedroom apartment.

He likes video games, too — and tells how he earned game-playing time by doing push-ups at the foster home where he lived until authorities awarded custody of the boys to their father last summer. Before that, they had lived with their mother in Arizona.

In the living room, Darryl chomps on a wad of bubble gum

as he watches an episode of "The Simpsons," in which neighbors take all the cartoon family's belongings to settle a score.

The show ends with the family fighting over their only possession — a wash cloth.

Darryl giggles, then jumps up on the inline skates he's wearing, one of the only possessions he has with him besides his clothes.

His father bought skates for the boys to try, in a small way, to make up for everything — including the ex-landlord who kept Darryl's bike to cover part of the rent.

Ken Yoder is embarrassed, but he's realizing that he is a common face of homelessness.

"The average person, they're thinking of someone out on the corner with a cup out saying, 'Spare change, spare change,'" says the 44-year-old, who returned to his native Milwaukee from Arizona after his marriage broke up three years ago. "But

there are a lot of people out there who are one paycheck away from this."

Yoder is angry at his former employer, a company that makes brake systems for railroad cars. As he sees it, they wouldn't cut a single parent some slack.

A neighbor at the shelter, Walter Henderson, understands the frustration.

Henderson, a single father whose 5-year-old daughter Miracle lives with him at the shelter, was fired six months ago from his job as a banquet supervisor at a ritzy downtown Milwaukee hotel.

"I gave up on blaming everybody. It took me a long time to say that. But it ain't nobody's fault but mine," says the 33-year-old Chicago native.

Like Yoder, Henderson will soon receive welfare-to-work money, eventually as much as \$670 a month, while he looks for a job.

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West

By David Fox
Associated Press

MISSOULA — By wildfires? Fire Master stands for \$6,000 a day.

With the clatter and the whine of diesel engine, the juggling act of the "Grounds," a chain near the Missouri River, is a challenge.

Scott Peterson, smiling with satisfaction, prospect of another flame fills with dread, enters Peterson's smoky air.

The Proteus, the burning forest, bare-earth corridor, wide bulldozer boom, can topple pine, then slice with a grapple chainsaw. Hoses, directions, fed tank that can be by a helicopter.

Peterson's contractor, Terrain Tech, rushed out to help Bitterroot National Forest. Peterson built contraptions for He calls the \$ fee a bargain.

"We figure people with money says, 'It's more safer, and it gets it's needed.'

If Peterson's won't be the only wildfire.

Last year's fire, a century, charred acres nationwide, eral government fight. The blaze, tion of Congress an extra \$1.6 billion this year for

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West has hidden 'fire economy,' from smoke chasers to sewer companies

By David Foster
Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — Plagued by wildfires? Fear not. The Proteus Fire Master stands ready to help — for \$6,000 a day.

With the clatter of steel treads and the whine of a 300-horsepower diesel engine, the 26-ton firefighting juggernaut climbs out of a steep gully on the "Proteus Proving Grounds," a chewed-up back lot near the Missoula airport.

Scott Peterson stands nearby, smiling with satisfaction. While the prospect of another long summer of flame fills many Westerners with dread, entrepreneurs such as Peterson smell opportunity in the smoky air.

The Proteus can crawl through the burning forest to scrape out bare-earth corridors with its 6-foot-wide bulldozer blade. Its hydraulic boom can topple a 2-foot-thick pine, then slice it up in seconds with a grapple and retractable chainsaw. Hoses squirt water in all directions, fed by a 3,000-gallon tank that can be refilled on the run by a helicopter.

Peterson's company, the Rough Terrain Technologies Group, rushed out a Proteus prototype last summer to help battle blazes on the Bitterroot National Forest. Encouraged by Forest Service officials, Peterson built three more of the contraptions for \$350,000 apiece.

He calls the \$6,000 daily rental fee a bargain.

"We figure we can replace 35 people with one Proteus," he says. "It's more efficient, it's safer, and it gets the water to where it's needed."

If Peterson's gamble pays off, he won't be the only one to profit from wildfire.

Last year's fires, the worst in half a century, charred 8.4 million acres nationwide and cost the federal government \$1.4 billion to fight. The blazes caught the attention of Congress, which approved an extra \$1.6 billion to beef up budgets this year for fire research, sup-



AP Photo
Cathy Palin, 35, left, stakes a charred log on Nathan Olson's land near the Bitterroot National Forest in North Rye Creek near Darby, Mont., July 2.

pression and prevention and the thinning of forests to reduce dangerous fuel accumulations.

All that money is giving a boost to the rural West's "fire economy," a little-known but thriving field of commerce in which residents are enriched by the very forces of nature that threaten to destroy them.

Consider the Bitterroot Valley, just south of Missoula in southwestern Montana, where 365,000 acres burned last year, including nearly 20 percent of the Bitterroot National Forest. More than 1,500 people were evacuated, and 70 homes were destroyed. Smoke hung in the valley for six weeks, hiding the mountains and turning the midday sun blood red.

Most people here will tell you the fires were awful. At the same time, however, the government was spending \$74 million to fight the Bitterroot fires, and a good portion of that money trickled into the local economy.

Benefiting from the fires is still

a sensitive subject here.

"It isn't discussed," says Dixie Dies, public information officer at the Bitterroot Forest headquarters in Hamilton. "There was so much hurt, people don't want to talk about who did well."

But many did do well.

Sweet Pea Sewer and Septic collected \$60 a day for each portable toilet it rented to the Forest Service. At the height of the fires, the small company doubled its work force to maintain about 400 toilets in fire camps in Montana and Idaho.

"People go, 'Oh, you're taking advantage of the fires.' But someone has to provide services, and we worked our butts off doing it," says co-owner Susan Bashor. "You get exhausted. You don't see your kids. You drive through the fires and you think of neighbors who have lost their homes. It was very emotional for all of us."

Housewife Jennifer Sain put the kids in daycare and rented her GMC Suburban to the Forest Ser-

vice for \$80 a day, then hired herself out at \$11.63 an hour to drive it, ferrying fire officials and reporters around the forest. She says she made \$10,000 in two months.

Some of her government-wary ranching relatives didn't appreciate her working for the Forest Service, she says. But economics prevailed.

"I wouldn't have done it if it wasn't good money," Sain says.

When Ed Lesky, a retired personnel manager, was forced from his home by smoke, he stayed with friends who were firefighters.

"They said, 'Ed, do you want to sit there drinking beers, or do you want to go fight fire?'" Lesky recalls. "So I became a firefighter."

He worked 40 days on an

engine crew and earned about \$6,000 — though he notes the fire also cost him money. His house survived, but he spent \$2,000 to build a retaining wall to keep mud from sliding down the fire-denuded hillside above. (The government paid the rest of the wall's \$8,000 cost.)

For many, the fires brought a mix of good and bad. Motels lost reservations from vacationers scared off by the fires, but every room in town was booked once fire workers arrived in force.

Heavy smoke forced the cancellation of the Ravalli County Fair. But then the Forest Service leased the fair grounds as a fire camp, and fair operators cleared \$200,000 in two and a half months, about 10 times the profit they usually make

from the weeklong fair.

"We're debt-free now," says fair grounds manager Gary Wiley. "It was a blessing in disguise — but I'd rather not have that blessing again."

Profiting from wildfire is part of Western history, says Stephen Pyne, an Arizona State University professor who has written 11 books about fire.

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, Northwest residents set fires in the woods, knowing they would get jobs fighting them, Pyne says.

Even now, he says, forest managers tend to spend huge amounts on fighting fires and a pittance on preventing them or moderating their damage by thinning the forests.

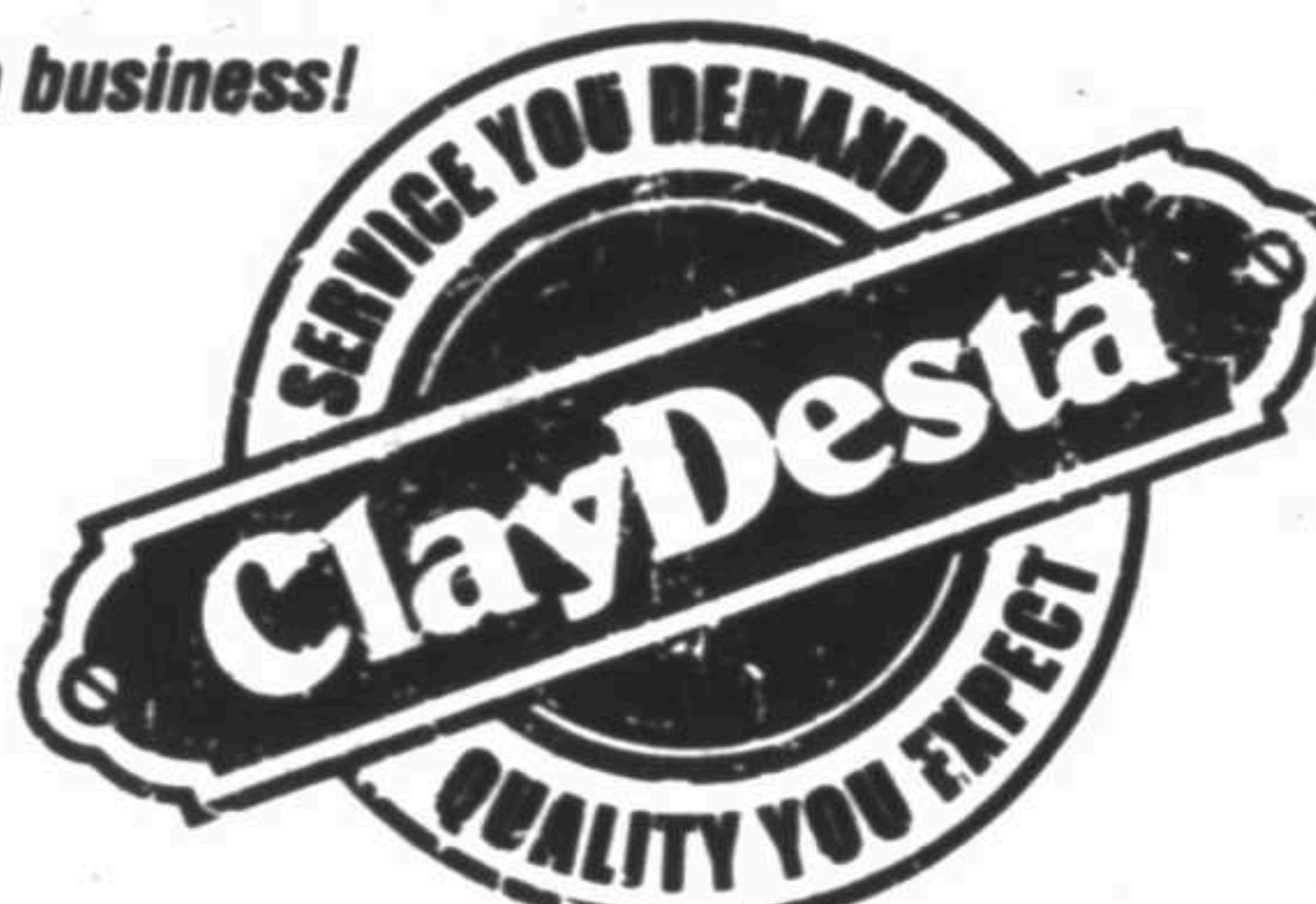
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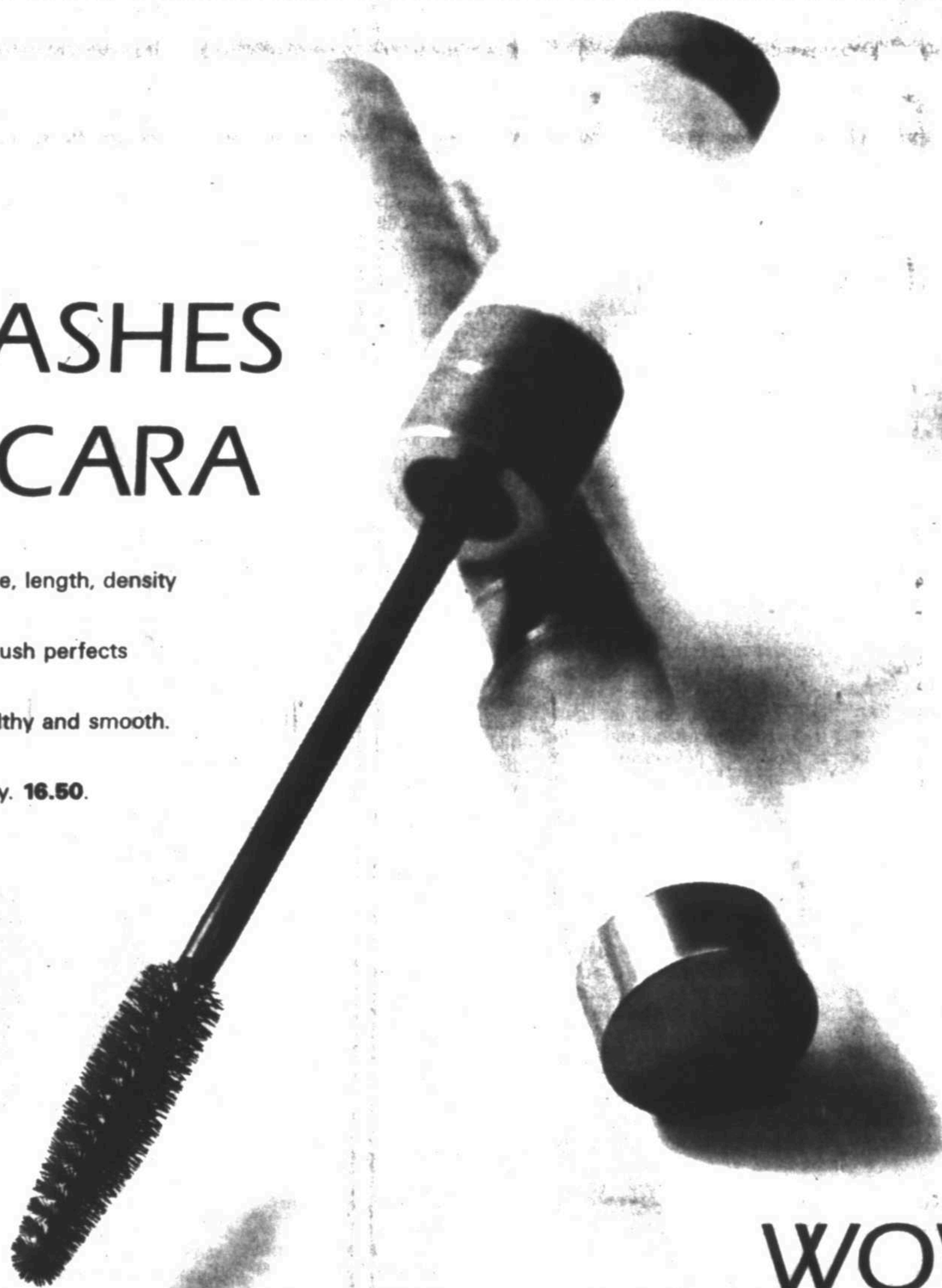
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WEATHER

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3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
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Low 75

Monday
Windy
High 95
Low 75

Tuesday
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High 94
Low 74

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms. The high should be in the upper 90s with a southeasterly wind at 10 to 20 mph. For tonight, expect partly cloudy skies with a less than 20 percent chance of isolated showers or thunderstorms. The low will be near 75.

For Monday, expect partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and a high in the mid-90s. For Monday night, expect partly cloudy skies and a low near 75.

The high on Saturday reached 99, while the low dropped to 71. The record high for July 28 is 106 set in 1944. The record low is 61 set in 1933.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Saturday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Friday trace
Total for month trace
Total for year 3.86 in.
Normal total (year to date) 7.51 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High 99
Low 75
Normal high 96
Normal low 69
Sunrise ... 7:02 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:48 p.m.

Immigration has rich history

By Kristine Aleman
MRT Correspondent

"What about us?" That is the question many immigrants are asking the U.S. government after its proposed plan to legalize undocumented immigrants. Although President Bush denies any plan to grant "blanket amnesty," he might include people from other countries besides Mexico in his proposal.

"I see it as a positive move, because if individuals are already in the country, it is to the advantage of the country itself to allow them to work legally," said Joanna Hadjicostandi, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. "They are trying to make a living. If they do not have the legal means to do that, chances are they will get involved in other activities or end up being non-productive."

Bush's comments began nearly two weeks ago when an administration task force recommended he consider methods of legalizing the three to four million undocumented Mexican immigrants in America. However, immigration and its repercussions are nothing new to the country.

THE BEGINNING

Historians believe Americans encouraged relatively free and open immigration during the 18th and early 19th centuries, and did not question the policy until the late 1800s, when certain states passed immigration laws.

In 1875, the Supreme Court declared regulation of immigration was a federal responsibility, thus, as more immigrants traveled to America and economic conditions turned negative, Congress began issuing immigration legislation.

The legislation issued alien contract labor laws, prohibiting certain laborers from immigrating to the U.S., levied a head tax of 50 cents on each immigrant and even "excluded" the entry of "idiots, lunatics, convicts and persons likely to become a public charge," according to historian Marian L. Smith.

"It hasn't changed. There is a trend, a certain idea that some individuals are more desirable than others," Ms. Hadjicostandi said. "That has followed over the years, there were certain minorities that were more preferred than others. The trends of migration have been manipulated in certain ways to somewhat bid minorities against each other."

The Immigration Act of 1891 went as far as barring polygamists, persons convicted of crimes of immorality and those afflicted with "loathsome or contagious diseases." Under the law, the federal government began inspecting, admitting, rejecting and processing all immigrants.

ELLIS ISLAND

January 2, 1892 — Immigration operations began at a new federal station on Ellis Island in New York Harbor.

"There were periods of time that immigration was supposed to meet the interest of the labor market in the U.S.," Ms. Hadjicostandi said. "Even with Ellis Island, it was basically in response to the development taking place in the U.S."

Historians say it was the largest and busiest station for decades. Ellis Island provided inspection facilities, hearing and detention rooms, hospitals, cafeterias, administrative offices, railroad ticket offices and representatives of many immigrant aid societies. It also employed 119 of the Immigration Service's entire staff of 180 in 1893.

"Ellis Island was the gateway for the immigrants, mostly Europeans. We can trace our ancestors coming from Ellis Island," said Glen Findley, assistant professor of history and government at Odessa College. "Those escaping Europe tended to be not the upper class. It was the entry point for those folks,

but it wasn't always a pleasant experience."

During its first decade at Ellis Island, the Immigration Service adopted basic immigration procedures and in 1909, Congress began funding the service from an annual appropriation.

"Still, Ellis Island was not a very friendly position for immigrants. It's not to say they were received with open arms," Ms. Hadjicostandi said. "There was a lot of screening that took place there, a lot of identity was lost through changing of people's names and various other mechanisms."

BIRTH OF NATURALIZATION

In the early 1900s, attention turned to naturalization. In 1905, a commission investigating naturalization practices and procedure reported there was little or no uniformity among the more than 5,000 naturalization courts. Congress responded with the Basic Naturalization Act of 1906 — which houses the rules for naturalization in effect today. The law established a standard naturalization form and expanded the Bureau of Immigration into the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization.

In 1924, following mass immigration after World War I, Congress created the U.S. Border Patrol within the Immigration Service in response to rising illegal entries and alien smuggling.

In June of 1933, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was formed, and volume dropped significantly — but only for a while.

AFTERMATH OF LEGISLATION

Following some 40 years of pro- and anti-immigration legislation attempting to better the immigration status, the responsibilities of the INS expanded once again with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Under the Act, the INS enforced sanctions against U.S. employers who hired undocumented aliens, as well as enforced the deportation of those found to work illegally. The law also allowed certain illegal aliens to legalize their residence in the U.S., and INS administered the legalization program.

"A lot of immigrants who came are most noble members of the highest organizations in the country," Ms. Hadjicostandi said. "A lot of physicists, physicians, people working for NASA and even people who are actually even in government are either immigrants themselves, or descendants of them."

THE FUTURE

Although the administration has not agreed on specific terms of the plan, it would give guest-worker status to immigrants and could eventually lead to permanent legal status to some of the 3 million Mexicans now in the United States illegally.

Findley says once these constituents are motivated and registered to vote, the political state, on the local, state and national level, will change. The plan will also affect the schools of the U.S., questioning whether the government has an obligation to educate the legalized immigrants.

"If we turn them into citizens, absolutely," Findley said.

"This is a country that was built by immigrants. This is the legacy of this country. This is actually the strength of the country," Hadjicostandi said. "The diversity of the people that comprise the population of this country is the strength. This land was built from migrant labor, of all people."

Bush's plan will be further considered when Mexican President Vicente Fox visits Washington in September.

The following sources contributed to this article: *The Immigration and Naturalization Service* and *"A Historical Guide to the U.S. Government,"* by Marian L. Smith.

CLOTHES: After preparing, it's time to shop

(From 1A)

Ms. Hankinson said this year Brooke's wardrobe is easier because she will be wearing uniforms. She can only wear khaki shorts, pants, skirts, shorts, jumpers and overalls and orange, white or black polo style shirts.

When making out their list the Hankinsons consider a variety of issues. For instance, Michelle said she needs two pair of Abercrombie jeans. Although the jeans might be more expensive, Ms. Hankinson believes they'll be a sound wardrobe investment.

"My friends have told me that their kids will wear their Abercrombie jeans three times a week and other jeans once a week," said Ms. Hankinson. "If you're going to get double the wear out of them, or triple the wear out of them, then it's worth it."

Also, they only list what they have to have to get by the first couple of weeks of school.

"We usually buy only what we need, or have to have before school," said Ms. Hankinson. "Then we fill in after school starts."

After weeks of cleaning, organizing and list-making, it's time to shop.

The ideal way, according to Ms. Hankinson, is to take each child separately, equipped with

Local charity organization to hand out school supplies

From Staff Reports

This week at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store, volunteers will distribute school supplies donated by the Abell-Hanger Foundation and the West Texas Food Bank.

"We plan to distribute these school supplies to those who need some help with this school year," said Sherry Cox, a representative of St. Vincent de Paul and member of three years.

plenty of snacks and wearing comfortable shoes. She generally has her route mapped out, and an idea of what she will be purchasing in each store.

"We very often take clothes to match," said Ms. Hankinson. Yet, there is still a challenge in pleasing each child.

Michelle has her own plan. She knows what she likes and where she can get it. She likes the trendy shops such as American Eagle Outfitters, Wet Seal and Pacific Sunwear.

"Michelle really takes me shopping," said Ms. Hankinson. "She knows what she's looking for, I am just the checkbook and

The supplies will be handed out to kids with last names beginning with A-G Tuesday, July 31 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the thrift store. Students with last names H-O can pick up supplies Wednesday August 1 and students with last names P-Z can get their supplies Friday August 3 at the same time and place.

The St. Vincent de Paul thrift store is located at 701 N. Fort Worth St and representatives can be reached at 687-2343.

the ride."

Ms. Hankinson must limit the number of items Michelle can purchase.

Recently, while cleaning out her closet, Michelle counted 31 shirts she could wear to school. She wanted to buy seven new shirts for school, but her mother discouraged her.

"I wanted her to have one or two new shirts for school, but 31 ...?" said Ms. Hankinson. "That's enough for an entire month if she went to school every day."

A dollar-based budget doesn't seem to work as well as setting a limit on the number of outfits

that can be purchased. Her son Brandt hates to shop. He is easy to please, as long as he doesn't have to actually do the shopping.

"If he has to go get clothes, forget it," said Ms. Hankinson. "I generally bring clothes home for him to try on that I think he'll wear."

Ms. Hankinson picks up basketball shorts, golf shirts and T-shirts from department stores like Dillard's and Sears.

"He's not real brand conscious either. He'll wear just about anything if he doesn't have to go to the store to get it," Ms. Hankinson said.

Brooke is a typical 9-year-old girl. She follows the trends and isn't real excited about the upcoming year in uniform.

"She might not hate it as much once she gets started," said Ms. Hankinson. "It does make it easier to get dressed in the morning; fewer choices."

Nonetheless, she will give looking hip in a uniform her best shot.

For her attire, Ms. Hankinson plans to shop at The Gap, Mervyn's, JC Penney, Sears or Bealls, where ever she can find the uniform pieces she needs.

To complete this plan of action, the new tax free clothing will be laundered, ironed and placed in its proper place in the closet until the night before school begins.

CITIZENS: Vietnam, Canada among ineligible countries

(From 1A)

an interview," he said. But this has not sped up his attempts to obtain citizenship. He, his wife and their 19-year-old daughter Monica have their green cards — registration cards granting aliens permission to reside and be employed in the U.S. — but because they are from mainland China, it is more difficult for them to be granted citizen status.

"For people from the Philippines or from Canada or from Mexico I think it is much faster," Chen said. "But for us it is very slow because the immigration service controls the number from mainland China. They issue the number each month and you must be in line for it."

When Chen arrived in the United States he had planned to return to China after two years of work, but in 1996 his wife and daughter, then in the seventh grade, joined him.

"We stayed mainly for Monica's education. After a few years here it would have hurt her education in China if she went back. She might have lost her opportunity for higher education," Chen said.

The birth of their son Nicholas and Monica's graduation from Coahoma High School last year clinched the Chen's decision to apply for citizenship.

"When Nicholas came along, we knew we had to become citizens. There are simply more opportunities here."

In order to be considered for naturalization, a person must meet requirements in the categories of age, residency, good moral character and attachment to the constitution, in addition to the language and civics tests. Some applicants, like the Chens, may be exempt from the testing portions depending on their circumstances.

Naturalization, in general, has three essential parts, beginning with the application. There are several varied types of applications, and it is imperative prospective citizens find the one for which they are eligible. Programs like INS Experts, an online service comprised of attorneys and paralegals that aims at helping immigrants through the application process, can advise an applicant about what form is best for him or her.

After the application has been filled out and filed at the local Immigration and Naturalization Services office, which is in Mesquite for Midlanders, a waiting period of a few months to a year must be endured while the

Immigration facts

- During the first 50 years after independence, the United States received about 710,000 immigrants. 860,000 were admitted in 1998 alone.
- During the first century or so of our country (1776 to 1884), the U.S. received about two immigrants a day. In the 1990s, it admitted two immigrants a minute.
- In the last 15 years, the United States has admitted more immigrants than it did in the previous 50 years.
- The level of legal immigration has doubled in the last 20 years.
- In the 1990s, the U.S. has

INS processes the application and schedules an interview time.

The interview is often considered the most infamous portion of the task of becoming a U.S. citizen. During the interview, an INS official will test the applicant to ascertain his or her ability to speak, read and write English.

There also is a civics test that measures one's level of knowledge about the history and government in America. The test is administered orally, requiring proficiency in English speaking skills to pass. Some contend the test is too difficult, while others feel the language requirements are set too low.

Congressional researchers report about 10 percent of applicants are denied citizenship because they fail the test.

After completing the previously described steps, the application must be processed by the INS within four months. If it is approved, the newly naturalized citizen takes part in a swearing-in ceremony, after which he or she is a full-fledged citizen of the United States, along with any children under 18 who hold green cards, providing that both parents have been naturalized.

If an applicant is refused, he or she may reapply or appeal the decision.

There are several ways for immigrants to remain in the United States without the process of naturalization once they successfully enter the country, and some require more luck than others.

The government is holding a Green Card Lottery later this year based entirely on a random computer-generated drawing.

If a resident has a high school diploma or equivalent or has worked for two out of the past five years in an occupation requiring at

least two years of training or experience to perform, he or she may be eligible to win.

However, the applicant must accurately fill out the application and be able to prove he or she is not from any of the 13 countries that the INS has identified as ineligible. Those countries are Canada, China (mainland born and Macau), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories and Vietnam.

Applications for the Green Card Lottery must be completed by Aug. 1. There are 50,000 green cards available for lucky applicants. Winners have permission to live and work permanently in the United States, along with their spouse and any children under 21.

Any person born in the United States is considered a citizen, which is the case for Chen's son Nicholas, who celebrated his first birthday on Wednesday of last week.

Only naturalized residents, not green card holders, are considered citizens and sworn in through a ceremony.

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The above information was compiled primarily from the Immigration and Naturalization Services

Web site, www.ins.usdoj.gov. Please see this site for more information as well as the necessary documents for naturalization. For more information on the Green Card Lottery, please visit www.green-card-lottery.org.

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RAIN: 'Trace' of precipitation falls on Midland

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ing it away.

Don't hold your breath.

Granted, a forecaster with the National Weather Service said there is a chance of rain in the area during the next few days, but he quickly added it was only "a 20 percent chance."

"We have a real slight chance

(of rain) for the next couple of days," the forecaster said.

While rain would make the summer heat a bit more bearable, the lack of rain may already have caused enough damage as many farmers have picked up the pieces of a droughted harvest and started planning for next year. Repeated grass fires and fires in homes may be an additional burden caused by the burned-out condi-

tions.

The rash of calls made to law enforcement officials on the Fourth of July may have been caused by party-goers reveling with fireworks, but dry underbrush and strong West Texas winds also played a major role.

Lotto Texas

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

4-21-33-46-47-54

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$20 million. The ticket was sold in Texarkana

Answers to INS quiz

1. July 4th
2. England
3. Amendments
4. 27
5. To make laws
6. The people
7. 100
8. 437
9. To interpret laws
10. Speaker of the House of Representatives
11. William Rehnquist

Source: INS Web site.

Pick 3 Texas

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

9-8-2

Fatigue

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

JACKSON, W. — The weather was fatiguing setting in, felled for a sixth straight day to keep a fire from upslope molder.

The 1,300 residents were told to brace. The fire, which was caused by an abandoned fire, crept to within their community miles west of Jackson.

"If you wanted worse scenario I don't know," fire spokesman Colwell said. "I think it's the best."

The wildfire has some 3,760 acres.

Firefighters rigged red sprinklers and retardant on homes. The blaze made about 100 dwellings still hasn't damaged.

"We've got a good this, yes," fire information officer Terry Virgin won't feel good un-

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Fatigue takes its toll on Wyoming firefighters

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — With the weather worsening and fatigue setting in, firefighters battled for a sixth straight day Saturday to keep a forest blaze away from upscale mountain homes.

The 1,300 residents of Wilson were told to brace for the worst. The fire, which may have been caused by an abandoned campfire, crept to within two miles of their community, about five miles west of Jackson.

"If you wanted to develop a worse scenario I don't know that you could," fire spokesman Joe Colwell said. "I think today will be the test."

The wildfire has grown to some 3,760 acres.

Firefighters rigged high-powered sprinklers and sprayed fire retardant on homes on Friday as the blaze made another run at about 100 dwellings. The fire still hasn't damaged any structures.

"We've got a good handle on this, yes," fire information officer Terry Virgin said. "But I won't feel good until it poses no

structural threat and we have a line completely around it."

Flames had drawn within 200 feet of a Crescent H, about five miles southwest of Jackson, where homes, nearly hidden in the bone-dry forest, average \$5 million.

Nearly all the homes have flammable, wooden-shingle roofs and can be reached only by narrow, winding roads, limiting the number of fire engines able to reach them.

The Forest Service marshaled about 1,000 firefighters, 11 helicopters, 10 air tankers and six other planes to battle the blaze.

"We're fighting this thing hot and heavy, about as hot and heavy as you can," fire spokesman Bobby Kitchens said.

A plume of smoke towered over Jackson Hole, a 40-mile-long valley surrounded by three mountain ranges and gateway to the Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. The Teton, which lie north of the blaze, have been blotted out at times by the haze.

Still, day-to-day activities continued in Jackson, where tourists window-shopped, took stage-

coach rides and rented mountain bikes. The county fair was in full-swing and people took advantage of the nice day for a float trip on the Snake River.

Jackson is not threatened by the blaze, fire information officials said, and they've worked hard to get that word out. But concerns persist.

The Chamber of Commerce issued a news release to "strongly encourage" that tourists not alter their plans based on bad information. Frustrated local workers fielded frequent calls from travelers worried Jackson was affected.

"We don't just want to get word out to get people here to get

their money," said Mayor Jeanne Jackson. "We don't want people worried about their relatives."

"It's a little smoky here, but life goes on," she said.

A team of investigators arrived to determine how the fire began last Sunday in a camping area. The probe was looking into all possible causes, such as a lightning strike, an abandoned campfire or even arson, fire spokeswoman Joan Anzelmo said.

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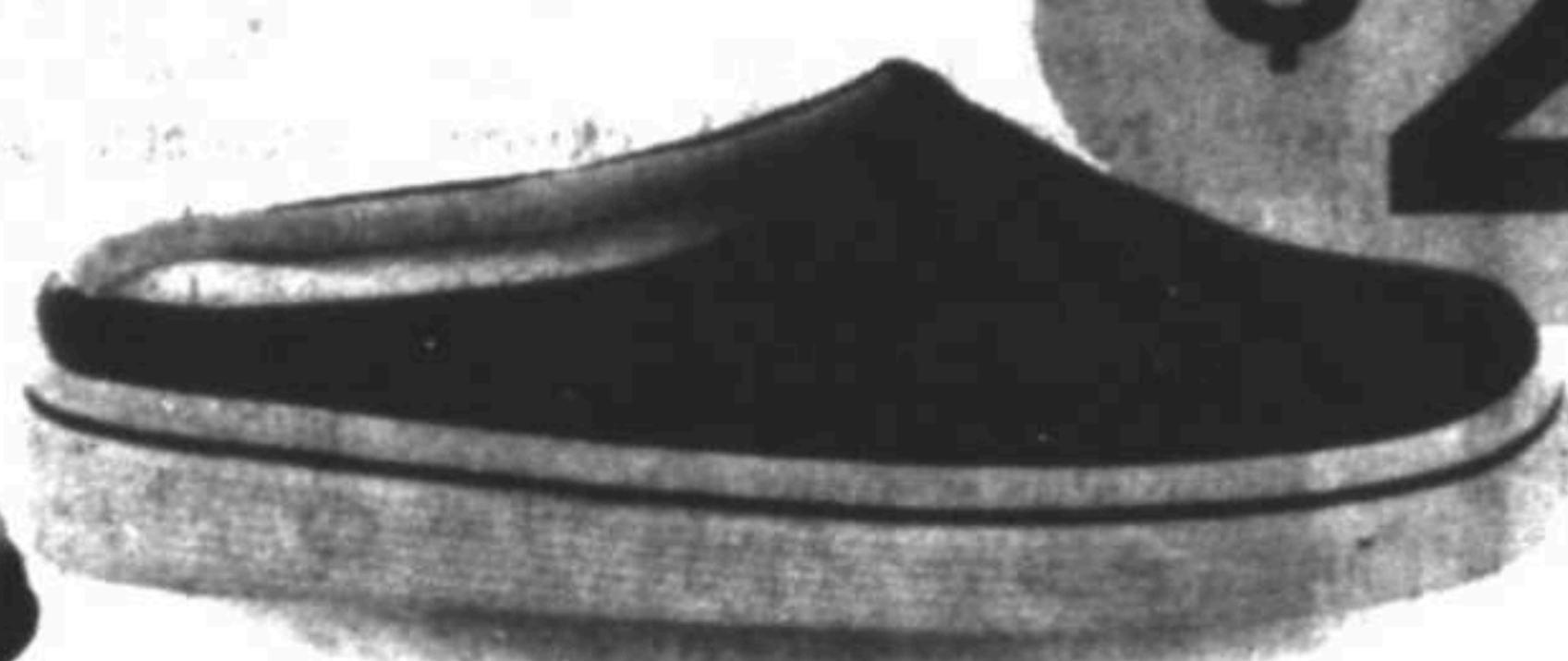
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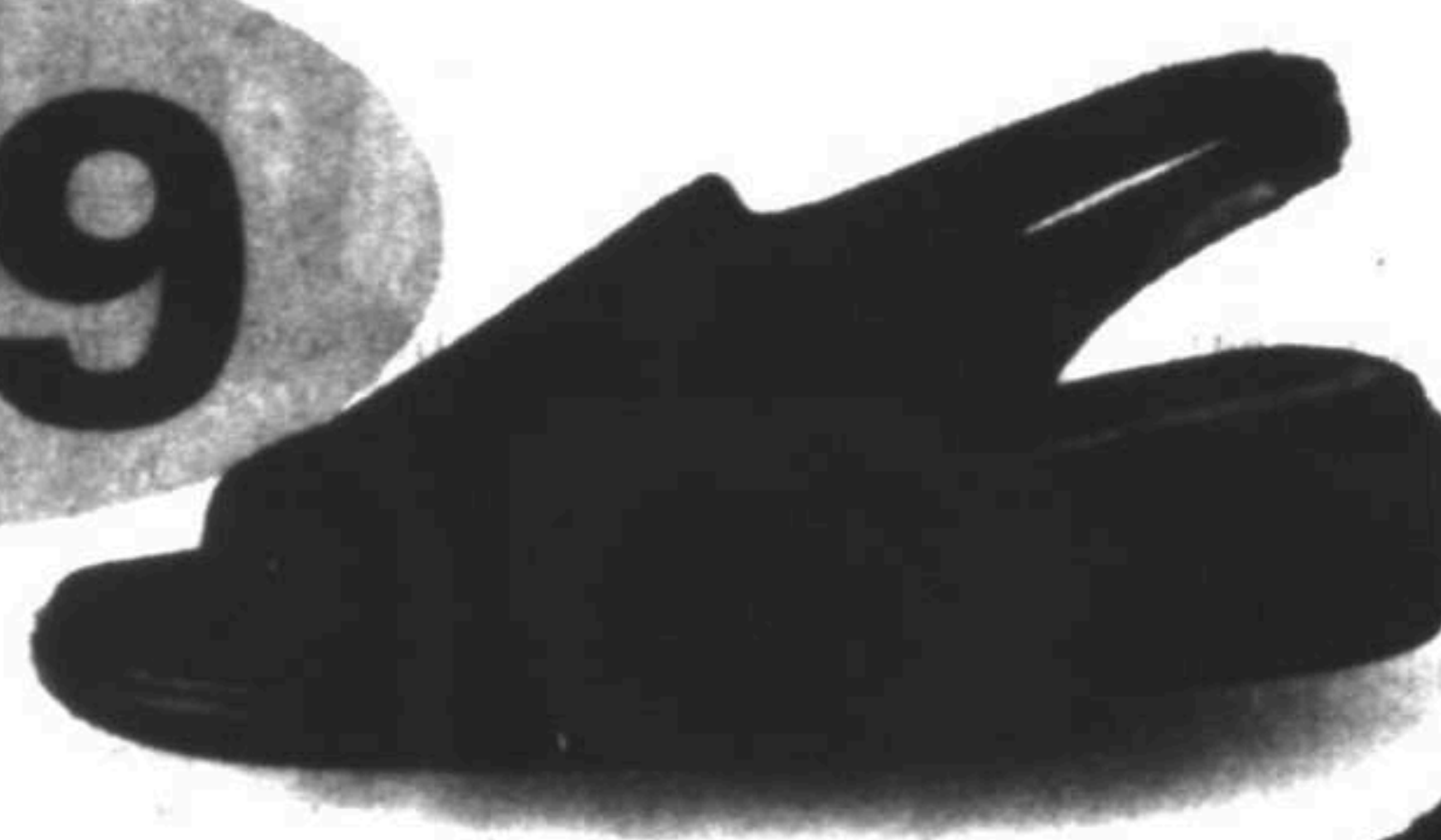


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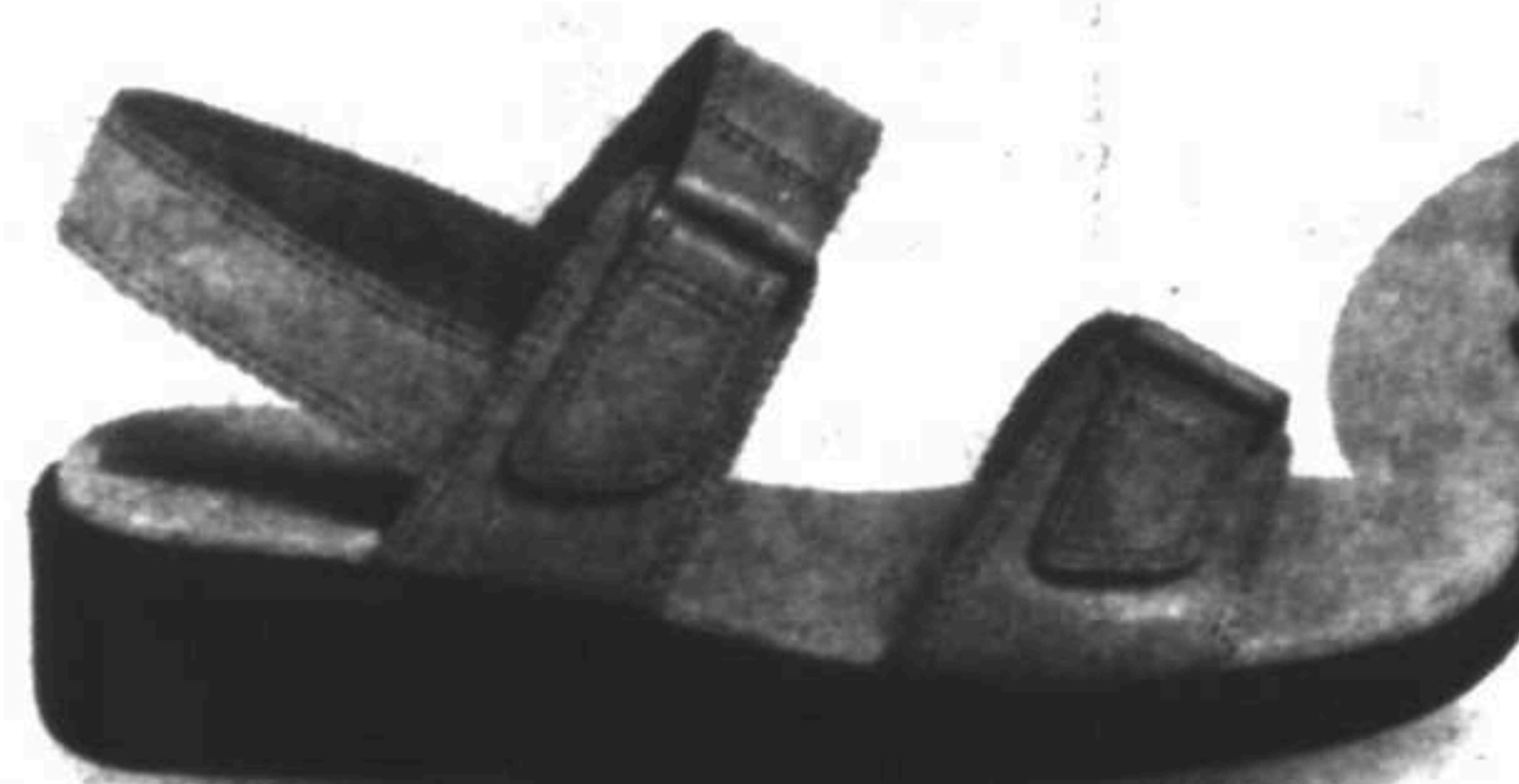
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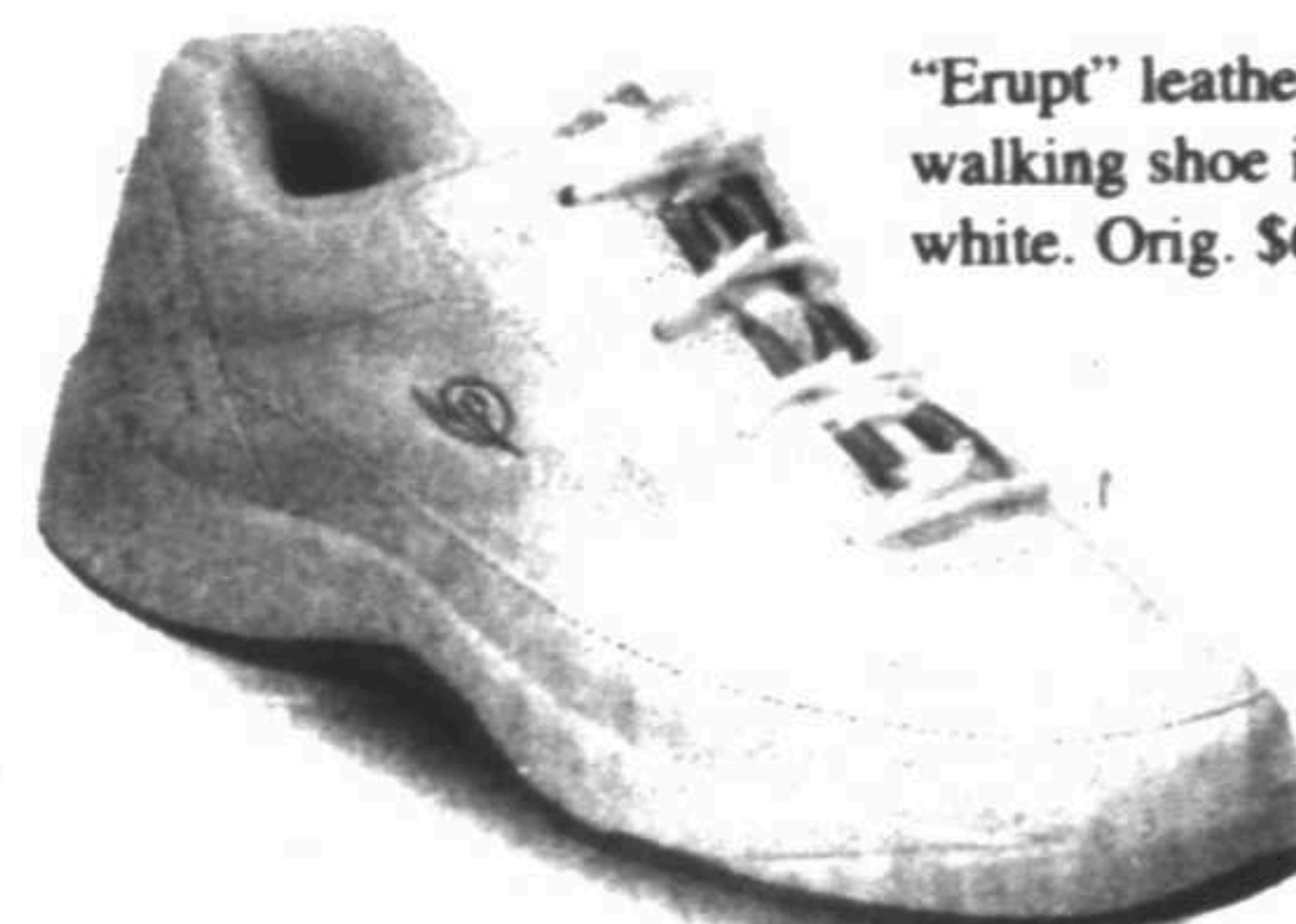


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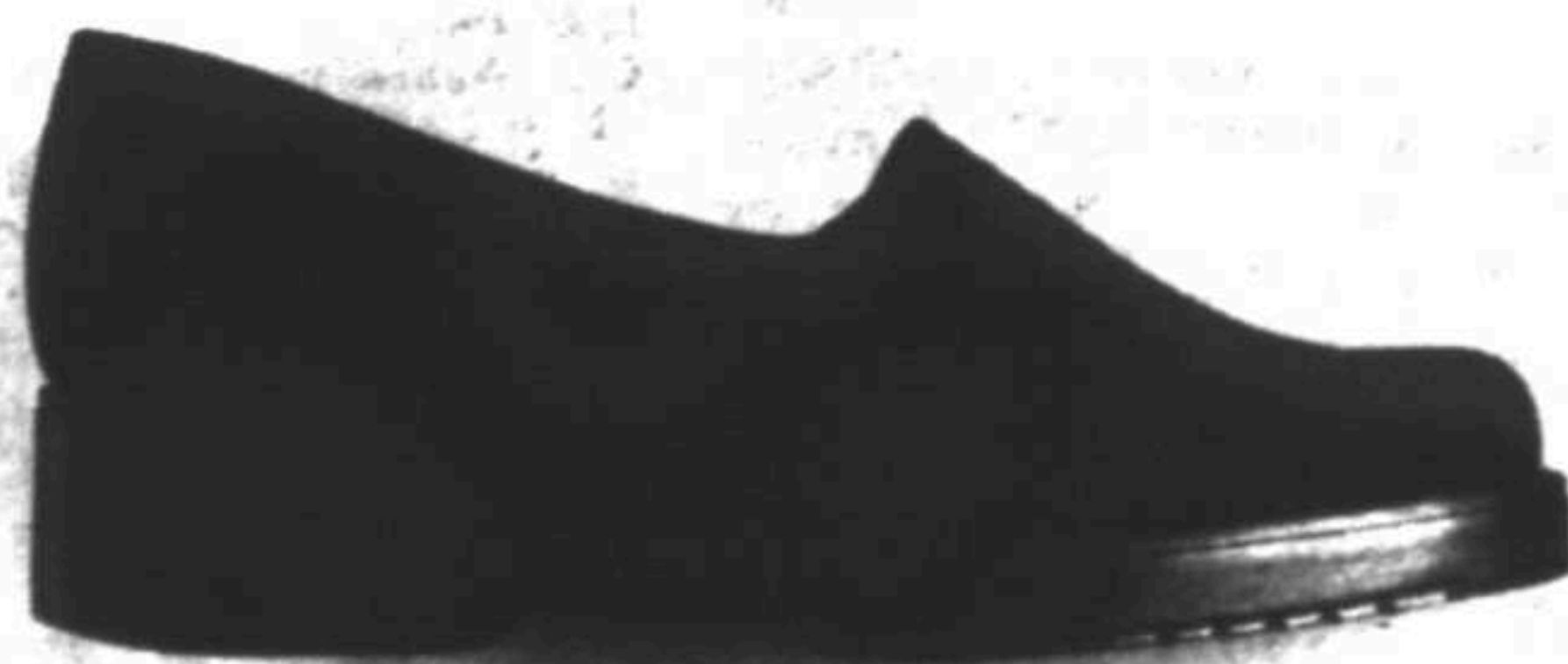
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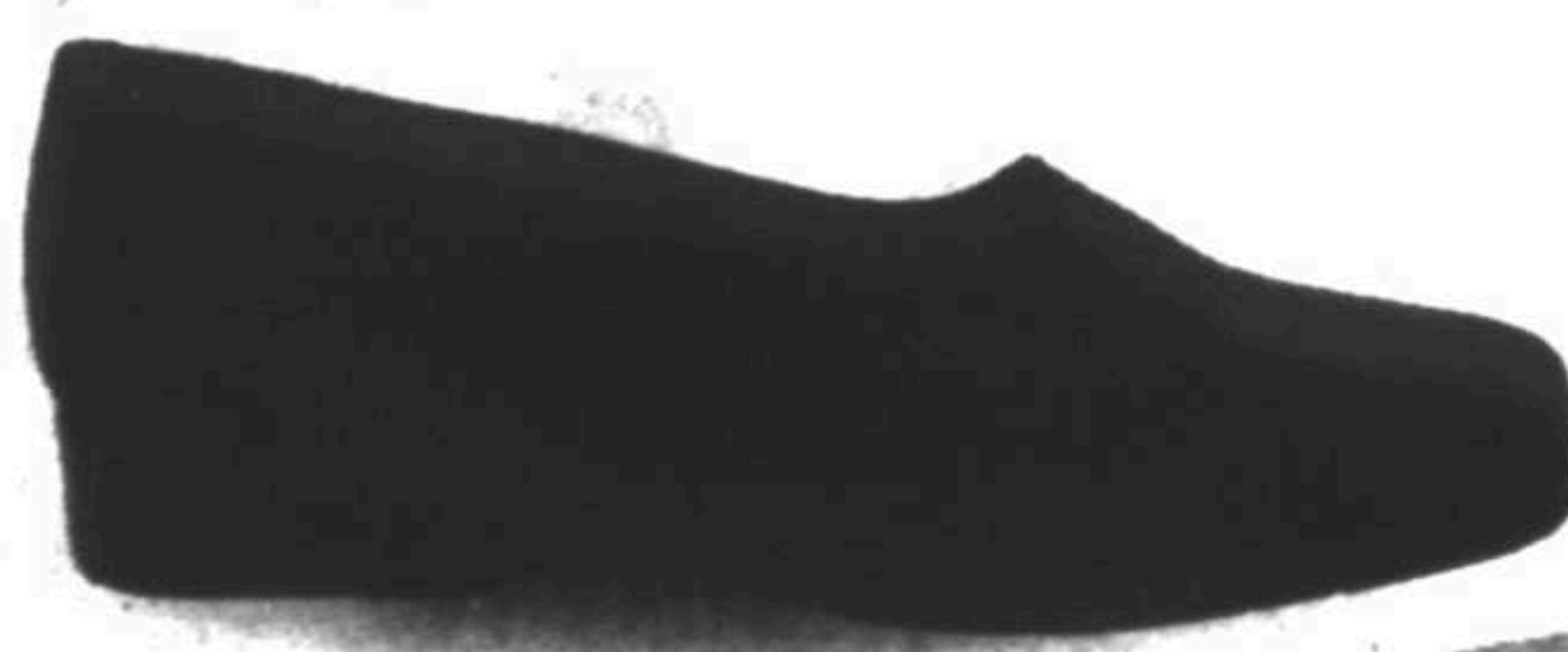
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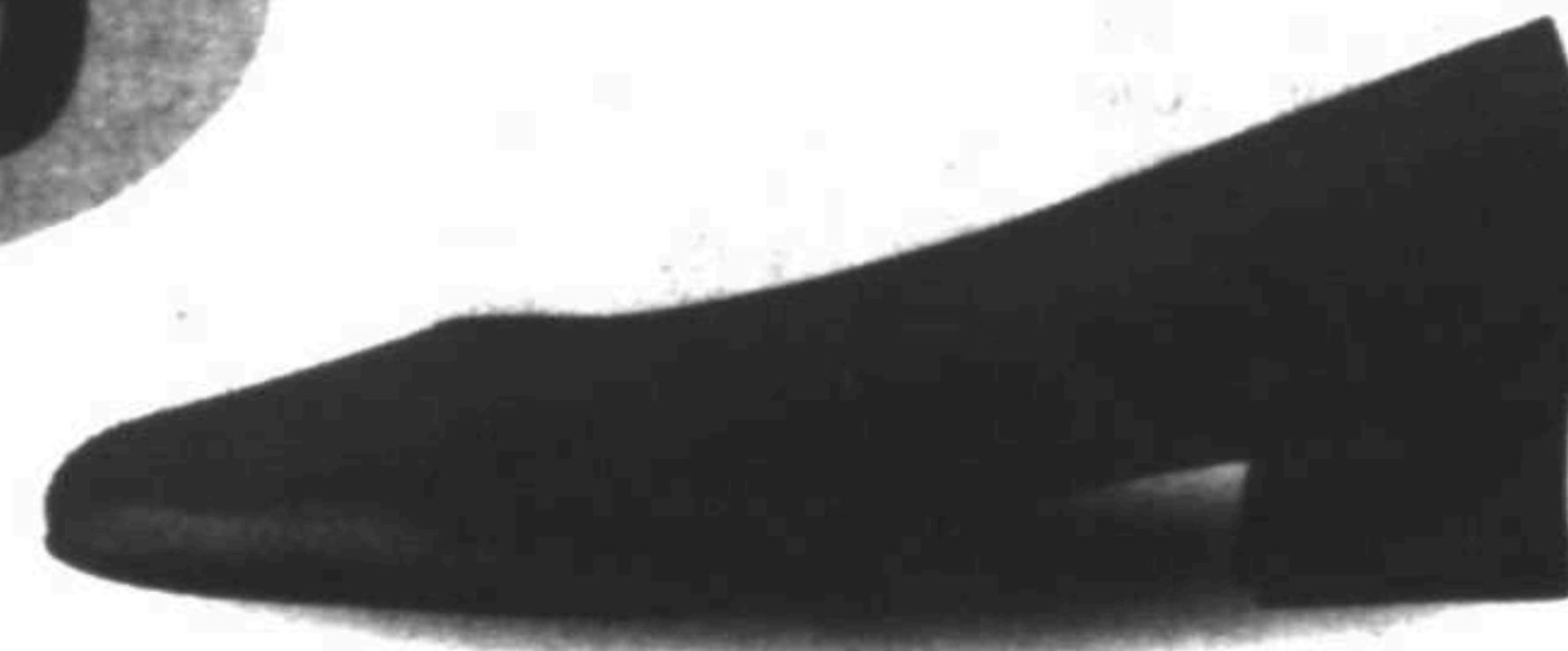
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Black leaders concerned about Bush plan to use religious groups in social reform

By Gina Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush will not encourage discrimination or leave out minorities in his plan to use religious groups in government social projects, a White House adviser said Saturday.

"We're not trying to change the civil rights laws, traditions, landscape one iota," said the Rev. Mark Scott, associate director at the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Bush, who is still trying to sell the plan on Capitol Hill, is expected to seek support Wednesday from members of the National Urban League, a civil rights group.

Scott faced some tough questions as he outlined the plan to a group of young black professionals in town for the Urban League's annual conference.

"Realize why this audience was skeptical," Melinda Emerson-Heastie, 28, told Scott after the session.

She said people fear that under the administration proposal, politically connected white religious groups will qualify for government money, while black groups get nothing.

"There is a high probability

A poll released last week by the Urban League showed 50 percent support in the black community for Bush's plan.

that once again, the black community is going to be left behind," said Emerson-Heastie, who owns a production company in Philadelphia.

A poll released last week by the Urban League showed 50 percent support in the black community for Bush's plan. In that same survey, nearly 95 percent said religion is important to them and three-fourths said the church is the most important or one of the most important influences in a community.

Among blacks, "faith and community are a long tradition," Scott said.

Congress is working on a bill that would allow churches, synagogues and other religious groups to compete for government grants without altering the religious character of their organizations.

Civil libertarians believe the effort is an unconstitutional mingling of church and state. Churches and other religious institutions are exempt from anti-discrimination laws that bar bias based on religion.

Jabari Shumate, a 25-year-old law student at the University of Oklahoma, said there is a wariness of Bush and his ideas, particularly the plan for churches.

"Many African-Americans still feel a sting from the last election," he said. "The issue is very tainted."

Scott said black leaders have been to the White House and that Bush had considered visiting a Muslim mosque to demonstrate he is reaching out to variety of religious groups.

"On the surface, it looks great," said Karla Ballard, 30, of Wilmington, Del., president of the National Urban League Young Professionals.

She said there is a reason to ask more questions because, "we as a black community have been fooled before."

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Levy

By Deb Flechman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's capital "Washington intern" mind the smiling young women: Ch... Monica Lewinsky.

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Levy case shines light on interns

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Outside the nation's capital, the words "Washington intern" bring to mind the smiling faces of two young women: Chandra Levy and Monica Lewinsky.

Their images obscure the fact that the city teems with an estimated 20,000 young people who come to Washington each year to learn about government and share corridors with the powerful.

The cases of Levy, the missing intern who told relatives she had an affair with Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., and Lewinsky, who had trysts with President Clinton, have highlighted this little-known subculture.

Access is part of the allure for these teen-agers and 20-somethings.

"The prime minister of Israel, Ariel Sharon, was in the office for dessert and chats with Mr. Gephardt. Is that not the coolest thing ever?" Adelle La Rue, a congressional intern this spring for House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, wrote in a journal, which was an internship requirement. "Really, this is why I love my job. I get to meet the coolest people ever."

Interns are Washington's worker bees.

They toil long hours — most without pay — on Capitol Hill, as well as at associations, non-profit groups, federal agencies, such as the U.S. Bureau of Prisons where Levy worked, and the White House, where Lewinsky met Clinton when she delivered pizza to the president.

They make phone calls to constituents, take notes at congressional hearings and write summaries for the boss. They set up meeting rooms, run errands to the Library of Congress, handle mail, feed the paper shredder, design projects for increasing voter registration, design Web pages and give tours of the Capitol.

The majority of interns earn nothing at all or receive just \$100 to \$200 a week. A few receive the equivalent of tuition for a college term plus reimbursements for housing and transportation expenses.

After hours, they hit city nightspots.

"I had a terrific weekend," Johnathan Edward Luckey, an intern last summer for Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, D-Calif., wrote in his journal. "About 20 of us went out to a few clubs near our apartments. There we danced to some salsa and hip-hop music."

Some of the weekday perks: touring embassies and the Supreme Court, hearing breakfast lectures by political leaders, shaking hands with the president.

The access can be intoxicating, said Nancy Snow, a political analyst at the University of California-Los Angeles.

"It's very seductive on the one hand and very exciting and titillating," Snow said.

Perceptions about Washington interns differ in and outside the city, said Brad Fitch, director of the Congressional Management Foundation. The organization recently updated its intern guidebook with sections on personal safety and sexual harassment.

"Outside of Washington, people are not going to have a positive view of Washington internships and that's a little sad," Fitch said. "But people inside the Beltway know ... they not only provide an invaluable source of labor, but they bring a spirit of enthusiasm and of wonder to what we do here. It reminds all of us old cynics of the excitement when we first got involved in public service."

Those who run internship programs say Levy and Lewinsky were atypical. While most interns live in housing supervised by the programs, Levy lived alone in a \$1,400-a-month apartment and Lewinsky lived at the Watergate.

The Washington Center, an independent nonprofit organization that helps place interns, instructs them to tell their supervisors when they are leaving town for 24 hours. It also tells interns to immediately report sexual harassment, or any unwanted advances.

The Levy case motivated Rep. Scott McInnis, R-Colo., to begin working with the House Ethics Committee on a new rule that would discourage relationships between House members and interns.

"My only concern is that parents may be more reluctant to send their college students to Washington," said Bill Burke, founder and director of the Washington Center.

A nationwide poll done earlier this month by CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll showed evidence of that concern.

Fifty-three percent of 900 registered voters said they would advise a daughter in her early 20s to accept a Washington internship. Forty-three percent said they would tell her not to accept the job; 4 percent had no opinion.

The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Lauren Goldback, 19, of Philadelphia, an intern for Rep. Joseph Hoeffel, D-Pa., said her parents were a little worried about her spending this summer in a large metropolitan area, but felt the Levy and Lewinsky cases were the exception not the rule.

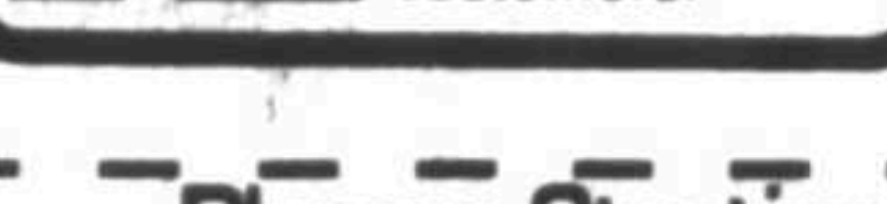
"I think their perspective is that those are two isolated incidents," she said.

Associated Press writer Brooke Donald contributed to this report.

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Dwarfs have mixed reaction to radical limb lengthening procedure

By Paul Payne
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Wrench in hand, the orthopedic surgeon reaches into the spidery metal contraption, searching for an adjustable screw. He maneuvers into the miniature scaffolding, past steel rods and graphite braces, making a few careful turns.

Stepping back, Dr. Dror Paley studies the objects of his handiwork — a 15-year-old girl's legs. He's extending them nearly a foot.

"You're making really good bone," he tells Brittany Krupa. The Pittsburgh-area teen-ager is planning to be a bridesmaid at her cousin's wedding. "You'll definitely be able to walk down the aisle."

Paley is performing a radical procedure that makes dwarfs taller. He and Dr. John Herzenberg, a colleague at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, extend the arms and legs of dwarfs by breaking their bones and slowly pulling them apart.

Patients beginning the procedure in the first grade can add 15 inches to their maximum adult height — from about 4 feet on average to 5-foot-3.

"You really change the quality of their lives, social interactions and career possibilities," Paley said.

Limb lengthening is meant to help people born with dwarfism. The most common form is achondroplasia, a genetic condition afflicting one in 10,000 newborns.

People with achondroplasia have average-sized heads and torsos but abnormally short arms and legs.

The operation isn't just about the physical, though. Those who make the hard choice to undergo the procedure say dwarfs can face a life of limitations and abuse — from finger-pointing by children to humiliating pranks such as so-called "dwarf tossing." They consider surgery a way to change how others see them, to cast off self-doubt and to join the mainstream in the quest for jobs, mates and money.

But decisions by some dwarfs to alter their bodies puts them at odds with others and with the largest organization representing those with achondroplasia.

The 7,400-member Little People of America says the risk of nerve and vascular damage in the years following the surgery is great. Besides, they say, a short stature makes them unique, and limb lengthening implies there's something wrong with being "a little person."

"Do you just go along with the crowd or teach people difference is OK?" said LPA activist Colleen Gioffreda.

She, her husband, Jim, and their 2-year-old son, Connor, all were born with achondroplasia.

"It scares me to think people want to become more and more the same."

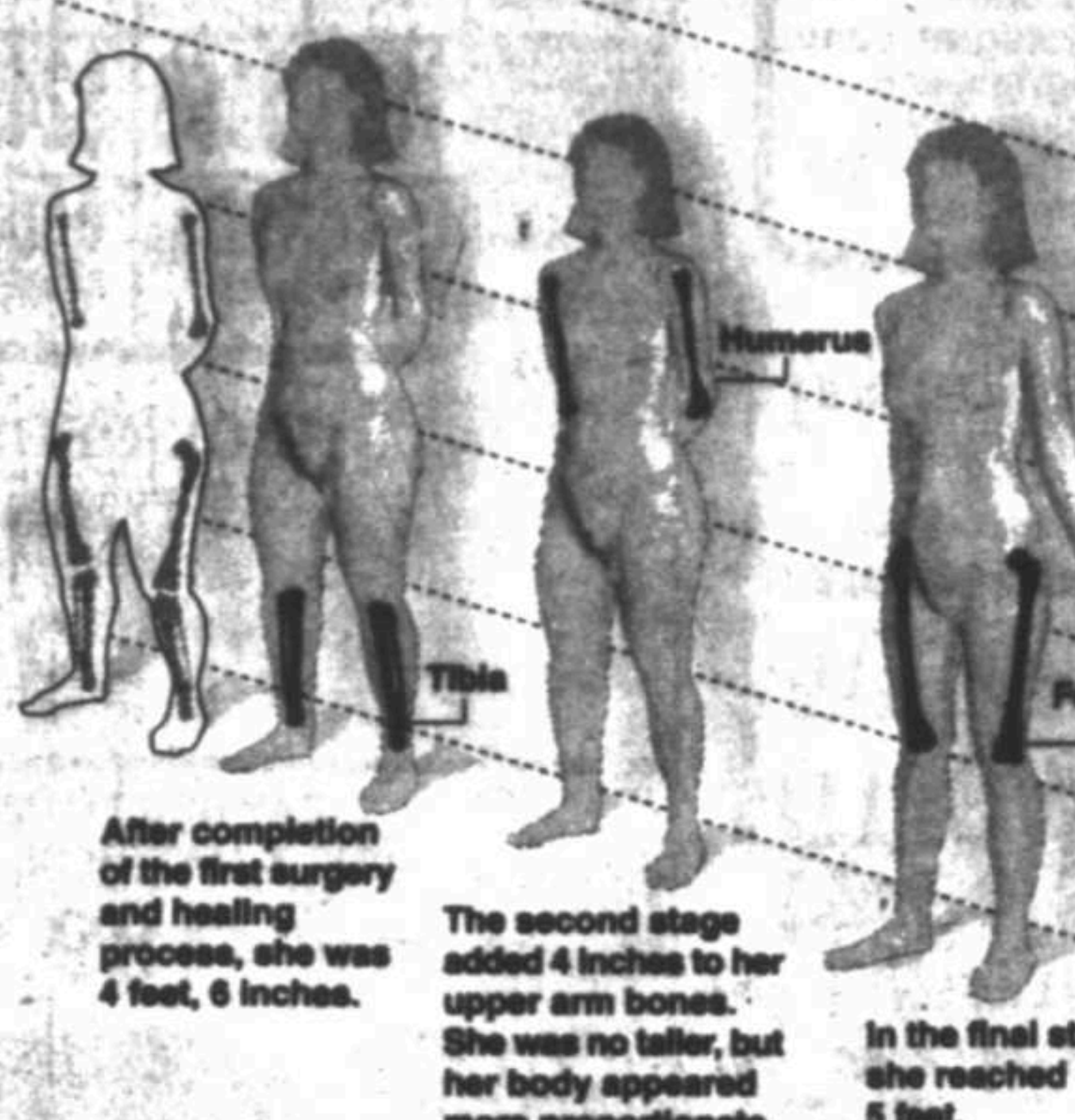
Michael Ain, an orthopedic surgeon at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, says premature arthritis is just one possible complication.

"There's an enormous amount of risk," said Ain, himself a dwarf who decided against undergoing the surgery. "Nobody really knows what's going to happen to them."

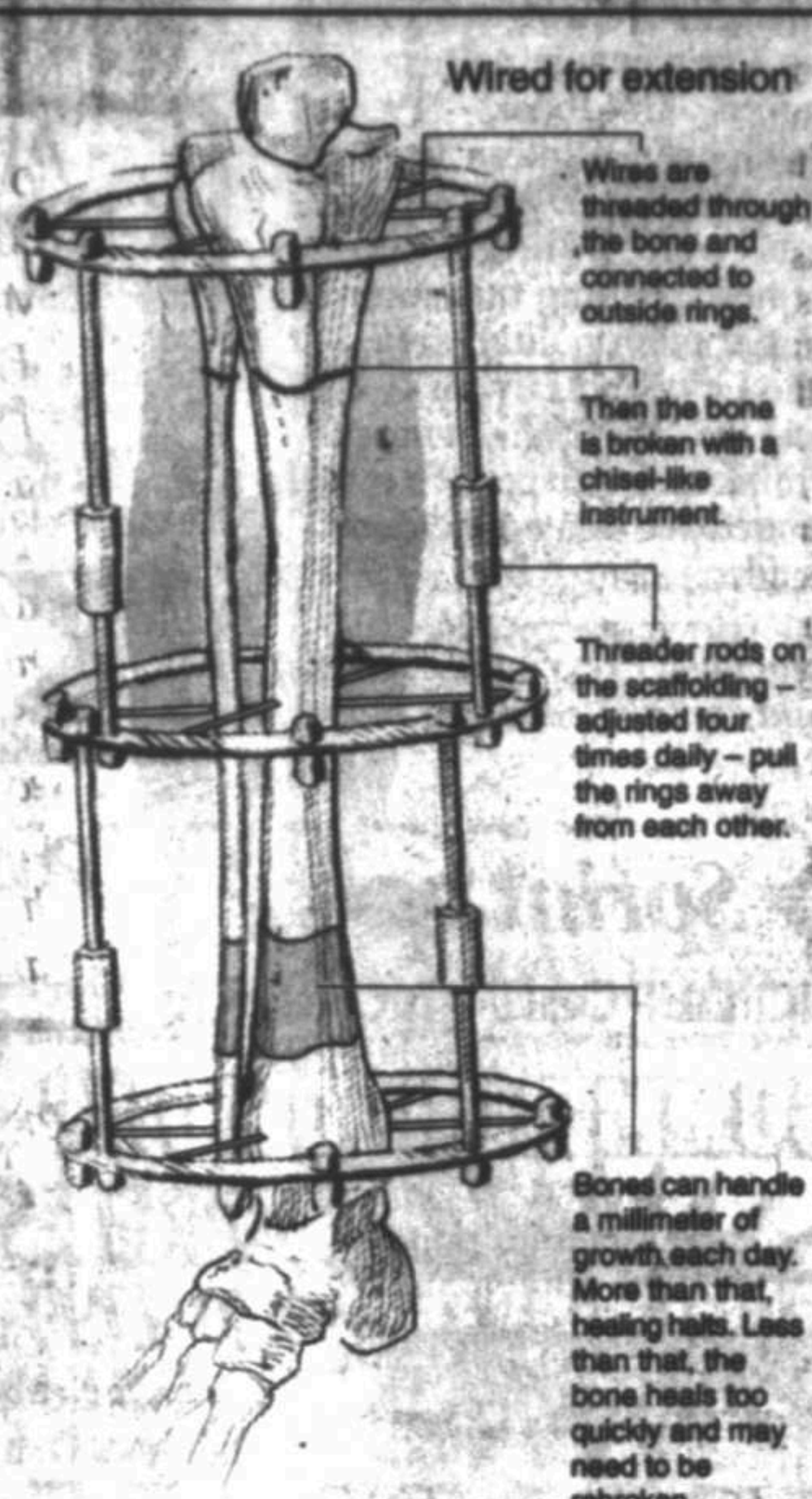
A CONTROVERSIAL WAY TO GROW Limb lengthening

By manipulating the skeletal system's healing process, doctors can raise dwarves taller. When they slowly widen a fracture, doctors draw out the mending process, building a longer bone. Dwarves, who have average-sized heads and torsos but abnormally short arms and legs, can add up to 15 inches to their height. But critics say the procedure is risky and reinforces social stigmas.

At age 13, Gillian Mueller measured 3 feet, 11½ inches. After three years and a series of surgeries that lengthened her spine and upper arm and thigh bones, she had grown by 1 foot and ½ inch.



SOURCE: Dr. Dror Paley, Sinai Hospital in Baltimore



Paley's patients believe they know. One of them is Gillian Mueller, 26, of Columbia, Md., has been living with longer limbs for 13 years.

"It's one of the best decisions I've ever made," Mueller said. "Do it if you want to make your life better."

At Sinai Hospital, Paley and Herzenberg run the International Center for Limb Lengthening, treating mostly birth defects and uneven limbs. But the center is one of the few facilities working with dwarfs. Others are in Lecco, Italy; Sheffield, England; Barcelona, Spain; Kurgan, Russia and Los Angeles.

The doctors use a technique developed about 50 years ago by Russian doctor Gavril Abramovich Ilizarov.

The procedure starts on the lower leg. Using a chisel, Paley and Herzenberg cut the bone in two. They insert metal rods into the halves and connect them to a brace resembling an Erector set. The brace is adjusted to pull the bone apart at a rate of about a millimeter a day.

"The bone makes new bone to fill the gap and we pull it a little more," Paley said.

The bone then is set in a normal cast. The whole job takes about three years. The cost is about \$150,000, including physical therapy. The procedure is covered by insurance, Paley said.

Over several months, the tibia and femur can be extended at least a foot, Paley said. The younger the patient, the better the results. Pain is managed with a

combination of medicine and therapy.

Patients are told beforehand of risks. About 1 in 10 lose some movement in their ankles because of muscle tightening, Paley said. But in 5,000 patients over about 15 years, there have been few serious problems, he said.

Wiggling her toes, patient Meredith Jones waits in Paley's office. It's been more than six months since the 19-year-old woman underwent leg surgery and she's eager to get the casts off and glimpse life from a height she's only dreamed about.

Despite an "ideal childhood" in a household with average-height parents and 6-foot-tall brothers, she began to worry about a life of barriers for someone with her 4-foot-2 stature. As she grew older, she yearned for independence.

"Being able to reach that little bar that divides your food in the grocery store checkout line," she said, "would be a wonderful thing."

Then she heard about Paley's clinic. Her family opposed the operation at first. "They didn't

want me to change."

But after a visit to the Maryland clinic and testimonials from other patients, Jones was convinced.

The only hitch was her age. Most patients begin in early adolescence when bones are more pliable and capable of yielding more length. But Paley has applied the technique in people over 60.

Jones underwent lengthening of the tibia, the lower leg bone, last August and will have surgery on her upper arms early next year. Then she'll finish with her thigh bones, "the most difficult but rewarding operation of all," she said. By then, Jones figures, she'll be about 23 and stand about 5 feet tall.

Now, with the buzz of a plaster saw, she is staring down old obstacles. Jones is all smiles as she plops in a plastic chair.

"I always wondered what it feels like to sit on a chair and tap your feet," said Jones, now four inches taller. "I'm so proud of myself."

James and Colleen Gioffreda

are proud, too, though they have not had the surgery and don't want it. They're proud of their short stature, their uniqueness, they say.

In his kitchen in Timonium, Md., James stands on a foot stool, cooking pork and beans. Colleen reaches out with the grabber, a wooden stick with a claw on the end used for snatching things from shelves. Their baby son Connor sits in a high chair waiting for lunch.

"It's not that horrible at all," said James, who met his wife at a convention for little people about four years ago.

"The biggest obstacle for me is walking into Chuck E. Cheese with my son," the 30-year-old managed-care worker said. "All the kids stop and stare the minute we enter the room."

The Gioffredas say limb lengthening is akin to cosmetic plastic surgery. Colleen hopes her son will not undergo the procedure when he's older. "That would be weird," she said.

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Alejandro Toledo

By Rick Vecchio
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Alejandro Toledo, Peru's first freely elected Indian descendant to office Saturday, remains true to his roots in the nation's presidential campaign.

Toledo's assumption of the presidency seals a shoe shine boy's return to democracy after authoritarian rule by President Alberto Fujimori.

"My government again permit the dignity to be stolen through manipulation," Toledo said, packed Congress, with mahogany balconies and huge stained-glass windows.

Lawmakers, judges and more than two dozen dignitaries, including American presidents, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, cheered the oath of office.

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Alejandro Toledo assumes Peru's presidency, ending authoritarian era

By Rick Vecchio
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LIMA, Peru — Alejandro Toledo, Peru's first freely elected president of Indian descent, was sworn into office Saturday, promising to remain true to his roots and govern for the nation's poor.

Toledo's assumption of the presidency seals the former shoeshine boy's remarkable rise and completes Peru's return to democracy after a decade of authoritarian rule by disgraced ex-President Alberto Fujimori.

"My government will never again permit the dignity of the poor to be stolen through political manipulation," Toledo told the packed Congress, with its elegant mahogany balconies, grand arches and huge stained-glass ceiling.

Lawmakers, judges, ministers and more than two dozen foreign dignitaries, including 11 Latin American presidents, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, cheered when he took the oath of office "for the poor of Peru."

He accepted the red-and-white sash relinquished by interim President Valentin Paniagua, the former head of Congress who assumed the presidency eight months ago after lawmakers voted to remove Fujimori on constitutional grounds of moral unfitness.

In a separate ceremony, Toledo swore in his Cabinet, led by U.S.-linked technocrats to steer Peru's economy out of its three-year slump, in part by lowering taxes to encourage consumer spending and business investment.

He named Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, a former investment banker in the United States, as finance minister, and Roberto Danino, an expert in international corporate transactions who worked for years in Washington, as prime minister.

Toledo, 55, was elected last month in a close runoff election against former President Alan Garcia. An economist who overcame poverty to earn a doctorate from Stanford University, Toledo capitalized on his Indian features during the election campaign to appeal to Peruvians, most of whom

have native roots. His aides dubbed him Pachacutec, after a 15th-century Inca emperor.

He pulled himself out of a presidential runoff vote last year he claimed Fujimori had rigged and joined the opposition to Fujimori's autocratic regime, enduring smear campaigns, tear gas and death threats.

Fujimori fled in November to Japan, his parents' homeland, as corruption scandals involving his ex-intelligence chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, ended his 10-year rule. Japan granted him citizenship.

From Tokyo, in a message on his Web site Saturday, Fujimori defended his legacy. He was initially popular with Peruvians grateful to him for taming leftist guerrillas and halting the economic chaos of the 1980s.

"I have the satisfaction of having left a positive inheritance, not the deadly inheritance that had been left for me," Fujimori wrote, referring to a guerrilla campaign when he took office in 1990.

Saturday's inauguration ceremony began with a sermon by Cardinal Juan Luis Cipriani in Lima's historic Cathedral.

In a festive atmosphere, cadets in bright red-and-blue uniforms lined the streets of downtown and rode on horseback, holding spears topped with small Peruvian flags. Dancers re-enacted an Inca ceremony in the front courtyard of Congress.

It was a sharp contrast to Fujimori's third inauguration a year ago, when tear gas hung in the air and six people died in riots allegedly promoted by agents planted by Montesinos' intelligence apparatus to discredit Toledo's opposition movement.

In his inaugural address, Toledo reiterated his campaign promise to create 400,000 jobs a year during his five-year term through programs to kick-start agriculture, tourism and small business.

Fulfilling that goal will be a challenge. He faces pent-up demands for employment in a nation where 50 percent of the country's 26 million people live in poverty and only one in two in the labor force has steady work.

He pledged to work with the United States in the struggle against drug trafficking and said he was going to designate an anti-drug czar, but did not say whom. Peru is a major producer of the coca leaf used to make cocaine.

To loud applause, Toledo also promised to continue investigations of corruption left behind by Fujimori's administration. Three lawmakers, representing Fujimori's only remaining support in Congress, raised signs reading, "No to political persecution."

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Beijing looks to create new commercial district over old neighborhood

By Elaine Kurtenbach
Associated Press

BEIJING — Life in the Yong'an Li neighborhood is lived in another time. Canopies of morning glories and cucumber vines shade dusty windows. Old women sit on tiny stools, watching the world go by. Farmers peddle sidewalk piles of tomatoes, beans and eggplants fresh from the fields.

If city planners get their way, all that will go, and the crumbling neighborhood on the Chinese capital's eastern edge will give way to a bustling commercial district with a glitzy skyline to rival the ancient Forbidden City as a national landmark.

Officials hoping for a rush of investment associated with China's entry into the World Trade Organization and Beijing's selection as host for the 2008 Summer Games have revived decade-old plans for a new commercial center for the city.

A design by Los Angeles-based Johnson Fain Partners, chosen recently as the basis for a master plan, includes a 140-story glass tower surrounded by 1 1/2 square miles of new office and apartment buildings, hotels, shopping centers and sports and cultural facilities.

Parks linked by green belts would break up the expanses of concrete. A huge structure meant to symbolize the majestic stone gateways that once were the only access to the ancient walled city would tower over a major intersection.

"Chinese planners see it as a status symbol which is essential to transmit the image of Beijing being an international city," said Yu Zhou, a Beijing native and professor of geography and geology at Vassar College.

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Critics say that city planners, in their haste to redevelop, are banishing the ambience of Beijing's thriving street life. Displaced residents often are forced far from their old neighborhoods. There will be no spare patches of ground for vegetable patches.

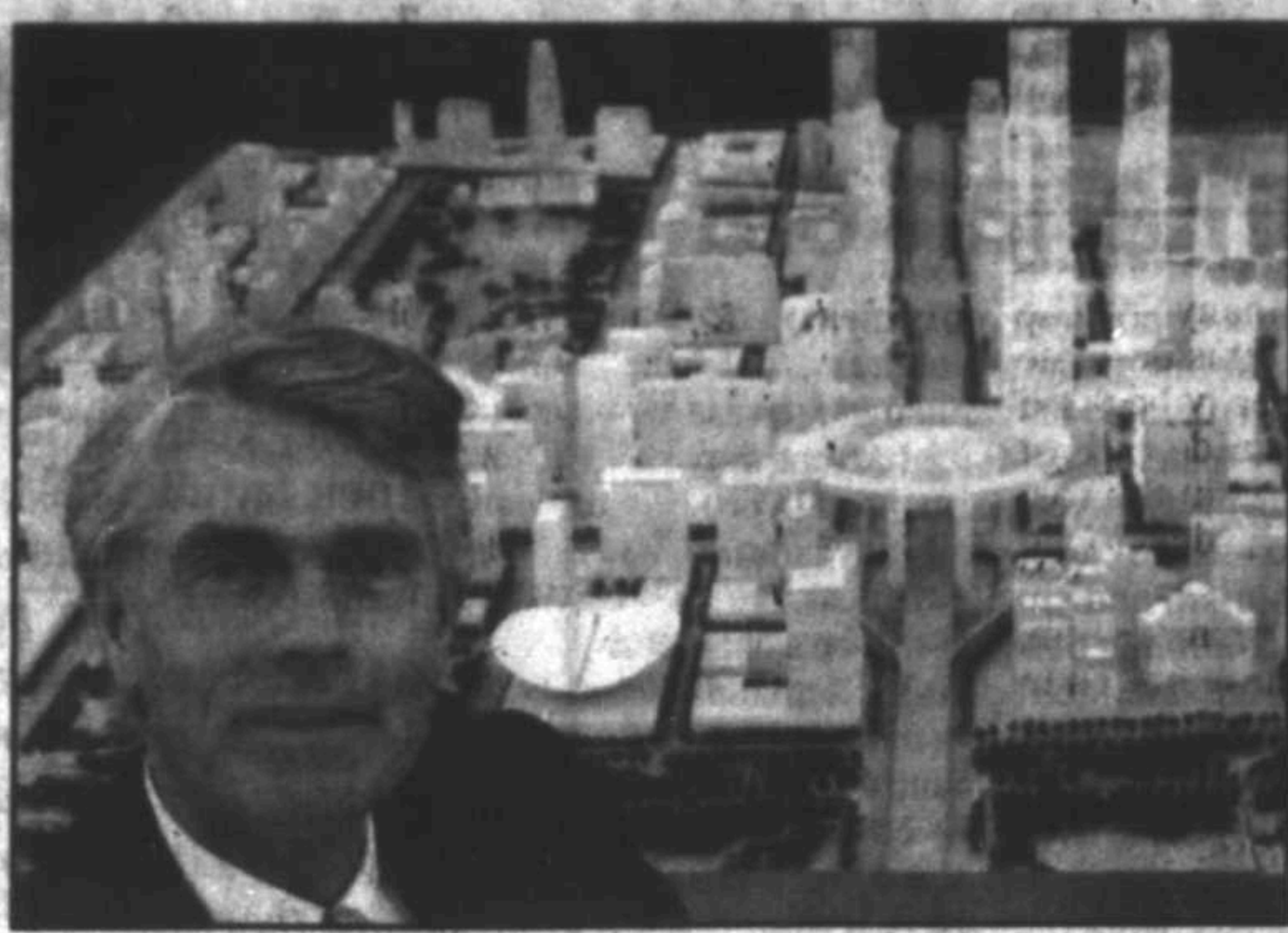
"Do we really want a place where only foreigners and the very wealthy live?" asks Zhou. "If you build extremely tall buildings, there's a huge cost. You may destroy the character of the city."

In its rush to replace old with new, the city has demolished acre upon acre of single-story traditional Chinese dwellings and older apartment buildings to make way for office blocks, hotels, malls and luxury housing.

Ahead of the 50th anniversary of communist party rule in 1999, neighborhoods were razed to make space for patches of green lawn, roads were widened and derelict canals spruced up with white marble fencing.

Beijing's role as the political center of a communist state means it has never had a single commercial hub. Height restrictions prevented high-rise development in the city's heart, although skyscrapers ring the city.

City districts are competing to transform sprawling stretches of



AP Photo
American architect Bill Fain poses in front of a model of a proposed new Beijing business district, in Beijing. Officials keen to capitalize on a hoped-for rush of investment associated with Beijing's entry into the World Trade Organization and its bid for the 2008 Summer Games have revived decade-old plans for a new commercial center for the city.

rundown apartment buildings and factories into valuable real estate.

So far, Chaoyang district, which includes Yong'an Li, appears to have the most ambitious plans, apart from an Olympic village to be built north of the city.

Among the ideas suggested by Johnson Fain Partners is a massive circular gateway, looking something like a huge glass flying saucer, for an intersection on the Avenue of Eternal Peace, which runs east-west through Tiananmen Square.

City officials stress, however, that they are unlikely to adopt all of Johnson Fain's ideas in drawing up their own master plan.

"Chinese are a bit more conservative. We're not likely to present something too surprising," said Liu Xinggang, a spokesman for the Beijing Central Business District Construction and Administration Office. "The final plan must be realistic and practical."

The plan for the central business district fits Beijing's traditional pattern of development, which has kept most government, military and academic facilities to the west of the Forbidden City, the ancient imperial palace in the

heart of Beijing.

Diplomatic compounds and foreign-investment businesses are mostly to the east.

But luxury hotels and offices face grimy factories, warehouses and often dilapidated apartment buildings — scenery deemed unsuitable for the area. Many factories have already closed, and more than 40 others have been ordered to move from the city.

Eventually, planners expect about 60,000 people, mostly employees of foreign-financed companies, to live in the new district. Commuters would number about 300,000. No figures were available on how many people live there now.

Japan's prime minister pledges reforms ahead of crucial election

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi made a final impassioned appeal for support Saturday ahead of Parliamentary elections, telling voters he was willing to sacrifice the unity of his own ruling party in his fight for economic reforms.

Koizumi, who has energized Japanese politics since storming to power in April, is widely expected to lead his conservative Liberal Democratic Party to victory in Sunday's vote for the upper house, the weaker of Parliament's two chambers.

Koizumi, a member of the lower house of Parliament, was not running Sunday.

Polls opened at 7 a.m. and voters were casting ballots to fill 121 seats in the 247-member upper house. A series of newspaper polls predict that Koizumi's three-party coalition could walk away with as many as 75 seats — well above the 63 needed to keep its majority.

The election is being fought mainly over Koizumi's plans to slash funding for costly public works projects, clean up debts hobbling the financial system and put in place a host of other structural reforms to propel the economy out of its 11-year downturn. A victory would be seen as giving him a mandate for the painful reforms.

While the popular Koizumi has support ratings of about 70 percent, there are concerns that his proposals could result in more unemployment and stymied growth. The jobless rate is already at a record 4.9 percent, and the stock market hit a 16-year low in the past week.

For those who back the reforms, there is some doubt about whether Koizumi will be able to cobble together enough support within the LDP to actually implement his ideas.

Koizumi, 59, told voters he would fight enemies in his own party to push reform.

"If it comes to that, then we'd be better off without the party," Koizumi howled in a raspy, campaign-weary voice during a rally Saturday in Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido.

Victory Sunday would be a dramatic turnaround for the LDP, which just a few months ago looked like a spent force, with then-Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori's support ratings dipping below 10 percent.

Koizumi, however, with his rakish good looks, maverick charm and fevered talk of reform, took over and attempted to remake the LDP, which has ruled almost uninterrupted since 1955, into a flagship for reform.

On Saturday, opposition parties focused on the negative side effects of Koizumi's proposed changes.

"Economic pain is what's at issue in this election," Kazuo Shii, chairman of the Japan Communist Party, said in the western city of Osaka. "If Prime Minister Koizumi's reforms become reality, the people of this country will be badly hurt."

East

Lagging
In Germany's sagging economy, many young people are in the west.



Israeli

By Ibrahim B...
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, — Armed clashes between Israeli and Palestinian forces in the Gaza Strip on Saturday gave different sides the upper hand.

The Israeli military destroyed a weapons cache, including shells, east of the town of Yousif. The attack was the first in the Gaza Strip since the Israeli army's withdrawal from the area in 2000. A metal worker did not say what and made no mention of the airstrike.

The Palestinian generator also was destroyed. Nobody was hurt, but supply was restored.

In recent months, the Palestinian Authority has accused the PLO of being responsible for attacks, most in the Gaza Strip. The PLO has denied the charges.

In other fighting, the village of Salim in the West Bank fired at the nearby settlement, damaging two homes and injuring two Palestinians.

Israeli tanks in the West Bank fired at the settlement, injuring two Palestinians. The Israeli army said it was not responsible for the deaths.

A Palestinian seriously wounded in the exchange of fire at Bani Na'el in the West Bank. The other of the injured Palestinians was also wounded.

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East Germany's sagging economy makes it hard to keep youth home

Lagging behind

In Germany's eastern states, a sagging economy has forced many young people to seek work in the west.



By Gail Moulson
Associated Press

PEENEMÜNDE, Germany — The rows of concrete houses in this desolate former military town are partly boarded up. Disused jets, once the pride of East Germany's air force, molder in the vast grounds where the Nazis developed their notorious V-2 rocket.

A decade after German reunification, Peenemuende is among those places in the formerly communist east that are most in need of an economic boost.

It's not all bad news here on Usedom island. Freshly restored 1920s villas in neighboring resorts show the Baltic island is gradually regaining its place as a vacation paradise.

But the prosperity has shallow roots. Like much of eastern Germany, the area has been slow to attract new industries that might keep ambitious young people at home.

"Young people here are looking for prospects — and if they don't see prospects in tourism, they leave," says Peter Guenther, manager of Usedom Tourism.

Information technology and service industries thrive in parts of the east. But some traditional industries — particularly

construction — remain mired in a slump. An estimated 260,000 people leave Germany's eastern states each year, largely to find training and jobs in the western part of the country.

About 242,000 western Germans and foreigners move in, but they're generally less skilled, so the east is bleeding "human capital," says Udo Ludwig, an expert at Halle University's Institute for Economic Research.

At Peenemuende, closed to the outside world in its decades as a military base, the picture of blight is particularly extreme.

Some 4,000 jobs disappeared here after East Germany's army was disbanded in 1990. All that's left now is a ghost community of about 400 people, most retired or unemployed.

At the center of the village's efforts to rebuild itself is a museum that is meant to balance the technical effort in creating the V-2 rocket of World War II against the human tragedy associated with the weapon. The first ballistic missile, it helped pave the way for space travel but killed thousands in London and elsewhere.

Usedom and its western neighbor, the island of Ruegen, have resources many places in eastern Germany don't — nat-

ural beauty, sandy beaches and a long-established tourist industry. But they haven't achieved former Chancellor Helmut Kohl's famous promise of "blooming landscapes" following unification.

Many of the east Germans who used to vacation here have returned, following an early 1990s slump in tourism after the overnight conversion to capitalism. But west Germans are only slowly discovering the region, and foreigners account for only about 2 percent of visitors.

The jobless rate across the east has hovered for years between 16 percent and 19 percent, more than twice the rate in the west.

More than \$540 billion in federal aid already has gone from west to east. In June, state officials and the national government agreed on a new aid package aimed at equalizing the standard of living that will send \$134 billion to the east over 15 years starting in 2005.

East Germany has moved further and faster than its former Soviet bloc comrades. But people here compare themselves with Western countries.

"It's something typically German that people dwell on the negative and moan," says Ludwig, the Halle University

researcher. "That just reinforces this feeling of resignation."

The parliament president, Wolfgang Thierse — a prominent easterner — warned earlier this year that "the economic and social situation in eastern Germany is on the brink."

Benefiting from the disillusionment are the former communists, the Party of Democratic Socialism, which in May won the leadership of the local government here after a decade of conservative rule, promising a new push to attract investment.

"Particularly in terms of fostering the economy, not much has happened" in recent years, says Astrid Zimmermann, the party's manager in nearby Greifswald.

"You can't live from tourism alone," she says. "We have to do something in this area to bond young people with the region."

Not everyone agrees the exodus is a bad thing.

East Germans' willingness to go where the jobs are is a welcome sign of flexibility in a country that isn't famed for it, argues the head of the Industrial Investment Council, an arm of the German government whose job is to reel in investment from abroad for the east.

Israeli helicopter strikes workshop in Gaza Strip

By Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Armed clashes between Israelis and Palestinians followed an Israeli helicopter attack in the Gaza Strip on Saturday. The two sides gave different accounts of the airstrike.

The Israeli army said it destroyed a workshop making munitions, including mortar shells, east of the city of Khan Younis. The attack was in retaliation for the firing of three mortar shells on Friday night at the nearby Jewish settlement of Gadid, an army spokesman said.

Palestinian officials confirmed that a metal workshop was hit but did not say what it manufactured and made no mention of munitions.

The Palestinians said an electric generator also was hit, plunging the neighborhood into darkness. Nobody was hurt and the power supply was restored in two hours.

In recent months Israel has accused the Palestinian Authority of being responsible for mortar attacks, most aimed at settlements in the Gaza Strip. The Palestinian Authority has denied responsibility.

In other fighting, Palestinians in the village of Salfit in the northern West Bank fired machine guns at the nearby settlement of Ariel, damaging two houses but causing no injuries, the Israeli army said.

Israeli tanks then destroyed two Palestinian police positions, lightly injuring two policemen and six civilians, Palestinian police said.

A Palestinian policeman was seriously wounded Saturday in an exchange of fire with Israeli soldiers at Bani Naim in the southern West Bank. Each side accused the other of firing first.

Palestinians and Israeli soldiers also exchanged fire in the divided West Bank city of Hebron, but no injuries were reported.

Palestinians fired on an Israeli army vehicle near Tulkarem in the West Bank, and the soldiers returned fire, the army said.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer confirmed Saturday that he made a secret visit to Amman Wednesday for talks with Jordan's King Abdullah II and senior Jordanian officials on bilateral and regional issues. "The invitation was from the King and I accepted willingly," Ben-Eliezer told Israel's Channel 2 television.

Jordanian security forces recently arrested a number of Palestinian militants who were try-

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ing to enter the West Bank or to smuggle arms into it, said an Israeli official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

An Israeli cabinet minister on Saturday accused Palestinian and Arab leaders of trying to whip up religious passions with a false accusation that a Jewish group intended to hold a provocative ceremony on Sunday at Jerusalem's holiest site, where the Al-Aqsa Mosque now stands. The Al-Aqsa compound is the third holiest site in the Islamic world.

Muslims call the place the Haram as-Sharif or noble sanctuary. Jews and archeologists call it the Temple Mount, because it is the site of the first and second Jewish temples.

Communications Minister Reuven Rivlin, who also is acting Minister for Public Security, said the Palestinian Authority, the Israeli Islamic Movement and Israeli Arab members of parliament, were trying to "inflame religious passions."

A Jewish group called the Temple Mount Faithful asked the Israeli Supreme Court to allow them to lay the cornerstone for the third Jewish temple on the site. The court refused, ruling the ceremony — to mark the fast of Tisha Be'Av — could only be held at a parking lot outside the Old City wall.

The Mufti of Jerusalem, Ikrima Sabri, who is the senior Muslim cleric in the region, called on Muslims to come to the compound in their thousands to prevent the ceremony. Palestinian cabinet minister Nabil Shaath called on European countries to use their influence to prevent the ceremony.

Israeli police have for years prevented attempts by the Temple Mount Faithful to enter the compound. Rivlin said the same policy would be enforced today.

About 4,000 right-wing Jews marched around the walls of Jerusalem's Old City on Saturday evening to mark the beginning of

the fast. A small group of right-wing Israelis tried to enter the Temple Mount but were stopped by Israeli police and detained for questioning.

The past ten months of fighting between Israel and the Palestinians broke out after a controversial visit to the Al-Aqsa compound by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

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RBCA will test Williams' ability to sit in hot seat

Fortunately, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael Williams has pledged to keep an open mind about the proposed Risked Based Control Action (RBCA) which has the state's petroleum producers fuming.

RBCA is a proposed regulation that would fundamentally change the way oil spills are reported and remediated. It was the hottest of topics at this past week's State of the Industry conference in Austin.

Oil producers believe that the proposed regulation would create mounds of burdensome paperwork for them.

Since learning of RBCA, oilmen have harbored suspicions that the Texas Land and Mineral Owners or the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation Commission may have played key roles in drafting RBCA.

In a visit to Midland one day after the contentious State of the Industry conference, Williams denied that either body had a hand in drafting RBCA. He also said that he and fellow Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews had been completely briefed on RBCA although Williams hinted that Commissioner Tony Garza, whose office brought forward the proposed regulation, may have some ulterior political motives in pushing for RBCA.

RBCA is vague in its treatment of phrases such as "proximity to water" and lumps five barrel and 5,000 barrel spills into the same general category. It also puts on the oil industry paperwork and recordkeeping responsibilities that might better be shouldered by staff at the Railroad Commission.

Williams said RBCA has been rolled out in a "sneak preview" and that as a commissioner he wants to take time and carefully gauge industry reaction.

"I am open to all options, change some of it, totally change all of it or throw it out," Williams said in his visit to Midland this past week.

Williams is a former Midlander and savvy lawyer. He is widely regarded as one of the brightest rising stars in Texas politics.

Dealing with RBCA and the flaring tempers created by it, will be a true test of Williams' political abilities.

After the contentious meeting in Austin this past week, we have been pleased to hear that Williams is determined to keep an open mind with regard to the proposed regulation. We will be closely watching Williams and his fellow commissioners over the next several weeks as RBCA continues to be debated.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, July 29, the 210th day of 2001. There are 155 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

Twenty years ago, on July 29, 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

On this date:

In 1030, the patron saint of Norway, King Olaf II, was killed in battle.

In 1588, the English soundly defeated the Spanish Armada in the Battle of Gravelines.

In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers, France.

In 1900, Italian King Humbert I was assassinated by an anarchist; he was succeeded by his son, Victor Emmanuel III.

In 1914, transcontinental telephone service began with the first phone conversation between New York and San Francisco.

In 1948, Britain's King George VI opened the Olympic Games in London.

In 1958, President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which created NASA.

In 1967, fire swept the USS Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin, killing 134 servicemen.

In 1975, President Ford became the first U.S. president to visit the site of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland as he paid tribute to the victims.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Cairo, Egypt, for the deposed Shah of Iran, who had died two days earlier at age 60.

Ten years ago: President Bush arrived in Moscow for a superpower summit with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev that included the signing of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

Five years ago: China detonated a nuclear test explosion that it promised would be its last, just hours before international negotiators in Geneva began discussing a global ban on such testing. At the Atlanta Olympics, Carl Lewis won the gold medal in the long jump, becoming only the fifth Olympian to win gold medals in four straight games. Michael Johnson won the 400-meter dash, Allen Johnson the 110-meter hurdles.

One year ago: Yasser Arafat set off on a multi-country tour to drum up support for the Palestinians in the Middle East peace process.

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Rumsfeld Revolution running into many roadblocks

WASHINGTON — Many defense experts say it's time for a revolution in how we approach our national security needs. The Cold War has been over for more than a decade, and new threats require new thinking. That is the scenario that lured Donald Rumsfeld from his cushy post in private industry to head the Defense Department. Yet, six months after assuming the post, Rumsfeld appears no closer to changing the way we defend ourselves than the day he took office.



Anderson

This is Rumsfeld's second tour of duty at the Pentagon. His first time around, appointed in the 1970s by President Ford, he was the youngest-ever Defense Secretary. Now in his 60s, he is at a point in his life where he never expected to get another turn at the helm, and he's determined to do it his way. A naturally assertive fellow, he doesn't expect to step aside for anybody. The combination of his overbearing personality and his command-and-control management style has proved deadly in Washington, where subtlety and salesmanship are essential to bring about change.

Rumsfeld wants to move the military away from its two-war strategy, which requires a high degree of readiness and manpower, toward a stealthier, more high-tech strike force with a space-based, antimissile shield as a centerpiece. Knowledgeable critics worry that Rumsfeld's plan will be used as an excuse to de-fund conventional forces, and the Joint Chiefs, who represent the various military services, are lobbying against any cutbacks that might affect them. They have enlisted so many powerful members of Congress in their cause that it is said on Capitol Hill, "If the Joint Chiefs prepared the battlefield for war the way they prepared the battlefield to get Rumsfeld, we'd never lose."

Rumsfeld's obsessive focus on an antimissile shield makes many lawmakers uneasy. They see it as the equivalent of another Manhattan Project that, while allegedly defensive in nature, would open the heavens to the arms race.

Setting aside the merits of Rumsfeld's Revolution, the way he has presented his case is puzzling. First, he conducted his review of defense policy with great secrecy, inviting comparisons to how former First Lady Hillary Clinton formulated her failed health-care plan.

Members of Congress complained that he didn't consult them, and there was a report that Rumsfeld privately referred to lawmakers as "hillbillies." He didn't do much better at the

Pentagon, where he alienated the Joint Chiefs with his grandiose plans and his cocky, arrogant style. "He's treating the Pentagon like it's a hostile takeover," says a former Pentagon official.

Change is unsettling, and some of the negative reaction to Rumsfeld is predictable. Former President Dwight Eisenhower warned in his farewell address about the growing power of the military-industrial complex. Rumsfeld may be right that the entire defense structure needs an overhaul, but he won't get anywhere if the defense industry bureaucrats, members of Congress and the generals are all on the other side.

Closing unneeded military bases is even proving impossible. The military has 25 percent more bases than it needs, but try closing one, and an armadillo of lawmakers swings into action to prevent it. The military can't afford the three new jet fighter planes being contemplated, but the expectation is that they will be built anyway, though not in enough numbers to make a difference. A Reagan-era defense official predicts the result will be "the worst of both worlds. We won't cancel any of the old weapons, and we'll build more new weapons than we did during the Cold War." Rumsfeld may spark a revolution, but it may not be the one he intended.

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COCKIE & STEVEN V. ROBERTS

Barring procreation not the answer

The right to bear children without first undergoing a credit check seems pretty fundamental. But a court in Wisconsin recently handed down a radical ruling that barred a man from fathering any more children until he ponies up support for the ones he's already produced. It's a start down a slippery slope of government intervention in family decisions that smacks of China's horrendous one-child-per-family policy. And it does nothing to get food into the mouths of the kids needing support.



Cockie & Steven Roberts

Child support is a huge problem in this country, and cities and states are looking for innovative ways to convince fathers to take on their parental responsibilities, but none have resorted to the Wisconsin court's extreme position outlawing David Oakley's right to procreate. Four male justices of the state supreme court, over the dissents of three female justices, ruled that Oakley would go directly to jail if he fathered a child in the next five years.

Oakley is a particularly unappealing deadbeat dad. His nine children, ranging in age from 4 to 16, are the progeny of four different women. And he's refused to pay \$25,000 he owes in support payments. To say he's not a candidate for the responsible fatherhood award is to put it mildly.

Still, one dissenting justice called the bizarre ruling a "state sponsored, court-enforced financial test for future parenthood." One of the judges in the majority argued that the alternative to their order could be a jail sentence for Oakley, and the practical denial of his right to procreate. It would also deny his children of any support he does provide. So that's not a good alternative, either.

Deadbeat Dads are a plague on the country. Fully one-third of the kids who have been awarded support by the courts never receive a penny. Another third collect only some of what they're owed. The Wisconsin court cited figures showing that non-supportive parents owe more than \$11 billion nationwide. No wonder the judges are frustrated.

In recent years the government has instituted a variety of ways to punish fathers who don't pay for their kids — by taking away their fishing and hunting licenses, denying them drivers' licenses, attaching their incomes and dunning them for welfare money paid by the state. Some of these methods have proved fairly successful. But they all involve using the stick; now some locales are offering carrots as well.

In Baltimore, for instance, deadbeat dads who owe the state money for the welfare paid to their kids can erase their debt by taking courses in responsible fatherhood, holding down jobs and making regular child support payments. After six months on this regimen the debt is reduced by 25 percent. Two years of good behavior wipes the slate clean. The program's supporters argue that it not only gets fathers out from under a mountain of debt, but it also gets them involved with their children through ongoing support.

Encouraging dads' involvement with their kids and teaching them how to be fathers is the aim of many of the myriad programs going on in the states. Florida's 6-year-old Commission on Responsible Fatherhood holds an annual symposium, and this year's theme was the importance of preserving marriage, on the theory that the best way to keep children from poverty is to keep their fathers at home.

In a conference this month in Washington, D.C., fathers heard stories from other men about getting off the streets and into their kids' lives. Practical guidance on subjects such as nurturing, legal rights and working with the schools were presented in a setting where women weren't around to criticize.

That's the theory behind Boot Camp for Dads. The program was started in Irvine, Calif., and now is in cities and states around the country, and expectant fathers go to camp to learn the basics — how to change a diaper, how to hold a baby. If these men can hear from other men that it's OK to take care of their kids, then they might be more likely to stay with their kids and support them.

That's the hope. Teach a man to be a responsible father and he'll automatically support his children. It's a long way from the hope to the reality. But it's a lot better to spend some time and money trying to create better fathers than to hand down court decisions barring childbearing that could have far-reaching and unintended consequences.

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BILL O'REILLY

Condit-Levy story is all about power

Not since the death of John F. Kennedy Jr. has so much TV news time been spent on reporting so little. Dan Rather is right, if you just look at the surface of the Gary Condit-Chandra Levy story: Young girl disappears, older lover lies about sex, authorities can't find her. End of story for Dan and many other traditional journalists.

But there's far more to this story than that. This is a tale about class, power and apathy. Congressman Condit chose to not help an American family in anguish. When Chandra disappeared on May 1, the Levy family was confused and concerned. They needed every bit of information they could get to at least put things into perspective. Did their daughter take a trip? Or was her disappearance more sinister? It took the Levys six days before calling the police — they kept hoping Chandra would show up.



O'Reilly

Phone records show that Chandra Levy called Gary Condit several times on a secret line shortly before she disappeared. Surely the Levy family has a right to know what those calls were about. But the congressman kept silent, preferring to protect his reputation rather than inform police about the phone calls Chandra made to him before her strange disappearance. It took the Washington, D.C., cops three interviews before Condit admitted to his close relationship with Chandra.

If you were related to this missing young woman, how would you feel about Condit's actions? Would you justify them as some have done, citing privacy? Would you ignore them, as Dan Rather seems to be doing? Or would you get angry and want the world to condemn the congressman?

If one of the Bush daughters or Chelsea Clinton disappeared and Gary Condit held back information about it, do you think Dan Rather would ignore the situation? Do you think Condit's peers in Congress would clam up about his behavior? You know the answer to those questions. So why are the Levys any different than the Bushes or the Clintons?

The answer lies in how the powerful treat working-class Americans. The Levys are just an everyday family. Condit knew they had no clout and was not afraid to put his own self-interest above their desperate need. The elite media considers the Levys part of the "masses." Their pain and concerns are not as important as families who have power and influence.

This is so wrong it is painful. A congressman has callously and calculatingly abused an American family, and some powerful editors don't see it as an important story? If that isn't classism, I don't know what is. Unfortunately, alert Americans are used to seeing this kind of stuff. The power brokers that control much of the media are simply not interested in the little guy or the little family.

Let me ask you a series of questions: Could crack houses exist in Georgetown? Would the good citizens of Beverly Hills tolerate a decaying high school? Could the Crips and Bloods roam the streets of Nantucket, Conn.? You know the answer to those questions as well. The press would be all over those situations.

The elite media in this country should be ashamed. They pay lip service to the plight of the working class, but never dirty their hands with their actual lives. That would be unsavory, and not popular at the swank cocktail parties in Manhattan or South Hampton. Why bother emphasizing the Condit story if it's just an ordinary family that's getting hurt? Where's the importance in that?

All Americans should be furious with Gary Condit for not helping the Levys. The media and our elected officials should be clamoring for him to resign simply on that basis. But that is not even close to happening.

So once again our leaders and the elite media are showing us exactly who they are. Don't let this lesson pass you by. Remember.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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Ethics, moral concerns ought to precede research

Once again the sanction of American law is being sought for the embryo's willful destruction.

The most recent danger arises from a move to repeal or relax the existing congressional ban on the use of federal funds for research involving the production or destruction of human embryos.

Since the process of extracting the desired stem cells is simultaneously the destruction of the embryo, legal sanction is being sought to destroy living human embryos for research and possible therapeutic purposes. But this recommendation clearly violates the letter and intent of the congressional ban on the destruction of human embryos.

Experiments with human stem cells are not per se moral violations of the sanctity of human life. The moral status of such experiments centers on the sources of these cells and the methods by which they are produced and procured.

The method being recommended to use so-called "spare" human embryos that were produced in excess of the number needed for infertility treatment and then cryopreserved, cannot be justified morally for any reason. The embryo is a living human being, a unique individual person whose genetic identity is in place and whose process of embryological and human development is already set in motion. As a member of the human species, the embryonic human being has a special moral status and a moral claim on all of us for protection.

Stem cells need not be embryonic cells to be useful. Other studies indicate it is possible for adult stem cells to recapture their pluripotency and develop into other tissues. Our government should generously support research into the use of stem cells from legitimate alternative sources to alleviate human disease.

Once again, it is clear science and ethics need not be antagonists. Ethical consideration ought to precede science and its research. Science within reasonable ethical guidelines has the capacity to serve humanity; science without legitimate ethical constraints sacrifices humanity to its own ingenuity.

Rev. Michael D. Pfeiffer, OMI
Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo

Columnist realizes value of family, friends who care

I deeply resent the letter written by Janet Adams in the July 22 edition of the Reporter-Telegram — "Columnist should realize value of family, friends who care." I know Jean Starnes, and as far as I can tell, she certainly realizes the value of her family and friends.

I also deeply resent Ms. Adams' statement "delineated the difference between the part of our society that is no longer a working member from those of us still paying the bills." What makes you think Ms. Starnes is no longer a contributing member of our community? Does she write columns and books just because she has lots of time on her hands?

On a more personal level, my husband and I no doubt fit Ms. Adams' idea of those who no longer pay the bills, as we are both more than 70 and on Medicare. We also work, enough to have to pay taxes, we support several charities, and we certainly consider ourselves contributing members of society. By the way, Medicare is not free—we pay for it each month.

Ms. Adams, if you should some day find yourself in the position Ms. Starnes described, I truly hope you will have some friends to help you.

Lula L. Wilde

Life's too short, don't do something you hate

If this letter gets published, I hope everyone who is reading this and has a job appreciates that job. I have seen so many people working in Midland and hating their jobs. It is so important

to have the right attitude while working. It really shows when you don't like what you are doing. I have seen people talking under their breath about things they don't like about working.

Well, I am here to tell you that not working is not as fun as you might think. I have been on disability for about five years and not working gets old in a hurry. You might have a little fun in the beginning, but people need to work. People need something to accomplish. I work as a volunteer at several places in town. I enjoy everything I do at these volunteer jobs, because I feel needed and I am accomplishing something.

Whether I am checking-in books at the library or taking out the trash at church, I take pride in my work. I am not grumbling under my breath about what I don't like about that job. I am not wishing I was somewhere else. I do the job with a smile and it makes me feel good. So, if you are in a job that you hate, either smile and do it anyway or get another job while you can. There may come a time when you can't work.

There may come a time when you try everything to get a job and no one wants you. There may come a time when just volunteering makes you happy. Life is too short to be grumbling about a job you hate.

Karen Long

Young woman owes a lot to MUGS program

Our daughter has just completed her 10th year as a softball player at MUGS. MUGS has been a part of our family life during the spring, summer and fall through those years. It has encouraged family participation and provided a venue for our daughter to grow and develop in a safe and loving environment. She departs the MUGS program to attend college with the honor of being a MUGS Scholarship recipient and knowledge the MUGS program endorses her efforts to grow into a successful young lady. All MUGS Scholarship recipients fulfilled at least 50 hours of volunteer work at the MUGS complex as a condition of the scholarship. This showed our daughter that nothing is free and her college education comes with a personal price to be paid.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Betty Hartman and past board members of MUGS for their support. Betty has been a loyal friend over the past 10 years at MUGS. Through those years our daughter has grown into a self-confident young lady and a team player. Much of her development is a credit to the MUGS program and specifically to Betty's involvement as a player representative. Her presence at the fields served as a calming influence and example of devotion and hard work to the girls she has served.

Through those years Betty's devotion to the girls participating in the MUGS program has never been in question. The needs of the girls have always been primary and there has been no indication of "Empire Building." Betty's involvement in the MUGS scholarship program has served a financial assist for many young ladies for many years. For some, the scholarship provided the financial and emotional boost to continue their education after high school.

As parents, we wish Betty success in her petition to the Directors of MUGS for a fair and impartial election as Division Four Player Representative and for her to continue her work with the Youth of Midland.

Russell Livingston

Congress should make English official language

My greatest wish is that some members in the United States Congress would get passionate about making English the national language of the United States.

It is obvious we have lost control of our borders, so why not preserve the integrity of our country by maintaining the one thing that holds us together: our national language?

I think it is a requirement to become a naturalized citizen that you know English, but somehow this requirement is being circumvented. Right now we are

printing ballots in various foreign languages to allow people to vote in the United States. Why?

If there are other Americans who share my passion that English be voted our official language, please make your wishes known to the U.S. Congress.

Vera H. Wecker

Prayer will end drought, bring relief to Midland

Over the past few years our wonderful part of the U.S.A. has been in a drought condition. All of us no matter our occupation, be it farmers, ranchers, firefighters or citizens of West Texas, we all thirst for rain and a relief from this heat.

Lately, the thought has crossed my mind that we should gather together, rather than complain about the heat and the drought, turn our hearts and prayers to the only one who can give us rain, our dear Lord. So, if each and every one of us would stop every time we start to gripe or complain, take a minute and pray, God will see fit to bring relief to us.

You might even say: Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity of turning to you. You said that we should ask for what we need. We ask that you bring relief to the farmers, ranchers and all of our drought stricken area. Please give us sufficient rain to renew the parched earth of West Texas. Thank you for all the blessings you have given us and thank you for the rain that is coming.

Thank you for allowing me to ramble. God bless you all.

Cindy Klatt

Thanks to Midland's finest, other angels

Earlier this week my daughter and I, along with her best friend, traveled to Midland for a routine doctors appointment. We arrived within the city limits, right on schedule.

As we stopped for a traffic light, at an extremely busy intersection, our vehicle quit completely. Not a buzz or a click, no response. I quickly dialed my cell phone, to try to reach my husband. No answer.

It was very hot and I was beginning to worry. Within only a few minutes a white pickup pulled up to help. Followed by one car after another. One man directed traffic, while another blocked oncoming vehicles, from mine. One man worked under the hood, while yet another prepared to move our vehicle to a safe area.

As fate might have it, Sgt. Jim Rowe, and fellow officers of the Midland Sheriff's Department had just completed a training class. They were instantly on the scene. Like a well oiled machine they worked together to assess the situation, define the problem and make sure everyone was safe!

Sgt. Rowe even gave me his cell phone number ... just in case. He later returned, on his own time, to make sure the girls and I were taken care of and the vehicle was being repaired.

I wasn't able to get the name of each officer. They were gone as quickly as they came. I sincerely believe there are "angels among us." This past week I had the chance meeting some of Midland's finest!

Darla J. Estill
Big Spring

Bush should bring armed forces home, leave U.N.

"Turning the other cheek" may cleanse George W. Bush's soul, but it was very bad for America. Even Jesus got mad! Take, for example, the time he overturned the tables in the temple because people were using it as a market. Jesus wasn't as "meek and mild" as represented by the clergy today.

President Bush represented himself as a conservative, yet he is embracing the liberals under the guise of partisanship.

It is no longer the year 1994 when his dad was President. It is no longer "One World," as his daddy embraced it. It is the year 2001 and America's sovereignty is at stake.

It is time to get out of the United Nations and WTO and bring our scattered armed forces back home. America can

do more for the world alone than the United Nations ever thought of doing or wanted to.

Roxanne Thams

Midlanders are neither stupid nor ignorant

In the July 19 edition of the Reporter-Telegram, it was stated by "unknown" (unless by the reporter of the story), that "(Two times) Midlanders voted down the ED tax. In retrospect, the lack of education of Midland's voters on the need for economic diversification has been identified by many as a main reason." Lack of education? Who and how many is many?

Stop right there! I'd like to meet one Midlander who is not aware of the need for diversification. The other side of the story goes that maybe, just maybe, Midlanders are educated enough to know the lack of necessity of the ED tax, as being proposed, if only turning it down on principle. Please don't sell Midlanders short on their awareness factor.

Somewhere, in the back of my mind, I seem to remember the goals of the proposed ED tax was once the objective of the Chamber of Commerce. Since we subsidize the Chamber with tax monies now, why not withdraw that subsidy and give it to an economic development project as a start and we can see how much "overrun" in expenses they produce as a committee? There is still a bad taste in my mouth over the last "special board/corporation" to work a vote for tax issue and the amount of overrun produced with no recourse allowed the voters. What would be the guarantee that this would not happen again? Would not the Chamber of Commerce be the most logical, already in place, candidate to work this ED agenda? The answers might have been and still be the "lack of education by the Midland voter" when the issue was voted down last time.

With the previous ED defeats it looks to me like the "lack of education" attitude of Midlanders does have good points and objectives sometimes. This newest effort for passage might be another attempt that will produce a third positive "negative" result. We may be conservative in Midland but we, as a whole, are not stupid or ignorant — all the time.

Max Howard

New street should be named after 'Wahoo'

First, there was the controversy over naming a street after Martin Luther King; then there was the controversy over the new sports complex. So, we're going to compound both controversies by uniting them? Let's not.

Since the sports complex is a sports complex, why don't we name the street, or streets, surrounding it after one, or perhaps more than one, of our local sports heroes?

My suggestion is "Wahoo" McDaniel Drive. For those of you not familiar with Wahoo, let me tell you a little about the man.

Wahoo graduated from Midland High School in 1956, after being named All District, All Southern, and All American in football. He was sought after by all major colleges, and signed with Oklahoma University, where he played for 3 years. During Wahoo's playing days at OU, the team record was 27-5. In 1960, the inaugural season for the American Football League, he signed with the Dallas Texans, which later became the Kansas City Chiefs. During his 10-year pro-football career, Wahoo played middle linebacker with the Texans, Denver Broncos, New York Jets and the Miami Dolphins. In 1970, Wahoo began his wrestling career, and after retiring in 1995, was inducted into the Pro-Wrestling Hall of Fame.

And, you ask, where is he now? He is in Charlotte, North Carolina where he has made his home since retiring from wrestling. He is in very serious condition, on dialysis, awaiting a kidney transplant.

If you'd like to know more about this local hero, find a copy of the July 2-July 9, 2001, Sports Illustrated. The cover asks "Where Are They Now?" and inside you will find a story about a Midland sports hero, "Wahoo" McDaniel.

Think about it folks—let's name a street surrounding a Sports Complex after our sports heroes. Again, my suggestion

is "Wahoo" McDaniel Drive.

Jimmy Brock

Please return stolen Hospice furniture

I work as the building superintendent for Hospice of Midland and have seen over the past three years all the great work they do for the community here in Midland. I love being there and working for so many caring people. For the first time in my adult career, I feel like my job has real meaning because of what we do for the terminally ill in our community.

The point of my writing this letter is to ask the person or persons that decided it was all right to steal furniture right off of our front porch to please return the furniture when you realize how wrong it is to steal from a non-profit organization such as Hospice of Midland. I hate to think this is just the world we live in these days.

What is so infuriating to me is that they stole a glass top outdoor table between June 30 and July 2 and then came back between July 4 and July 6 to steal the chairs and small side table that was part of this set, and a water hose and push broom. This set of outdoor furniture was donated to us several years ago by one of the many friends of Hospice of Midland. Please realize that you don't need to steal and redeem yourselves before it's too late.

The Midland Police Department has been very helpful but I don't expect they will ever be able to find the people that walked away with one of our many symbols of gratitude and appreciation that has come from the wonderful people of Midland.

If anyone out there has any idea or information on who could have done this please call the MPD. Thank you.

Van Bowden

Midland is big enough for two Christian channels

Has anyone else out there missed viewing "TBN" Trinity broadcasting network since it was removed a few years back from Cable Channel 12 KMLM? I have missed Paul and Jan, ministers like E. V. Hill, Ben Kenchol, Benny Hinn and Rod Parsley. I have especially missed the beautiful praise and worship music we used to get to listen to and enjoy.

If the Christians in Midland come together we can have a choice of more than one Christian channel. Midland is big enough for two Christian channels.

Periodically cable representatives come together to vote on the upcoming programs presented to their viewers. I contacted a Cox Cable representative and was given the information we need to request "TBN" to be put on our cable line up.

If you are interested you need to call (915) 694-7721. To speak to a representative choose either option "billing department" or "customer service." Ask them to fill out for you a "customer channel request form." They will ask for your name, address, phone number and the program you are requesting. The cable representative will then send in your request form to be considered and voted on. If you cannot get through on the Cox Cable phone number, please consider going personally to the Cox Cable office at 2530 S. Midkiff to stand in line to ask them to fill out your customer request form. The more requests we send in the better chance we will have of our voice being heard. I called in my request and I hope you do too! We can have a choice again.

Elaine Huse

Globe-trotting nephew interested in Midland

My 19-year-old nephew, Matthew from London, England, who is traveling around the world, is now in Tahiti.

He says he wants to come to Midland. What should I tell him?

Paul Taylor

Economic development tax won't fix all problems

It is foolish to think an economic development tax is going to bring in industry when the schools are still in need of major funding to upgrade facilities and their output.

David L. Shuck

SPEAKING OUT

Voter education will be essential if ED tax is to be approved

By Guy D. Andrews

This is in response to letters to the editor titled ED proponents need to educate the voters from Josh Knight, and Midlanders should voice opinions about ED tax from Kathleen A. Myers that were published in the Reporter-Telegram on Sunday, July 22.

As a member of the grass roots effort to obtain signatures on a petition to place the quarter-cent economic development sales tax on a ballot, I am in total agreement with the titles of these letters. Education of voters will be the absolutely essential if the economic development sales tax is to be approved. I believe the more Midland voters know about this issue, the more they will support the economic development sales tax.

The questions posed by Kathleen Myers are excellent, and are certainly ones we should all be

asking as informed voters. I love to hear what others have to say about this important issue, and what the citizens of Midland want our community to be in 25 years. After all, the economic development sales tax is about preserving and improving our quality of life. It isn't about turning Midland into a sprawling industrial and residential metropolis.

Our focus should always be on making Midland a place where our children and grandchildren can have the opportunity to work and live, if they so desire. Currently, we are not there. We spend a lot of money educating our children, only to have them leave Midland for "greener pastures" where they can find higher paying jobs. The problem is, those pastures aren't as green as they seem. They may be making more money, but don't get to enjoy the quality of life that so many Midlanders have invested their blood, sweat, and tears to develop. Personally, I believe life is too short to live in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, etc.

My hope is that every citizen of Midland will take advantage of opportunities to educate themselves concerning this vital issue. There will be

plenty of opportunities to do so in the coming months prior to the actual election.

Please keep in mind that the effort to obtain signatures on the petition was truly grass roots. That means there was no "big money" backing this effort. We had to rely on volunteers to get the word out. There was no budget to purchase pamphlets, do mass mailings, provide information packets, or to buy newspaper advertisements or airtime. Any money that was spent for advertising was funded by people who did so voluntarily, such as the new car dealerships. They did so because they believe in the economic development campaign, and were willing to assist in obtaining signatures. The only other money that was spent was for reproduction costs of the petitions, a registered voter list, sodas and hotdogs for the kickoff campaign, and some billboards. Again, these costs were absorbed by volunteers in the grass roots. We very much appreciate those who contributed in this manner.

The focus of the grass roots effort was to obtain signatures on a petition so that this issue could be placed on a ballot. It was emphasized that you did not have to be "for" or "against" the issue. It

was realized in the process that people wanted more education on the issue. As a result, a hotline was established so that people could obtain more information, or schedule a public talk for their group. I also had my personal telephone number published so that people could talk to me, or schedule group talks. These numbers were published numerous times in the Reporter-Telegram, both in related articles and in editorial opinions.

Personally, I spoke to both the men's and women's groups at Manor Park, the Southeast Senior Center, True Light Christian Fellowship, Macedonia Baptist Church, the Downtown Midland Rotary Club, and a group of concerned citizens that met at Hollowell United Methodist Church. All of these took advantage of the opportunity to be educated concerning the issues.

Finally, I will continue to make myself available to anyone who wants to learn more about the economic development sales tax either individually or as a group. You may contact me at 684-1975. If I am not here when you call, please leave a message or talk to my associate, Vicky Hailey, on 684-2716 so that I can get back to you.

God Bless Midland!



Andrews



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Ethnic Albanian leaders Imer Imeri, far left, and Arben Xhaferi second left sit at the negotiating table next to the Macedonian Prime Minister Ljupco Georgievski, third right, Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski, second right and Branko Crvenkovski, right, leader of the second largest Macedonian party SDSM, in the lake resort of Ohrid, some 160 kilometers (100 miles) southwest of Skopje, Saturday.

High-level peace talks resume under heavy security in Macedonia

OHRIID, Macedonia (AP) — The Macedonian government and top ethnic Albanian leaders resumed talks Saturday on a peaceful end to a conflict that has driven thousands of people from their homes and threatened to engulf the country in civil war.

Under tight security, U.S. and European Union mediators and the feuding parties gathered at a presidential retreat on Lake Ohrid in southwestern Macedonia, a venue chosen in an attempt to avoid potentially hostile crowds in the capital, Skopje.

It was the first face-to-face meeting of key leaders since high-level talks collapsed more than a week ago. But the talks, which were to continue today, were inconclusive.

"It's been a long day," an exhausted U.S. envoy James Pardew said late Saturday night. Asked if the two sides had drawn closer, he said simply: "No."

Western envoys hoped the two sides would build on lower-level discussions that took place over the past few days, and said they were focusing on a main sticking point — a proposal to make Albanian an official language. "We'll try to get a solution, probably tomorrow, but it's very difficult," said EU envoy Francois Leotard.

Under a new compromise, Albanian would become official only in areas where minority ethnic Albanians account for more than 20 percent of the population.

The phrasing apparently was reworked in an attempt to make it more acceptable for the majority of Macedonians.

The language dispute cuts to the heart of the deep cultural differences between ethnic Albanians, who account for about a third of the Balkan country's 2 million people, and Macedonians of Slavic origin. Ethnic Albanian rebels launched an insurgency in February, saying they were fighting for greater rights and recognition for their people.

The Macedonian government alleges the rebels are linked to militants in neighboring Kosovo and has accused them of trying to carve out territory from Macedonia.

President Boris Trajkovski's office issued a brief statement Saturday evening that said the efforts were "aimed at achieving a political settlement as soon as possible."

The talks began with Pardew and his Leotard on one side of the table and the Macedonian and ethnic Albanian delegations on the other.

The Macedonians were represented by Trajkovski, Prime Minister Ljupco Georgievski and Branko Crvenkovski, the leader of the opposition Social Democratic Alliance. The ethnic Albanian representatives were Imer Imeri of the ethnic Albanian Party for Democratic Prosperity and Arben Xhaferi of the Democratic Party of Albanians.

Powell, in Beijing, narrows gaps on proliferation

BEIJING (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell narrowed differences with China over Beijing's military exports, while giving assurances Saturday that the planned U.S. missile defense system does not pose a threat to China.

Although outstanding issues remain, Powell told a news conference after meetings with Chinese leaders that he "was able to move the ball forward" on U.S. concerns about Chinese missile and weapons technology exports.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Sun Yuxi, said in a subsequent news conference that China has been making an earnest effort to comply with its obligations, outlined in a U.S.-China nonproliferation agreement signed in November.

Sun contended that the United States has failed to comply with its commitments — an apparent reference to the absence of cooperation on commercial satellite launches.

In the agreement, Beijing promised not to sell missiles or components to countries developing nuclear weapons.

The agreement was a breakthrough because it addressed U.S. concerns over suspected Chinese

assistance to Pakistan, Iran and North Korea. But Powell has called Chinese cooperation mixed.

Powell said he offered assurances to China that the missile defense system planned by the Bush administration would be limited. He said it would not threaten the strategic deterrent of either China or Russia.

Powell met with Chinese President Jiang Zemin in an ornate reception room in the Great Hall of the People. He also met with Premier Zhu Rongji, Vice Prime Minister Qian Qichen and Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan.

Both sides said the relationship was now on the right track after the recent resolution of cases involving scholars with U.S. links. American officials said they were wrongfully convicted on charges of spying for Taiwan.

China deported two of them and a third also was released, removing an irritant that had cast a shadow over Saturday's visit by Powell, his first since becoming secretary of state.

Powell said he insisted urged the Chinese leaders to reform the legal system to reduce abuses against the innocent.

"I don't think that message was missed by my interlocutors," he

said. Powell said he conveyed a message from President Bush that "he wants to build forward-looking relations" with China.

Sun said a planned visit by Bush in October "offers the historic opportunity for sustained and healthy development of relations in the new century."

Both pointed to a series of consultations that lie ahead as evidence of more robust bilateral relationship. The two countries will hold talks on such issues as human rights, nonproliferation, commercial ties and ways to avoid a repeat of the April 1 spy plane incident.

Powell raised the possibility that military-to-military contacts, suspended after the spy plane incident, will be resumed, possi-

bly in a modified form.

On Taiwan, Powell defended the U.S. military sales to the island. "It gives them the confidence they need to engage with China," he said.

Powell said he also raised concerns about what he said was a Chinese military buildup across the Taiwan Strait. In response, he said the Chinese side denied there was any such buildup.

Son implied that the continued U.S. arms sales to Taiwan are in violation of a 1982 agreement that provides for a gradual reduction of those deals, leading ultimately to their end.

Powell was to depart today for Australia, where he will be joined by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for talks on diplomatic and security issues.

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Muslim courts

By Beata Paszko
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — A Muslim widow trapped in a Polish court for 2 1/2 years by courts five children and refusing to them.

The death of a Polish mother in a long battle, with her children against the wishes of her mother-in-law, accused her of daughter's death.

Hashmet insisted on convert to Islam following childbirth, approved of his to his native Egypt.

"Poland is like me," Hashmet said, English, looking beyond his 42 years, among tables in a restaurant in downtown Warsaw.

His saga, bare the Polish press, in a country where Roman Catholicism is stoked with bigoted under decades rule.

Hashmet lost children shortly after his death in 1998. He was accused of trying to kill his children were put in orphanages and his consent.

Prosecutors demanded months that they charged, but 15 more months youngest children is forbidden from out of the country.

The Egyptian Human Rights for ty, a U.S.-based, has protested the the baptism of which it says v tradition.

Maria Lopatko, a renowned gynecologist, has examined four girls and believes their father should be granted custody.

"It's a shocking prejudice," Lopatko said. "There is a between father but they try to she said. 'It's the thing: 'We have to dren so that the Muslim.'"

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The couple left Egypt and returned to Poland shortly before was born.

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Muslim widower fights Polish prejudice, courts for right to leave with his children

By Beata Pasek
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Mohamed Hashmet, an Egyptian Muslim widower, has been trapped in Roman Catholic Poland for 2 1/2 years, forbidden by courts from taking his five children home to Egypt — and refusing to leave without them.

The death of the children's Polish mother precipitated the long battle, with Hashmet fighting to retain custody of his children against the vehement wishes of his mother-in-law, who accuses him of causing her daughter's death.

Hashmet insists his wife, a convert to Islam who died following childbirth, would have approved of his plans to return to his native Egypt.

"Poland is like a big jail for me," Hashmet said in accented English, looking gray and tired beyond his 42 years as he watched his children playing among tables in an Arab restaurant in downtown Warsaw.

His saga, barely discussed in the Polish press, is a clash of cultures in a country that is 90 percent Roman Catholic and still stoked with bigotry that festered under decades of communist rule.

Hashmet lost custody of the children shortly after his wife's death in 1998. He was accused of trying to kill her, and his children were put in Christian-run orphanages and baptized without his consent.

Prosecutors decided after five months that there was no basis for charges, but it took Hashmet 15 more months to get the four youngest children back. He still is forbidden from taking them out of the country.

The Egyptian Center for Human Rights for National Unity, a U.S.-based organization, has protested the case, especially the baptism of the children, which it says violates Muslim tradition.

Maria Lopatkowa, a nationally renowned child psychologist, has examined the siblings — four girls and a boy — and believes their father's wish to take the children to Egypt should be granted.

"It's a shocking case fueled by prejudices and xenophobia," Lopatkowa said.

"There is a strong link between father and children, but they try to separate them," she said. "It's this kind of thinking: 'We have to save those children so that they are not raised Muslim.'"

Hashmet, a free-lance photographer, married Jolanta Redosz, a flight attendant with the Polish airline LOT, 10 years ago. She converted to Islam over her mother's strong objections, changing her name to Fatma and embracing such traditions as fully covering herself in public, walking behind her husband and giving birth at home to avoid non-Muslim hospitals.

The couple lived in Cyprus, Egypt and England before returning to Poland in 1998, shortly before their fifth child was born.

As with her four previous children, Fatma gave birth at home in a bath with her husband's help. But this time she was hospitalized with an infection. She slipped into a coma and died two months later.

Police acting on a complaint from her mother arrested Hashmet the day Fatma was hospitalized.

While he has gotten back the youngest children, the courts have said his eldest child, 9-year-old daughter Zienab, would not have to rejoin the family against her wishes. She remains in an orphanage.

Hashmet was dealt another blow in June when a family court postponed his appeal of the travel ban. Judges said they had to wait for a criminal court to dispose of wife-abuse allegations during a 1996 visit, and raised yet again by his 81-year-old mother-in-law, Alfreda Redosz.

"As long as I'm alive, I won't allow my grandchildren to be taken away from Poland," Redosz said in a telephone interview.

She accuses Hashmet of beat-

ing the children, and says that even though her daughter converted to Islam, "she was Catholic in her soul to the very end."

Hashmet's lawyer, Andrzej Lewandowski, said nearly two dozen witnesses have testified that his client was a good husband and father. He accuses Polish officials of grossly violating

international treaties on child custody.

Hashmet, meanwhile, has no work permit and no health insurance. His family survives on money sent by relatives in Egypt.

"I will go to international courts if Polish courts keep us here," he said. "I won't leave without my children."

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Puerto Rican government hopes Vieques vote will speed up U.S. Navy's departure

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico (AP) — In a referendum the Puerto Rican government hopes will speed the U.S. Navy's departure from its prized bombing range, residents of outlying Vieques island get their first chance Sunday to vote on nearly 60 years of military exercises.

"I have always fought for the Navy to go," said Severina Guadalupe, 74, who recalled how the Navy sent a bulldozer that flattened her parents' farmhouse in 1940 and expelled the family from their land with 24 hours' notice.

Resentment over the Navy's appropriation of two-thirds of this 18-mile-long island grew as the Navy's presence did with exercises for the Korean and Vietnam wars and, more recently, the Gulf War and the Kosovo bombing.

Local opposition and the occasional confrontation with fishermen exploded in anger after the 1999 death of a civilian guard killed by two 500-pound bombs dropped off-target.

Protesters invaded the range and camped there for a year before federal marshals forcibly removed them and the local government agreed to resume exercises with dummy bombs.

Since then, the island has become a cause celebre, with protesters regularly invading land to stop bombing runs. Those currently in jail include civil rights leader the Rev. Al Sharpton and environmental lawyer Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Another round of exercises is to start Wednesday.

Islanders blame their higher-than-average cancer and infant mortality rates and other ills on the bombings. The Navy strongly denies harming the environment or islanders' health, and says local studies are unscientific and biased. Sunday's vote is a symbolic one called by the government of this U.S. territory in hopes of pressuring Washington into an immediate Navy withdrawal.

A legally binding federal referendum scheduled for November would allow the 5,900 registered voters to choose between a Navy withdrawal by 2003 with dummy bomb exercises continuing until then or allowing the Navy to stay and resume exercises with live ammunition.

The local vote adds the option of an immediate end to the military exercises, the eventual withdrawal of the Navy and a cleanup of allegedly contaminated land — the one chosen by Guadalupe and, according to various surveys, a majority of islanders.

"The local referendum does not have the force of law but it has, I think, a moral strength," Gov. Sila Calderon said in an interview.

She noted that President Bush has called for a Navy withdrawal by 2003 but set no specific date. If islanders vote for the bombing to end immediately, "I do think a democratically expressed preference should have an impact on the decision-making process," the governor said.

The Democratic Party has sent a team of observers to Vieques. Its national committee chairman, Terry McAuliffe, arrived Friday promising to support the islanders' vote.

"You all have my word that the next day I will be in the Congress defending your decision," said McAuliffe, who supports an immediate end to the bombing.

Navy supporters on Vieques say they constitute a silent majority that is fearful of speaking out against the vocal and occasionally violent anti-Navy movement.

They warn that a vote against the Navy could worsen the island's already troubled relations with Washington and endanger some \$14 billion in annual federal aid. About 9,000 people live on Vieques and another 4 million on the main island.

On Saturday, a cavalcade of about 200 cars painted with signs demanding "Not one more bomb" and "Navy, go," wound its way through town with flapping Puerto Rican flags.

Pro-Navy activists distributed posters depicting an anti-Navy vote as anti-American and communist: "Fidel Castro wants you to vote (option) 2" for the Navy to go, says one poster with a picture of the Cuban leader. About 100 people turned out for a pro-Navy rally.

Campaigning has been peaceful except for one incident last week, when protesters lobbed stones and eggs at the procession of former Gov. Carlos Romero Barcelo, who was rallying votes for the Navy.

Some Republicans want to raise the stakes in the scheduled November referendum to a vote on

all the U.S. military in Puerto Rico.

That would include the vast Roosevelt Roads Naval Station that administers Vieques and employs more than 5,000 military and civilian employees and Fort Buchanan in San Juan with 2,100 Army personnel.

"If they want the benefits of the military," such as the jobs, they must take the training as well, Rep. Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania said Thursday.

The United States seized Puerto Rico from Spain in 1898. Islanders are U.S. citizens who cannot vote for president but have fought in major conflicts from World War II to Vietnam.

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Cost of keeping up facilities expensive

Editor's note: This is the third of a three-part series about the Midland Independent School District's budget. As the district looks to find ways to cut costs, we will examine MISD's budget regarding personnel, program and facilities expenses. This third story will examine the cost of facilities and other auxiliary needs.

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

Running a school district isn't cheap. If the Midland Independent School District cut all unnecessary programs, eliminated all unnecessary positions and alleviated all debts, it would still pay millions for the upkeep of its facilities. Every year, MISD pays \$3,345,047 for electricity, gas, water and waste/sewer

services. Phone and communications utilities add up to another \$365,000.

The bill for auxiliary staff and supplies costs the district even more. The annual budget for school plant services, which includes payroll costs, contracted services and supplies, is \$4,356,343. Food services is another \$6,682,462.

The cost of protecting all of those facilities is rising, too. The MISD Police, Safety and Security Services employs 23 security personnel, including eight certified police officers, 13 campus officers, a dispatcher and a secretary. Their annual salaries total \$569,952.

The district operates 22 elementary schools, two magnet schools, two early childhood centers, four junior high

schools, two freshman high schools, two high schools, two alternative high schools and part of the Advanced Technology Center. That is in addition to a seven-story central office, a complex for auxiliary offices, and an agricultural lab.

That's about 2.8 million square feet to protect and maintain.

The district's 13 elementary schools were recently renovated as part of a \$39.5 million project financed by taxpayers in a bond referendum, but some say the secondary schools deserve the next round of facelifts. MISD's District Architect and Director of School Plant Services James Riggan said they may look good

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Roy Marshall walks down a row of portable classrooms at Lee High School.

Tengku Bahar
Reporter-Telegram

Safety first

Officers: Citizens need to get involved

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

The Midland Police Department, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Midland Crime Prevention Commission gathered for a Safety Fair at the Midland Park Mall Saturday to spread the word of crime prevention and showing ways the public can become involved.

The gathering of officers and concerned citizens touted the need for crime prevention and awareness in Midland for the safety of its citizens. MPD's Brian Rackow said police at the fair wanted to help with their Safe Kid Program and show a few handy gadgets to the community.

"We take two digital photographs and put the child's name on the same disk with their date of birth," Rackow said, adding police can download the exact picture of the child while on patrol in the vehicle.

While the MPD officers showed off skills with K-9 police demonstrations, they added a display of guns used by SWAT teams as well as a bullet resistant jacket for people to view. They also helped people understand the impairment placed on a driver who is suffering the effects of alcohol through the use of beer goggles. The beer goggles skew the vision and impair the person wearing them with an impression of what it is like to perform a field sobriety test with a blood alcohol level of .07 or more.

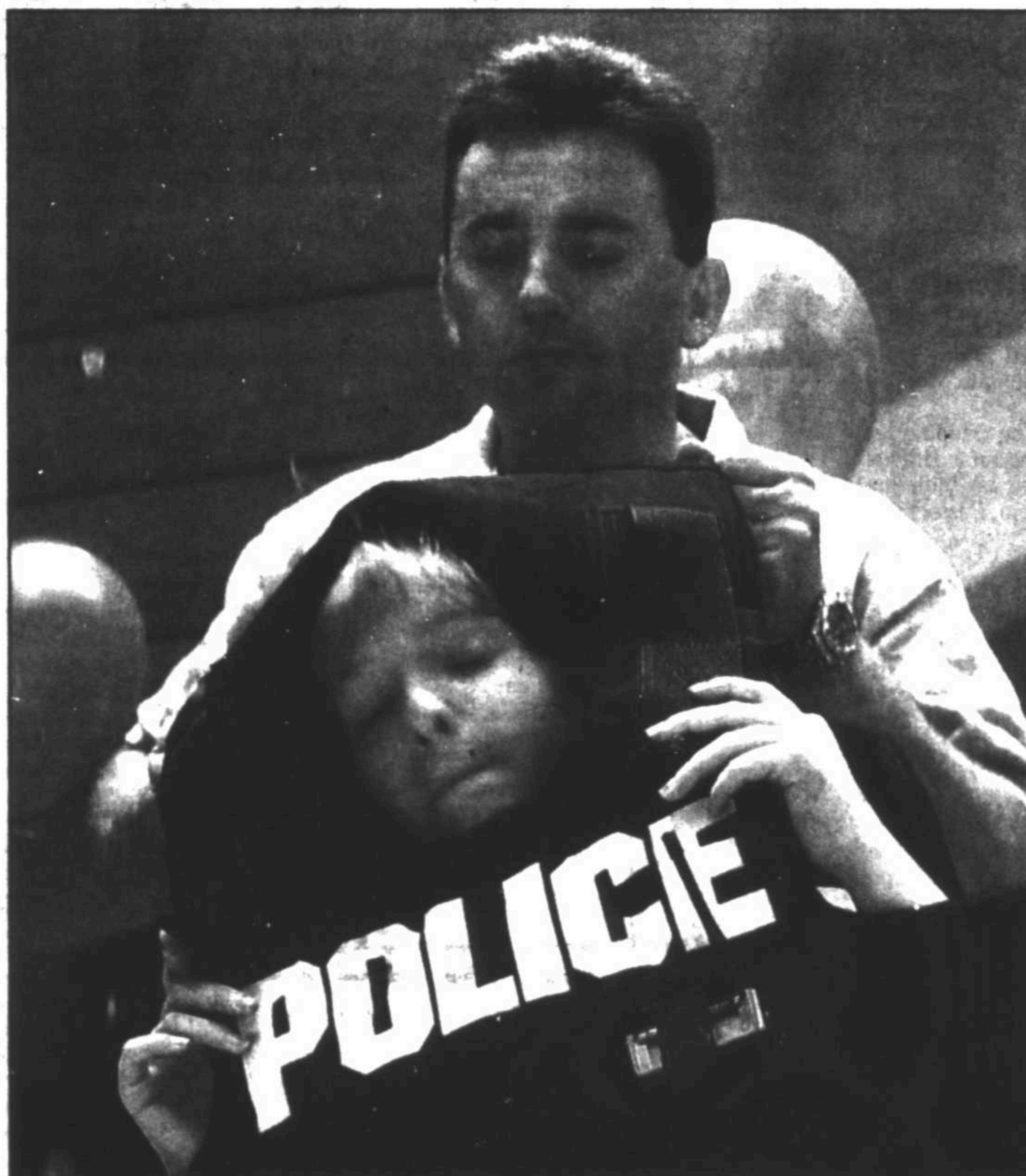
"Judgment is the first thing alcohol kills off," Rackow said.

Down the atrium, the Midland Crime Prevention Commission's (MCPC) booth promoted the upcoming National Night Out. MCPC Vice President Joan Ramey said interest has escalated, especially when compared with past years.

"I think the turnout today has been excellent. There seems to be more interest in crime prevention," Ms. Ramey said.

National Night Out provides neighbors the opportunity to get out of the house with family and friends, to walk the neighborhood and get to know everyone around them.

"We have 67 parties scheduled for National Night Out. Only by getting to know your neighbors, do you know who



ABOVE: Midland SWAT Team member Chuck Sims helps Jessica Wilson, 10, into a bulletproof kevlar vest during the Safety Fair held at the Midland Park Mall Saturday afternoon. AT LEFT: Christopher Wilkinson gets his photograph taken during the Safety Fair with a digital camera as a record for the S.K.I.D. (Safe Kid Identification Disk) program. The disk, provided free of charge to parents, includes digital still and movie identification images of the child. This allows law enforcement agencies to post a nationwide notice on the Internet in a matter of minutes if a child is missing or kidnapped.

Tengku Bahar/Reporter-Telegram



Special Olympics hands out awards to top performers

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."
— Oath of the Special Olympics.

By Jonathon Carrasco
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — Special Olympians gathered Saturday afternoon in Odessa to salute this year's top performers. They honored the men, women, athletes and businesses who have fueled Special Olympics in the region over the past 12 months.

Joann Price, a Midland accountant, was honored as trainer of the year.

"I've seen some big improvement in people's attitudes that work with the program. It gives coaches and athletes something to look forward to," said Ms. Price. "It gives participants a chance to learn essential social skills and how to work together and interact with each other."

Special Olympics is an international organization with chapters in nearly 50 countries from around the world. The United States has more than 25,000 communities that participate in Special Olympics. Texas has more than 24,000 adult and children competitors with roughly 100 athletes in Midland.

Some of Midland's team members recently participated in the "Special Olympics Texas 2001 Summer Games" held in Arlington. At the two-and-a-half day event, 2,600 Texan athletes competed in a range of summer sports.

The Midland team had 21 competitors participating in soccer and other track and field events. Midland's first soccer team to travel to state advanced to the final rounds where they secured silver in overtime. The other track and field athletes managed to return with six gold medals, eight silver medals, and 13 bronze medals.

"The people I've worked with absolutely love it. Recently, some have been calling me every day wanting to find out more information and when we're starting new programs — they're just so excited," Ms. Price said.

Odessa, earlier this year, hosted the Spring Games for the Midland-Odessa area including teams from — Midland, Odessa, Andrews, Kermit, Monahans, Big Lake and Fort Stockton.

Midland's team has participants as

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GARY OTT

A trip to the doctor can be a pain in the imagination

It has been said the best part of a vacation is the week that leads up to the actual departure. That is the time of great anticipation. You dream big. You think of all of the things you are going to do, the people you are going to meet, the places you are going to go.

Your imagination runs wild. There are no limits to where your mind will travel. You purchase maps and guide books. At night, while lying awake in bed, you fantasize all the more. Your heart pounds. Like a child waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus, you cannot fall asleep. Nor do you want to. That would mean the fantasies would end.

And you can't have that.

After all, in less than a week, you will be off on one of life's great adventures.

And the anticipation builds ... and builds ... and builds.

The vacation never lives up to expectations, of course, but in the end, it doesn't matter.

You had your week of dreams.

And that made it all worthwhile.

Sadly, in the real world, every day is not filled with hours of childlike anticipation.

Sometimes, in fact, quite the opposite is true. Especially if the person in question happens to be a man.

And, perhaps, there is no other example of this than when an otherwise healthy male person — one who normally goes to the doctor about once every five years — suddenly realizes there is something peculiar happening to his body.

Put yourself in his shoes.

Maybe it is an unsightly growth that has appeared out of nowhere.

Or, perhaps it is a pain that shoots through your body with no warning at all.

Or, maybe it is a sudden inability to perform a routine bodily function with the ease in which you have done it for years.

But whatever the symptom, you, being the shrewd medical expert that you are, know something is terribly wrong.

So you immediately leap into action.

You ignore the pain and hope it goes away. It doesn't.

But being a man's man, you refuse to seek medical attention. Instead, you endure more pain, almost to the point of being in tears.

Still, the pain persists.

So you finally relent.

You make a doctor's appointment.

You arrive at his office, sit in the waiting room, read old magazines, listen to a small child cough, assume her germs are infecting you, read some more, watch the minute hand on the wall clock make its way around to its original starting point, read some more and, finally, contemplate stuffing a handkerchief down the coughing kid's throat.

Then it happens.

A nurse calls out your name.

You are taken to a small room. You get undressed. The doctor "probes." Then he pokes you with needles, all the while saying things like, "This might sting a little," which translated means, "Hang on for dear life because you're about to experience the male version of childbirth."

But the fun has just begun.

After 30 minutes of probing and poking, the doctor gives you a prescription and tells you to return in 72 hours for additional tests. He's not

quite sure what his ultimate diagnosis is going to be.

"But don't worry," he says, "it's nothing serious."

Yeah, right.

And that's when the opposite of happy anticipation REALLY kicks in.

Instead of going to bed at night dreaming of being on a beach surrounded by beautiful women, you now try to figure what disease you have ... and when exactly it will cause your death.

So, you toss and turn in bed, conjuring up the worst of all possible scenarios.

Your imagination runs wild, but always in a morbid direction.

"It's probably cancer," you quickly surmise.

"And, I'm still so young. It's not fair. I don't deserve this. I wonder if I'll have to have chemo."

But then you become more practical.

Since you have accepted the fact you are going to die, the primary question becomes: "What will I do with those few precious months — or weeks — that I have left?"

You toss and turn some more.

"Well, I've always wanted to go to Europe," you mumble to your bedroom ceiling, before pulling the covers over your head. "And I've saved up a little money over the years. I could probably spend a good six weeks over there just traveling and visiting all of those wonderful places I've read about. The Swiss Alps. A sidewalk cafe in Paris. Buckingham Palace. Yeah, that's the way I'll spend my final days."

But then you begin to worry about your soul ... and the fact you have become a bit lax in your church attendance of late (like the last 20 years or so).

So you close your eyes and have a little talk

with God.

"Uh, listen, God," you begin, a bit hesitantly. "I know I haven't been the man I should have been all of these years. And for that, I'm sorry. I truly am. But if you could see it in your heart to show a little mercy on me, I would be eternally grateful. And I'll spend what little time I have left, living a life you would be really proud of. I promise."

Seventy-two hours have now passed.

The doctor has concluded his second round of probing and poking ... and this time he has a final diagnosis.

You hold your breath.

He explains it.

You don't understand a word he said.

So he explains it again.

But this time, you hold up your hand halfway through the explanation and say, "Am I going to die?"

"Of course not," he says, genuinely stunned.

"You mean I wasted 72 hours making death arrangements?"

"Uh, well, I guess so," he says, completely baffled.

Then it hits you. You're REALLY not going to die.

"Wow, what a relief," you exclaim. "Thanks Doc. I owe you one."

And you mean it, too.

Of course, that trip to Europe sounded awfully nice.

Nah, on second thought, you have the rest of your life to do that.

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DEATH NOTICES

Vernetha Aldridge

STANTON — Vernetha Brown Aldridge, 46, of Houston, formerly of Stanton, died on Wednesday, July 25, in a Houston hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 30, at First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. W. R. Bolton Jr., of Bethel Baptist Church in Abilene, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. She was born on Oct. 10, 1954 in Big Spring, and married Leroy Aldridge in Midland.

She was a member of Mount Rose Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Brown Sr.; and two brothers, Roosevelt Johnson Sr. and Thurman Brown Jr.

Survivors include three daughters, Simeetha Montano of Midland, Semecki Cooke of Houston and Schuitor Thomas of Odessa; two sisters, Gwendolyn Bolton of Lubbock and Wanda Brown City of Midland; two brothers, Purdis Brown Sr. and Bradis Brown Sr. both of Queen City; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mozelle Yates

LAMESA — Mozelle "Okey" Yates, 77, died on Friday, July 27, at her residence.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, July 30, at Second Baptist Church in Lamesa with Hospice Chaplain Walter McCall and Elder Hoot Leonard, of Community of Christ Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. She was born on Dec. 12, 1923 in Colorado City, and married Marshall Yates on May 22, 1943 in Stanton.

Mrs. Yates was a member of Second Baptist Church of Lamesa.

Survivors include her husband, Marshall Alton Yates of Lamesa; a son, Dan Yates of Seminole; a daughter, Trudy Harrison of Andrews; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Carole Tidwell

ANDREWS — Carole Tidwell, 66, died Friday, July 27, at Permian General Hospital in Andrews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews with the Rev. James Linton of Andrews officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, in Elmwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Abilene.

She was born Nov. 11, 1934 in Anson. She married Charles A. Tidwell on October 20, 1953 in Abilene. They moved to Andrews in 1975 from Big Spring. They had owned and operated Tidwell Construction Company in Andrews from 1975-1990. She also had owned and operated Mustang Video Store in Andrews from 1990-2001.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. Tidwell, on August 4, 1998 and her grandson, Jamie Charles Tidwell in 1977.

She is survived by her four daughters, Wanda Tidwell of Odessa, Marcia and Vicky Tidwell of Andrews, and Lara Hubbard of Houston; three sons, David, Clay, and James Tidwell of Andrews; mother, Audie Bowens of Abilene; one sister, Wanda Anthony of Abilene; 15 grand-

children and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Inez Castillo

STANTON — Inez Chapa Castillo died Friday, July 27, in Odessa.

Services have been set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. George Thirumangalam officiating and Deacon Ernie Sanchez assisting. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Rosary will be Sunday and Monday at Stanton Memorial Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

She was born April 20, 1927 in Beeville.

She was preceded in death by her son, Juan Castillo.

Survivors include her husband, Ignacio Castillo of Stanton; six daughters, Maria Delao, Helen Valdez, Inez Torrez, all of Stanton, Carmen Ramirez of Gatesville, Juana Perez Waukegan, Ill.; Lupe Benavidez of Midland; Ignacio Castillo, Jr. III of Big Spring; Ramon Castillo of Union City, Ohio; Ramiro Castillo of Stanton, Antonio Castillo, Abelardo Castillo and Gilberto Castillo all of Stanton, Texas; three sisters, Hermenia Padron and Mercedes Valles both of Stanton; Juanita Lopez of Plainview; one brother, Marcial Chapa Of Bertram, Texas. Fifty grandchildren, Sixty-one great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

W.E. McIntosh

W. E. "Mac" McIntosh, 68, of Sand Springs died Friday, July 27, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma, with the Rev. Elwin Cullom, Pastor officiating.

He was born Aug. 1, 1932 in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He married Donna Huston, Feb. 27, 1964 in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy serving in the Korean War. He retired from Fina in 1988, after 34 years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Coahoma.

He is survived by his wife Donna McIntosh of Sand Springs; one son, Wesley McIntosh of Sand Springs; three daughters, Susan McIntosh of Coahoma, Pam Hardin of Coahoma, Betty Barnett and her husband Bob of Sand Springs; one brother, Bruce Holden of Stephenville; 11 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father Luther Robert McIntosh, his mother Opal Tucker Holden; his stepfather Burt Holden; one sister, Juaneva Wad-jun.

The family suggests memorials to the Allison Cancer Center, N. Avenue N, Midland, Texas, 79701.

The family will be at 9305 North Service Road in Sand Springs.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Ina Norris

Services for Ina M. Norris, 73, are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. She died Saturday, July 28, in a local hospital.

James Felts

BIG SPRING — James E. (Jimmy) Felts, 94, died Saturday, July 28, in Midland. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES



Luvisa Baxter-Bielby

Luvisa Baxter-Bielby died in an Odessa hospital on Friday, July 27, 2001.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 30, 2001 in Fairview Cemetery with the Reverend Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Luvisa Baxter-Bielby was born October 2, 1917 in Coal County, Oklahoma to George and Lottie Lowrey. She was reared and educated in Oklahoma. In 1934, she married Earl G. Baxter in Tupelo, OK. Two children were born of this union. They then moved to Midland County in 1939 until his death in 1958. In 1962, she married John Bielby in Midland, Texas. She was a member of Sun Country Baptist Church in Odessa, and the Rebekah Lodge.

Luvisa is survived by her son, John G. Baxter and his wife,

Mary, of Odessa, TX; her daughter, Karis K. Lewis and her husband, Jim, of Odessa, TX; her two grandchildren, Robert E. White and Cheryl Parrish; and her eight great-grandchildren.



Leo Blaschke

Leo Blaschke, 89, of Midland passed away Thursday, July 26, 2001 at Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, July 30 at the Second Baptist Church in Midland, with the Rev. H. W. Erwin Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

He was born January 26, 1912 in Schulenburg, Texas.

Mr. Blaschke lived in Odessa from 1947 to 1993. He worked as a tool pusher for Dillard and Walter, and retired from Tom Brown, Inc. in 1974. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Midland.

Survivors are his wife of 69

years, Ruby Blaschke of Midland; son, Leon A. Blaschke and wife, Sandy of Midland; daughter, Linda Kay Stark and husband, Bill of Lubbock; sister, Florene Love of Amarillo; eight grandchildren, Kelly Donner, Lacy King, Kara Blaschke, Paige Stark, Jonathon Stark, Jason Stark, Kelly Cockrell and Lori Flemons and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials maybe made to the Second Baptist Church "Continuing the Dream," in Midland.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

James (Jim) Murrell

Jim Murrell went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, July 26, 2001.

Jim was born September 2, 1953 in Dallas, Texas to Florence Foster Fowler and Leon William Murrell. He was reared and educated in Pasadena, Texas and attended UTPB in Odessa, Texas. He was an avid reader, loved to read his Bible and shared his learnings with the Kairos Prison Ministry. He was a big fan of softball, and at one time, he even coached softball. Jim touched the lives of everyone he met. He will be greatly missed by many.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 29, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Dana Wilson. A family visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 29, 2001 at the funeral home.

Left to cherish his memory is his son, James Kelly Murrell; one brother, Mark Murrell; one sister,

Doris Sue Bearden as well as many loving family and friends.

Jim, you were special in the hearts of all who knew you and your memory will be forever remembered.



Maddie Whittley

Maddie Whittley will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Rose Rev. Bill Palmer officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery of Thomas Funeral Home.

Born November 19, 1943 in Hillsboro, Texas she had lived in Midland all of her life, she was a Graduate of Carver High School. She died July 27, in Midland.

Survivors include her parents Tomas and Minnie Williams of Midland, six brothers, and six sisters; her Children, Belinda McDavid, Currey Williams, Timothy Marion, Kenneth Marion, Ann Clark, Tena Walker, and William Truit and 24 grandchildren all of Midland

Area briefs

Convention

ODESSA — The original West Texas Baptist District Association will convene in Odessa on Monday, July 30, through Friday, August 3, at the Holiday Inn Centre, 6201 East Business I-20. The Saint James Baptist Church, the Rev. R.T. McNeil, pastor, and the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, the Rev. J.W. Hanson, pastor, will serve as hosts.

The theme for this year is "Empowering God's People for the Challenges of the 21st Century." The sub-theme is "The Church — A Holistic Center in Facing the 21st Century." For more information, call 806-381-0866.

Grant awarded

The Abell-Hanger Foundation of Midland recently awarded a \$100,000 challenge grant to KOCV-TV, Channel 36, to aid the station in its federally mandated conversion to digital broadcasting. KOCV-TV, a PBS affiliate, is owned and operated

by Odessa College.

The Abell-Hanger grant requires the station to match the gift from donations before the end of two years. The grant coincides with fund-raising efforts the station currently is undertaking to secure nearly \$1,300,000 for new equipment necessary to allow the station to broadcast digitally by May 2003.

In addition to the digital conversion, which is required for all U.S. television stations, KOCV-TV will continue to broadcast its analog signal, according to FCC regulations, until 2006.

Anyone interested in supporting the Abell-Hanger challenge grant are encouraged to contact KOCV-TV at 580-0036.

Open house

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, Crockett Elementary will hold "Meet Ms. Cano Night" so that Crockett parents and students can meet the new principal, Ms. Dolores Cano, and the new teachers.

The activity will be held in the

patio area of the school at 401 E. Parker.

For more information, call Ms. Cano at 689-1430.

Power shut off

On Monday, July 30, TXU will cut off electrical power to Lee Freshman High School's main feed lines so the City of Midland may perform street repaving.

The power will be off during the school's business hours, requiring administrators and staff to relocate for the day.

The Lee Freshman administrators and staff will operate out of Lee Senior High School on Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents and other members of the public needing to conduct business with the Lee Freshman administrators or other staff should call Lee High at 689-

1600. Signs will also be posted on the school's doors about the temporary relocation of staff.

For more information, contact Lee Freshman principal Patrick Jones at 689-1250, or at Lee High on Monday at 689-1600.

Construction

Gist Avenue will be closed to through traffic between Terrell Street and Baird Street beginning Monday, July 30, at 8 a.m. for construction of this portion of roadway.

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Copper Reduction & Cancer
by John L. Davis, R.Ph., IACP
Tetrathiomolybdate (TM) is an FDA-approved medicine for reducing copper levels in the body. Researchers have known for years that the element copper, present in body tissues, is an important co-factor in angiogenesis, the growth of new blood vessels, which is critical to tissue growth. Copper reduction therapy has been hypothesized as one approach to inhibit tumor angiogenesis. After Dr. Sofia Merajver and colleagues at the University of Michigan showed that TM was extremely effective in preventing the development of overt mammary tumors in mice, they embarked on a clinical trial of TM in treating humans with progressive metastatic cancer, including cancer of the breast, cartilage, colon, endothelium, kidney, lung, pancreas, prostate, skin and throat. The patients tolerated TM extremely well, and experienced disease stabilization for periods of up to 21 months.

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By D. Lance L. Staff Writer

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COST: MISD has three-step process to determine needs

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from the outside, but serious help is needed.

"If you go out to the facilities, they look good, and they're maintained well," he said. "But some of the items we've been alluding to in a bond issue because we can't spend that kind of money out of our maintenance budget to do much more than maintain and continue those operations."

Superintendent Robert Nicks said the issue of renovations to secondary schools is needed, but the decision isn't his to make — the community must speak out.

"My responsibility is thoroughly describing our current facilities to the board and to the community, and then letting them know in my professional opinion, the areas of strength and the areas of weakness that we have," he said. "And then at that point, I've fulfilled my role. It will be up to the community and the board to come in and say, 'Mr. Superintendent, we want something done about that.' And then at that point, (my job is) working with the community and the board to determine what those facility improvements might look like."

Riggen also said a community outcry doesn't happen until serious problems occur.

"All they know is if water is dripping on their head, and if the air is cool," he said. "Otherwise, they don't care. When the water starts leaking on their heads and when they're not cool, they start going, 'Why don't they maintain this facility?'"

Of course, that's much easier said than done.

"It sounds like a very simple process, but in actuality, implementation of it is very complex in nature," Nicks said. "The last facility bond referendum addressed primarily the needs of elementary campuses, and it's evident to me, even not having had an opportunity to review all of the secondary campuses, that we have significant needs at that level."

Nicks said during his first days in office one of his top priorities was the elimination of portable buildings as classrooms. In the past 10 years, 14 portables have been added to MISD campuses — not because of a rise in enrollment (and therefore, in state funds), but because of a rise in the number of programs offered to students.

Maintaining MISD's facilities

Maintenance staff and supplies:	\$4,366,343
Transportation budget:	\$3,368,892
Security budget:	\$569,952
Phones and internet utilities:	\$365,000
Utilities (electric, gas, water, waste):	\$3,345,047
Average salary for maintenance worker:	\$29,467
Average salary for food service worker:	\$15,458
Average salary for transportation worker:	\$14,561

Nicks also said none of the budget for facilities can be cut at this time, and Riggen agreed. He said his budget, which consists of requests from principals as well as his own assessments, totals more than \$7 million for the upcoming year. And he said he may not get \$5 million.

"There are a lot of the projects that we're not doing that we should be doing," Riggen said. "For instance, we ought to be on a regular maintenance process for roof replacements. We have almost 3 million square feet of roofs. Our roofs, let's say — and this is wishful thinking — that they last 30 years. With three million square feet, I have to replace

100,000 square feet of roof a year. At about \$3.25 each, that's \$325,000 I need in my budget just for roof replacement. And some years, I don't get that."

Average salaries for maintenance workers at MISD is \$29,467, well above that of food service workers and transportation workers, which are \$15,458 and \$14,561, respectively. Many auxiliary workers say the scale is unfair, particularly when it comes to across-the-board raises.

"When the school system does the across-the-board raises, we're only seeing \$500 to \$600 raises, where administrative personnel see thousands of dollar raises, because of the percentages of our

incomes," said Walter Griffin, an assistant welder for MISD's school plant services. "I would like to see an across-the-board raise for personnel which is not a percentage raise."

Director of Transportation Services Willie Tarleton said the amount of training and certification required for bus drivers should warrant better pay. School bus drivers, who must have commercial drivers licenses, he said, often leave MISD for the trucking industry — and much better pay.

"A two or three percent cost of living raise just doesn't cut it when they're trying to raise a family," he said. "I would look at a true cost of living raise and I would take a good look at my competitors in the same entities and see what they're paying their people, to prevent so much turnover."

MISD, like most districts, uses a three-step process for determining facility needs. First, Nicks said, adjustments are made to existing facilities. Large storage closets are made into small classrooms, other classrooms are

expanded.

Then, schools begin to "float" teachers — have teachers moving from one classroom to another. Lastly, portables are added. That, Nicks said, is where the community usually gets involved. That is also the point where Nicks said MISD has now found itself, with 105 portables (at about \$32,000 each) district-wide and dozens of "floating" teachers.

"In terms of a short analysis of where we are in Midland ISD, they have already made the changes to existing facilities that can be made to accommodate additional programs and classes," he said. "We have already gerrymandered the scheduling to where we have as many teachers floating as we can squeeze into our buildings, and then we have begun the acquisition of portable buildings. So the real issue will be, when will the community say, '105 (portables) is enough, we need to turn that around and begin to work toward more permanent, appropriate facilities instead of relying on portables?'"

Odessa man facing sexual assault charges

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

ODESSA — An Odessa man was in custody Saturday after he allegedly raped a woman in East Odessa sometime late Thursday night or early Friday morning.

Timothy Gabriel Baiza, 21, who faces other charges for non-compliance with sex offender registration requirements, has been charged with aggravated sexual assault, a first-degree felony.

The 30-year-old female victim reported the assault at about 8 a.m. Friday. She told police she was staying with a friend, and the suspect gained entry to the home with the permission of the owner. Briefly after the suspect entered the home, he forcibly entered a room where he raped the woman, she told police. Shortly time later, the victim made her way out

of the home and reported the crime, she said.

Police responded to the home where the rape allegedly occurred, and found the owner who had been physically assaulted.

Witnesses revealed descriptions of the vehicle driven by the alleged suspect. Officers later responded on a minor accident at Carriage House Apartments located at 4306 North Dixie Boulevard later. Involved in the accident was the vehicle identified by witnesses as the one connected with the alleged sexual assault suspect.

Police obtained a search warrant from District Judge Jay Dickson to search an apartment where the suspect was located. Once inside the residence, police allegedly found a small amount of crack cocaine. Without a search warrant for the seizure of such substances, police went back to Judge Gibson

to obtain another warrant for seizure of drugs and illegal substances as such. Although, investigators used a police canine to detect more illegal substances,

none were recovered.

Police said evidence gathered by investigators prompted the arrest of Baiza for aggravated sexual assault. Bond has not been set.

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Youth Group and Children's Church Teacher. Kristen will attend Texas Tech University to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

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Book Notes

Harry Potter party

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Kids' books offer fun in the sun

By Sarah Nordgren and Zoe Ann Shafer
Associated Press

Melinda is entering her freshman year in high school without a friend in sight. All of her junior high pals ditched her after she called the police to end a raucous summer drinking party.

What her friends don't know — what even Melinda is having difficulty admitting to herself — is that she dialed 911 only after an older boy raped her on the lawn.

Melinda struggles to regain control of her life, and it's not easy.

Despite her grim subject, author Laurie Halse Anderson manages to create a convincing and even funny portrait of contemporary adolescent life, in **"Speak"** (Penguin, \$7.99 paperback, ages 12 and older).

First published in hardcover in 1999, **"Speak"** was a National Book Award finalist — and for good reason.

Patricia Polacco is one of those rare children's-book authors who can draw readers so closely into the narrative that adults and children alike feel their throats tighten in the emotion of the moment.

Her latest book, **"Betty Doll"** (Philomel, \$16.99, ages 4-8) is a letter written to Polacco by her cancer-stricken mother. It's not a grim book — rather, it's the story of a girl and her lifelong attachment to her handmade doll, Betty.

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The visitor, through a strong act of empathy, reminds the prince of the joys of life as a human — an act of kindness the prince later repays.

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Perhaps surprisingly, the moral of this story seems to be that wild creatures can, on occasion, be harnessed: Nutik lives happily ever after with his human keeper.

Reminiscent of the style of Dr. Seuss, **"I Saw the Sea and the Sea Saw Me"** (Viking, \$14.99, ages 2-6) is a fun-filled summer beach adventure.

Turquoise, yellow and red pages of boldly outlined illustrations accompany the rhyming text, which is based on a childhood experience of author-illustrator Megan Montague Cash. Reveling in the touch, taste and smell of the sea, the child of the story is having a great time.

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AWARDS: Special Olympics began in early 1960s

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young as 7 and as old as 70. Anyone who is interested in being a coach or an athlete is invited to participate in Special Olympics.

"I heard about the program over the news. They were looking for someone to help with a softball team and I volunteered. I've been hooked ever since it's just so much fun," Ms. Price said.

The concept for Special Olympics began in the early 1960s at a day camp for people with mental handicaps. Eunice Kennedy Shriver saw that people with these handicaps were capable of participating in sports. Ms. Shriver then coordinated the first International Special Olympics Games held at Soldier Field in Chicago.

Since the organization was

established, millions from around the world have participated in the program. The program continues to work toward its goal "for all persons with mental retardation to have the chance to become useful and productive citizens who are accepted in their community."

Other individuals honored at Saturday's event included:

■ Coach of the Year: Clara Edwards.

■ Volunteer of the Year: Doug Wilson.

■ Family of the Year: David and Barbara Edwards.

■ Outstanding Service from a Corporation: Bank United.

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■ Outstanding Service from Outreach: Mariah Flats.

■ Outstanding Service from Civic Leaders: Odessa Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee.

■ Outstanding Service in Public Education: Texas Tech Health Center.

■ Outstanding Service from Civic Service: Knights of Columns No. 101 of Midland; Knights of Columbus No. 202 Odessa and Fort Stockton.

■ Unified Partner Award: Chunky Hendrick.

■ Athletes of the Year were Royce Everett and Vernon Uhrig.

Department of Health reminding parents to get kids immunized

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Health is asking parents to add immunizations to the back-to-school to-do list.

Vaccines required at various ages for all children are polio, diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, Haemophilus influenzae type B, measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox and hepatitis B.

Because of a national shortage of adult tetanus and diphtheria vaccines, those vaccinations for children can be deferred from July 1 until Aug. 1, 2002, said Monica Gamez of the department's immunization division. The 10-year

booster is usually given to students at age 14. Children who attend school or child care in certain counties along the Texas-Mexico border are also required to get a hepatitis A vaccination.

The counties are Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala.

EVENT: Officers can download information in car

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belongs in your neighborhood," Ms. Ramey said.

Tuesday, August 7, is the official date for National Night Out, and with the current rash of criminal mischief in the Midland area, members of the MCPC like Ms. Ramey said the opportunity for Neighborhood Watch programs to manifest and develop is possible.

Meanwhile, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's Agent John Deering handed out pens and pencils informing youngsters of the dangers of consuming alcohol. He said the programs they conduct like the Cops in Shops Program helps

reduce the number of juveniles who get their hands on alcohol.

"We watch for kids using fakes ID's. We watch for sales to those of legal age who purchase alcohol for minors," Deering said.

Deering said when the TABC was developed in the late 1980's, there were 75-80 percent of stores violating alcohol sales laws. Today, Deering said only about 25 percent of stores were violating those laws. And that's part of what Deering's goals entail. Deering said education is the key to eliminating the alcohol violations.

"We help stores with the education. To educate, we use minor stings and Cops in

Shops," Deering said.

In addition to Cops in Shops, the commission helps with the Stop Alcohol Violations Early Program (SAVE) as well as a series of other programs aimed at deterring juvenile consumption of alcohol.

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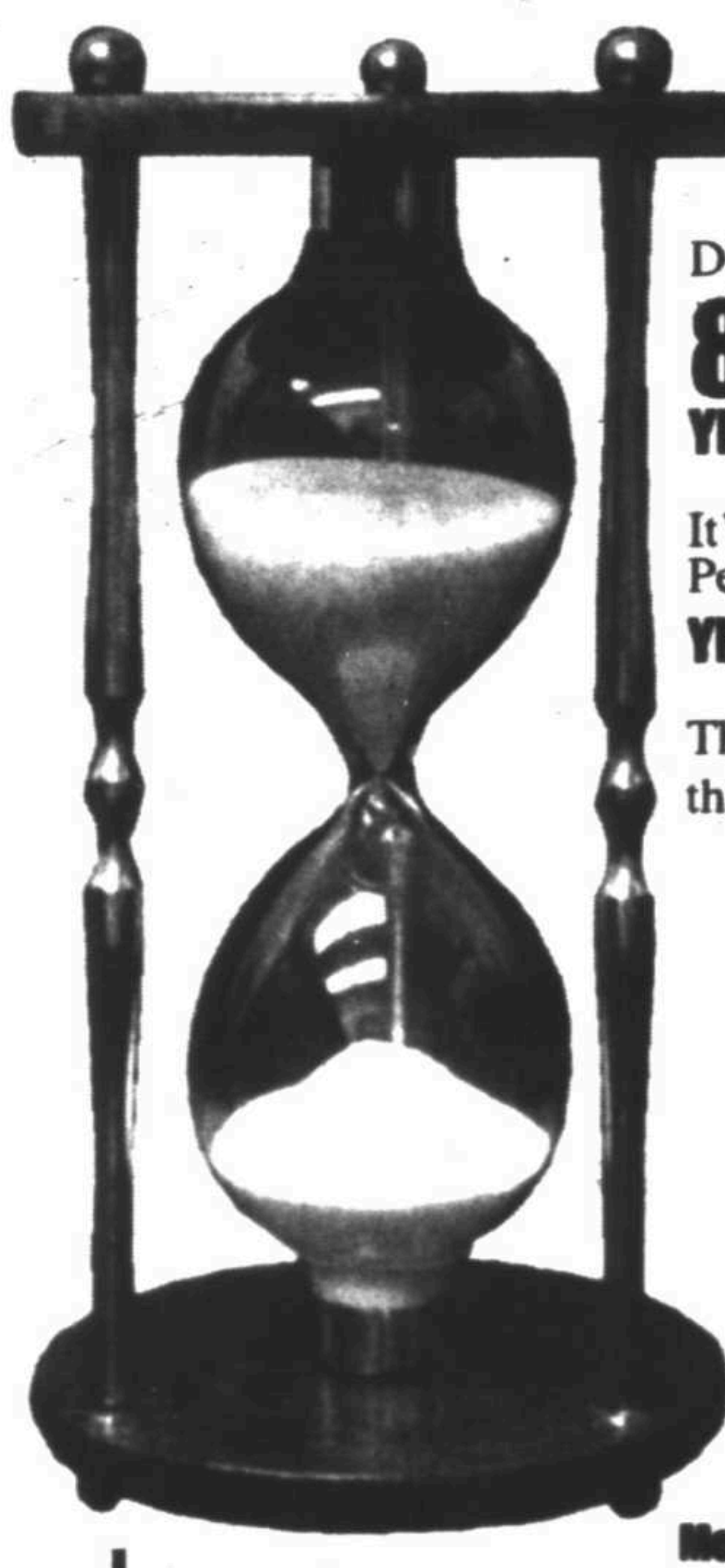
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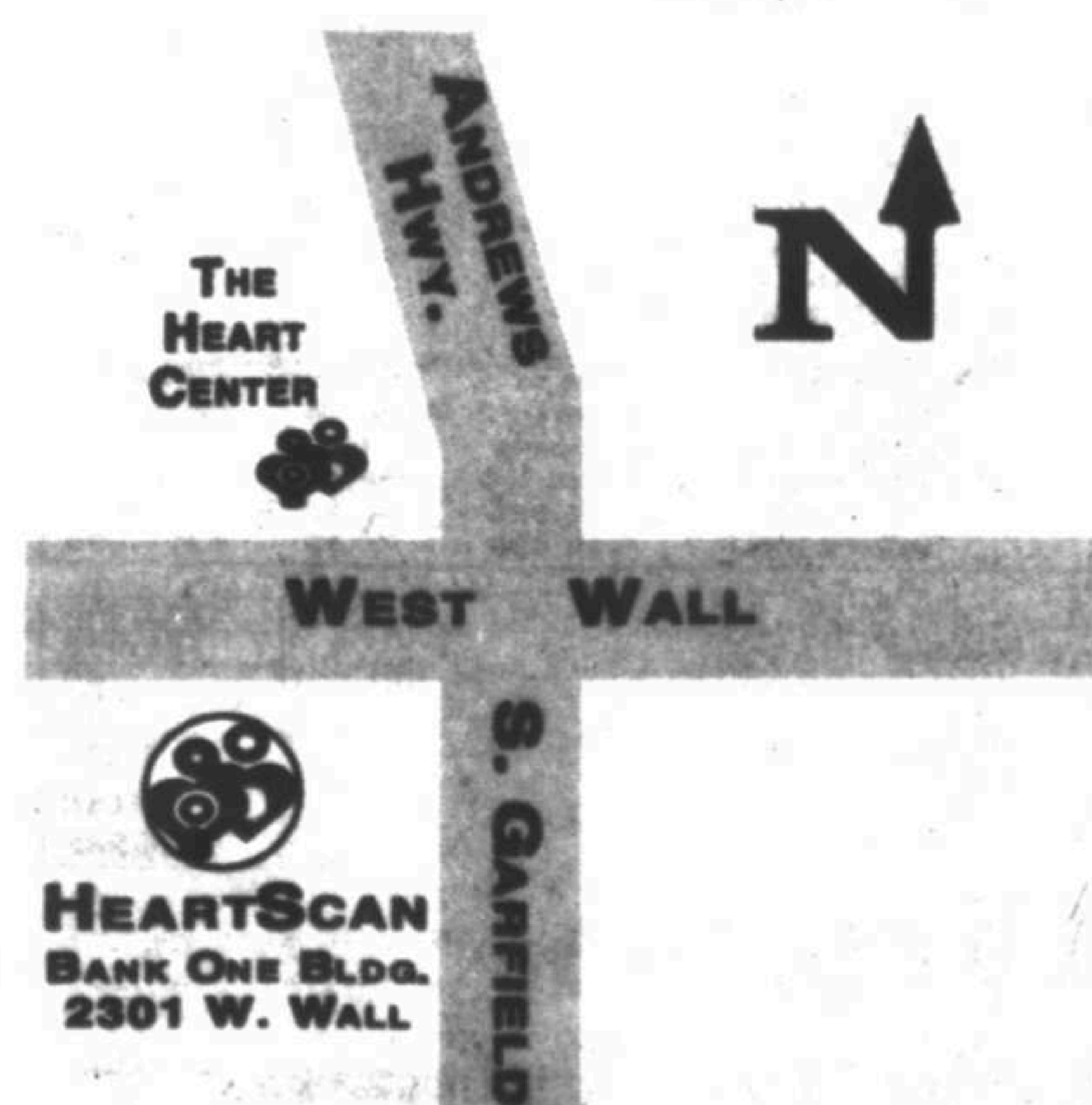
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Murders at millionaire's mansion still not forgotten, 25 years later

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Even a quarter century later, a shooting rampage at an oil tycoon's mansion continues to frustrate the prosecutors, anger the victims and intrigue the public.

Cullen Davis, then the wealthiest man ever to stand trial for murder, faced the death penalty in the slaying of his 12-year-old stepdaughter on Aug. 2, 1976. His estranged wife's boyfriend also was killed, and she and a family friend were wounded.

Despite several witnesses saying Davis was the disguised gunman, he was acquitted. Two years later, he was found innocent of hiring someone to kill the judge handling his divorce.

But the saga didn't end there. Developments through the years kept it fresh: Davis' well-publicized religious conversion in the early 1980s, and testimony in civil lawsuits filed by gunshot survivors. Several books about the case renewed the public's interest, as did the 1995 television miniseries "Texas Justice."

And earlier this year, new allegations surfaced that defense attorneys bribed an investigator in the prosecutor's office to reveal strategy.

"The case has got a life of its own," prosecutor Joe Shannon said recently. "It's got a little something for everybody: wealth, sex, drugs, murder. It runs the gamut of human experiences. It kind of never dies."

Shannon had been with the Tarrant County district attorney's office six years when he was assigned the Davis case, which was moved to Amarillo because of pretrial publicity.

Shannon felt he had a strong case even with some circumstantial evidence.

The day of the murders, a judge had approved Priscilla Davis' request to postpone the divorce trial. She already had been granted temporary custody of the couple's Fort Worth mansion, which Cullen recently had been barred from entering.

"We had all the physical evidence prior to hearing (Priscilla's) story. The blood types, the slugs, the bloodstains ... everything fit what she told us," Shannon said. "That was what I felt was damning to him."

Priscilla Davis testified that her estranged husband, wearing a wig, shot her and then Stan Farr, who died. Another witness testified seeing Cullen Davis shoot a family friend outside the mansion, Bubba Gavrel.

But after defense attorneys portrayed Priscilla as a drug-addicted, unfaithful wife who wanted to frame Cullen so she could get his millions in the divorce, Shannon was not surprised about the ensuing acquittal.

A year later Shannon decided to practice family law, which he did until returning to his job as a Tarrant County prosecutor in 1999.

Today, a couple of courtroom sketches from the 1977 trial hang in his office. Shannon says he remains frustrated by the verdict.

"In my opinion, the evidence clearly indicates he is guilty," Shannon said.

Steve Sumner had recently graduated from law school when he was chosen to lead the defense team's investigation.

"It was a monstrous responsibility for a young lawyer to assume that role with the stakes being as high as they were," Sumner said. "I'd say it

advanced my career about 15 years because it generated so much notoriety, and I was able to work with such good attorneys on both sides."

Sumner, who opened his own firm in Dallas in 1986, also defended Davis in the \$16.5 million wrongful-death lawsuit filed by Priscilla Davis over the slaying of her daughter, Andrea Wilborn. The 1987 suit ended in mistrial.

"The civil case was front-page news, almost like the (killing) had happened yesterday," Sumner said.

Davis now lives with his third wife in Colleyville, where he sells skin cream and other industrial products from his home and remains active in church. He has maintained his innocence through the years.

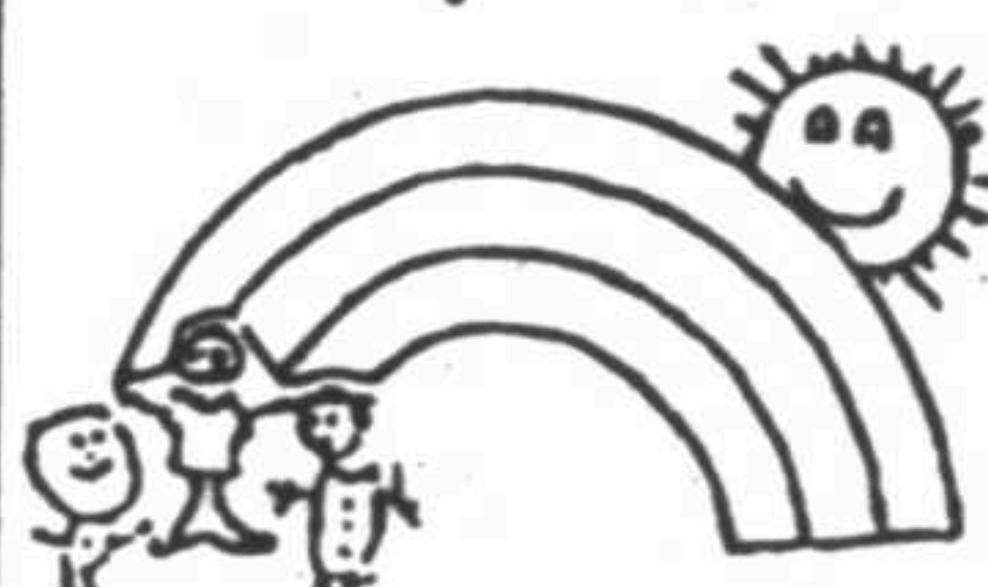
"You don't have to ask God to forgive you for something that you did not do," Davis told Texas Monthly magazine last year.

Sumner says he believes his client.

"I've probably had to ask that question more than anybody," Sumner said. "I knew the case better than anybody and also saw a lot of evidence that never made it to the public domain. ... A jury has never been able to convict him. Beyond that, I don't believe he did it."

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$7,135,555.69
Last year's debt taxes	\$276,888.61
Last year's total taxes	\$7,412,444.30
Last year's tax base	\$4,539,157.561
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.1633 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$7,403,923
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$5,102,558.337
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.14510 /\$100
X 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	\$0.14946 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function) tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures.	\$7,127,282
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$5,102,558.337
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.139681 /\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.150855 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.003999 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$0.154854 /\$100

MIDLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 2001

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE
If the Midland Community College District adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.14510 per \$100 of value taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$72,280.

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
UNRESTRICTED - CURRENT FUND	\$276,000
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$65,653

SCHEDULE B: 2001 DEBT SERVICE
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues.

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1996 Series Contractual Obligation Bond	\$245,000	\$26,995	\$0	\$271,995
Total Expenditures	\$245,000	\$26,995	\$0	\$271,995

Total required for 2001 debt service:
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A
- Amount (if any) paid from other sources
- Excess collections last year
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2001
+ Amount added in anticipation that unit will collect only 98% of its taxes in 2001
= Total Debt Levy

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 4631 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ronald I. Stegall
Title: Chief Appraiser
Date Prepared: JULY 26, 2001

2001 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN THE MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$7,413,227.29
Last year's debt taxes	\$0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$7,413,227.29
Last year's tax base	\$4,718,795.222
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.1571 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$7,403,732
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$5,359,759.770
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.13814 /\$100
X 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	\$0.14228 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function) tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures.	\$7,403,759
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$5,359,759.770
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.138136 /\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.149187 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.000000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$0.149187 /\$100

MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT 2001

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE
If the Midland County Hospital District adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.13814 per \$100 of value taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$71,768

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$5,527,823

SCHEDULE B: 2001 DEBT SERVICE
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues.

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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2001 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF MIDLAND

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for the City of Midland. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine the property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties used in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by law. The rates are given in per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$17,967,011.88
Last year's debt taxes	\$3,107,807.46
Last year's total taxes	\$21,074,819.34
Last year's tax base	\$3,237,299,437
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.6510 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$21,047,015
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$3,268,558,157
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.64392 /\$100
X 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	\$0.66324 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function) tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures.	\$17,959,703
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$3,268,558,157
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.549469 /\$100
X 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.593426 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.093067 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$0.686493 /\$100

CITY OF MIDLAND 2001

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE
If the City of Midland adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.64392 per \$100 of value taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$254,525

SCHEDULE A: UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND - EST	\$14,578,720
INTEREST AND SINKING FUND EST.	\$310,860

SCHEDULE B: 2001 DEBT SERVICE
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues.

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Certificates of Obligation 1995	\$380,000	\$151,350	\$400	\$531,750
Certificates of Obligation 1997	\$280,000	\$177,285	\$400	\$457,685
Certificates of Obligation 1998	\$58,295	\$37,732	\$400	\$96,427
General Obligation Refund 1998	\$865,000	\$137,872	\$400	\$1,003,272
General Obligation Refund 1999	\$273,760	\$190,639	\$400	\$464,800
Certificates of Obligation 2001	\$135,000	\$54,449	\$400	\$189,849
Total Expenditures	\$1,992,055	\$1,209,321	\$2,400	\$3,203,806

Total required for 2001 debt service:
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A
- Amount (if any) paid from other sources
- Excess collections last year
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2001
+ Amount added in anticipation that unit will collect only 98% of its taxes in 2001
= Total Debt Levy

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 4631 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Ronald I. Stegall
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Almost certainly everyone will agree that August provides the best star-gazing of the year! And the Summer Triangle, high overhead, is our best landmark in the August sky. Learn it and you will have no trouble discovering other starry night sights. It chases Hercules toward the west, with Bootes and the Corona Borealis before it.

The Big Dipper has twisted around deeply from Polaris to the northwest, and Cassiopeia is moving higher in the northeast, to form a tilted "W." Over in the east, the Great Square of Pegasus and Andromeda show the way to find the Andromeda Galaxy, over 2 million light-years away. Looking south, Scorpius and Sagittarius still fascinate our attention. The Milky Way arches up from north-northeast over to the south, filled with dazzling "clouds" of stars against a dark background, showing off with shooting stars, novae and other deep sky objects.

Mars still dominates the evening southern sky accompanied by its rival, Antares, the heart of the Scorpion. These are easily visible, even from town, but you'll need to get out to a dark country sky to spot blue-green Uranus with your unaided eye in the eastern tip of the constellation Capricornus. On its opposite edge, binoculars or a telescope will help you pick out grayish-green Neptune.

Mercury leaves our view for a while, passing behind the Sun on August 5 and returning to sight by the end of the month above the western horizon 30 minutes after

sunset.

But morning observers are greeted by a trio of planets. First up is Saturn, rising after midnight in mid-August in the constellation Taurus not far from the star Aldebaran. Venus is the next planet to appear, around 3 a.m., easily outshining all other celestial sights right into the dawn's early twilight. Then comes Jupiter peeking above the eastern horizon, climbing up to meet Venus.

August 4 will give us a full moon, sometimes known as the Grain Moon or Green Corn Moon. That must be much farther north, because the corn has been golden and delicious for some time now!

On the morning of the 5th and 6th, two great luminaries, Jupiter and Venus, will pass within 1 degree (this is about a finger's width at arm's length) of each other. To their upper right appears dimmer Saturn and orange Aldebaran, with bright Capella forming a triangle with them.

Overnight of the 11th and 12th, especially during the early morning hours, the Perseid meteor shower should be at its peak. Look toward the northeast in the constellation Perseus, where we will be encountering up to 50 an hour of these streaming ice and dust particles left over from the Comet Swift-Tuttle. However, viewing will be hampered by the last-quarter moon, which rises about midnight. August is the month for the best viewing of so called "shooting stars." In fact, the second half of the year is bet-

ter than the first half for spotting meteors streaking through the sky, sometimes as many as five to six an hour at any given time.

At dawn on the 14th, look for Orion (yes! the very same famous winter constellation) rising in the east. A diagonal line of objects—Saturn and Aldebaran, the Moon, Jupiter, and Venus, from upper right to lower left, all point the way toward it. Quite a photo-op sight!

By the 16th, another photo-op grouping will consist of Venus and the waning crescent Moon close together low in the east at dawn, with Jupiter to their upper right. Farther upper right are pale yellow Saturn and orangish Aldebaran.

At night on the 25th, the Moon continues to move into position to the upper right of Mars, with Antares between them. The next night, the moon shines between Mars on its lower left and Antares to its lower right. And by the 27th, Mars is now to the moon's lower right.

At the end of July, NASA's Genesis Mission was scheduled for launch on a Delta 2 from Cape Canaveral. What's so special about that? The Genesis will capture a piece of the Sun, samples of the ions and elements in the solar wind. This mission will bring those samples back to Earth in 2004 so that scientists can study the exact composition of the Sun and probe the solar system's origin. By this study, scientists will find clues to the formation of the solar system as we know it today.

The Planetarium starts a new show on August 3, "Creation of the Universe." This feature addresses the age-old question from 15 billion years ago up to present day scientific knowledge. Tim Ferris narrates this "detective story" for us to see back into time itself.

We often get calls from people who want to know where to buy a telescope. This month's QUESTION: How should a person choose a telescope or binoculars for use in the field of Astronomy? ANSWER: Don't rush into a purchase! First, visit your local planetarium or make contact with an astronomer's group (such as our local very fine West Texas Astronomers). They meet once a month on the second Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Planetarium. This gives the public an opportunity to discuss astronomy purchases with those who have been through the experience, sometimes by trial & error, but mostly through patient research of pertinent materials—catalogs, magazines, and the net. They also know about used equipment of fine quality for acquisition. There really aren't any local sources to buy something new.

If you don't do this, chances are your impulse purchase will spend most of its life in a very dark closet instead of out at a dark sky site. You will regretfully miss out on one of the most beautiful experiences of your life! Optics are most unforgiving. Eye piece diameter, aperture size, lens, and mirror quality are so very important. Surprisingly, quality isn't always costly and we can prove it. The right instrument retains most of its value and can last a lifetime. No other experience can match the reach of this hobby or profession!

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MANSION: Shooting continues to frustrate prosecutors

(From 6B)

Jack Strickland was a top death penalty prosecutor when he helped lead the state's murder-for-hire case against Davis in 1978.

Davis, who faced life in prison, was accused of hiring someone to kill his divorce court judge and a dozen others—including his younger brother and some witnesses who testified against him during the murder trial.

Strickland says FBI audiotapes, pictures and a videotape showed Davis looking at a faked photo of the judge dead and then paying his friend \$25,000 and giving him a handgun with silencer, allegedly to kill others.

Defense attorneys said the friend did most of the talking and, working with authorities, was trying to set up Davis.

A Houston jury deadlocked, resulting in a mistrial. In the second trial in 1979, moved back to Fort Worth, a jury found Davis innocent.

"People confused his wealth with innocence," Strickland said. "I think maybe the public is a little more perceptive, a little more cynical now."

Strickland left the district attorney's office in 1980 and since then has been a defense attorney in Fort Worth.

"I wish I had prevailed, but I don't think I'd be alive today if I had," Strickland said. "Cullen would have been a lot less forgiving."

Priscilla Davis died in Febru-

ary of breast cancer with few possessions, according to family and friends.

"I had a daughter killed. You never get over that. I also saw the person doing the shooting. I don't care what the verdict was. I live knowing that every day," she told The Dallas Morning News years ago.

Bubba Gavrel, who also was shot that night, reached an out-of-court settlement in his civil suit against Cullen Davis and cannot discuss the case.

Gavrel, who still has a bullet in his spine, remains paralyzed in his right leg and walks with crutches. He is married, has a daughter and is doing well, said his father, Gus Gavrel Sr.

The family has tried to put the case in the past, and no one broaches it anymore, the elder

Gavrel said.

"Time has faded it," Gus Gavrel Sr. said. "But ... don't let anybody kid you. He done every bit of it."

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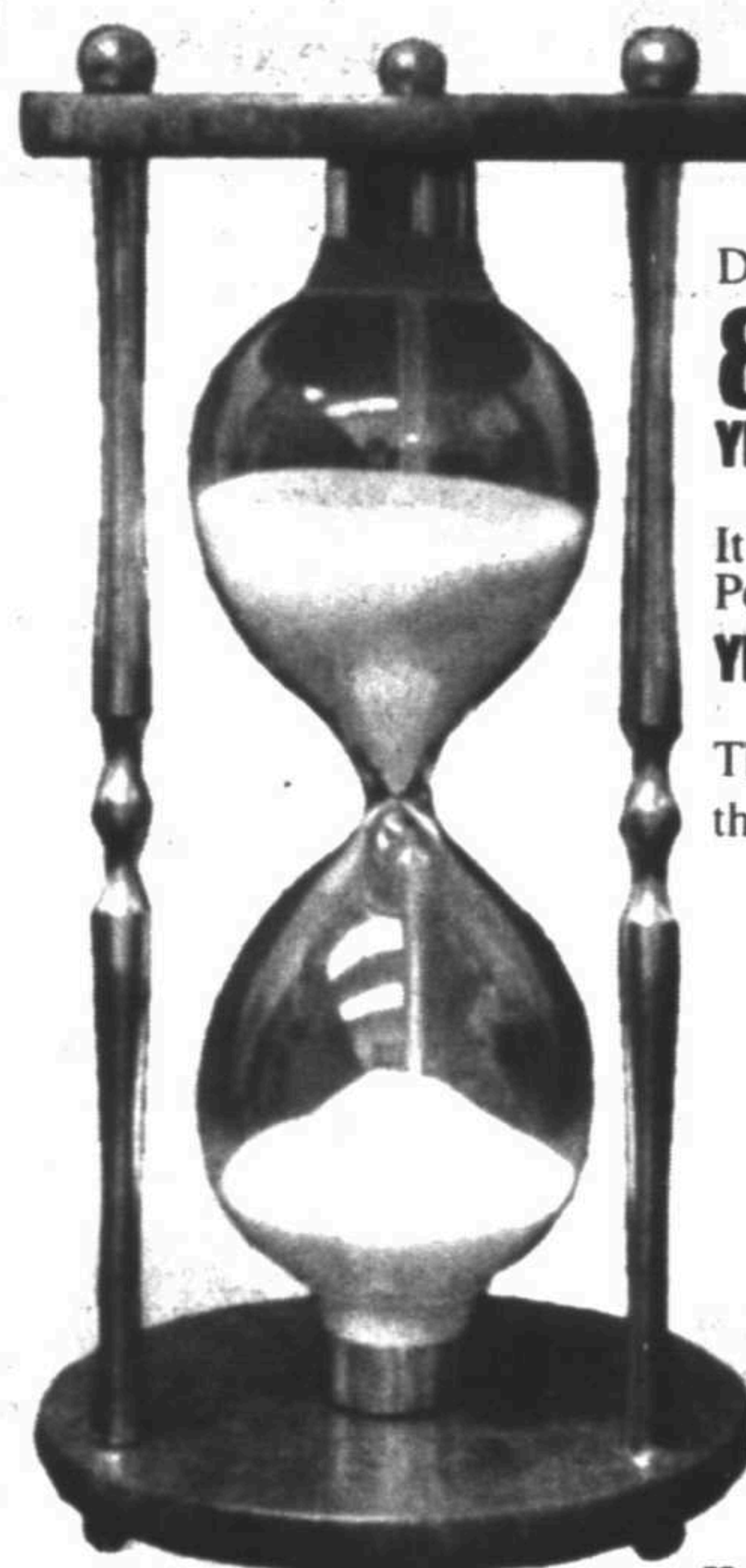
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ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

There's no hiding from the school year

By R. Eric Setzler

Most people are familiar with the old saying "In like a lion, out like a lamb" used to characterize springtime and the month of March.

Perhaps an appropriate saying for the beginning of the school year is "Feeling like a lamb being swallowed by a lion." As hot as the summer has been, it is no comparison for the pressure and strain often associated with starting school again. A more suitable phrase might be "Ready or not, here it comes — A brand new school year and a bottle of Tylenol."



Setzler

Midland's residents, businesses and schools are gearing up to provide its young people an opportunity to improve themselves and society through education. Appealing displays of clothes, backpacks, school supplies, lunch boxes, calculators and computers have been set up to entice the thousands of "Back to School" shoppers to part with their money. For the past few weeks, parents have tossed in their sleep and muttered five key words — "How can I afford it?" Looking for affordable bargains, these consumers will invade local stores and businesses with the same determination and attitude of armies of fire ants. Fortunately, great sales will help ease their pain.

Views of parents are mixed about the upcoming school year. Restless children have driven some adults crazy. They are eager to get the kids out of the house so they can get on with their lives. At Six Flags Amusement Park in Arlington last year, a young mother named Rosa had five young girls trailing after her like a mother quail and her chicks. While the kids were having a good time, Rosa obviously had her hands full. Standing in a long line, the young mother confided there were four more children at home. When asked if she was ready for school to start again, Rosa said with as much emphasis as possible, "Oh yeah!"

Other parents would disagree because they remember summer vacation as one of the best times of their childhood. They dislike the thought of having their families locked into a daily routine that limits the amount of time available with their children. Gina Speer, the mother of two elementary school children commented, "I hate to see the summer come to an end. I love being with my children, Ryan and Jill, spending family time and playing games. My kids use their imagination and don't get bored. Family activities don't have to be expensive either. Quality time can be going out into the yard, running around, playing baseball or building with Legos. During the school year, it's tough because of homework and other activities."

However, Gina Speer also understands why children need a good education and an early start for the school year. "There is more to learn today. For example, when I was a kid, I didn't have to take a foreign language. My children are growing up in a world economy driven by technology. The ability to use computers, math, science and foreign languages will be necessary to succeed in the business world of tomorrow."

Some students view the end of summer with reluctance because it represents a loss of freedom and "back to the old grind". They are anxious about their class schedules, new teachers, fitting in with the "in-crowd" and sometimes changing schools. Homework is almost universally disliked. Many kids and parents expressed frustration that teachers expected students to spend their time on schoolwork instead of more "interesting pursuits", such as school athletics or soccer clubs. Nearly everyone expressed concern about time needed to complete special "after school" projects, such as Science Fair, social studies, English, math, electives and so forth.

In the business of preparing young minds for the 21st Century, some young people resist having their minds "prepared" because they are happy with them the way they are now. Perhaps there is a little bit of Tom Sawyer in all of us. A former student who refused to let his name be used in this article said, "Summer rules and school drools."

Other students disagree. Sophomore Trevor Daniels will be attending Midland Christian. He remarked, "I am looking forward to playing football this year. It's going to be great getting to see my friends from last year."

For some educators, the summer break is never long enough. It takes that long to recharge. Many teachers have spent their so-called

"summer vacation" working to supplement their income. (They have to work in order to afford being teachers the rest of the year.) Others went back to school to become better-trained educators or to move into other professions. They spent the summer looking on the Internet or other resources for motivating lesson plans. Many administrators insist their teachers attend in-services and training sessions during the summer (although this time might not be directly compensated). However,

asking teachers to give more is nothing new. After all, it is for a good cause — our young people.

While some teachers feel the break is never long enough, several are chomping at the bit to get back to work. Some educators return to their campus days earlier than required to work on school projects, participate on committees and organize classrooms. They have trouble relaxing at home when there is so much to do. Enthusiastic teachers will tell family and friends, "I've got a big year

planned for my students."

The goal of a caring community is to throw open the doors of opportunity to its most valuable resource, the young people. Providing an education will allow them to run and not walk through the opening. Ready or not — The new school year is upon us. It's up to all of us to make sure this is the best year yet!

Eric Setzler is science department liaison for Abell Junior High.

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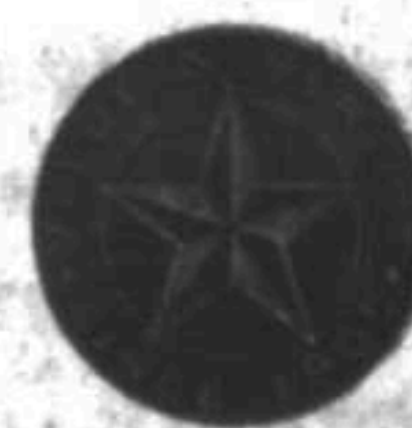
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Section C
Midland Reporter-Telegram
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Arms cons

By Michael McLean
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — It started ended with a hands-on Lance Armstrong in the Tour de France stages. And by — and a third straight — Armstrong's tough hand, acknowledging week to go. "I tried everything, est weakness, but L fan Ullrich of Germany shook his hand at L

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By Jay Pedersen
Sports Writer

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By Michael A. L

AP Sports Writer

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Section C
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Scoreboard/3C

Armstrong ready to claim third consecutive Tour de France title

By Michael McDonough
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — It started with a defiant look and ended with a handshake. Lance Armstrong's almost certain victory in the Tour de France took just five mountain stages. And by the time he was through — and a third straight title seemed assured — Armstrong's toughest rival extended his hand, acknowledging defeat with a whole week to go.

"I tried everything to seek out the slightest weakness, but Lance didn't have any," Jan Ullrich of Germany said. "That's why I shook his hand at Luz-Ardiden. For me, the

match was over."

On Sunday, along the Champs-Elysees, that will surely be the case. And the rider whose body was ravaged by cancer five years ago will be a champion again.

Armstrong moved a step closer to victory Saturday when he finished with the main pack in 30th place, trailing stage winner Erik Zabel of Germany.

Armstrong led Ullrich by 6 minutes, 44 seconds, in the standings. He finished this 93-mile run from Orleans in the same time as Zabel — 3:12:27.

The contest opened for real in the Alps, where Armstrong arrived trailing the overall leader by 22 places.

The big deficit sprang from an earlier stage between Colmar and Pontarlier in which the favorites, including Armstrong, allowed a group of lesser-known riders to break from the main pack and build a lead of nearly 36 minutes.

As Armstrong headed into the mountains halfway through the Tour, fans anxiously looked for a sign that he had the race under control. Their worst fears seemed to come true when the two-time champion grimaced in apparent agony and trailed Ullrich all the way from Aix-les-Bains to the foot of L'Alpe d'Huez.

With one of the hardest climbs in cycling Please see TOUR/6C



Overall leader Lance Armstrong of Austin, left, and second-place Jan Ullrich shake hands Saturday prior to the start of the 19th stage of the Tour de France between Orleans and Evry, south of Paris.

TAAF GAMES OF TEXAS

Pitching wins gold medals

Shockers win with strong mound work

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

They say pitching wins championships. The Shockers got plenty of it this weekend.

The Shockers, who are mostly from Coahoma, didn't allow a run throughout the 18-under girls competition during the TAAF Games of Texas Friday and Saturday at the MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park. They got shutout pitching from two Midland girls: Mandy Hacker, who tossed a 1-hitter in a 7-0 win over the Odessa Black Cats in the championship game, and from Sarah Lemons. Those two pitched two pool games and three bracket games — all shutouts.

The dominance wasn't a surprise for Lemons. Asked if she expected her team to do that well:

"Yes," she said. "That sounds mean, but yes, it's confidence in this team."

Lemons is a Midland Christian product, and Hacker is a Midland Lee product. The team is listed as being from Coahoma because four of the nine players on the roster for the tournament are from Coahoma: Brandie Hart, Ashley Lang, Kortney Kemper and Kennie Kae Buchanan. Big Spring's Erica Stewart and two other Lee girls — Erin Evans and Katy Cheser — complete the roster.

Those other girls provide some pretty good defense behind the pitchers.

"Me and Sarah do the pitching," Hacker said, "and we have a strong defense behind us."

"We're a team that pulls together," said Hart, who hit a grand slam in the team's earlier 12-0 win over Triple-T. "We've got an outstanding defense and a dominant offense. Mandy Hacker can throw the ball



Briana Bernal of 2-Xtreme scores while Team Blast's Katherine Brown is attempting to catch the softball Saturday during the TAAF Games of Texas tournament.

Please see TAAF/8C

Cowboys wish Sanders well on retirement

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

WICHITA FALLS — Deion Sanders and Troy Aikman, not exactly pals when they wore the silver and blue of the Dallas Cowboys, could be reunited in 2006 wearing the yellow jackets of Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees.

"It would look good, two Cowboys, that's the way I look at it," said safety Darren Woodson. "Whatever differences they might have had, they were two great players."

Players become Hall of Fame

candidates after five seasons away from the NFL. With Sanders retiring Friday and Aikman calling it a career in April, the countdown has begun.

Michael Irvin, a close friend to both Sanders and Aikman, also could be on the same ballot. He'll be eligible starting in 2005, but because he'll be a controversial nominee there's the chance he'll still be waiting when his former teammates come under consideration.

Cowboys coach Dave Campo said Sanders' retirement is "a sad day for the NFL." Campo was the defensive coordinator the five seasons Sanders was in Dallas and he calls Prime Time the best player he ever coached.

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Wood's victory total in question

Associated Press

ABILENE — Texas' winningest high school football coach may not have as many victories as previously thought, the Houston Chronicle and the Abilene Reporter-News reported in their Sunday editions.

Gordon Wood, who spent 43 years coaching eight different Texas high school football teams before retiring in 1985, has been credited with 405 career victories. But new research suggests Wood actually had as few as 394 wins.

"I don't care if they say I had 390 wins, because after I quit I had more than any other coach in the nation, and I had nine state championships," Wood said.

Wood, a graduate of Wylie High School in Abilene, coached his first high school team in Rule in 1940 and his last in Brownwood in 1985.

While the revelation doesn't change Wood's winning status, it does make the record more approachable for his nearest com-

petitor, G.A. Moore. With 374 wins, the coach at Class 2A Celina is still active and has a career winning percentage of .834.

"Gordon is still the guru, the icon, and deservedly so," said Dave Campbell, the founding editor of Texas Football magazine.

The discrepancy was discovered by researchers working on "King Football: Greatest Moments in Texas High School Football History," which is scheduled to be published this fall by Epic Sports.

They found Wood's career coaching record actually was 396 — nine fewer victories than the mark with which he generally has been credited.

Meanwhile, Joe Lee Smith, an unofficial record-keeper for Texas high school football since the 1960s, said records show Wood had 394 victories.

"I've known this for 15 years," said Smith, a former sports information director at Lamar University. "I never brought it to the fore-

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Griffey frustrated by hamstring

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. is frustrated by his torn left hamstring. He's unhappy that the Cincinnati Reds are trading players to cut payroll.

He's not sure whether the injury will allow him to finish the sea-

son, and he's not entirely sure the leg will ever fully recover from two tears in the same hamstring.

Griffey's second season with his hometown team started badly and isn't getting any better.

"This year has been messed up for me from Day 1," Griffey said

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Astros bullpen strengthened around power combination of Wagner, Dotel

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — When Billy Wagner runs in from the outfield bullpen at Enron Field, the throb of Metallica's "Enter Sandman" and a fearsome video warn hitters that some unimaginable horror is approaching the mound.

While the theme song that accompanies Octavio Dotel's arrival is more subdued, he brings a pitching arsenal that can be just as devastating.

With matching 98- to 100-mph fastballs and improving breaking pitches, Wagner and Dotel have turned the Houston Astros' relief corps from the team's weakest link last season to one of its strongest.

The tandem has been so good that manager Larry Dierker says: "We've tried to reduce it to a seven-inning game."

Wagner has made a superb comeback from elbow surgery that forced him to miss the final 1 1/2 months of last season.

He recorded saves in 23 of his first 24 opportunities this season, helping him earn a spot on the NL All-Star team.

Not only has the left-hander regained the form

that got him 39 saves and Fireman of the Year honors in 1999, he believes he's better than he was before the surgery.

"I think it's because I'm more confident in throwing all my pitches, especially my slider," he said. "I had it in years past, but now I know when to use it and I'm confident when I do."

Wagner used to enter games to the tune of George Strait's "The Fireman." That fit Wagner's country boy image, but it wasn't menacing.

Now he's wondering if his new introduction is too intimidating. It includes a video of Wagner shaking off a breaking pitch in favor of a fastball, then the ball exploding into fire as it reaches the catcher.

"The fans like it, but I don't ever see it," Wagner said. "I know that the hitters don't need any more incentive against me. I try to break their incentive and that probably doesn't help."

"If they want to make it a circus, I don't know. I expect a laser light show next."

Dotel has become an outstanding late-inning companion for Wagner. Heading into the weekend, the right-hander had allowed one earned run in his last 25 1-3 innings.

Originally, Dotel went to the bullpen as a demotion. He'd started 16 games last season and was in the rotation to start this season until inf-

fectiveness cost him his spot.

At first, he wanted to return to a starting role. Now, he realizes his future is in relief.

"I like it because I have just one thing to do," Dotel said. "When it gets to the seventh inning, I'm thinking of the eighth. I'm better with my control and I'm more comfortable."

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said Dotel reminds him of Wagner in his early days.

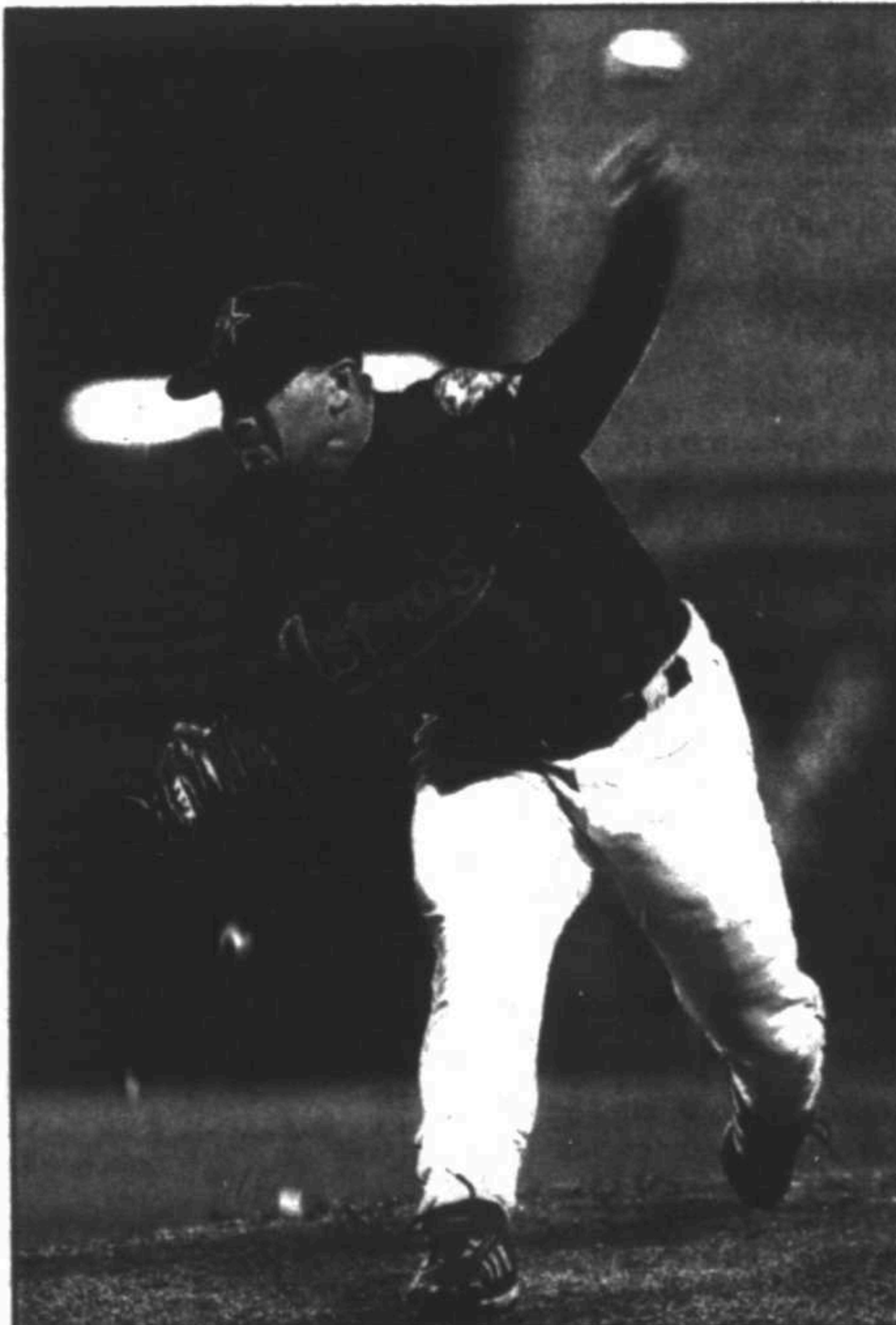
"Billy was a starter with command problems, not only with his fastball, but also his secondary pitches," Hunsicker said. "He was more the power mentality."

"Dotel was a similar kid with a power arm and command problems. We felt he'd make a quicker impact as a reliever and the learning curve wouldn't be as long."

"Billy's made remarkable progress in the use of his breaking ball in crucial situations and that's a huge step forward for him in being a long term success," he continued. "I think Dotel sees that in Wagner and he's using his breaking ball very effectively. I think Billy's been a real help to Dotel."

Although Wagner feels comfortable having Dotel in front of him, he thinks going from one hard thrower to another makes it easier on hitters. Wagner prefers following Mike Jackson

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Houston Astros relief pitcher Billy Wagner delivers a pitch during the ninth inning against the Chicago Cubs last week in Houston at Enron Field.

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Tour de France

By The Associated Press

At Every, France

19th (Prestigious) Stage

92.84 miles from Orleans to Evry

1. Erik Zabel, Germany, Team Telekom, 3 hours, 12 minutes, 27 seconds.

2. Stuart O'Grady, Australia, Credit Agricole, same time.

3. Romaine Vaiskalis, Latvia, Dom's Farm, same time.

4. Sven Teutenberg, Germany, Festina, same time.

5. Jan Svorada, Slovakia, Lampre, same time.

6. Alessandro Petacchi, Italy, Fassa Bortolo, same time.

7. Damien Nazon, France, Bonjour, same time.

8. Alexei Sivakov, Russia, Biglat, same time.

9. Christophe Capelle, France, Biglat, same time.

10. Jimmy Casper, France, Francaise des Jeux, same time.

11. Jose Enrique Gutierrez, Spain, Kalm, same time.

12. Francois Simon, France, Bonjour, same time.

13. Paolo Bettini, Italy, Mapei, same time.

14. Ludovic Auger, France, Biglat, same time.

15. Michael Blaudz, Denmark, CSC Tiscali, same time.

16. Vlashevskiy, Russia, U.S. Postal Service, same time.

17. Lance Armstrong, United States, USPS, same time.

18. George Hincapi, United States, USPS, same time.

19. Bobby Julich, United States, Credit Agricole, same time.

20. Victor Hugo, Colombia, USPS, same time.

21. Roberto Heras, Spain, USPS, same time.

22. Tyler Hamilton, United States, USPS, 41 seconds behind.

23. Jose Luis Rubiera, Spain, USPS, same time.

24. Sten Kjaergaard, Norway, USPS, same time.

25. Kevin Livingston, United States, Team Telekom, 57 seconds behind.

26. Overall Standings

1. Armstrong, 82:20:00

2. Jan Ullrich, Germany, Team Telekom, 5:44 behind

3. Joseba Beloki, Spain, Once, 9:05

4. Andrei Kivilev, Kazakhstan, Colfide, 8:55

5. Igor Gonzalez Galdeano, Spain, Once, 13:28

6. Francois Simon, France, Bonjour, 17:22

7. Oscar Sevilla, Spain, Kalm, 18:30

8. Santiago Botero, Colombia, Kalm, 20:35

9. Marco Serrano, Spain, Once, 21:45

10. Michael Boogerd, Netherlands, Rabobank, 22:38

11. Heras, 30:44

12. Rubiera, 1:21:41

13. Livingston, 1:24:31

14. Hincapi, 2:05:46

15. Elomov, 2:17:04

16. Hamilton, 2:31:35

17. Kjaergaard, 2:37:24

Texas League

By The Associated Press

At A Glance

Western Division

San Antonio 12 15 595

El Paso Rock 15 22 405

Midland 15 22 405

X-Road 13 24 351

Tulsa 28 11 703

Wichita 24 13 649

X-Arkansas 16 21 432

Shreveport 12 25 394

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Saturday's Games

Arkansas 10, Wichita 3

Rock 4, El Paso 8

Midland 4, San Antonio 1

Tulsa 5, Shreveport 1

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Major League Baseball

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Standings

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

New York 63 41 606

Boston 59 44 573

Toronto 48 57 457

Baltimore 30 60 417

Tampa Bay 34 70 327

Cleveland 60 43 582

Minnesota 60 44 577

Chicago 51 51 500

Detroit 44 58 431

Kansas City 45 58 394

West Division

Seattle 75 29 721

Oakland 55 49 529

Texas 52 51 505

Los Angeles 45 58 437

National League

East Division

Atlanta 59 45 567

Philadelphia 57 47 548

New York 48 57 457

Montreal 45 60 429

Central Division

Chicago 60 43 582

LOCAL SPORTS

Boosters...

The Midland High School Booster Club will meet in the MHS cafeteria Thursday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.

Tickets...

Current option holders season ticket sales for MISD football games continue through Aug. 3. All tickets not picked up by Aug. 3 will return to the athletic department.

Midland High School season ticket sales will be sold to the general public Monday, Aug. 3 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., will continue through Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Robert E. Lee High School ticket sales for qualified parents (who currently do not hold an option on season tickets) and qualified students, who will receive a card for parents to bring to the athletic office that will allow them to purchase two season tickets will be from Thursday Aug. 16 to Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lee tickets will be sold to the general public from Thursday, Aug. 23 to Friday, Aug. 24 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Greenwood ISD is renewing football reserve seats for the 2001 season through Aug. 10. Reserve seats will be open to the public on Aug. 13. For more information, contact Donna Smith in the school administration office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 683-6461.

Camps...

The Midland College Lady Chaps Basketball Camps will be a Fundamental Camp at 1-5 p.m. July 30-Aug. 2, and Shooting Camp, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Aug. 3-4. For more information and brochure call Ron Jones at 685-4581.

A Gymnastics Camp will be held through Aug. 10 at Midland Gymnastics Center. The one-week sessions will be held over 10 weeks from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekly field trips are included. Cost is \$75 per week. For more information, call Blake Hughes at 682-4113.

The Cat Heifner Softball Camp will be held Aug. 1-3. On Aug. 1-2 the sessions are from 6-9 p.m., and then Aug. 3 in one-hour sessions at 6 p.m. (10-under and 16-18) and 7:30 p.m. (11-15). The camp will be held at the MUGS Complex. Join Coach Cat Heifner, Angelo State University coach Kathy Rodolph and Midland College coach Tommy Ramos for three days of great softball skill building. Cost is \$85 for Aug. 1-2, 1005 for Aug. 1-3 and \$35 for Aug. 3 only (pitching or catching session). For more information call 915-694-5508.

The 2001 Midland College Basketball Camp for grades 3-12 is July 30-Aug. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon at the P.E. gymnasium on the Midland College campus. Cost is \$75. Please make checks payable to Junsie Cotten and send to: Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Tx., 79705. For more information contact Coach Cotten at 685-4578.

Basketball...

Mid America Youth Basketball National Tournament for boys and girls in grades 4-12 will be in the Wichita, Kan., area Aug. 3-5. More than 300 teams from throughout the U.S. will participate. Call 316-284-0354 or www.mayb.com for additional information.

The San Angelo 3-on-3 Championships is Aug. 4 with men's and women's divisions. Enter by Aug. 1. Entry fee is \$30 per team (five player limit). The tournament is double elimination. Just show up to enter.

Softball...

The Diablos Classic men's tournament is set for Aug. 10-12 in Seminole. The entry fee is \$150 per team, and the deadline is Aug. 7. There is a \$1,000 prize for first place. For more information, call 758-1055.

There is a men's fastpitch tournament team being formed in Midland. The West Texas Rebels are currently looking for players to fill the team. The team will be competing in tournaments across Texas and New Mexico as well as state and national tournaments. If interested, please call 915-520-7886.

The Midland Softball Association is hosting the 2001 USSSA Men's Class D World Championship Tournament at the Bill Williams Softball Complex Sept. 13-16. USSSA registration required. More than 100 teams from all over the U.S. are expected. Call 915-699-5559 to enter or visit www.pbussa.com for more info.

West Texas USSSA is hosting the men's Class E Slowpitch State Tournament in Snyder Aug. 10-12. Entry fee is \$150 is due Aug. 6. For more information, call (915) 573-6862 or 573-4332.

The 1st LULAC Men's Softball Tournament is Aug. 3-4 at Vest Park Field in Kermit. Entry fee is \$120 for teams with 12-15 players. There is a 16-team limit. Contact Angie Robledo at 915-758-1573 or (cell) 806-346-0556, Saul Alvarado at 586-9754, or Terry Pando at 586-5293.

The First New Breed Softball Tournament at the Cotton Mize Softball Field in Big Spring Aug. 24-26. Entry fee is \$115. For more information contact: Abel Rios at 263-1391 or 661-4898 or Amador Rios at 728-3582 or 725-0161.

The Third Annual San Angelo Summer Open Classic is Sunday, Aug. 5 at the Rio Concho Softball Complex. Entry is \$125 per team (14-man roster). Proceeds to help benefit the San Angelo Chaparrals of the Texas Professional League. To enter 915-223-1309.

Tennis...

The Pacesetters Junior Tennis Program, designed to develop competitive players at the junior high and high school level is now offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. and some weekends at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. For out of town guests there will also be two weekends a month offered. For more details call 580-8929 or 570-6245 and ask for Luis Valdez.

The USA 1-2-3 Junior Tennis Program, designed to develop the basics of tennis is now offered Tuesdays, Thursdays and some weekends at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. For out of town guests there will also be two weekends a month offered. For more details call 685-1716 or 580-8929. Ask for Toni Thrash or Luis Valdez.

Midland Tennis Center is accepting membership dues. Members are allowed to participate in MTC tournaments and use the Midland College Tennis Center year round. MTC dues are as follows: adults \$50, juniors (18 or younger as of 1-1-01) \$30, family \$125.

The Permian Basin Grand Prix Tennis Circuit competition will hold six tournaments for four levels (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Open); Aug. 10-12, Odessa College (335-6800); Aug. 24-26, Odessa Country Club (550-0898); Sept. 7-9, Odessa College (580-8929); Sept. 29-30, state tournament in New Braunfels. Entry deadline is the Monday preceding that tournament. For more information, call (915) 335-6800, 580-8929 or 570-6245.

The Odessa College Tennis Center is hosting the Scoop It Up tennis rally on Aug. 18. It's a modified version of tennis that anyone can play on the very first day with no prior experience for those in grades 3-9 and their parents. The fee is \$5 per player due by Aug. 16. Registration is from 11 a.m. to noon on the day of the rally. For more information, call 580-8929 or 570-6245.

Golf...

Gaines County Golf Club in Seminole has the following tour-

naments: Aug. 2, 2-lady scramble; Aug. 4-5, 3-man, 2 low ball; Aug. 9, GCGC Softie; Aug. 18-19, 2 Jacks, 2 Jills, two-couple scramble; Sept. 8-9, 3-man scramble; Oct. 20-21, Over 80-2-man scramble. Entries will be taken 30 days in advance. For information on any of these events, call 915-758-3808.

The 21st Annual Green Tree Ladies Golf Association Spree is scheduled for Aug. 1 at Green Tree Country Club. The tournament is a two-lady best ball format with teams flighted by the lowest handicap with a maximum handicap of 10 strokes and and maximum individual handicap of 30 allowed. The field is limited to 48 teams. Entry fee is \$50 per person and \$100 per team but only \$40 per person if they provide their own carts. For information, call Tracy Youngs at 697-7496 or Sharon Walker at 522-5005.

Sweetwater Country Club is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Price Daniel Unit Golf Tournament to benefit Special Olympics on Aug. 6. The tournament is a four-man scramble and you are expected to bring your team (A,B,C, D) players. Cost is \$50 per player with cart and \$40 per player without cart. Deadline to enter is July 31. Price also includes green fee and meal. Send entry fees to the Price Daniel Unit, 938 S. F.M. 1673, Snyder, Texas, 79549, c/o Connie Rushing. Make checks payable to Area 14 Special Olympics.

The 10th Permian Basin Open Golf Tournament, to be held Aug. 13-19 at The Club at Mission Dorado, is needing more than 350 volunteers to work in all areas. Volunteer information and applications can be obtained by calling 561-4533.

The fifth annual West Texas Safety Training Center tournament is scheduled for Aug. 10 at Hogan Park. The format is a four-man scramble with an entry fee of \$300 per team. For more information, call 563-3067.

Nueva Vista Golf Club is hosting a two-person low ball tournament on Aug. 11 with tee times starting at 10 a.m. Cost is \$100 to enter and players must have a verifiable handicap to enter.

Big Spring Country Club is pleased to present the 2001 Guys and Gals Couples Golf Tournament. It is a two-day, two-person scramble Aug. 11-12. Entry fee is \$130 plus cart fee per team. Call the pro shop at 915-267-5354 to enter.

Two sponsor exemptions to play in the Permian Basin Buy.com golf tournament will be awarded to the two lowest qualifiers, Monday July 30 at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Any one interested in playing should be at Ranchland Hills, 1600 E. Wadley, before 8 a.m. Monday. The entry fee is \$150. For more information call Ranchland Hills at 682-2041.

Running...

The Permian Basin Road Runners Club is a non-profit, educational organization for runners living in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico. The club, which promotes distance running as a helpful exercise and a competitive sport, is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and the Athletics Congress. Membership is open to all runners, joggers or walkers, regardless of experience. The club sponsors monthly fun runs, specialized training, group runs and runs for charity. For information, call Penny Wasem at 697-6391. Web site is www.pbr-rc.com.

The Permian Basin Road Runners Club is sponsoring the Prude Ranch Races in Fort Davis on July 29. There will be a 5K, 10K and 1/2 marathon. The start will be at McDonald Observatory and the finish for all races will be at Prude Ranch. For information, contact Penny Wasem at 697-6391 or Ginger Stanley at 683-7446.

The Young Lawyers Association will be directing the Rocket Docket 5K run and 10K relay run in Midland on Aug. 11. Start and finish will be Memo-

rial Stadium. For information, contact Robert Crumpler at 686-5116.

Swimming...

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

Midland YMCA will be offering swimming lessons for children and adults. Private lessons are available upon request. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

The Central YMCA is offering arthritis water exercise classes. Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at varying times during the day. For more information call Leaf Faller at 682-2551.

Cycling...

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets monthly — at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month — at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602. Rides are held weekly, including Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m., fast/hard ride from corner of Loop 338 and State Highway 191 in Odessa; Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's Bikes in Midland (beginner's ride); Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's (medium and fast paced groups); Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from Loop 338 & Highway 191 in Odessa; Sunday at 7:30 a.m., breakfast ride from Golden Corral in Odessa; Sunday at 2 p.m., Flag Ranch Ride Mountain Bike Ride. Membership dues are \$25 or \$30 for a family. Call Peyton's Bikes at 699-1718 for more information.

Soccer...

The Midland Soccer Association Fall Signup is now open through July 29. Players must be 4 years of age by July 31. Fee is \$45 with discounts for families registering more than 2 players. Super Signup Day at the MSA office is 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on July 28 and 1-5 p.m. on July 29. Late signup will run July 30 through 2 p.m. Aug. 3. New players must present a copy of birth certificate. MSA fall season begins Sept. 8 and runs through Oct. 27.

Walking...

Midland Walkabout AVA Club is a new club to Midland and meets every fourth Monday of the month at the Midland Public Library in the upstairs meeting room at 7 p.m. AVA is the American Volkssport Association and is a walking club for all ages and levels of walking. The club will have the opportunity to take sanctioned walks all over Texas. Jack Rogers is the president and can be contacted at 570-0869.

Physicals...

All athletes entering the 7th-12th grades at Midland public schools will need to pass physical examinations before they can participate in sports during this school year. The following times have been set up for both boys and girls to get those physicals for the small fee of \$10: athletes who are entering Midland High or any of its feeder schools, 5-8 p.m. on July 30 at Goddard Junior High; athletes who are entering Lee High or Lee Freshman, 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 1 at the Lee High School field house; and athletes who are entering Alamo or Abell Junior Highs, 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 2 at Alamo Junior High. Abell Junior High is asking seventh and eighth graders to report for schedule and equipment pickup. Eighth graders report from 6-8 p.m. to the Abell gym on Aug. 6 and seventh graders report from 6-8 p.m. on Aug. 7.

Jets sign Moss

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Top draft pick Santana Moss of Miami was signed by the New York Jets to a five-year contract on Saturday.

The deal reportedly includes \$5.188 million in bonuses and incentives that could make it worth more than \$8 million for the five years.

Moss, expected to compete for a starting job at wide receiver and return specialist, was the 16th pick and fourth wide receiver taken in the first round of the NFL draft. He was the last of the team's draft picks to be signed, and the deal came on the day the players started assembling for the beginning of training camp on Monday.

"You never want any of your players to be missing," coach Herm Edwards said. "I know all the players want to be here, but I understand that they have to jockey for (negotiating) position. But I thought he would be

here. He told me in mini-camp this spring, 'Coach, I'll be here the first week.'"

Edwards is counting on Moss to provide the Jets the big-play capability they lacked in recent seasons.

"I see everyone coming in and competing for a starting job, and he's no exception," Edwards said. "When I was a player, I wanted someone behind me, pushing me to be better."

The Jets sacrificed offense last year, when they traded receiver Keyshawn Johnson to Tampa Bay, to improve the defense. This year, they addressed offensive problems with the drafting of Moss and the signing of free-agent receiver Matthew Hatchette.

"We've gotten faster and younger," quarterback Vinny Testaverde said. "Teams are going to have to deal with him as a returner and as an offensive weapon. We're going to see a lot of him on the field."

Tyson accused of sexual assault

Associated Press

BIG BEAR CITY, Calif. — Authorities are investigating a woman's allegation that former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson sexually assaulted her at a rental home last week.

The woman contacted the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday and alleged she was sexually assaulted by Tyson a week earlier at a Big Bear City home he rents during training, sheriff's spokesman Chip Patterson said Friday.

There was no arrest and "we have not determined whether there was criminal wrongdoing," Patterson said.

Details from the alleged assault July 16 weren't disclosed. The woman was examined at a hospital afterward, but those findings also weren't disclosed, Patterson said.

"A female adult made an allegation to the sheriff's department that she had been sexually assaulted by Mike Tyson," Patterson said. "What we have at this point is an allegation that is being investigated."

Tyson, 35, who was in Phoenix, hasn't been interviewed. "We are seeking to interview him," Patterson said. "There have

been discussions with his attorney. We have not identified him as a suspect."

Tyson attorney Darrow Soll denied the allegations and said his client would cooperate with investigators.

"We believe the allegations are false and we look forward to working with the sheriff's office to resolve the investigation as quickly as possible," Soll said from his Phoenix office.

Tyson was quoted by the New York Post as saying: "I'm not aware of any allegations."

Shelly Finkel, Tyson's New York adviser, said, "From what I understand, in the end, Mike will be shown to be innocent."

Earlier this month, Tyson apologized to a Big Bear Lake store owner for walking out of the shop with \$25 worth of candy. The store owner reported what happened to the Sheriff's Department, but it later was determined to be a misunderstanding, Patterson said.

Tyson served more than three years in an Indiana prison after being convicted in 1992 of rape and other charges. He has repeatedly fought abuse claims from women, including his first wife, actress Robin Givens.

Twins acquire reliever

DETROIT — The Minnesota Twins, looking for a boost in the bullpen to help their surprising playoff run, acquired reliever Todd Jones from the Detroit Tigers on Saturday for pitcher Mark Redman.

Jones was hoping to be dealt to a contender before Tuesday's trade deadline, but when it happened, it was still a shock. The Twins trail Cleveland by a half-game in the AL Central.

"It was an honor to be a Tiger, and to have thrown the last pitch at Tiger Stadium," he said.

"This team and this city have touched my heart, but the time has come to move on, and I'm excited, at the age of 33, to get a shot at the postseason with Minnesota."

Jones, who tied for the AL lead with 42 saves last season, lost his closer's job to Matt Anderson early this year. Jones is 4-5 with 11 saves and a 4.62 ERA.

Redman went 12-9 for the Twins as a rookie in 2000, but has

started only nine games this season (2-4, 4.22 ERA) due to a strained triceps muscle. The Tigers hope to have the left-hander in their rotation within 2-to-3 weeks.

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Liaw and Scott will receive spots in the U.S. Amateur Championship Aug. 20-26 in Atlanta.

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All proceeds raised will go toward supporting the area Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts.

This year's tournament is dedicated to Bill Hext, former Odessa mayor who passed away in June. This year's Buy.com Tournament dates are Aug. 13-19 at the Club at Mission Dorado.

For more information call Ranchland Hills at 682-2041.

Teague places third

SWEETWATER — Rankin's Tate Teague placed third in 8-under goat tying competition at the AJRA National Finals Rodeo Friday. Teague had a

time of 21.58 seconds.

Chester Farmer Results

Here are the first round results from the 2001 Chester Farmer hosted by Green Tree Country Club.

Flight 1: Gross — 1. Bobby Weiborn-Rolly Hughes 65; 2. Bob Beck-John Philbeck 66; 3. Bill Baker-Jim Cauthen 67. Net — 1. Beck-Philbeck, 63; 2. Raymond Chavez-Felix Martinez 65; 3. Frank Gray-Scott Turnbull 65.

Flight 2: Gross — 1. Charles Green-Curtis Guss 66; 2. DV Edwards-Jerry Edwards 69; 3. Wayne Scott-Walt Staats 71. Net — 1. Green-Curtis 55; 2. Richard Williams-Arlen Dickson 59; 3. Art Schmidt-Bill H. Morrison 59.

Flight 3: Gross — 1. Bob Carr-Barry Pender 71; 2. Les Preece-Gerald Brockman 72; 3. Paul Breen-Fred Scott 73. Net — 1. Preece-Brockman 58; 2. Breen-Scott 58; 3. Joe Harbert-Larry Simpson 60.

Flight 4: Gross — 1. B. Word-B. McKinley; 2. Buster

Dickey-John Sutey 76; 3. Don Deramus-Bill Wilson 78. Net — 1. Word-McKinley; 2. Dickey-Sutey 59; 3. Shelly-Meyers 59.

Mission Dorado Club tourney

Denise Flores leads Berry Perkins by eight strokes (73-81) in the Ladies Championship at The Club at Mission Dorado. On the men's side, Koys Stribling leads by one stroke (146-147) over Les Littlejohn and Marshall Morgan. The following are the results:

Ladies Championship
1. Denise Flores 73; 2. Betty Perkins 81; 3. Sandra Hill 85; 4. Laveri Hargreaves 86; 5. Jennifer Seybert 86; 6. Mary Jane Duffly 87; (tie) Eve Parmally 100; and Alice Watkins 100; 9. Morene Stribling 101; 10. Molla Mayhew 102; 11. Lori Baze 103; 12. Becky Cliff 105; 13. (tie) Susan Capero 107; Linda Crume 107; and Judy Adkins 107.

Men's Championship
Championship Flight: 1. Koys Stribling 71-75-146; 2. (tie) Les Littlejohn 74-73-147; and Marshall Morgan 72-75-147; 3. Dean Fields 78-72-150; 4. Chad Hanchey 78-75-151; 5. Larry Nunez 77-78-155; 6. Eddy Madson 78-75-155; 7. Darren Seglen 78-81-159; 8. Wesley Hardin 78-83-161; 9. Gary Felker 78-87-165.
President's Flight: 1. Mark Jones 80-77-157; 2. Kevin Leslie 80-78-158; 3. Larry Lassa 83-76-159.

First Flight: 1. Chris Brashers 74; 2. Randy Pack 74; 3. Jeremy Derman 75.
Second Flight: 1. Hans Zelleke 79; 2. Greg Burnett 81; 3. (tie) Harold Hughes 82; and Gary Wynn 82.
Third Flight: 1. Norman Brown 82; 2. Ken Hill 83; 3. Patrick Russell 86.
Fourth Flight: 1. David Barrientes 88; 2. William Howard 98; 3. Larry Hooper 97.

Vikings sign first-round pick

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings agreed to terms Saturday with first-round draft pick Michael Bennett, a former Wisconsin football star

who was the 27th overall pick in the 2001 NFL draft. Bennett signed a five-year deal worth \$6.2 million with a signing bonus of \$2.65 million. The deal also includes incentives of \$2.5 million based on rushing yardage, according to his agent, Pat Dye Jr.

WOOD: Credited with 405 career wins

(From 1C)

front because I'm not a member of the media."

Smith compiled his records by researching the archives at the University Interscholastic League in Austin, which officially sponsors and organizes playoffs and rules for high school athletics in Texas.

Campbell said Wood recently acknowledged that there were errors in his record during a meeting of the board of directors for the Texas Football Hall of Fame in Waco.

"We all assured him that it didn't matter as far as our regard for him and what he had accomplished," Campbell said.

Wood, 87, said he did not know exactly how many wins he had during his coaching tenure. He said he initially was upset by the findings and worried that he might be accused of deliberately distorting his own record.

"I lost a world of sleep," Wood told the Reporter-News. "I guarantee you one thing, I had no idea."

Mike Bynum, a book editor and owner of Epic Sports in Birmingham, Ala., said part of the error stems from when Wood was coach at Rule in 1940. Wood was credited with an 8-2 record, but the mark should have been 2-8, Bynum said.

"That one season took him below 400 wins," Bynum said. "There were four other individual wins in the 1940s and 50s where (someone) put the wrong

record."

Records from the UIL and Smith show Rule went 2-8 in 1940.

In an interview with the Chronicle, Wood said some of the mistakes occurred when Bill Stovall, the late sports editor of the Brownwood Bulletin and a member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, began compiling statistics during Wood's later years in Brownwood, where Wood won seven state championships.

"I told him, 'Bill, this is wrong. I know the record at Rule is not correct. We need to correct it, and we'll get around to doing it.' But then you forget about it, and that's all there is to it. We never got around to fixing it," Wood said.

Bill Hart, a retired sports writer for the Reporter-News who noticed discrepancies while researching "King Football," said he believes Wood had 397 wins. Record-keeping over the years has been complicated by the fact that some historians use different methods to compute victory totals. Smith, for example, did not include forfeits. Two of Wood's wins were forfeits.

Meanwhile, Bynum included as a victory a little-known game that even Wood didn't include in his original totals.

In 1942, Wood served as a volunteer head coach at Haskell.

After winning his first game, Wood oversaw workouts for a second game, which Haskell also won. However, Wood was called up for duty in the Navy the after-

noon of the second game and he was unable to coach it.

Bynum said Wood should not get credit for the second victory, per NCAA rules used by Texas high schools. However, Hart said Wood should be credited with winning the second game.

A year after Wood retired, the Brownwood Lions went 10-1, suggesting Wood could have surpassed 400 wins had he stayed another season.

Wood said he probably would have coached at Brownwood another season had he known he still was a few wins shy of the 400 game mark.

"But I don't have one single regret. I'm awfully happy about being as fortunate as I was," he said.

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NFL: Switzer visits Cowboy camp

(From 1C)

"People can say what they want about the flash and dash and all that stuff, but he was a pretty darn good football player," Campo said. "I think the NFL loses a little bit of style without him."

Sanders came to Dallas in 1995 after helping San Francisco dethrone the Cowboys as Super Bowl champions. He won his second straight title that year while helping the team win its third championship in four years.

The Cowboys won only one more playoff game over his next four seasons, but Sanders maintained his reputation as one of the greatest coverage cornerbacks in league history and as one of the most exciting players. He dabbled in offense and was always a threat to score on punt returns.

"I enjoyed playing with him," running back Emmitt Smith said. "He made it fun. He was a great person to be around."

Dallas cut Sanders before last season, mainly for salary-cap reasons, and he wound up with division rival Washington. He was required in camp Sunday, but instead made an uncharacteristi-

cally low-key announcement that he was retiring.

"I hate to see him go," Dallas safety George Teague said. "I think he had some more time left. But it's his decision. I hope everything works out for him."

Said Woodson: "I was a little surprised, but he always said he wanted to go out on his own terms. He can definitely still play. But he's the type of guy who wanted to play at his best at all times. If he thought he wasn't ready this year, then it was time to hang 'em up."

Teague and Woodson, the only members of the secondary remaining from Sanders' days in Dallas, knew the left side of the field was protected when Sanders was in the lineup.

"I can't really think of too many other corners who were better than he was, and the way he provided help on special teams made him an all-around great player," Teague said.

"When I came here in '96, I already admired him. But after seeing the way he worked, the way he studied, that made my respect for him even stronger."

Woodson, whose locker was

next to the two Sanders occupied at Valley Ranch, said Sanders "changed the game at the corner spot, brought a lot of excitement to the game and sold a lot of tickets."

Extra points: Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said negotiations for the team to sponsor a NASCAR car are "not far enough along to even talk about how it might evolve." The team reportedly is talking to Richard Childress Racing about putting the Cowboys' logo and colors on one of their cars. ... Former Cowboys coach Barry Switzer visited camp Saturday, watching the morning workout from the tower with Jones. "My doctor, my banker and my son wanted to come, so that's the reason I'm here," Switzer said. ... The fumble-itis that has plagued Tony Banks in his career seems to have infiltrated Dallas' entire QB rotation. "We've had too many missed snaps with all our quarterbacks," Campo said. Their overall play hasn't been too impressive, either. "I'm a little concerned with the consistency out there," Campo said, "but there's 44 days until the opener."

TOUR: Armstrong stronger than ever

(From 1C)

just ahead, the Texan's chances of finishing the stage, let alone winning the title, looked dim to many.

That's when Armstrong began moving up through the pack. He continued until he reached the front, just ahead of Ullrich.

He looked back, staring long and hard into the German's white-framed sunglasses, then surged ahead. He sprinted up the 21 hairpin bends to the summit, claiming his first stage victory and beating his main rival by a whopping 1:59.

"I assumed that if I had to bluff, then they would ride even harder," Armstrong said after the race, explaining his sudden transformation from ailing rider to stage-winner.

"In cycling, everybody is watching. I know that they (the team directors) are all sitting back there in the cars watching TV, and I can hear when a motorcycle comes up with a TV camera on it. Sometimes you have to play that game a little bit."

As for "the look," he denied it was intended to needle Ullrich.

"It was not an arrogant thing," he said. "It was simply a check of his face and the other faces."

Ullrich's exhausted demeanor was again on display the next day in a grueling uphill time trial between Grenoble and Chamrousse, an Alpine ski station. He was in top form, but then Armstrong slashed a minute off his rival's stunning time.

"Lance Armstrong once said that Jan Ullrich is the greatest talent in cycling," the Team Telekom rider said. "This doesn't seem to be the case."

Despite the two stage wins and a comfortable third-place finish in the first leg of the Pyrenees, 23 seconds ahead of Ullrich, the leader's yellow jersey continued to elude Armstrong.

He took it in the next stage, a gut-wrenching stretch from Foix to Pla d'Adet that featured six exceptionally difficult mountain passes.

Following a by-now familiar pattern, he let Ullrich lead for

most of the race before powering ahead in the last climb.

He raised both hands in the air as he crossed the finish line, dedicating the win to former Motorola teammate Fabio Casartelli. Riders had just passed a memorial marking the spot where the Italian crashed fatally in the 1995 Tour.

"When we passed (the memorial) today, I decided that I was going to win," Armstrong said. In so doing, he moved into the overall lead, where he remained for the rest of the Tour.

Whatever hope Ullrich had quickly fizzled in the final mountain stage between Tarbes and Luz-Ardiden. He finished just ahead of Armstrong, but made only a tiny dent on his rival's lead.

Crossing the finish line, the 1997 champion extended his hand to Armstrong. And now he must settle for a runner-up finish for the second straight year.

"This year, he is stronger than ever," Ullrich said. "Simply unbeatable."

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•Midland Center, Midland TBA, Admission \$5
IN-LINE HOCKEY
•Power Play, Midland TBA, Admission TBA
SWIMMING
•COM Mabae Aquatics, Midland 9:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
TENNIS
•Midland College, Midland, 8:00 a.m., Juniors, Free Admission

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH

BOXING
•Midland Center, Midland, TBA, Admission \$3
CYCLING
•Downtown Odessa, 7:00 a.m., Free Admission
IN-LINE HOCKEY
•Power Play, Midland, TBA, Admission TBA
JUDO
•Odessa College Sports Center, Odessa, 10:00 a.m., Admission \$1
SWIMMING
•COM Mabae Aquatics, Midland, 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., Admission \$2
TENNIS
•Midland College, Midland 8:00 a.m., Free Admission
TRACK & FIELD
•RatliFF Stadium, Odessa, 8:30 a.m., Admission \$2

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH

BOXING
•Midland Center, Midland TBA, Admission \$5
IN-LINE HOCKEY
•Power Play, Midland, TBA, Admission TBA
SWIMMING
•COM Mabae Aquatics, Midland 9:00 a.m., Admission \$2
TENNIS
•Midland College, Midland, 8:00 a.m., Free Admission
TRACK & FIELD
•RatliFF Stadium, Odessa, 8:30 a.m., Admission \$2

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2. (2) Jeff Green, Ford, 250, 578.975.
3. (8) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 250,
578.350.

4. (11) Jason Keller, Ford, 250, 543.900.
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6. (14) David Green, Chevrolet, 250,
528.075.

7. (13) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 250,
528.475.
8. (5) Kevin Grubb, Chevrolet, 250, 526.175.
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526.100.

10. (3) Tim Fedewa, Pontiac, 249, 526.225.
11. (9) Ashton Lewis Jr., Chevrolet, 249,
523.650.
12. (15) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 249,
521.885.

13. (18) Andy Santerre, Chevrolet, 249,
519.275.
14. (16) Mike McLaughlin, Pontiac, 249,
526.220.

15. (26) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Chevrolet, 249,
521.045.
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520.220.

17. (5) Jay Sauter, Chevrolet, 248, 520.095.
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523.450.

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519.865.
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23. (23) Remy Toles, Chevrolet, 246,
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517.240.

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26. (33) Brad Baker, Chevrolet, 244,
516.985.

27. (38) Jerry Robertson, Ford, 244,
516.785.
28. (22) Mike Chase, Chevrolet, 242,
516.785.

29. (30) A.J. Alsup, Chevrolet, 239,
516.555.
30. (19) Elton Sawyer, Ford, 237, 518.665.

31. (37) Shane Hall, Ford, 234, 516.435.
32. (42) Joe Bush, Chevrolet, 223, 516.325.
33. (24) Randy LaJoie, Chevrolet, 193,
engine failure, 521.715.

34. (10) Larry Foyt, Chevrolet, 121, engine
failure, 516.100.
35. (28) Clay Rogers, Chevrolet, 114, clutch
failure, 515.995.

36. (34) Jason Schuler, Chevrolet, 39, over-
heating, 515.910.
37. (35) Robby Faggar, Ford, 38, fuel pump,
515.850.

38. (27) Chad Chaffin, Pontiac, 23, rear end,
515.815.
39. (43) Drew White, Chevrolet, 21, handling,
515.780.

40. (36) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, 19, engine
failure, 515.745.
41. (39) Michael Dolek, Chevrolet, 17, elec-
trical, 515.710.

42. (41) Scott Gayford, Ford, 6, electrical,
515.675.
43. (40) Tom Caray Jr., Chevrolet, 1, engine
failure, 515.640.

Race Statistics
Time of Race: 2 hours, 4 minutes, 50 sec-
onds.
Margin of Victory: 15.782 seconds.
Caution Flags: 1 for 4 laps.

Lead Changes: 9 among 7 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Wallace 1-4; G.Biffle 5-22;
J.Green 23-56; G.Biffle 57-73; J.Green 74-84;
J.Keller 85-125; J.Purvis 127-171; J.Johnson 172-
173; M.McLaughlin 174; J.Purvis 175-250.

Point Standings
1. K.Harvick, 3,188. 2. G.Biffle, 3,025. 3.
J.Keller, 3,010. 4. J.Green, 2,534. 5. M.McLaugh-
lin, 2,550. 6. T.Faines, 2,551. 7. J.Johnson, 2,502.
8. E.Sawyer, 2,491. 9. C.Little, 2,379. 10. K.Wal-
lace, 2,377.

Pennsylvania 500
By The Associated Press
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Pocono International Raceway
Long Pond, Pa.

1. (66) Todd Bodine, Ford, 170.326 mph.
2. (28) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 170.274.
3. (8) Mark Martin, Ford, 169.822.
4. (38) Ken Schrader, Pontiac, 169.492.
5. (19) Casey Atwood, Dodge, 169.488.
6. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 169.291.
7. (26) Jimmy Spencer, Ford, 169.173.
8. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 169.163.
9. (10) Johnny Benson, Pontiac, 168.984.
10. (40) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 168.846.
11. (16) Bobby Labonte, Pontiac, 168.770.
12. (8) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet,
168.764.

13. (20) Tony Stewart, Pontiac, 168.448.
14. (9) Bill Elliott, Dodge, 168.416.
15. (93) Dave Blaney, Dodge, 168.331.
16. (77) Robert Pressley, Ford, 168.278.
17. (52) Stacy Compton, Dodge, 168.262.
18. (69) Jeff Burton, Ford, 168.253.
19. (4) Kevin Lepage, Chevrolet, 168.111.
20. (32) Ricky Craven, Ford, 168.014.

21. (01) Jason Leffler, Dodge, 167.976.
22. (2) Rusty Wallace, Ford, 167.954.
23. (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet,
167.932.

24. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 167.904.
25. (12) Jeremy Mayfield, Ford, 167.801.
26. (33) Joe Nemecek, Chevrolet,
167.420.

27. (11) Brett Bodine, Ford, 167.417.
28. (43) John Andretti, Dodge, 167.001.
29. (55) Bobby Hamilton, Chevrolet,
166.969.

30. (90) Hut Stricklin, Ford, 166.834.
31. (14) Ron Hornaday Jr., Pontiac, 166.775.
32. (7) Mike Wallace, Ford, 166.732.
33. (21) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 166.602.
34. (22) Ward Burton, Dodge, 166.540.
35. (97) Kurt Busch, Ford, 166.052.

36. (31) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 165.828.
37. (88) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 165.814.
38. (1) Steve Park, Chevrolet, provisional.
39. (25) Jerry Nadeau, Chevrolet, provision-
al.

40. (5) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, provision-
al.

41. (44) Buckshot Jones, Dodge, provision-
al.

42. (45) Kyle Petty, Dodge, provisional.
43. (27) Rick Mast, Chevrolet, provisional.
Failed to Qualify

44. (49) Andy Hillenburg, Pontiac, 164.003.
45. (85) Carl Long, Ford, 161.754.

CART
Target GP Lineup
Saturday; Race Sunday
At Chicago Motor Speedway
Cicero, Ill.

1. (55) Tony Kanaan, Honda, Reynard,
23.146 seconds, 160.052 mph.
2. (3) Helio Castroneves, Honda Reynard,
23.148, 160.031.

3. (51) Adrian Fernandez, Honda Reynard,
23.203, 159.652.
4. (12) Memo Gidley, Toyota Lola, 23.221,
159.528.

5. (66) Alex Zanardi, Honda Reynard, 23.315,
159.885.
6. (40) Jimmy Vasser, Toyota Reynard,
23.317, 158.871.

7. (20) Roberto Moreno, Toyota Reynard,
23.327, 158.803.
8. (6) Kenny Brack, Ford Lola, 23.340,
158.715.

9. (32) Patrick Carpentier, Ford Reynard,
23.371, 158.504.
10. (27) Dario Franchitti, Honda Reynard,
23.396, 158.342.

11. (4) Bruno Junqueira, Toyota Lola, 23.409,
158.247.
12. (1) Gil de Ferran, Honda Reynard, 23.458,
157.916.

13. (17) Mauricio Gugelmin, Toyota Reynard,
23.499, 157.910.
14. (35) Alex Tagliani, Ford Reynard, 23.471,
157.829.

15. (77) Bryan Herta, Ford Reynard, 23.498,
157.647.
16. (52) Shinji Nakano, Honda Reynard,
23.501, 157.627.

17. (39) Michael Andretti, Honda Reynard,
23.519, 157.547.
18. (5) Toru Takagi, Toyota Reynard, 23.539,
157.373.

19. (18) Scott Dixon, Toyota Reynard,
23.568, 157.179.
20. (6) Cristiano da Matta, Toyota Lola,
23.592, 157.019.

21. (22) Oriol Servia, Ford Lola, 23.678,
156.449.
22. (29) Paul Tracy, Honda Reynard, 23.742,
156.027.

23. (16) Michel Jourdain Jr., Ford Lola,
23.805, 155.614.
24. (11) Christian Fittipaldi, Toyota Lola,
23.957, 154.627.

25. (7) Max Papis, Ford Lola, 23.984,
154.453.

26. (1) Juan Pablo Montoya, Colombia, Williams-
BMW, 1:38.117.

27. (16) Ralf Schumacher, Germany, Williams-
BMW, 1:38.136.

28. (3) Mika Hakkinen, Finland, McLaren-Mer-
cedes, 1:38.811.

29. (4) Michael Schumacher, Germany, Ferrari,
1:38.941.

30. (5) David Coulthard, Britain, McLaren-Mer-
cedes, 1:39.821.

31. (8) Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Sauber-Petronas,
1:40.072.

32. (9) Pedro de la Rosa, Spain, Jaguar, 1:40.295.

33. (10) Jarno Trulli, Italy, Jordan-Honda,
1:40.437.

34. (11) Eddie Irvine, Britain, Jaguar, 1:40.371.

35. (12) Jacques Villeneuve, Canada, BAR-Honda,
1:40.322.

36. (13) Olivier Panis, France, BAR-Honda,
1:40.810.

37. (14) Jean Alesi, France, Prost-Acer,
1:40.724.

38. (15) Ricardo Zonta, Brazil, Jordan-Honda,
1:41.174.

39. (16) Luciano Burti, Brazil, Prost-Acer,
1:41.213.

40. (17) Giancarlo Fisichella, Italy, Benetton-
Renault, 1:41.299.

41. (18) Jenson Button, Britain, Benetton-Renault,
1:41.438.

42. (19) Enrique Bernoldi, Brazil, Arrows-Asiatech,
1:41.668.

43. (20) Jos Verstappen, Netherlands, Arrows-Asiatech,
1:41.870.

44. (21) Fernando Alonso, Spain, Minardi-Euro-
pean, 1:41.913.

45. (22) Tarso Marques, Brazil, Minardi-European,
1:42.716.

Formula One
German Grand Prix Lineup
Saturday; Race Sunday
At Hockenheim circuit
Hockenheim, Germany
Lap length: 4.241 miles

1. Juan Pablo Montoya, Colombia, Williams-
BMW, 1:38.117.

2. Ralf Schumacher, Germany, Williams-
BMW, 1:38.136.

3. Mika Hakkinen, Finland, McLaren-Mer-
cedes, 1:38.811.

4. Michael Schumacher, Germany, Ferrari,
1:38.941.

5. David Coulthard, Britain, McLaren-Mer-
cedes, 1:39.821.

6. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Sauber-Petronas,
1:40.072.

7. Pedro de la Rosa, Spain, Jaguar, 1:40.295.

8. Jarno Trulli, Italy, Jordan-Honda,
1:40.437.

9. Eddie Irvine, Britain, Jaguar, 1:40.371.

10. Jacques Villeneuve, Canada, BAR-Honda,
1:40.322.

11. Olivier Panis, France, BAR-Honda,
1:40.810.

12. Jean Alesi, France, Prost-Acer,
1:40.724.

13. Ricardo Zonta, Brazil, Jordan-Honda,
1:41.174.

14. Luciano Burti, Brazil, Prost-Acer,
1:41.213.

15. Giancarlo Fisichella, Italy, Benetton-
Renault, 1:41.299.

16. Jenson Button, Britain, Benetton-Renault,
1:41.438.

17. Enrique Bernoldi, Brazil, Arrows-Asiatech,
1:41.668.

18. Jos Verstappen, Netherlands, Arrows-Asiatech,
1:41.870.

19. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Minardi-Euro-
pean, 1:41.913.

20. Tarso Marques, Brazil, Minardi-European,
1:42.716.

Rudd, Bodine on front row at Pennsylvania 500

Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — This time, Ricky Rudd can't sneak up on anybody.

But Todd Bodine would like to.

On Sunday, Bodine will get that chance when he starts from the pole in the Pennsylvania 500, hoping to win for the first time in his Winston Cup career. To his right when the green flag waves will be Rudd, who ended a 2 1/2-year drought with a victory last month at Pocono International Raceway.

"People don't pay a lot of attention to you until you win," Rudd said of his victory in the Pocono 500. "It's easy to talk a good game plan or a good race, but you've got to go out and prove it."

In 128 career starts, Bodine has yet to prove much. Recently, however, he has shown an ability to out-run the best in NASCAR in qualifying, winning poles for two of the last three races.

Now, he feels like he's ready to make a meaningful impression on race day. But it's hard to take seriously a driver with a best career finish of third — seven years ago.

For Bodine, it's a question of becoming a fixture in the top 10.

"When we do that on a consistent basis, then it's going to allow us to move up in the points and start contending for wins," he said. "We go every week to win the race. But we have to be realistic in our goals."

Rudd was realistic when he sold his team before last year and stuck strictly to driving. After a season of adjustment with Robert Yates Racing, he has become one of the top drivers on the circuit, and trails teammate Dale Jarrett and Jeff Gordon by 28 points in the series standings.

Even though he was winless for 88 races before last month, 20 career victories helped Rudd become one of most productive drivers in the sport. His 21st — in a car better than anything he'd driven over two decades — served as a reminder that he's more than a 44-year-old racer counting the years until retirement.

But to Rudd, the victory was merely a flash point to say he's a player with champions like Gordon and Jarrett. But top-five finishes in five of his last

six races are what has made his season.

"I know we snuck up on people in the points race," Rudd said. "Our team has been doing the top-five thing quite a bit."

"And the win ... all of a sudden people start to take you seriously."

That hasn't been a problem for 1999 series champion Jarrett, who in the past six seasons has finished no worse than fourth in the points race.

Because he's starting 37th in this \$3.1 million race, Jarrett could have a problem maintaining the tie with three-time series champion Gordon, who starts eighth. But Jarrett doesn't seem worried.

"It won't be that bad," he said. "You got 500 miles here, that's a long time."

Like Gordon, who has won three times at Pocono, Jarrett knows what it takes to win at the unique, triangular layout. He has won twice and has 10 straight top-five finishes on the track.

"We're going to make adjustments, so we'll have a good enough car," he said. "We'll be up front before it's over."

Rudd believes that, and knows how determined Jarrett is to win. There was an emphatic reminder of that last Sunday at Loudon, N.H., where Jarrett tapped Rudd and passed him in the waning laps to take the New England 300.

"He has to use his head and come through the pack," Rudd said. "He knows how to take care of equipment. He'll have to do a lot of that in the beginning of the race."

Others who figure to be a factor, at least at the outset, are second-row starters Mark Martin and Ken Schrader. Neither has won at Pocono, but Martin has 15 top-five finishes in 29 starts, and no one has been faster than Schrader, who has a track-record six poles.

Rookie Casey Atwood goes from the fifth spot on the grid, his second-best starting position. Next to him will be fellow rookie Kevin Harvick, already a winner twice since being thrust unexpectedly into his ride by the death of Dale Earnhardt in the season-opening Daytona 500.

Bodine teammate Jimmy Spencer is inside Gordon in the fourth row, and Johnny Benson and Sterling Marlin round out the top 10. Defending race champion Rusty Wallace starts 22nd.

Purvis wins NAPA AutoCare 250

FOUNTAIN, Colo. — Jeff Purvis ran away with the NAPA AutoCare 250 on Saturday, beating Jeff Green by 15.782 seconds in the Busch Series race at Pikes Peak International Raceway.

Purvis, winning for the first time since August 1996 at Michigan, was making his second start for Richard Childress Racing. He lost his regular ride four weeks ago when Joe Gibbs Racing dropped its second Busch Series team.

"That was one great race car right there," Purvis said of the No. 21 Chevrolet. "I just have to thank Richard Childress for giving me a chance. I knew this team was good, but didn't know they were that damn good."

Purvis, 42, who also won at Richmond in 1996, led 121 of the last 124 laps on the mile oval.

After retaking the lead for good on lap 175 following his final pit stop, Purvis pulled away for the largest margin of victory this year.

"The way Purvis passed me early in the race I knew he'd be the one to beat," said Green, the 2000 winner at Pikes Peak en

route to the season championship.

Kevin Harvick, running both the Busch and Winston Cup series, finished third after starting at the back of the field because of he missed qualifying. He leads fifth-place finisher Greg Biffle by 163 points in the season standings.

Kanaan wins pole for Target GP

Associated Press

CICERO, Ill. — Tony Kanaan won the pole for the Target Grand Prix with an assist from rival Helio Castroneves.

The Brazilians will share the front row for the start of Sunday's 225-lap race on Chicago Motor Speedway's 1.029-mile oval, but it will be Kanaan who will start from the outside spot for only the second time in his CART career.

Kanaan set the target with a lap of 160.052 mph and, after a 40-minute interruption of the qualifying session due to light rain, Castroneves threw a scare into his pal.

On his first of two green flag laps, Castroneves hit 160.031. His lap time was just 0.003 seconds slower than Kanaan.

Instead, his Honda-powered Reynard slowed perceptibly in the middle of the fourth turn and wound up well off the pace.

"I had the pole on my warmup lap," Castroneves said. "Unfortunately, that doesn't count. I made a little mistake on my first green flag lap and I thought, 'OK, I've got one more to go.' I was a 10th of a second quicker on my second lap when, all of a sudden, the car slowed and I thought, 'Oh my God,

this can't be happening, we're running out of fuel.'"

Kenny Brack and Dario Franchitti, 1-2 in the CART season points, had a shot after that, but Kanaan, also driving a Reynard-Honda, gave Morris Nunn Racing — in its second season — its first pole.

"Everybody was relaxed until they saw his warmup lap," Kanaan said. "I know what Helio can do, though. One of my guys had said, 'The only guy who can do it is Brack.' I knew better. After that warmup lap, I said, 'What did I tell you? I got a little lucky today.'"

"I gave Morris his first podium finish and his first pole position," added Kanaan, whose other pole came in 1999 on the street circuit in Long Beach, Calif., while driving for the now-defunct Tasman team. "We're only missing one thing now — a win — and I want to give it to him."

Adrian Fernandez wound up third at 159.652 on the 2.5-car grid, followed by Memo Gidley at 159.528, Kanaan's teammate Alex Zanardi at 158.885, Jimmy Vasser at 158.871, Roberto Moreno at 158.803 and Brack at 158.715.

"That was all we had, so I've got to be happy with it, but I'll tell you that it wasn't what we were looking for," said Brack, who has failed to score a point in the last two races.

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Girls Fastpitch Softball

The Shockers from Coahoma defeated the Black Cats from Odessa, 7-0, to win the 18-under division in the girls fastpitch division.

As of press time, the championship games in the 10-under, 12-under, 16-under divisions were still in progress.

The following are results from the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Games of Texas girls fastpitch softball played at the MUDS Complex.

Late pool play results
10-under: West Texas Rip II (Odessa) 7, West Texas Smash (Midland) 0; Lady Yankees (Odessa) 2, Explosion (Midland) 0.
12-under: Surge (Odessa) 2, 2-Xtreme (Snyder) 0; Odessa Green 10, Odessa Blast 0.
16-under: El Paso Pride 6, West Texas Trouble (Monahans) 1.

18-under: Triple T. (Snyder) 2, Venom (Monahans) 0.

Saturday's Bracket Play
First Round (winners' bracket)
10-under: Rip II 40, Lady Yankees 2; Explosion 5, W.T. Smash 1.

12-under: Odessa Green 10, 2-Xtreme 2.
16-under: Shockers (Coahoma) 12, Triple T. 0; Paso Pride 1, Fire & Ice (Midland) 10, West Texas Trouble 1.

18-under: Black Cats 3, Just Us 1.
(losers' bracket)
10-under: Lady Yankees 9, W.T. Smash 0.

12-under: 2-Xtreme 9, Blast 4.
16-under: El Paso Pride advances over W.T. Trouble.

18-under: Triple T. 5, Just Us 2.
Second Round
10-under: Explosion 3, Rip II 2.

12-under: Flash (Midland) 11, Blast (Odessa) 1; Surge 5, Odessa Green 3.
16-under: Brats 5, Fire and Ice 0.

18-under: Shockers (Coahoma) 12, Triple T. 0; Venom 4, Black Cats (Odessa) 0.
(losers' bracket)
10-under: Rip II 6, Lady Yankees 3.

12-under: Fire and Ice 5, El Paso Pride 4.
16-under: Black Cats 3, Triple T. 2.
Third Round
10-under: Flash 3, Surge 2.

12-under: Shockers 5, Venom 0.
(losers' bracket)
10-under: Surge 5, Odessa Green 4.
16-under: Black Cats 2, Venom 1.

Championship Round
10-under: Shockers 7, Black Cats 0.
16-under: Brats vs. Fire and Ice, late.
12-under: Flash vs. Surge, late.
18-under: Explosion vs. Rip II, late.

Adult Softball

Odessa — The Indios from Odessa defeated B.P.I. of Hereford, 12-4 Saturday to claim gold in adult softball tournament played at the UTPB Softball Complex.

Taking bronze were the Game Cocks from Crane.

The following are results from the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Games of Texas adult softball played at the UTPB Softball Complex in Odessa.

First round (winners' bracket)
Indios (Odessa) 27, Diamond Hogs (Odessa) 3; Indios (Odessa) 8, Game Cocks (Crane) 5; Cobras (Midland) 8, Whassup (Odessa) 7; W.H.O. (Tarrant) 21, Blaisley (Odessa) 13.

Second round
Troy Chesnut (Odessa) 23, Nike 7; Indios 16, Crush (Midland) 15; B.P.I. (Hereford) 19, Cobra 9; Sting 6, W.H.O. 4.

Third round
Indios 13, Troy Chesnut 6; B.P.I. 16, Sting 6.

Semifinals
B.P.I. 8, Indios 5; Indios 16, Game Cocks 1.

Finals
Indios 12, B.P.I. 4.

Losers' bracket
First round
Whassup 17, Nike 13; Crush 18, Blaisley 1; Cobra 19, Diamond Hogs 5; Game Cocks 7, W.H.O. 0.

Second round
Crush 13, Whassup 3; Game Cocks 13, Cobra 12.

Third round
Sting 18, Crush 7; Game Cocks 21, Troy 20.

Fourth round
Sting 18, Crush 7; Game Cocks 21, Troy 20.

Figure Skating

ODESSA — Figure skating was held Saturday at the Music City Mall and the Odessa-Midland Figure Skating Club had a lot of success. Odessa-Midland took first in 11 out of the 23 events held.

Multiple first place winners

were Rachelle Schmitz from the Odessa-Midland Figure Skating Club and Jean Crawford from Dallas Figure Skating Club.

The following are results from the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Games of Texas figure skating competition held at Music City Mall in Odessa.

Adult Bronze Artistic: 1. Tammy Franks, Odessa Midland FSC; 2. Melanie Livly, Odessa Midland FSC; 3. Valerie Hake Dallas FSC.

Adult Bronze Free Skate: 1. Melanie Livly, Odessa Midland FSC; 2. Valerie Hake, Dallas FSC.

Adult Pre-Bronze Artistic: 1. Victoria McClure, Cotton Kings Skating School; 2. Billy Cook, Odessa Midland FSC.

Adult Pre-Bronze Compulsory Moves: 1. McClure; 2. Cook.

Adult Silver Artistic: 1. Jean Crawford, Dallas FSC; 2. Linda Williamson, Odessa Midland FSC.

Adult Silver Compulsory Moves: 1. Crawford; 2. Williamson.

Pre-Juvenile Artistic: 1. Brooke Young, Texas Gulf Coast FSC; 2. Sunnie Stewart, Odessa Midland FSC.

Pre-Juvenile Free Skate: 1. Stewart; 2. Brooke Young, Texas Gulf Coast FSC.

Preliminary Free Skate: 1. Nicole Luttrell, Lone Star FSC; 2. Jenny Courter, Odessa Midland FSC.

Preliminary Artistic: 1. Courter; 2. Ashlyn Smith, Odessa Midland FSC.

Pre-Preliminary (B) Group A Free Skate: 1. Katie Storms, Dallas FSC; 2. Maria Johnson, Capital of Texas FSC; 3. Elizabeth Andrews, Odessa Midland FSC.

Pre-Preliminary (B) Group B Free Skate: 1. Emily Flan, Midland, Odessa FSC; 2. Amy Bomar, Odessa Midland FSC.

Pre-Preliminary Artistic: 1. Bomar; 2. Johnson; 3. Emily Flan, Odessa Midland FSC.

Pre-Preliminary Free Skate: 1. Victoria Haggard, Lone Star FSC; 2. Ashlyn Smith, Odessa Midland FSC.

Wildcaters Artistic: 1. Brittany Burns, Odessa Midland FSC; 2. Ruby Jane Johnson, Cotton Kings Skating School.

Wildcaters Compulsory Moves: 1. Johnson; 2. Samantha Smith, Duncanville Star Center Skating; 3. Ina Liu, Odessa Midland FSC.

Wildcaters Group A Free Skate: 1. S. Smith; 2. Stephanie Mills, Odessa Midland FSC.

Wildcaters Group B Free Skate: 1. Brittany Burns, Odessa Midland FSC; 2. Whitney Box, Odessa Midland FSC; 3. Aron Bradley, Odessa Midland FSC.

Windmills Compulsory Moves: 1. Lauren Smith, Duncanville Star Center Skating; 2. Taylor Blackman, Odessa Midland FSC.

Windmills Free Skate: 1. Ashlee Gilliam, Odessa Midland FSC; 2. L. Smith; 3. Taylor Blackman, Odessa Midland FSC.

Wranglers Compulsory Moves: 1. Rachelle Schmitz, Odessa Midland FSC; 2. Stephanie Schmitz, Odessa Midland FSC.

Wranglers Group A Free Skate: 1. Liu; 2. Tiffany Miller, Odessa Midland FSC; 3. Mane Nabandyan, Odessa Midland FSC.

Wranglers Group B Free Skate: 1. Rachel Schmitz; 2. Stephanie Schmitz.

Agassi ends Kuerten's 15-match winning streak

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Andre Agassi ended Gustavo Kuerten's 15-match winning streak with a 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-3 semifinal victory Saturday in a baseline slugfest between the world's top two players in the Mercedes-Benz Cup.

Agassi advanced to Sunday's final against either Pete Sampras or Xavier Malisse of Belgium, who met in the evening semifinal.

"I've come here with a purpose," said Agassi, who won the event in 1998 and lost to Sampras in the 1999 final. "It's such a great tournament to get started on the right foot for the summer."

Kuerten, the top seed from Brazil, hadn't lost a match since winning his third French Open title in June. His streak included a victory last week on red clay in Germany — one of his ATP Tour-leading five titles this year.

"I'm tired and I've been playing a lot of tennis the last few weeks," said Kuerten, who called for a trainer to massage his legs before the third set began. "If I had a little more energy, I might have been able to play the way I was at the beginning of the match."

Agassi broke Kuerten twice in the third set and won when Kuerten missed a forehand on the third match point.

"I definitely took advantage of a few moments where he got careless with some shots," Agassi said.

Agassi saved three break points on his serve to up 5-3 after Kuerten netted a backhand drop shot attempt.

"I told myself, 'You've got to execute. Don't just give away your serve,'" Agassi said. "I had to step it up and make him hit two or three good shots."

Flag-waving fans wearing the green and gold colors of Brazil broke out in song ("Ole! Ole! Ole! Gu-ga, Gu-ga") when their curly-haired hero won the first set in a tiebreaker.

But Kuerten appeared to tire while Agassi drew progressively stronger in the hot, sunny conditions at the Los Angeles Tennis Center on the UCLA campus.

Kuerten committed 36

unforced errors in the nearly two-hour match. Agassi broke him in the fourth game of the second set, then served one of his four love games to take a 4-1 lead.

Down love-40, Kuerten saved three break points and held at 4-2. Agassi answered with another love service game to go up 5-2. Agassi closed out the set when Kuerten netted a forehand service return.

"I don't think one specific thing changed the result," Kuerten said. "If I hit it in, I would win and if I hit it out, I lose."

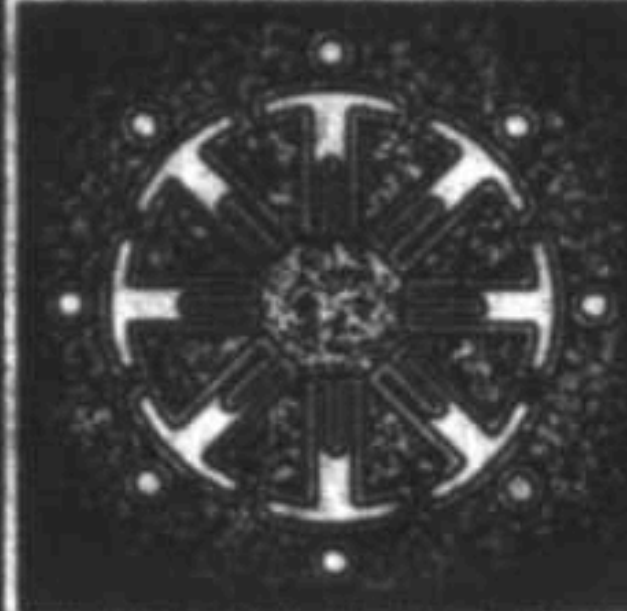
Kuerten's backhand won him easy points in the first set before errors crept in. Agassi called the Brazilian's one-hand-

ed backhand the best he's ever faced.

"It's as versatile and as good a shot as you'll see in the game," he said.

The victory helped Agassi solidify his lead over Kuerten in the ATP Champions Race, which determines the world's No. 1 player at year's end. Kuerten needed to win the title in order to overtake Agassi, who brought a 34-point lead into the week.

"Here's a guy I'm going to have to deal with the next few years," Agassi said. "I want him to feel my game and I want to know what I have to do to improve."



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The two combined to pitch the

final two innings of a 3-0 victory over Chicago on July 22. It was the Astros' first shutout victory in their first 132 games at Enron Field.

TAAF: Shockers win first softball tourney

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by (opposing hitters), and if they get ahead of it, we've got it. But they very seldom get ahead of it."

The Shockers earned the first gold medals ever awarded in the Games of Texas, which intro-

duced softball this year. There were three other divisions in the girls softball competition, but the three other titles weren't decided until late Saturday night. The Shockers were the only team that went undefeated through their bracket; they didn't need an if

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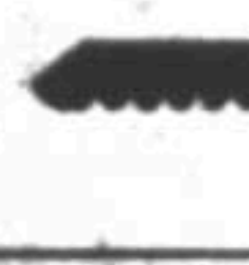
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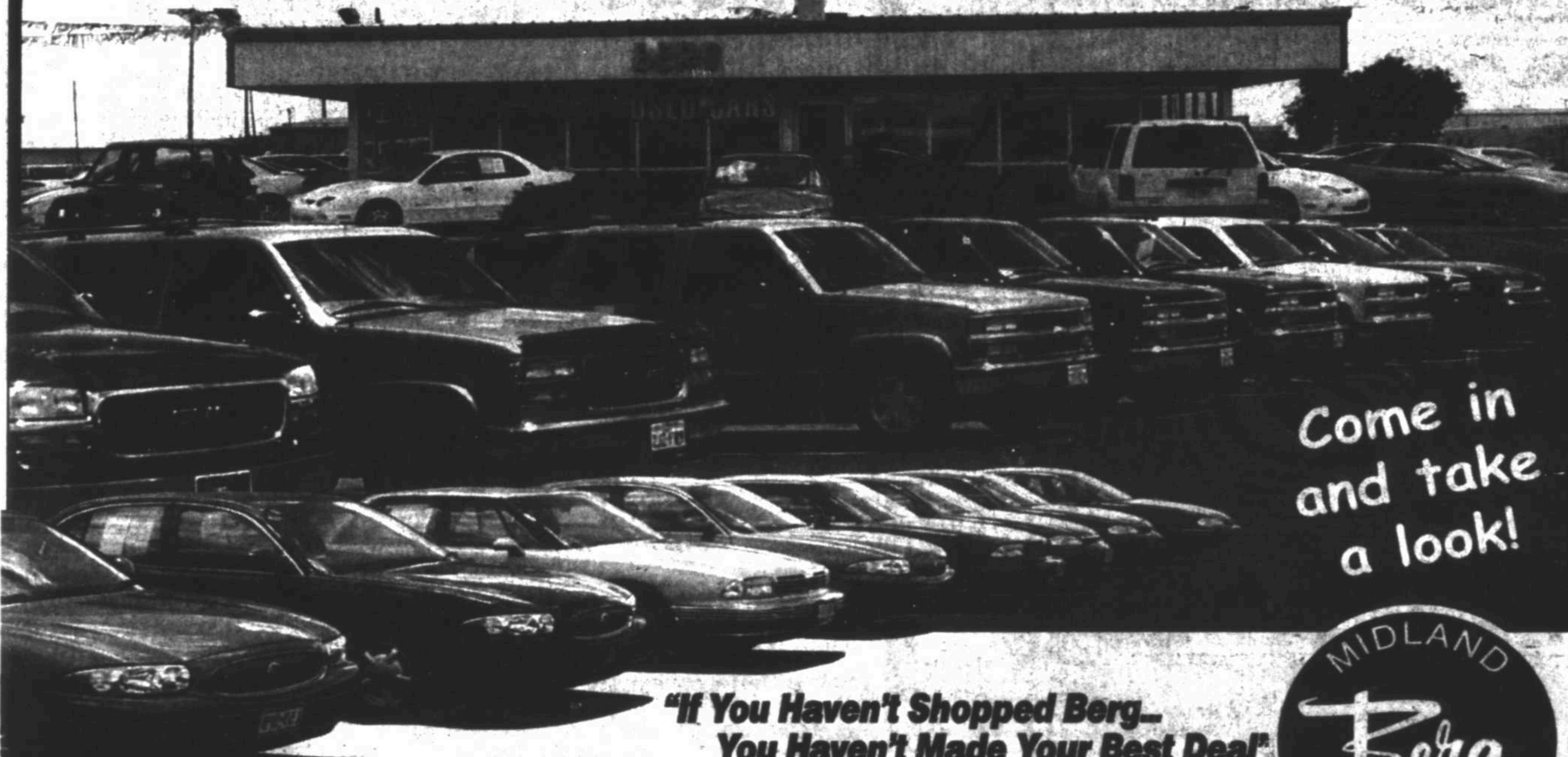
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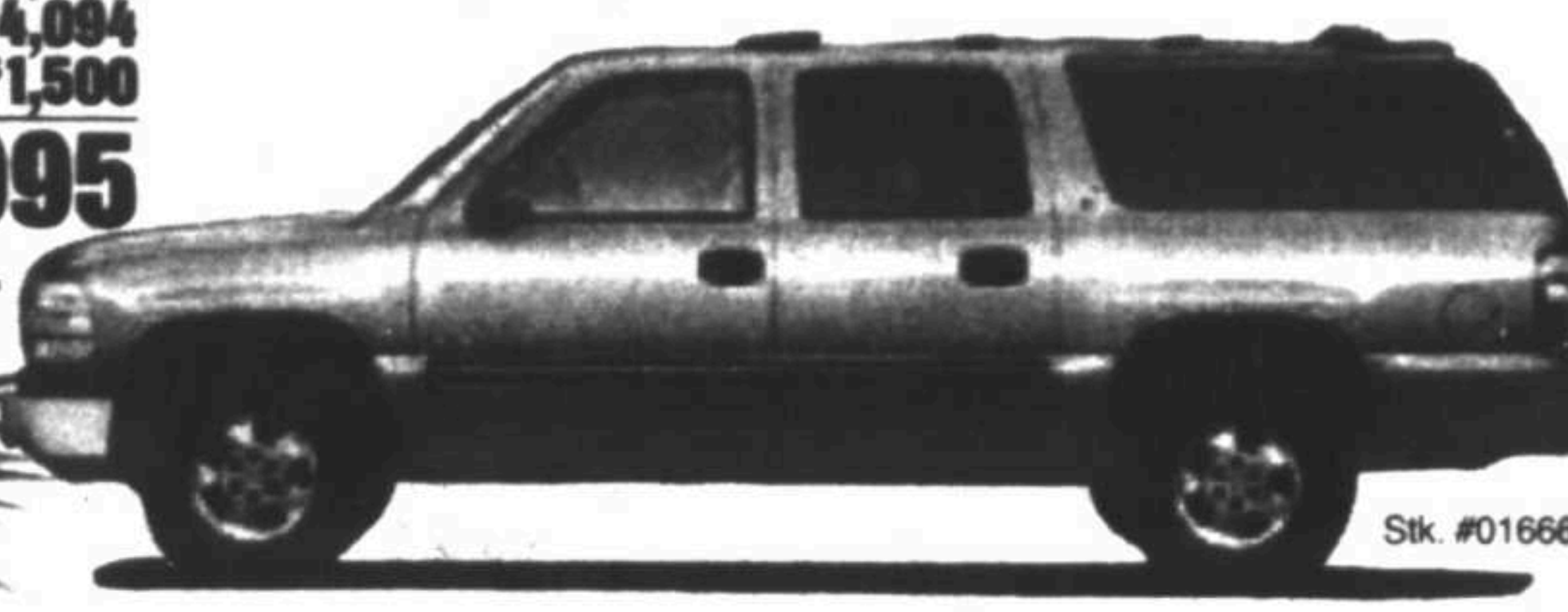
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To qualify, candidates must have sales/ marketing experience preferably in a retirement, nursing home or assisted living industry and enjoy working with seniors. Must also possess leadership skills, strong presentation skills and the ability to work independently as well as in a multi-task team environment.

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For questions: (806)777-2335

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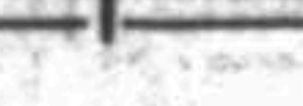
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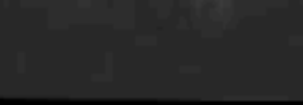
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Experience preferred. Mail
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RN INFECTION CONTROL, STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE- Full Time experience preferred

RN ICU/ ED \$2,500 SIGN-ON BONUS- Full time- 7 pm to 7am- experience preferred.

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RN HOUSE SUPERVISOR \$2500 SIGN-ON-BONUS- Full Time 7am to 7pm and 7pm to 7am

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RN HOME HEALTH- PRN STATUS experience preferred

LVN RURAL HEALTH CLINIC- Full time- Bilingual preferred.

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Sandy Buffer

Director of Human Resources

Permian General Hospital

P.O. Box 2108

Andrews, Texas 79714

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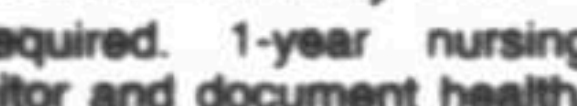
**LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE**

NEEDED IN MIDLAND, TX

Texas LVN license required. 1-year nursing experience required. Monitor and document healthy medical conditions. Plan, provide, secure and coordinate health care services. 24-hour on-call required alternating with other personnel. Salary \$1,821 per month.

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2 days, 2 evenings

Weekend Nurse

Full time

CNA's

(F/T 6-2, or 2-10)

New employee benefit package

Apply @

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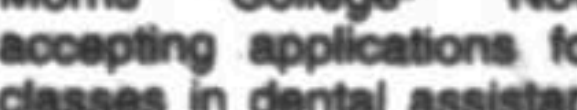
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X-RAY

technologist. Bring resume to 5001 Andrews Hwy

Monday- Friday 8:00am- 5:00pm

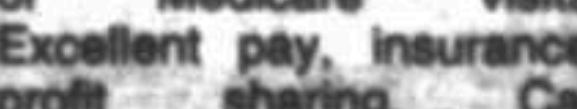
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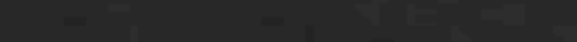
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West Texas National Bank
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Duties include:

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CLINICAL OVERSIGHT DIRECTOR FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Provide administrative and clinical direction to licensed professionals in Utilization Management Department. Review proposed mental health treatment interventions for appropriateness and sufficiency. Maintain clinical oversight of employees and affiliates. Must be licensed as LMSW-ACP or LPC with five years of clinical and administrative experience. Knowledge of managed care preferred. Salary DOE.

For details call our job line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701, E.O.E.



QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL NEEDED IN MIDLAND, TX

Bachelor's degree in social, behavioral or human services field required. Provide service coordination and skills training to children and their families. Assist in assessing medical, social, educational and other services. Provide crisis prevention and management. Salary \$2,000 per month.

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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT ODESSA

DIRECTOR - PERMAN BASIN NURSING CENTER: Develop and supervise the policies and procedures for implementation and evaluation of the Nursing Center service programs utilized by faculty and students. Act as a liaison to the Regional Dean on issues related to faculty practice in the School of Nursing. Must be RN licensed with baccalaureate in nursing required. Bilingual preferred. Please call (915)335-5112 to request application and/or further information.

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NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, Harding County, Mosquero, NM. Extension Agricultural Agent with Master's Degree (tenure-track position) or may be under-qualified as Extension Associate with Bachelor's Degree (non-tenure-track position). Salary range \$26,881.92 - \$33,145.68 commensurate with experience and education. At least one degree in Agriculture required. Personal auto required; reimbursement at 34.5 cents per mile. Reply to: Bruce Hinrichs, Eastern District Department Head, Star Route, Box 77, Clovis, NM 88101. Telephone: (505)985-7571. e-mail: bhinrichs@nmsu.edu. Deadline for letter of application, resume, unofficial transcripts, names, addresses and phone numbers of three references: August 24, 2001 or until position is filled. NMSU is an EEO/AA employer. For details see: <http://www.nmsu.edu/~personnel/postings/professional>

CERTIFIED TEACHER NEEDED IN MIDLAND, TX

Bachelor's degree & Texas teacher's certification with background in special education or early childhood or bachelor's degree in related field required. Provide education services to infants and children 0-3 years of age. Develop home education programs. Provide early intervention and case management services. Provide parent training and transportation to clients/families. Salary \$2171 per month.

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TAX ACCOUNTANT/Manager

Large Independent Oil & Gas Company needs a Tax Accountant/Manager. Responsibilities will include corporate and partnership tax returns, strategic tax planning and research, sales tax, and ad valorem tax supervision, as well as supervision of support staff. The company is active in drilling and development as well as mergers and acquisitions. Competitive salary and benefit package commensurate with experience. Resumes held in confidence. Send resumes to Box T4292, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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GM and DIRECTOR of Sales positions available

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Please send resume to: Yates Petroleum Corporation P.O. Box 97 Artesia, NM 88211-0097

COMMERCIAL LOAN ASSISTANT

A great opportunity awaits the right person! Western National Bank Odessa/Midland- growing \$325mm independent bank is looking for the right individual with experience in loan documentation, background in real estate loan agreements/ oil and gas agreements. Some technical experience needed. If you have experience with financial institutions, or Attorney's, this is the job for you. Applications and resumes accepted at 2700 W. County Road, Odessa, TX or fax to (915)334-5525. EOE/AA

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Certified Teacher- Midland Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)- Midland Qualified Mental Health Professional- Midland Substance Abuse Counselor/ LCDC- Midland

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NEW TODAY ENTRY LEVEL POSITION, NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, Tornance County, Estancia, NM. County Extension 4-H Associate II with Master's Degree or may be under-qualified as Extension 4-H Associate I with Bachelor's Degree. 2.5 GPA required with completion of Master's Degree within 6 years of employment. Entry level salary: Associate I, \$26,818.92 or Associate II, \$33,145.68. This is a Non-Tenure Track Position. At least one degree in Agriculture. Position contingent upon continued funding. All accrued leave must be used or lost during term of employment. Reply to: Gerald Chacon, Northern District Department Head, 128 S. Federal Place, Room 109, Santa Fe, NM 87501. e-mail: northern@nmsu.edu. Telephone: (505)983-4615. Deadline for letter of application, resume, unofficial transcripts, names, addresses and phone numbers of three references: August 24, 2001. NMSU is an EEO/AA employer. For details see: <http://www.nmsu.edu/~personnel/postings/professional>

NEW TODAY VALVE MANUFACTURER

Progressive valve manufacturer located in Moore, Oklahoma will open a warehouse in Odessa area. AOP industries is accepting applications for the following positions:

Inside Sales/ Warehouseman Area Salesman

Fax resume to AOP Industries, Inc., Larry Beck, 915-563-1851 or Bill Neimann (405)912-4440.

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Supported Housing Specialists in Monahans and Seminole area. Requires a Bachelor degree from an accredited college or university with a major in a human service field, plus one year experience or any combination of education and experience equivalent to a Bachelor degree. Salary range \$11,311/ hr, annually \$23,523- non degree \$9,891/ hr, annually \$19,344. 8-5, M-F.

Payroll/ Account Payable Clerk Operating in Big Spring. High School graduation or GED plus three years experience performing bookkeeping and accounting functions. Need Excel and payroll experience. Salary \$9.30- \$10.59/ hr, annually \$19,344- \$22,032. Salary dependent upon experience.

Applications may be obtained by calling Jobline at 1-800-667-2769. EOE

NEW TODAY FOOD SERVICE DIETITIAN

Midland MISO is accepting applications for the position of:

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Food and Nutrition or equivalent
- Registration as Dietitian, preferred
- Demonstrated ability in the areas of menu planning, special diets, personnel management, and public relations
- Nutrition education program development and teaching experience
- Two to three years experience in a supervisory capacity preferred
- Must be in excellent physical and mental health
- Word processing and computer literacy

■ MISO is an equal opportunity employer
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■ Complete job description available upon request

Interest in this position may be expressed by submitting an application, with Midland ISO, Auxiliary Personnel, 615 W. Missouri, Suite 201, along with Resume, by Friday, August 10, 2001.

Position Available: Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Trainee, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Big Spring Field Office. Monthly Salary \$2,436.00. M-F. Posting #0686. Opens: 07/20/01, closes 08/02/01 at 5:00 P.M. EEO.

Position responsible for providing rehabilitation services to all eligible individuals in an assigned work area. Educational minimum requirement Bachelor's degree with a major in Vocational Rehabilitation from an accredited college or university plus (1) year work related experience. OR Bachelor's degrees with major in Counseling and Guidance, Education, Social Work, Sociology, Psychology or Public Health from an accredited college or university plus (2) years work related experience OR other Bachelor's degrees plus (3) years work related experience. Manual Communications Skills Preferred.

Applications may be obtained at #1 or #22 Briercroft, Lubbock, TX or 3301 Huddins Memorial, (SWCID Campus), Big Spring, TX. Position located in Big Spring SWCID Campus. Job application also available at: www.rehab.state.tx.us.

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Critical Skills:

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- Working knowledge of oilfield chemistry as it relates to corrosion, scale and paraffin deposition
- Ability to make technical and economically sound recommendations with incomplete information
- Excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills
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- Permian Basin and CO₂ flood experience considered a plus

Occidental offers competitive compensation, excellent benefits and an exceptional team-oriented environment. Please send your resume and salary history to:

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- Attending every meeting of the City Council and keeping accurate minutes of the proceedings
- Creating and Posting City Council Agendas and preparing City Council agenda packets, minutes, resolutions, and ordinances
- Maintaining an orderly and documented flow of legal documents with proper safekeeping (Records Clerk)
- Assisting in conducting research
- Assisting in the issuance of city permits
- Function as the administrative assistant to the City Manager and keeps appointments, schedules meetings, and coordinates communication between the City Manager and City Department Heads
- Additional responsibilities will be assigned by City Manager and City Council

The City Secretary/ Administrative Assistant must be energetic, customer service oriented, hardworking, computer literate, innovative, and show initiative to complete tasks independently. Preference will be given to individuals possessing degrees in the area of Public or Business Administration. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are essential.

SALARY: Dependent on experience.

Submit resume, letter of interest, and references in a sealed envelope.

Attention: Human Resources Department
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Attention: Virginia
Box 06142
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Position available for an Administrative Assistant for an Oilfield Chemical Manufacturer and Distributor Company. We are seeking a highly motivated individual with good phone and people skills. Job responsibilities are diverse and will include both accounting and clerical functions. Experience in Accounting and Excel and Word is a must. We offer a relaxed working environment with excellent benefit package consisting of Health, Dental, Vision and 401K. Please send resume to:

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BE MY LIFE PARTNER

Outgoing, humorous SBF, 27, 5'11", enjoys movies, swimming, park walks, ISO caring SWM, 24-40, who likes children, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1634

CALL ME

Outgoing, friendly SM, 24, 5'4", 160lbs., brown hair, enjoys sports, movies, reading, ISO outgoing, SM, 18-35, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1627

POSSIBILITIES

Intelligent, SM, 19, 5'7", black/brown hair, enjoys sports, hanging out, ISO outgoing, SM, 18-25, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1613

LOOKING FOR YOU

SWF, 21, 5'7", black hair, enjoys sports, hanging out, ISO outgoing, SM, 18-25, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1613

TAKE IT SLOW

SWF, 47, 5'11", 160lbs., enjoys dining out, swimming, aerobics, ISO outgoing, SM, 30-60, who wants to go out and have fun, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1600

LOTS TO LOVE

Outgoing, SM, 18, 5'0", 100lbs., black hair, enjoys going to church, cleaning, babysitting, SM, 18-35, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1597

STEP BY STEP

Outgoing, SM, 35, 6'0", black hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 25-45, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1589

FUNNY

SM, 18, 5'5", 125lbs., light brown hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1584

TRUE TO YOU

SM, 37, 5'7", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 25-45, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1518

TIME OF NEED

SM, 44, attractive, black hair, brown eyes, intelligent, fun, enjoys cooking, sewing, and the outdoors, SM, 25-45, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1579

IS ANYONE OUT THERE?

Outgoing, SM, 22, with kids, smoker, 5'3", brown hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1571

PACKAGE DEAL

SM, 39, with kids, N/S, short, brown hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1568

LET'S CHAT

SM, 30, 5'5", tall, outgoing, fun, full of energy, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1565

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SM, 33, 5'10", brown eyes, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1545

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CAREY WORKING

Outgoing, fun-loving SM, 43, 5'7", average build, with long dark hair, hazel eyes, loves children, animals, yard sales, seeks a sincere SM, 35-55, with similar interests, LTR, Adf. 1545

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COMMON BOND

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BE SURE TO CALL

Meet this bubbly, kind-hearted SM, 38, 5'3", full-figured, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, music, and dancing. She hopes to share her life with a kind, understanding, family-oriented SM, 38-45, Adf. 5141

GIVE ME A CHANCE

Get involved with this positive SM, 50, 5'8", 160lbs., with dark hair, green eyes, enjoys cooking, walking, traveling, if you're a upbeat, educated SM, 40-60, Adf. 5066

CAN I TRUST YOU?

SM, 41, 5'3", 160lbs., who's quiet at first, loves movies, dancing, dining out, is seeking a SM, 20-40, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1185

LIKE TO HAVE FUN

SM, 19, 5'7", 160lbs., enjoys going to church, biking, skating, movies and dining out, ISO outgoing, SM, 18-25, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 5148

R U GOOD, DECENT?

Sociable, outgoing SM, 32, 5'5", 115lbs., brown hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 5151

ROMANCE IS IN THE AIR

Meet this fun-loving, very pretty SM, 20, 5'5", 125lbs., with long blonde hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 5146

MAKE A MOVE MY WAY

SM, 18, 5'5", 125lbs., blonde hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 5102

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SEASONAL GREETINGS

Recently WWF, 60, full-figured, blonde hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1331

HEAR ME OUT

Sweet SM, 22, 5'7", blonde hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1345

A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY

SM, 32, 5'7", 125lbs., blonde hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1334

SPARKLING BLUE EYES

SM, 21, 5'4", 110lbs., brown hair, good personality, likes having fun, reading and movies, ISO outgoing, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1342

WHO CAN I TALK TO

Bubbly SM, 18, 5'7", 125lbs., blonde hair, enjoys the outdoors, SM, 18-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1341

IS MR. DO RIGHT

Emotionally and baggage-free SM, 22, intelligent, caring, student, loves movies and reading, looking for a good SM, 25-35, who is into sports, for friendship, LTR, Adf. 1350

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The result is a delightful versatility that adds interest with every turn. But it's not just the angles. This is a house for the thinking homeowner, who knows that not every room must be large, and not every building block is of standard size.

The floor tiles are oversize—14 or maybe 15 inch squares.

There's a small triangular computer room where everything fits perfectly, and a triangular shelved closet. The ceilings display this architectural diversity as well, with some stepping upward, others soaring upward at 45 degree angles.

The kitchen is open and designed for cooking whether by a lone cook or a crowd, with the sinks facing into the room, bordered by a high bar where the family can keep the cooks company.

There are ceiling fans in every room, and every window has plantation shutters.

The master suite is sequestered, with a glorious master bath that includes a Jacuzzi tub and his and her everything.

In short, this is a house made to order for the homeowner who wants great style without having it made obvious. This house makes it easy.

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Bedrooms: 4

Baths: 3

Living areas: 2

Fireplace: Wood-
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Trees!! The Best Investment You Can Make for Your Home

One of the best investments a homeowner can make is a glorious stand of healthy trees as part of a well-landscaped yard. Realtors across Texas and the rest of the country know that healthy trees can increase the property value of a home, as well as provide years of aesthetic benefits to owners.

Most trees and shrubs are planted to provide beauty or shade - two excellent reasons for their use. But the benefits of trees can be grouped into a social, community, environmental and economic categories - where benefits are reaped by many more than the homeowner. First, having trees around just makes life more enjoyable, and most people respond to the presence of trees beyond simply admiring them. Tree-lined streets mean established neighborhoods, roots - quite simply, a sense of "home."

They also give us a sense of serenity, even a sense of peace. According to the International Society of Arboriculture, hospital patients have been shown to recover from surgery more quickly when their hospital room offered a view of trees. The strong ties of people and trees are also evident in efforts by developers to preserve as many trees as possible in new subdivisions, in the zeal of community members to save particularly large or historic trees, and in the desire to plant trees to serve as living memorials or to commemorate special events.

One family in our neighborhood has a tradition of planting trees to remember each child's first birthday. As their children grow, they become aware of the tree and its significance and chart its growth - much like the kid's parents are charting their children's.

Plant a Tree, Raise Your Property Values

Realtors estimate that the property values of landscaped homes with trees are higher than those of non-landscaped homes. And the economic benefits of trees can be both direct and indirect.

For example, energy costs like air conditioning are lower in a tree-shaded home, and heating costs are reduced when a home has a tree to act as a wind-shield. And if you live in a newer house where the developer had to sacrifice trees to build your house, it's best to start early and plant some more. Why? Because trees increase in value from the time they are planted until they mature.

The International Society of Arboriculture notes that the indirect economic benefits of trees are even greater. Lowered electricity bills are paid by customers when power companies are able to use less water in their cooling towers, build fewer new facilities to meet peak demands, use reduced amounts of fossil fuel in their furnaces and need fewer measures to control air pollution. Communities can also save if fewer facilities must be built to control storm water in the region. Reductions in these kinds of expenses can total thousands of dollars for a community - which in turn benefits everyone who lives there.

Trees also contribute natural elements and wildlife habitats into urban surroundings, which increase the quality of life for residents of the community. They also alter the environment in which we live by moderating climate, improving air quality, conserving water and harboring wildlife.

Homeowners can work with Mother Nature by planting small or deciduous trees on the south side of homes to preserve the sun's energy in winter. If your backyard is occasionally a wind tunnel, the more compact foliage on a tree or group of trees, the greater the influence of the windbreak. So keep that in mind when selecting the best trees for your home.

The Right Trees

There is a way of choosing the right tree

for your home and property. Many homeowners make the mistake of deciding what kind of tree they want and then trying to fit it into their landscape. It's much better to decide where a tree is needed and what that tree should do in the landscape. After that's done, it will be much easier to select a species to fulfill these requirements.

In Texas, there's a saying that if you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes. Sunny days can turn into raging storms at the drop of a cowboy hat, so it's best to select trees that can weather the storm. Avoid trees that are overly susceptible to storm damage, ones that could be hosts to destructive pests and those that produce a lot of seeds or fruit.

Tree choices will often depend on existing conditions of your home. Texas soil varies greatly from area to area, so check with the local nursery to see which trees will grow best. Homeowners will also need to consider making room for top and root growth, soil type, drainage and kind of plants you might want to grow under the tree.

Since a tree is a long-term investment, it's important to start with a high-quality plan. In the case of trees, money definitely buys quality. Trees that are 8 to 10 feet tall - either balled and wrapped in burlap or established and growing in containers - are usually the best buy.

A reputable nursery will usually help select the tree and will offer a guarantee that it's healthy; if not, homeowners should be able to return it. Most nurseries will also take care of planting the tree in your yard. Neighbors recently spent more than \$700 on four trees for their bare backyard, and reaped the benefits of the nursery's policy on free installation when customers paid more than \$100 for a tree. It was a great deal for them, the trees are all thriving because professionals handled the job.

Water, Prune and Mulch

Trees require maintenance and a little TLC to thrive in any landscape, and especially your backyard. The good news is that the informed homeowner can handle much of this work. For example, pruning and mulching will give trees a good start. And of course, watering them regularly to feed thirsty roots goes without saying. If you are lucky enough to have huge, established oaks and maples for shade trees, however, they might need the services of a professional arborist with the knowledge and equipment needed to prune, spray, fertilize and otherwise maintain a really large tree. Any full-service garden center will be able to answer questions about tree maintenance, treatments or recommend someone who can help.

Trees definitely require an investment, but it's one that will provide years of enjoyment, as well as economic and community benefits. In fact, in a recent issue of the Kiplinger financial magazine, there was an article on the 25 best ways to invest \$1,000. At the top of the list was buying a big tree. Happy planting.

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Buying a home should be exciting and fun, however this can become a very stressful time if you are working without a plan of action.

One way to limit the feeling of being overwhelmed is to ensure that you are seeing only those homes that fit your needs. In the beginning of a house hunting trip, buyers may have the notion that they want to see all the houses available in their price range at this given time. This soon turns out to be confusing and disheartening and the buyers are wearing themselves out going in and out of homes they would not consider for their family.

Know your goals and priorities and have your Realtor prepare a well-planned course of action for you. Ask for a

schedule of appointments - this will commit your agent as well as yourself to keeping this time for serious house-hunting and won't waste time for either of you.

If you are concerned that you will miss "the house" ask your Realtor to provide a list of all the houses in your price range and a list of the properties chosen to be seen and how the selection was made. This should confirm that your agent has in mind the priorities you have and will help you stay focused on them. Also, it will eliminate the feeling of wasted energy and time, and loss of enthusiasm that comes from looking at dozens of homes that just don't fit your needs.

This story was submitted by Norma Pine, Broker-Associate, ABR, CRS, RE/MAX of Midland.

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3303 Shandon	\$69,900	904 Citation	\$275,000
3 Ridgmar	\$142,000	4980 Rustic Tr	\$145,000
3606 Pleasant	\$114,900	15 Oaklawn	\$169,900
3612 Baumann	\$84,900		

3 BEDROOMS

908 Citation-Fabulous patio home in Saddle Club. Totally updated! \$299,000

4419 Tanager-Workshop, guest house, horse facilities, acreage \$299,000

423 Hales-Fabulous, open plan, sparkling pool, great location, U.C. \$275,000

Ca. Rd. 128-Country Estate, 4 car, 4 houses, 18AC. Reduced. \$265,000

4186 Edgewood-Exquisite patio home, grand amenities. \$235,000

1765 W. Ohio-Gracious & charming with grand pool, updated kitchen and bath. \$239,500

2581 Sinclair-Beautifully updated 3/2 TH in "Old Midland" \$189,500

1717 Cuthbert-Lovely in "Old Midland" pretty decor, gorgeous yard. \$188,500

5615 Fawcett-Custom, loaded with amenities, 3 car garage. \$188,500

9 Oaklawn Park-Traditional & spacious, bonus room. \$175,000

5811 Grandview-Super master suite, study, custom kitchen. \$172,500

10 Tanager-Horse lovers delight, 2 acres, sparkling pool. U.C. \$170,000

1287 Harvard-Great master w/its & her baths, beautiful yard, lovely! \$169,000

3708 N. Co. Rd. 1243-w/wood & barn. Reduced. \$149,900

3302 Haynes-Duplex, 3/2 each side. \$139,900

4404 Lennex-2 story, large gameroom, 3 car garage. \$129,900

2512 Standford-Pool, spa & bath house. Gorgeous. \$115,000

4902 Foxboro Ct.-Bright, open, lovely! U.C. \$115,000

5006 Castleford-21A or 4th Bedroom, Very nice. \$112,500

1883 Western-Lots of tile & light, double fireplace, recent carpet, Buyer Bonus! U.C. \$110,000

3202 Lockhead-Completely remodeled, 2 1/2 ba. Reduced. \$109,900

4601 Aspen-Totally Redone - Master downstairs, TH. Reduced. \$89,900

3405 Canamont-Sequestered master, tile flooring, gorgeous grounds. \$87,500

4717 Elm-Extra nice, recent carpet, tile, sprinkler system. \$87,500

2018 Douglas-3/2 with lots of extras, hot tub. WOW REDUCED TO \$85,900

2876 Marantha-Cul-de-sac, separate formal/office, sprinkler sys. \$85,800

4908 Sunshine-Spacious, open plan, bonus room, large yard. \$82,500

1908 W. Missouri-Just Wonderful! \$79,900

4800 Merrill-Big liv. area, new carpet, vinyl, & tile. U.C. \$79,900

2688 Country Club-Quiet street, 2 living areas, close to park, lots of space. \$79,900

3802 Placid Ct.-Beautiful, open living, sunroom. U.C. \$79,500

4602 Gulf-High ceiling, sequestered master, Great Price. \$76,500

106 Club-Sequestered master, hardwood floors, wood deck. \$74,900

3303 Shandon-Country kitchen, great room, large yard. \$69,900

4210 Amistad-Lovely updated home. Clean, clean, tile, carpet. Reduced. \$67,900

4303 Country Club-Totally updated, gorgeous yard. \$67,000

1100 McDonald-Large rooms, corner lot, new garage door. \$64,900

4807 Harvard-3bdrm, may be reconfigured to duplex. \$64,900

4735 Country Club-New home, nice carpet, tons of extras. \$62,500

3502 W. Michigan-Los of new & fresh, new AC. \$62,000

701 Thompson-Tons of new & redone - HUGE! U.C. \$59,900

701 Mogford-2BA, 2 living, hardwoods, sprinklers. \$56,500

4400 Tanager-2 living areas + workshop, Lots of Tile! REDUCED \$55,900

3507 Tanner-3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, exercise room, \$39,900 Call 689-4113

2 BEDROOMS

720 Melton-Alley-2 bedrooms, 2 baths. U.C. \$62,500

1211 W. Tennessee-Much updating, lovely yard. U.C. \$54,000

3501 Gaston-Large living, central heat & air. \$28,000

COMMERCIAL

5000 N. Midland-Approx. 4.4 acres, 40x60 shop, old Classical Greenery, prime location. \$395,000

4407-4409 Crockett-Investment property, 4-plexes. \$50,000 each

4 BEDROOMS

10 Santa Fe-Mission Dorado-Call for details. Unbelievable! \$825,000

911 Citation-4bd, 5.5ba, pool, 4 gar. Fabulous. \$379,900

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2002 L-Traditional 2-story in Warwick, Great pool. \$269,000

3180 Standford-Stunning, totally redone, hardwood, pool, 3 1/2 baths. U.C. \$259,000

4415 N. Co. Rd. 1241-Best of both worlds - lovely home, huge lot, great view. \$229,000

4108 Radcliff-Gourmet kitchen, large den, 3 1/2 baths, 3 garage. \$213,000

4907 Sunrise Crt.-Golf Course View, 2 bgs, 3 baths, sq. master. \$199,500

3185 Standford-Lovely home, beautiful yard. U.C. \$197,500

4900 Rustic Tr-Custom quality, great plan. \$145,000

3 Ridgmar-Fabulous redone kitchen, bonus room, super! \$142,000

2210 Sinclair-4/2/2 w/wood. Open, spacious plan. \$138,900

4805-1 Springmeadow-Hardwood floors, skylights, security system. \$124,000

1401 Harvard-Spacious 4BD in "Old Midland", lovely lot, nice updating. \$120,000

3600 Pinemont-Like new condition, custom features, Fairmont Park. \$114,900

2401 Maxwell-So much new & lovely, move-in condition. \$113,900

2599 Bellechase-big open liv. area, inground pool. \$112,500

5006 Castleford-Spacious master, great plan. \$112,500

1717 Stutz-3 1/2 bath, sequestered master or gameroom, new carpet/vinyl. \$109,900

4415 N. Co. Rd. 1241-Best of both worlds - lovely home, huge lot, great view. U.C. \$109,900

4408 Standford-5 Acres, Zoned Residential. \$104,000

3801 S. Co. Rd. 1185-Fabulous 4BR, 3BA, workshop, barn, 3+ acres. REDUCED! \$102,900

2585 Cimmaron-Farmhouse School district, 2 large liv. 2 bath. \$99,900

4315 Greenbrier-4BR, Great room. \$98,500

3612 Baumann-Large 4BR, 3 bath, handicap accessible. \$84,900

2309 Country Club-Spacious, open plan, great yard & porch. \$76,000

911 W. Michigan-Gleaming hardwoods, great yard. Super. \$73,500

3183 Illinois-Darling, faux painting, 2 baths. \$46,900

5 BEDROOMS

5809 Highland-New Construction, 5BR. U.C. \$238,500

1590 Harvard-Wonderful "Old Midland", Lovely. \$135,000

LAND

5000 N. Midland-40x60 shop, 6000 sq. ft. \$395,000

2408 Bluebird-6+ Acres. \$250,000

N. Garfield-40 Acres, Great potential. \$172,000

FM 158-160 Acres. \$144,000

4900 Standford-5 Acres, Zoned Residential. \$138,000

FM 1379-Approx. 250 Acres. \$99,000

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Derby Lane-7 acres - trailer pad, water well. \$25,000

4511-4519 Crockett-Res. Lots. \$6,000 each.

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4316 N. Co. Rd. 1241. \$1,800 mo.

3116 Trailwood-3BR, 2 1/2 baths. \$1,800 mo.

4401 Leland-4/2/2, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage. \$845 mo.

3114 Trailwood-2BR, 2 1/2 baths. \$745 mo.

425-A Spruce-2BR, 1 bath. \$450 mo.

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3202 HILL New listing, 3/2/2, in mint condition with fireplace. Call DENE. \$55,000

3328 CAMARIE You gotta, gotta see this one! 3/2/2, 2 liv. 1659 sq. ft. home warranty. DAVE. \$75,000

4187 CRESTWOOD 23/2-1/2-New on market, low maintenance. Call LINDA. \$82,500

2814 EXETER 3/2/2, 3 living areas, pool! New on market! Call DENE. \$138,000

4500 BREEZEWAY 4/3/3, 3 liv. in Green Tree. Built 1997. WOW! Call DENE. \$309,900

3801 JACKSON 2/1, carport, wkshop, hot tub, waterwell, util. rm. LYNN. \$30,000

3712 CASADY COURT 4/2/2, 2-liv, 2-firepl, 2-story, walk to Quannah Park. DENE. \$100,000

HIJY, 137-STANTON 2800 E. 3/2/2, 2500 sq. ft., big gameroom, bigger shop, RV shed, 5 ac! \$99,500. \$138,000

2900 E. 3/2/2 with carport on 3 acres, over 2,500 sqft. (2 bedrooms) DENE. \$65,000

2911 SANDHILL 4/3/3, smallish backyard, 3-car garage! LINDA. \$125,000

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710 S. JEFFERSON 3/2/1, newer home in a small new neighborhood, brick, ANNA. \$53,000

2913 N. COUNTY RD. 1243 3+ ac, 3/2/2, wkshop, 2-liv, 2 dining, updates, 3300sqft. ANNA. \$138,000

2809 DELANO w/1 carport, brick, 2-liv, central heat/air. LYNN. \$39,900

3210 APPERSON 2-story, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car gar., Kimberlee JULIA. \$111,000

1001 BOYD 4/2/2, firpl., hot tub, corner lot, Workshop. Call DENE. \$90,000

3524 SEABOARD 3/2/2, 3-liv, walk to lee & Rusk. Call DENE. \$78,000

609 FIFTH STREET Stanton 3/2/2, only 4 yrs. old, lots of amenities. LYNN. \$146,000

3901 N. COUNTY RD. 1241 4/2/2, 2+ ac, wkshop, landscaping, fab. interior ANNA. \$154,500

3413 BAUMANN 2/2/3, pantry, stg. pool, huge cov. patio, great backyard. DENE. \$75,000

3123 W. ILLINOIS 3/2, 2-liv, carport, over 1900sqft., pool sized yd., w.w. tile fence ANNA. \$49,500

1081 GARFIELD 2-story, 5-bdms, 3 baths, gar apt., guest qtrs, pool. Old Midland. DENE. \$175,000

1315 W. COUNTY RD. 140 3.89 ac, 4/3/2, pool! 2-liv, over 3000sqft. JULIA. \$109,000

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5203 SCR 1065-6 bed, 6.5 ba, 4 fireplaces, "Tara of the West"	\$435,000
2018 Fairwood-5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, study & gameroom	\$399,900
708 Solomon-5 bed, 4.5 ba, fabulous pool on 1 acre w/lot	\$399,900
4900 Rustic-Builder's home w/very extra! 4 bed+gameroom	\$349,900
5705 Ridgmont-6 bed, 4 ba, spectacular grounds, stunning	\$309,900
1700 Princeton-5 bed "Old Midland" mansion w/3 fireplaces	\$300,000
6200 Oriole-5 bed, 4.5 baths, study & dazzling pool	\$299,900
5601 Drexel-3.5 baths, study, gorgeous corner lot, fabulous throughout	\$279,900
5802 Highland-4 bed, study, granite island, pick colors now!	\$269,900
5807 Highland-5 bed, study, 4 ba, gar, pick colors now!	\$255,500
4703 Cherrywood Ct-Stunning "Old World", 4 bed, 3.5 ba	\$229,900
3603 Trinity Meadows-Exquisite 4 bed w/fabulous grounds	\$225,000
5400 Drexel-Pool in Grassland, 4 bed, 2.5 Bath	U/C \$172,500
4412 Rosewood-Biarwood 5 bed, 3 bath	U/C \$159,900
4608 Rosewood-Spacious 3 full baths! Formal Dining!	\$154,900
3609 Oakridge-Immaculate & Updated! 3.5 baths, 2LA plus study!	\$144,900
4707 Tattersham-4 bed, 3 bath with Barn And Stables	\$139,900
2500 Leamont-5 bed, 3 ba, Tremendous Space	\$136,900
2600 Ceasare-Dreamhome w/3 ba, Enormous Kitchen	U/C \$136,000
4002 Westminister-3 baths, updated to the max! RV parking!	U/C \$132,500
6401 Sequoia-Unlimited potential in large Green Tree home	\$129,900
3800 Westminister-Nice! 3 full baths, formal, gas logs!	\$119,900
3301 Edgemont-1 owner custom & large den plus study! Jacuzzi!	\$119,900
3301 Carleton-Crown Molding, Plantation Shutters	U/C \$117,500
2200 Abbey-2.5 baths, study & nice pool!	U/C \$99,900
3629 Seaboard-Spacious 4 bed, 2 Bath, Near LHS	\$92,500
5313 Lavaca-Double lot w/above ground pool	\$89,900
3602 Humble-Updated 3+study or 4 bed, exquisite grounds!	\$79,900
3608 Tampico-Precious patio home! Guest quarters! 3 full baths! Patios!	\$69,900
1000 Culbert-Tons of space! 2 living! Water well	\$60,000
6311 Shawnee-Darling 3+study or 4 bed w/great pool & yard!	\$53,900
4022 Monty-Huge 2nd living area, recent improvements all over!	\$49,900

SUBURBAN & LAND

COUNTY RD 60-215 acres of prime property west of Midland	\$795,000
5308 SCR 1065-Extraordinary home w/over 3400sqft on 32 acres	\$435,000
CO. RD. 1110(Greenwood)-140 acres - fenced, wells & great barn	\$400,000
16084 Wichita-20 acre working pecan farm w/equipment, house...	\$365,000
4707 Tallahassee-Almost an acre! Barn, arena, stables, recent roof	\$159,900
2908 Marie-3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, almost 2 acres, great views!	\$125,000
5500 E. Co. Rd. 199-Unique! 8.32 acre! Owner financial! Barn!	\$94,900
CO. RD. 179-23.48 acres - owner may subdivide to 5 ac & finance	\$55,000

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4705 Briarwood-Laser Wash Plus 4 Coin Bays!	\$510,000
2901 Ohio (Formerly Terrace Gardens Nursing Home)	\$495,000
910 Midland (car wash plus property - Midland at Wall)	\$150,000
5014203 Florida-Large Warehouse, Auto Garage, Studio, Small Office	\$100,000
2503 College-4plex w/lot, leases for \$375 each	\$42,500
1707 Lorraine-Great Lot Corner of Lorraine and Louisiana!	\$40,000

3 BEDROOMS

16084 Wichita-20 ac working pecan farm + 32 w/lot & equip.	\$355,000
4481 Hackberry-Spectacular views of the course! Fabulous pool! Hot Tub!	\$249,900
3529 Boyd-Spectacular 3 bed, 2 bath townhome!	\$129,900
2906 Marie-2 Acres! 3 Full Baths! Wonderful!	\$125,000
4502 Westminister-Terrific! Spacious! 2LA + gameroom	U/C \$117,900
2606 Garfield-2.5 baths, large living & dining, great tiled patio!	\$104,900
2818 Moss-3 bed, 2.5 baths! Great Location! Perfect!	\$99,900
3201 Teakwood-Recent carpet! Freshly painted! Large Rooms! Quiet street!	\$97,500
1613 W. Dengar-Gorgeous whorls of updating! Spectacular yard!	\$97,500
2613 Noel-Immaculate low maintenance whorls of life & charm!	\$96,900
5301 Lavaca-Light And Bright, 3 bed, 2 bath in Northgate	\$96,900
4803 Sunshine Pkwy-Darling 32 w/lot! Recent paint!	\$79,900
5200 Brazos-Corner lot! Great patio! 2 living!	\$79,900
4400 Spence-Corner lot! Updated kitchen! Recent flooring! RV/Boat Parking!	\$77,900
3013 Fredine-Quiet street w/epacious rooms & nice deck! New Carpet!	\$77,900
3602 Jordan-2 large living, plus study! Huge bedrooms!	\$77,500
1309 Godfrey-Stunning! Tons of tile! Recent appliances!	\$72,900
3805 Faircircle-Fairmont Park w/Parker Elem! Fresh exterior paint!	\$69,900
1306 Ohio-Precious home with guest house! Decorator colors!	U/C \$69,900
3605 Michigan-Lots of new in this cozy home w/lovely yards!	\$69,900
3503 Jordan-Wonderfully updated! Cute & clean! New Carpet!	\$69,900
3328 Neely-Arched doorways, recent tile, carpet, paint & high ceilings	\$69,900
708 Alpine-Precious home w/fabulous patios, landscape & tile galore	\$67,900
5105 Sunnyside-Too Cute! Recent paint, carpet, tile! Sq. Master!	\$59,900
4501 Amigo-2 large living areas, open plan, fireplace!	\$59,900
110 N. Eisenhower-Great 12' Ceramic tile, recent paint & carpet, 2 car garage!	\$59,900
3018 Storey-Darling! Tons of recent! Sprinklers & Lush yards!	\$54,900
4502 Mercedes-Cute & clean w/brick fence & workshop	\$52,900
314 Willowood-Nice! Soaring ceilings, formal dining	U/C \$49,500
1202 Ohio-Hardwood floors, lovely yards, views of downtown!	U/C \$44,900
4602 Mercedes-Cute, clean & cheerful! 2 living areas!	\$44,900
4714 Bowie-Cute, clean & priced to sell! Nice yards too!	\$34,900
1109 Indiana-Cute! Refrigerated Air! Fireplace! 2 Bedrooms!	\$29,000

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2606 Garfield-2.5 baths, great patio!	\$104,900
2918 Moss-Impeccable condition! Spacious! Great location across from park!	\$99,900
2613 Noel-Spacious 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 living! Mirrored wall!	\$99,900
3608 Tampico-French doors, patios, guest quarters w/4th bed & 3rd bath	\$69,900

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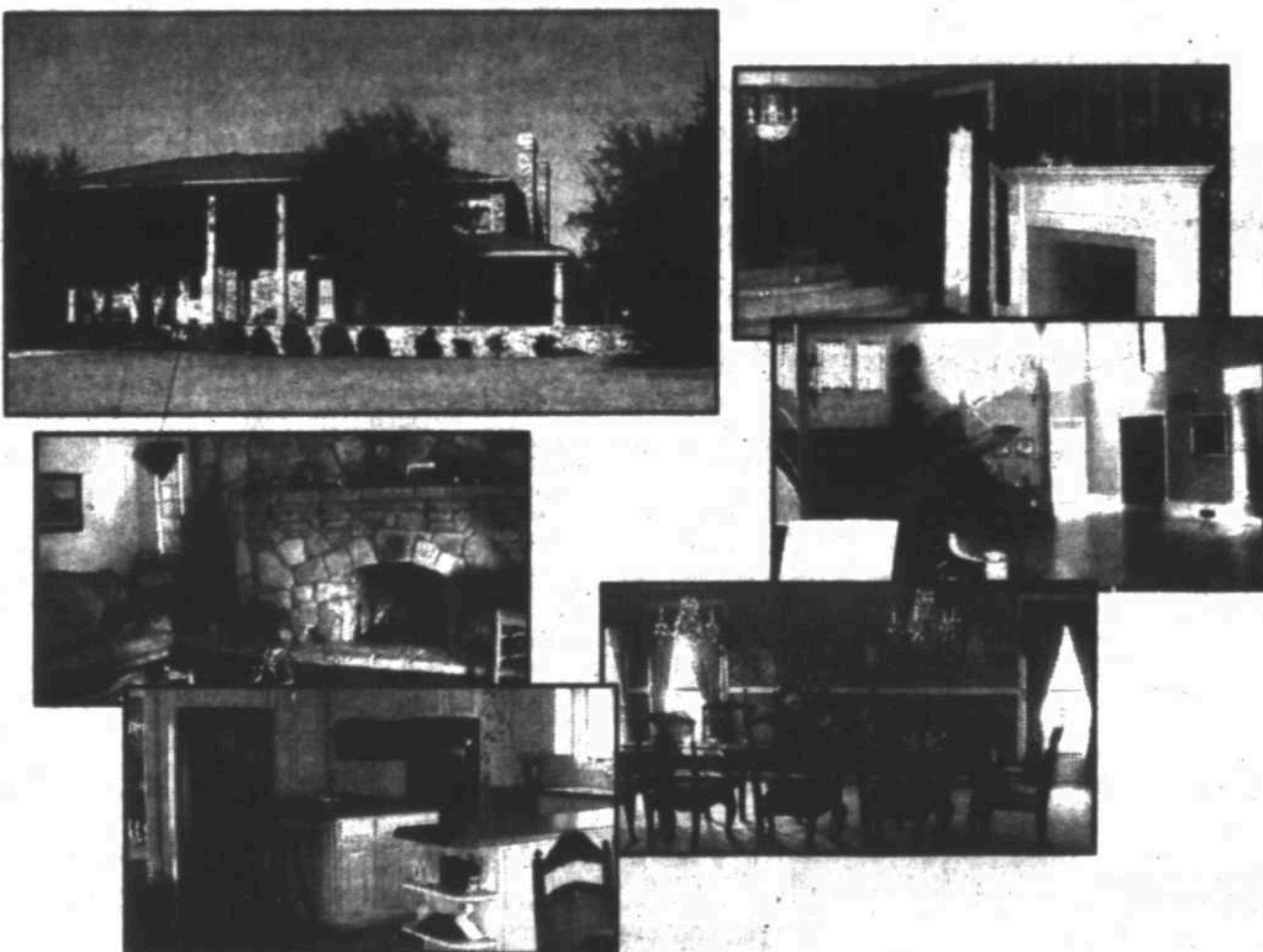
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411 W. CAROL LANE	425,000	1004 DUNBAR	95,000	3204 DENGAR	78,000
1710 HARVARD	142,500	2827 DURANT	95,000	5204 SAN ANTONIO	73,500
2804 MARION	138,400	1003 AINSLEE	88,840	711 E. CO. RD. 140	66,900
2520 KESWICK	137,500	2902 DORA PLACE	89,500	800 SINCLAIR	48,950
4903 POLO PARKWAY	112,000	1908 S. CO. RD. 1140	82,000		

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SHILOH-Knock-your-socks-off gorgeous 4BR/4BA/3A, pool, sports court, Dynalast, 595,000		CRESCENT PL-Stunning executive townhome in gorgeous area Beautifully designed 322,000		SEABOARD-Fabulous Warwick beauty whimsical updating, 3AAs, ton of charm and a gleaming pool.	248,900
FAIRWOOD CT-Without a doubt one of the snazziest, most versatile 5BR on the market		SADDLE CLUB TH-Large, livable, beautifully decorated. High ceilings, pool, fabulous guest house	338,950	TEAKWOOD-Custom, quality, one-owner on estate size golf course tree shaded lot. Stunning interior.	230,000
Pool, spa and 2nd/3rd workshop too	558,000	LANHAM-5-BR/5BA/2A, gorgeous, totally meticulously updated. More beautiful than new!	337,500	SADDLE CLUB TOWNHOME-Absolutely exquisite. One-story custom w/3BR/3.5BA, workshop w/Chest, Lovely pool. Great price!	229,500
PINEHURST-Custom w/4 or 5BR/4 1/2 BA, pool, 740 sq ft of shop, 4 CG & more.	455,000	WOODHAVEN-Fabulous home behind Trinity School with tons of extras! Light & Bright. This one is perfect.	315,900	EDGEWOOD-Exceptionally spacious living areas, lots of light, immaculate condition	229,000
LAKES DR-Stunning, traditional, 5BR 2-story on the upper level 3AAs plus study.	499,000	RIVIERA-Beautiful 44 w/lots of living space. Surrounded by a large privacy fence w/wooded yard.	285,000		
FAIRWOOD-Professionally designed custom on 2 lushly landscaped lots. Formal, den, garden room, study, workshop. Fabulous	435,000	PRINCETON-Truey terrific and tasteful contemporary 3/3 plus fabulous guest house, state-of-the-art kitchen, lovely lot, immaculate condition.	275,000		
SUNRISE CT - magnificent mark payne custom 4/3.5, formal, den, playroom, office. Stunning architectural details.	390,000	SEABOARD-Large Old Midland home. 5BR/5.2BA/3A. Tons of storage.	275,000		
TATTHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mid 5BR/5BA, acreage, pool, incredible style, quality. Owner Agent.	375,000	OAKLAWN TOWNHOME-Stunning architecture, incredible appointments, gorgeous sea blue pool, fabulous guest house.	268,000		
CRESCENT PL-It's fabulous & new everywhere including remodeled master bath, 300 sq ft of closet, incredible kitchen, 3FPs, study, garden room.	360,000	OAKWOOD CT-M.R. Lary 2-story located in The Oaks in Green Tree. 6BR/3.5BA, media room or den.	260,000		
CRESCENT PL-Beautiful Crescent Pl townhome. 3BR/3.5BA/3A with lots of work areas, pool, hot tub	340,000				

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

3204 DENGAR Terrific new 5BR listing in Fannin w/whash paint, abundant storage and a great backyard!	78,000	4807 FANNIN Just reduced! Charming 3BR/2BA w/wood, master, great kitchen, large LR plus bonus room.	75,000	112 CLUB Live on one of the prettiest streets in town. You'll love the charm, space and hardwood floors!	71,300
2505 CONCORD AVE Smashing patio home, beautiful updates, no HOA, cul-de-sac, no grass, new roof this week.	109,900	5214 RIO GRANDE Dolhouse! 3/2. New roof & AC and so much more! Jacuzzi-type + 6th storage/workshop.	89,900	4205 DAWN CIRCLE Proud to sell Great 3/3 w/2LA, 2FPs, all bedrooms sequestered, lot of life flooring.	109,500
9809 SUNRISE Stunningly beautiful architectural designed home on the corner at Green Tree.	599,000	3205 LEARMONT Reduced plus \$1,000 incentive. Flexible floor plan. 2LA/4BR/2.5BA or 1LA/3BA.	115,900	1803 W. OHIO Lovely Old Midland, nice 4BR/2BA home. Hardwood floors, new carpet, lots of built-ins.	85,000
4400 WESTMINSTER Pool comes free! Spacious 3BR/2.5BA/2LA w/DA, wet bar, atrium & more. Priced to sell quick.	109,000	3204 SAN ANTONIO Wonderful 5BR in Northgate so clean and tidy, good-sized BRs & closets, wonderful kitchen.	73,500	1811 N J Incredibly updated floor plan. Very open kitchen/den combo. Very spacious rooms & closets.	85,000
1003 AINSLEE Sparkling pool & spa. Beat the heat in this cool 3/3 w/detached rear-entry garage & workshop.	89,840	4807 PLEASANT Exceptional 3/2/2 garage. Cathedral ceiling, FP, seq. master, great closets.	80,900	5212 BRAZOS Daring 3/2 w/light and bright floor plan. Fresh paint throughout.	72,900

\$100,000-\$200,000... A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

SPRINGFIELD-Incredible is the word you will think of when you step into this fabulous spacious well appointed home in Trinity West.	199,000	OAKLAWN PARK-Exclusive address! This well-located 2BR TH has a great price.	138,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
ROSEMONT-Incredible builder's home 4BR/2.5BA w/2BR/2BA in-basement quarters or one big home.	199,000	NEXT to Midland College-Incredibly lovely where for \$50,000 in new prod. decorating and landscaping!	138,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
COURTESY-Stunning & charming w/whash paint, abundant storage and a great backyard!	185,000	What a show stopper! Formal + den + fabulous family room.	138,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
SENTINEL-Fabulous 3/3, older home that has quality paint! Corner lot.	179,000	HUMBLE-To Die For! Located 4 BR/4BA car garage/shed. Stunning landscaping/updated bath.	137,900	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
BOYD-Special financing provided by lender including down payment! 4BR/4BA/2LA w/whash-paint plan.	172,500	ROSEWOOD-Great price in Diamond. 4/2, large backyard, updated kitchen and bath.	137,500	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
MA MAR-Homecoming beauty floor upper, appraisal over \$500.00. Formal, den, study, game room, spa, cabana.	175,000	KESWICK-Super 4BR in 3 w/whash and 3 full baths. Beautifully landscaped.	137,500	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
CONCORD-Contemporary beautiful patio home on mature cul-de-sac. Remodeled 1998, lush no care yard!	169,000	BOYD-4BR/4A, large living areas - multi-use home on a hill.	135,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
BOYD - Island living in West Texas wilderness, pool and gourmet kitchen.	169,000	CRESTLINE-Spacious and beautiful 4 bedroom, 3AAs, workshop, sprinklers, cul-de-sac.	131,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
BOYD-Island living in West Texas wilderness, pool and gourmet kitchen.	169,000	BRUNSON-Memorable 2 story, roomy den, quiet comfortable unique updated 3BR and pool.	129,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
STANLIND-Hot 4/3. Great plan, emerald yard w/whash, "Nestle" roof, AC.	165,000	KANSAS-Old Midland beauty w/updates, charm & space! Close to the park, quiet serene neighborhood.	128,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
SECONIA-Overly beautiful. Unique plan, 300 sq ft 2-story w/ golf course.	160,000	PINE-Walton TH w/updated new hardwood floors, new AC, built-in party appliances and built-ins.	128,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
HUMBLE-Memorable Old Midland home w/gorgeous new master suite, 300 sq ft new 2-car garage.	159,000	SHOPS CASTLE-This great 4BR home in covered Polo Park has a large spa, master, terrific kitchen.	128,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
POLO PARKWAY-Just reduced! 4BR/4BA w/2BR/2BA in-basement quarters or one big home.	158,000	SHOPS CASTLE-Overly beautiful in this perfect Polo Park 3BR/2.5BA beauty!	128,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
TEAMWOOD-Super 2-story Green Tree home w/updates for 4BR/4BA, formal, master down, large lot.	148,000	FANNIN-42.5 w/whash yard. Fairly new AC, roof & more.	128,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
MAMAR-Fabulous - lots new, 2 courtyards & separate covered patio, large lot.	148,000	NOEL-A real cabin! 4/2 bedrooms 3 baths, separate formal dining. Patio home.	128,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
GRASSLAND BLVD-A great 4BR in Grassland! Custom built w/2LA & 3AAs.	148,000	LANHAM - town home, 3BR/2BA, 2 full baths, separate formal dining. Small pet yard.	124,500	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
SENTINEL-Gorgeous pool, spacious and gracious, unbelievable master bath & closet, divided yard.	147,000	LAFAYETTE PL - at the charm of New Orleans! Lovely 2-story, great storage, well appointed kitchen.	124,500	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
PINE-Perfect TH w/ new & newer carpet, HVAC, tile, appl., you can move right in this beauty!	147,000	SHANDON-Wonderful drive-up for the 4BR/4A updated home. Pool, storage building, lots of extras.	127,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
CULPEPER-Well maintained, much loved 4BR/4BA dream home in beautiful Fair Oak Estates.	144,000	POXBORO CT-Hotly updated & spacious 3BR/2A, 2-car garage, studio on quiet cul-de-sac.	125,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
HARVARD-Adorable 2-story, 4BR/2BA w/2LA. On quiet cul-de-sac.	142,500	KEELAND-Lots of new in this 42.5 in 1 acre in Greenfield! 3BR/2.5BA, 2-car garage.	125,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500
KINGSBORO-Really nice 42.52 in Meadowsport on quiet cul-de-sac. Newer carpet, lots of tile.	141,000	KEELAND-Lots of new in this 42.5 in 1 acre in Greenfield! 3BR/2.5BA, 2-car garage.	125,000	MEADOW PARK-WOW! Best price & best condition in this quiet, beautiful area! Light, perfect, Gorgeous	123,500

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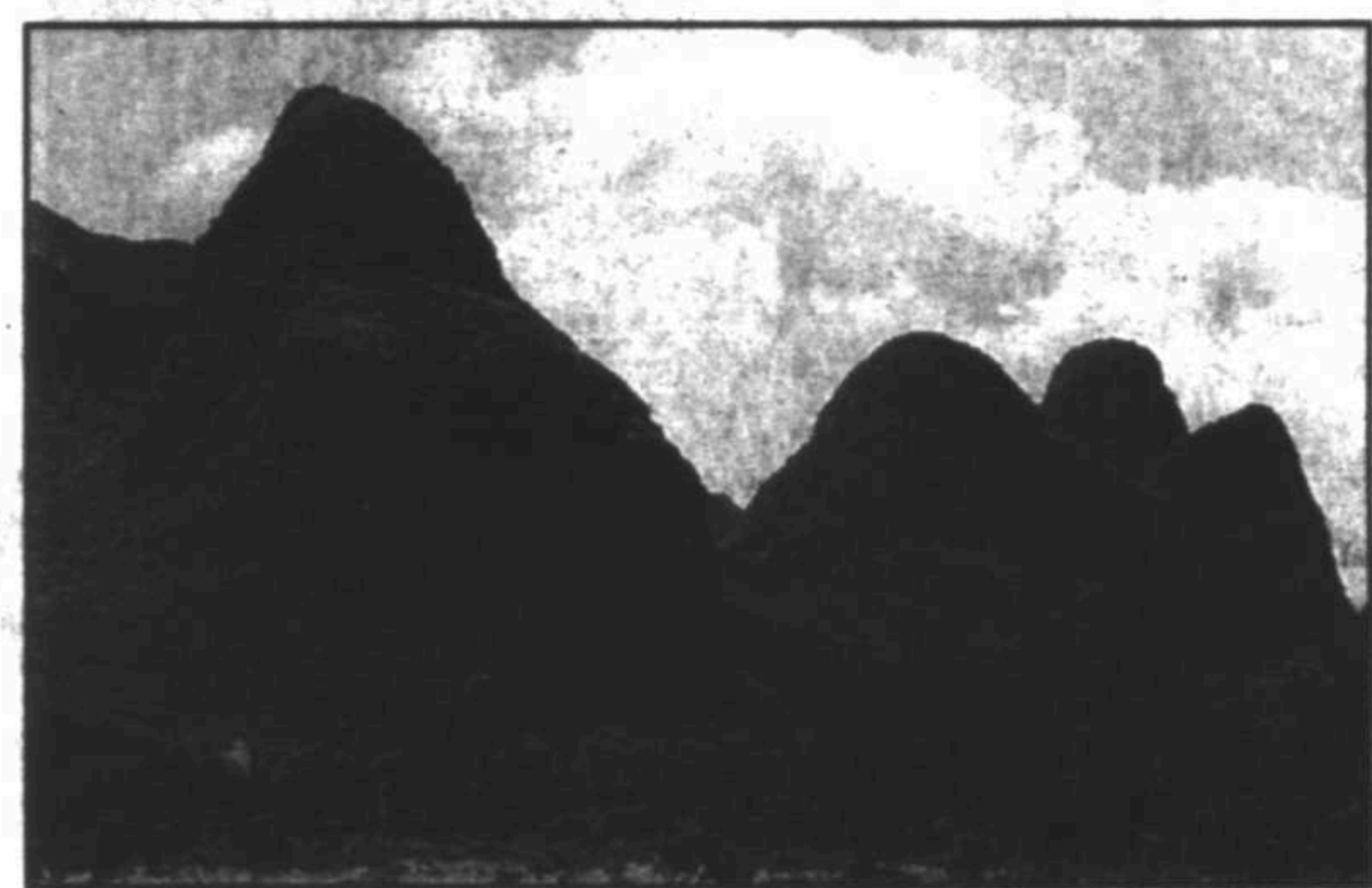
GREEN TREE BLVD-Newly inside & out AND a full country club membership! Great!	99,000	STANLIND-Look no more! High ceilings everywhere, new carpet, neutral decor, workshop, walk-in closets.	75,000	HARLOWE-Shining back yard and studio, 3BR/2BA/2LA, very well cared for.	83,000
WESTMINSTER-Cul-de-sac and corner lot, only one way in or out 3/2 w/2LA & study/desk.	99,000	ANDREWS HWY-Lots of space for the price, 2LA, 2 small offices and great potential.	75,000	LOUISIANA-You must come inside to see custom kitchen and gourmet floor, shop, 37257	82,000
SECONIA-4 bedroom plus 1 car for Old Midland, 4BR/4A and new paint and carpet.	99,000	PREDIA-Great lot in Lane District! New carpet, pool and flooring, 3/2, seq. master.	75,000	HARVARD-Overnighting. Open and light, lots of new, screened-in porch, 3BR/2BA car garage.	80,000
STONEY-Bright, spacious, inviting view of the location, w/whash, huge family room.	99,000	SWELL-Study Old Midland neighborhood, big yard, ally 3/2 w/2LA, lots of new.	75,000	STONE-Converted garage into large room. Redone master BA, New paint inside & out.	79,900
GLIMMER-4BR/2BA w/whash, bright, light floor plan in great subdivision.	99,000	DENGAR-Terrific home in Fannin w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, spacious backyard.	75,000	WOODCREST-Great 2BR/2BA, big living, ally kitchen plus bonus room, fresh and clean.	80,000
NORWOOD-Spacious 4BR/4A. In-law plan in 1st, master, high ceiling, wood accents & immaculate.	97,500	A ST - 2 living, 4BR/4A w/whash view. Backyard great for soccer or entertaining.	77,000	LAURA-SERVING, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
DAWN CIRCLE-Spacious and well maintained. Nice size living areas and bedrooms. Beautiful.	97,500	FIELDER-Elegant 2nd townhome in Crestgate w/whash landscaped front yard & lot of updates. Gorgeous!	76,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
SPRINGMEADOW #5-Nice 3BR TH w/whash, FP, Jacuzzi tub, 2-car garage.	96,000	FANNIN-Incredible neighborhood, sequenced master, wonderful kitchen, really nice.	75,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
SENTINEL-Alea home on corner. 32 w/whash in Old Midland w/whash trees & landscaping.	95,000	WARD-Wonderful patio-like home. Light, bright. Spacious and clean. Water well for easy care.	75,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
DUNHAM-3 extra large bedrooms w/whash, oversized garage, lush backyard, extra large kitchen.	95,000	PRINCETON-Looking for personality, charm and originality - updated! This is it!	75,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
DUNHAM-Wonderful home in Kimber-Lee w/3 bedrooms, great family room, a quiet street.	95,000	NEELY-4BR/4A/2LA, large kitchen, close to elementary and high school.	75,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WESTMINSTER-Great Old Midland home located in quiet neighborhood, 2nd/3rd workshop & storage.	92,000	CANADIAN-3BR/2BA, better carpet, new tile, high ceiling, built-in very siding, no painting.	74,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
GLYNN-Contemporary - Glass everywhere. Mature oak trees.	92,000	WIDOW-1400 Workshop w/whash, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of new and ready to move in!	74,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
BOULEVARD-4BR/4A car garage, Old Midland home, large workshop, security system, very open & bright.	92,000	SWELL-Hot 42 TH in quiet street. Lots of 3AAs, tons of storage, large kitchen, great master.	74,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
DENGAR-Wonderful 4BR/2 large LA, lots of storage, two parking, corner lot, superior landscaping.	92,000	SWELL-Lovely TH in excellent condition 3BR/2BA, Great covered porch.	72,500	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
CONCORD-Terrific home in mint condition w/whash, great family room, close to everything.	92,000	MICHAEL-Home, great, small yard in this 3022, ready for occupancy.	72,500	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
ARLIS-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	90,000	CLUB-4BR/4A 3 BR/2 BA home with gleaming hardwood floors in covered Old Midland!	71,500	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
DORA PL-Lots of quality in this 3022 w/whash yard. Ownership shows pride.	89,000	DENGAR-Spacious 4BR/2BA/2LA/2FP. Great area.	70,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
NEELY-Beautiful old brick home on corner lot. 3/2 w/2LA, circle drive, and detached garage.	88,000	NO RIDGE - 32, new everything! Seating kitchen, 2000 kitchen, jacuzzi, workshop, immaculate.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
ARLIS-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	AMSTAD - 22 Super townhome, hardwood floors, 2000 kitchen, jacuzzi, workshop, immaculate.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	OWD-Really nice 3BR/2BA/2LA.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	LA SALLE-Very clean, 3/2, FP, LA and both baths. New roof & exterior paint.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	OWD-Very well maintained 3BR/2BA, very nice, owner anxious - make offers.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	GOODY-Fire 3/2 in A-1 condition, lovely yard - looks like Spring.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	STANLIND-Better than a housewife! Low maintenance! Master w/whash lot! Nice storage everywhere.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	MAPLE-Over 1500 sq ft, 3BR/2BA, better carpet and the flooring less than year old! Nice open plan.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	HUMBLE-Hot 32 TH in quiet street. Lots of 3AAs, tons of storage, large kitchen, great master.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	WARD-Very nice w/whash drive-up house. Interior is light, bright, clean and convenient.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	BOYD-On charming and inviting - inside and out. \$2,000 buyer incentive.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	WHITELY-WAY-Incredible low maintenance TH! Wonderful decor, totally updated, super location.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	ANITA-Double your pleasure... 2FPs, 2LA, 2-car garage & 3BR/2BA & great street yard.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	OWD-Lovely Old Midland home. Hardwood floors, garage converted to 4th BR or study. A must to see.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	CANADIAN-3BR/2BA car garage w/whash area LA, large covered patio, intercom sys, built-in vacuum sys.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	PRINCETON-So much new and so beautifully done! Don't miss seeing this 3BR/2BA in great area.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	PUEBLO-Well-cared for country home. Old fashion backyard.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	DENGAR-Super place in Fannin area. 3BR/2BA/2LA, 37257.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000
WINDYWOOD-Beautiful pool, near entry garage/workshop, 3/3, great kitchen.	88,000	CULVER-One owner home 302LA close to Midland Christian. \$1,500 buyer incentive.	69,000	MOON-4BR/4A, drive only, great backyard.	80,000

SUBURBAN HOMES

CAROL LANE-Country estate in the city! Stone FP, separate 3AAs, sparkling pool and spa, charging room w/whash, guest house, double, sport court, 2nd/3rd workshop, 50.5 (34).	425,000	IL CO. RD. 1147-Lovely country property on 3.1 acres built in '98. Large workshop that's heated & cooled.	144,000	E CO. RD. 130-Must see interior to appreciate contemporary, 2 story plan, 3BR/2BA/2FP, huge shop, 3797A.	84,000
S. CO. RD. 1140-4BR/2BA, in-ground pool, jacuzzi, cat fish pond, 50'x80' master and the lot goes on & on.	279,000	S. CO. RD. 1194-47 Ridge Heights beauty, 1.27 acres, 4-car garage, pool, landscaping, country kitchen, office.	123,000	S. CO. RD. 1140-Outstanding Greenwood property for the price! 1.5 acres, many nice new additions.	82,000
E. CO. RD. 105-Better than new! Beautiful 42.52 acre lot w/3-car garage, large workshop.	239,000	W. CO. RD. 95-Picturesque country property w/ potential beautiful home & workshop + 4 garage.	120,000	S. CO. RD. 105-Greenwood school. 3BR/2BA car garage, needs TLC, "no lie", great possibilities.	70,000
E FM 367 (STANTON)-131.82 fenced acres w/3rd/4th shop, barn + 32 horses. Greenwood schools.	190,000	S. CO. RD. 1198-Car lover's dream - 4 garages, 5BR on 2 acres, lots of recent new, 2WV & workshop.	119,000	E. CO. RD. 1130-Greenwood school. 32 w/whash lot.	69,750
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Tourist sees flip side to China's oppressive government: rich history, culture, beauty

Editor's Note: Last year, copy editor Saralee Huntsman spent more than two months in China on a journalism internship. Before that she lived in Taiwan for 1 1/2 years doing volunteer work. Today begins a two-part series on her observations about life in the East.

By Saralee Huntsman
Copy Editor

China's image in the media recently has been a grim one at best.

News of human rights abuses, Falun Gong members using suicide to protest China's opposition to their religious sect and the spy plane incident that strained U.S.-China relations have made China into the "Ogre of the East," who oppresses all.

While the government represents the oppressive side of China, the working class of people showed me the flip side of their nation last summer when I completed a journalism internship in Hefei. Leaving all politics aside, I want to introduce you to the part of China not normally seen in the news. Its rich history, culture and beautiful landscape make China a must-visit on any world traveler's list.

Before I left for my internship, I didn't know exactly what to expect. I was half-expecting to see people on bicycles and farmers with cone-shaped straw hats working in rice fields, but I wasn't surprised to see several red taxis, double-decker buses and skyscrapers in the capital of Beijing. There also were quite a few bicycles in the city, but not as many as there were in smaller towns. In Hefei, I had to dodge in and out of the way of speeding bikes even though I was walking on the sidewalk.

However, it didn't take long for the hospitable people to make me feel welcomed in the third largest country in the world.

I have been interested in China and other Asian countries since I was 10 and visited the Japan and China booths at the 1986 World Expo in Canada. I was mesmerized as pictures of the Great Wall and the Forbidden City were flashed across a giant screen. Little did I know I would be visiting and walking along those very spots 14 years later.

China's more-than-3,500-year documented history is one I have only begun to study. The rich landscape varies in beauty — from uniquely shaped tree-covered limestone mountains in the south, to vast expanses of desert in the north near Mongolia, to pristine blue lakes in nature reserves near Tibet.

Perhaps Americans have a preconceived image of an underdeveloped China. On the contrary, China is progressing rapidly and with the 2008 Summer Olympics coming to Beijing, you can bet the



Huntsman



ABOVE: A busy day in downtown Xian. The main forms of transportation in Chinese cities are bicycles, taxis and buses. AT LEFT: This part of Xian is known as the Hollywood section because many Chinese movies have been filmed here. AT FAR LEFT: The limestone mountains of Guilin.

CHINA *A must stop on any world traveler's list*



ABOVE: The captain of a small boat cruises in Guilin, southern China, offers snake wine to the passengers. ABOVE RIGHT: This cave in Guilin houses rare poems carved into the rock by ancient poets, some dating back thousands of years.



China's culture warm, inviting

By Saralee Huntsman
Copy Editor

Chinese culture is more than just stir-fry dishes eaten with chopsticks, acrobats and kungfu movies. It is a way of life unique to nearly one-fifth of the world's population.

With a population of approximately 1.27 billion people, the Chinese always have had to work hard to survive. Their hard work ethic, combined with the generosity inherent in every Chinese household, makes China's culture a warm and inviting one.

One must be careful to not comment too freely when visiting the home of a Chinese family. If they sense you like something of theirs, they will offer to give it to you or buy you one like it. And if you are a guest in their home, it is as if your wish is their command — there is nothing they wouldn't do to make you feel comfortable and welcomed.

If the guest insists on paying for anything, it is considered offensive. Hospitality is extremely important to every Chinese family and accepting monetary reimbursement for their help is tearing down that principal and in a sense making them "loose face." Instead, a guest may bring a small gift as a token of appreciation for their kindness.

Hard work is important for Chinese to maintain a certain standard of living. A tourist may be disheartened to see a laborer pulling a large cart to haul loads of bricks to a work site for mere pennies an hour in order to buy food and clothing for his family. Even though the laborer is putting in rigorous 12- to 14-hour

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Did you know that the uniquely Midland institution known as Summer Mummies is celebrating its 20th anniversary at the Yucca Theatre?

The Mummies moved to the old movie theater in 1981. Before that, the acting troupe performed in a succession of "homes," the last being the former American Legion Hall. The hall, long since demolished, was located immediately south of Midland County Public Library.

There were no dressing rooms, so the actors were forced to wear their costumes from home (no doubt drawing stares from passing motorists as they made their way to the makeshift theater). Makeup was applied at tables and mirrors set up in the alley. The demand for tickets far exceeded the limited available seating, so theater patrons were literally packed into the hall like sardines (no place for the claustrophobic and certainly a nightmare for the Fire Department). In addition, the roof leaked when it rained (as it occasionally did in those days). But those involved only remember the good times and the esprit de corps that developed among the cast and crew as they learned to make do.

However, no one is complaining about the opportunity to perform in a real theater, with all its benefits and comparative luxury. After many years of paying a token lease, Midland Community Theatre is now the proud owner of the Yucca.

This year's melodrama, "2001: A Space Oddity," written by Linda Bond and Bruce Partain, will play through Sept. 1. Performances are scheduled Fridays and Saturdays and the following Thursdays: Aug. 2 and Aug. 9. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are available through the MCT Box Office.

Our best wishes and fond farewells go with Patty and Dave Cooper in their forthcoming move to Katy, near Houston.

The move will allow Dave to continue with his petroleum consulting business, Dave Cooper and Associates, from their new location and put them near their son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Melissa Cooper, and their grandsons, Travis and Dylan, who live in Rosenberg. They also will be closer to their daughter, Marisha Cooper of Grand Prairie.

The Coopers have been active in church and community activities since their arrival here 27 years ago. A former co-owner and founder of M Magazine, Patty has volunteered with the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Midland Soup Kitchen, among other organizations. Dave was scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 152 at First United Methodist Church for a number of years. They are members of Midland Lutheran Church.

No matter the season, the Museum of the Southwest is a busy place. On a recent weekend, there were opening receptions on two successive evenings for two vastly different exhibits.

Hosted by Carla and Danny Holeva, the Friday evening wine and cheese reception featured the landscape paintings of Santa Fe artist Greg Skol. He was born and raised in New York City but now calls New Mexico home. His work is in numerous public and private collections throughout the United States.

Among those on hand to meet the artist and enjoy his exhibit of serene landscapes were Paula and Frank Cahoon, Pat and Brent Blankvist, Barbara and Victor Frigon, Jenna Welch, Joan and Pat Baskin, Laura and Drew Ingram, Carol and Gary Hall, Darleen Holeva and Ginny Ketter.

The following evening, "Twin Sisters/Twin Cities," a joint collaboration between the museum, Arts Assembly of Midland and Midland's sister city, Wirral, England, opened with a flourish. The contemporary British artists, Amrit and Rabindra Kaur Singh, have exhibited widely in England and other nations abroad. Their award-winning, jewel-like paintings are a modified version of traditional Indian miniature paintings. Their aim is to try to revive, promote interest in, and preserve this tradition.

Guests enjoyed Indian delicacies served in honor of the artists. Among those seen in the crowd were Claudette and Tuli Singh (no relation), Greg Dove, Robert Rendall, Carol and John Kullman, Kathy and Mark Swindler and Pam and Robert Leibrock.

The museum's weekend activities concluded with its Sunday Summer Lawn Concert.



Harrison

CULTURE: Bartering is a way of life in China

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workdays, he will not hesitate to smile and shout out an upbeat "Halo" — the only English word he knows — to passing foreign tourists.

Frugality and cunningness to increase one's profit is at the heart of many Chinese entrepreneurs. Bartering at the markets and souvenir shops is expected of every tourist and Chinese resident alike.

The prices of items are usually marked up as much as four times their value for foreign tourists, or twice their value for local residents. Chinese shopkeepers do this because they expect buyers to barter down the price. Even if foreigners are not proficient in Mandarin, every shop owner carries a calculator knowing that the numeric system is a universal language.

It is amusing to see a buyer and seller in the act of bartering. The seller starts out with an outrageous price and then the buyer offers a low sum at which the seller shakes his head and laughs. Then the bartering begins. When the price is close to what the buyer wants to pay, they stop raising the amount. The seller insists he can't go any lower and then the buyer starts to walk away.

The seller stops the buyer and asks if they couldn't go just a little bit higher because he would be losing profit for such a bargain. Knowing the price is still fair, the buyer may offer to raise the price by a small fraction, which the seller contemplates and finally accepts.

After wrapping up the item, the seller will sometimes pat the buyer on the back congratulating him for his bartering skills and for reaching a fair price.

Family life also is extremely important to the Chinese and their way of life. Before 1949, some Chinese lived in large family units consisting of nearly 100 people, but housing space and cost has changed that. Apartments are too small to house more than the immediate fam-

ily and perhaps a grandparent or two.

Parental piety, or honoring father and mother, is a must in many Chinese households. However, according to the World Book Encyclopedia's entry on China, relationships within families have become less formal and more democratic. Children may choose for themselves whom to marry and they may move away from home for an education or after marriage.

Traditionally, the man was the only one who worked, but now more and more women are entering the work force while the grandparents look after the children.

In 1978, China instigated the One-Child Policy, which at first recommended couples have only one child and then required them to do so. The policy was passed in an attempt to control the large population growth. The Chinese government feared with the high growth rate, China would run out of agriculture and energy resources to sustain the large population.

There are, however, some exceptions to this policy. According to Greenhaven Press' book, "China — Opposing Viewpoints," the policy states, "Among the national cadres, workers and urbanites, one couple is only allowed to bear one child, except those people who are approved by the authorities as exceptional cases." The book then indicates those exceptional cases are rural farming families and national minorities who may have a second child, but "it is unlawful to bear the third child."

A nation's foods are a big part of its culture and China is no exception.

The Chinese pride themselves on their cooking abilities. They like to hear if a particular dish is delicious. Of course, chopsticks are the main form of utensil but it's not too hard to learn how to use them when there is nothing else to eat with. It is acceptable to bring the bowl up to your mouth to make it easier to scoop the rice into your mouth.

Chinese cuisine is nothing like the Amer-

ican-Chinese food many Americans are used to eating. While there are a few similarities, there are also many differences both in the spices used and methods of cooking.

Aside from the sweet and salty Peking duck sauce, the Chinese usually don't like sweet and sour sauces because they are too sweet. In addition, the Chinese occasionally eat things rarely eaten elsewhere — such as tiger lily buds, chicken and duck feet, snake meat and shark fin soup.

Chinese cooking is especially varied and flavorful around the time of Chinese New Year. During this holiday, which celebrates the first new moon of the lunar calendar year, Chinese families gather and eat huge meals similar in size to America's Thanksgiving Day meal, except the Chinese New Year lasts 15 days. The Lantern Festival falls on the 15th day and is a beautiful sight to see. Families will venture out at night with their lighted decorated lanterns and participate in the evening's festivities, which range from outdoor Chinese plays to food vendors offering free samples.

For the new year, children are given a red envelope with money in it to buy whatever they wish. Many will buy toys and new clothes for the new year.

Chinese clothing fashion is catching on more in the United States. The traditional Mandarin collar with frog buttons (a piece of clothing knotted with another piece sewn in a loop to hook around the knot) can be seen in many U.S. fashion shows. However, in China, men and women prefer to wear Western-style shirts, loose-fitting trousers and skirts. Blue jeans have yet to make a fashion statement in China.

Silk is a major export and is the desired material of native Chinese because it is loose and cool for high temperatures. For weddings and other formal occasions, bright reds and golds are worn, but for everyday life, pastel and dark colors are preferred.

China civilization emerges from 2 cultures

Editor's Note: The World Book Encyclopedia was a source for much of this article.

By Saralee Huntsman
Copy Editor

Many scholars will agree China's documented history stands as one of the most significant in the world.

The more than 3,500-year documented history of China has resulted in major inventions, such as paper, printing and gunpowder, that were first used by the Chinese, according to Stephen Haw's book, "A Traveler's History of China."

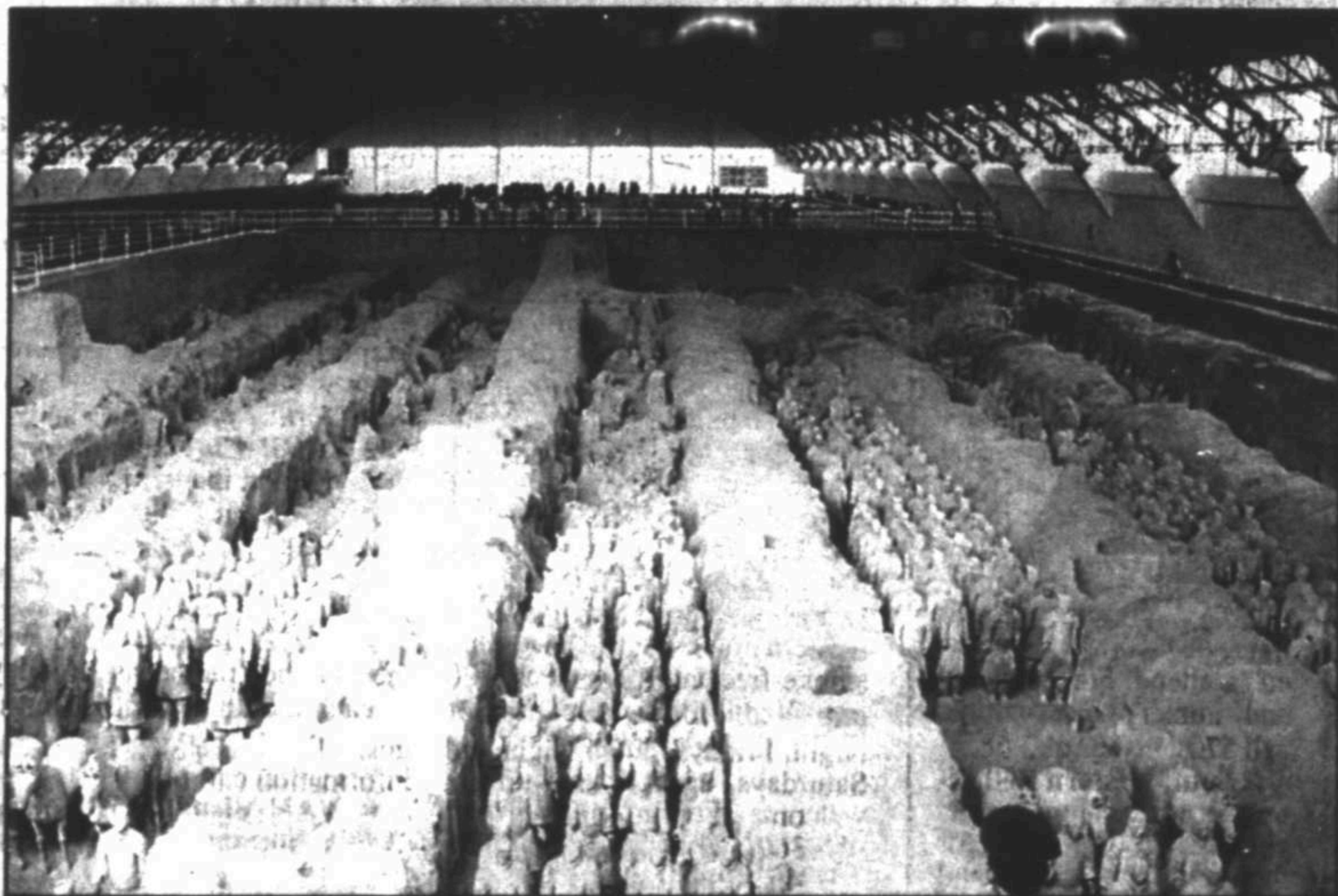
In addition to pre-modern inventions, China's history has yielded beautiful art forms, philosophical teachings of Confucius and a man-made structure that can be seen from space — the Great Wall of China.

Before the rule of the dynasties, China was occupied by prehistoric human beings — known as the Peking people — who lived about 500,000 years ago, according to the World Book Encyclopedia. By about 10,000 B.C., a number of New Stone Age cultures had developed and a distinctly Chinese civilization gradually emerged from two of these cultures — the Yangshao and the Longshan. The age of the Chinese dynasties and empires had begun.

China's first dynasty, the Shang dynasty, came to power during the 1700s B.C. The main accomplishments of this dynasty include the creation of bronze vessels, the development of horse-drawn war chariots and the establishment of a system of writing.

Around 1122 B.C., the Zhou people ousted the Shang people and a new dynasty named after them emerged and lasted until 256 B.C. During the Zhou and Shang dynasties, a strong central government was virtually non-existent and lords of semi-independent states fought for ruling power.

From the warring states emerged one strong state — Qin — and a new dynasty with a strong central government was born. This government ruled in the form of an empire with an emperor at the head. The first Qin emperor, Shi Huangdi, standardized the writing system and kept



The Terracotta Army was commissioned by Emperor Shi Huangdi during the Qin dynasty. More than 10,000 figures have been unearthed at the dig site in Xian, China.

out invaders by ordering the construction of the infamous Great Wall of China.

The construction of the wall took many workers' lives and those bodies were entombed inside the wall. Qin Shi Huangdi also commissioned his craftsmen to make the terracotta army, one of history's largest archaeological digs. Thus far, more than 10,000 figures have been unearthed, but it is believed that more than 30,000 soldiers, horses and chariots were made at the request of the emperor.

The Qin dynasty, as with all the others following it, fell into warring factions and was replaced with the Han dynasty in 202 B.C. This cycle of dynastic rule, dissection and establishment of a new dynasty was repeated until the early 1900s, when a revolution erupted and resulted in a government far different from the empires China was used to. The Qing dynasty proved to be the last for China.

The Qing dynasty, ruled by the Manchus, wanted to reform the Chinese government by establishing a Western-style army and sending students abroad, but the Manchu reforms came too late to

save the dynasty. In 1905, several revolutionary republican organizations had combined to form the United League, with Sun Yat-sen as their leader. Between 1905 and 1911, revolutionary attacks were staged and on Oct. 10, 1911, army troops loosely associated with the United League revolted at Wuchang bringing an end to Manchu rule. Pu Yi, the last emperor, gave up the throne of China on Feb. 12, 1912.

Unfortunately, this revolution led to leaders craving for absolute power and the government quickly weakened. Presidents continued to hold office, but the real power belonged to the war lords (local military leaders).

A Nationalist party headed by Sun Yat-sen and later Chiang Kaishek was formed at this time and managed to survive but never gained full control of China. A war with Japan in 1937 hindered the establishment of a strong central government. With the help of the Allies, China was able to defeat Japan, but at a cost. The war caused severe inflation, which disparaged the Chinese people and weakened support for the Nationalists.

Here entered the Communists,

lead by Mao Zedong, with their promises of social revolution and economic reform. A civil war between the Communists and the Nationalists ensued in 1946, and in January 1949, Mao's army drove the Nationalists toward southern China. On Oct. 1, 1949, Mao proclaimed the establishment of the People's Republic of China — as China is known today.

In December 1949, Chiang and his followers fled to the island of Taiwan and created their own form of government, known as the Republic of China.

To this day, China considers Taiwan a renegade province and not an independent country. The one-China principle is a controversial subject for both mainland Chinese and Taiwanese and has been the cause of much dissidence.

The Communist party is the ruling form of government for China today with President Jiang Zemin as the head of state.

TOURIST: Culture, history led to an enjoyable visit

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progress will kick into high gear in preparation for that world event.

When asked how she thought Americans viewed China, Gao Hongmei, a Hefei resident, said she thinks Americans see China as a "Communist country but with the world's largest potential market."

"Americans are often confused in how to deal with China because they are not used to dealing with a strong China in history," she said.

Many Chinese say the U.S. media coverage of China is what gives Americans a false perception of their country. Ms. Gao, who will be pursuing a doctoral degree in communications at an American college, said the media portrays China as a "politically evil empire" and the world's most populous market economically. "The U.S. media's coverage of China is not comprehensive and not up to date," she said.

Cherry Chen, a student in Hefei, agrees with Ms. Gao that the U.S. media does not treat China fairly and said the reporting is

subjective and stagnant.

"In my opinion, it is a pity that most Americans think China is an underdeveloped country," she said. "But some of my American friends who visit are surprised to find developed cities, and they especially like the fantastic culture and history of China."

It was the culture and history that made my stay an enjoyable one. It took me some time to get used to everybody staring at me everyday, but when it was time to return home, I was sad to say goodbye on that warm, humid July morning outside my apartment when my friends came to see me off.

In the following articles, I hope to paint a picture of China unknown to those who have never visited the country to experience the rich culture and picturesque vista this land has to offer.

Next month: Seeing the sights in China.

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AROUND TOWN

■ **Midland Palette Club's** featured painting by Mary Tucci is on their easel in the lobby at Bank One, 2301 W. Wall. The art work will be on display Monday through Friday during banking hours until Tuesday.

■ **Generalized Anxiety-Depression Support Group** is forming and will meet Thursday at Memorial Rehabilitation Center at Loop 250 and Thomson Drive from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. For further information call Ann Shaffer at 520-1401 or 689-6962.

Anyone experiencing anxiety, panic attacks, social phobia and/or specific phobias associated with depression may benefit from the support group. Also, information will be available from the Anxiety Disorder Association of America.

The purpose of the support group is to provide encouragement and support along with information to the members.

■ **SHEFFIELD — The Ole Timer's Reunion** is set for Saturday with breakfast beginning at 7 a.m. at the Westside Community Center in Sheffield. For more information, call Tommy Greer at 915-836-4546, Junior Wilson at 915-836-4495, Cheryl Robinson at 915-836-4347 or Cressa Jennings at 915-836-4522.

■ **Midland Christian Women's Club** will have a "Let's Stay In Style" luncheon from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Aug. 7 at Green Tree Country Club. A style show of fall fashions will be presented by Carolyn Stroman of Stein Mart, the Mabey Sisters will present musical entertainment and Sally Rowe of Missouri City will share "How the State of Her Closet Reflects Her Life" and how she got it organized. Cost of the luncheon is \$11. A free nursery is provided at a local church, and mothers are asked to bring a sack lunch for their child. Midland Christian Women's Club's non-denominational. All interested women are invited to attend. For luncheon and nursery reservations call 570-5064 or 682-5851.

■ **Southwestern Bell Pioneers** are accepting reservations for booth space for their 13th annual Arts and Crafts Show at the Midland County Exhibit Building, 2445 E. Interstate 20, Business Loop Service Road. The show will be Oct. 27-28. Booths are 8-by-10 feet and will rent for \$30 for the weekend. Profits from the event will be used for community projects such as birthday parties at nursing homes, Red Ribbon Campaign expenses, food baskets for the needy, Hug-A-Bears for children, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Toys for Tots, I Like Me Books and more. For more information call 694-4810.

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1. Rick Perry-Aggle Anguish
2. Barbara Steinert-Joe Brittain
3. Tommie Strack-Charlie Grimes
4. Gloria Crites-Marie Morris
Strat "B"
1. Tommie Strack-Charlie Grimes
2. Jeanne Gilles-Belle Harris
3. Betty Moudy-Bob Bennett
4. Mary Renton-Ken Hill
Tuesday: Open Pairs
1. Janet Stoltz-Wyoma Whitlow
2. Joan La Fond-Helen Wise
3/4. Aggie Anguish-Marsha Swanson
3/4. Ann Servais-Tom Vick
Wednesday: Open Pairs
Strat "A"
1. Helen Wise-Clarence Marley
2. Becky Kinsey-Lyle Kinsey
3. Gloria Crites-Jean Pistole
Strat "B"
1. Babe Griffin-Barbara Steinert
2. Belle Harris-Ruth Fahrig
3. Belvin Redus-Joe Brittain
Thursday: Invitational
1. Mildred Stuart-Corinne Reer
2. Mary Anne Ochs-Betty Yates
3. Betty Moudy-Snooke Howard
Friday: Open Pairs
1. Jane Myers-Rick Perry
2. Leonora Slusher-Jimmie Penn
3. Elle Kerr-Gloria Crites
4. Becky Kinsey-Lyle Kinsey
Saturday: Open Pairs
N-S
1. Jimmie Penn-Wayne Reor
2. Marie Morris-Joe Brittain
3. Bob Bennett-David McCaffity
E-W
1. Gloria Crites-Sue Gardiner
2. Leonora Slusher-Ann Servais
3. Babe Griffin-Barbara Steinert
Sunday: Open Pairs
1. Helen Wise-Joan La Fond
2. Mary Hammond-Leonora Slusher
3. Ruth Fahrig-Belle Harris

DEAR ABBY

Workaholic mother regrets time she lost with her daughter

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: The letter I am enclosing with mine was written to you in March 2000 by my daughter, Kelsey Leigh Holland. She never mailed it. Kelsey died in her sleep of respiratory failure on Dec. 29, 2000. She was only 13.

"**DEAR ABBY:** My mother is a workaholic. She works at work, at home, after dinner and after all hours. She never has any fun. I'm afraid she's on the verge of a nervous breakdown — if not already over the edge.

"I've talked to her, so have my brother and my father. How do I send the message to Mom that life is not just paperwork and deadlines, but fun and happiness? Signed ... OUT OF IDEAS"

Oh, how I wish I could change the past and spend less time work-

ing, volunteering, etc., and more time with Kelsey! But that's impossible. What I can do is be a better mother to my son, and pass along my daughter's message to your readers.

Parents, PLEASE spend more time with your children. Listen to them, share with them, teach them. Every moment of life is precious and we truly don't know how much time we have left.

Thank you, Abby, for listening. I wish I had listened before it was too late to spend more time with Kelsey. — LORI HOLLAND, RIVERSIDE, CALIF.

DEAR LORI: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your daughter. I'm print-



Pauline and Jeanne Phillips

ing your message as a reminder to other parents. The working world can be extremely demanding — and often there are not enough hours in the day to do what needs to be done. But children are young only once, and they are with us for such a little while.

Readers, the tragedy that has befallen this mother may never happen to the vast majority of you — but in life, there are no guarantees. I could lecture for paragraphs, but I think you get the message.

DEAR ABBY: Because you sometimes print letters about acts of kindness, I would like to tell you how three guardian angels came to my aid this past winter. I was traveling from New

Orleans to visit my boyfriend in Dubuque, Iowa, when my connecting flight from Chicago was canceled. Another flight that day was unlikely because of bad weather.

In line at the ticket counter, I overheard two women talking. They were also going to Dubuque. I asked what they intended to do about reaching their destination. They introduced themselves as Mary Ann and Monica, and showed me a bus schedule they had gotten. After some negotiating, we managed to purchase tickets on a bus that would take us as far as Rockford, Ill., where Mary Ann's husband would pick us up. The women stayed with me the entire time and reassured me that everything would work out.

After a short wait in Rockford, Mary Ann's husband, Jim,

arrived in the pouring rain and drove us safely to Dubuque, dropping me off at the door of my boyfriend's dorm. I tried to give him \$10 for his trouble, but he refused it. All three of them waited in the car until they saw that I was safely inside.

Jim, Mary Ann and Monica, thank you, I will never forget your kindness. — KATIE IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR KATIE: I'm sure you won't. Your guardian angels literally went the extra mile — and many more — for you.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate, 4520 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111.

CLUB NEWS

■ **The Aaron Estes Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas** met July 13 at the Midland County Historical Museum for a called meeting by the president, Sarah Lou Grimes. Following the ritual, Mrs. Grimes called on registrar Geri Lilly who read letters of membership recommendation for the following prospective members: Merle Haag, Janet Williams Pollard, Kevlie Williams Pollard, Tomasine Gotcher, Mrs. Robert H. Angevine, Betty Jo Moberly Curr, Mrs. Larry Martin, Mrs.

John Matthew Raglin, Kim Branam, Sheryl Page, Jane Elizabeth Porter McCoy, Tammy Stewart, Mrs. Bertha Lee McCasland, Patsy Paige Raglin, Kala Raglin and Allison Page.

President Grimes announced the Daughters of the Republic of Texas District I Workshop will be held Aug. 10-11 at the Holiday Inn Express in Odessa.

■ **En Amie Book Review Club** met July 11 for lunch and a program at Green Tree Country Club. Linda Thorsen Bond reviewed her play, "1925: A

Turning Point," dressed in costume of the era. The play will run through Aug. 4 at the Scarborough-Lineberry House. Guests were Jenna Welch, April Taylor, Gayle Miller, Ramona Sharp, Ann Poteet, Amy Stoker, Geneva Turner and Suzann Nutting. Hostesses were Patsy Gardner, Louise Cleary, Eva Dean Bennett, Tommie Underwood and Mary Ellis. President Dolly Ballenger presided.

■ **American Legion No. 19, American Legion Auxiliary** and the Sons of Legionnaires held

their 2001-2002 installation of officers July 21. New officers are: American Legion: Marvin Maddocks, commander; Jim Rhodes, first vice commander; Jim Haley, finance officer; Dick Caspari, service officer; and Jerry Wall, judge advocate. America Legion Auxiliary: Sharlene Maddocks, president; Phyllis Wilson, vice

president; Alison Holey, secretary/treasurer; Nancy Wall, chaplain; Shirley Ott, sergeant at arms and Susan Sturgeon, historian. Sons of Legionnaires: Al Ledergerber, commander; Mitchell Cox, vice commander; Ferris Strambler, vice commander; Brett Henderson, finance officer and Phillip Clark, sergeant at arms.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

■ **SAN ANGELO — San Angelo Writer's Club** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3355 West Beauregard.

■ **ODESSA — West Texas Singles Association** invites all singles to take country western dance lessons and line dancing from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday nights at YMCA, 3001 E. University in Odessa. For planned activities call 550-6960.

■ **The New Nashville Nights**, 4300 Andrews Highway in Odessa, will present country and western music in an alcohol- and smoke-free environment at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays for Senior Night, Fridays, Youth Night and Saturdays, ages 17 and up are welcome. For information call 915-366-3240 or 915-559-3574.

■ **45 Plus Dance Club** will host a country western dance with live music every Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus Building, 4601 Farm to Market 1788, non-smoking and non-alcoholic environment, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 a.m. Admission is \$4 for mem-

bers and \$5 for guests. Guests do not need to be accompanied by a member and singles are welcome. For information call 699-5202 or 694-8442.

■ **AARP Chapter 256** will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Memorial Christian Church Library, 1001 Andrews Highway. For information call 694-2439.

■ **AARP Chapter 4816** will meet at noon the third Thursday of each month at the Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana. Interested persons are invited. Call 682-3655 for information.

■ **AARP Chapter 5271** will meet at noon on the last Monday of each month at Casa de Amigos, 1107 E. Garden Lane. For information call 682-9701.

■ **VAN-Visually Impaired Men's Support Group** meets from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. The **Women's Support Group** meets 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Please bring a sack lunch. Both groups meet at VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Call 694-2648 for information.

■ **The Children's Depart-**

ment at Midland County Public Library holds Storytime 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday in the Kaleidoscope Room.

■ **Seniors Over 50 Dance Club** meets 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays at 501 Airpark Road. Admission is \$4. Potluck dinner will precede dance at 6:45 p.m. first week only; participants should bring favorite dish. For more information call 694-3236, 687-1633 or 697-0679.

■ **Grief support groups: — Remembering Our Children**, for parents, meets the first Monday of each month (or the

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LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Reporter-Telegram Sunday edition is Friday 10 days before the requested publication date.

MILESTONE EVENTS

Engagement announcements: There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements must be published no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements: Wedding announcements can be published up to six weeks after the event. [Effective Sept. 2, names of flower girls and ring bearers will be listed as such.]

Anniversary announcements: Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — can be published up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Quinceañera announcements: Quinceañeras can be published up to six weeks after the celebration.

Forms for weddings, engagements, anniversaries and quinceañeras are available at the Lifestyle office. Photographs may be submitted but are not required and can be picked up at the Lifestyle office after publication, or they will be mailed if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is provided.

Around Town: The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Items are published on a first-come/first-serve basis.

Club news, luncheons, or fashion shows: These items will be published on Sundays only.

Pageants: Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only.

EDUCATION

Making the Grade: Making the Grade section honors high school and college students' academic achievements. Items that are not accepted:

- Announcements of students applying or being accepted to colleges.
- Students' places of employment or hobbies.
- United States Achievement Academy winners.

Use of photographs:
■ Photographs will NOT be used with scholarship announcements or college graduations.

■ Photographs will NOT be published with "Top Dawg" and "Top Rebs" that are submitted for each six-week period.

■ Photographs WILL be published for students of the week presented by Midland Lions Clubs and Rotary Club.

Junior high school: For junior high school students, the six-week honor roll is the ONLY academic honor that is published.

Education in Brief items included:
■ Announcements of all upcoming school and education-related events.
■ Announcements of teacher academic honors.

UIL

■ Lists will be published of UIL winners in all categories for students winning first through third places in all divisions — district, regional, state.

■ Photos will be taken of students who win first place at state or who place in state categories that make them eligible for national competitions.

Cheerleader honors:
■ Cheerleader awards from summer camps and competitions — including sweepstakes awards — are announced with education news.

■ Squad photos will be published for first place in the state competition awards.

■ Squad photos will be taken of cheerleaders leaving to perform at Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl and other prestigious events.

■ Photos will not be taken of squads for just receiving invitations to attend such events.

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**CRUZ ELENA
MORA ARRAS**

Case Number: R0107002
NIC Number: M741655268

Case Type: Runaway Juvenile
DOB: December 19, 1986
Age missing: 14
Race: White Sex: Female
Ht.: 5' 01" Wt.: 110 lbs.
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown
Last contact: June 15, 2001
Odessa, Ector County, Texas

Cruz Elena is slightly hunchback. She was last seen wearing a light blue top, faded blue jeans, white tennis shoes and one heart shaped ring with a little pale (skin color) stone.



**ZACHARY
BERNHARDT**

AKA: Zach
Case Number: A0106001
NIC Number: M571015533

Case Type: Stranger Abduction
DOB: December 18, 1991
Race: White Sex: Male
Ht.: 4' 00" Wt.: 80 lbs.
Eyes: Blue Hair: Blonde
Last contact: September 11, 2000
Clearwater, Florida

Circumstances: Zachary has a scar on the bridge of his nose and under his chin. He was last seen wearing a pair of boxer shorts. Zachary was last known to be sleeping in his bed on the night of September 10, 2000. At approximately 4 a.m. on September 11, 2000, he was discovered missing. Circumstances of this case indicate that foul play is possible.



**TINA LOUISE
BOWEN**

Case Type: Missing
DOB: November 17, 1978
Race: White
Ht.: 5' 7" Wt.: 120 lbs.
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown
Last seen: July 14, 1997
Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas

Circumstances: Ms Bowen was last seen inside her residence wearing a Duke University sweatshirt, shorts and flip-flop sandals. Foul play is feared.

Case Number: m9709002



**LISA MARIE
BOYD**

Circumstances: Lisa has freckles across her nose, space between her top front teeth and she bites her finger nails. Lisa has asthma and is allergic to Ventolin and Allupent. Lisa may be in the company of Albert C. Marquez, an 18 year old white male and she may be using her sister's identification under the name Maybeth Lynn Boyd. Lisa was last seen wearing a grey/blue silk tank top with matching button-up shirt and black dress pants.

Case Number: R0106009
NIC Number: M501640613

Case Type: Runaway Juvenile
DOB: December 23, 1984
Race: White Sex: Female
Ht.: 5' 3" Wt.: 120 lbs.
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown
Last contact: June 4, 2001
Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas



**BLANCA
CUELLAR**

Case Type: Endangered Missing-Involuntary
DOB: May 30, 1982
Race: Hispanic
Sex: Female
Ht.: 5' 2" Wt.: 115 lbs.
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown
Last contact: April 1, 2001
Missouri City, Harris County, Texas

Circumstances: Ms. Cuellar has pierced ears. She was last seen wearing a white spandex sleeveless top with small rhinestones around the arm holes, black capri pants, and black and white sandals when she left a party in Missouri City. Her 1996 silver Lexus was found burned approximately four hours later. Foul play is feared.

Case Number: m0104006



**MONALISA
ESPINOSA**

Case Type: Endangered Missing
DOB: May 4, 1973
Race: White/Hispanic
Ht.: 5' 4" Wt.: 110 lbs.
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown
Date Missing: February 25, 1989
Houston, Texas

Circumstances: Monalisa's photo is shown age-progressed to 20 years. She may have been taken forcibly from her mother's home. She is considered endangered. She is known as Lisa.

Case Number: m9310010



**JONATHAN
WORTH FOSTER**

Case Type: Family Abduction - Involuntary
DOB: April 3, 1990 Age: 2
Race: White Sex: Male
Ht.: 2' 07" Wt.: 30 lbs.
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown
Last Contact: August 28, 2000
Boise, Idaho

Case Number: A0106006
NIC Number: M591648088
Abducted by Artzel Foster

Jonathan may be in the company of his mother, Artzel Foster (Perez). Mother is unaware that father has been awarded full custody and there are no criminal charges pending. Mother possibly resides in Laredo, Texas but may have Jonathan with Jonathan's grandmother in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. There are no criminal charges pending in this matter.



**ISIDRO
LIMON, JR.**

AKA: E.Z.
Case Number: M0106008
NIC Number: M051082998

Case Type: Endangered Missing - Involuntary
DOB: September 18, 1978
Age Missing: 24
Race: Hispanic Sex: Male
Ht.: 5' 00" Wt.: 135 lbs.
Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown
Last contact: September 14, 2000
Westaco, Hidalgo County, Texas

Mr. Limon suffers from a spinal deformity which causes him to be slightly "hunch-backed" and to have a "unique" walk. He has a coin-inch scar on the back of his head, his left ear is pierced and he has a "widow's peak" type hairline on his forehead. Mr. Limon has a tattoo on his hand between his thumb and forefinger which says "I Love Joy" and a tattoo above his left knee "E.Z." (made out of dots connected by lines). Mr. Limon has been diagnosed with Hepatitis C. Mr. Limon is listed as endangered due to his failure to make timely contact with his family.



**MARY LOU
MEDELLIN**

Case Type: Endangered Missing
DOB: December 22, 1979
Race: White/Hispanic
Ht.: 5' 2" Wt.: 105 lbs.
Eyes: Brown Hair: Black
Date Missing: November 4, 1996
Tulsa, Texas

Circumstances: Mary and her 8 month old daughter, Valerie Marie Perez, were last seen November 4, 1996 in Tulsa, Texas. It is believed they were abducted by Miguel Angel Perez, a Hispanic male (DOB 05/30/69). There is an active felony warrant (NICW964623904) charging Mr. Perez with Sexual Assault of a Child.

Case Number: m9611004

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ENGAGEMENTS

GRAY-RICHARDSON

Jennifer Anne Gray and David Allen Richardson, both of Midland, are to be married at 6 p.m. on Aug. 25 at Midland's First United Methodist Church's Glass Chapel.

Parents of the bride-elect are R. Frank Gray and Jean Gray of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Inez Downey of Albuquerque, N.M.

Parents of the groom-elect are Charles Richardson of Houston and Kathy Lane of Odessa. His grandparents are Dean and Mae Hylton of Fort Towson, Okla., and Ralph and Charlene Richardson of Conroe.

The bride-elect graduated from Midland High School in 1994. She has attended Texas Tech and Midland College. She works for Masters Golf.

The groom-elect graduated from Permian High School and attended the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Midland College to study computer drafting. He is employed with Shaneda Inc.



Jennifer Anne Gray and David Allen Richardson

BEARDEN-ROSE

Jennifer Ann Bearden and Ryan Nick Rose, both of Midland, are to be married at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Parents of the bride-elect are Bill and Pat Bearden of Midland. Her grandmother is Fay Bearden of Rankin.

Parents of the groom-elect are Nick and Sylvia Rose of Midland. His grandmothers are Lisa Rose of Sierra Blanca and Margaret Palanez of Alpine.

Ms. Bearden graduated from Rankin High School in 1995. She attended Texas Tech and graduated from Midland College Vocational Nursing Program in 1998. She is employed with Sylvan Bartlett, M.D.

Rose graduated from Lee High School in 1993 and from the Midland College Fire Academy in 1998. He is employed with the Midland Fire Department.



Jennifer Ann Bearden and Ryan Nick Rose

RILEY-SELLERS

Belinda Fay Riley of Stanton and Matthew Ryan Sellers of Davao City, Philippines, are to be married at 3 p.m., Aug. 25 at the Circle Six Ranch Encampment Tabernacle in Stanton.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Tommy and Rebecca Riley of Stanton. She is the granddaughter of Ruby Riley of Farwell and Nelson and Rose Rector of Portales, N.M.

The prospective groom is the son of Dale and Friscilla Sellers of Davao City, Philippines. He is the grandson of Hugo and Fay Sellers of Huntingdon, Tenn., and Helen Walk of Burneyville, Okla.

Ms. Riley is a graduate of Stanton High School and Midland College. She is employed with Tom Bates of Midland.

Sellers is a youth minister in Harrison, Tenn.



Belinda Fay Riley and Matthew Ryan Sellers

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Now is the time to plant garden for fall vegetables

By Deborah Bengt Frost

Plant vegetables in the middle of summer? Believe it or not, that's what it takes to have a fall garden.

Successful fall vegetable gardening involves planting the right plants at the right time, regardless of how hot and dry it is. The trick will be getting seeds and or transplants established in the dry, blistering heat of summer.

Fall tomatoes need to be planted in July. The ideal way to establish them is from transplants, but if transplants are not available you can take cuttings from healthy spring planted tomatoes. Tip cuttings or suckers will root readily if started in a light weight potting soil and under the right conditions. They can be ready to go into the ground in about a week or two. Or seeds can be started in a light weight potting soil or vermiculite and it will be ready to go into the garden in just a few weeks.

Most other vegetables can be started from seeds. It is very challenging to get tiny, vulnerable seeds germinated and up and growing during the hottest time of the year, but if you'll take the correct steps, the fall garden could be your best garden ever. Try some of these tips for germinating seeds.

■ Till or spade a 4-inch layer of compost or other organic matter 6 to 8 inches into the soil. A pre-plant fertilizer can be raked into the top few inches of soil. This can be done weeks in advance to actual planting.

■ Soak or pre-sprout seeds before planting. Soak seeds for

eight to 12 hours and then place in a moist paper towel and zip-lock bag. After seeds swell and the seed coat splits and the root is exposed but has not yet emerged, plant into moist soil. The time will vary greatly from seed to seed.

■ Always plant into moist soil.

■ After planting seeds, keep soil moist until seedlings emerge.

■ Enhance seed germination by covering the planting row with a very thin layer of fine mulch (grass clippings work well) to shade the soil and keep it moist until seeds emerge.

■ Or lay a 2-by-4 or a similar object down the planting row to keep the soil cool and moist. Check daily for germinating seeds and remove the board as soon as the seeds begin to push up.

■ Instead of covering the seed row with soil, try filling the mini-trench above the seed with vermiculite. Vermiculite will hold moisture and will not develop a hard crust inhibiting seed sprouting.

■ Drip lines or soaker hoses are excellent methods of keeping the soil around the seed moist and later to meet the water needs of the plant.

■ Once seedlings develop one or two pair of true leaves, begin to apply thin layers of mulch as plants grow until eventually there is a 3- to 4-inch layer.

See table at right for vegetables that can be planted in a fall garden.

Insects can be a big problem with fall gardens. Worms are one of the biggest threats to your new

garden. If you have armyworms, cabbage loopers or other caterpillars and munching worms, try using a Bt or Bacillus thuringiensis product which is extremely safe for you and all other living organisms, except of course worms or the immature forms of moths and butterflies.

A floating row cover is another technique that can be used to reduce insect problems. Floating row covers are lightweight fabric-like products that can be laid directly on the row or over row hoops. These covers act as a barrier keeping insects, even super tiny ones like thrips, out of your garden.

Once vegetables are established they will probably need some additional nitrogen, since this nutrient is easily depleted from our soils. Vegetables that produce fruit, squash, cucumbers, beans, will need to be side dressed when they begin to set their first fruit. Leafy vegetables need side dressing when they have several pairs of true leaves. Side dress by applying 1/2 to 3/4 pounds of ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) for every 100 linear feet row. Apply the nitrogen several inches away from the stem (dripline) in a very shallow furrow that is then covered up and watered. The fertilizer can be divided so half is banded on each

Fall garden planting guide

Some of the vegetables that can be planted in a fall garden include:

Vegetable	Planting Dates	Varieties
Basil	August	many
Beans	August	Blue Lake 274, Roma II, Strike
Beets	early August	Pacemaker III
Cabbage	August	Savoy Ace
Chinese cabbage	late August	Jade Pagoda, China Pride
Carrot	late August	Royal Chantenay
Cauliflower	late August	
Cucumber	(from transplants) early August	Snow Crown
Swiss chard	late August	Sweet Success
Collards	August	Rhubarb, Fordhook
Garlic	late September to early October	Blue Max, Georgia
Kale	late August to September	Texas White
Kohlrabi	August	Blue Knight
Leeks	early September	Grand Duke
Leaf lettuce	late August	American Flag
Mustard	August	Black Seeded Simpson
Parsley	August & September	Giant Curled
Radish	September & October	Moss Curled, Italian
Summer squash	August	Champion, Cherry Belle
Spinach	August, September & October	many
Turnips	late August, September & October	Melody, Coho
Winter squash	early August	Tokyo Cross, Globe II

side of the row.

A fall garden doesn't have to dominate your backyard; try planting some of the leafy greens and smaller vegetables as an attractive edging in a sunny flower bed. You'll not only have a winter harvest but you'll have

winter color as well.

For more information about fall gardening, call the extension service at 498-4071, or pick up the new publication, B-6003 Home Gardening Guide. It is available at the extension service office at the Ector County Courthouse

Administration Building, 1010 E. Eighth Street, Room 220.

Deborah A. Bengt Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector counties.

HELL ON WHEELS

Officials should be required to spend time in wheelchairs

By Jean Starnes

As I watched the Channel 9 news on July 13, I saw the publisher of this newspaper, Charles Spence, in a wheelchair. Before I became too concerned over his welfare, I learned that the National Muscular Sclerosis Society had asked that he function in a wheelchair for three hours to give the public an idea of what it is like to be confined to a wheelchair. Being a brave man, he consented. The cameraman followed Spence around all morning as he maneuvered the chair down hallways, in and out of offices, into the restroom, out the building's heavy front door and down the sidewalk to go to his car.

As he got to the corner he discovered there wasn't a curb cut. He uttered the old line, "There's one over there across the street."

How many times have I thought



Starnes

He said, "As you can see, it's equipped with grab bars, but it's not made for people who don't use their legs."

"Amen, Brother Spence, amen and amen!"

After seeing the demonstration on television I asked him two questions. "What surprised you the most about being in a wheelchair?"

"The energy it requires to operate a wheelchair. I did only a few tasks during those three hours, and my energy was spent."

I then inquired, "What frustrated you the most?"

"I've a very spontaneous person. I'm used to going to other parts of the building on the spur of the moment. Operating from a chair, a person has to do more planning, or he'll spend more time getting to places than working. And the bathroom setup frustrated me, too. I went all morning without drinking coffee so I wouldn't have to use the bathroom."

It's possible to do that for three hours, but I don't recommend

holding it in all day.

Hearing my "big boss" say what I've been saying for years was a most rewarding experience. Just imagine, he learned all that in just three hours! I think it should be mandated that everyone elected to a public office spend at least eight hours in a wheelchair. This would ensure better laws and more accessibility.

Mr. Spence, if someone talks you into doing this again, let me know, and I'll slip you one of my Amigos. It will help with the energy problem. But you're on your own with the rest room challenge. I'm still trying to solve that one myself.

CLUB NEWS

(From 3E)

second Monday if the first is a holiday). The group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. For more information call 682-2855.

— **The Compassionate Friends**, for parents, grandparents and siblings, meets the first Monday of the month (or the second Monday if the first is a holiday). The group meets 7:30 p.m.

at 2700 Wyndwood. For more information call 694-4157, 684-8356 or 520-6461.

— **ODESSA — Actor's Gym**, an ongoing acting class taught by resident artist/educator Kathryn Graybill, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road on the Odessa College campus. Contact the Globe office at 580-3177 for details. A fee is charged.

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BRIEFLY

A checklist for success

Looking at the following checklist is a good way to tell if you're prepared for college this fall. The checklist also is a handy reminder about the services Midland College offers students. To get answers about any item on the list, call 685-4501.

- ___ I attended a new student orientation.
- ___ I have completed and submitted an application for financial aid, grants and/or scholarships.
- ___ I have met with a faculty advisor or counselor to discuss appropriate courses.
- ___ I have visited the Career Center for information on careers that interest me and for assistance in selecting a career field.
- ___ I have planned a course schedule considering school, work and family activities.
- ___ I have received information about the TASP test.
- ___ If needed, I have taken placement tests for Math and English.
- ___ I have made arrangements to pay tuition and fees according to payment deadlines.
- ___ I have received a transfer guide list of courses for my major from a counselor.
- ___ I have decided on living arrangements.
- ___ I have visited with the Job Placement Coordinator.
- ___ I have made arrangement to get textbooks.
- ___ I have information about student organizations that interest me.
- ___ I know the last day to change a class and the last day to drop a class with a "W."
- ___ I have an official copy of my high school transcript and my previous college transcripts for the registrar's office.
- ___ I am aware that a 100 percent refund is applicable only when the course is dropped before the first day of the semester.

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TIPS

Dates

Early registration for the Fall semester at Midland College is Aug. 1-17.

Classes begin Monday, Aug. 27.

A special registration day with extended hours will be 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Help Tips

Call 685-4501

1. Take the TASP or the alternate TASP test. If you don't, the state says we can't let you register.
2. Bring your transcript(s) or have it/them on file.
3. If your name has changed since the last time you attended MC, let us know. It will help us get you re-enrolled faster.
4. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
5. We've got the fastest registration around, but just in case, block out an hour to complete the process.
6. Plan ahead, and let a counselor help you with a degree plan.
7. Either know your social security number or bring it with you.

Special day extends registration hours

Early registration for the fall semester at Midland College begins in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Student Center Wednesday, Aug. 1. Classes begin Monday, Aug. 28.

Students may register 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday through Aug. 9 and Monday-Friday beginning August 13. A special registration day with extended office hours will be Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Students may register 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on that day. Late registration begins Aug. 27. Students who register after this date will be charged a late fee.

Sept. 6 is the last day to register for fall classes. No appointment or pre-registration is required to register at MC.

However, students are encouraged to bring their TASP scores, know their social security number and bring high school and/or college transcripts when they register.

For more information, about fall registration, TASP testing, student housing or financial aid, call 685-4501.

Also, new Student Orientations have been set for 9-11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, and Wednesday, Aug. 8, in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. The sessions are for students who are new to Midland College or for those who just need more information.

The sessions are for students planning to attend Midland College, but anyone, including parents and friends, may attend. For more information, call 685-4501, and ask for a counselor.



Midland College Classes

Continuing Education offers classes to improve job skills or just for fun

If you need job skills or courses just for fun but not college credit, Midland College Continuing Education is offering courses this summer and early fall.

A series of Landscape Irrigation will be offered on the following dates:

8-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 29 & 30;

And, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6 & 7;

A review session will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13.

Web II will be offered 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Fridays, Aug. 24 and 31, and Sept. 7 and 14. It will be offered again 1-5 p.m., Fridays, Oct. 19 and 26 and Nov. 2 and 9.

Web I will be offered 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Fridays, Sept. 21 and 28, and Oct. 5 and 12.

A New Computer Maintenance class will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and

Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17.

Other summer classes Continuing Education classes include: Networking + (course #7730 004Q) will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 30-Aug. 3. The fee is \$1,475;

Desktop Publishing (course #2332 004Q) will be offered 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., August 14-16 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). The fee is \$115;

Web Page Design Using Dreamweaver Software (course #2461 004Q) is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays, Aug. 10 and 17. The course is \$80. The instructor is Valerie Vancecek.

All classes will be at Midland College's Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert. For information, call 685-6479.

—For a schedule of computer courses in Office 2000, Word 2000, Access 2000 and Excel 2000, call 685-4518.

—For information about Real Estate MCE, Hunter Education—Home Study, Introduction to Ballroom Dance, Swing I Dance or Aerobics, call 685-4518.

—For information about Health Science Continuing Education courses—Nurse Aide for health Care Organizations I, Medication Administration Update for the Nurse Aide and Advanced Massage Therapy—call 685-4603.

—For information about Comp TIAA+ classes, held at the Midland College's Advanced Technology Center in partnership with I/Tech Services, Inc., call 1-866-248-6265 or log on to www.ITechTraining.com.

—For information about Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer classes at the Advanced Technology Center, call 697-5863, ext. 3601.

—For information about classes offered through Midland College's Petroleum Geotechnical Training, call 686-4242 or log on to www.midland.cc.tx.us/pgtc.

New & NOTEWORTHY

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MAKING TIPS

WASHINGTON — Swift, son of Doug Swift, was a participant in "America's Two-Week Foreign Policy" in Washington, D.C.

The symposium professor of political science at Austin College.

The event, which Aug. 9, will include a Council briefing on

Matthew Kirby, among the 50 sons of Co. and Marathon employees who have been Scholars for outstanding

Teen n

From Staff Rep

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Her winnings include a six-foot trophy and

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She is a student at Ann's Studio of Dance in Belle.

She is the daughter of Schwartz of St. Louis, daughter of Joe and den City and Emma

At least two Midland recent Miss America Pageant in Dallas.

Kendra Elliott placed in the Photogenic category.

She is the daughter of Elliott and a senior.

The other competitor David Edens and a

Teacher that so

By Anne Fawcett
N.Y. Times News Service

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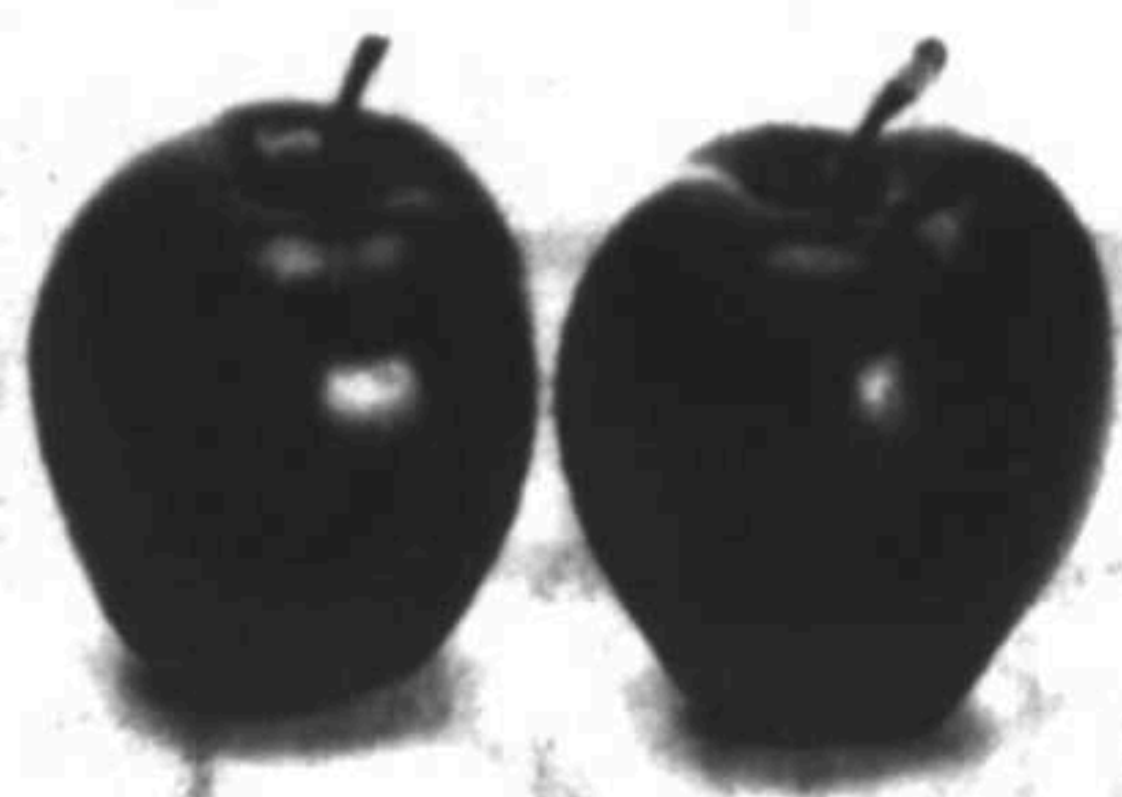
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Ms. Kirby, who at the institute after nated by a peer, plan her entry and during the show to



Education

MAKING THE GRADE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Midlander Anthony Swift, son of Douglas and June Swift, will be a participant in "American Foreign Policy in Transition," a two-week foreign policy symposium in Washington, D.C.

The symposium is to be led by Shelton Williams, professor of political science and international studies at Austin College in Sherman.

The event, which begins today and concludes Aug. 9, will include visits to the Pentagon for a briefing on peacekeeping and to the National Security Council briefing on current events.

Matthew Kirchner, son of Wilbur Kirchner, was among the 50 sons and daughters of Marathon Oil Co. and Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC employees who have been honored as 2001 Marathon Scholars for outstanding academic achievement. The

winners were chosen from 250 applicants. Kirchner, who graduated from Lee High School, will receive a \$3,000 award.

Former Midlander Stephen M. Houghton, grandson of Midlanders Sue and Frank Houghton, is currently studying European history at University College at Oxford University in conjunction with Southern Methodist University at Oxford.

Houghton recently graduated from Southern Methodist University's Edwin L. Cox School of Business magna cum laude and Beta Gamma Sigma.

Subsequent to completing officer training school, and upon his graduation from SMU, Houghton accepted a commission from the U.S. Marine Corps as a second lieutenant. Houghton will begin active duty as a Marine officer in November.

The Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) awarded scholarships to the following students to enable them to further their education for careers involving math, science and engineering.

Aleke Biezugbe, daughter of Godwin and Sandra Biezugbe, has been awarded a \$1,000 local scholarship and a \$1,000 state TAME scholarship. She will be attending the University of Texas at Arlington and majoring in chemistry/physics.

Mike Cervantes, son of Michael and Donna Cervantes, has been awarded a \$1,000 local scholarship. He will be attending Florida State University and majoring in computer science.

Amber Terrazas, daughter of Jesus and Silvia Terrazas, has been awarded a \$1,500 local schol-

arship and a \$1,500 state TAME scholarship. She will be attending Texas Tech University and majoring in architectural engineering.

Norma Hernandez, daughter of Salva and Norma Hernandez, has been awarded a \$1,000 local scholarship. She will be a sophomore at the University of Texas at El Paso. She is majoring in electrical engineering.

Catherine Juliet Poage was recently named to the Dean's Honor List at the University of Texas at Austin.

The College of Communication Honor List includes students who have completed 12 or more hours of graded work with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher with no grade less than a C.

Teen named 'Overall Kid'

From Staff Reports

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Her winnings include a crown, banner, six-foot trophy and \$2,500.

Miss Schwartz, the reigning Miss Teen Cypress, will be a junior at Garden City High School where she is student body president.

She is a student at P.S. Images and Dee Ann's Studio of Dance and is a Symphony Belle.

She is the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence and the granddaughter of Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City and Emma Doe of Big Spring.

At least two Midland girls competed at the recent Miss American Teen Coed Pageant in Dallas.

Kendra Elliott placed Second Runner-Up in the Photogenic Contest.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Elliott and a senior at Midland High School.

The other competitor was Kristi Edens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Edens and a freshman at Midland Christian School.



TOP LEFT: Chelsea Schwartz

TOP RIGHT: Kendra Elliott

ABOVE: Kristi Edens

Teachers demonstrate that science can be fun

By Anne Fawcett
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — When Woodstock, Ga., physics teacher Sharon Kirby participated in a Webcast of "Iron Science Teacher" earlier this month, she donned a T-shirt depicting Albert Einstein sticking out his tongue.

The design captured the spirit of the show, which turns on its head the notion that science must be serious and involve lots of elaborate, expensive equipment.

"Our message is that science is everywhere, and you don't need fancy equipment and supplies to do it," said Linda Shore, the show's host and the director of San Francisco's Exploratorium Teacher Institute, which produces the program. "You can do very sophisticated science with very simple materials."

The Exploratorium, a science museum, hosts the "Iron Science Teacher" shows and Webcasts every Friday afternoon during the summer and a couple of times each semester. Visiting teachers at the institute serve as contestants, who concoct experiments involving a specific object.

The idea is based on the cult television hit "Iron Chef," in which chefs compete to incorporate an assigned ingredient into every course of a meal. "Iron Science Teacher" participants have ignited marshmallow Easter candies, launched tampion applicators as rockets ("a PG-13 show," Ms. Shore said) and floated fruitcakes.

Ms. Kirby took her designated object — empty film canisters — and added a disposable camera's lens and a bookmark-type magnifying lens. The result: a telescope or microscope, depending on which end you look through.

"I was blown away by that one," Ms. Shore said. "You may not have at your disposal a telescope and a microscope at school, but here's an example of how to build your own simple microscope by using lenses and film canisters."

Ms. Kirby, who earned a place at the institute after being nominated by a peer, had a week to plan her entry and 10 minutes during the show to put it together.

er. She then taught a lesson using her device to an audience of Exploratorium museum guests and other teachers.

"It's a little more nerve-racking than being in the classroom," Ms. Kirby said. "In the classroom you have a captive audience. But once you get in front of the camera and get started, you forget the camera's there."

The audience is part of the appeal of the show, Ms. Shore said, because the format allows teachers to showcase their professional skills. "To stand up in front of an audience of hundreds and get applause for what they do, how often does that happen?"

Science and mathematics teachers from across the country study the Exploratorium's exhibits during the four-week institute, then build smaller models to take back to their classrooms in the fall. The "Iron Science Teacher" competition began four years ago.

"We thought we'd try it once as a weird disaster, and it turned out to be a raving success," Ms. Shore explained. She hasn't heard of any other competitions like it.

The Webcast's fame has spread. It boasts a fan base in Japan — the home of "Iron Chef" — where a small group of teachers watch archived Webcasts and vote on their favorite experiments. Live and archived Webcasts can be viewed at www.exploratorium.edu. Ms. Kirby competed July 6.

The concept of experimenting with everyday objects isn't new to Ms. Kirby. "I do weird stuff all the time in the kitchen," she said. "I do lots of physics in my back yard or the garage or somewhere."

She didn't win the contest. The champion, determined unscientifically by the audience's applause, lit candles under film canister pieces glued to Popsicle sticks. The propellers turned as the heated air rose through them.

As Ms. Kirby starts her 27th year of teaching and her first year at Etowah High School, she feels as if she's just getting started.

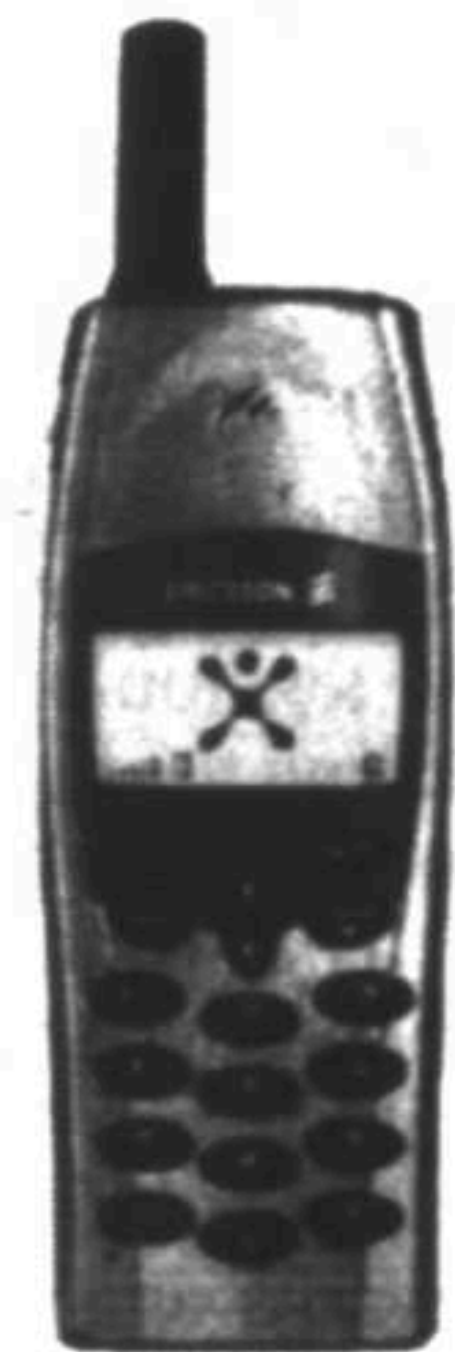
"I have no intention of retiring," she said. "It's too much fun."

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'Uncommon' common birds

I love watching animals. Deciphering the meaning of their behavior is a great mental exercise, and a wonderful stress reliever. While doing so, I feel that I am in the presence of a greater power, and if I watch carefully enough I will see something that stimulates my thoughts.

Sometimes, as I puzzle something out, I realize that the effort is also helping me to figure out another problem in my life. A preacher once told me that we go through life learning lessons, and if we do not learn a lesson the first time it is presented, it will be given to us again and again until we do learn it. And strangely enough, I often find the answer to an totally unrelated problem by the actions of some bird or lizard or butterfly.

Even if that does not happen, I still have lots of fun watching. One of the prettiest birds on the Llano Estacado is the painted bunting. This red, blue, and chartreuse bird lives in the dense mesquite thickets. Males sing from sun-up to sun-down, hidden in the depths of the brambles. A person would think that such a brightly colored bird would be easily seen, but only a few times a day does it emerge to find the highest perch from which to celebrate its territory. In years of adequate rainfall, a person can find buntings near patches of plains bristlegrass (*Setaria leucopilla*).

In the summer, bristlegrass can make up to 70 percent of the diet of the painted bunting. It is the most utilized grass in the list of wildlife foods. More than 200 species of birds have been observed eating the large round seeds that pack the stem. Long hairs are interspersed between the seeds, hence the name. One species of bristlegrass has bristles that are worse than Velcro and are the starting point of matted hair on dogs and long-haired cats.

A painted bunting stands on the ground and nibbles every seed that it can reach. A fully loaded bristlegrass seed-head often bends over, nearly touching the ground. As the bird eats, the stem becomes lighter and straightens up again. Then the bird flies up and grasps the stem in its beak and rides it to the ground. The tension of the stem causes it to start sliding through the beak of the bird, and many seeds are stripped from the panicle. The seeds scatter willy-nilly on the ground, and the bird has an easy job for a while. It then repeats the process until not a seed is left on the plant.

Science warns against anthropomorphizing animals and giving them more credit for intelligence than they deserve. For some people, the above behavior is explained by the word "instinct." No problem-solving abilities is allowed for any animal species other than human. It does not matter that many bird and mammal species have been observed using tools. When I watch a painted bunting completely process a stem of bristlegrass, I feel that I am witnessing conscious thought. I feel that the bird has figured out the most efficient way to harvest the crop. To me, a head cocked from several different directions, and then a launch that causes 100 seeds to come tumbling to the ground indicated active and creative resolution of a problem.

I witness a tiny creature thoroughly completing a job, and utilizing a number of difficult techniques. From observing its efforts, I learn more about the importance of trying many approaches to reach a goal — to not be thwarted by the failure of one or more attempts. I feel it is a lesson from higher power, passed on to me because I took the time to observe, think, reflect and analyze.

Most folks recognize and can name a cardinal. On the Llano Estacado we also have the pyrrhuloxia, which some people call the desert cardinal. Pyrrhuloxias have yellow beaks instead of red, and their red underwings and male's red vest is set against a suit of gray. Like the painted buntings, they prefer dense mesquite thickets. Both species were rare on the Llano Estacado in the buffalo prairie days, and these and other brushland species only became established here as mesquite thickets developed.

When Lum Medlin lived at Mustang Springs, mesquite surrounded the water-hole for a distance of five miles. Charles Goodnight said that this was roughly the limit of the wild mustangs' preferred grazing distance from water. Painted buntings and pyrrhuloxias probably lived in those thickets, along with the curve-billed thrashers, cactus wrens, bewick's wrens, packrats, cottonrats and other species of the mesquite thicket habitat. At that time, much of Llano had almost no woody plant species, due as much to yearly fires as to browsing and grazing buffalo and prairie dogs.

In the winter, people sometimes notice



ABOVE: Painted Buntings only come to the top of the mesquite thickets in the early morning.
BELOW: Sitting on a mesquite in an early morning spring fog, is this a Pyrrhuloxia or a female Cardinal?



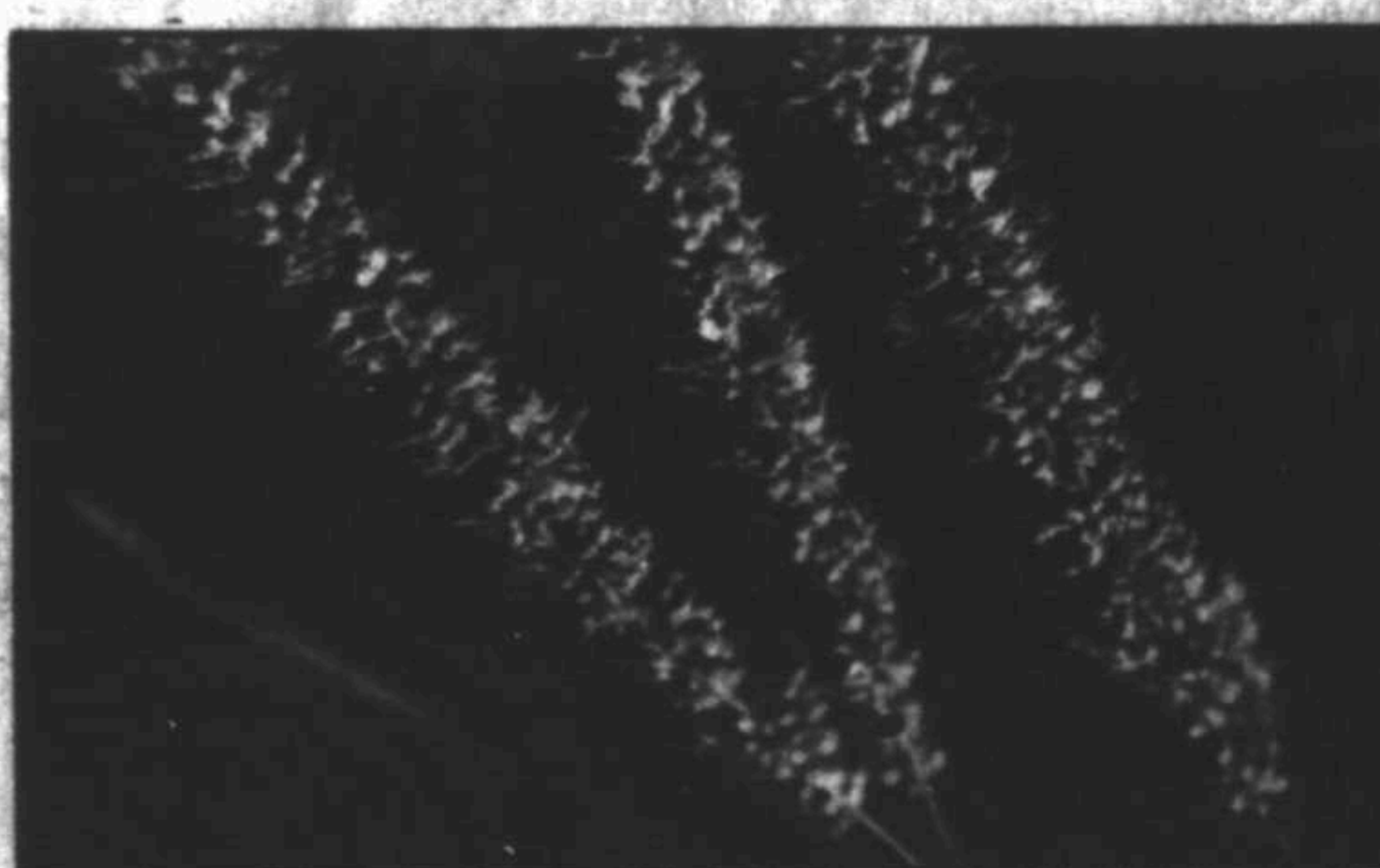
flocks of 30 or more pyrrhuloxias. "Why do female cardinals get together in the winter?" someone asked us recently. At Gone Native, the "Ceremonial Grove" of Arizona cypress and eastern red cedar is the local pyrrhuloxias' nighttime winter roost. In the summer, one or two pairs will remain to nest, and they usually select the same bushes year after year. The most-used site is an old mesquite that is 20 feet tall with branches that reach horizontally even farther.

Both parents feed the young and share the housekeeping duties of carrying away the fetal sacs. The male sings only at day-break before beginning his feeding duties. My mother once heard a very strange song and spent 20 minutes trying to find out what bird it was, only to discover that a male pyrrhuloxia was trying to continue to sing with its mouth full.

When the babies leave the nest, they follow the male as the female begins a second nest. The young constantly pursue him, screaming to be fed. My mom described this in an article in the July 1973 Phalarope: "He seldom had a moment to pick up a grass seed, because he was so busy catching insects. I was watching the male picking at a Bristlegrass seedhead when a young one came up begging. The father turned and pecked in the young bird's general direction and scolded with a semi-whistling trill — 'Here, watch me, this is easy, and this is what you eat. Just shut up and learn!'"

Burr Williams is education director of the Sibley Nature Center.

**Story and Photos by
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AT TOP LEFT: The tiny yellow dots are the pollen laden anthers of the bloom of Bristlegrass. AT BOTTOM LEFT: The little hairs sticking beyond the large seeds give Bristlegrass its name.



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Digital cinema set to revolutionize movie industry

By Nancy Adamson
Assistant News Editor

The most innovative technology in movies since Al Jolson's warbled rendering of "My Mammy" in "The Jazz Singer" brought sound to the silver screen in 1927 may make fans and filmmakers happy, but don't expect theater owners to sing "Hooray for Hollywood."

Digital cinema is poised to revolutionize the film industry. Using digital light processing (DLP) projectors created by Texas Instruments, moviegoers finally will be able to see films without the snaps, crackles and pops 35mm celluloid suffers from after repeated showings.

According to Texas Instruments' DLP Web site, "DLP Cinema is the first and only complete electronic projection technology with the digital fidelity and stability to rival and, in many ways surpass 35mm film presentation of movies. Movies shown with DLP Cinema technology will always look their best, from opening night to the last picture show. Now movie patrons can finally see what insiders have always seen — the select presentation every time."

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AT LEFT: TI has installed more than 30 DLP Cinema systems in theaters around the world. The closest one to Midland, and the only theater in Texas, is the Cinemark Legacy in Plano. Other photos are of "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within," an all-digital film with no real actors.

Photo courtesy of Nancy Adamson



Digital projection works against believability of 'Final Fantasy'

By David R. Allen
Black Gold reviewer

Let me state it up front. I had no high hopes for the recently released animated adventure, "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within." What I did have high hopes for upon entering the Cinemark Legacy in Plano was the revolutionary digital projection system the movie would be shown on. I took these pre-judgments into the screening with me and found I was right and wrong about each.

The critic's job is to report on events and to provide some analysis based on his or her experience and training. Those of you who read our Black Gold Reviews are aware I often rely on my understanding of acting. "Final Fantasy" puts that knowledge to the test by replacing flesh and blood actors with computer-generated synthetics known as syntheists.

How does one judge the ability of a soulless synthetic to create a complete down-to-the-soul character?

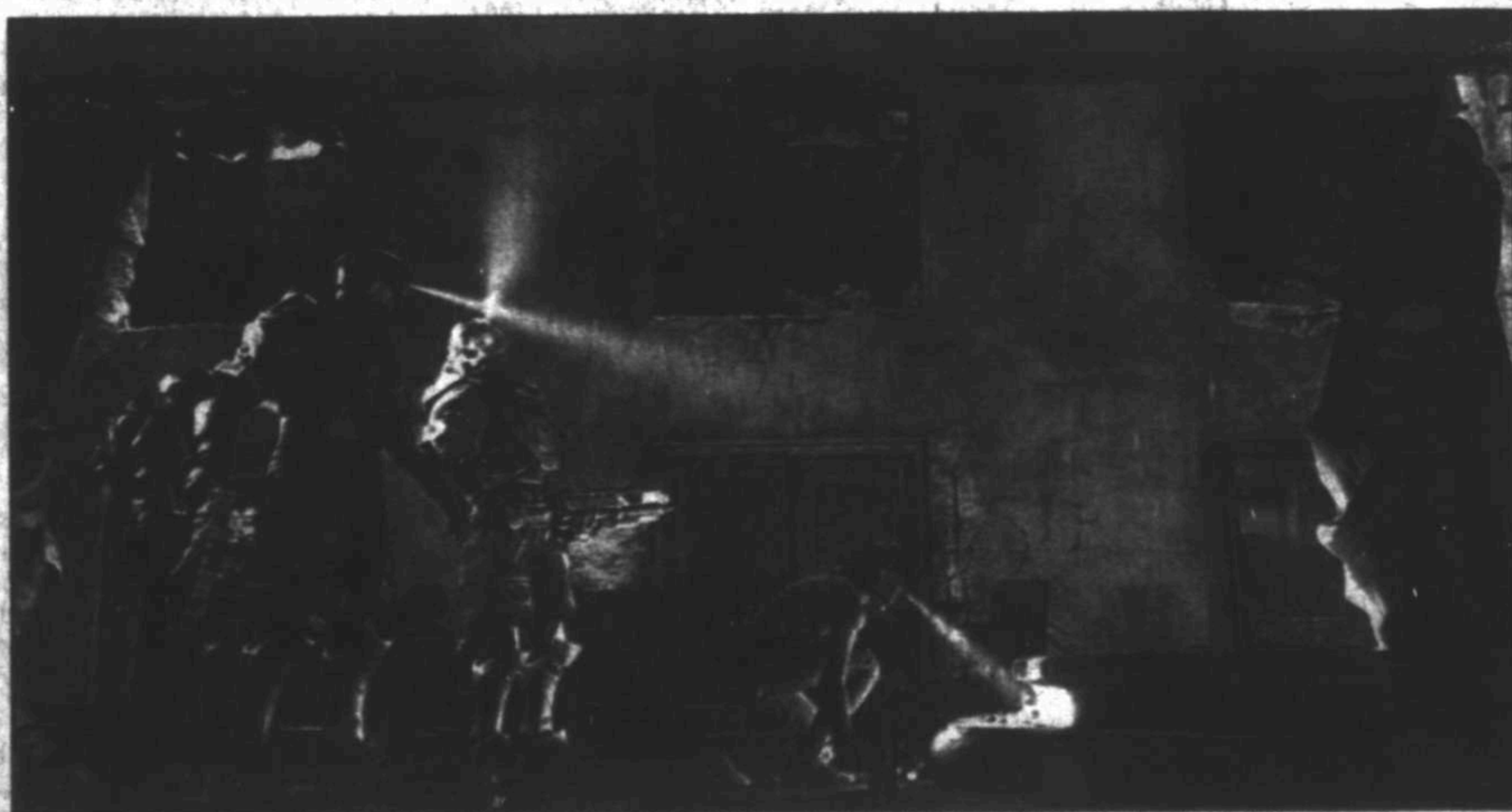
Many in the acting profession point to this dilemma as the reason syntheists will never fully replace humans in film. This, however, is an insupportable argument. Taken to its logical conclusion it would mean every soulful character you ever met through reading lacked a soul. Obviously this is not the case.

To begin with, all dramatic characters are fictitious. They never have a real soul. What you see when an actor plays a character is not the character's "soul." You may glimpse parts of the actor's soul and even part of your own as a substitute. Let me explain.

Think about characters you first read about, rather than first saw acted out on stage or on film. Tom Sawyer, Anna Karenina, Mr. Darcy, Madame Bovary, Harry Potter and thousands of others all have "souls" without a human being ever portraying them. How do they get these "souls?"

Written characters get their "souls" partially from us, the auditors (readers). It is by combining our imaginations with the artist's (author's) ability to create a character that behaves in a recognizable human manner that a character's "soul" comes to life. The same is true when we see a character on stage or on film. The character's "soul" is the result of a synthesis of the work of the artist (actor) and the imagination of the auditor (viewer).

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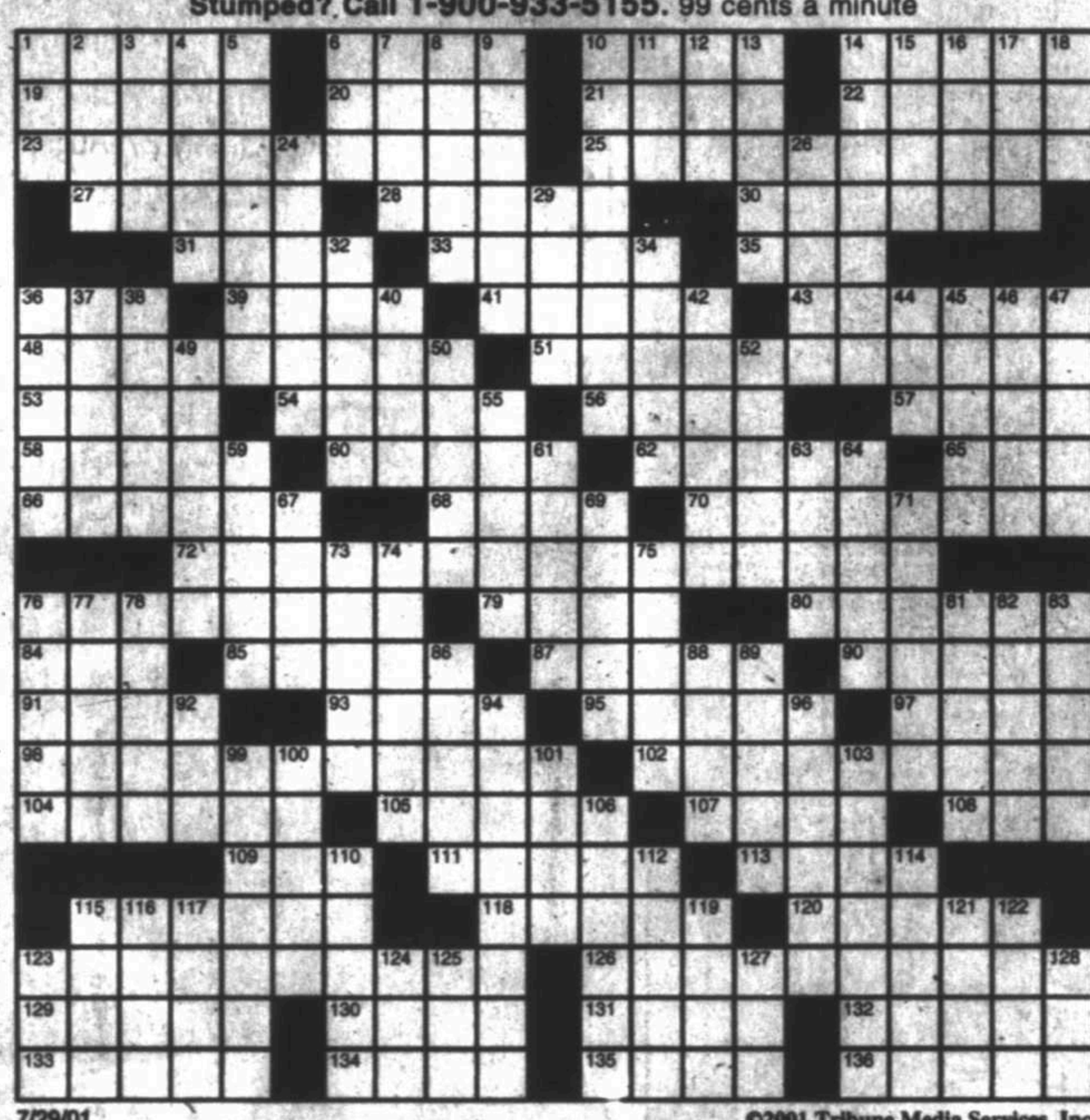
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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 29, 2001:

Your creativity emerges as it has seldom done before. You can pick and choose where to plug in your unusual ingenuity. You will gain as long as you don't take wild risks — stick to the calculated variety. Your sense of humor often helps you relax when others are tightly coiled. If you are single, you might be subject to enormous fantasies and have a tendency not to see someone clearly. Listen to feedback from your friends. If you are attached, you might put your sweetie on an even higher pedestal. The problem here: The next step is down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Reach out for those at a distance. A spontaneous invitation could have you off on a road trip or a fast flight. Be the Aries pioneer. Incorporate a new adventure or happening into your life. A developing friendship leaves available Rams stary-eyed. Tonight: Decide to take Monday off!

This week: You gain yet another perspective in a confusing relationship. Others admire your clarity. Check out an offer that could affect your security. Turn over all facts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** The Bull likes easy, lazy days for lounging and sharing with loved ones. You will prefer one-on-one relating and connecting with individuals as personally as possible. Don't forget an older family member or friend. Tonight: Keep plans low-key.

This week: Deal with people one on one. Don't expect others to grasp your ideas easily. Be willing to explain carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Let others make the first move. You could be quite touched. When you are the witty, communicative Gemini (so unique to your sign), you inadvertently close down many options. Be open to a visit or an opportunity. A long-distance call carries good news. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

This week: Speak your mind, and add that touch of drama if you want to be heard. You'll discover that you can make money off an innate talent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You feel as if you can't walk

away from a project — so don't. Ask someone to pitch in, and before you know it, you're both having a ball.

Relationships mean everything to the Moon child. The bonding you create today delights you. Tonight: Continue the closeness.

This week: Hop into work and make money. You could even convince a boss that you need a pay raise. Why not? Network. Others need your talents.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Just being you works great. You flow, and the planets support you in whimsical feelings and in whatever you desire. Express the passion of your sign. No one is surprised to see you with an entourage. A romance might be in the offing, if you're single. Tonight: Teach someone what a good time is!

This week: Mercury moves into your sign, adding to the Lion's already high drama and wit. You impress those around you. Be careful with a new person who isn't telling the whole story.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Stay close to home and enjoy a loved one to the max. Sometimes you get so busy organizing. Let it go. (You Virgos sometimes forget how much interpersonal relating means to you.) A nurturing attitude paves the way to a happier bond. Tonight: Easy.

This week: Creativity spins out. You might worry yourself needlessly. Put your cards on the table. You'll get results. Network, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Use your finely tuned Libran instincts with a budding romance or a child. You could not be more right. Put that extra effort into a key relationship. Catch up on a neighbor or friend's news. Let others know that you think about them. Tonight: Beam in exactly what you want.

This week: Work on a project, but deal with basics. Brainstorm with buddies at work, and you'll discover a new path, which could result in a pay increase.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Astute Scorpios read others loud and clear, and as a result, they anticipate others' needs. Indulge a loved one as only you can. Think in terms of gain rather than loss. Work on seeing a silver lining in a black cloud. Tonight: Stay

close to home.

This week: You make a statement by what you say and how you present yourself. Keep stretching and reaching out for new ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Inspired by energy and imagination, you're a force to be dealt with. Let others know where you are coming from. Don't be all action, like many Sags. Speak of your dreams and long-term desires. Others not only respond positively, they help think of a way to realize your hope. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

This week: Another is quite impressed with you. Together you make a money-making team. You're great at gathering information.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Take time off for yourself, and worry less about what is going on around you. Find a cozy hammock and daydream, read and maybe even snooze. Recharge your batteries. Though you generally are a force to be dealt with, right now you should vanish. Tonight: Talk money, a preferred Capricorn topic. This week: You're personality-plus. Others respond positively.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Make an effort to reach out to friends or a loved one. Feelings run high for you as well as for others. Invite the gang out for volleyball or a picnic. No sign values friendship like an Aquarius. You're happiest among crowds. Tonight: With your buddies.

This week: Others verbalize way too much for your taste. Promise that you aren't changing them! Be gracious, and do your thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Bring others together. A parent or older friend could be a little off, though you understand this person well. Follow your Pisces intuition, and you'll gain at this point. Someone admires you, and could actually feel a lot more. Tonight: In the limelight.

This week: Restructure your work and make yourself happy. You're in the mood to tidy up your desk. You're unusually creative right now.

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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH	EAST
♠ Q654	♠ AKJ82
♥ AJ76	♥ 3
♦ A4	♦ Q1065
♣ Q62	♣ K84
WEST	SOUTH
♠ 109	♠ 73
♥ 542	♥ KQ1098
♦ J983	♦ K72
♣ J973	♣ A105

The bidding:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1♠ 2♥ Pass 4♥
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

Keep track of the defenders' distribution on every hand you play, whether it is vital to the contract or not. That way counting becomes second nature, and when you really need it you won't have to struggle to recall what happened.

South's two-level overcall on a five-card suit was not without risk — switch some of the North and West cards and it might have been a blood-

bath. But if you regularly pass this type of hand, you will be making life very easy for the opponents.

West dutifully led the ten of spades, and when dummy came down declarer realized that the fate of the contract hinged on holding the club losers to one. Since the opening bid virtually marked East with the king, the obvious line was to finesse the ten, but no declarer likes to have the fate of a vulnerable game rest on a 50-percent chance, so South looked around for a better chance.

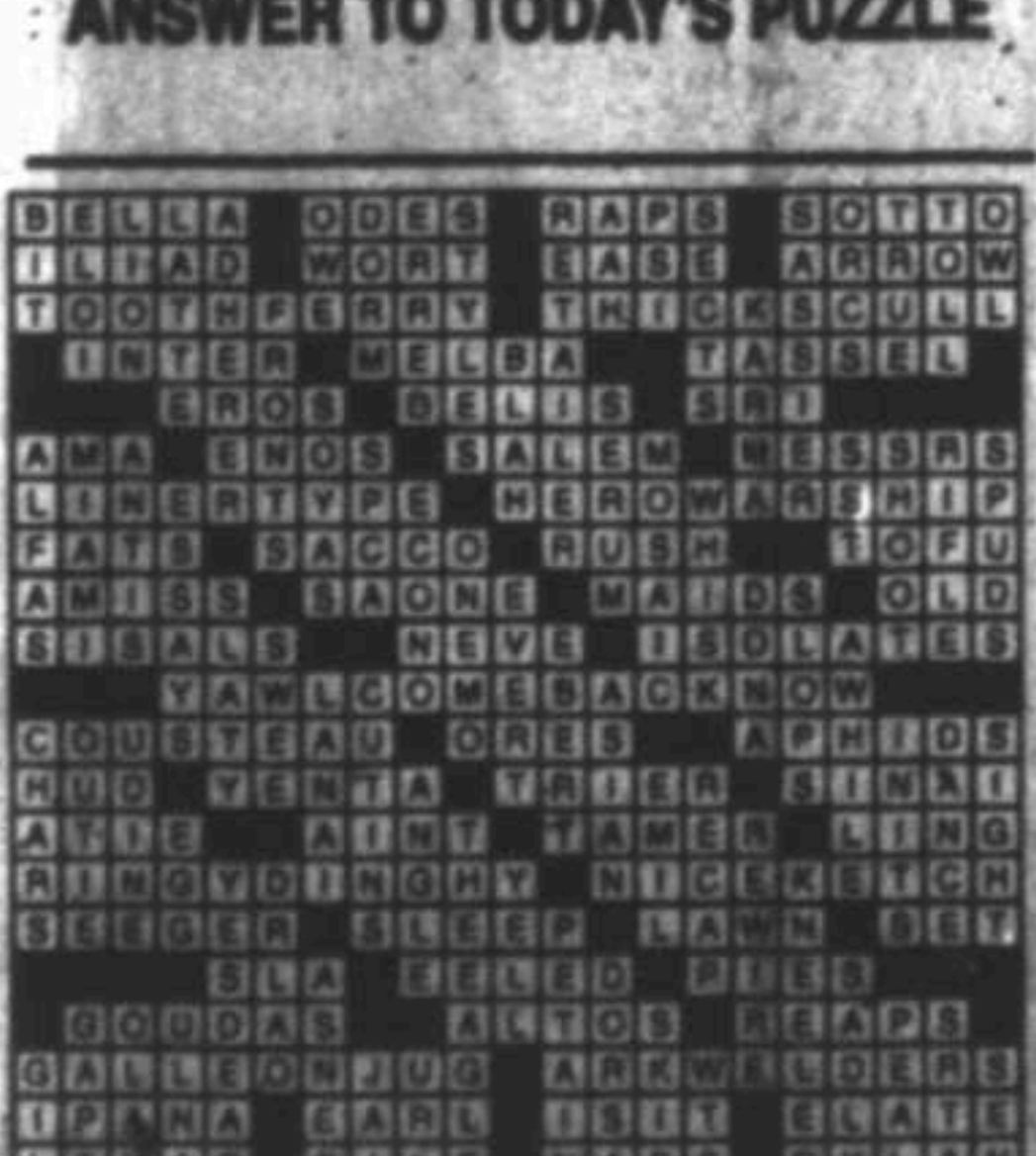
The ten of spades won the first trick, East overtook the second with the jack and continued with the king — as good a defense as any. Declarer ruffed as West discarded a club and drew two rounds of trumps, and one round to success vanished when East discarded a spade. (Had hearts divided evenly, declarer would have eliminated diamonds with a ruff, then led the queen of spades, discarding a club from hand to endplay East! Now, however, West could thwart the endplay by ruffing partner's trick and switching to a club, defeating the contract if East held both missing club honors.)

Instead, declarer drew the last trump, forcing East to make another discard. This time East chose a club. When South cashed the top diamonds and ruffed a diamond on the table, East followed with the 6 10 Q, in that

order, giving the impression that the defender was left with a high spade and three clubs, and that discarding a club on the queen of spades would again endplay East.

But South had been paying close attention to the diamond spots which appeared, and knew that the 5 was still missing. That, together with East's club discard on the third spade, strongly suggested that East still had a diamond exit card. Backing his judgment, declarer cashed the ace of clubs and followed with a low club from both hands, fetching the king and setting up the queen as the fulfilling trick.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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SUNDAY, JULY 29

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, 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: The third annual Art in the Park, featuring four sculptures by Texas artists Sherry Owens of Dallas, Nancy Wilson Pfeiffer of Kingwood, Joe Barrington of Throckmorton, and Robbie B. Barber of Woodway. The yearlong exhibit is at Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar. EXHIBIT: Toy Truck by Jim Robertson, and Milestone 1995 by Tim Glover, sculptures on display in Centennial Plaza, 687-1149. Free.

The Ellen Noll Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: Metal Arts 2001, an annual regional, juried, metal art show, through August 25. EXHIBIT: Landscapes: paintings and sketches by Frank Gervasi, closing today. Museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Admission.

Gallery 1114: Closed for the summer. Modern and contemporary art are featured. Regular gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Thomas Kinkade Signature Galleries: EXHIBIT: 2101 W. Wadley, Suite 12, 682-9911. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday. No admission charged.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Bldg., 3600 N. Garfield. Call 685-4770 for information. Free.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITS: Permanent exhibits: Indian artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and 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; available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. Call 682-2931. Free tours.

Midland Gallery: EXHIBIT: An eclectic collection of art from around the world. New location in Colonnade Shopping Center, 4610 N. Garfield, Suite A-2. Hours are Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. or by appointment. Call 694-8761.

Museum of the Southwest: CONCERT: Ricky Boen and Texas Mud perform country music, part of the Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts series, 7:45-8:45 p.m., Museum grounds. Public is invited to bring lawn chairs. Free. EXHIBIT: Twin to Twin: A Cultural Dialogue, paintings by contemporary British artists Amrit and Rabintra Kaur Singh, from Midland's sister city Wirral, England, through September 16. EXHIBIT: Greg Skol, landscape paintings, through August 20. EXHIBIT: People's Lives: A Celebration of the Human Spirit, photographs of Bill Wright, through August 26, Turner/Thomas Galleries. EXHIBIT: In the Third Dimension, sculpture selections. EXHIBIT: John James and John Woodhouse Audubon, Hogan Gallery, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free.

Odessa College LRC: 201 W. University. Call 915 335-6646 for Options Gallery scheduled. Free.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: Museum hours are Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1500 I-20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Admission charged adults.

Scarborough-Lineberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 S. Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment; available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 4901 E. University, Odessa. Call 552-2806. Free.

White-Pool House Museum: Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, JULY 30

Frame of Mind Photographic Society: EXHIBIT: Summer Show, featuring the works of local artists, with selected works for sale, through July 31, during regular store hours: Monday and Wednesday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Ichahod's, Cornerstone Shopping Center, 4400 N. Midland Dr. Call Mark Nicholas for more information at 570-8093.

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. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 682-5785. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works by Donna L. Burrows, Monday-Friday, banking hours, through the month of July, Bank One lobby, 401 W. Texas.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Painting of the month of July, by Mary Tucci; Painting of the month of August, by Pyna Nesbitt, Monday-Friday, banking hours, Bank One lobby, 2301 W. Wall.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

Blakemore Planetarium: SPACE CAMP: Space Odyssey camp, for ages 8 to 11, July 31-August 3, 10 a.m.-noon; Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri. Call 683-2882 for registration.

Freda Turner Durham Children's Museum: CAMP: Sea Odyssey, for ages 7-10, July 31-August 3, 1-5 p.m. Tuition charged. EXHIBIT: My Town, a two-story interactive cityscape, the latest permanent exhibit. EXHIBIT: Beach Babies, a toddler room built just for ages under 3. EXHIBIT: West Texas Keys: an aquarium exhibit. Museum hours are Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

Midland County Public Library: BROWN BAG LUNCH: "Digital TV - What Is It?" presented by Jim Blischke, KOCV-TV, noon, upstairs meeting room, 301 W. Missouri, 688-8991. Public invited to attend and bring lunch; drinks provided. Free admission.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Currently on display, Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys memorabilia. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 1118 Maple, Odessa, 1-915-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Summer Mummies: PERFORMANCE: "2001: A Space Odyssey or The Sky's No Limit in Midessa, Texas," written by Linda Thorsen Bond and Bruce Partain, 8 p.m., through September 1, Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Texas Best: HISTORY IN THE HOUSE: "1925 - A Turning Point," a historical play, written by Linda Thorsen Bond, wherein Midland becomes the center of the Permian Basin oil industry, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, through August 4, Scarborough-Lineberry House, 802 S. Main, 687-1149. Admission charged.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: "Creation of the Universe," 8 p.m., Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Maverick Players: COMEDY: "Maternal Instincts," through August 11, 8 p.m., Mabey Theatre II, 2000 W. Wadley, 561-5536. Tickets available at Tails of the City, Garfield and Wadley. Admission charged.

Presidential Museum: CONCERT: Arturo Garibay performs instrumental guitar music, part of the Back Porch Swing free summer concert series, held each Friday through August 31, 8 p.m., outdoors, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and picnic baskets. Free.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

American Airpower Heritage Museum: SEMINAR: "Los Alamos and the Bomb," 2001 Remembrance of War Series, discusses the Nagasaki mission, 2 p.m., classroom at CAF HQ, 563-1000. Admission charged.

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Odessa's Brand New Opre: GOSPEL MUSIC: Mahan Family and Friends, 7 p.m., Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Rd., Odessa, 580-3177 or 915-332-1586. Admission charged.

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Texas Best: HISTORY IN THE HOUSE: "1925 - A Turning Point," a historical play, written by Linda Thorsen Bond, wherein Midland becomes the center of the Permian Basin oil industry, 7:30 p.m., Scarborough-Lineberry House, 802 S. Main, 687-1149. Admission charged.

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By Nancy Ad
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Driving in Dallas and the digital space-time continuum

By Nancy Adamson
Assistant News Editor

Researching and writing an article on DLP Cinema would be next to impossible without actually seeing what all the fuss is about. At least that's the argument I presented to my editor as I envisioned a fun-filled weekend in Dallas on the company dime.

The troubles began long before I left Midland. The first bad news was the movie I was going to have to see: "Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within." Having already suffered through "Tomb Raider" a few weeks ago, I was not terribly enthusiastic about seeing another film made from a video game. Worse still, the plan was to see it once in the DLP Cinema, then again from a regular 35mm print.

No prob, I can do it. There'll be plenty of other things to do while I'm there.

Well, not exactly. Seems my regular duties on the copy desk could not be performed by anyone else on short notice, so some scheduling adjustments on my part had to be arranged.

My days off normally are Sunday and Monday. So the plan was to leave Midland Sunday afternoon, see the movie in Plano that night then drive back to Midland Monday and see the film again. That way, I wouldn't miss a regular shift.

OK, well, I also wouldn't get any days off, but I'm always happy to suffer for a byline. So I drove to Dallas and had three hours to spare before the movie started. I called the Cinemark Legacy to make sure they were expecting me since I was going to get a tour of the booth to see this technical marvel in action. They were ready and waiting.

Somehow, three hours in Dallas time is not nearly as long as three hours in Midland time. I soon discovered, and those "Map It" sites on the Internet must use Einstein's theory of space travel for their distance projections. I thought I would have time for dinner and a little sight-seeing, but after a "Map It" two-block drive to Belt Line Road, aka Restaurant

Row, 45 minutes had elapsed.

Dinner seemed to take no longer than normal, but a look at the clock a couple of minutes into the appetizer showed I had 35 minutes to drive to Plano, find a theater I'd never been to, get the tour and be in my seat for the start of the movie.

I guess I could eat later. So dinner was doggie-bagged and I was off to the theater. Many, many thanks to the folks at the Cinemark Legacy. Their directions were flawless and I made it with 10 minutes to spare.

The Cinemark Legacy is an imposing structure. With 24 screens, all with stadium seating, it is nearly as large as a mall. Bryan Spradlin, the manager on duty who met me in the lobby, told me they have as many as 14,000 customers on a busy day.

"On a slow day, it's only 6,000 to 8,000," he said. Only. Spradlin then took me on a short elevator ride to the booth, the heart of the theater.

In the booth, a single employee was responsible for the projection duties on at least half of the cinema's 24 screens. Robyn Brown is not a projectionist, though. Apparently, that's a title

that comes with dues paid to a union, so she is a UB — an usher with booth training.

Running the DLP has been a new job duty she doesn't seem to have any problems with.

No more splicing, no more paying a 35mm print that's been through the projector 100 times will hold together for one more showing and no more threading a film through an intricate system of pulleys and clamps.

After a TI technician downloads the film before its first showing, "All I do is push three buttons and it's ready to go," Ms. Brown said.

The DLP system itself looks like a rack of very high-end stereo and video equipment. At the top of the stack was a unit that resembled a household DVD player. I had a feeling that at a cost in the low six figures, it was bit more high-tech, though.

But it was time to view the magic.

After seeing "Final Fantasy" in both formats, I can say without hesitation the difference is remarkable. No scratches, no dust bunnies running through the frame and no loud clicks where the film has broken and been repaired.

It's comparable to watching a

second or third generation VHS dub against a DVD version. And the colors are brighter and much more realistic.

Interestingly, and possibly only because this was an animated feature, the eyes of the characters fared better on the 35mm version. They looked glassy and distant in the digital version, but looked more real on celluloid.

As for the film, it also oddly fared better on the second showing. The technical achievements were stunning, but the story seemed kinda corny the first time around. After intending to watch just a few minutes of it the second time, then sneak across the hall to watch "The Score," I was drawn to the characters and stayed in the theater until the end.

Nancy Adamson is the assistant news editor at the Reporter-Telegram.

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The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin July 29-Aug. 4

Sunday, July 29

Concert

Ricky Boen and Texas Mud will perform for the Museum of the Southwest's Sunday Lawn concert today. The outdoor concert, held on the grounds of the museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is free. Bring blankets or lawn chairs and picnic dinner. The concert runs from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Arts show

ODESSA — The third annual Permian Basin Arts and Crafts Show will be held from noon to 5 p.m. today at the Ector County Coliseum. No admission is charged. The show includes such items as candles, clothing, floral art, pottery, cake containers, hand-painted glass, wall hangings, prints, ceramics, Victorian items, decorated crosses, angels, scroll saw work, pottery, thermal wraps and painted signs.

Monday, July 30

Art display

Midland Arts Association is showing a collection of works by Donna L. Burrows in the Bank United Lobby, 402 W. Texas, until Tuesday.

Ms. Burrows has been involved in art for more than 20 years. She attends various workshops throughout the year and is a member of the Midland Palette Club, Midland Arts Association and the Folk Art Society of America.

Art exhibit

Merle Burleson Taylor's oil paintings and L.B. Taylor's photographs are on display at First National Bank. The exhibit remains open until Aug. 14.

Art exhibit

Desserts will be served. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 687-1149.

Friday, Aug. 3

Mummers

The 53rd season of Summer Mummers continues through Sept. 1 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

"2001: A Space Odyssey" or "The Sky's No Limit in Midessa, Texas" was written by Linda Bond and Bruce Partain. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for the pit, \$9 for the floor and \$5 for balcony.

This production is not recommended for children. The box office is located at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call the box office at 682-4111 or 570-4011.

Play

"Maternal Instincts," a new comedy by Dave Williams, will be performed Friday, Aug. 3, and Saturday, Aug. 4, and Aug. 10-11 at Mabey Theatre Two at Midland Community Theatre. Tickets, priced at \$10 or by season membership, are available at Tails of the City located at Garfield and Wadley. For reservations call 561-5536.

Concert

ODESSA — Arturo Garibay performs at the Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee, at 8 p.m. Friday. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and picnic baskets. No admission is charged. For more information, call 332-7123. Garibay is an instrumental guitarist who blends jazz, new age, rock and Spanish music.

Saturday, Aug. 4

Opree

ODESSA — Odessa's Brand New Opree, featuring masters of ceremonies "Willy Ray Billy Bob" and KGE radio's Danny Mack and Angel, will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Rd. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Call 580-3177 for reservations.

Upcoming In Midland-Odessa Performing arts

Actor-comedian Bob Newhart will perform at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at Midland College's Chaparral Center as part of the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series.

Actor-playwright Anna Devere Smith will speak as part of the college's Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series at 7 p.m. Oct. 18.

Call 685-4526 for information about free tickets to either performance.

Theater events

ODESSA — Auditions for "Richard III" will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 5 and 7 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Globe Theatre.

A Second Sunday Play Reading will be held at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12 in the Anne Hathaway Cottage at the Globe Theatre. "Arcadia" by Tom Stoppard will be read. There is no admission charge.

"I Do! I Do!," a musical look at the lives of one couple through 50 years of marriage, will be performed at the Globe Theatre Aug. 16-19 and Aug. 23-26.

The theatre is located at 2308 Shakespeare Rd. on the Odessa College campus. For information about any of these events, or to make reservations for "I Do! I Do!," call 580-3177 or 332-1586.

Upcoming Outside Midland-Odessa Ranch rodeo

ALPINE — Sul Ross State University will host a ranch rodeo beginning at 2 p.m. Aug. 11 at the covered rodeo arena, Turner Range Animal Science Center.

Cowboys from several local ranches will compete for cash, prizes and a trip to the World Championship Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo. The ranch rodeo is sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association.

Main events include wild cow milking, bronc riding, team doctoring, team branding and team penning. In addition, spectators can enjoy a bedroll race, a vegetarian vs. beef-eater footrace, a businessman's call dressing and more.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under 12.

A ranch horse competition, sanctioned by the Ranch Horse of America Association, will also be held beginning at 9 a.m. This competition will consist of three divisions: Cowboy Class, Junior Horse Class and Senior Horse Class.

The Ranch Rodeo dance will be held at The Crystal Bar with a \$3 cover charge. Proceeds from all events and the dance will go toward Sul Ross State University rodeo and agriculture scholarships.

For more information, contact Big Bend Saddlery at 915-837-5551.

Benefit auction

TAOS, N.M. — Celebrating the culture of the Taos and northern New Mexico community, the Millicent Rogers Museum announces their 2001 Benefit Auction Aug. 11. Nearly 100

donated items will be presented in live and silent auctions. The works range from Native American Jewelry to pottery from Mata Ortiz. The museum offers a full-color preview of live and silent auction items at www.millicentrogers.org. For more information call 505-758-2462.

Midlanders in the News

Art competition

ARTS for the PARKS recently announced that Midland artist Doris Spire has been selected in the Top 100 for her artwork titled "Firehole River and Fishermen," featuring Yellowstone National Park. This honor includes publication in the ARTS for the PARKS 2001 catalog and exhibition at seven locations across the country as part of the year-long ARTS for the PARKS 2001 tour.

Organized by the National Park Academy of the Arts 15 years ago, with the help of the National Park Foundation, the competition commemorates through art the wildlife, landscape and history of America as these ideals are preserved through our National Park System.

The winners for this year's competition will be announced at the Awards Ceremony and Banquet Sept. 16, which is held in Grand Teton National Park's historic Jackson Lake Lodge.

Writing contest

Mary Stuart, 13-year-old granddaughter of Midlanders Eddie and Cindy Klatt, won the San Antonio Public Library's teen writing contest. Her story will be published on the teen e-magazine called (e)youth. The online address for the magazine is www.youthwires.sat.lib.tx.us.

FILM: Clearer, steadier image of digital reveals problems with movie

(From 1F)

In addition, humans have an uncanny ability to imbue non-human characters like Bugs Bunny, Jaws, Bambi, C3PO and Lassie with human emotions. The hundred dollar word for this is anthropomorphism.

So, a synthespian is anthropomorphized into being a "real" actor and the character the synthespian plays becomes like any other character. If the artistry is sufficient, the character is imbued with a "soul."

The question is — how good is the artistry? Has the writer or the actor or the person wielding the computer created a character that behaves in a human enough manner to make it believable so we, the audience, can imbue that character with "soul."

The answer for "Final Fantasy" is almost, but not quite.

At this time, the artist using the computer to generate the synthespian has control over the tools of his or her craft at about the same level as most first-year acting students have over the tools of their craft. The result is the same: a performance that shows moments of near perfection and

moments of total failure; moments when the characterization flows smoothly and when it is as stiff as a board; and moments when they are believable and moments when they are not.

In terms of general body movement and realistic looking surfaces (clothing, walls, windows, skin etc.), the animation is quite believable. In close-ups, however, when we get a good look at the character's face, specifically the moving eyes and mouth, the whole illusion falls apart. This happens for the same reason many special effects fail — the closer the object is to reality, the harder it is to fool the human eye.

For example, it is easy to make the teleporter effect in "Star Trek" or the dying, disintegrating vampire in "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer" look real because nobody has ever seen a teleporter teleport or a vampire expire. We have nothing to judge them against. To make a synthespian's hand movement look real is vastly more difficult because you know that movement as well as you know, um, the back of your own hand.

Unfortunately, for the creators of "Final Fantasy," the wonderful digital projection system at the Cinemark Legacy worked against the film's believability.

Because most of us go to the movies so often and are now desensitized, we do not consciously register the fact that the image on the screen shakes as the film in the projector moves inconsistently in its track within the projector. Nor do we notice, unless it is very bad, the thousands of dark spots created by dust on the film or the white spots and lines created by blemishes, scratches and minor tears in the film. Nevertheless, they are there, and they inhibit our ability to see the film in its best possible light.

Developed by Texas Instruments, the new projection system eliminates the use of film entirely. Instead, it projects a computer-generated image on the screen. The result is a rock steady image that is completely devoid of the wear and tear any film, even a brand new one, shows. The image on this screen is crystal clear from start to finish, from the first showing to the very last. Digital pro-

jection is the future of the movie industry.

The problem for the creators of "Final Fantasy" is that the clearer, steadier image revealed problems that shaking and other imperfections can hide. This became even more obvious after viewing "Final Fantasy" on a traditional film screen moments after seeing the digital version. On the traditional film screen, problems with realistic movement were less obvious, especially when characters moved across the scene.

The wizards behind synthespians still have a lot to learn before they get close enough to real human action to make us suspend our disbelief. The writers (Hironobu Sakaguchi, Al Reinert, and Jeff Vintar) and the director (Hironobu Sakaguchi) of "Final Fantasy" also have to learn dazzling special effects animation is not enough to sustain a movie. It must also have interesting characters, less obvious melodramatic dialogue and an understandable plot to be truly successful.

On the other hand, these synthespians and the rest of the animation in

"Final Fantasy" is, by today's standards, dazzling. The movie did keep my interest and had moments that were funny, touching, and exciting, as well as some that were confusing and lame. So, "Final Fantasy" was not as bad as I expected it to be and, therefore, rates a conditional gusher.

The digital projection system was as great as expected because it presented an image far superior to present technology. It rates an extremely enthusiastic gusher. However, that superior technology also makes greater demands on the film industry. Perhaps when "Star Wars: Episode Two," which was "filmed" entirely with digital cameras, hits the screens we will see a product better suited to the digital projection system.

Until we get a digital projector in the Permian Basin (don't hold your breath) take the time if you get to Dallas, Los Angeles or New York, to find a theater using the system and see it for yourself. No matter what movie is playing, it will be worth the price of admission.

Local stations draw closer to digital broadcasting

By Mike Yager
MRT Correspondent

Although the conversion to digital broadcasting is a daunting task for all television stations, it's especially a concern for public broadcasters without large monetary assets. However, some local stations are holding the possibility in much higher regard than the cost.

KOCV-TV, Midland-Odessa's local PBS (Public Broadcasting System) station is gearing up for the switch just as every other PBS broadcaster in the country, but the people at KOCV-TV are optimistic about what this could mean for their particular station.

The digital signal sends four times more information than an analog (standard) signal, which allows the picture on a single program to be remarkably lifelike. However, instead of sending one program with the great picture, they could also choose to send multiple programs at once, which could be chosen from by the viewer.

"This allows us to do things that we really don't have the time to do now," said Jim Blischke, the Special Campaigns Director at KOCV-TV. "The multi-casting is a real advantage."

Although they may not have the "time" right now, with the possibility of four times as much power, they are ready to innovate the way that West Texans watch television. The main possibility would be extending hours of programming beyond even a full day, by this "multi-casting," or multiple programs being broadcast simultaneously.

Because KOCV-TV is predominantly an educational station, the change could allow them to send different learning courses during the day. One classroom could be learning Spanish from a program, while a science class down the hall was learning the wonders of photosynthesis, but they would both be watching the same station at the same time.

"This change will give us the ability to branch into other revenue streams," said Jamie Beeghley, the General Manager at KPEJ, better known as FOX 24. "With the digital compression, we have different ways of making money and can compete with the cable providers."

The cost is still a large concern for these broadcasters who are under a mandate by the Federal Communications Commission to finish the transfer within the next two years. The FCC has stated all commercial stations, everything from MTV to local KPEJ, must be converted by 2002, while Public Broadcasting Systems have another year, a deadline of May 2003.

Depending on availability of equipment, costs of installation and other associated requirements, the change could run in the millions of dollars for some stations.

"It's still pretty much in the government's hands," said Charlie Moore, the West Texas regional vice president for Cox Communications. "Our position is just to go along with what the FCC says, and be ready for broadcasters to possibly go from one to four channels."

Of course, the change is not of

concern only to the communications industry, but also to a public that is usually kept in the dark when relating to new technology.

"We're ready here to handle any change in bandwidth," said Moore, fully confident that Cox is ready to supply West Texas once the change begins. "It all means consumer benefit."

Some may be concerned about converting the television or televisions in their homes to digital when current prices can reach up to \$3,000 and beyond. However, consumers are anything but forced to buy a new television set once the change takes place, for the time being anyway.

The public will have easy access to converter boxes that can be installed on any analog television by local suppliers such as Cox Communications, but future innovations may still require the replacements of old sets, even assumptions cannot be made as to the future with the rapid development of new technology.

"We provide digital converters now," added Moore. "We're technically capable of doing whatever is needed right now."

The prime reason that necessity for digital conversion has arisen is space, or lack thereof. With wireless communications taking a major jump within the last couple of years, space in many communications areas has been fairly cramped. The switch to digital will replace bulky analog transistors with the much smaller digital signal.

The only people who should be sweating the change are, of course, the television stations. Faced with these million dollar

changes, local broadcasters are rapidly fund-raising for the change.

"We are raising money as we speak," added Blischke. "We hope to convert by early 2003."

According to Beeghley, "As a local, commercial television station relying on a single advertising revenue stream, we couldn't arbitrarily raise our advertising rates so we sold some of the towers in our broadcast group to raise capital for the digital conversion. We now lease back our towers."

Although the change will revolutionize the possibilities in public broadcasting, the stations have other motives for the switch, like staying on the air. All stations, local or national, must be changed by their respective deadline, because the government will then repossess their analog transistors.

"We don't really have a choice," said Blischke. "And we're not that far along right now, but we're not behind either."

Clearly, when the change occurs, the viewers will undoubtedly win, at least for the moment. With new programming possible, including the ability to highlight more aspects of local culture, the reaches just may be endless.

"I'm just speculating, but we could see networks cutting deals with cable stations for use of that bandwidth," stated Moore. "In the end, one or four channels, you have to have something on."

Indeed, it is a great time for entertainment and technology, and we can only imagine what the future of television may bring.

DIGITAL: DLP grown-up version of DVD

(From 1F)

DLP Cinema is much like a grown-up version of the DVD players now used in many home theater systems. Unlike DVD, the DLP system can receive data from several sources, including DVD, uploads to the systems hard drive from external sources, fiber optic cable and downloads from satellite transmissions.

It is a win-win situation for many in the industry. For filmmakers, the movie can be seen the way they intended it to be seen. For studios and distributors, it virtually eliminates the \$800 million spent every year making film prints. For fans, it's the opportunity to see DVD quality films on the big screen. But at a cost that may go as high as \$200,000 per screen to convert, theater owners, coming off a bad year that saw 10 chains filing for bankruptcy, may not be so quick to embrace the technology.

Since the first showings of the all-digital "Star Wars: Episode One — The Phantom Menace" on two screens in the U.S., TI has installed more than 30 DLP Cinema systems in theaters around the world. The nearest one to Midland, and the only theater in Texas, is the Cinemark Legacy in Plano, which boasts two of the systems in its 24-screen movieplex and is looking to add more.

DLP Cinema is "certainly the future for Cinemark, as

well as for all of film," said Terrell Falk, a spokeswoman for the chain, which has a third system in its Valley View, Ohio theater. But with 273 theaters boasting almost 3,000 screens in North and South America, Cinemark can't afford to convert the entire chain anytime soon.

"I think you're going to see pockets of theaters purchase them," said Ms. Falk. "But it won't be widespread for several years. But as soon as the financial aspects are worked out, it should happen rather expeditiously."

Competition may provide a partial solution in lessening the costs. At least two companies, Sony and Kodak, are developing their own digital projector systems and TI is looking within the industry to make their systems more affordable. Technicolor provided funding for the initial prototype DLP installations and TI is working with several companies, including IMAX, to manufacture and market the projectors. Technicolor also has partnered with Qualcomm and offered to convert as many as 1,000 theaters in exchange for a percentage of the theaters' ticket sales.

Another perk that may persuade theater owners to take the plunge is the capability a DLP Cinema system has to project more than movies. Live concert broadcasts and sporting events are among the possibilities.

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Parallel spuds first Wilcox test

Parallel Petroleum Corp. has spudded the Signal Hill 1, an 18,000' Wilcox test, in Jackson County, Texas. The company has a 27.0% working interest (20.0% net revenue interest) in the well. The remaining interest is owned by Beta Oil & Gas, Inc., Republic Resources, Inc. and other industry partners. Allegro Investments, Inc., Victoria, Texas, is the operator.

Larry C. Oldham, president, noted that "this is one of three Wilcox prospects we expect to drill in Jackson County in the next six months. Our intent is to use the same rig currently drilling the Signal Hill 1 to drill the next two Wilcox tests, the Everest and Matterhorn Prospects. We plan to retain an approximate 27.0% working interest (20% net revenue interest) in these two prospects. Beta Oil & Gas has a blended 17.5% working interest (13.0% net revenue interest) in the three prospects and Republic Resources has a 3.25% (2.44% net revenue interest) in two of the prospects. We estimate that each well will take from 60 to 70 days to drill."

Parallel completed a regional Wilcox study last year and using 3-D seismic data identified at least 12 high impact prospects, which comprise its Wilcox 3-D Gas Project. The company has leased approximately 30,000 acres in conjunction with the project. Testing of the remaining nine prospects is to be determined.

Additionally, a Wilcox well in which Parallel has a 9.0% working interest is expected to be spudded by Pure Resources. The well, the Morek 1, Wharton County, Texas, is expected to be drilled to approximately 17,000' in depth.

June oil statistics

The Railroad Commission issued 1,186 drilling permits in June, compared with 1,045 in June 2000. The commission has issued 6,927 permits so far in 2001, up from 5,825 in the same period last year. The June total included 944 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 46 to reenter existing well bores and 196 for recompletions. Permits issued included 264 oil, 308 gas, 569 oil and gas, 18 injection and 27 other permits.

Operators in June reported 269 oil, 431 gas, nine injection and one other completion, compared with 245 oil, 423 gas, 15 injection and four other completions last June. There have been 4,370 wells completed so far this year, up from 3,923 in the same period of 2000.

Texas preliminary April crude production averaged 1,016,066 barrels daily, down from 1,069,377 daily averaged in April 2000. Preliminary Texas crude production for April is 30,481,982 barrels, down from 32,081,319 last April.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 440,320,019 Mcf based on preliminary production figures for April, up from April 2000 preliminary production total of 424,618,150 Mcf.

Aries completes two transactions

HOUSTON — Aries Resources, LLC has recently completed two transactions valued at approximately \$40 million. The transactions include the sale of substantially all of its Mid-Continent properties as well as its non-operated interests in Michigan.

With the sale of these properties, the company will increase its presence in the Permian Basin, East Texas, Gulf Coast and Mid-Continent Region.

Aries Resources, LLC is a privately owned domestic oil and gas production, exploitation and acquisition firm that operates over 200 wells in the Permian Basin, East Texas, South Louisiana and Michigan.

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At far left, Mary Hutto gets lunch as fellow Pure Resources employees Carol Thompson, Susan Rowland and Teresa Barnhart serve. At left, employees enjoy a one-year celebration luncheon. At left, below, Pure Resources Chief Executive Officer Jack Hightower leads employees through the buffet line.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



Pure celebrates first year, record year

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

It has been a good year for Pure Resources. In one year the Permian Basin company has managed to integrate the Permian assets of Unocal, acquire IP Petroleum and Hallwood Energy and launch one of the most aggressive drilling and growth programs ever by a Permian Basin company.

It was a record that called for a celebration and over 300 employees flocked to Pure Resources' headquarters in Midland last week for a steak dinner and short speech by Jack Hightower, chief executive officer of Pure Resources.

"If we would have tried a year ago to envision the growth we have had the past year, we could not have done it," said Hightower.

The smallest and the only Midland company to enjoy an investment grade rating, Hightower said Pure Resources had enjoyed phenomenal growth in a single year by:

- Growing from 220 employees to 350.
- Increasing production from 37,000 barrels equivalent to 65,000 barrels equivalent

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New Mexico disposal site cuts sting of low sulfur prices

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

If oil producers have been disheartened by oil prices in the past, they can be thankful they're not a sulfur producer.

In recent months the price for a ton of sulfur has dropped from \$75 to \$27.50 per long ton at Tampa, Fla.

"That means it has a negative value in the Permian Basin, because it costs more to get it to Tampa than it will sell for," said Leon Lloyd, president of Midland-based Lloyd Chemical Sales.

It also means the Permian Basin has a problem. Combined in oil or gas, the sulfur can form deadly hydrogen sulfide and must be removed by processing.

"A gas plant in the Permian Basin can produce up to 22 tons per day of sulfur that must be sold or disposed of. Once a source for profit, those tons of sulfur have now become an added disposal expense," Lloyd said.

To ensure area gas plants will be able to dispose of sulfur, Lloyd, who once marketed sulfur for ARCO in the U.S. and Canada, says he intends to open a sulfur disposal site, in cooperation with Durango Co., to service gas plants in the Permian Basin.

The location of the 100-acre disposal site, which will also be permitted to take other oilfield waste, will be southwest of Hobbs off Carlsbad highway, 36 miles west of Eunice on Highway 180. Sulfur will be picked up in a molten state (300 degrees F) in special insulated trailers such as those owned by Martin Transport and United Petroleum.

Transport. It will then be delivered to the site, where it will be poured onto a pad, allowed to solidify and pushed into a pit. A 1,000 foot layer of clay will keep the waste from percolating into fresh water zones.

"We expect to service gas plants within a 200 mile radius of the site," said Lloyd.

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Leon Lloyd, president, Lloyd Chemical Sales

Clayton Williams Energy updates drilling activity

MIDLAND — Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. has provided an update on its exploration activities in the following areas:

Cotton Valley Reefs
CWEI announced that its Lee Fazzino #1 Cotton Valley Grainstone (Backreef) has produced 2.4 Bcf to date and is currently producing 20 MMcf per day with 4,500 psi flowing tubing pressure. "We are very pleased with this well's performance and expect it to produce approximately 20 gross (16 net) Bcf of gas," said Clayton Williams, CEO. This well is 100% owned by the company.

The company is currently drilling the Lee Fazzino #2 at a depth of 11,050 feet. The 100% owned offset well is 4,500 feet southwest of the Lee Fazzino #1. The company plans to move the drilling rig from the Lee Fazzino #2 when completed, 4,800 feet northeast to the Scarmardo Gas Unit #1, an offset to the Lee Fazzino #1, which is also 100% owned.

"We are delighted with the performance of the Lee Fazzino #1 and very optimistic about the potential of these offset wells," said Williams. "Further development of this Backreef complex will depend on the outcome of these two offset tests."

Williams also announced a new Cotton Valley Grainstone (Backreef) discovery. The Company encountered 271 net feet of pay in the Neyland #1 well, which is 30 miles north of the J.C. Fazzino wells. The company is waiting on a pipeline to test and complete this well and is evaluating other prospects in this area. The company owns 100% of this well until payout is reached and will own 82% after payout.

Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana Phase I
Williams also updated the company's activities in Phase I of its two-phase drilling program in Plaquemines Parish, La. The company has drilled nine wells to date, with three discoveries and six dry holes (33% success rate), and expects to drill three to seven additional wells this year. The three discoveries are expected to produce between 12 to 16 gross (9 to 12 net) Bcf.

"We are pleased with these discoveries which will pay for the majority of

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John Paul Pitts

Hutchison bill is insurance against 1998 repeat

I was having lunch recently with a seasoned oilman who had spent 40 years drilling wells. I asked him: "What has been the hardest thing about being in the oil business?"

He did not hesitate. "It's the price volatility. How can you sell a deal when you cannot give an investor an accurate payback scenario? Will the price of oil go to \$9 a barrel or \$29 a barrel before payout?"

During the downturn of 1997-98, when oil prices dropped to \$10 per barrel, over 150,000 domestic oil and gas wells were shut-in, resulting in the loss of 500,000 barrels a day. But those horrid events are now becoming

faded memories in the light of oil prices that have hovered around \$25 per barrel for almost two years and industry experts that say is likely to stay that way for years to come.

In short, the industry is being lulled into political complacency by high prices and stability, but now, while the sun shines favorably on the oil and gas industry, is the time to make political hay. One bill that will allow the industry to make considerable political hay is Senate Bill 1192, introduced by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas). Not for today, this is a bill designed for tomorrow — to keep alive the marginal production of the Permian Basin if and when the region is ever visited again by 1998 prices.

Essentially, the bill would provide a \$3 per barrel phased-in tax credit that would be triggered when oil prices fall to between \$15 and \$18 per barrel. Then, when oil prices rise above these

levels, the credit would be phased out.

The bill would not only provide a measure of price stability for marginal well producers, it would also provide a measure of energy security for America. When America had its last great crisis, the Arab Embargo of 1973, it was importing only 36 percent of its oil. Today it is importing 56 percent and that figure is still growing as U.S. production declines. By the end of the decade, the import gap could be 65 percent. The Hutchison bill, however, could save 250,000 barrels per day.

Senator Pete Domenici, a co-sponsor of the bill, says the bill would limit the abandonment of marginal wells (those wells which make 15 barrels or less per day) and could prompt the reopening of an estimated 75,000 marginal wells now capped. In his state, Domenici said, there are approximately 12,642 stripper oil wells and 8,534 stripper gas wells in New Mexico that

would benefit from the bill. Many of those wells, of course, are owned by Midland operators.

Said Domenici: "The history of marginal wells is one of radical booms and busts. The last bust was particularly harsh. Producers are understandably skittish about investing in marginal well production even when prices are up. This legislation would give producers incentives to stay in business when prices head south."

The industry should keep its eye on this bill, rally behind it and pull out all political stops to make sure it passes. Like flood insurance or hail insurance, it could make the difference between survival or disaster for many producers at some point in the future, and will be well worth the premiums.

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Reporter-Telegram

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Meetings

Petroleum safety group to meet

The Permian Basin Petroleum Safety Group will meet Tuesday at Ranchland Hills Country Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10, lunch included.

Further information is available by calling 563-4894.

WILLIAMS: Company details drilling successes

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our Phase I program to date and the acquisition cost of our Phase II seismic program. Due to the information we have gained on the wells drilled to date, we expect an even higher success rate on our remaining Phase I drilling program and are very confident of its success," Williams said.

Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana Phase II
As previously announced, the company has acquired 3,000 square miles of 3-D seismic. The first batch (140 miles) of the new 3-D seismic has been processed to pre-stack time and is being evaluated by the Company's exploration team. The company expects to begin drilling the first wells in Phase II in approximately nine months, and believes that the Phase II drilling program will encompass three to five years of drilling. Williams said, "I am extremely optimistic about the quality and number of prospects we are finding with this seismic and believe we are accomplishing our goal of establishing a core area in South Louisiana."

Second Quarter Exploration Costs
The company also announced that its second quarter net earnings would be negatively impacted by dry hole costs in Louisiana and South

Texas. The company currently expects its second quarter provision for dry holes to be between \$12 million and \$14 million. Dry hole costs, as a matter of policy, are not predicted when financial guidance is issued.

The company follows the successful efforts method of accounting for oil and gas exploration and producing activities, and accordingly, expenses all exploration costs, including the costs of exploratory dry holes, as they occur. While this accounting method can cause fluctuations in earnings depending on drilling results, the company's cash flow from operations and certain other performance indicators, such as EBITDAX and discretionary cash flow, are not adversely affected by the charge off of dry holes and increases in DD&A.

This provision for dry hole costs does not include any impairment of the company's proved properties, which may be required under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121 as a result of declines in natural gas prices.

"We are pleased about our Cotton Valley (Backreef) drilling results and the cash flow it will generate. This success, and the extremely high potential of the South Louisiana program, offers tremendous growth opportunities for the company," said Williams.

PURE: Independent has record first year in business

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■ Going from 1,000 to 2,500 operated wells and increasing total ownership to 7,000 wells.

■ Becoming one of the largest mineral owners in the U.S. with a total of 6 million barrels.

■ Transforming itself from a company with operations pri-

marily in the Permian Basin and South Texas to a company operating in the lower 48 states and offshore.

"You should be proud of yourselves," Hightower told employees. "You have created a platform for even greater growth. But it will be hard to repeat a year like last year."

Patterson-UTI Income jumps 55 percent

SNYDER — Patterson-UTI Energy Inc. announced the first financial results following the completion of the merger of Patterson Energy, Inc. and UTI Energy Corp.

Consolidated net income for the second quarter ended June 30, 2001 totaled \$56.6 million, or \$0.71 per share, an increase of 55 percent over \$36.6 million, or \$0.46 per share for the first quarter ended March 31, 2001, and up 1,130 percent over net income of \$4.6 million, or \$0.06 per share for the three months ended June 30, 2000. Revenue for the quarter was \$287.6 million, compared to \$238.6 million for the prior quarter, and \$123.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2000. EBITDA for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 was \$111.8 million, up 42 percent from EBITDA of \$78.5 million for the prior quarter.

Consolidated net income for the six months ended June 30, 2001 was \$93.2 million, or \$1.18 per share, compared to \$5.7 million, or \$0.08 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2000.

The merger of Patterson Energy, Inc. and UTI Energy Corp. was treated as a pooling-of-interests for accounting purposes. The historical results shown above have been restated to reflect the combined results of the companies.

During the second quarter of 2001, the company incurred

charges in connection with the merger of \$13.1 million. This amount is excluded from the financial results above.

The company repaid all of its term debt during the second quarter. In addition, the company increased its revolving line of credit to \$100 million and extended the term of the facility to June 2005.

"The speed and efficiency with which these two organizations have been able to combine their personnel and merge their operations has exceeded our highest expectations," stated Glenn Patterson, President and Chief Operating Officer of Patterson-UTI. "By any standard, this merger has gone extremely well, and the consolidation of all of the major functions, including accounting, payroll and field operations is now substantially complete."

Cloyce A. Talbott, Patterson-UTI's Chief Executive Officer, commented, "From an operational and marketing standpoint, this merger is already paying off in a big way. Our average margin per operating day increased by 33 percent to \$4,851 from \$3,656 for the previous quarter, and we had 248 average rigs operating, compared to 231 average rigs operating during the previous quarter. Our pressure pumping, drilling and completion fluids, and other ancillary businesses are also performing well."

Namedropping



West Texas Cat announces the graduation of **BUDDY NUGENT**, left, and **KEITH SUMMER** from the Masters 2000 program initiated by Caterpillar Inc. A one-year program, it was designed to develop the parts and service sales representatives skills. With over 100 participants, Sommer finished second and Nugent 12th, earning them trips to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

The two men have a combined 30 years working for Caterpillar Inc.

HOUSTON — Two officers of the International Association of Drilling Contractors have been named to the Commission on Ocean Policy, a national group that is evaluating ocean and coastal activities, by President George W. Bush.

LAWRENCE R. DICKERSON, president and chief operating officer of Diamond Offshore Drilling and secretary-treasurer of IADC, and **PAUL L. KELLY**, senior vice president of special projects for Rowan Companies and chairman of the IADC government affairs committee, are the only representatives of the offshore energy industry on the commission.

The commission will make recommendations to Bush and Congress in 18 months.

HOUSTON — Equilon Enterprises LLC has named **RUSSELL CAPLAN** vice president, sales and marketing with overall responsibility for some 9,000 Shell and Texaco service stations in 32 Western and Midwestern states.

Caplan moves to Equilon from Shell International Oil Products, where he served as executive vice president, marketing. A native of Australia, Caplan joined Shell in 1968.

Caplan succeeds **JOHN DARNLEY**, who recently announced his retirement effective Sept. 1.

LAS VEGAS — **DENNIS SCHIFFEL**, a former finance and planning executive with Atlantic Richfield Co., has been named senior vice president and chief financial officer of Sierra Pacific Resources, succeeding **MARK RUELE**, who was recently named president of Sierra Pacific's southern Nevada utility, Nevada Power.

Schiffel most recently was Vice President, Corporate Planning for ARCO prior to its acquisition by BP. While with ARCO, he held several other executive positions that included investor relations, finance, planning, and treasury in ARCO's parent company or operating units in North America, Europe and Southeast Asia.

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vey; 8 miles NE of Sonora; obj: 8250;
permit #510242; API #435-35537
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Fawcett "19" #12
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer
(Canyon)-D; HE & WT RR Co.; A-354,
Blk B, Sec 19; 500 FNL 2050 FWL of
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mit #510241; API #435-35534

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Arco Permian
Faye, Josie "32" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P
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miles NW of Rankin; obj: 10300; per-
mit #509977; API #461-34204

Arco Permian
Faye, Josie "28" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P
RR Co./J. Wardlaw; A-784, Blk 41,
T4S, Sec 28; 660 FSL 660 FEL of lse;
660 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 33 miles
NW of Rankin; obj: 10300; permit
#509976; API #461-34203

Arco Permian
Faye, Josie "28" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P
RR Co./J. Wardlaw; A-784, Blk 41,

T4S, Sec 28; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of
lse; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 33
miles NW of Rankin; obj: 10300; per-
mit #509975; API #461-34202
Hallwood Pet., Inc.
Keeney #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P
RR Co./J. G. Hall; A-1414, Blk 39,
T5S, Sec 14; 704 FNL 790 FEL of lse;
1980 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 22
miles S of Midland; obj: 9700; permit
#504097; API #461-34135

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Apache Corp.
University -AD- #4
Three Bar (Wichita)-Recomple-
tion; UL; A-000000, Blk 11, Sec 9;
1980 FSL 1443 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL
1443 FEL of survey; 22 miles SW of
Andrews; obj: 7880; permit #509905;
API #003-31677



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By Charlie McCoy
President
Permian Production
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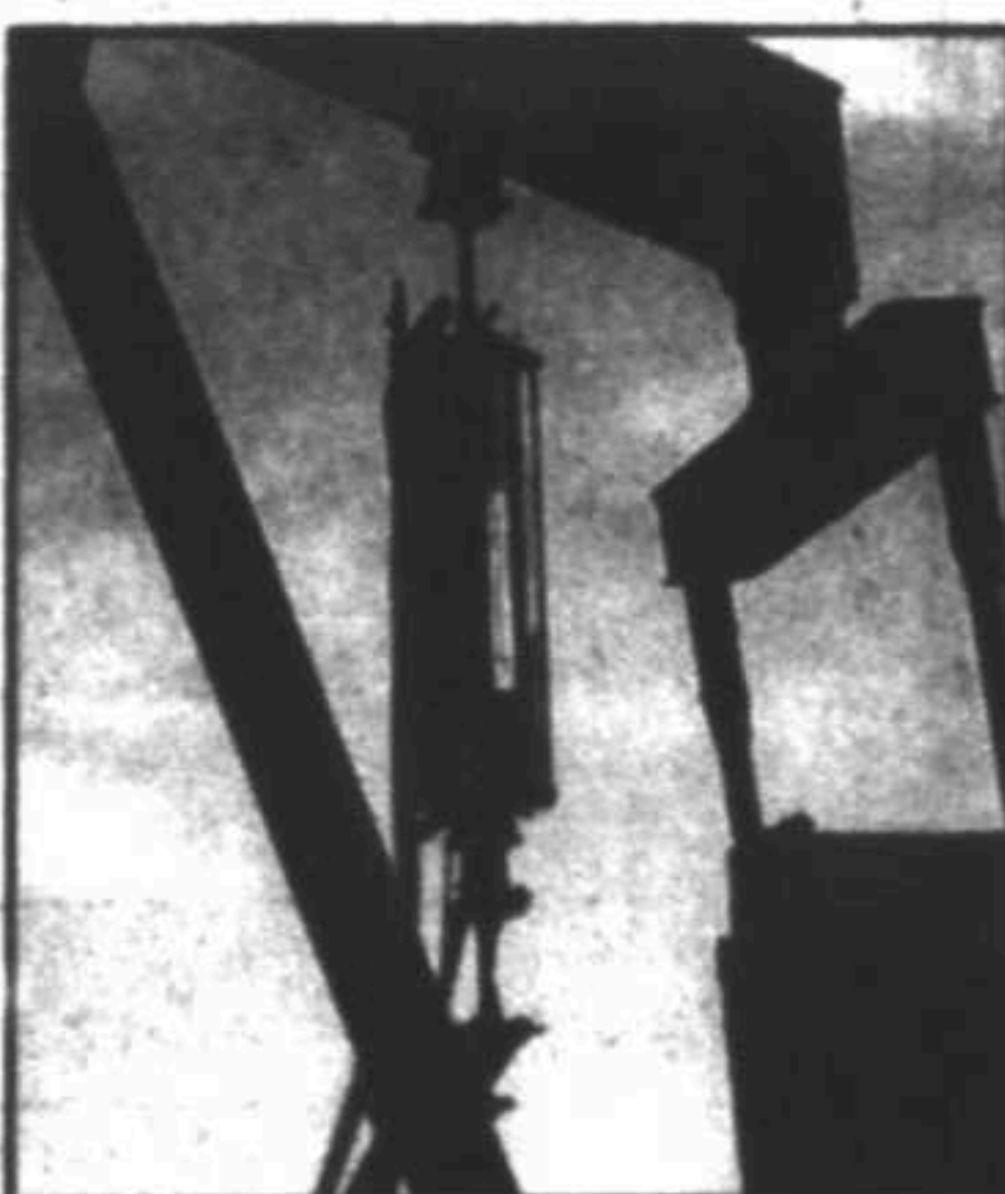
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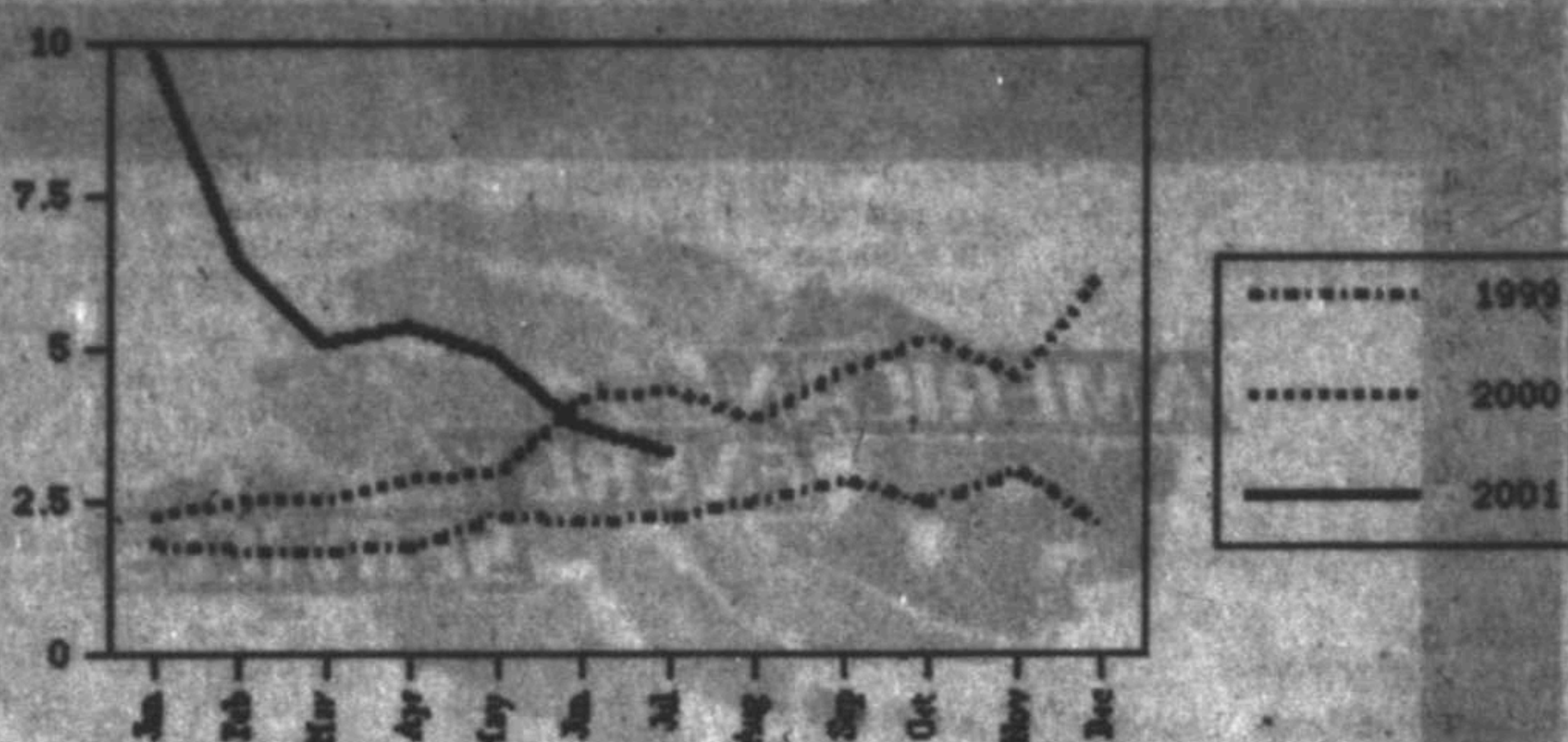
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Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



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Waha Averages

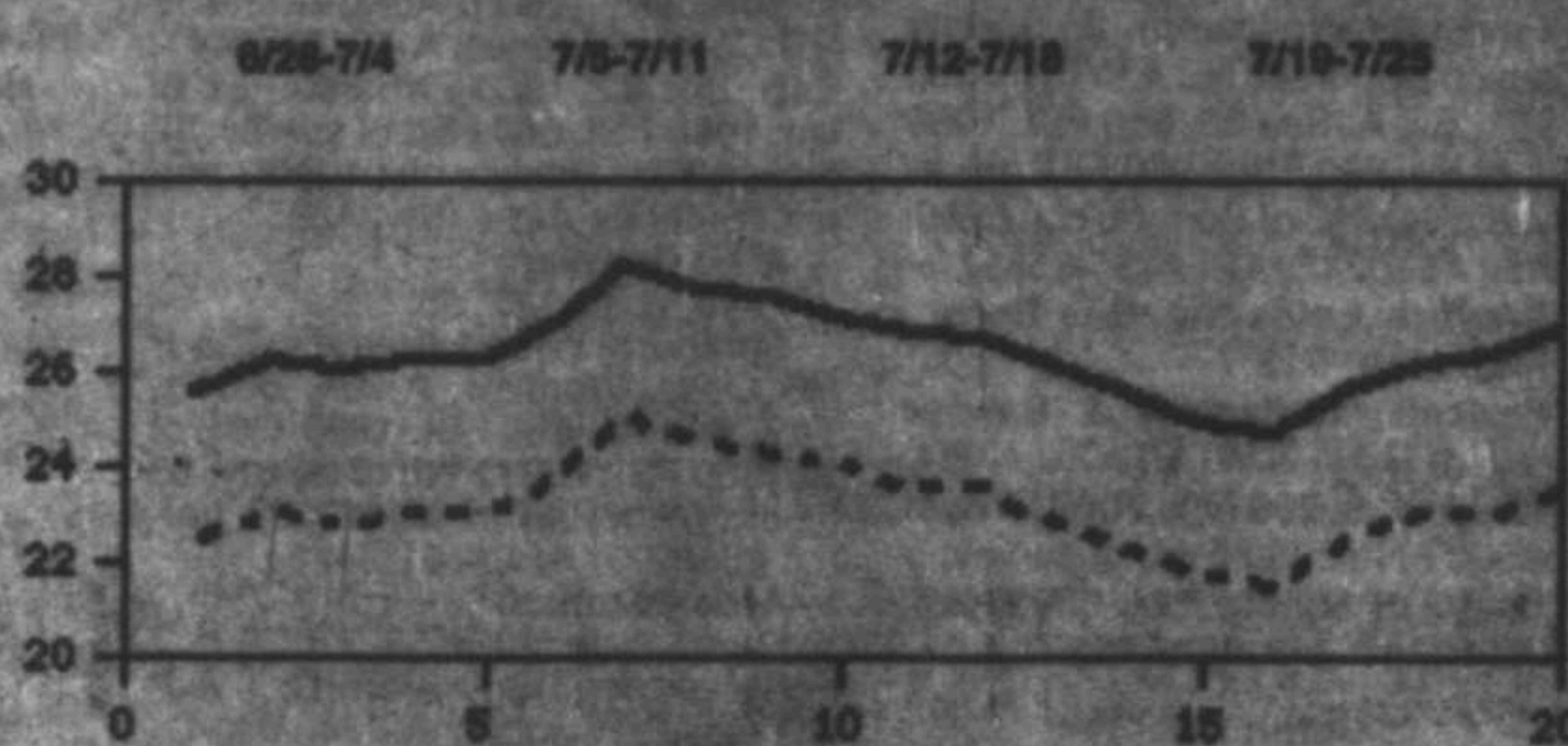
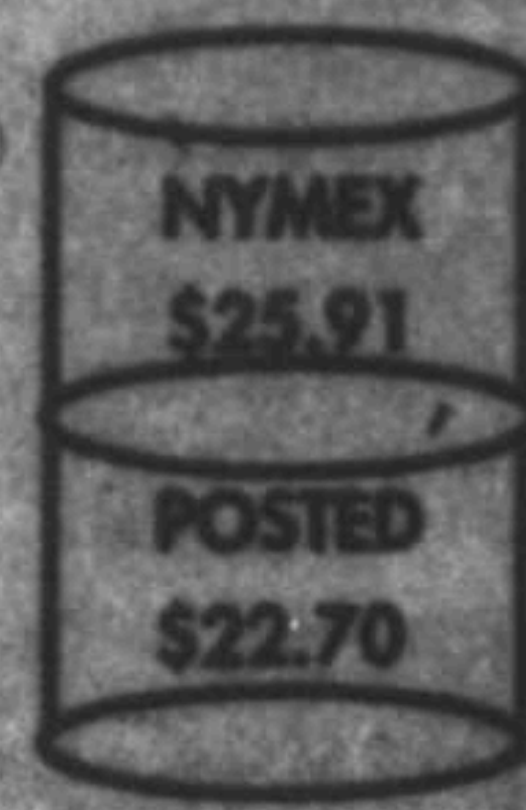
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\$3.28 ● \$3.73

Current Spot Prices

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■ Gulf Coast (Louisiana) \$3.16
■ Rocky Mountain (Wyoming) \$1.75

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E.O.T.T.	23.50	Navajo WTI	23.75	Sun	23.50
Equiva	23.50	Navajo NMI	25.50		

* Net Price without transportation charge

Wildcats

Texas RRCD 7C

Crocket County

Ricks Expl., Inc.
Montgomery C #309
Wildcat-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-3224, Blk NG, Sec 9; 990 FWL 1500 FSL of lse; 990 FWL 1500 FSL of survey; 16 miles SW of Ozona; obj: 9000; permit #510219; API #105-36692
EOG Res., Inc.
Eagle Draw "10" #1
Wildcat-D; T & NO RR Co./P. Cavender; A-5236, Blk GG, Sec 10; 720 FSL 1728 FSL of lse; 15 miles NW of Ozona; obj: 6200; permit #510208; API #105-36688

Irion County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Sugg #3
Wildcat-D; J. Lindley/H & TC RR Co.; A-963, Blk 1, Sec 36; 2150 FNL 2150 FNL of lse; 2150 FNL 2150 FNL of survey; 5 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 4800; permit #510304; API #235-33825

Questa Oil & Gas Co.
Williams, Pearl 1197 #B 1
Wildcat-D; T.T. RR Co. #1197; A-1293, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 1320 FWL 2505 FNL of lse; 1320 FWL 2775 FSL of survey; 12 miles SE of Mertzon; obj: 6800; permit #510240; API #235-33824

Menard County

Daniel Expl. Inc.
Clark Ranch South #18A
Wildcat-D; A. B. & M; A-25, Blk 4, Sec 3; 1557 FSL 733 FSL of lse; 1557 FSL 733 FSL of survey; 7 miles NW of Menard; obj: 2841; permit #503861; API #327-30907

Terrell County

EOG Res., Inc.
Allison "19" #1H
Wildcat-D-Horizontal Well; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-202, Blk 82, Sec 19; 467 FWL 1000 FNL of lse; 467 FWL 1000 FNL of survey; 43 miles NE of Dryden; obj: 10900; permit #510207; API #443-30880

EOG Res., Inc.
Allison "8" #1H
Wildcat-D-Horizontal Well; CCSD & RGNG RR Co./H. P. & Merck L & Allison; A-2600, Blk 82, Sec 8; 467 FWL 800 FNL of lse; 467 FWL 800 FNL of survey; 43 miles NE of Dryden; obj: 10900; permit #510206; API #443-30879

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

B&W Southern Pet.
B&W #2702
Wildcat-D; UL; A-000000; Blk 12, Sec 27; 840 FSL 660 FSL of lse; 660 FSL 1800 FNL of survey; 20 miles WSW of Andrews; obj: 3500; permit #510147; API #003-38835

Midland County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Tippett "10" #3
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./E. Anderson; A-1298, Blk 41, T4S, Sec 10; 660 FNL 660 FNL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FNL of survey; 21.50 miles SSW of Mid-

land; obj: 11600; permit #510214; API #329-34597

Reeves County

Par Minerals Corp.
TXL "17" #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-718, Blk 50, T8S, Sec 17; 660 FWL 990 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 990 FSL of survey; 23 miles SE of Pecos; obj: 5400; permit #510107; API #389-32222

Ward County

Mobil Producing TX. & N.M. Inc.
Pyote Gas Unit 11 #4H
Wildcat-D-Horizontal Well; H & TC RR Co.; A-209, Blk 34, Sec 65; 829 FSEL 1960 FNL of lse; 829 FSEL 1960 FNL of survey; 7 miles SSE of Pyote; obj: 14500; permit #510199; API #475-34722

Texas RRCD 8A

Dickens County

Gunn Oil Co.
Bell Unit #1

Wildcat-D; H & GN RR Co./J. F. Shellworth/J. Davis; A-375, Blk 1, Sec 300; 476 FSL 725 FSL of lse; 2267 FWL 725 FSL of survey; 2.75 miles N of Spur; obj: 6500; permit #510158; API #125-30747

Gunn Oil Co.

Clifton #1
Wildcat-D; H & GN RR Co./H. Rhomberg; A-740, Blk 1, Sec 224; 467 FSL 467 FSL of lse; 889 FNL 2242 FNL of survey; 50 miles SW of Spur; obj: 6500; permit #510157; API #125-30748

King County

Gunn Oil Co.
Masterson SP #1
Wildcat-D; F. P. Knott #53; A-947, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 2267 FNL 6557 FNL of lse; 1985 FNL 1462 FNL of survey; 16.70 miles NE of Guthrie; obj: 6500; permit #510159; API #269-32427

Terry County

Trail Mountain, Inc.

Mabee #2

Wildcat-D; SK & K/P. J. Ross; A-720, Blk D-11, Sec 20; 1450 FNL 1800 FWL of lse; 1450 FNL 1800 FWL of survey; 7 miles S of Sundown; obj: 8500; permit #510167; API #445-31960

Trail Mountain, Inc.

Mabee #2
Wildcat-D; SK & K/P. J. Ross; A-720, Blk D-11, Sec 20; 1450 FNL 1800 FWL of lse; 1450 FNL 1800 FWL of survey; 7 miles S of Sundown; obj: 8500; permit #506894; API #445-31960

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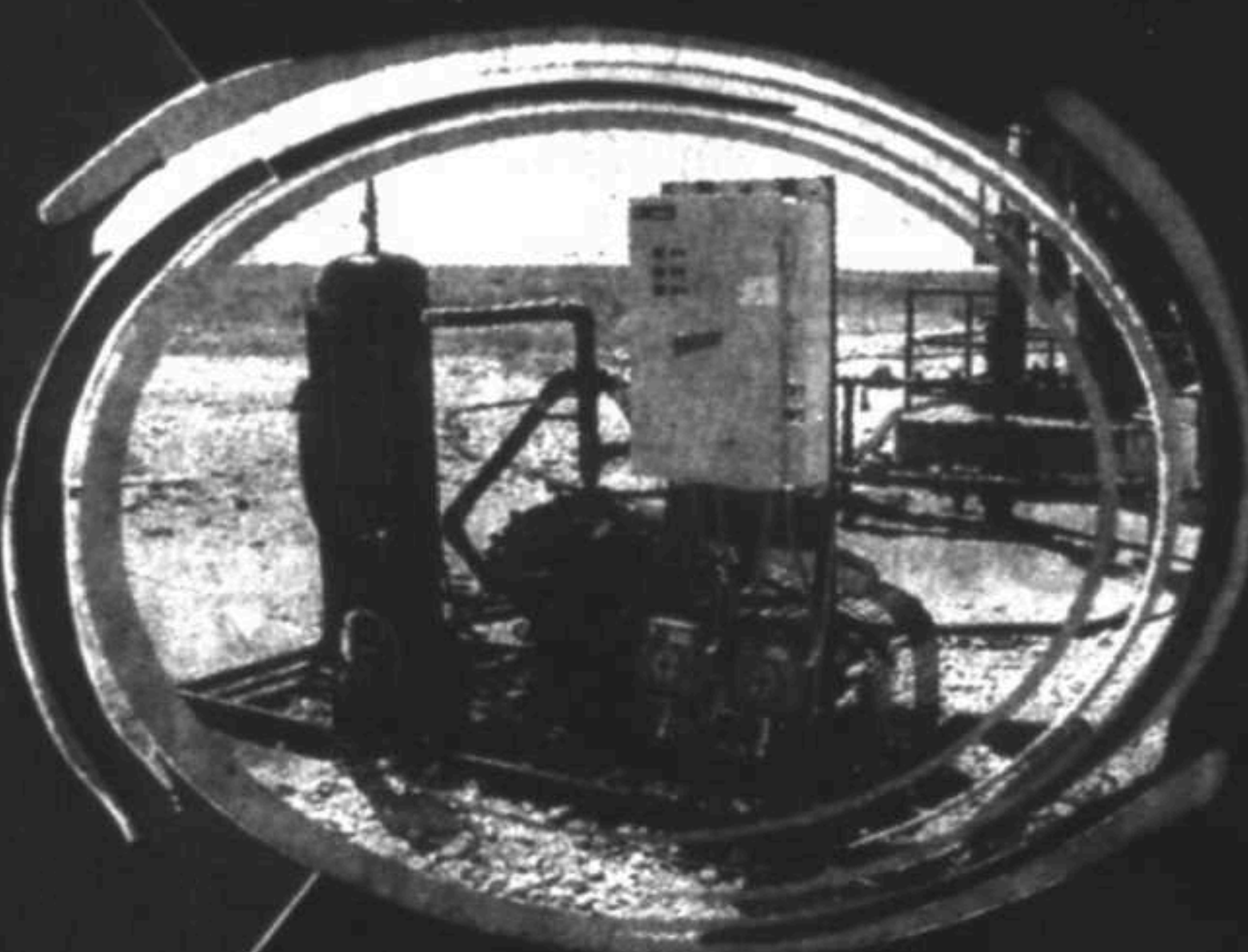
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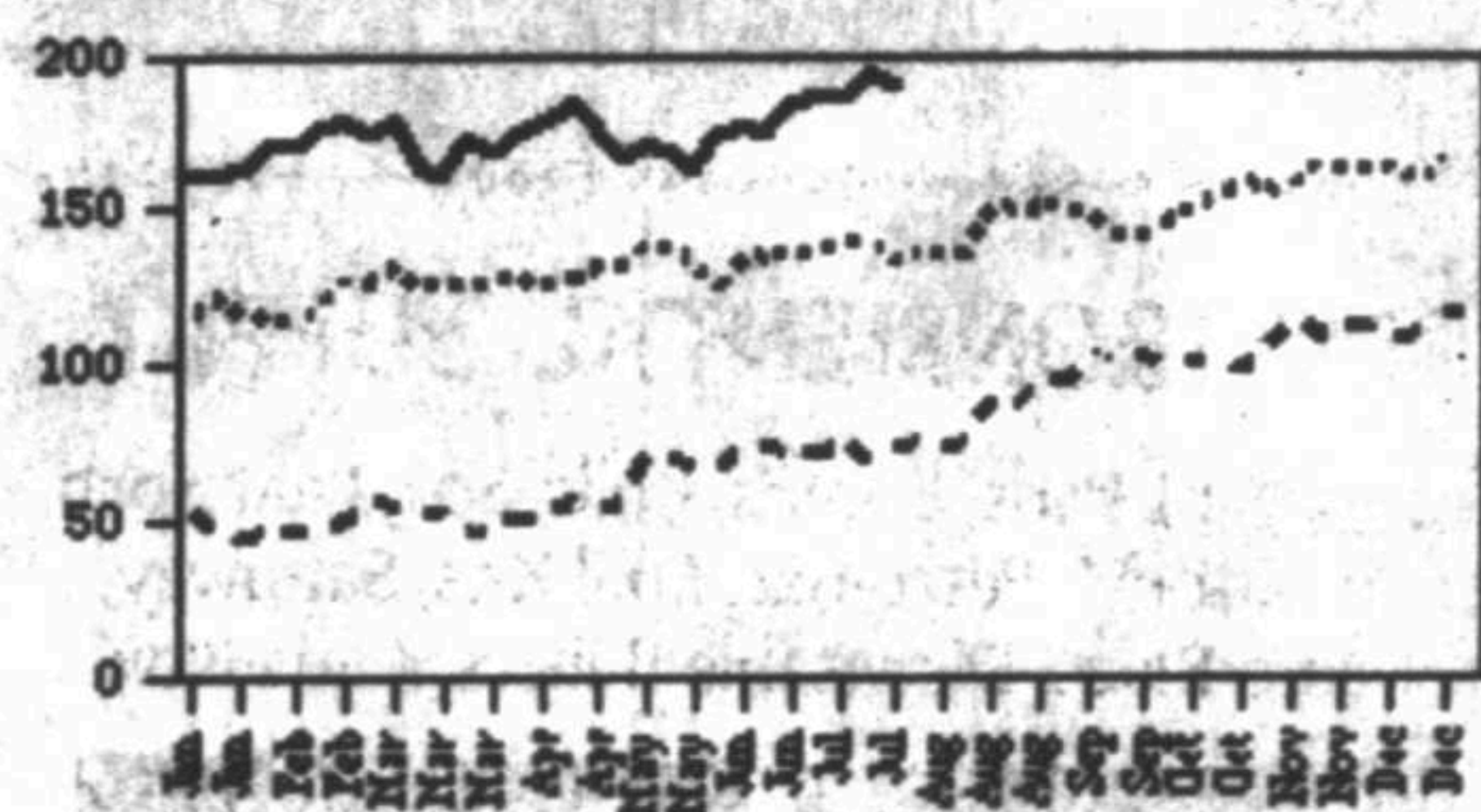
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U.S. Oil	218	223	213

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	Borden	1	Chaves	7
DIST. #8	Cochran	1	Eddy	34
Andrews	Cottle	0	Lee	27
Brewster	Crosby	0	Roosevelt	0
Crane	Dawson	0	N.M. TOTAL	68
Culberson	Dickens	0		
Ector	Floyd	0	Basin Total	189
Glasscock	Gaines	4	Year Ago	139

RIG COUNT PROFILE



Rig Count information provided by Hughes Christensen

Completions

New Mexico

Chaves County

Texaco Expl. & Prod. Inc.
Dulce "36" State Com #1
Wildcat; T15S, R31E, Sec 36;
1980 FNL 1980 FWL; EL 4352; TD
12,942; PBTD N/A; Spud 6-26-00;
Comp 3-21-00; production is through
treated perfs: 12530-12538, 128533-
13804; Treat: Frac w/709 bbls YF340;
IP: 11-4-00 Flowing 24 hrs 0 BW, 7
BW, 1021 MCF, 32/64" Ch, Gty 48;
API #30-005-21160

Eddy County

Yates Drig. Co.
Spurck 15 State Com #2
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 15;
1980 FSL 660 FWL; EL 3522 GR; TD
10,100; PBTD 10,080; Spud 10-19-00;
Comp 1-14-01; production is through
treated perfs: 9928-9882; Treat:
w/3000 gals 7.5% Hcl w/180 BS, frac
w/95,020# 20/40 Interprop w/166
tons Co2 & 406686 N2; IP: 1-23-01
Flow 24 hrs 40 BO, 16 BW, 1407
MCF, 20/64" Ch, TP 725, GOR 35/1,
Gty 58.6; API #30-015-31315

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Phillips 17 Fed #3
East Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 17;
330 FSL 330 FEL; EL 3601 GL; TD
4427; PBTD 4285; Spud 12-22-00;
Comp 1-12-01; production is through
treated perfs: 3937-4428; Treat: 2570
bbls + 39,000 gals Hcl acid + 74,000
gals gel pad + 10,000 gals 2% Kcl wtr;
IP: 1-21-01 Pump 24 hrs 136 BO, 639
BW, 65 MCF, GOR 478, Gty 38.3; API
#30-015-31446

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson A #17
Cedar Lake; T17S, R30E, Sec 13;
990 FSL 330 FEL; EL 3727 GL; TD
5200; PBTD 5149; Spud 10-7-00;
Comp 12-8-00; production is through
treated perfs: 4642-4995; Treat:
35,910 gals Hcl w/49,056 gals 40% gel;
IP: 12-13-00 Pump 24 hrs 57 BO, 483

BW, 60 MCF; API #30-015-31358

W A & E R Hudson Inc.
Puckett B #35
Maljamar; T17S, R31E, Sec 25; 20
FNL 1340 FWL; EL 3862 GR; TD
4050; PBTD 3728; Spud 2-20-00;
Comp 4-25-00; production is through
treated perfs: 3427-3720; Treat: Acid
w/2900 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/58,500
gals 30% gel carrying 53,100# 20/40
& 73,900# 16/30 sd; IP: 5-4-00 Pump
24 hrs 80 BO, 16 BW, 122 MCF, GOR
15254, Gty 39.4; API #30-015-30876
API #30-005-21160

Lee County

Occidental Permian LP
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #613
Hobbs; T18S, R37E, Sec 24; 1650
FSL 548 FWL; EL 3674 GR; TD 4438;
PBTD 4319; Spud 2-27-01; Comp 3-
23-01; production is through treated
perfs: 4014-4292; Treat: 6300 gals
15% Hcl; IP: 4-17-01 Pump 24 hrs 16
BO, 581 BW, 64 MCF, GOR 4000, Gty
35; API #30-025-35370

Occidental Permian LP
South Hobbs G/SA Unit #240
Hobbs; T18S, R38E, Sec 34; 837
FSL 1611 FWL; EL 3613 GL; TD
4315; PBTD 4261; Spud 2-8-01;
Comp 3-15-01; production is through
treated perfs: 4142-4248; Treat: 2300
gals 15% Hcl; IP: 3-16-01 Pump 24 hrs
60 BO, 1750 BW, 25 MCF, GOR 417,
Gty 34; API #30-025-35342

Trilogy Oper. Inc.
Ruby #1
Nadine; T19S, R38E, Sec 24; 330
FSL 2310 FWL; EL 3585 GR; TD
7800; PBTD 7754; Spud 4-15-01;
Comp 5-26-01; production is through

treated perfs: 6850-7067, 7296-7564;
Treat: 10000 gals 20% NEFE, 15,000
gals xlink XLA gel; IP: 5-29-01 Pump
24 hrs 86 BO, 45 BW, 210 MCF, GOR
2442, Gty 31.9; API #30-025-35508

Matador Oper. Co.

Laughlin #3
Monument; T20S, R37E, Sec 4;
430 FSL 1650 FEL; EL 3551 GL; TD
6900; PBTD 6795; Spud 2-3-01;
Comp 3-19-01; production is through
treated perfs: 6463-6562; Treat:
82,684 gals 35% borate xlink &
160,383# 20/40 sd; IP: 3-31-01 Pump
24 hrs 49 BO, 67 BW, 89 MCF, GOR
1816, Gty 38.7; API #30-025-35348

Matador Oper. Co.

Cooper "5" #7
Monument; T20S, R37E, Sec 5;
2310 FNL 660 FEL; EL 3562 GL; TD
6802; PBTD 6746; Spud 2-18-01;
Comp 3-4-01; production is through
treated perfs: 6444-6518; Treat: Frac
w/183490# 20/40 sd & 2712 bbls 38#
xlink borate; IP: 4-7-01 Flow 24 hrs
691 BO, 117 BW, 1190 MCF, GOR
1722, Gty 40.2; API #30-025-35399

Texaco Expl. & Prod. Inc.

Cotton Draw Unit #88
South Paduca; T25S, R32E, Sec 7;
2210 FSL 1360 FWL; EL 3425 GR;
TD 13,115; PBTD N/A; Spud 7-16-00;
Comp 12-23-00; production is through
treated perfs: 12718-12786; Treat:
Acid w/127,897 gals WF30, 6000 gals
methanol & 28% Hcl; IP: 2-19-01
Flow 24 hrs 0 BO, 0 BW, 87 MCF; API
#30-025-35086

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

RME Pet. Co.
Henderson PI #12
Davidson Ranch (Penn 7890 gas);
Completion; T & C RR Co. P; Blk 1,
Sec 1; 300 FSL 660 FEL of survey;
10 miles SE of Ozona, was tested for
a 90,000 ft of dry gas daily; produc-
tion is through treated perfs: 7640-
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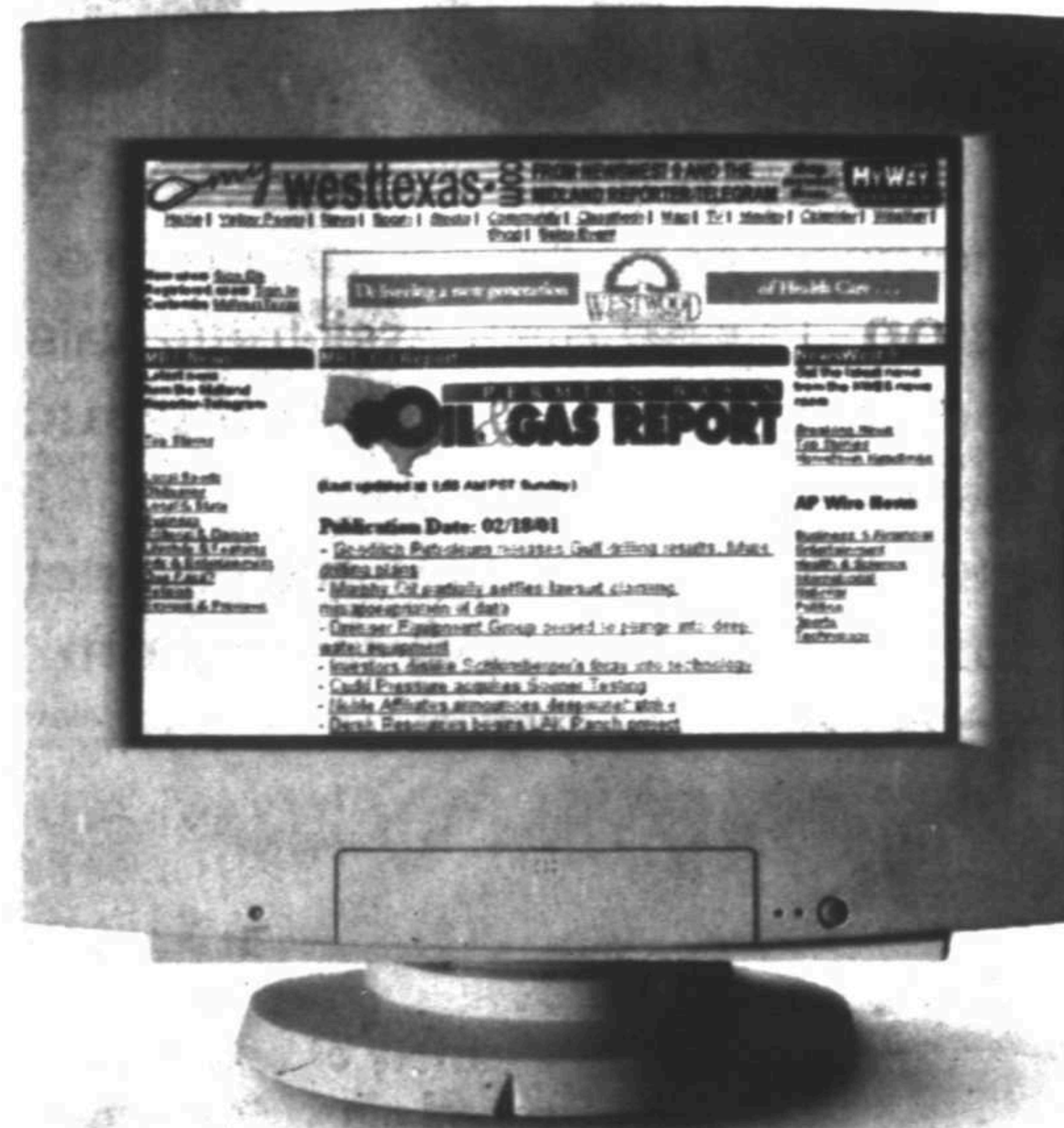
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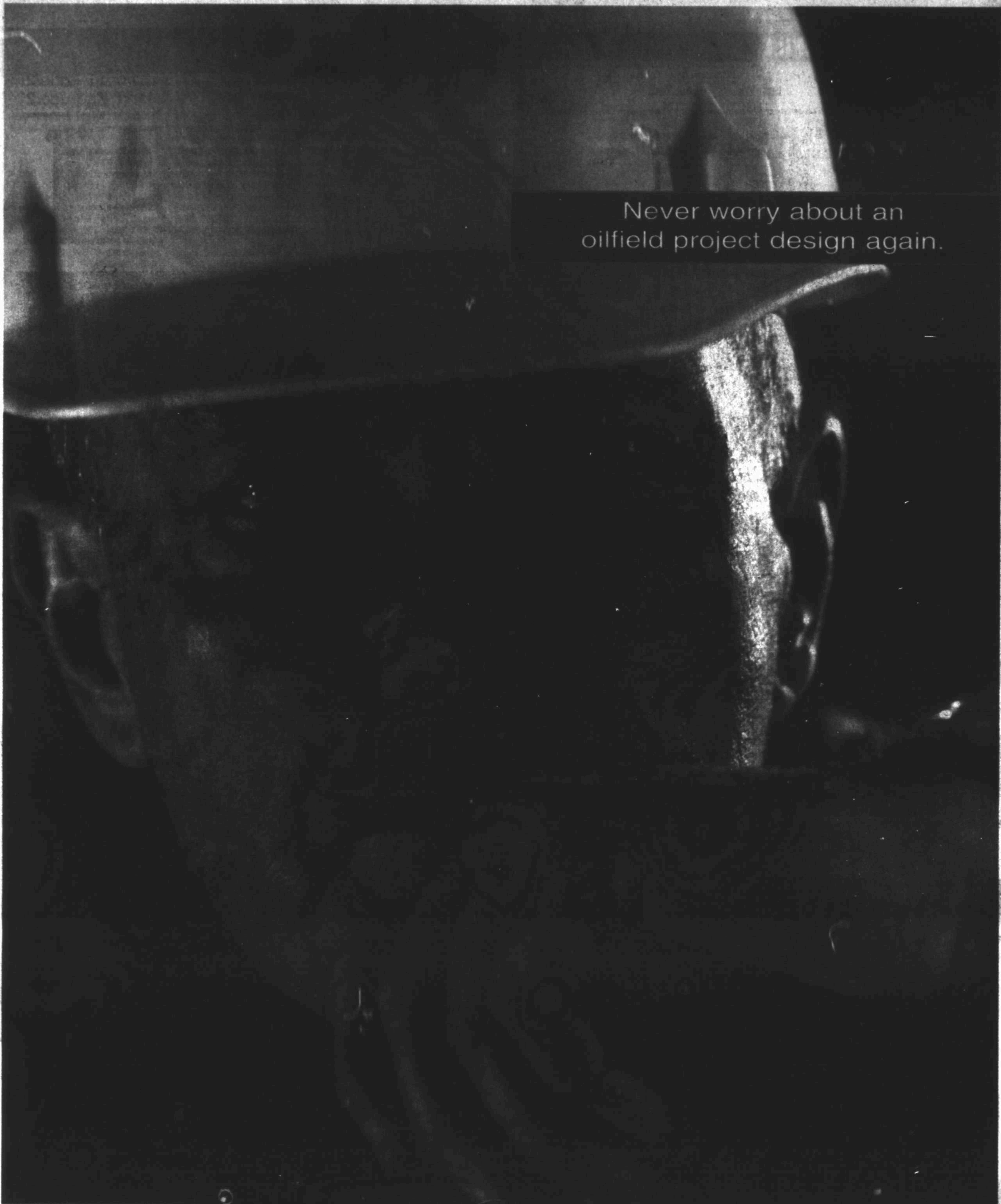
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