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Old Glory

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Vietnam veteran Bill McNeill, left, and his father, World War II veteran Ray O. McNeill, love the flag and what it represents.

Father, son share common bond, love for flag

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The father and son are wars apart. But their bond, as combat veterans, is as if they were valiant foxhole buddies who dearly loved their country, the American flag and its patriotic symbols.

And they do to this very day.

"I'm proud of Old Glory," said Ray O. McNeill, a 91-year-old World War II veteran who earned the Purple Heart in 1944 in the China-Burma-India Theater.

To McNeill, the American flag "represents all of us in the United States — not just the guys that went to war. Everybody. Old Glory represents the America we live in. It represents the poor guys who didn't make it back."

His son, 53-year-old Bill McNeill, earned the Purple Heart ut in another era — in 1967 in the Vietnam War.

Unlike his father and his generation, however, the son and his comrades were not welcomed home as heroes.

Still, father and son love their country and honor the flag.

"We've got a proud heritage," said Bill, who served on a U.S. Navy patrol boat in "the brown-water Navy."

"Our job was to keep the enemy from using the river," he recalled. "They moved a lot of stuff (war matériel) from the Mekong (River) Delta up to Saigon."

Bill was wounded in January 1967 in a major ambush, which claimed the lives of other Americans, "from both sides of the river."

His father, who was a radio operator in a U.S. Army Air Forces C-47 transport carrying supplies that ranged from ammunition for the troops to sacks of oats for the pack mules, was wounded in September 1944 when a Japanese Zero fighter shot down his twin-engine aircraft over the drop zone.

Actor-entertainer Pat O'Brien back then had quipped that the CBI Theater stood for "confusion beyond imagination," Ray recalled.

"We love this country and would do anything in the world for this country if it needed doing," said the younger McNeill.

"And World War II veterans did more for this country than anybody has or ever will do again because their sacrifices created this country and made it what it is today," he said. "And we've got the World War II veterans to thank for that."

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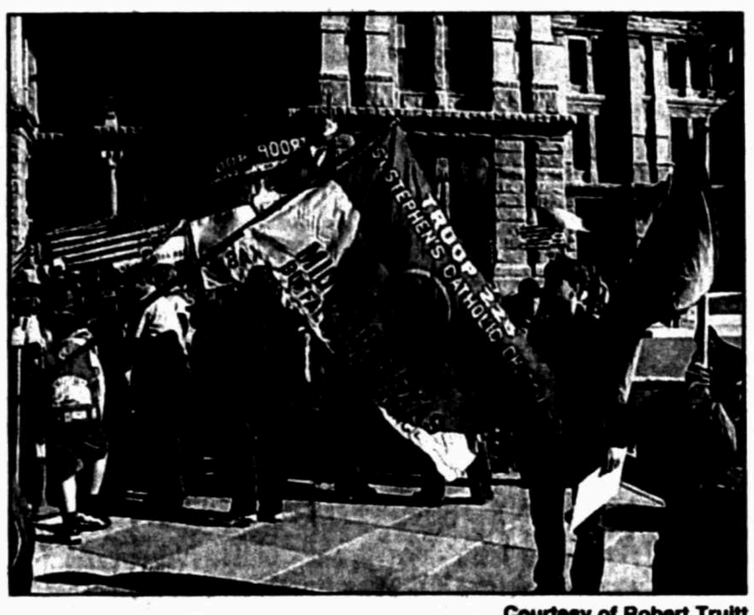

Courtesy of Robert Truitt
While some local scouts participated in flag-retirement ceremony, others visited Austin for a different ceremony. Please see story/2A.

Flag-retirement ceremony exalts patriotism, honor

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The American flag that waves triumphantly "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave" was honored Sunday in Midland's second American Flag Retirement Ceremony.

All told, 238 U.S., Texas, Red Cross, and POW/MIA flags were retired by fire and turned to ashes in the ceremony that celebrated "the life and death of sacred symbols," said Mark Philpy, an Eagle Scout and Boy Scouts of America (BSA) leader who recounted the history of the national and state flags and who saluted the BSA on the 90th anniversary of scouting in America.

"We are proud to fly our flags with honor and respect and to retire them properly and with dignity," Philpy said.

Scouts and members of the Civil Air Patrol were among Midlanders who retired the flags in a ceremony coordinated

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Officials to make call on surface for stadium

■ City staff, councilmen are leaning toward synthetic grass for $35 million sports complex.

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

When the $35 million sports complex is completed, the city has decided it will furnish the football/soccer field with synthetic grass, a technologically advanced field that looks and feels like real grass.

And, according to those who've used it, it's definitely better than artificial turf and as good, if not better, than natural grass fields.

"I think it's been tremendous," said Amarillo Athletic Coordinator Doug McCutcheon of the synthetic grass. Two years ago, Amarillo Independent School District's Big Bivins Stadium became one of the first complexes in the state to use the new turf. "It's as close to being like grass as any synthetic turf I've seen," he said.

The two leading suppliers of synthetic grass, Fieldturf and AstroTurf (whose product is called Astroplay), have pitched their products to Midland city staff and councilmen. But, no decisions on which product to choose will be made until the sports complex construction is well under way, said Councilman Don Washburn.

Director of Community Services Chuck Swallow says the longer the city waits on making a decision, the better. Because synthetic grass is fairly new there are no long- term studies revealing wear and tear or if there's a deterioration in fiber consistency over time.

"The main thing we've got to consider is that we've got another six months to evaluate this," said Swallow. "You don't have the test case scenario with this product. There's no history to compare it to. It's just a matter of time before we have enough data."

AstroTurf's Southwest Regional Manager Chuck Bailey agreed.

"The true test will be the five- to seven-year mark," said Bailey. "It's in its infantile stage right now."

Despite the uncertainty of its future, synthetic grass is rapidly growing in popularity.

"It looks so good and is so close to grass it's an easy product to like and accept," said Bailey. "We sold 87 fields last year."

Lanny Garner, president of Vibra Whirl, a retailer of Fieldturf in Amarillo, said the product is hard to resist because there's virtually no maintenance other than a "brooming of the fibers every six weeks," he said.

"They're both the same concept," said Washburn of the Fieldturf and Astroplay products.

He said the one concern could be the compacting of sand in the Fieldturf over a five-year period.

"Until we make that decision, we'll have to do compaction tests," said Washburn. The tests include dropping a steel weight on the turf and then measuring its density to see if the turf has compacted too much.

But, after two years of using it in Amarillo, McCutcheon feels the synthetic version is superior to natural grass.

"Natural grass is great but depending on weather, games played, you don't have the same grass over time. It's just been

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Hillary Clinton officially announces candidacy

PURCHASE, N.Y. (AP) — Becoming the first president's wife to run for office, Hillary Rodham Clinton launched her Senate campaign Sunday from the state she has called home for only a month, declaring, "I may be new to your neighborhood, but I'm not new to your concerns."

The race for the seat being vacated by fellow Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan is likely to pit Mrs. Clinton against Republican New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in what could be one of the most combative political campaigns in memory.

"I am honored today to announce my candidacy for the U.S. Senate from New York," Clinton said as shouts of "Hillary! Hillary!" rang through a university gymnasium not far from her new home in the suburbs north of New York City.

Behind her, President Clinton; her mother, Dorothy; and daughter, Chelsea, sat beaming as nearly 2,000 supporters cheered.

No other first lady has ever run for public office and in doing so, Mrs. Clinton steps out of the long and scandal-scarred shadow of her husband. The president is said

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AP Photo
Hillary Clinton, left, officially launched her campaign for the U.S. Senate from New York. President Clinton, daughter, Chelsea, second from right, and Mrs. Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham, accompanied the first lady when she made the announcement Sunday in Purchase, N.Y.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High mid-60s	High mid-70s	High high 70s
Low mid-30s	Low low 30s	Low low 40s

Sunny skies, highs in the upper 60s, and northeasterly winds at 5 to 15 mph are to accent today's weather, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's weather is to be fair, and the low is to be between 30 and 35.

Tuesday's weather is to afford unseasonable high temperatures in the low 70s. The sky is to be partly cloudy. The night's low is to be 30 to 35.

After an overnight low of 35,Sunday's high reached 70, compared to the record high for that date of 83set in 1950. The record low was 9 set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	.00 in.
Total for month	trace
Total for year	0.62 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.52 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

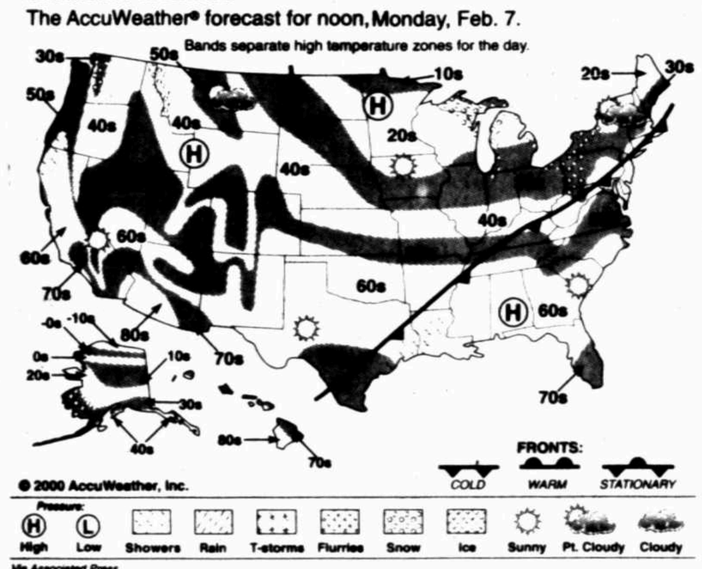
High	70
low	35
Normal high	59
Normal low	31

Sunrise ... 7:38 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:28 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Feb. 7.



Via Associated Press

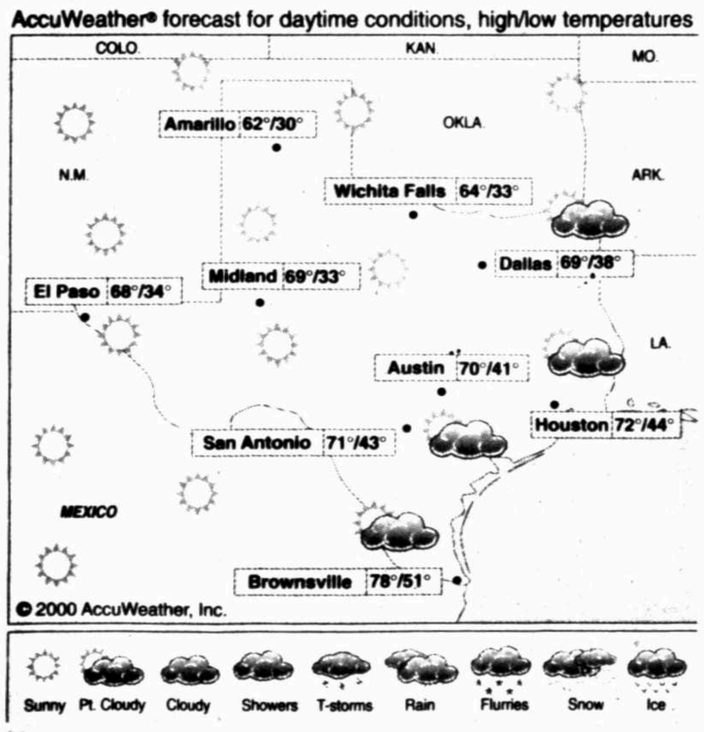
United States temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk		Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Akron,Ohio	28	18	cdy		Greensboro,N.C	48	27	clr	
Albany,N.Y	31	16	cdy		Harrisburg	37	24	cdy	
Albuquerque	59	33	clr		Hartford Spgfld	34	21	cdy	
Allentown,Pa	34	21	cdy		Helena	51	27	cdy	
Anchorage	35	30	.03	cdy	Jackson,Miss	55	21	cdy	
Atlanta	56	27	cdy		Jacksonville	59	26	clr	
Baltimore	37	26	clr		Juneau	36	24	cdy	
Baton Rouge	59	26	cdy		Kansas City	52	25	clr	
Billings	56	30	cdy		Knoxville	48	18	cdy	
Birmingham	53	20	cdy		Lake Charles	61	29	cdy	
Bismarck	43	9	cdy		Lansing	29	-3	cdy	
Boise	54	33	cdy		Las Vegas	69	44	cdy	
Boston	33	24	cdy		Lexington	38	21	clr	
Bridgeport	35	26	cdy		Lincoln	55	27	clr	
Burlington,Vt	25	8	sno		Little Rock	56	24	cdy	
Caribou,Maine	7	-3	.01	sno	Los Angeles	75	51	cdy	
Casper	46	26	clr		Louisville	44	23	clr	
Charleston,S.C	57	26	clr		Medford	51	37	.03	cdy
Charleston,W.Va	40	25	cdy		Memphis	49	22	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C	52	21	cdy		Miami Beach	72	50	cdy	
Chattanooga	52	21	cdy		Montgomery	54	20	cdy	
Cheyenne	50	25	clr		Nashville	47	18	cdy	
Chicago	33	13	clr		New Orleans	58	29	cdy	
Cincinnati	37	17	cdy		New York City	38	30	cdy	
Cleveland	28	14	cdy		Newark	37	28	cdy	
Colorado Springs	53	27	cdy		Norfolk,Va	40	35	cdy	
Columbia,S.C	57	21	clr		North Platte	58	18	clr	
Columbus,Ga	56	26	cdy		Oklahoma City	60	31	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	31	13	cdy		Omaha	52	29	clr	
Dayton	33	14	cdy		Orlando	67	35	clr	
Daytona Beach	59	34	clr		Paducah	47	17	clr	
Denver	59	29	clr		Pendleton	49	35	cdy	
Des Moines	48	28	clr		Peoria	38	20	cdy	
Detroit	30	10	cdy		Philadelphia	37	23	cdy	
Erie	29	18	cdy		Phoenix	76	50	cdy	
Eugene	50	39	.10	cdy	Pittsburgh	32	22	cdy	
Evansville	46	21	clr		Pocatello	45	22	clr	
Fairbanks	21	9	cdy		Portland,Maine	27	18	cdy	
Fargo	41	3	cdy		Portland,Ore	50	41	.20	cdy
Flagstaff	57	19	clr		Providence	34	26	cdy	
Flint	29	2	cdy		Pueblo	63	21	cdy	
Fort Smith	60	26	cdy		Raleigh-Durham	50	26	clr	
Fort Wayne	29	9	cdy		Rapid City	53	19	cdy	
Grand Junction	55	25	clr		Reno	59	31	cdy	
Grand Rapids	30	7	cdy		Richmond	44	35	cdy	
Great Falls	50	27	clr		Roanoke	42	31	cdy	
Green Bay	30	-5	clr		Rochester	31	12	.17	sno
					Rockford	33	12	clr	

State forecast

Monday, Feb. 7

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.		Hi	Lo
				Guadalupe Pass	65	38
Abilene	67	39		Harlingen	77	50
Alice	73	44		Hondo	68	30
Amarillo	59	26		Houston Intrctnl	62	30
Arlington	64	33		Huntsville	63	37
Austin Bergstrom	66	27		Junction	65	27
Beaumont	61	34		Kingsville	76	51
Brownsville	77	55		Laredo	72	48
Burnet	61	37		Longview	63	27
Childress	56	29		Lubbock	56	29
College Station	66	35		Lufkin	64	26
Conroe	64	29		Marfa	70	28
Corpus Christi	72	46		McAllen	78	54
Corsicana	65	34		McKinney	62	28
Dalhart	63	26		Mineral Wells	M	33
Del Rio	68	40		New Braunfels	68	31
Denton	60	31		Palacios	68	40
DFW Airport	64	34		Paris	61	27
El Paso	69	37		Rockport	72	48
Fort Stockton	72	36		San Angelo	67	38
Fort Worth Alliance	64	31		San Antonio	66	33
Galveston	63	46		San Marcos	66	30
Georgetown	63	30		Terrell	63	33

Midland Boy Scouts spend day in State Capitol

By Christopher Taylor
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

AUSTIN – This past Saturday was a momentous day of celebrating scouting in Texas.

Delegations from six scout councils around the state convened at the state Capitol to present the annual report to the state.

Troop 225, sponsored by St. Stephen's Catholic Church of Midland, represented the Buffalo Trail Council in Austin, having been the top troop at the annual Camporee, which included camping and other outdoor skills competitions.

Troop 225 was represented in Austin by me, Nick Teel, Christopher Fuselier, Robert Baxter, Danny Rigney, David Lynch, Patrick Truitt, Michael Hill, C.P. Findlay, Adam Peeler, and four adult leaders headed by troop committee chairman, Eric Fuselier.

Former Texas Tech coach Spike Dikes spoke at the delegates' breakfast. He spoke about the need for youth to succeed in their personal lives. He was also very entertaining in his moral stories about growing up in West Texas.

Next, the troop was involved in an 11-block march up Congress Avenue to the Capitol. More than 5,000 scouts participated in the march. The scouts then had their pictures taken with Secretary of State Elton Bomer, who stood in for Gov. George W. Bush.

In the State House of Representatives Chamber, I gave a speech on behalf of the Buffalo Trail Council. I told what scouting meant to my friends and me and I spoke of my experiences in scouting and the council's progress in 1999. After remarks by the other council representatives, Bomer talked about how scouting is needed to provide leadership to youth, the state and the nation.

With the official program concluded, we had an opportunity to tour the Capitol and see where our legislators — such as State Rep. Tom Craddick, a strong supporter of scouting — work.

We also had an opportunity to view the Texas Military Forces Museum located at Camp Mabry. We learned about military in the past and present, both in our state and the nation.

McNEILLS: Serving country was patriotic duty, veteran says

(From 1A)

Bill entered military service and went to Vietnam after he graduated from Lee High School.

His father, nicknamed "Ironman" because of his stamina as a running back for what is now Sul Ross State University at Alpine, was a big-band dance leader, trombonist and guitarist when he enlisted in the U.S. Army to fight and fly in World War II.

"We thought that was our patriotic duty," the elder McNeill said.

Ray said that he was "always proud of the Vietnam veterans and the other veterans, too, because when we came back (from World War II), we got a hero's welcome, but they didn't."

Ray had hope of returning home alive. His son, however, had reckoned that the war already had killed him and his buddies.

"Over there, we didn't think about not coming back," Ray said. "You don't think about that. At least, I didn't. We wanted to whip those guys and come on back. Some of us didn't quite make it."

Bill said that the Vietnam War combatants "had the hope of coming home, sure, doing our part, winning the war, if they (the politicians) had let us do it.

"The way we coped with the war, we were already dead," Bill said. "That's the way we looked at it everyday.

"We were already dead; we just hadn't laid down yet," the Vietnam War veteran said. "And the saying that came out of 'Nam, 'It don't mean nothing' — that's the way we looked at it. Apparently nobody gave a damn about what we were going through over there and what was going on."

His father, he recalled, wrote him "uplifting" letters that "kept my spirits up."

But, it seemed as if "nobody cared," Bill said. "We died for the flag. We died for the country. We died for each other. That's the way we looked at it. That's what it was like."

Bill recalled how the Vietnam veterans "coped with our homecoming: Got home, got out of uniform as quick as we could. We didn't tell anybody we had been to Vietnam.

"You just kept your mouth shut and went on about your business and tried to live your life. It wasn't that we were ashamed of being in Vietnam. It was just the (cold and sometimes hostile) reception we got here and the things people called us and did to us — physical abuse, mental abuse.

"It hurt terribly," he said. "We went over there to do a job our country had sent us to do. It was hard for us to understand what the deal was. It seemed everybody blamed us for the war that was going on over there. We just went over there to do our job; that's what the country told us to do. We enlisted and took the oath and said, 'We'll follow orders.'"

While Vietnam has been called "an unpopular war," Bill said that war is not "popular with the guys ... fighting it. All we wanted to do was get over there, get it done, win it, which they (the politicians) wouldn't let us do, and come home."

Back home, Bill said that "the one thing I never doubted was my love for this country, my feeling for this country, my feeling for the guys I went to war with, the guys that gave their lives for this country. I love them. I know the country loves them, but a lot of the people didn't" back then.

"When I see the flag today it, it's just like the very first time I went into battle for that flag," Bill said "This country is free" even though "this country has got some problems.

"Freedom is not free," Bill said. "This country owes a debt to the veterans of this country that they never will be able to repay. And one way they can try to repay them is not to forget them — not to forget the days that are put aside for these guys: Memorial Day and Veterans Day."

Bill said that today, "You give thanks to God for putting you in this country, give thanks to God for making the kind of men that went to war for this country to keep it free.

"I was glad to be part of it," he said. "Veterans of any war, any place, anywhere, have a common bond with each other. It doesn't make any difference how many years separate them — the time that you did battle. You just have a feeling. And when they look you in the eye and say, 'I know, brother, I know,' you know they are not just saying that. If you were in combat ... you've got a bond with the other guys anywhere, anytime."

HILLARY: 'I'll be on your side,' first lady tells supporters

(From 1A)

to be one of her top advisers as she resumes the career she put aside to help him capture the White House.

Recalling a speech she made at her college commencement at Wellesley in 1969, Mrs. Clinton said: "I often return to one thing I said back then, that politics is the art of making possible what appears to be impossible. I still believe that today. We can do what seems impossible if we have the vision, the passion and the will to do it together."

Over and over again during her announcement, Mrs. Clinton pledged, "I'll be on your side" as she described her commitment to better schools, better health care, environmentalism and gun control. She also outlined her support for other issues, including working for passage of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty and peace from Northern Ireland to Israel.

She also took pains to describe herself as "a new Democrat" who supports balanced budgets and welfare reform.

"I don't believe that government is the source of all our problems or the solutions to them."

Mrs. Clinton has often criticized Giuliani's combative style, and while she didn't mention him by name Sunday, she pledged to work against "the divisive politics of revenge and retribution. ... I'll work to lift people up, not push them down."

Mrs. Clinton also tried to get a little New York swagger into her delivery.

"I know it's not always going to be an easy campaign, but — hey! THIS is New York."

Her remarks were preceded by tributes from Moynihan, Sen. Charles Schumer and Reps. Nita Lowey of Westchester and Charles Rangel of Harlem.

About 600 house parties were held simultaneously around the state so more than 20,000 supporters could watch the announcement on television and listen in on a conference telephone call from the candidate.

"I want to thank all of you," the first lady said during the short call from a cellular phone only minutes after her announcement. "It is because of your interest and your commitment to this campaign that I think we have such a great beginning today."

Recent polls have shown Giuliani with a slight lead over Mrs. Clinton and running even with her among female voters. That's a far cry from a year ago when sympathy was strong from the Monica Lewinsky scandal and polls showed her well ahead of the mayor.

On Sunday morning talk shows, Giuliani reminded viewers of Mrs. Clinton's late arrival to New York politics.

"My record of success comes out of my knowledge, experience, background and life experience as a lifetime resident of the state," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"How is it that the Democratic Party can't come up with a candidate for the Senate from the state of New York? What does that say about the Democratic Party?"

Giuliani has not made a formal campaign announcement, but he came close on ABC's "This Week," one of the five TV talk shows he appeared on Sunday.

When asked if he planned to run, he said: "Looks that way."

Last July Mrs. Clinton kicked off a summer-long "listening tour."

By December, she was assuring supporters she intended to run. And in early January, she moved into a $1.7 million house in suburban Westchester County to establish residency.

As of the end of the year, Mrs. Clinton had raised $8 million and Giuliani, who started fund-raising three months earlier, had raised almost $12 million. It is expected to be the most expensive Senate race in history.

RETIRE: Vet wants to see new flags flying over city

(From 1A)

by World War II veteran John Crosby near the ClayDesta Inn.

"I want to see new flags flown all over Midland and flown properly," Crosby said. "I'm an American; this is my country. And this flag represents ... freedom for everybody."

"Our freedoms are many," said Bill McNeill, a Vietnam War veteran who spoke of patriotism and sacrifice. "But the guarantees are written in blood.

"The press didn't give us freedom of speech," McNeill said. "The American soldier did."

In preserving freedom and liberty, "Americans fight for three things: His brothers in arms in the darkest hours, his home, and his family," McNeill said. "And regardless of the politics of time, you are willing to put your life on the line" for your country. "You fight for your buddy."

And of any person or persons who would desecrate the American flag, "may God have mercy," McNeill, 53, said. "But I won't."

Historically, colors of the Stars-and-Stripes represent America's intrinsic values: Red for hardiness and courage; white for purity and innocence and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Mayor Bobby Burns, who proclaimed Sunday as Midland's "American Flag Retirement Ceremony" Day, said that "Midlanders and Americans ... take for granted our flag too often."

The flag ceremony included the playing of patriotic music and a flyover by Confederate Air Force World War II aircraft.

"The flag represents all of our freedoms and what a wonderful place we live in, and it represents God," said Midlander Sue Townzen, who attended the ceremony with her sister, Mary Miles. "It stands for freedom and love."

They were children in the neighboring Courtney community during World War II.

"It means the bravery of our men who defended the flag on foreign soil," Mrs. Miles said. "We were raised to be patriotic and to recite the 'Pledge of Allegiance' and to sing 'The Star-Spangled Banner,'" which extols "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

STADIUM: Schools give high marks to synthetic grass

(From 1A)

really outstanding from a consistency standpoint."

Southeast Missouri State University began laying synthetic grass this week. Director of Athletics Don Kavernan said in his research on artificial turf there was no comparison between the synthetic grass and artificial turf.

Unlike natural grass or artificial turf, synthetic grass is a playing surface comprised of six levels: polyethylene and/or polypropylene hybrid fibers (fake grass), Fieldturf in-fill (ground rubber and silica sand), carpet backing, choke stone, open graded stone and natural soil.

"We had our soccer coach to accompany us to (Amarillo) Texas. There were no turf burns; none of the negative characteristics associated with artificial turf. We visited with people all over the country — all different climates. The feedback was all positive. We heard nothing negative about it. This surface doesn't go in over asphalt. It has shock absorption. It is the closest thing to natural grass you can get."

And, if one of West Texas' brief but voluminous rainstorms strikes the field, flooding won't be a problem.

Through underground drainage systems, Fieldturf can drain 20 inches per hour and Astroplay can drain 80 to100 inches per hour, according to company officials.

"There's not nearly the crown on the field like they have on regular football fields," said McCutcheon. "The soccer players love it. It's almost a flat service. This one drains straight through because it has a drainage system."

With an additional layer of "fat zone," Astroplay runs at $10 per square foot. Without the fat zone, the price would be reduced, but Bailey couldn't specify the cost.

Vibra Whirl's Garner said the most Fieldturf would cost for a football field would be $6 per square foot. He said the average football field measures 80,000 square feet. Assuming Midland's football/soccer field is that size, it would cost $800,000 for the deluxe Astroplay model or $480,000 for the Fieldturf model.

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Hijacked Afghan plane lands in London after journey across Asia

LONDON (AP) — The Afghan passenger airliner forced by unidentified hijackers on a tense journey across Central Asia and Europe landed at London's Stansted airport early today. So far there have been no reported injures.

The Boeing 727 taxied to a secluded spot on a runway about a half-mile from the main terminal. Police and emergency vehicles assembled nearby.

"The police will be trying to make some sort of contact with the hijackers and begin negotiations to establish what they want," said a spokeswoman for Britain's Home Office. "At this stage, we are not aware of any demands or requests from those on board the aircraft."

The Ariana Airlines plane was seized shortly after takeoff Sunday, about 11:30 p.m. CST Saturday, while on a domestic flight from the Afghan capital, Kabul, to the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif. The plane made stops in Uzbekistan, Kazakstan and Russia before arriving in London just after 2 a.m. (8 p.m. CST Sunday).

Stansted has been used previously as a base for resolving hijackings, partly because the layout of the airport makes it easy to isolate planes.

The hijackers released nine passengers in Moscow but made no political demands, Russian security service spokesman Alexander Zdanovich told reporters at Sheremetyevo-1 airport. He said the hijackers had asked only for food, for the plane's toilets to be cleaned and for refueling while in Moscow.

None of the people aboard the jet had been harmed, Zdanovich said, although it remained unclear how many people were aboard. Russian news reports said there were 131 passengers and nine crew before the release in Moscow, but other sources said there were as many as 160 aboard.

The passengers included 20 women and 23 or 24 children, said Zdanovich. All the passengers released in Moscow were male.

An emergency official in Kazakstan said there were 20 hijackers, but three passengers who were released in Kazakstan said eight to 10 hijackers were aboard.

The identity of the hijackers remained unclear. A diplomat familiar with the negotiations in Moscow said the hijackers were seeking the release of a prisoner from the Afghan city of Kandahar.

Afghan media speculated that the hijackers wanted the release of opposition figure Ismail Khan, a former regional governor who has been held since 1997 by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban movement.

But a spokesman for the alliance fighting Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia denied that the Afghan opposition was responsible for the latest hijacking. "We condemn any act of terrorism," the spokesman, identified only as Abdullah, said.

Ten passengers were also released in Uzbekistan, the hijacked plane's first stop, Abdullah said.

The hijacking comes six weeks after an eight-day hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane ended peacefully in southern Afghanistan. The hijackers in that case freed their hostages after India released three pro-Kashmiri militants from jail.

After being seized over Afghanistan Sunday morning, the Afghan plane was flown to Tashkent, Uzbekistan and then landed in the northern Kazak city of Aktyubinsk because of a leak in its right fuel tank, the Kazak spokesman said. It was not immediately known whether the leak was fixed.

The Afghan state-run airline is under international sanctions and is not permitted to fly international routes.

Ariana has four aging Boeing 727 aircraft and five Russian-made Antonov aircraft. Maintenance conditions are considered extremely poor in the country, which is bankrupt and has been battered by more than 20 years of war. The Taliban, who rule 90 percent of Afghanistan, are fighting their northern-based enemies on several fronts.

The United Nations imposed sanctions against Afghanistan's state-owned airline in November to punish the ruling Taliban movement for its refusal to extradite suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden, who has been living in Afghanistan for the past few years.

The Taliban say they won't turn over bin Laden because Afghan culture and tradition make it impossible to hand over a guest to his enemies.

IRA dissidents' bomb damages hotel, peace hopes

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Suspected Irish Republican Army dissidents bombed a rural hotel Sunday — an attack that caused no reported injuries but gave Northern Ireland a bitter reminder of the days the province is struggling to leave behind.

It was the first such attack here since 1998, and it came as international pressure was building on the mainstream IRA to begin disarming in support of Northern Ireland's peace accord.

A caller claiming to be from the Continuity IRA, a small dissident group opposed to the IRA's 1997 truce, told the BBC in Belfast that bombs had been left at two hotels in rural County Fermanagh.

Police evacuated both hotels shortly before a bomb went off at the rear of Mahon's Hotel in the village of Irvinestown. They said the bomb was placed beneath the hotel's main oil storage tank, causing a fire that spread to nearby cars.

Officers and British soldiers couldn't immediately find any suspicious devices at the other threatened hotel. They expected to resume their search at daybreak.

No IRA dissident group had launched such an attack since 1998. There were several bombings in the province last year, but they were the work of pro-British Protestant groups.

Every political party in Ireland condemned the attack, including the IRA-allied Sinn Fein.

Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness, a former IRA commander who is education minister in Northern Ireland's power-sharing Cabinet, said the Continuity IRA was "unrepresentative of Irish republicans" and should "disband immediately."

But the blast underscored demands from the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, for an immediate start to IRA disarmament.

"We cannot allow any paramilitary organization, republican or (pro-British) loyalist, to remain in existence with illegal guns and explosives," said Ken Maginnis, Fermanagh's Ulster Unionist member of British Parliament. "Even if they adhere to their own cease-fires, their weapons of war will inevitably end up in the hands of dissidents."

The Continuity IRA began bombing targets after the IRA called a 1994 cease-fire. The shadowy group's sporadic attacks have caused only minor injuries and no deaths, but it has never called a formal cease-fire. Only last month, police in the neighboring Irish Republic arrested a suspected Continuity IRA activist in possession of a van loaded with weapons and explosives.

"There will always be people who try to undermine the peace process," a spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office said in London. "We will do what we can to make sure they do not succeed."

The bombing came as Protestants and Catholics are hoping for the salvation of Northern Ireland's peace process — and for an unprecedented leap of faith from the IRA. The IRA's refusal to say whether it will disarm has left the province's new government teetering on the brink of collapse.

Blair emphasized Sunday that he wants to gain a disarmament commitment from the IRA this week. Otherwise, Britain intends to take back the powers it transferred in December to the province's new Protestant-Catholic coalition Cabinet in Belfast.

That transfer of power was a key part of the 1998 Good Friday peace accord. It ended 27 years of direct rule of the province from London.

Rendering the four-party coalition powerless would decrease the risk that its major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, would collapse the Cabinet outright by resigning.

In November, the Ulster Unionists accepted the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party as Cabinet colleagues on condition that IRA disarmament follow. But the province's disarmament commission reported Jan. 31 that its two months of secret discussions with IRA figures had produced no concrete gains.

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Police raid Mexican university, bring end to nine-month strike

MEXICO CITY (AP) — In a surprisingly smooth conclusion to the 9 1/2-month occupation of Latin America's largest university, police raided the main campus Sunday and arrested 632 striking students.

The raid ended an exasperating ordeal in which Mexican authorities from President Ernesto Zedillo on down seemed unable to wrest the country's most important academic institution from a tiny band of radical students with names like Mosh and The Devil.

Armed only with batons and shields, about 2,400 federal police marched into an all-night meeting of the student strike council at 6:45 a.m. and rounded up about 430 students, including the eight top strike leaders.

The strikers didn't resist arrest and there were no injuries. Police then swept through the giant campus, detaining hundreds more strikers.

"A democratic society cannot allow the kidnapping of the national university," said Interior Secretary Diodoro Carrasco.

Rector Juan Ramon de la Fuente said that, where possible, the university would withdraw criminal complaints filed against students during the strike. In cases where the university lacks the authority to withdraw complaints, Fuente called on prosecutors to offer leniency. He also asked them to drop charges against minors.

Several hundred strikers were already jailed on various charges before Sunday's raid. It was unclear how many would be affected by Fuente's declaration.

The 291-day strike at the 260,000-student National Autonomous University of Mexico began in April to protest plans to raise annual tuition, which had been just a few cents, to the equivalent of $140.

The university backed down, but a small core of radical students continued to occupy the campus. They pushed a six-point agenda to reverse recent academic reforms and give students more power within the university administration. They also used the strike as a stage to denounce the free-market economy and Mexico's political system.

What little public sympathy that may have existed for the strikers gradually faded as a result of their traffic-clogging and sometimes violent protests, vandalism of university buildings, intolerance of dissenting opinions and intransigence in negotiations. A referendum last month showed students and teachers overwhelmingly sided with the university in the dispute.

But, fearing bloodshed, officials were reluctant to forcibly retake the campus. The strikers were believed to have guns and explosives. No one wanted to risk repeating one of the darkest moments in modern Mexican history: a 1968 massacre of striking university students.

Sunday's raid came five days after a clash that injured 37 security guards and two days after a failed negotiating session.

The clash seemed to mark a turning point. Zedillo said in a speech Sunday evening that after hearing about the violence "It became evident to me, very sadly, that efforts to reach a resolution within the university community had reached their limit and that they had to be complemented with the application of the law."

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Russia proclaims success in battle for Grozny

GEKHI, Russia (AP) — Federal troops have seized the last rebel stronghold in Grozny, acting President Vladimir Putin said Sunday, pronouncing an end to Russia's months-long drive to take the Chechen capital.

Russian forces, meanwhile, tried to head off rebels heading south to their mountain strongholds, shelling villages where rebels had taken shelter. Russian planes and helicopter gunships blasted militant positions in the Vedeno and Argun gorges, key rebel routes toward the mountains.

Putin said federal troops had taken control of the western Zavodskoi district of the capital and raised the Russian flag over an administration building there.

"A short while ago, the terrorists' last bastion of resistance was seized," Putin said in an interview with state-controlled ORT television. "So, we can say the operation to liberate Grozny is over."

The claim could not be independently confirmed, and Russian forces have previously claimed to control parts of the Chechen capital, only to be pushed back by rebel ambushes.

It was unclear how many rebels remained in Grozny, where they have taken refuge in the shattered remains of buildings and moved freely through underground pipes. About 3,000 broke out of the capital last week, rebels said, and the military reported that small groups were still putting up stiff resistance to Russian troops all week, including Sunday.

But Col. Gen. Ivan Golubev, a deputy interior minister, said the situation was stable enough to begin deploying regular police in the city. Several dozen officers have already arrived to prepare offices and patrol parts of the capital, he said.

Russian leaders have put a huge emphasis on the operation to take Grozny, the key political prize in the war in the breakaway republic. But the militants have stressed their intention to carry on a long-term, guerrilla war, and the fall of their capital would not spell the end of the conflict.

Rebels who broke out of Grozny last week were regrouping in villages southwest of Grozny on Sunday for the journey south to the mountains, where thousands of other militants are believed to be based.

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Dr. Grant E. Giles, DDS, FAES, FAGD, FICCMO, DAAPM is director of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates of Midland and San Antonio. He has lectured internationally on TMD diagnoses and treatments. His office is located in the Westwood Medical Building at 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite 201. For an appointment, call 1-888-263-2631 toll free.

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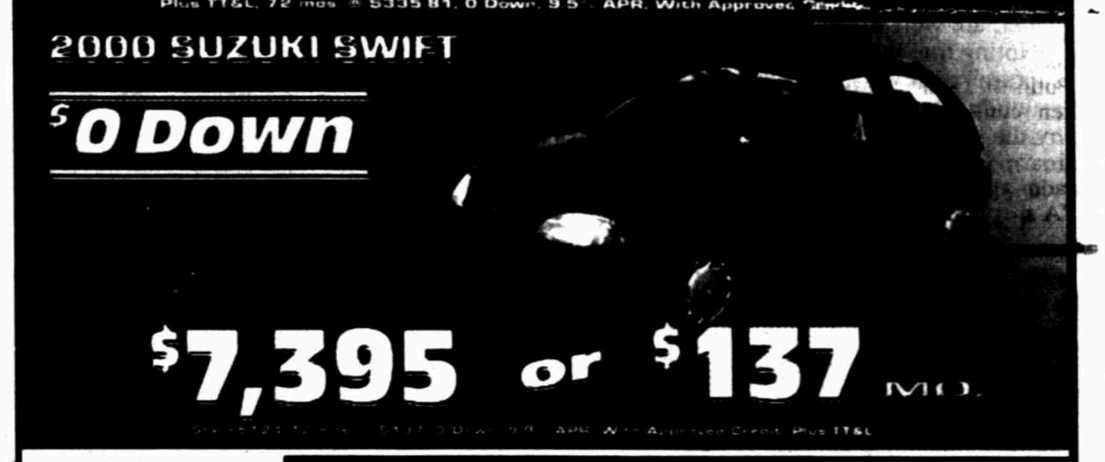

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Water battle shaping up for Texas once again

The words of Austin natural-resource lawyer Frank Reilly, who spoke to Midland and Odessa area farmers, ranchers and other landowners last week about the statewide push to control groundwater, are well worth heeding.

Noting that the long-standing "right of capture" rule by landowners concerning groundwater is in danger of being usurped by the state, Reilly urged area landowners to "make sure you elect the right kind of people" to the governing boards for the local Priority Groundwater Management Area (PGMA) for this region. That PGMA is comprised of parts of Midland, Upton, Reagan and Glasscock counties.

In the Midland area, most residents realize that water is precious. Without windmills or water pumps — or contracts with water districts — areas like ours would be without a prayer.

Reilly offered good advice. And he could have added "keep your powder dry" because the trend over the past several years has been for larger cities, such as San Antonio and Austin, to go "water hunting" without really caring whose rights get stepped on.

The Texas Legislature has provided for voters in various PGMA zones to create or not create their own water-conservation districts to be governed by a local board of directors. That water district's management would be supported by a tax rate of no more than 50 cents per $100. Most districts, noted Reilly, have tax rates of less than a nickel.

In the Midland area, most residents realize that water is precious. Without windmills or water pumps — or contracts with water districts — areas like ours would be without a prayer.

Like Reilly said, elect good people to your Priority Groundwater Management Area. Elect your friends, your neighbors, people you know and trust. And get ready for the inevitable fight that is coming.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2000. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Feb. 7, 1943, the government announced that shoe rationing would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

On this date:

In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1936, President Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

In 1944, Bing Crosby and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra recorded "Swinging on a Star" for Decca Records in Los Angeles.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk.

In 1986, Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

Ten years ago: The Soviet Union's Communist Party agreed to let other political parties compete for control of the country, thereby giving up its monopoly on power. An 811-foot tanker, the American Trader, spilled hundreds of thousands of gallons of Alaskan crude oil off the coast of Huntington Beach, Calif..

Five years ago: Ramzi Yousef, the alleged mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing, was arrested in Islamabad, Pakistan, after two years as a fugitive.

One year ago: Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah. NASA launched the Stardust spacecraft on a mission to chase a comet in hopes of collecting a sample of comet dust.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

'Bush can't win' could prove effective for McCain

WASHINGTON — Sen. Henry (The Great Compromiser) Clay was all set to get the Whig nomination to challenge President Martin Van Buren. Thurlow Weed, a New York political boss in 1840, came up with a strategy to undermine Clay's wide support among Whigs. His sorrowful message: "Clay can't win." It worked, and the Whigs went on to defeat the sitting president with Benjamin Harrison and not Henry Clay.

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Ever since, practical politicians have used "electability" as the touchstone. And throughout last year, George W. Bush's nomination had the aura of inevitability because polls showed him trouncing Al Gore, his likely opponent in November.

Now that Sen. John McCain crushed Bush by a historic margin in the Republican primary in New Hampshire, we see the end of the inevitability of the former front-runner's nomination. A coronation at the GOP Philadelphia convention has become both evitable and exorable.

In the Republican primary on Feb. 19 in South Carolina, independent voters will again be allowed to cast ballots for McCain; that's the same system that made his landslide possible in New Hampshire. This time, because Carolina Democrats won't have a primary that day, McCain won't have to compete with Bill Bradley for swing voters. He'll get the great majority of them.

The question is whether the maverick McCain will also get enough of South Carolina's regular Republicans to overcome Bush's 20-point lead. The GOP leadership there, now panicking at voter interest in campaign finance reform, is going all out to build another South Carolina "fire wall" to rescue their establishment from the horror of a McCain upset.

How can McCain attract to his side those conservative Republican voters who so dearly want a winner in the fall that they are willing to swallow the springtime swing rightward of a natural moderate like Bush? That's where Thurlow Weed's "can't win" strategy comes in.

Focus not on the nomination, goes this argument to the GOP rank and file, but on the general election. Who is more likely to defeat the Democratic opposition, Bush or McCain?

If the Democratic nominee is the underdog Bradley, the New Hampshire results provide the answer: independents given a choice between Bradley and McCain overwhelmingly preferred McCain.

If Democrats choose Al Gore to be their nominee, which Republican is likeliest to defeat him? South Carolina's answer to that question of presumed electability (no matter if the answer is ultimately right or wrong) should determine who will be the Republican standard-bearer.

McCain's backers must make the case that only their man can defeat Gore. Their job is to persuade primary voters that Bush — no matter how propped up by his beloved parents and blessed regularly by the evangelist Pat Robertson — "can't win."

Why? Least important reason first: Bush's impossibly high poll ratings of last year against the Clinton-tainted Gore (on which much of his nomination inevitability was based) have eroded radically. National polls no longer show Bush to be an easy winner over Gore, and will narrow further in time.

More important, nobody knows if Bush can coolly turn aside vilification — from charges of financial favoritism to smears about drug and alcohol abuse — sure to come at him from the Democratic camp. Piously cluck-clucking about "negative campaigning," as we have recently seen with Bradley, is no effective defense. (McCain can take whatever mud is heaved his way; there is no shortcoming to which he has not already cheerfully confessed.)

Third, Bush if nominated would have to hastily reinvent himself as a moderate, after having moved tax-cuttingly right; but McCain is solidly positioned to take the center, which would ensure his victory in November while saving the House for the GOP.

The most persuasive reason: a post-Bradley Gore would savage Bush in debate, out-detailing and out-cornballing him at will; whereas McCain's depth of experience and personality would put the crusher on Gore's candidacy. Tacit admission of McCain's debating superiority comes from Bush himself, who refuses to go one-on-one with his Republican rival.

Of course, McCain cannot personally put forward a "Bush can't win" argument. That calls for the likes of a modern Thurlow Weed.

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DAN RATHER

Time will tell if N.H. was bump in road

NEW HAMPSHIRE — Your reporter is on the road, heading down the highway to the airport. On this morning after the first-in-the-nation primary, you can already see the signs that the circus has packed up and left town. From here it will head on down its own road, head south and west through cities and farmland, mountains, prairie and the suburban sprawl.

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As George Jones would sing, now the race is on. Sen. John McCain needed to win New Hampshire and did. Won it big. His 18-point margin of victory over George W. Bush was, in fact, the largest since the 27-point trouncing Ronald Reagan gave Bush the elder here in 1980.

George W. knows he missed a chance to put McCain in his rearview mirror for good. But in defeat, he reminded his supporters that "New Hampshire has long been known as a bump in the road for front-runners." And he reminded everyone who might hear that the road to the nomination runs through all 50 states. McCain won't be able to lavish the kind of attention on other states that he did on New Hampshire, and George Bush feels good about that.

Bush knows that the road to the Republican nomination is pitched to favor the front-runner. If McCain and Bush were competing instead for the Democratic nomination, McCain would have more than a month now before the next primary date — Super Tuesday — in which to ride with the wind of success at his back. Crucial time to wear the mantle of victor and get the free media attention and fresh influx of campaign cash it can bring. The kind of time that can help shift an insurgent campaign into third gear, like Jimmy Carter's did after he won here in 1976.

But McCain is on the hard drive to the Republican convention, so it's pedal-to-the-metal from here on in. Can he do it? Maybe — just. If you have to bet it, you still bet Bush vs. Gore in the homestretch. But the odds have changed and will continue to do so.

Next stop: South Carolina. Yes, Delaware is actually the very next primary, but it has only a third of South Carolina's delegates, and McCain is basically ceding it to Bush. So it's Feb. 19 in the land of tobacco and veterans that will bring the first real indication of whether Bush's candidacy has just hit a bump or been bumped off the road.

"It's doable," McCain told me before he left last night — just hours after his win — for South Carolina. "Uphill, but doable."

In a separate interview just before he headed south himself, Bush said, "I don't think so. I respect John for what he did in New Hampshire, but South Carolina is a different deal. I take nothing for granted there, but we've learned from New Hampshire, and I like my chances from here on."

The governor smiled and winked and looked like a man who meant it and believed it. And well he should be confident. His massive campaign war chest means he can compete in every state, can make McCain fight for even the votes that should come easy. McCain by contrast, can't make the sort of strategic feints so vital in a presidential race. Bush knows that every state McCain puts his resources into is one he truly needs. And this kind of knowledge wins races.

But as this show moves down the road, one thing is certain: the "Straight Talk Express" has won the only race it's been in so far against what McCain calls "The Coronation Express."

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CHARLEY REESE

America continues to embark on path of self-destruction

In 1975, a German Federal Constitutional Court wrote, "The usual language, termination of pregnancy, cannot conceal the fact that abortion is a homicidal act."

Reese

Too bad our judges are not as honest. In America, where language is used to manipulate people and to disguise reality, the homicidal act is called "choice." The nefarious scheme is to frame the debate — a certain, if dishonest, way to win it — into: "Do you believe in choice or in denial of a woman's right to choose." Thus, a question that is really about denying a child's right to live is framed as a question about a woman's freedom.

Of course, in all cases except a child's in the womb, we deny people's right to choose the death of another human being. We don't refer to murder as a "right to choose." We don't say to the robber who kills his victim, "Well, you were just exercising your right to choose." Pro-choice is a propaganda term. What it really means is pro-death or pro-homicide. Abortion is about killing human beings and nothing else. For the U.S. Supreme Court to legalize this form of murder is an abomination and a stain on the very concept of law.

The baby-killing industry has gone to great lengths to use propaganda — language to dehumanize the child, either as a piece of tissue (fetus) or as an appendage of the mother (right to control her own body). Of course, the child is neither. From the moment conception takes place, a genetically complete human being — a unique human being — has been created and, if left alone, will only grow. At no time after conception is this child a part of the woman's body. It is merely using the womb as an anchorage, and the mother's contributions are nutrition and oxygen. Male and female supply the sperm and the egg, but it is God who supplies the life.

I don't know which is the greater sin caused by this evil industry: the mass murder of human beings with the consequent brutalization of American culture, or the mass insanity caused by the use of language to cut people loose from reality and set them ad rift in the fog of fantasy.

All one has to do is walk about or watch television or go to movies a few times to realize that America is embarked on a course of self-destruction. American society has become coarse, crude, vulgar and violent. It is producing children who, if they survive, survive as cynics or nihilists or psychopaths. Those children who run the gauntlet of peer pressure and cultural pressure with their ideals intact are true heroes.

Blame certainly falls on the courts and politicians, and on the entertainment/media industry, which has become a moral sewer. It also falls on us. We have said yes too many times. Yes to mass murder of infants, yes to pornography, yes to rude and violent behavior, yes to music that celebrates barbarism, yes to gross commercialism of sex, yes to vulgarity.

We will get out by learning to say no. No to vulgarity and rude behavior. No to pornography. No to immorality on television and the movie screens. And, most importantly, no to mass murder of infants and the filthy propaganda that tries to hide its hideous truth.

We must also say no, once and for all, to smiley-face politicians who equivocate and use the language of deception to avoid taking a stand on the vital issues facing America. Nations never stand still. They are always rising or falling. A nation dies culturally and spiritually first. Its money and its army are the last to go, but go they do once the light goes out in the nation's soul. Ours is feeble and flickering in the growing darkness.

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Bush, McCain go to war for military vote in South Carolina

SUMTER, S.C. (AP) — Seems like a great presidential campaign strategy in a state with 400,000 veterans and four major military installations.

If you're Texas Gov. George W. Bush, surround yourself with a bunch of retired generals and admirals. If you're Sen. John McCain, when Bush shows up with three of the state's four surviving Medal of Honor winners, find the fourth. Bush touts his service in the Air National Guard; McCain shows photos of himself as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

But there's one problem: The strength of the military vote here is unclear.

"I've never found (the military) to be a cogent group of voters in South Carolina, a convincing group of voters," said Dave Woodard, political science professor at Clemson University. "Not like the NRA or the AARP. ... They have a lot of other allegiances besides the military service that pull them one way or the other. ...

"It's kind of crazy to think that the military vote is going to somehow emerge as a political sledgehammer and win the election."

In exit polls for the New Hampshire primary, 63 percent of Republican voters said McCain's military experience was a very or somewhat important factor in their vote. Just 15 percent said it was "not at all" important, and Bush, followed by Steve Forbes, took most of those votes.

McCain, a Navy pilot who spent 5 1/2 years as a POW, is counting on South Carolina to continue the momentum started by his 18-point victory over Bush in New Hampshire. But Bush supporters mobilized quickly to deny McCain the high ground.

At a rally Thursday in Sumter, Bush stood before a huge American flag, flanked by three Medal of Honor winners. John Baker Jr. of Columbia was there, the distinctive powder-blue ribbon buttoned neatly beneath his shirt collar, to let McCain know that being a former POW isn't enough

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to win the South Carolina GOP primary Feb. 19.

"McCain has paid his dues while he was in the military, but when he was in office he hasn't done a thing for the veterans," said Baker, 54, an Army machine gunner who earned his Medal of Honor carrying wounded to safety in Vietnam.

It might have seemed a little heavy handed, but as Claudius "Bud" Watts put it, this is war.

"We did not want people to think that this is just a wide open road for McCain to come in and say he's got the veteran vote," said Watts, a retired three-star Air Force general and former president of The Citadel military college in Charleston. "We brought out the big artillery."

In a state that boasts more Medal of Honor winners than any other, the two GOP rivals are focusing on military issues. Each has decried reports of military unreadiness and the fact that 12,000 enlisted personnel are so low paid they qualify for food stamps.

McCain says he'll be a commander in chief who won't need on-the-job training. Bush, a stateside Guard pilot for six years during the Vietnam era, maintains that running Texas has given him the executive experience needed to be an effective president.

But analysts say it's important to put the military's role in the race in perspective. The State newspaper in Columbia did a computer analysis last week to dispel the notion that South Carolina's per capita veteran population was the largest in the nation — the paper said the Palmetto State ranks 28th.

Neal Thigpen, political science professor at Francis Marion University in Florence, agreed that South Carolina has never had a definable military voting bloc. He said there are two traditional "rails" in the state GOP — party regulars and Christian conservatives.

He said McCain would have to create a third rail, of which veterans and active military personnel would be a key component.

"It just simply depends on how many of them he's been able to reach and mobilize and get them in," said Thigpen, a Marine veteran and McCain supporter.

Fearing dot-com competition, employers raise salaries

By Erica Noonan
Associated Press

BOSTON — When the technology law firm of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault announced a 40 percent raise for their attorneys last week, dozens of associates flooded management with grateful emails.

Messages ranged from the restrained, "This is exceedingly generous. Thank you very much," to the ebullient, "Just wanted to let you know this has created a lot of goodwill in the hallways. ... If anyone still complains, I will personally pop them!"

The pay increases for already well-compensated lawyers have nothing to do with the cost of living, said partner Timothy McGuire — they were incentives to retain attorneys vulnerable to offers from high-tech companies promising big paychecks and lucrative stock options.

The high-tech expansion has lured employees away from nearly every field, said Jim Boone, president of The Americas of Korn/Ferry International, the world's largest executive search firm.

"There's tremendous pressure on companies today to keep people," said Boone. "Everyone's scrambling for good people."

Lawyers and high-tech workers aren't the only employees enjoying the booming economy. Last month, the nation's unemployment rate hit a 30-year low of 4 percent. Approximately 387,000 new jobs were created in January, the largest leap since September 1997.

The boom means hospitals in Illinois need qualified nurses so badly that they're willing to offer higher salaries, paid tuition, flex time and referral bonuses.

The U.S. Border Patrol in Texas was recently handing out $2,000 signing bonuses to new recruits who make it through the academy. Even McDonald's offered $3,500 signing bonuses to new assistant managers.

In the legal field, the competition to retain and attract talent is forcing the kind of pay raises that make partners wince.

The nation's largest law firm, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, last week gave associates 40 percent raises; New York-based Davis Polk and Wardwell increased salaries by 25 percent.

At Testa, first-year associates will make $140,000 — up from $100,000 — while sixth-year associates will see their annual salaries rise to $205,000.

McGuire said his firm, which counts Lycos, Inc., among its clients, didn't want to risk losing its associates to up-and-coming Internet companies.

"Sure people want to poach our attorneys," he said. "What do the dot-coms have that we don't? Stock options."

The firm is working on that end of things too, by investing in companies and passing along stock profits to associates who stay loyal to the firm, McGuire said.

Stock options are being offered to a variety of professionals to sweeten the employment deal.

Though many dot-com companies don't have mega-million initial public offerings, executive-level workers in marketing, sales, computer programming, law, human resources and accounting can become millionaires if a stock booms.

Even mid-level workers making annual salaries of $30,000 to $50,000 are finding themselves beneficiaries of stock options and profit sharing incentives.

"The saying in the industry is, 'Now I know what it's like to be in Sacramento in 1848 for the Gold Rush,'" Boone said. "The excitement runs across many sections of business stratum. It's not just the CEOs and the CFOs."

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Tests confirm Russian ship carrying Iraqi oil, Cohen says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tests confirm a Russian tanker seized by the U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf was carrying Iraqi oil in violation of the U.N. economic embargo, Defense Secretary William Cohen said Sunday.

The Volga-Neft-147 was being taken to Muscat, the capital of Oman, and the Omani government will determine the fate of the merchant vessel and its crew, Cohen told reporters while flying back from Germany, where he attended a conference on European security.

Cohen also disclosed that an Iraqi naval officer was on board the ship when it was seized by U.S. Navy SEAL commandos.

The tests were completed Sunday on samples of oil from the tanker that was seized Wednesday on suspicions it was carrying Iraqi oil.

"They do reveal that the oil was from Iraq," Cohen said. "But the government of Oman will make a determination as to what they will do with the ship itself. That's up to the Omanis at this point."

He said the Russians were informed of results of the tests but was unaware of any immediate response from Moscow.

Asked what effect the development might have on U.S.-Russian ties, he said: "I don't think it will have any impact on relations."

Cohen pointed out that the ship was privately owned, and not the property of the government. Moscow had protested the seizure and demanded the vessel's release.

When it was ordered to stop on Wednesday, the tanker ignored U.S. Navy demands, so armed Navy SEALs were dispatched by helicopter to board and seize the vessel, the Pentagon said Saturday.

U.S. officials had said earlier that the Russian crew offered no resistance to being boarded Wednesday and cooperated with U.S. Navy personnel involved.

Once the SEALs got on board, the Russian crew cooperated, and no shots were fired, a Pentagon official said Saturday.

Russia, which maintained that the oil was from Iran, long has supported steps that would lead to the eventual lifting of the U.N. economic embargo against Iraq.

The Clinton administration has insisted on full Iraqi compliance with the U.N. Security Council resolutions, including a requirement Iraq not possess weapons of mass destruction.

Washington said it merely was merely enforcing the embargo against Iraq in ordering the seizure.

Iraq is banned from most international commerce but is allowed to export up to $5.2 billion in oil every six months in order to buy food, medicine and other essentials for its people, and spare parts for its oil industry.

Clinton readies $1.84 trillion swan song spending plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Clinton prepared to reveal a $1.84 trillion farewell budget full of politically popular programs from health care to education, the administration warned Sunday that Republican efforts to pass big tax cuts would face another presidential veto.

Clinton's final budget, coming out today and covering the 2001 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, promises a replay of last year's battle with the GOP-controlled Congress over what to do with the $3 trillion or more in surpluses the booming economy is projected to provide over the next decade.

Both sides would use two-thirds of the surplus, the portion generated by Social Security, to wipe out the $3.7 trillion of publicly owned debt within the $5.7 trillion national debt.

But it is the other third of the surplus, around $1 trillion, where big disagreements occur.

Clinton wants a large portion of the non-Social Security surplus to shore up Medicare, the government's huge health program for the elderly, and to boost spending on a wide range of services: education, the environment, increased health-care coverage for the uninsured and many others.

Republicans in Congress have pledged to fight for more generous tax cuts and have attacked Clinton's budget for proposing billions of dollars in new government spending.

Clinton's budget will offer $350 billion in tax relief to low- and middle-income taxpayers while proposing $100 billion in tax increases, including a renewed attack on closing corporate loopholes that Congress has rejected before.

"If the president forces us to choose between his raising taxes or raiding Social Security to fund his expansion of government, his budget is dead on arrival," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio. "A lame duck president should not be able to derail us on the way toward retiring the national debt, tax relief and saving Social Security."

Republicans are putting together a rival tax-cutting strategy that seeks to pass a variety of smaller targeted tax cut bills instead of the huge $792 billion tax cut package that Clinton vetoed last year.

John Podesta, the president's chief of staff, said on "Fox News Sunday" that the GOP strategy apparently was "just take the tax bill that the president vetoed last year, take the staples out of it and try to pass it one page at a time. ... It was a bad bill last year, and doing it that way is a bad thing this year."

Podesta still offered hope for compromise with the Republican Congress to provide tax relief but he made clear the administration would insist on a spending plan that "makes the important investments, that lives with a realistic baseline for spending."

This year's massive five-volume set of budget documents, which will go on public sale and be transmitted to Congress today, will feature a white-on-black cover scheme to underscore that after 29 straight years of deficits, the budget is now in the black.

While Clinton declared after the Republicans took control of Congress in 1994 that the "era of big government is over," his final budget, perhaps with a view to his legacy, pushes an activist agenda. It also provides a number of issues that Democrats are likely to campaign on in the fall, especially if Republican votes keep them from being enacted. Some, such as gun control and health care, mirror programs Vice President Al Gore is pushing in his presidential bid.

The administration already has released much of its budget in piecemeal fashion over the past month, hoping to gain maximum exposure for the initiatives.

The budget includes tax breaks to help families afford college and pay the cost of long-term care for sick relatives. The president also wants to help alleviate the inequity in the current tax code that penalizes married couples, but his remedy offers less relief than the Republican plan's would.

Clinton also is proposing to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit for the working poor to include an additional 6.4 million low-income families.

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Between glowing rats and poinsettia buffets, Ohio needs your help

We have some important news for those of you who have been harboring an urge to eat poinsettias. This news comes from an article in the Dec. 5, 1999, edition of the Harrisburg, Pa., Patriot-News, sent in by alert reader Karen Durkin. The article makes this fascinating statement:

"Despite persistent rumors, poinsettias are NOT poisonous. Ohio State University testing has found that a 50-pound child could eat more than 500 poinsettia bracts with no ill effects other than possibly a sick stomach from eating that much foliage."

Barry

The two questions that immediately come to mind are:

1. What is a "bract"?
2. Would "Bill and the Bracts" be a good name for a rock band?

(Answers: 1. Part of a plant; 2. No, but "The Foliage Eaters" would.)

Another question is: How did Ohio State University conduct this research? Did researchers actually feed 500 poinsettia bracts to a 50-pound child? How? ("Eat your bracts, Jason, or NO MORE POKEMON CARDS FOR YOU!") And does this experiment really prove that poinsettias are safe? We personally have seen 50-pound children eat a LOT of things that would probably kill an adult, such as "Fruit Roll-Ups," which we do not believe are fruit at all. We believe they are the offspring of a biological mating experiment involving Kool-Aid and flypaper.

So our feeling is that you consumers should resist the temptation to rush out and start wolfing down poinsettias. Instead, you should take the wise scientific precaution of serving them to dinner guests ("Marge, try some of this delicious brie-on-a-bract!") and then watching the guests closely for common symptoms of death, such as not moving for several days, or purchasing an Oldsmobile.

But here's what really gets our goat: While so-called "researchers" at Ohio State University were busily stuffing poinsettias down the throat of an innocent 50-pound child, a potentially MUCH greater menace to humanity was running loose in the very same state (Ohio). We know this because we have received, from an anonymous source who shall remain nameless, a newspaper article from the Oct. 29, 1999, edition of The Youngstown, Ohio, Vindicator, which bills itself — and not without reason — as the premier newspaper in the Mahoning Valley. This article, which we are not making up, begins with the following statement:

"WARREN — The possibility that radioactive muskrats are lurking in the city bothers Pierson 'Butch' Butcher Jr."

The article states that Butcher, an unsuccessful Republican candidate for the Warren City Council, had said it was possible that local muskrats were eating radioactive materials they found on the grounds of a recently demolished power plant. By way of rebuttal, the story quotes the mayor, Democrat Hank Angelo, as stating: "There are no green, glowing-eyed rats running the streets of Warren."

In professional journalism, the first thing we do when we need to check out this type of story is try to find out what a muskrat is. The sum total of our knowledge on this subject is the song "Muskrat Love," performed by The Captain and Tennille, both of whom are, incredibly, still at large. So we checked the encyclopedia, which states that muskrats are "closely related to voles." We have never heard of "voles," and suspect that the encyclopedia is just kidding around.

Armed with this information, we called Warren, Ohio, and spoke with Pierson "Butch" Butcher Jr., who, it turns out, is not a shy person. During a lengthy and wide-ranging interview, he stated that although there are muskrats running around Warren, and SOMEBODY at a public meeting expressed concern that they (the muskrats) might be radioactive, that person was not Pierson "Butch" Butcher Jr. Mr. Butcher further stated that he had read an article somewhere regarding reports of radioactive deer in Pennsylvania.

So to summarize the key findings of our investigation:

1. There may or may not be radioactive muskrats and/or deer in Ohio and/or Pennsylvania.
2. Just in case, both of these states should be evacuated immediately.
3. Another good name for a band would be "The Radioactive Muskrats."
4. Speaking of musical groups, if The Captain and Tennille ever decide to try for a comeback, the obvious song for them to do would be "Vole Love."
5. In which case, please pass the poinsettias.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Arminae Forest is the volunteer coordinator for Safe Place, a haven for women seeking escape from an abusive relationships. Arminae is responsible for coordinating 25 adult volunteers and 28 Lee High School student volunteers.

Safe Place volunteer coordinator Arminae Forest

Arminae Forest is elbow deep in thank-you notes, juggling a volunteer schedule in one hand and a list of places to drive to collect donations in the other, when the phone rings. Can she make time for a TV interview?

You bet she can. Safe Place's annual style show, their one fund-raiser of the year, is scheduled Feb. 17 at Midland Country Club, and she's ready to go anywhere, do anything, to get the news out.

Since becoming volunteer coordinator of Safe Place in December, she' been working non-stop to do whatever it takes to get donations for the event's silent auction, to sell raffle tickets, to work with florists and style show organizers, assist with the table centerpiece and other details of the show, and above all, to get the word out.

"This year's show will be very cutting edge and colorful and for the silent auction, we have some fantastic items," she said.

"Coach Parchman and the coaching staff and all the Lee High football players, two-time state champions and national champions, autographed a football for us, and Stadium Sports donated a trophy case to put it in, and that's in the silent auction.

"Our executive director, Rebecca Grimaud, is making a quilt, with stars and ribbons. D'Carroll has made a double heart silver ring. Ivy Cottage and Joanne' Fine Gifts and many other businesses have donated items for the silent auction.

"We're also having a jewelry raffle. For a $5 ticket, you get a chance to win a sterling silver cross with an eight-carat cabochon ruby designed by Monroe Jackson, and a gold and white gold design ring by Cathy Eastham."

In between style show jobs these days, she fits in the ordinary day-to-day ask that the volunteer coordinator does, working with some 25 adult volunteers and 28 Lee High School student volunteers who come in one hour each week.

Arminae said when she started Midland College in 1986, she hadn't a clue what she was going to be when she finished. As it turned out, she took a detour away from the college and in the process, headed down a path that would ultimately lead to helping others.

"I'd grown up loving people," she says. "My parents instilled a love of volunteering in me from the time I was very young. As I was growing up, I volunteered to work at senior citizen retirement homes, and sing to entertain them. The love for singing and love for people just made it easy for me to do that."

'I was able, with the help of my family, to leave that relationship. I also had some close friends who helped to see me through the tough times. There are others who can't break out so easily. That's why Safe Place is here.'
— Arminae Forest

The volunteering and singing was natural and fun, and prepared her for service to others. " knew I wanted to do something to help people, but I didn't know exactly what."

But before she could truly be of service to others, she had to know the pain. She came to that knowledge through a brief relationship during her young adult years that turned abusive.

Before coming to Safe Place, Arminae worked for nine years as a state child support officer, interrupting her employment for two years to be a stay-at-home mom to her twin sons, Bradley and Brandon Beeson, then going back to work. She's now divorced, but she says although being a single mom can be challenging, she receives valuable support and reinforcement from the boys' father.

Arminae said that while her early experience made her acutely aware of the reality of the potential abuse, she also knows how lucky she was.

"I was very lucky," she says now. "I was able, with the help of my family, to leave that relationship. I also had some close friends who helped to see me through the tough times. There are others who can't break out so easily. That's why Safe Place is here."

She said victims of abuse are often so psychologically conditioned that they don't realize they're being abused.

"And abuse doesn't have to be physical," she added. "Verbal and emotional abuse can be just as devastating, sometimes even more so.

"If you're constantly being told by your spouse that you're inadequate, that you're stupid, if you're constantly subjected to put-downs, you gradually begin to believe the lies you hear. This is abuse also, and you shouldn't endure it.

She said that dating violence is also on the rise. She says every spouse or domestic partner who's in an abusive relationship should have a safety plan.

"Put back some money somewhere, in a place that you can get to it immediately. Make extra keys. Get a bag and put extra clothes in it.

"Think it all out, and rehearse in your mind how your plan can work, and then, if or when the situation turns explosive, you'll be able to pick up and leave immediately.

"Always contact the authorities, and call us. We're here to help.

"I know it' difficult to press charges against someone, but we have advocates who will go with people and assist them with the legal part of it."

Arminae said thay last year Safe Place received more than 2,200 hot line calls. In addition, there were 281 resident women who stayed at the facility, and 471 resident children. They also assisted 598 non-resident women and 78 non-resident children.

"The (non-resident) women and children who don't stay with us, since they have found other safe places, can still participate in our support groups and receive individual counseling," she said, adding that to provide such support, Safe Place is constantly in need of food, clothing and non-food items such as shampoo, diapers, tooth brushes and toothpaste and baby formula.

"People who come to us in the middle of the night often have nothing but the clothes on their backs. We're always in desperate need of socks and underwear. And we can always use help from volunteers. We take almost any kind of donation."

She said she also has volunteers who come to do secretarial work such as shredding, filing, making folders, typing.

"One of our volunteers comes in and does Bible study. We have several who come and read to the children."

She said if asked what five things she's most thankful, the list would start with family.

"I'm extremely blessed to have my boys, and my mom and dad, Ron and Armina Forest, and my brother, Ron Jr. And of course, my friends. And all the people here at Safe Place, who are just wonderful to work with, and Cherry Hill, my mentor, who is just angelic. I could never stop with just five things.

"I still love to sing, and my boys do too, and I'm thankful for that. They're high-energy kids, and sometimes it takes a lot to keep up with them, but I'm terribly proud of them. They're my best accomplishment."

Ha Ha Ha

Humor to start your week ...

A mother was reading a book about animals to her 3-year-old daughter:

Mother: "What does the cow say?"
Child: "Moooo!"
Mother: "Great! What does the cat say?"
Child: "Meow."
Mother: "Oh you're so smart! What does the frog say?"
The wide-eyed little 3-year-old looked up at her mother and replied, "Bud."

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A man needed and operation, and his own son was to perform the surgery.

As the older man lay on the operating table awaiting anesthesia, he said to his offspring, "John, to put this in proper perspective, I want you to know one thing. If anything happens to me, your mother is coming to live with you."

— Contributed by Midlander Donna Newell

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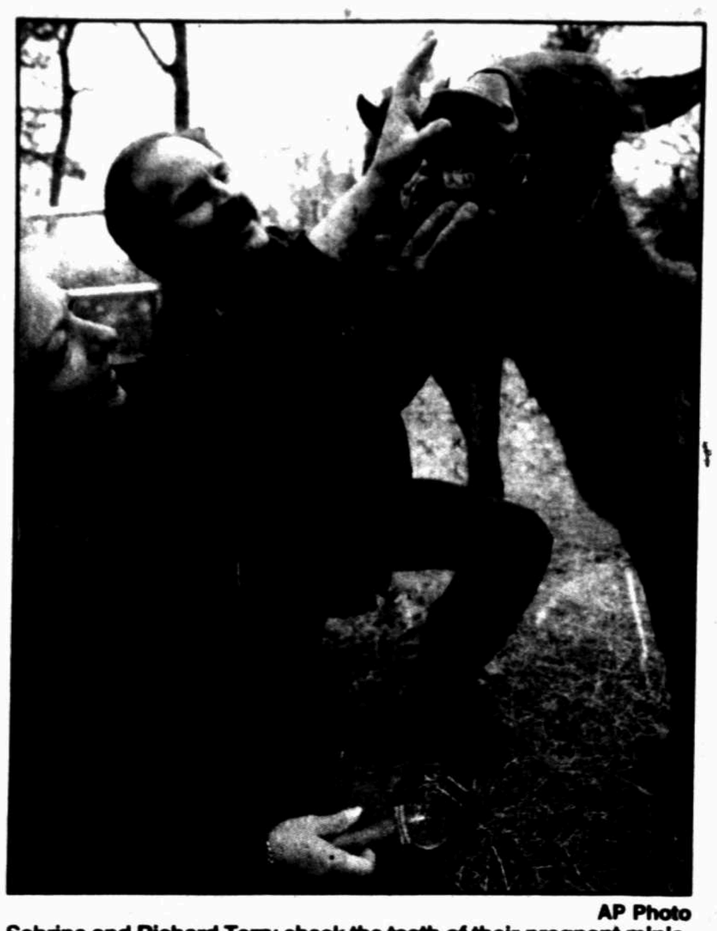
The Reporter-Telegram is seeking good, clean jokes that will be published on the Monday Morning page. If your joke is selected for publication, you will receive $10. Your submission should include your name, mailing address, work phone and home phone. Jokes should be submitted to Mary Dearen, P.O. Box 1650, Midland 79701; fax, 570-7650; or e-mail, purple@basinlink.com.



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Sabrina and Richard Terry check the teeth of their pregnant miniature donkey Wilma Thursday in Orange. The Terrys had gotten Wilma as a mate for their miniature donkey Jasper. Jasper died after he broke into the feed house and ate too much. Jasper never mated with Wilma, who the Terrys later found out was already pregnant.

Miniature donkey finally finds love, but it's too late

By Jim McElhatton
Associated Press

ORANGE — David Allan Coe was on the jukebox while mugs clinked and darts flew — just a regular Friday night, except for the wake off in the corner.

Friends gave a quiet barroom eulogy to an old pal from the barnyard.

They tried to get strangers to understand that Jasper wasn't just any miniature donkey.

"What a shame," they kept saying.

Then, Richard and Sabrina Terry's friends apologized. They wished they could explain it better. But you just had to know him.

The Terrys, Jasper's owners, knew the 5-year-old burro his whole life. They're still quite puzzled about the way it ended.

"He was almost like a son," Richard said.

Both miss Jasper a lot, mostly when they pull into their driveway.

Jasper, who stood 37 inches, greeted them from behind the fence with a distinctive hee-haw.

He practiced as late as 1 a.m. and often gave spontaneous concerts.

Jasper was great with children. He didn't like dogs. He really only had one thing missing in life.

That's the mystery.

Two weeks ago, Jasper finally got that one thing, a chance to start his own little burro family.

The Terrys spent years looking for a female mate for Jasper. He seemed to want one, badly.

Jasper made advances toward the only other animal kept on the Terry's 15-acre tract.

But the two animals were too different, the mare too tall, and Jasper, again, stood at 37 inches.

The Terrys finally found a mate for Jasper three weeks ago in Liberty. Her name was Wilma. She cost $600.

They made an odd couple. Jasper wore a neat slick, shiny coat. He struggled a bit with his weight.

Wilma had scruffy fur. She was skinny, too. That was surprising because, as the Terrys later discovered, Wilma was already pregnant.

"Jasper died a virgin," Richard said, shaking his head.

Jasper died two weeks after Wilma first trotted into his life.

He broke into the feed house. He ate too much. Then he ate some more. Jasper ate so much that his insides got all twisted up.

Sabrina Terry drove the suffering burro to the veterinarian's office, where he later died.

There is no shortage of theories on what caused the burro's final binge.

Maybe it was nerves.

After all, Jasper's whole life had been building up to this, a mate, a chance to start a family.

Or maybe it was jealousy.

The couple fed Wilma twice a day. She was too skinny. But Jasper, a little hefty, was being fed once.

Perhaps it was more complicated.

Jasper could have found out about Wilma's pregnancy, then maybe, depressed, he sought solace in the feed house — too much solace, too much feed.

"You don't realize how much you miss him until you don't hear him out there," Richard said.

The Terrys will still hear hee-haws in their yard, however.

They still have Wilma and her expected newborn, with names already picked out: Bamm-Bamm for a boy, Pebbles for a girl.

"But there's never going to be another Jasper," Richard said, because, as his friends at the bar say.

Jasper wasn't just any miniature donkey.

But you just had to know him.

Placido Domingo bridges tragedy, splendor with music

NEW YORK (AP) — Placido Domingo sang for love — and for a cure.

The tenor and other Metropolitan Opera stars performed to help 3-year-old Sophia Forshtay, a smiling waif of a child suffering from the "second skeleton" disease that freezes the body by turning tissue into bone.

Sophia's mother, Constance Green, is a member of the Met chorus whose voice has accompanied Domingo's for decades.

After the child was diagnosed at 14 months, "Placido asked me, 'What can I do?'" said the soprano.

What he did Wednesday was to lead a star-studded cast in "Songs for Sophia" — a medley of Broadway and opera tunes delivered by some of the world's most beautiful voices, including Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel and soprano Heidi Grant Murphy and mezzo-soprano Federica von Stade.

"It's very important to find a solution quickly. We are here singing for love," Domingo said at the Waldorf-Astoria benefit for research on fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva.

Sophia was stiffly romping around the golden Waldorf ballroom, a delicate child in a pink silk gown getting cranky in a crowd, and impishly telling Domingo as he hummed her a song, "No singing!"

The evening was an encounter of splendor and catastrophe, linked by those fighting the incurable disease that affects one out of 2 million people.

With tickets starting at $500, several hundred guests contributed about $250,000 for the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center's FOP research team.

DEAR ABBY

Wife's list of things to love reclaims her happy marriage

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed reading and re-reading the enclosed item from your column many times. And what a great original gift idea it provides for Valentine's Day: Write a "list" of all the qualities you love about your loved one. If it were framed, it would become a treasured keepsake, and it applies to mothers, fathers, spouses, children, friends, etc. — HAPPY AFTER 30 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN GEORGIA

Van Buren

DEAR HAPPY: I agree. And when someone asks me for a gift idea for the person who "has everything," the first thing I suggest is a letter telling that person how much he or she means to you and why. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My marriage was in need of repair. My husband and I had been fighting a lot. He told me that if I didn't like it, I could pack my things and go. I cried myself to sleep for nights on end.

One night I couldn't sleep because I was so upset with him. All I could think about were all the things that bugged me about him. I knew that if I didn't banish these negative thoughts from my mind, it would be a long time before I fell asleep. I decided to think instead of all the things that I loved about him. I wrote them down on a piece of paper, put it in an envelope and placed it in his briefcase.

The next morning, he called me from work to tell me how much he loved me. When he came home that evening, he put my "list" in a frame and hung it on the wall. We hardly ever fight anymore. I get love notes weekly and kisses daily.

I thought some of your readers might like to try this recipe for renewed love. It was so simple -- and well worth the effort. — HAPPY AGAIN IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR HAPPY AGAIN: What a terrific idea for warming up a chilly marriage. Your list of the qualities you loved about your husband obviously meant a great deal to him. When we focus only on what is wrong, we tend to undervalue what he or she is doing right.

DEAR ABBY: Please tell me how to handle this. I have terrible winter asthma. During the holidays I go to visit my in-laws and my mother -- all chain smokers.

They know about my smoke allergy and they do "try," but being long-term smokers, they usually forget and wind up smoking in the next room or in front of me. I am tired of being the party pooper who says, "Please put that out." So, they don't invite us over to family gatherings unless it's Christmas. I go, and then seven to 10 days later, after I have compromised my immune system, I have terrible bronchitis. It lasted nearly three months last year.

This has gone on so long, I feel like they love their cigarettes more than me.

So here it is January, and I'm starting the new year sick and on inhalers and antibiotics. How can I get it across to my loving family to refrain from smoking in front of me or during my visits without so deeply offending them? — SLEEPLESS IN OREGON

DEAR SLEEPLESS: You can't! Face it, your family (all smokers) are addicted to tobacco, and their addiction is greater than their consideration for you or your health problems.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

TALKIN' TEXAN

Playing in high school band brings fond memories

By Tumbleweed Smith

I started playing trumpet when I was in the seventh grade in Fort Worth. Once I was playing a solo before the entire student body. The song was "My Happiness." Back then, school auditoriums were not air-conditioned, so the windows were kept open. A stiff breeze swept across the stage and blew a page of the sheet music off the music stand. The sheet landed right at the feet of the female first-chair violinist.

Smith

While taking a breath during my solo, I sort of whispered to her out of the side of my mouth, "Pick it up." She just sat there. I was at the point where I needed the sheet that was on the floor, so I kept on playing, reached down and picked it up. I managed to finish the solo and got hearty applause along with some giggles.

I loved playing the trumpet. It was one of the first skills I could call my own. I played it all through Arlington Heights High School. My girlfriends told me they could hear my trumpet playing during halftime shows at football games. Made me feel real good.

One year we took a band trip to Amarillo when our high school football team went to the state playoffs. It was so cold they canceled the halftime show because band officials were afraid our mouthpieces would freeze to our lips. Band members retreated to the school buses and still froze. It was cold.

When I was in the all-city high school orchestra in Fort Worth I was first-chair trumpet and had to play three extremely high notes as a solo to start a difficult piece of music. And the notes were to be played on a cold lip. That means the music started after a long speech. I worried all during the speech, concentrating on playing the high notes, fingering the valves and taking my mouthpiece off the horn to keep it warm. When the conductor raised his baton, looked at me and brought it down, I performed flawlessly. It was a great moment in my music career.

Band trips were so much fun. A few of us smoked cigarettes and little cigars on the bus en route to various events where we played. As I recall, Mr. Carson, our band director, didn't seem to mind. He never lectured us about smoking. He just wanted us to play good. And we did. We won all sorts of medals and trophies in contests.

Once we took the band bus to Waurika, Okla., for a contest. There were band kids there from several nearby states. We swarmed all over that small town. Some of us owned our own cars back home and were accustomed to getting around on wheels and didn't like to be without them.

We found ourselves in a residential neighborhood near town and I saw a nifty little Ford coupe sitting in a driveway. I knocked on the door of the house and a lady came to the door. I told her we were in Waurika for a band contest and needed to borrow her car to drive around town. It sounds crazy, I know, but she got her keys and we took off in that lady's car. We went to the center of town and pulled up to a bunch of our fellow band members. They were impressed to see us in a car. We drove around for about an hour or so. We got out of the car to go in a drug store and a man came in. I just felt that he might be the husband of the lady whose car we had borrowed. Sure enough, he was. He was very nice, just asked us for the keys and said he hoped we enjoyed our ride. That's all there was to it. Life was so simple back when I made band trips.

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist. His radio show, "The Sound of Texas," can be heard 11:23 a.m. weekdays on KMCM (96.9 FM).

Study hopes to show healing power of laughter

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Pediatrician Lonnie Zeltzer knows well the hypnotic power of TV cartoons on kids, her own included.

That is why she has joined Comedy Central and the University of California, Los Angeles, to prove that the medicinal value of TV reruns and classic comedy routines is no joke.

With help from the likes of Bugs Bunny and Charlie Chaplin, the doctor and a partner at UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center are researching whether laughter can help sick kids get better faster.

The study they launched last week could find evidence for the old saw that laughter is the best medicine, while disproving the one that says TV rots your brain.

Research in this area is about as scarce as talking rabbits. The number of bona fide papers Zeltzer and partner Dr. Margaret Stuber have for reference is exactly two.

"What's amazing is that no one's taken something that seems so obvious and taken a scientific look at it," said Zeltzer, director of the Pediatric Pain Program at Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA.

Norman Cousins, the late magazine editor who coined the phrase about laughter being the best medicine, gave the idea credence when he decided in 1964 to battle a degenerative spinal disease from his hotel bed while watching reruns of the television show "Candid Camera."

Cousins so believed laughter cured him that he funded studies on the subject and even taught in UCLA's psychiatry department. He died in 1990 after a heart attack.

For Comedy Central, proof of the cable network's curative powers would easily repay its $75,000 investment, said Tony Fox, the network's communications chief who sold the idea to his boss.

"What if comedy and Comedy Central in particular is good for you?" Fox said, thinking of his brief conversation with Chief Executive Officer Larry Divney. "It took all of 10 minutes to convince him this is something worthwhile."

In the first phase of the UCLA study, they'll screen comedy snippets for healthy children ages 5 to 16 to help pick what works. So far, the pair's endeavor hasn't caused any snickers among their colleagues, a surprise to the researchers, but possibly a sign that medicine is ready to get serious about comedy, they said.

"No one's making fun of it," Stuber said.

The researchers want to start with the classics: Abbott and Costello, Chaplin and "I Love Lucy."

Zeltzer loves the one where Lucy's on the chocolate factory assembly line "where she's trying to handle it and put it in her mouth. The candy's going down. She's got to do something."

Zeltzer and Stuber aren't ruling out modern comedy either. If Abbott and Costello's "Who's on first" routine doesn't get cackles, maybe they will find success with Bart Simpson's "Don't have a cow, man."

The "Rx Laughter" study is the brainchild of former CBS and ABC executive Sherry Hilber, who brought the idea to Stuber, a psychiatrist at Jonsson Cancer Center. The Beverly Hills resident said she had always wondered what might be happening physically to the studio audiences she would watch guffawing at "Roseanne" tapings.

What Zeltzer and Stuber turn up might bolster evidence that laughter prompts the brain to release endorphins, the body's version of morphine.

They will also test the effect of comedy on the autonomic nervous system, the brain-body connection that governs the fight/flight response to scary encounters and affects functions ranging from heart rate to saliva production.

Much of what sparse research there is comes from Dr. Lee Berk, a neuroimmunologist at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda. Using funds from Cousins, he found that laughter, by means unknown, suppresses the body's release of cortisol, a hormone that adrenal glands dump into the bloodstream in times of high stress that weaken the immune system.

It's Berk's belief that there's so much going on chemically during a good belly laugh that the FDA would have to regulate crackups if it only knew.

The medical establishment, though, has treated humor therapy as a laughing matter, Berk said.

"Medicine is too arrogant. It does not realize the efficacy or therapeutic impact of humor. In America we tend to look for the pill," Berk said.

Stuber and Zeltzer agree that television has a certain, say, mind-numbing effect on children. They are both parents after all.

And Zeltzer found in studies in the late 1970s that when children were placed under hypnosis and asked to go to a "happy place," they invariably ended up in front of the TV.

And what were they watching? Cartoons.

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DEATH NOTICES

Lewis Neahusan

Lewis F. Neahusan, 84, died Saturday, Feb. 5, in a Midland retirement home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 8, 1915 in Detroit, Mich.

He worked for Dowell, a Division of Dow Chemical for 37 1/2 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leona Clark Neahusan.

Survivors include three sons, Larry Neahusan of Houston, Bruce Neahusan of Midland and David Neahusan of Austin; a sister, Mildred Chrnowski of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Andrew Richards Sr.

Andrew Richards Sr., 80, died Friday, Feb. 4, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church with the Rev. Wayne Polk officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Rockdale, under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home in Midland.

He was born April 6, 1919, in Rockdale.

He was a self-employed carpenter.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Hubert of Waco; two sons, Andrew Richards Jr. and Stephen Richards, both of Waco; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Roland Myrick

STANTON — Roland Price Myrick, 96, died Saturday, Feb. 5, at a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 12, 1904 in Coke County.

He moved from Mitchell County to the Courtney Community in Martin County in 1923. He was a farmer and worked for Martin County. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a brother, Irvin Myrick of Stanton; a sister, Myrtle Stewart of Stanton; four nieces; and 10 nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Stanton, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton, Texas 79782; or the Martin County Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 1233, Stanton, Texas 79782.

Sidney Selby

HOUSTON — Former Midlander Sidney E. Selby, 73, died Saturday, Feb. 5, in Houston.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Donnelly's Colonial Chapel in Irving with the Rev. Albert Lindley officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ridge Park Cemetery in Hillsboro. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today.

He was senior vice president of the loan division of Irving State Bank, retiring after 24 years of service. He lived in Midland for five years.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynda Lowery of Houston; two sons, Gary Selby of Mansfield and Bobby Selby of Hewitt; a brother, Stanley B. Selby of Irving; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laudie Selby, in 1996.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House.

Juanima Hamm

Juanima Hamm died Sunday, Feb. 6, at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Larry Ashlock officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was born March 7, 1926 in Bristow, Okla.

She lived in Maud, Shawnee, Paul's Valley and Oklahoma City, Okla., before moving to Midland in 1954. She worked for R.O. Williams company, retiring in 1997. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church. She was past president of Midland Desk and Derrick Club and a member of Midland Community Theatre.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dow T. Hamm.

Survivors include a son, Richard Hamm of Midland; two daughters, Rebecca Hamm of Midland and Melinda Blasing of Sherman; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland or Midland Senior Center at Kingsway.

Dulah Snow

BIG SPRING — Dulah (Mutt) Snow, 81, died Sunday, Feb. 6 at a Stanton retirement home.

She was born Nov. 25, 1918 in Bisbee, Ariz., and lived in Big Spring most of her life. She and her husband operated a lounge in Big Spring until she retired 10 years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Hazel Andrews of Big Spring and Melba Knapp of Terrell; two sisters, Inez Briscoe of Odessa and Fran Korchenko of Shallowater; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hank Snow, and two sons, Frank Davis and Bobby Threatt.

No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Clyde Cross

Clyde Cross died Sunday, Feb. 6, in Fort Worth.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Zuma Ham

Zuma Ham died Sunday, Feb. 6 at a Midland retirement home.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Jesse Barber

Jesse Lee Barber died Sunday, Feb. 6 at a Midland retirement home.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Donna Todd

BIG SPRING — Donna Todd, 72, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 6 at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Gladys Keith

BIG SPRING — Gladys Keith, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 6 at a Stanton retirement home.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Louis Patterson

M.L. "Louis" Patterson, loving husband of Mildred Mills Patterson, passed peacefully away at his home on February 4, 2000. He was born on July 3, 1915 on the Divide in Coke County, Texas near Robert Lee to Libbie and John L. Patterson.

He came to Midland County via horseback in 1926, where he became a lifetime West Texas farmer. He attended Midland High School; and met and married his wife, Mildred, in 1936 and began raising a family of five children. In 1975, they moved to Upton County and continued to farm and ranch, where they resided until retiring to Midland in 1998.

He loved farming, and in 1978 he was voted Outstanding Conservative Farmer by the middle Concho Soil and Water Conservation District. He was distinguished as the oldest active farmer in Upton County in 1997.

His family has been blessed with a beacon of strength, courage and family values that they will carry throughout their lives.

He is survived by his wife; four children, Patricia Lee Prell of Petoskey, MI; Margie Lou Reynolds of Midland; Larry Patrick and Lynda Patterson of Monahans, and Rena and Kane Whitaker of Midland; and one brother, M.D. Patterson of Eunice, NM; twelve grandchildren, John Patterson, Teresa Kilmer, Gary Prell, Connie Buchanan, Curtis Reynolds, Cynthia Pinkerton, Dr. Robert Patterson, Erik Patterson, Ramey O'Brien, Wendy O'Brien, Davlin Whitaker and Dalton Whitaker. He is also survived by eight great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, H.A. and Audrie Mills of Indio, CA.

He is preceded in death by a beloved son, Charles Louis Patterson; a brother, William E. "Pat" Patterson; a sister, Virginia Eileen Page; and a grandson, James Louis Patterson.

Pallbearers will be John Bob Hopkins, John Patterson, Jim Patterson, Noel King, Dalton Whitaker and Davlin Whitaker.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland.

Funeral Services will be at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Monday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m. with graveside services to follow at Resthaven.

Edwin Skidmore

Edwin Lawrence Skidmore died Friday, February 4, 2000, at the VA Hospital in Big Spring, Texas. Ed, or "Skid" as he was known to most of his friends, was born in Paris, Texas on January 14, 1923 to Samuel Aubrey Skidmore and Lana Mae (Reid).

He graduated from Paris High School in 1939 and attended Harding College where he was a member of the Glee Club. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and was a bomber pilot training instructor stationed in Liberal, Kansas. He graduated from East Texas State Teachers College in 1948 with a BS in industrial arts. Ed married Cecelia (Martin) in Paris on August 13, 1948.

They came to Midland that same year, where Ed started as a draftsman with Shell Oil Company. In 1950, Ed took a gamble and went to work as a draftsman for a small company that he thought had a good future, Midland Map Company. He worked for Midland Map until his retirement in 1990. He became the president and general manager in 1967 and was in that position when he retired.

Ed was a member of the old Petroleum Oil Bowling League for many years. He was an Optimist and a Jaycee; and a member of the American Legion until his death. He was an avid golfer at Hogan Park, until he developed diabetes.

Ed is survived by his wife, Cecelia; two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Jones of Searcy, Arkansas and Ophelia Payne of Paris, Texas; his two sons, Scott Skidmore and wife, Melissa, of Midland and Dan Skidmore and wife, Linda, of Dearborn, Michigan; grandchildren, Celeste and Sam Skidmore of Midland and Danny Skidmore of Dearborn, Michigan; and great-grandson, TJ Ennis of Midland.

A memorial service will be held at the chapel of Ellis Funeral Home on Monday, February 7th, at 10:00 a.m. Robert Kirk, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, will conduct the memorial service.

Graveside services will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Paris, Texas on Tuesday, February 8th, at 11:00 a.m. Ed's two brothers-in-law, Paul Payne of Paris, Texas and Alvis Jones of Searcy, Arkansas will be conducting the graveside services.

Honorary pallbearers are Leon Freeman of Midland, Larry Flowers of Odessa, Sam Skidmore of Midland, Charles Martin of Paris, W.G. Kyle of Reno, Roy Welch of Paris, Richard Reid of Justice, CA, Reid Jones of Lajunta, CO, and Brian Payne of Paris.

Memorials may be made to Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Speech & Hearing Clinic, P.O. Box 42073, Lubbock, TX 79409.

Coleen Johnson

Coleen Johnson died Sunday, February 6, 2000 at Mabee Health Care Center.

She was born to Nancy and Lee McNevins on October 19, 1908 in Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Coleen was preceded in death by her husband, Aubrey in 1983; son, Gary in 1948; three brothers, Andrew, Dewey and Jess; two sisters, Flora and Jo; and a grandson, Reagan in 1955.

Survivors include her twin brother, Ben McNevins of Scottsdale, Arizona; daughter, Gwen and son-in-law, Jack James of Midland, Texas; 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren: Susan and husband, Bill Gallemore, Kelley and Christen of Colleyville, Texas; Gary James and wife, Brenda, Brandon, Phillip and Christy of Katy, Texas; Jack L. James and daughter, Madison Ann of Fort Worth, Texas; and Jeffrey and wife, Kris, Danie, Raegan, Braden and Peyton of Midland, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 8, at Fairview Cemetery in Shawnee, Oklahoma under the direction of Roesch Funeral Chapel. Local arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707, or to Home Hospice, 1802 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Saturday

Criminal mischief: Robert Porter, at 11:41 a.m., reported that a window was shot out by a BB gun or another pellet gun at 2913 Rebel Drive.

Theft: A Wal-Mart Supercenter representative, at 3:50 p.m., reported organized criminal activity by theft at 4517 N. Midland Drive.

Vandalism: Ron McClung, at 9:45 p.m., reported vandalism at 1304 Daventry Place.

Assault: William W. Ridge, at 11 p.m., reported that someone in a confrontation pulled out a gun at 108 Holly Drive.

Possession of marijuana: Police reported that two youths were arrested at 5:11 a.m. Saturday at 100 N. Main St. for possession of marijuana.

Sunday

Burglary: A burglary was reported to police at 3:44 a.m. at 3:10 S. Lamesa Road.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Saturday

Theft: A Town & Country Food Store representative, at 7:53 a.m., reported the theft of $5 in gasoline at 4001 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Vandalism: Robert Hilger, at 11:56 a.m., reported vandalism at South County Road 1180 at East County Road 135.

Criminal mischief: Debbie Reyes Ramirez, at 6:28 p.m., reported damage to her car at 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

Sunday

Theft: Maria Marien, at 11:48 a.m., reported a theft at Whit's Grocery at 5011 S. Texas Highway 349 (Rankin Highway).

Trespassing: Paul Hallmark at 1:34 p.m. reported criminal trespassing at Midland Park Mall at 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

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

TODAY'S FUNERALS

LAVELLA MOORE
10 a.m.
Resthaven Memorial Park

EDWIN SKIDMORE
10 a.m. — Ellis Chapel

M.L. PATTERSON
1 p.m. — Ellis Chapel

"Friends show their love in times of trouble not in happiness."
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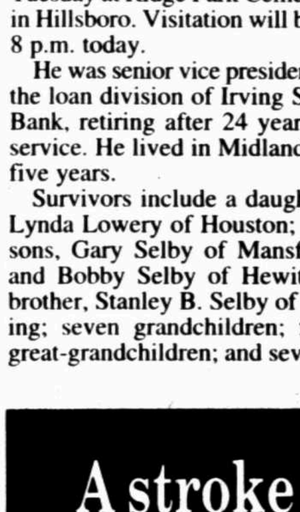

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• Minimum $25 per person sponsorship required
• 4 per team
• Bowl 2 games
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Saturday, Feb. 12
Midland Park Mall
Free acting lessons for every child!
Workshops every hour on the hour, led by theatre school director Judith Giebler of Midland Community Theatre. At the end of each hour, children perform for families and friends.
Grades 1-3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Grades 4-6, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
Sign up
Friday, Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m.
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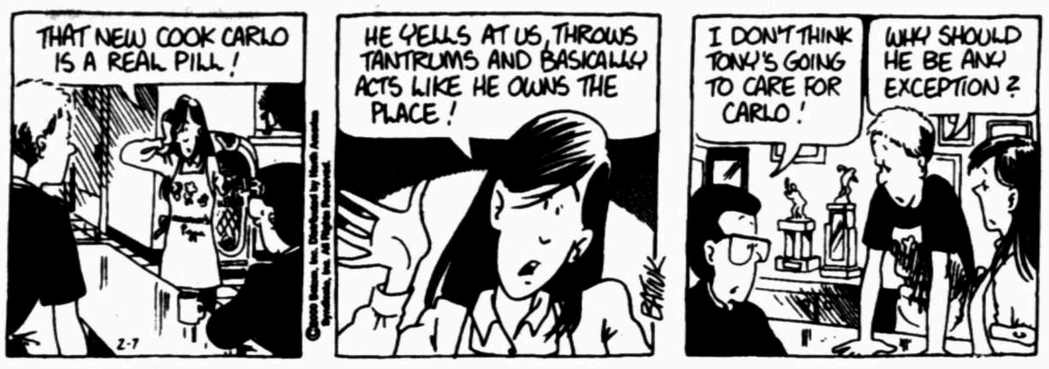

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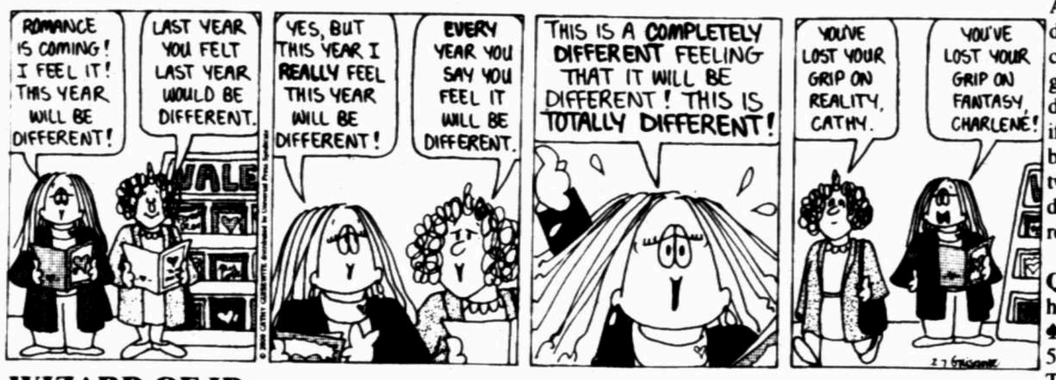

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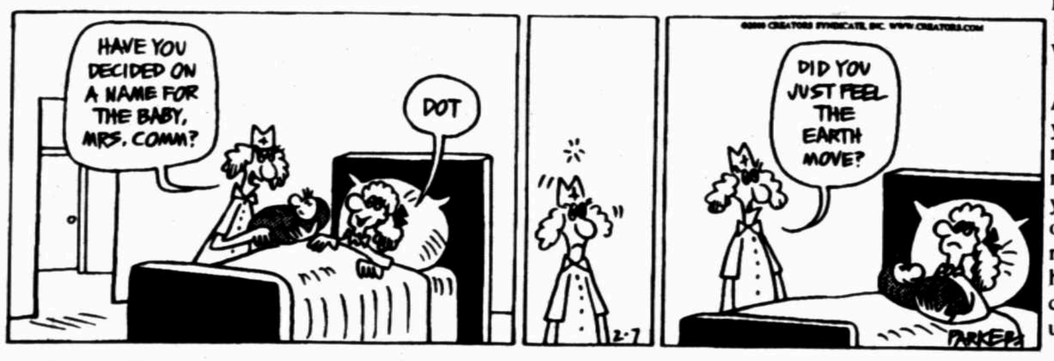

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 7, 2000:
Your birthday takes you in new directions. Be willing to change direction and do what is needed to achieve some key goals. Finances play a big role in your decisions. You often opt for time alone, needing to reflect and relax. If you are single, you could get tied up with another who is emotionally unavailable. Be realistic about whom you choose, and don't count on a relationship being long-term until it is. If attached, be more open with your sweetheart. Share your deeper feelings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your irritation becomes apparent early on; clear it out before you make decisions or take action. Listen to others and gather feedback, but remember that you are your own person. Another respects your modus operandi.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are out of sorts because of how another handles a problem. You might feel let down. Aim for what you want; bring others together. Network and follow your instincts. Read what is going on behind the scenes at work, but do so carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take responsibility, even though others seem bent on pursuing a course that's contrary to yours. Worry less about others and more about you. Your loving attitude melts a partner's resistance. You know what you are doing! Ask for help if needed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others care more than you know. Be receptive to another's overtures. Trust another's intentions. Feelings are intense; you might need to assume a broader point of view. Make calls; do your needed research. Isn't it time to plan a leisurely few days off?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Build on an established base. Don't go haywire and don't take any risks. You are right on top of a decision and you know what to do, even if you don't want to do it. Your imagination could take you down a difficult path. Indulge a co-worker by treating him to lunch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Another defers to you. You feel a lot happier and more relaxed with a new understanding coming your way. Pressure on the home front might have you overwhelmed. Make good choices. Take time with a special friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Work is important; however, you might be too distracted to accomplish much except shuffling papers or stressing out through talk. Visit a close friend; settle in and relax. You need to gain some perspective first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You have an excellent manner, and you communicate your bottom line with ease. Another still might choose not to hear. Be careful with funds. Refuse to make a financial agreement in the present climate. Others go out of their way for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Recognize that you are out of sorts, and, try as you may, you don't seem to pull out. Do your best, but head home if you need to. Everyone needs a personal day sometimes. Indulge yourself or buy yourself that treat — you deserve it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Get past a sticky feeling that nags at you. Put your best foot forward. Worry less about what is presently going on within you. Your naturally happy ways draw good will. Be willing to take a risk. Make the first move, and others will respond.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might know more than you want to know about a key friend. Walk in the other direction. Don't get dragged into another's issues. You know what you want; be willing to let another know, too. Express vulnerabilities. Use your financial savvy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Beam in what you want. Bypass an authority figure as diplomatically as you can, though it still might not make any difference. Do your best to communicate what is on your mind. Make time for a key meeting. Tonight: What you want needs to come first.

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BORN TODAY
Singer Garth Brooks (1962), actor Miguel Ferrer (1954), actor James Spader (1960)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K 10 8 3 ♡Q 7 6 5 ◇A 7 ♣5 3 2
The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	Dbl	Pass	?

What action do you take?

A — When responding to partner's double, rate your hand in one of three categories — weak, invitational or game-forcing. This hand, although dead minimum for such action, qualifies as invitational. Jump in your better four-card major; in this case, two spades. Partner, with a minimum double, is allowed to pass your response.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K 9 8 ♡Q 7 6 5 2 ◇A 7 ♣5 3 2
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Dbl	?	

What action do you take?

A — Normally, with about 10 points you would show your strength with a redouble. When you have a five-card major and a fair hand, though, bid your suit. A new suit at the one level over an opposing double is a one-round force. The principle that a one-heart response here promises a five-card suit assures that you will not end up in an inadequate fit.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠9 6 ♡Q 7 6 3 ◇K 10 5 4 ♣8 6 3
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Dbl	?	

What action do you take?

A — When you have a four-card fit for partner's major and your singular opponent has made a takeout double, your wisest course is to ignore the double and take the same action you would have had your opponent passed. Bid two hearts.

Q 4 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A 4 ♡A K Q 10 ◇10 8 7 3 ♣9 6 2
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	1♠	?	

What action do you take?

Almost all your strength is concentrated in one suit. However, you do have the shape for a takeout double, and at least the strength is in the right suit. Double. It is less dangerous to act now than later when the auction is at a higher level.

Q 5 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠7 ♡8 6 5 ◇A Q 9 5 4 3 2 ♣A 7
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♠	?	

What do you bid now?

A — If you play that three diamonds is forcing in this sequence, by all means make that bid. If not, we like a cue-bid of three spades, to be followed by the cheapest bid in diamonds available. But we do have a sneaking admiration for those who blast out six diamonds right off and force the opponents to guess.

Q 6 — North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K 9 7 6 2 ♡A 8 7 ◇9 4 ♣K J 6
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one heart. What action do you take?

A — You do not have much of a suit, but it is the master suit and it is five cards long. It is much safer to act at the one-level than at any higher level — one-level overcalls seldom get doubled. Bid one spade.

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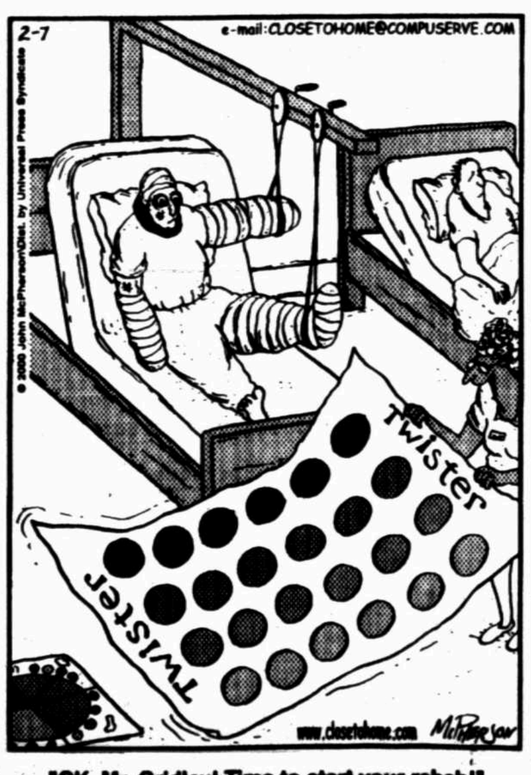

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"SURE, I KNOW WHERE I LIVE... I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET THERE."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Now that my cold is gone, I'm making up for lost hugs."

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING — February 7, 2000

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	B	6PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
3 KMID	2	3	2	News 674	Wheel of Fortune 246	[illegible]				Once and Again: The Mystery Dance 1007		News 6015571	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Cheers (11:35)
5 KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 35129	That '70s Show 30277	That '70s Show 51113	Ally McBeal: Over the Rainbow 64587		Mad About You 44281	The Nanny 31533	Jerry Springer 74910	NewsRadio 58026	Unhappily Ever After	
7 KOSA	7	7	7	News 6303	Entertainment Tonight	The King of Queens	Ladies Man 3769	Everybody/Raymond	Becker 2668	Family Law: A Mother's Son 27649		News 3038858	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35) 5818007		Late With Craig Kilborn
9 KWES	9	9		News 1823	Seinfeld 8303 (TVPG)	Freaks and Geeks: Looks and Books 65823 (TVPG)		Dateline NBC 74571		Third Watch: This Band of Brothers 61007 (TV14)		News 6367649	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 1868823		Late Night With Conan
12 KMLM	42	12	19	News 80533	John Hagee Today	The Light of the Southwest 36571				Richard Roberts 58649		News 88945	Joyce Meyer 91465	Duane Sheriff Ministries	Victory Church 64264
13 KOCV	36	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 354378		Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 2) 563939 (TVG)		The American Experience: Hoover Dam 646587 (TVG)		Duke Ellington's Washington 552823 (TVG)		Telecourse 815804			
8 CNBC		8	27	Business Center (5:30)	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 6370587		Rivera Live 8283007		The News With Brian Williams 6298571		Hardball With Chris Matthews 6379858		Rivera Live 4888113	
10 WGN		10		Full House 742465	Caroline in the City	[illegible]				News 546849		MacGyver: For Love or Money 546736 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 715571 (TVPG-V)	
11 WTBS		11	11	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers 859620					Inside the NBA 540113	[illegible]			
14 FAM		14		Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?	[illegible]				Famous Families		The 700 Club 714736		Who's Boss?	Partridge
20 DISC		20	26	Weird, Wet and Slimey		The Pentagon 109755		Great Siberian Explosion		Treasures of the Earth		The Pentagon 108026		Great Siberian Explosion	
21 AMC		21	26	[illegible]		Fashion	[illegible]					[illegible]			
22 TNN		22	31	Matt Houston 360910	[illegible]					Life of Rick Springfield		Matt Houston 552804		Bill Dance	In-Fisherman
23 TNT		23	35	ER 353620 (TV14-L)		WCW Monday Nitro Live! 171113 (TV14-DLS)				[illegible]				WCW Monday Nitro Live!	
24 BRAV		24		Moonlighting 911668		[illegible]				David Caseldy 541823		[illegible]			
26 BET		26	33	Hits From the Street		Sparks	Amen	Comicview 176533		Live From L.A. 196397		Betty Carter: Original		Midnight Love 333891	
27 DISN		27	41	[illegible]		[illegible]				[illegible]					
28 CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today 743113		Larry King Live 729533		CNN NewsStand 749397		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 329891	
29 ESPN		29	30	College Basketball: Georgetown at Miami 546262				College Basketball: Kansas at Oklahoma State 558007				SportsCenter 580842		College Basketball 512026	
30 USA		30	38	JAG: Against All Enemies 536910 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger: Point After 738261 (TV14-V)		WWF RAW 827129 (TV14-DLV)		WWF War Zone 3818709 (TV14-DLV)		Farmclub.com (10:05) 8008552		Silk Stalkings (11:05) 8447604 (TV14-S)	
31 FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 3992804		The X-Files 3901552		Married ...	Married ...	The X Show 3097303		The X-Files 3946026	
32 A&E		32	25	Law & Order: Double Blind 982552 (TVPG)		Biography: Roman Polanski 194823 (TVPG)		Investigative Reports 103571		City Confidential 190007 (TVPG)		Law & Order: Second Opinion 193194 (TVPG)		Biography: Roman Polanski 889129 (TVPG)	
33 TLC		33		Trauma Center 382378 (TVPG)		Paramedics: On the Edge 651129 (TVPG)		Vietnam: The Soldiers' Story 564649 (TVPG)		Vietnam: The Soldiers' Story 577113 (TVPG-V)		Paramedics: On the Edge 570200 (TVPG)		Vietnam: The Soldiers' Story 179755 (TVPG)	
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PEOPLE TODAY

Kennedy hospitalized for viral illness

WASHINGTON — **Sen. Edward Kennedy** was hospitalized Sunday for a viral illness that left him with back and shoulder pain, an aide said.

Kennedy, D-Mass., ran a fever and had a cough Saturday evening and was driven to Sibley Memorial Hospital the following morning, said his spokesman, Will Keyser.

"He is in good spirits, he is resting comfortably and he felt good enough to watch the America's Cup race last night," Keyser said Sunday.

He said Kennedy, who turns 68 on Feb. 22, will remain overnight for observation.

U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy spent Sunday in the hospital for observation of a viral illness, an aide said.

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NEW YORK — The hit television sitcom "Spin City" may survive the departure of its star, **Michael J. Fox.**

When Fox, who plays a hard-charging deputy mayor of New York, leaves the show at the end of the spring season, he may be replaced by **Charlie Sheen**, Time reports in the issue that will hit newsstands Monday.

ABC and the show's production company, DreamWorks, are talking to Sheen about joining the cast, which includes **Barry Bostwick** and **Heather Locklear**.

One catch: The show is currently filmed in New York, where Fox lives, and would have to move to Los Angeles to accommodate Sheen.

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WILLIAMSBURG, Va — **Thomas Jefferson** underestimated the leadership potential of women but was otherwise right on, **Margaret Thatcher** says.

"I regret to say that he didn't fully understand the importance of women in building a great nation," the former British prime minister told an audience Saturday at the College of William and Mary. "He was a little backward in that respect."

King William II and Queen Mary II granted a royal charter establishing the college in 1693, and Mrs. Thatcher was appointed in 1994 as the school's first woman chancellor.

Mrs. Thatcher also told the crowd that Jefferson had the right ideas — especially about the role of a university in helping a nation understand the past to guide it in the future.

"That was the genius of Jefferson in your Declaration of Independence — from the learning and ideals of his forebears, he articulated the right of the people to govern themselves," she said.

Jefferson graduated from the college in 1762.

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ALBION, Mich. — **Rubin "Hurricane" Carter** said that daring to dream was what kept him going while he was imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit.

"The dream was the only thing that kept me alive," the one-time boxing great told an audience at Albion College on Friday . "Dare to dream."

Carter talked about his boxing triumphs, imprisonment for a triple homicide in 1966, his release in 1988, and his fame today.

Carter's professional boxing career began in 1961. But five years later, during preparation for a title fight, Carter was arrested for a triple homicide. He maintained his innocence but was sentenced to three life terms, narrowly escaping the electric chair.

Actor **Denzel Washington** portrays Carter in the recent movie about his life, "The Hurricane."

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CHESTER, S.C.— Actress **Phylicia Rashad,** who played the mother of school children on the long-running television show "The Cosby Show," has bought a school for her mother.

Ms. Rashad and her mother, Chester, S.C., native **Vivian Ayers Allen**, are leading a renovation of the Brainerd Institute. Ms. Allen was one of the last graduates there.

Brainerd Institute was considered an exceptional black school during its years of operation, from 1866 to 1939. The school was founded by Presbyterian missionaries as a day, night and Sunday school for freed slaves and became known as the state's largest and oldest school for blacks, a feeder school for Benedict College, Johnson C. Smith and Howard University.

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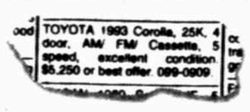

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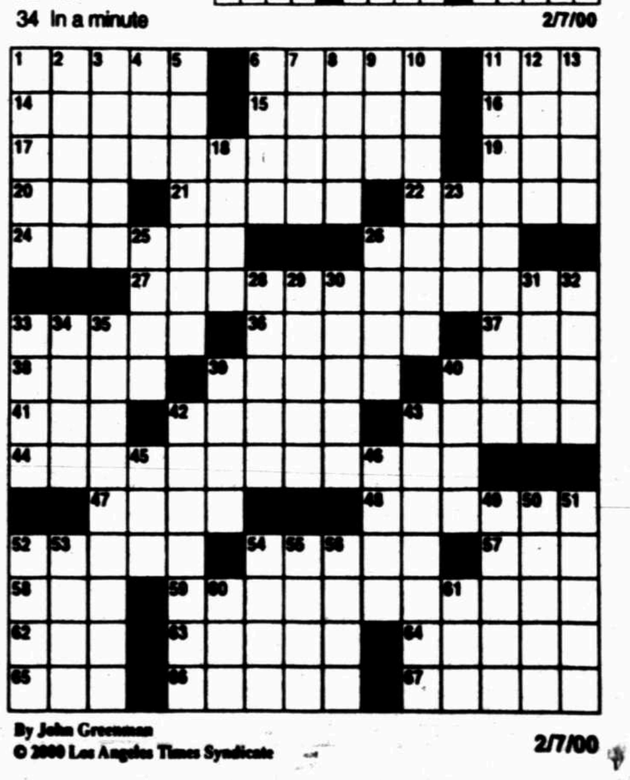

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Listen Up!

Making the Grade

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Kathleen Schaefer, daughter of Tim and Dorella Schaefer of Midland and a senior at Lee High School, has been awarded the Cap Rock Electric Agricultural Scholarship for Midland County. The $500 scholarship is given at the Junior Livestock Show in each county in Cap Rock's service area where such a show is staged.

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Two Midland residents — **Michael Entzminger**, a graduate of Midland High School, and **Anthony Swift**, a graduate of Grady High School — have been named to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester at Austin College. To qualify, a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.71 on a 4.0 scale and be ranked in the top 20 percent of the student body.

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Jennifer Burkhart, 1996 graduate of Lee High School, graduated from Texas A&M University in December 1999 with a business management degree. She is the daughter of Kent and Connie Burkhart of Midland.

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Cody Hansen, 17, a student at Lee High School and the son of Terrell and Patricia Hansen, has been named Midland Downtown Lion's Club Junior Lion of the Week. Hansen is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, D-FY-IT, Texas Scholars Academic Decathlon, Texas Best Robotics Engineering Team, Texas Engineering Challenge, the Industrial Technology Organization, a volunteer juror for Teen Court, Christmas in April and Habitat for Humanity.

He won first-place in engineering at the regional science fair for two years, best overall at regional fair for two years, third in engineering at state science fair, Yale Science and Engineering Award, was a finalist at International fair, won SPE award for engineering, and placed second in regional Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Contest.

Hansen plans to attend a four-year university and major in mechanical engineering.

David Lucas, 18, a student at Midland High School and the son of William R. Lucas and Joan Lucas, has also been named Midland Downtown Lion's Club Junior Lion of the week. Lucas is a First United Methodist Church Youth Leader, member of Celebration Singers, Wesley Bells, Seraphim singing ensemble, Church League Youth Basketball, youth minister selection committee, National Leadership Award, All-American Scholar, National Merit Commended Scholar, dean's list at Midland College, Math and Science Achievement Award, listed in Who's Who among American High School Students, and winner of National History and Government Award and Academic Awards.

He plans to attend a four-year university.

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Shea Hulme, daughter of Randy and Anne Hulme, has been chosen by the University Graduate Women as the January Outstanding Senior Girl for Lee High School. Miss Hulme has earned academic letters, is a member of National Honor Society, received Social Studies Academic Award, was named Lion's Club Student of the Week, is a member of Texas Scholars and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She is chaplain of the Midland Youth Advisory Council and a member of D-FY-IT, a candy-striper at Midland Memorial Hospital, counselor at Super Summer Day Camp, Golf Course Road Church of Christ youth group, Vacation Bible School at the Soup Kitchen, volunteer at the Crisis Pregnancy Center, kindergarten aide, and member of Community Bible Study. She plans major in nursing at Texas Tech University.

Vanessa Renee Moore, daughter of Keith and Dena Moore, was named January Outstanding Senior from Midland High School by UGW. She has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a member of National Honor Society, Texas Scholar, student council, D-FY-IT, Senior Girls, basketball and is editor of the MHS newspaper. She is president of the Central Division Youth Group for Disciples of Christ visiting retirement centers and Lake Brownwood Camp service work.

She plans to attend a four-year university.

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Tamesha R. Smith, daughter of LeRoy and Linda Smith and a student at Lee High School, as been named the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Student of the Month. She is a Texas Scholar, the winner of many solo and ensemble awards, secretary of the orchestra, a member of the LHS symphony orchestra, StrictLEE Stings and involved in church activities.

She plans to attend the University of North Texas, and hopes to become a pediatrician.

Chris Packer, son of Gleno and Hazel Packer and a student at LHS, has also been named the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club Student of the Month. He participates in basketball and church activities, and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

He plans to major in aerospace engineering and technology in college.

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Kyle Kelley, 18, has been selected the Midland West Rotary Club's Student of the Week. The son of Richard and Debbie Kelley, he attends Lee High School. He is student council vice president, a member of National Honor Society, Latin Club, Latin Honor Society, Texas Scholar, Students in Philanthropy, Sunday school student at First Baptist Church, member of PALS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life, volunteer for soup kitchen and Cerebral Palsy Center, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, an academic letterman and on the honor roll for the past four years.

He plans to attend Midland College before finishing his education at a four-year university. He will major in engineering.

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Four Midlanders were among the 482 students who graduated from Texas Christian University in December. They are: **Dawn Marie Davis**, bachelor of arts degree in international communications/ADPR; **Kenneth Scott Horton**, bachelor of business administration in finance; **Angela Ashley Jones**, bachelor of science in advertising/public relations; and **Melody Dawn Seltzer**, bachelor of science in radio/television/film.

Midlander is champion!

Staff Reports

Russell Leak, 14, of Midland, is a young man in a hurry — in more ways that one. Leak is the 1999 winner of the 16 and Under Large Wheel Division of the Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit.

The Enduros are 50- to 75-mile cross-country motorcycle races. These timed events last four to five hours. Nine of these races are in Texas, with one in Oklahoma and another in New Mexico.

He also placed second in the C-Overall and won two overall competitions this season.

Next season Leak will move on his own from the age class to 250-B. He rides a KX250.

Leak, son of Jeff and Tracy Leak of Midland, is a student at Midland Freshman High School. He is a member of the Permian Basin Motorcycle Association and West Texas Motorcross Association.

The TSCEC banquet was Jan. 8. Randy Hawkins, eight-time National Enduro Champion, presented Leak with his award.

Leak's father, Jeff, said his son has had a motorcycle since he was 5 and has been racing since he was 10.

Leak's advice to other young motorcyclists: "Always wear a helmet."

Education Notes

Layne Rouse, Melissa Singh and **Blake Tsuhako**, students and string musicians from Trinity School, have been named to the All-State Orchestra of the Texas Private School Music Educators Association. Musicians from across the state auditioned for the orchestra, which performed in concert Jan. 29 at Trinity University in San Antonio.

Trinity students selected for the freshman All-City Orchestra are **David Case, Charlie Ice, Chad MacDonald, Blake Tsuhako** and **Jeremy Vogel.**

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Permian Basin Graduate Center will offer the following Continuing Education courses:

- Beginning Excel 97: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, $90;
- Beginning Access 2000: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, $90;
- Beginning Word 97: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 14, $90;
- Intermediate Access 97: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 16, $90;
- "How to Communicate Under Pressure: Dealing with Difficult People": 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 16, $95;
- "Creating Your Own Web Page: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 17, $90

To register or for further information, call 683-2832 or visit our website www.pbgc.org.

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Parents of all eighth-graders at Midland Independent School District will have the opportunity to met with counselors at th junior high schools to discuss their children's four-year high school plans.

Meetings have been scheduled for:

- San Jacinto Junior High School: 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the auditorium;
- Goddard Junior High School: 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the cafeteria;
- Alamo Junior High School: 7 p.m. Feb. 10 n the auditorium;
- Abell Junior High School: 7 p.m. Feb. 10 in the library.

Counselors are presenting this information to students in their classes and giving students "The High School Register" to take home to their parents. This newspaper contains information about course offerings and descriptions.

Public schools try 'council' decisions

By Doug Cumming
N.Y. Times News Service

FRANKFORT, Ky. — To see what could be in store at public schools all over Georgia, look at the way teachers and parents sit down together every month in decision-making groups called school councils in almost every school in Kentucky.

From the hollows of Appalachia to cities of the Bluegrass to farmlands on the Mississippi River, these elected councils are changing the old relationships of parents, teachers, principals, superintendents and local school boards.

"It's definitely changed our role from that of manager or supervisor to that of facilitator," said Karen Cheser, a central office administrator in the 12,000-student Kenton County school system, in northern Kentucky.

Kentucky's 1,224 school councils, which typically appoint larger committees to study anything about a school's operation that seems important, control each school's budget with a near autonomy that was backed up by a sweeping Kentucky Supreme Court decision in 1994. District school boards can no longer meddle in hiring or other matters at individual schools, curtailing powers that some say school boards had no business exercising anyway. Others say that many principals and superintendents quietly undermine the councils by controlling who is on them and how much information they get.

Georgia's proposed school councils wouldn't have the power Kentucky councils have. But the purpose is similar — to create more substantive parent and community involvement, according to Gov. Roy Barnes' education reform bill. The bill would require all 180 school boards to set up seven-member councils in every school during the next three years. This is Barnes' answer to critics of his bill who ask, "What about parent accountability?"

EXPERTS TOLD the governor's education reform commission last year that for the state to hold schools accountable for their test scores, it must give them more authority to control how they are run and how teachers teach. Involving parents and teachers in decision-making can lead to stronger policies, they said. Barnes borrowed the idea of school councils from Kentucky, known for having the oldest and strongest system of school councils as part of its bold reform law of 1990.

The impact on student achievement has been hard to measure, said Jim Watts, a school reform expert with the Southern Regional Education Board, a consortium advising Southern governors. But, he said, "Ultimately, reform is the responsibility of school people and the communities that they serve. At some point in time, this stuff has to be embraced by local people."

The basic idea for Georgia's school councils is the same as Kentucky's, with budgets, curriculum and hiring put under the scrutiny of a representative body at the school chaired by the principal. In both versions, councils hire principals from nominations sent by the superintendent or school board. But there are a few differences.

The Georgia bill puts two business representatives alongside two parent representatives, giving the community outside the school the dominant majority. Kentucky's five-member school councils have three teachers, two parents and the principal.

Kentucky parents sometimes complain that they should have more of a voice to balance the three teachers, especially since the teachers can be controlled by the chair, who is also their boss. Others stick with the original thinking behind the teacher majority — teachers are the ones on the front line, under Kentucky's accountability system.

Overwhelmingly, though, the experience in Kentucky is that successful councils work with a consensus that makes the exact representation irrelevant. "When they work on a common goal, they work wonderfully," said Cindy Hinds, a parent who nonetheless lost some bitter fights as a member of the Caywood Elementary School council in Kenton County. But she doesn't blame Kentucky's council policies, which she said work well most of the time; she blamed a lack of leadership at the school.

The key to a successful council, and a successful school in general, is a strong principal, agreed Robert Sexton, director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, a nonprofit Lexington-based school advocacy group that has helped shape much of Kentucky's reforms.

Good principals, these days, know that school improvement can't be commanded from on high, say council advocates. "Decisions are made better if the people doing the work are part of the decision," Sexton said. "Their purpose is to organize the school so that student achievement increases."

Kentucky councils have learned from experience that this means not wasting time arguing about school parking spaces or where to put the soft drink machine. Getting school councils and their committees to focus on student achievement requires that they have student test results and a plan to do something about those results, said Susan Perkins Weston, director of the Kentucky Association of School Councils, which represents just under half the state's councils. Once they have a plan with a time line, they can make decisions about anything from class sizes to staffing without being second-guessed by the district's central office.

Another essential requirement for successful school councils is intensive training, Weston said. Such training not only teaches lay people how to conduct meetings and reach group decisions, but also how to understand school operations and student-achievement data in deep enough ways to connect these two things. Since establishing councils, Kentucky has added a requirement for six hours of training for each new member, and three hours yearly for each re-elected member. Weston said she'd like as much as 15 hours, and a stronger training curriculum.

Weston was dismayed to see the lack of training requirements in Georgia's education reform bill. It gives local school boards the charge of developing the training, although Barnes said he could easily move that responsibility to the state school board. The bill also says nothing about the hours or content of training. If that's all that Georgia's reforms offer on training, Weston said, then Barnes is not serious about school councils. "It's a fraud," she said.

OTHERS IN Kentucky disagree, saying a comprehensive reform bill doesn't have to get everything right at first, as long as it gets everything on the table. "Even if they make mistakes because of a lack of training, I'd rather see that than to miss that opportunity," said Bill Stearns, of the Office of Education Accountability, an arm of the Kentucky Legislature with authority to investigate and prosecute anyone who circumvents the decision-making powers of school councils.

The big question is whether Georgia's councils would have any meaningful decision-making powers at all. Confined by the language of the state constitution, Barnes' bill makes the councils advisory — but with a twist. Every council recommendation stands — in other words, becomes controlling policy — unless the school board overturns it under the public scrutiny of an open meeting.

In effect, this is like having an appeals process for council decisions, something the Kentucky School Boards Association has lobbied for, said association head David Keller. "If our boards had that kind of safety hatch, I think there would be a lot less concern about what happens if the council makes bad decisions," he said.

Without the power to make real decisions, say council supporters, Kentucky would not have some 3,700 teachers and 2,500 parents sitting through exhausting meetings in school libraries without pay — and that's not counting the thousands more who do the grunt work in committees.

"They know they have the authority, and it's not going to be advisory, and it's going to do things for children," said Charles Edwards, who oversees school-based decision-making for the Kentucky Department of Education.

Barnes' aides say that giving school councils the power and flexibility they need will have to happen gradually, as they prove themselves to school boards. To start out, Barnes sees school councils as setting the pattern for achievement. "They will be a drum major for change, created in every school," he said.

Trinity School's junior high honor roll is named

The following students were named to the honor roll at Trinity School:

- Sixth grade: **Tyler Babb, Alex Bell, Alexandra Bray, Chris Burns, Courtney Chancellor, Michael Christensen, Chris Compton, Emily Corwin, Carrie Gates, Hannah Gelbs, Carter Goree, Marshall Hughes, Heather Hyatt, Travis Ice, Cade Kauffman, Whitney MacDonald, Chandler Mallams, Lauryn May, Claire McLaughlin, Emily Newman, Michael Party, Sarika Patel, Garrick Patterson, Rebecca Patterson, Ryan Phillips, Matthew Roam, Anthony Sam, Malone Sams, Kristin Schmidt, Holly Seegers, Alyssa Smith, John Speight, Trent Stout, Jane Sullivan, Micki Tabb, Ellen Vasilache** and **Blakely Winstead.**
- Seventh grade: **Blake Anderson, Sarah Britt, Sonia Burns, Katherine Corwin, Parker Crouch, Lindsey Duke, Tarabeth Echols, Guy Ellis, Callie Feagan, Pamela Floyd, Kalin Harvard, Allyse Hillman, Hutton Hinson, Robert Horton, Sally Ann Martinez, Owen McCabe, Mary McLaughlin, Erin Nelson, Stephanie Nhoy, Matt Norwood, Chhaya Patel, Jordan Person, Aaron Powell, Sawyer Powers, Andrew Price, Katie Rogers, Taylor Rutter, Erin Torres, Jordan Torres, Erik Ulvestad, Alexandra Valle, Candace Williams** and **Wright Wommack.**
- Eighth grade: **K.C. Beal, Cynthia Brezina, Jill Chandler, Kent Christensen, Addie Donnell, Colby Frerich, David Gilles, Melissa Hartman, Luke Hawkins, Andrew Kent, Megan McKenna, Emily McMillan, Vikas Nath, Kevin Nhoy, Lauren Party, Julianne Philpy, Camille Robinson, Juliette Sam, Casey Sipes, Noble Starnes, Matt Sullivan, Cameron Tsuhako, Gina Vogel, Amy Wilkinson, Lauren Wilson** and **Whitney Wynne.**

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U.S. sweeps singles, advances in Davis Cup

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press Writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe — John McEnroe ran to embrace Chris Woodruff, silencing the pounding drums in the stands. There were tears in McEnroe's eyes, his first test as Davis Cup captain complete.

"I've aged like five years in a week," McEnroe said.

But in his flight home out of Africa, an exhausted and wiser McEnroe leaves a winner. With Woodruff and Andre Agassi delivering two gritty victories, the Americans beat Zimbabwe 3-2 Sunday to advance to the second round.

The United States entered the final day trailing 2-1. First, a weakened Andre Agassi — so sick from the altitude and humidity he vomited on the court — defeated Byron Black 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (4) to even the matches.

Then it was left to Woodruff, a Davis Cup rookie who was stiff and shaken in his opening loss Friday. This time, Woodruff held up under immense pressure, beating the other Black brother, Wayne Black, 6-3, 6-7 (2) 6-2, 6-4.

After his 15th ace ended the match, Woodruff flung his racket in the air — hugged by McEnroe, mobbed by teammates. The 4,000 cheering, drum-pounding Zimbabwean fans suddenly turned quiet, the prospect of their great upset gone.

The Americans will be on more familiar turf for the next round, playing at home against the Czech Republic in April.

On Sunday, McEnroe seemed far more jittery than he ever was during his magnificent career as a Davis Cup player He popped out of his chair to argue line calls.

At one point, just like old times, he received a warning for foul language. Wayne Back called McEnroe's behavior "disgraceful."

"Hopefully, that will be the last one," McEnroe said of the warning. "But don't bet your life savings on it."

Agassi watched the end of the second match on TV from his hotel, where he was recovering.

"I'm so proud of the team and the way they left their hearts on the court," he said.

Only three other times had a U.S. Davis Cup team rallied to win from a 2-1 deficit. The previous time was in 1981 against Mexico, when McEnroe was on a team coached by Arthur Ashe.

The Americans, in their first Davis Cup matches in Africa, faced a rough road on Sunday after Alex O'Brien and Rick Leach lost the doubles in five sets to Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett. That left the Zimbabweans one victory shy of prevailing in a confrontation Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe likened to "dwarfs against the giants."

The United States had Agassi in the opening singles, and no one in the world is playing better tennis at the moment. But while that victory seemed secure, Woodruff remained the big question mark.

Woodruff, ranked 37th in the world, was coming off a strong Australian Open in which he lost to Pete Sampras in the quarterfinals. Only now the stakes were higher — he was playing for his country, with McEnroe stalking the sideline.

But even that one sure thing — Agassi's victory on Sunday — did not come easily.

Cramped and dehydrated, he vomited into a box behind a line judge's spot. After his victory, he left without his trademark bows to the crowd.

But for all his debilitated state, Agassi was still able to apply his powerful ground strokes in sweeping Zimbabwe's top-ranked player.

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Will grass grow for Houston?

HOUSTON (AP) — The effort to grow grass indoors didn't turn out too well at Houston's last ballpark.

The Astrodome sported the real stuff in its first season, 1965. But the grass died, and scientists came out the following year with a space-age replacement called Astroturf.

The Astros will try again on Monday. The organization will start putting in the same type of Bermuda grass — 419 Tifway — at Enron Field that they tried in the Dome.

"We certainly hope we have learned a lot in these last 35 years," team owner Drayton McLane Jr. told the Houston Chronicle.

The new Enron Field is a retro-style retractable roof park that is set to open March 30. Scientists are promising that, this time, in this facility, the grass will grow.

Only two baseball stadiums, Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix and Safeco Field in Seattle, have tried growing grass beneath a roof that opens only part time.

The ballpark in Arizona, which opened in 1998, has had serious problems. Three kinds of grass have been tried after the turf wore out too quickly or required more sunlight. The Seattle stadium opened for the second half of the 1999 season and its turf has adapted well, Mariners officials said.

Even with new technology, there are no guarantees. One agronomist has speculated that the Houston field will have to be resodded a couple of times a year. But even at a cost of about $130,000 each time, Astros officials said the return to grass would be worth it.

"Baseball was meant to be played outdoors," McLane said. "And it was meant to be played on natural grass."

It will take 10,000 square yards of Bermuda grass to fill the stadium.

The plush, close-cropped turf was chosen because it holds up well to heavy athletic use and recovers quickly from cleat marks and other types of damage, said Arthur Milberger, whose father founded Milberger Turfgrass in 1948. It will take two or three days for about 60 semi-trucks to haul the 42-inch-wide rolls of sod downtown and for Milberger's people to lay the turf.

Computer modeling by the ballpark's architects, Kansas City, Mo.-based Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, suggested that four or five hours a day would be enough daylight to maintain healthy grass, said the firm's Enron Field project manager,

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MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Midland College's Shekinah Brazzle (right) battles Howard College's Ashanti Nix for a loose ball in the first meeting between the two teams this season at Chaparral Center, which Howard won 67-64. The Lady Chaps travel to Big Spring tonight for a rematch in what should be a huge game.

MC vs. Howard: Two big contests looming tonight

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

BIG SPRING — There's nothing really unusual about tonight's games between the Midland College and Howard College basketball teams at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Once again, the stakes are high, the tensions are taken up a notch and, oh by the way, tonight's games may go a long way in determining the Western Junior College Athletic Conference champion in both the men and the women.

So when you really look at it, it's just another Midland College-Howard College matchup. Should we expect anything less?

The action gets underway at 6 p.m. when the Lady Chaparrals battle the Lady Hawks and then it caps off with the No. 18 MC men facing the Hawks at 8 p.m.

When Howard and Midland faced off at Chaparral Center on Jan. 13, the Lady Hawks walked away with a surprising 67-64 win over then 19th-ranked Midland College. In the nightcap, the Midland College men evened things out with a 66-63 victory over the Hawks.

It all equaled out to two nail-biters, four good teams and one goal in mind for each team — win the conference championship.

Midland College women's coach Ron Jones doesn't see tonight's game against the Lady Hawks to differ from games of the past.

"It's very similar to every game we've had over there since we've had a program. It's going to have a lot to say on who wins conference," said Jones, who is 1-4 against Howard in Big Spring. The only win at Howard came last season as the Lady Chaps triumphed, 74-69.

Howard's first-year coach Ron Mayberry is new to the Howard-Midland College battles but is well aware of the

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Weather Watcher

■ Woods wishing for foul conditions at Pebble with Gogel and Brooks tied for lead.

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Wearing tennis shoes instead of spikes, Tiger Woods spent 20 minutes on the practice green after the third round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, the putts bumping along and missing the cup like they had done all day.

Chances of his sixth straight PGA Tour victory might depend more on the clouds that gathered over the Monterey Peninsula late Sunday afternoon.

Nasty weather that makes the old Bing Crosby Clambake the most unpredictable event on tour could be Woods' best hope to leap past five players and catch up to Matt Gogel and Mark Brooks, the 54-hole leaders. Another postcard day like Sunday, and Woods has his work cut out for him.

"If it's ugly out there, then I'm in great shape," he said after a 4-under 68 that could have been a lot worse if not for a great escape from the edge of a cliff. "But if it's calm, then it's going to be a tough task to make that many birdies to catch them."

On another bizarre day at Pebble Beach — a weather delay under gorgeous sunshine because of fog on another course — Gogel made birdies from all the wrong places for a 5-under 67 that gave him a share of the lead at 12-under 204. It will be the second time in three weeks that Gogel, the career leader in Nike Tour victories but a rookie on the PGA Tour, will be in the final group.

For Brooks, it's his best chance to win since the PGA Championship in 1996. Brooks had a 6-under 66 at Poppy Hills, the easiest of the three courses.

Vijay Singh was another stroke back after an even-par 72 at Spyglass Hill, where his round was suspended for 1 1/2 hours because of fog. Woods, trying to become the first player since Ben Hogan in 1948 to win six consecutive PGA Tour events, was at 209, five strokes out of the lead.

His largest final-round comeback on the PGA Tour is four strokes — Las Vegas in 1996 and the Mercedes Championship in 1997, both won in playoffs. His greatest comeback ever was eight strokes against Ernie Els in the 1998 Johnnie Walker Classic in Thailand, also won in a playoff.

During his five-tournament winning streak, he has been no worse than one stroke behind going into the final round,

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Oh brother! Bures lead World squad to victory

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer

TORONTO — Three goals, two brothers, one special moment in an NHL All-Star game that, for a change, was something more than an unexciting shootout.

Pavel Bure scored three goals, two set up by little brother Valeri, and goaltender Olaf Kolzig played a rare shutout period as the World team turned the 50th All-Star game into an uncommon rout, dominating North America 9-4 on Sunday.

"That's why I got MVP, he set me up a lot," Pavel Bure said, nudging his little brother.

The Bure brothers nearly connected for another goal in a four-goal World third period, but Valeri disobeyed big brother's instructions by passing up an open shot to try to feed Pavel again.

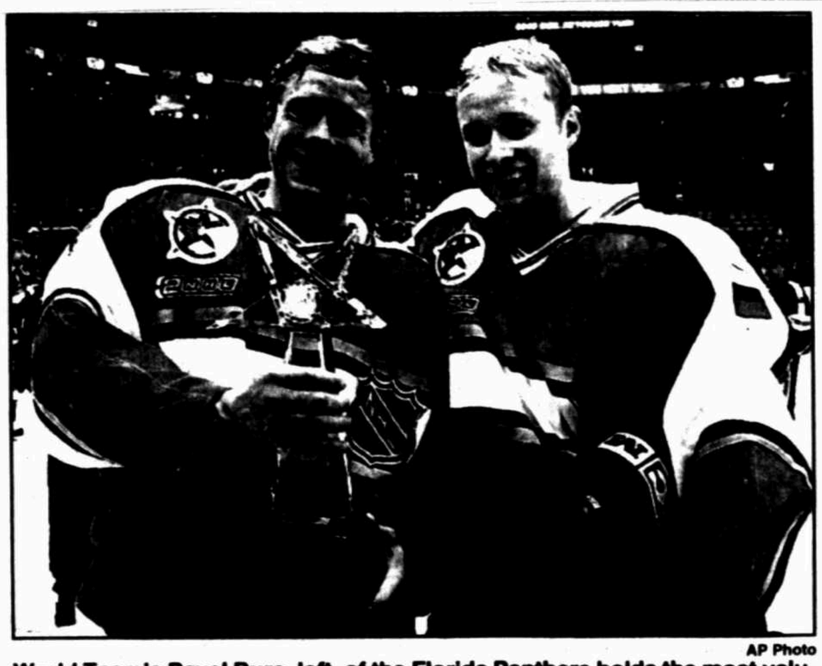
"Younger brother never listens to older brother, you know how that is," said Valeri, who plays for Calgary and insists he would take less pay to play alongside Pavel in Florida. "I thought it would be even better if he got a fourth goal."

Except for the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, the Bures have not played together since their days with the once-famous Red Army team. Valeri joined the Russian team at age 16, when Pavel already was a star.

Bure's hat trick was the 11th in All-Star history, but the fourth in four years in a game that has increasingly emphasized offense, with an average of 16 goals scored over the last 10 years. That's what made Kolzig's shutout third period so unusual, as he faced only eight shots and stopped them all as the World stretched a 5-4 lead at the start of the period.

"We got some great goaltending," said World coach Scotty Bowman, who coached in an All-Star game for an unprecedented fifth decade. "He (Kolzig) made some tough saves and really distinguished himself out there."

Pavol Demitra of St. Louis scored his second goal and Miroslav Satan of Buffalo and Radek Bonk of Ottawa also scored in the third period against Mike Richter, the only goaltender to not allow a goal in Saturday night's skills competition. The five-goal decision followed close victories by North America, 8-6 in 1999 and 8-7 in 1988, in the first two All-Star games played under the present format.



AP Photo

World Team's Pavel Bure, left, of the Florida Panthers holds the most valuable player trophy as brother Valeri Bure of the Calgary Flames looks on after the 50th NHL All-Star game at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto.

In a game where defense is an afterthought and hitting is totally forgotten as players are as concerned with preventing injuries as they are scoring goals, hometown goaltender Curtis Joseph of the Maple Leafs made 20 saves in a busy first period, yet still trailed 3-2. With icings waved off and the play constantly flowing from end-to-end with no checking or face-offs to interfere, it took only 11 minutes to play the first nine minutes of clock time — an unheard of pace for a regular-season game.

The first and only penalty wasn't assessed until 5:51 of the third period, when Colorado's Sandis Ozolinsh of the World team was called for hooking.

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Moss shines as NFC wins in Pro Bowl

By Ben DiPietro
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Randy Moss came up big against the AFC's best defensive backs.

The Minnesota receiver set records with nine catches for 212 yards, and Mike Alstott scored three touchdowns in the NFC's 51-31 victory Sunday in the highest-scoring Pro Bowl ever.

"We had a lot of fun," said Moss, selected the MVP. "With Alstott rumbling through there, we did some good things. I'm not really into individual awards and things like that, but I guess I'll take them when they come."

The 6-foot-4 Vikings star used his height advantage to outleap the AFC defensive backs, particularly 5-11 Sam Madison of Miami and 6-foot James Hasty of Kansas City.

"He's one of the best," Madison said. "They put him in a situation to make plays, and that's what he did."

Moss' last catch was a 25-yard TD reception from Carolina's Steve Beuerlein with 1:05

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MC: Both games with Hawks look huge

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importance of tonight's game.

"It's a big game. There's no question," Mayberry said. "It's a huge game for both of us. I expect both teams to give it their all. It's going to be very emotional."

Going back to the first meeting, the Lady Chaps (19-5 overall, 7-1 in the WJCAC) held onto a lead for much of the game. MC even had as much as an 11-point lead midway through the second half.

But then late in the game, the Lady Hawks made their move, taking advantage of Lady Chap turnovers and missed opportunities to comeback and steal one at the Chap.

"We were just lucky to win," said Mayberry about the first meeting. "We didn't deserve to win more than the man on the moon. They outplayed us for 39 minutes. We just snuck up on them at the end. I felt real fortunate for my team to get out of there with a win."

As Jones reflected back to that first meeting, he looks at the missed opportunities that came back to haunt his team in the end.

"We had several opportunities to stretch our lead in the second half," Jones said. "Had we done some things better in the second half we would've won the game. Instead, we missed some easy shots, had turnovers and let it slip away.

"I don't feel like we dominated in that game at all. We felt like we had outplayed them for several minutes but in no way did we dominate them. Howard is good enough, however, that if you don't play hard enough they'll come back and beat you. And that's what they did."

Howard (18-5 overall, 6-1 in the WJCAC) comes in as a well-balanced team which doesn't rely on any particular player to score. The Lady Hawks are about nine players deep and anyone from 5-foot-6 guard Tashean Thomas to 5-11 forward Grace Gantt to 5-11 sophomore forward Yolanda Grant can be a threat.

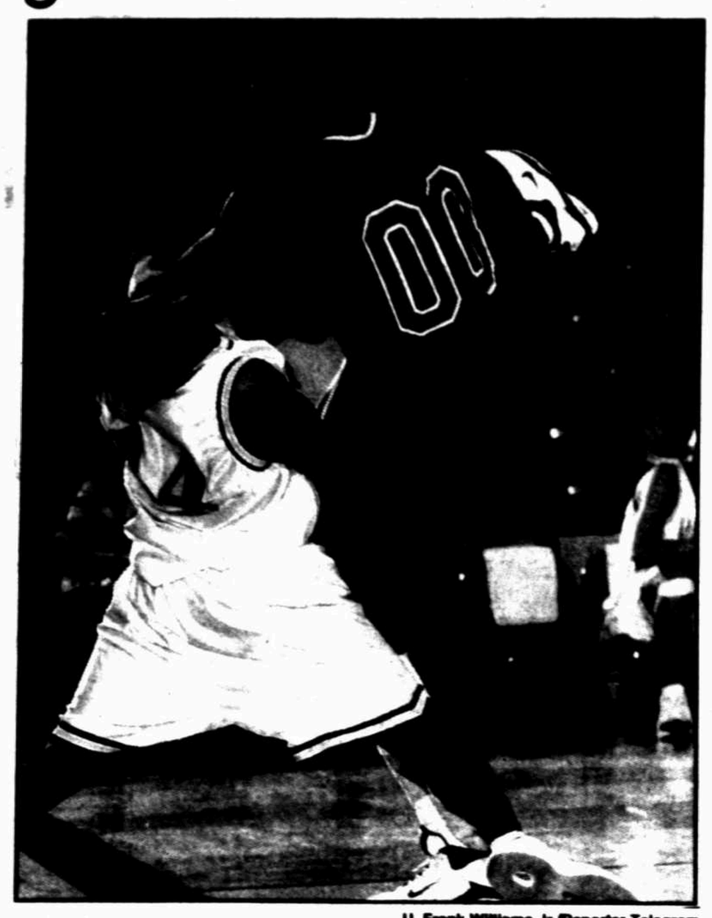
"I think they're guard play is pretty good, they're quick and shoot the ball well from outside," said Joness. "They're not real big inside but they're very active inside. They've got two six-footers who rebound the ball well and are very active around the basket."

Mayberry doesn't see a weakness in Midland College.

"I said before that I thought Midland was two notches above everybody else in conference," said Mayberry, whose team's only blemish in conference was a 66-58 loss to Odessa College last month. "I think we gained at least one notch. (The Lady Chaps) do everything well. They play good defense, they shoot the ball well and they rebound. We just have to play as good as we possibly can to beat them."

If there was one question Jones had about his Lady Chaps at this point of the season is the consistency.

"At times we've been a very good team but the only difference from where we were at this time last year is that we haven't been as consistent," Jones said. "I'm not concerned about it. Our main goal is to make the playoffs. We very much want to win the conference championship but at the same time one of our goals is to get out of regional. I would like to see this team get consistent so when we get to the regional tournament, we play well, hopefully, for three days in a row."



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Midland College's Armon Tillman (left) takes an elbow from Howard College's Derick Franklin in a game earlier this season which the Chaps won 66-63.

When it's all said and done, tonight's game may just come down to who wants it more. Jones said in the first meeting the Lady Hawks wanted it more.

"We have to be ready for this game," said sophomore post Fatime Ndiaye, who led the Lady Chaps with 19 points in the first game against Howard. "We just have to play harder than them and concentrate on the game."

LADY CHAP NOTES: Freshman forward Loren Mostacilla is questionable for tonight's game. Mostacilla suffered a back injury in Thursday's 75-48 win over Frank Phillips. Mostacilla was taken to the hospital and released the same night. Jones said she was suffering from muscle spasms and numbness in her body. Mostacilla has been kept out of practice because of back soreness. She was going to try and practice late Sunday afternoon... Sophomore guard Nicole Villarreal has been dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons, Jones said Sunday. The sophomore from Tatum was averaging 4.4 points, 1.9 assists and 1.4 rebounds per contest.

No. 18 Chaps ready to battle the Hawks

Midland College's first-year head men's basketball coach Junsie Cotten has been feeling pretty good latley about his No. 18 Chaparrals. And why not?

The Chaps, who are 21-3 overall and 8-0 in the WJCAC, are on a 13-game winning streak, have beaten their last three opponents by an average of 30 points and most importantly for Cotten, they have practiced hard all week which can only translate into the Chaps being ready for their biggest game to date.

"Usually when we practice well we tend to play well," Cotten said. "The guys are focused. They know the task at hand. I expect a battle (today)."

The last time Midland and Howard faced off, the Chaps escaped with a hard-fought win at Chaparral Center. It should be as every bit as intense tonight when they meet for the rematch of the WJCAC heavyweights.

In the first meeting both teams were like boxers in the ring, feeling each other out and sometimes even missing on some key blows. But it was Midland which took advantage of Howard turnovers and delivered the knockout punch with key baskets and two big free throws by Alvin Brooks.

"We just made a lot of shots," said Cotten about the first meeting. "I don't think we played particularly well on the defensive end. In this game, we want to defend them, out-rebound them as well as make shots. If we do those things, we give ourselves a great chance to win on the road."

Howard's seventh-year coach Tommy Collins expects the same ol', same ol' in this rematch bout. He said the difference in the first meeting was that his team failed to execute on offense, while the Chaps did everything right on defense.

That's been the Hawks' story in the games they've lost.

"We're slowly improving in practice but I've yet to see it in a game," said Collins about his team's lack of offensive execution at times. "We still have a good team but not certainly playing all that great on offense."

The main thing that concerns Cotten about the Hawks (14-8 overall and 6-1 in the WJCAC) is their defensive play.

"Their intensity on defense is a factor," said Cotten about the Hawks. "They like to grab and hold. If we can take care of the basketball, defend and rebound and get some easy baskets in transition, I like our chances."

Collins said his team needs this game to stay in the thick of the WJCAC race.

"If we're going to have any part in (the conference championship), this is the game we need to win," Collins said. "We have to do a better job of containing (Eugene) Costello and have to do a better job of stopping dribble penetration and, of course, defend and rebound. Our offense is a bonus. When we go into a game, we plan on winning with defense."

Chap sophomore guard Teohn Conner said his team should be the aggressor to counter the Hawks aggressiveness on defense.

"We've got to be the attacker," Conner said. "Get into them before they get into us. We can't go in there afraid. It's the last go-round for the sophomores so it's all or nothing."

The Chaps have played well in Big Spring but this game might very well determine the conference championship so the stakes are certainly raised.

"It definitely won't be an easy place to play," Cotten said. "It's a big game for us but as a coach you don't want to look too far ahead. We just want to play one game at a time. We feel that if we can do the little things, like defending and rebounding, then a win would separate us from the rest of the conference."

The Chaps know the importance of this game.

"This is going to determine if we win the conference title outright. No ties, nothing," said Costello, who had 23 points against the Hawks in the first game.

The Chaps may be already starting to separate themselves from the rest of the WJCAC with the way they've been coming together as a team. Cotten said his team is gelling and that is important for this time of year.

"This is the time when chemistry should be good," Cotten said. "We want to be playing our best ball in February and March and I think we're striving toward that goal."

What may also be a key in tonight's game is the experience factor of five Chaparral sophomores, who have played at Dorothy Garrett before.

"We know how it is to play over there," Costello said. "They're going to try to take us out in the first five minutes of the game. Once we overcome the first five minutes, we'll play our style of basketball."

STATISTICS

Midland College Women

Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	Pts	Avg
Fatime Ndiaye	24	170	106	69	409	17.0
Julie Rampley	24	107	46	30	286	11.9
x-Nana Lobela	9	33	41	23	89	9.9
Chanovia Rhodes	24	78	105	72	228	9.5
Shekinah Brazzle	24	68	70	49	202	8.4
Loren Mostacilla	24	74	92	46	194	8.1
Kanedria Wilson	24	61	47	34	173	7.2
Heidi Lange	22	51	27	15	149	6.8
Nikki Maloney	23	40	44	32	118	5.1
x-Nicole Villarreal	20	30	8	1	89	4.7
Mia Battle	20	38	22	13	92	4.6
Tynesha Gregory	21	14	4	4	37	1.8
Jennifer Roemisch	13	5	3	2	14	1.1
Mishka Bailey	14	5	8	3	13	0.9
Totals	**24**	**774**	**622**	**393**	**2093**	**87.2**

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3-point goals: Rampley 42, Lange 32, Villarreal 28, Wilson 17, Brazzle 17, Maloney 6, Gregory 5, Battle 3, Roemisch 2.

STATISTICS

Midland College Men

Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	Pts	Avg
Eugene Costello	24	176	202	162	580	24.2
Teohn Conner	24	106	37	26	273	11.4
Ricky Duff	24	107	67	39	254	10.6
Alvin Brooks	24	73	46	29	218	9.1
Armon Tillman	24	67	37	22	166	6.9
Quannas White	24	35	38	27	105	4.4
Jason Williams	14	29	20	13	71	5.1
Jerome Beasley	22	44	11	7	95	4.3
Armon Whitaker	24	22	44	33	83	3.5
Macklin Thornton	15	19	17	7	48	3.2
Adrian Martin	24	24	47	17	65	2.7
Jermaine Allen	5	2	4	3	9	1.8
C.J. Young	18	5	17	8	18	1.0
Totals	**24**	**709**	**587**	**393**	**1985**	**82.7**

3-point goals: Costello 66, Brooks 43, Conner 34, Tillman 10, White 8, Whitaker 6, Thornton 3, Allen 2, Duff 1.

LOCAL SPORTS

Refner aces at Hogan

Jerry Refner had a hole-in-one at the No. 17 hole at Hogan Park Golf Course. Refner used a 6-iron for the 155-yard shot. Witnesses were Gaila and Philip Phillips, Ed Burrows and Terry Gilmore.

Sandstormer results

Seven gymnasts from Midland College Sandstormers Gymnastics competed in Odessa over the weekend at the Harold Green Invitational. The Sandstormers 7-9 year-old team took third place and the 12-14 year-old team took second place. Following are the individual results and placements:

Age 7-9: Alex Bell — vault 7.1; bars 6.3 (6th); beam 5.5; floor 6.0; all-around 24.9. Allison Reeves — vault 7.1; bars 6.8 (2nd); beam 7.0 (3rd), floor 6.1, all-around 26.9 (3rd).

Age 10-11: Lauren White — vault 7.8; bars 6.4 (6th); beam 7.2 (5th); floor 6.5 (5th); all-around 28.9 (5th).

Age 12-14: Alyssa Barker — vault 7.4; bars 7.4 (1st); beam 8.3 (1st); floor 8.0 (2nd); all-around 31.1 (2nd). Rachel Ochs — vault 8.0 (4th); bars 7.3 (2nd); beam 6.5; floor 7.2 (6th); all-around 29.0 (5th). Julia Rybicki — vault 7.8 (5th); bars 6.3; beam 8.0 (2nd); floor 7.7 (4th); all-around 29.8 (3rd).

Age 15-18: Lauren Luskey — vault 8.9; bars 7.0; beam 8.2; floor 8.2; all-around 32.3.

Champion coach will speak

Mel Tjeerdsma, Northwest Missouri State University head football coach and 1999 NCAA Division II GTE Coach of the Year, will be the featured speaker on Feb. 19 at the Second Annual FCA Breakfast of Champions.

The breakfast will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Midland First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and is open to all persons who have a ticket. In conjunction with the breakfast there will be a silent and live auction of mostly sports collectibles with the doors opening at 7:45 a.m. for bids to begin on silent auction items.

Anyone interested in attending the breakfast can call Jim Cooke at 689-3935.

Tennis tourney results

Here are the final day's results from the USTA Midland NW ZAT Tennis Tournament held this weekend. There were 478 entries from all over the state.

Girls 18

Singles semifinals: Stephanie Haynes, Abilene def. Kristen Culotta (1), Abilene 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Shelly Garcia, Abilene def. Kim Jones, Eldorado 6-3, 6-2. **Singles finals:** Haynes def. Garcia 7-6, 6-1. **Consolation finals:** Jennifer Yirak, Canyon def. Jessica Escue, San Angelo 6-3, 6-0.

Boys 18

Singles A semifinals: Chris Davenport, Abilene def. John Kritser (2), Amarillo 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Zach Smiley, Big Spring def. Nathan Milner, Borger 6-2, 6-3. **Finals:** Davenport def. Smiley 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. **Consolation finals:** Adam Johanson, Weatherford def. Tyler Schoen, Denton 6-3, 6-2.

Singles B semifinals: David Frush, Abilene def. Michael Copenhaver, Fort Worth 6-1, 6-4; Jimmy Ovelgonne (2), Southlake def. Reed Stafford, Abilenem 6-2, 6-4. **Finals:** Ovelgonne (2) def. Frush 6-1, 6-7, 6-3. **Consolation finals:** Landon Frerich (3), Arlington def. J.C. Mojica, Lubbock 6-2, 6-0.

Boys 12

Singles A semifinals: Brett Rodgers (1), Midland def. Zach Nichols, Amarillo 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; Robert Shields, Keller def. Ford Edwards (2), Fort Worth 6-3, 6-0. **Finals:** Shields def. Rodgers 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. **Consolation finals:** Jack Hineman, Grapevine def. Samuel Miers, Abilene 6-0, 6-3.

Singles B semifinals: Kramer Schlaudt (6), San Angelo def. Charlie Dunn, Southlake 6-2, 6-4; A.J. Ferguson (2), Midland def. Jonathan Sarmini, Arlington 6-3, 6-1. **Finals:** Schlaudt def. Ferguson 6-0, 6-0. **Consolation finals:** Michael Sullivan, Abilene def. Josh King, Weatherford 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Boys 14

Singles A semifinals: Kyle Czirr (4), Midland def. Matthew Acre (1), Abilene 6-4, 6-3; Jay Wofford, Lubbock def. Seth Teeters, Lubbock 6-4, 6-2. **Singles A finals:** Czirr def. Wofford 6-2, 6-1. **Consolation A finals:** Mitch Bilberry, Abilene def. Alex Samuelson, Wichita Falls 6-3, 7-5.

Singles B semifinals: Wright Wommack (1), Midland def. Clayton Cotton, Wichita Falls 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; Price Corbin, Amarillo def. Andy Castle, Midland 6-0, 6-4. **Finals:** Corbin def. Wommack 1-6, 6-4, 6-0. **Consolation finals:** Zach Lueth, Fort Worth def. Justin Barburo, Fort Worth 7-6 (9), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (2).

Singles C semifinals: Christopher Ramsay, Abilene def. Horacio de Paz, Snyder 6-3, 6-3; Blake Gipson, Odessa def. Steven Happel, Mansfield 6-4, 6-3. **Finals:** Ramsay def. Gipson 6-0, 6-3. **Consolation finals:** Caleb Myers (3), Fort Worth def. Aaron Howard, Odessa 6-3, 7-5.

Boys 16

Singles A semifinals: A.J. Smith (1), Pampa def. Daniel Michael, Mansfield 6-4, 6-0; Jaime Rivera, Midland def. Jason Billing, Lubbock 7-5, 6-3. **Finals:** Smith def. Rivera 6-4, 6-1. **Consolation finals:** Nathan Anz, Lubbock def. Justin Oostveen (3), San Angelo 6-7, 6-0, 7-5.

Singles B semifinals: Jonathan Webb, Midland def. Reid Levrets, Abilene 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; Jared King (2), Wichita Falls def. Chris Kiser, Odessa 7-5, 7-6 (5). **Finals:** Webb def. King 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. **Consolation finals:** Jordan Poff, Lubbock def. Brent McKinley, Odessa 6-1, 6-2.

Singles C semifinals: Alex Pate (1), Hurst def. Craigen Nes, Lubbock, 6-1, 6-2; Chase Ware, Arlington def Abe Clark, Arlington 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. **Finals:** Ware def. Pate 6-2, 6-4. **Consolation finals:** David Thacker, Pampa def. Clayton Smith, Abilene 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Singles D semifinals: Ben Richmond, Midland def. David Stewart, Amarillo 6-1, 6-2; Anthony Kent (3), Midland def. Curtis Oakley, Abilene 7-6, 6-0. **Finals:** Richmond def. Kent 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. **Consolation finals:** John Berry, San Angelo def. John Eichelberger (4), Lubbock 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

Girls 12

Singles A semifinals: Sarah Barash, Fort Worth def. Janell Hetherington, Wichita Falls 6-2, 6-3; Kara Scott (2), Abilene def. Berkley Peeples, Canyon 6-3, 6-2. **Finals:** Barash def. Scott 7-6, 2-6, 6-4. **Consolation finals:** Nichole Williams, Abilene def. Kaka Adams, Lubbock 7-6, 7-6.

Singles B semifinals: Jaclyn Walker (1), Abilene def. Taylor Garbacz (4), Wichita Falls 6-2, 6-0; Claire Logan, Midland def. Hillary Porter (3), Amarillo 6-2, 6-0. **Finals:** Walker def. Logan 7-5, 6-4. **Consolation finals:** Soundariya Satyavada, Midland def. Kristen Hall, Abilene 6-4, 6-1.

Girls 14

Singles A semifinals: Ashley Stallings (1), Lubbock def. Jennifer Jerez, Abilene 6-0, 7-5; Hazel Dela Torre, Abilene def. Courtney Waxler, Abilene 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. **Finals:** Stallings def. Dela Torre 7-6, 6-3. **Consolation finals:** Hillary Hearn (3), Abilene def. Carrie Hubbard, Midland 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Singles B semifinals: Sadie McClarty, Abilene def. Katie Benton, Midland 0-6, 7-5, 6-4; Brittany Abel, Abilene def. Jessica Cox (2), Wichita Falls 7-6, 7-5. **Finals:** Abel def. McClarty 7-6, 4-6, 6-3. **Consolation finals:** Laci Lawrence, Andrews def. Blair Hunter, Odessa 6-4, 6-4.

Singles C semifinals: Kaylee Nuckolls (1), Mansfield def. Rachel Anderson (4), Abilene 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; Mary Ellen Vales (2), Southlake def. Alex Langford, Odessa 7-6, 6-1. **Finals:** Nuckolls def. Vales 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. **Consolation finals:** Christy Gatzki, Monahans def. Lorrie Massie, Abilene 6-3, 6-1.

Girls 16

Singles A semifinals: Candice Vermeulen, Southlake def. Sarah Byrd, Abilene 6-1, 6-2; Megan Boyd, Midland def. Darla Leach, Wichita Falls 6-1, 6-2. **Finals:** Vermeulen def. Boyd 6-1, 7-5. **Consolation finals:** Jenea Pickering, Lubbock def. Kristen Morton, San Angelo 6-4, 7-6.

Singles B semifinals: Kellye O' Connor, Wichita Falls def. Virginia Fraser (3), Southlake 7-6, 6-3; Kelsey Gist, Southlake def. Kristen Buenning 7-5, 7-5. **Finals:** Gist def. O'Connor 6-0, 6-3. **Consolation Finals:** Amy Kapich, Southlake def. Ann McClarty, Abilene 7-6, 6-2.

Singles C semifinals: Marti Eidson, Weatherford def. Emily Buck (3), Midland 6-1, 6-3; Jenafer Parramore, Buffalo Gap def. Pare' Radillo, Abilene 2-6, 6-1, 6-2. **Finals:** Eidson def. Parramore 6-2, 6-1. **Consolation finals:** Chelsea Cartwright, Plainview def. Neely Jones, Lubbock 7-6, 7-6.

GRASS: Astros want to put real stuff under roof

(From 1C)

Mike Donovan.

Astros head groundskeeper Luke Jenkins said the field will get at least that much. The roof is expected to remain open during games played through early June. After that, it will likely close two or three hours before game time, which normally is 7:05 p.m.

Most of those nights, McLane said, the team hopes to reopen the roof after the sun has set. However, no one really knows how early the roof will have to be closed to cool the stadium for fans on game day.

"A lot of unknowns remain," Jenkins said.

McLane said his long-standing desire for a grass field stems from requests by players, desire for more realistic game play and a more aesthetic, traditional baseball experience.

Baseball broadcaster Jon Miller predicts that the change will be a hit with Houston fans.

"It's an outdoor game that's meant to be played on grass," said Miller, who appears on ESPN's Sunday night baseball telecasts and authored "Confessions of a Baseball Purist."

"Grass is at the essence of how the game's played," he said. "Not to mention it's a thousand times more beautiful than Astroturf."

STARS: Gretzky's 99 retired permanently

(From 1C)

St. Louis goaltender Roman Turek, initially left off the World team despite owning better statistics than Tommy Salo of Edmonton or Kolzig of Washington, started for the injured Dominik Hasek of Buffalo and was outstanding despite yielding goals to Joe Sakic and Jeremy Roenick. Turek stopped breakaways by Whitney and Owen Nolan, giving his World teammates time to open a 2-0 lead on goals by Demitra at 3:12 and NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr of Pittsburgh at 10:50.

"A lot of action, a lot of shots," Turek said of the almost nonstop up-and-down flow. "I think it's more like European hockey."

Jagr and Pavel Bure were part of the Legends on Ice film clip that opened the ABC-TV telecast and drew extended cheers inside the Air Canada Centre. The short film depicted Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux and Gordie Howe trekking to a frozen pond for a pickup game, only to stumble upon Jagr, Eric Lindros, Paul Kariya and Pavel Bure already playing.

The legends yield the ice to the younger generation, a symbolic passing of the torch that followed Lemieux's retirement in 1997 and Gretzky's last year.

Pavel Bure saw the clip, and said, "It wasn't just a commercial, it was something bigger. It's like history, it's like changing generations. It meant a lot to me."

Bure smiled as he talked about standing on the pond for two hours to film the clip.

"We used to play on a pond, too, in Russia," Pavel Bure said. "Sometimes, my brother and I would skip school, stay home and play hockey."

Gretzky, who retired last year, was missing from the All-Star lineup for the first time in 19 years. But he drew an extended ovation when his No. 99 was officially retired for every NHL team during a pregame ceremony.

Unlike the other major all-star games, the NHL format sometimes puts regular-season teammates on opposing teams. That's how Toronto's Dimitri Yushkevich beat Joseph, his Toronto teammate, on the goal that put the World ahead 3-1 at 14:35.

Pavel Bure's first two goals, in a span of 8:05 at the start of the second period, came against goaltender Martin Brodeur of New Jersey and put the World ahead 5-2. But the North America team closed again to within one goal, at 5-4, as Tony Amonte of Chicago scored at 12:14 and Whitney at 17:08, with Salo in goal.

CUP: U.S. rallies to victory over Zimbabwe

(From 1C)

This was Agassi's second singles victory of the series. On Friday, he beat Wayne Black.

For Zimbabwe, the matches signaled that this country can be a factor in the Davis Cup. Last year, it trounced Chile and Marcelo Rios. This time, it nearly knocked off the United States.

"We were so close," Wayne Black said. "And it's a great disappointment."

In other World Group results, it was: defending champion Australia 3, Switzerland 2; Spain 4, Italy 1; Brazil 4, France 1; Czech Republic 4, Britain 1; Russia 4, Belgium 1; Germany 4, Netherlands 1; and Slovakia 3, Austria 2.

In other upcoming quarterfinals, it's Russia at Spain, Slovakia at Brazil and Germany at Australia.

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NBA Results

Standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	29	17	.630	—
New York	28	17	.622	1/2
Philadelphia	26	21	.553	3 1/2
Orlando	22	26	.458	8
Boston	21	26	.447	8 1/2
New Jersey	18	29	.383	11 1/2
Washington	15	33	.313	15
Central Division				
Indiana	30	16	.652	—
Charlotte	25	20	.556	4 1/2
Toronto	25	20	.556	4 1/2
Milwaukee	26	22	.542	5
Detroit	24	23	.511	6 1/2
Cleveland	19	28	.404	11 1/2
Atlanta	18	27	.400	11 1/2
Chicago	10	35	.222	19 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	30	17	.638	—
Utah	28	18	.609	1 1/2
Minnesota	27	18	.600	2
Denver	21	24	.467	8
Dallas	20	27	.426	10
Houston	19	29	.396	11 1/2
Vancouver	13	33	.283	16 1/2
Pacific Division				
Portland	36	11	.766	—
L.A. Lakers	35	11	.761	1/2
Seattle	30	19	.612	7
Sacramento	28	18	.609	7 1/2
Phoenix	27	19	.587	8 1/2
Golden State	12	33	.267	23
L.A. Clippers	11	36	.234	25

Sunday's Games

New York 94, Miami 80
New Jersey 110, Golden State 90
Philadelphia 119, Sacramento 108
Utah 93, San Antonio 90
Detroit 109, Houston 105
Portland 100, Boston 94
Phoenix 105, Seattle 93
Chicago 100, L.A. Clippers 90
Dallas 103, Vancouver 99, OT

Monday's Games

Golden State at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Suns 105, SuperSonics 93

SEATTLE (93): Patterson 2-3 6-8 10, Baker 2-8 4-4 8, Grant 1-6 0-0 2, Payton 4-18 3-4 13, B.Barry 5-12 0-0 14, Lewis 8-13 3-3 21, McCoy 3-5 0-0 6, E.Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Stepania 0-5 3-4 3, Williams 6-13 1-2 13, Person 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 32-85 20-25 93.

PHOENIX (105): Gugliotta 8-11 0-0 16, Robinson 3-16 0-0 7, Longley 4-9 1-2 9, Kidd 7-12 6-7 22, Hardaway 6-13 7-9 19, Rogers 8-12 3-3 22, Blount 2-4 0-0 4, Chapman 2-3 0-1 4, Livingston 1-2 0-0 2, Bailey 0-1 0-0 0, Day 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-83 17-22 105.

Seattle	22	23	17	31	— 93
Phoenix	20	26	31	28	—105

3-Point Goals—Seattle 9-27 (B.Barry 4-9, Lewis 2-4, Payton 2-8, Person 1-1, Patterson 0-1, Williams 0-4), Phoenix 6-11 (Rogers 3-3, Kidd 2-2, Robinson 1-5, Hardaway 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 51 (Lewis 8), Phoenix 54 (Gugliotta 9). Assists—Seattle 15 (Payton 7), Phoenix 30 (Kidd 12). Total fouls—Seattle 20, Phoenix 24. Technicals—Baker, Seattle coach Westphal 2, Patterson. Flagrant fouls—Gugliotta. Ejected—Seattle coach Westphal. A—19,023 (19,023).

Trail Blazers 100, Celtics 94

PORTLAND (100): Wallace 5-11 3-4 13, Pippen 7-13 3-3 19, Sabonis 1-5 0-0 2, Stoudamire 5-11 0-0 11, Smith 6-11 10-12 23, B.Grant 4-7 5-6 13, Wells 0-4 0-2 0, Anthony 1-2 0-0 2, Schrempf 1-4 2-3 4, O'Neal 3-7 7-9 13. Totals 33-75 30-39 100.

BOSTON (94): Walker 5-16 3-6 14, Pierce 6-14 3-6 16, Potapenko 9-12 1-1 19, Anderson 5-11 1-1 11, Griffin 1-4 4-4 6, Cheaney 0-2 0-0 0, Battie 4-7 0-0 8, Barros 3-7 2-3 8, Fortson 0-2 6-6 6, McCarty 2-2 0-0 6, Ellison 0-0 0-0 0, Overton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-77 20-27 94.

Portland	25	17	29	29	—100
Boston	26	19	25	24	— 94

3-Point Goals—Portland 4-11 (Pippen 2-2, Stoudamire 1-3, Smith 1-4, Anthony 0-1, Schrempf 0-1), Boston 4-10 (McCarty 2-2, Walker 1-2, Pierce 1-3, Anderson 0-1, Griffin 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Portland 49 (O'Neal, B.Grant 8), Boston 51 (Walker 10). Assists—Portland 19 (Stoudamire 7), Boston 20 (Anderson 10). Total fouls—Portland 26, Boston 30. Technicals—B.Grant, Smith, Walker. A—18,624 (18,624).

Pistons 109, Rockets 105

HOUSTON (105): Bullard 1-2 0-0 3, W.Williams 1-5 0-0 2, Cato 9-16 5-8 23, Anderson 5-10 3-5 13, B.Drew 8-16 2-2 20, Thomas 6-10 2-4 16, Mobley 4-12 7-7 16, Olajuwon 3-9 1-1 7, Gray 1-3 3-3 5. Totals 38-83 23-30 105.

DETROIT (109): Hill 15-24 6-8 36, Laettner 7-11 3-5 17, Mills 1-3 0-0 3, Stackhouse 10-21 2-2 23, Hunter 3-5 0-0 6, J.Williams 6-9 4-4 16, Vaught 0-3 0-0 0, Curry 2-5 4-4 8, Crotty 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 44-83 19-23 109.

Houston	23	18	26	38	—105
Detroit	26	20	34	29	—109

3-Point Goals—Houston 6-21 (Thomas 2-4, B.Drew 2-7, Bullard 1-1, Mobley 1-4, W.Williams 0-1, Cato 0-1, Anderson 0-3), Detroit 2-9 (Mills 1-2, Stackhouse 1-3, Hill 0-2, Crotty 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Houston 52 (Cato 12), Detroit 43 (J.Williams 9). Assists—Houston 18 (B.Drew 6), Detroit 22 (Stackhouse 7). Total fouls—Houston 24, Detroit 21. Technicals—Detroit Bench 2, Detroit coach Gentry. A—15,388 (22,076).

Jazz 93, Spurs 90

SAN ANTONIO (90): Elie 2-2 2-2 7, Duncan 12-24 8-9 32, Robinson 4-13 3-5 11, A.Johnson 4-12 2-2 10, Porter 2-7 2-2 6, Rose 3-5 0-0 6, Spencer 1-1 3-4 5, Jackson 1-4 0-1 3, Daniels 2-5 0-0 4, Kersey 0-1 0-0 0, Walker 0-1 0-0 0, Kerr 2-3 1-1 6. Totals 33-78 21-26 90.

UTAH (93): Russell 4-7 7-10 16, Malone 7-20 11-13 25, Polynice 1-2 1-2 3, Stockton 5-9 5-6 16, Hornacek 7-11 2-2 17, Eisley 2-3 0-0 4, Ostertag 1-3 0-0 2, Lewis 0-4 0-0 0, Gilliam 5-10 0-0 10, Keefe 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-69 26-33 93.

San Antonio	27	24	21	18	— 90
Utah	27	17	32	17	— 93

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 3-7 (Elie 1-1, Kerr 1-1, Jackson 1-3, Duncan 0-2), Utah 3-8 (Stockton 1-2, Hornacek 1-2, Russell 1-3, Lewis 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 44 (Duncan 10), Utah 51 (Ostertag, Gilliam 7). Assists—San Antonio 14 (A.Johnson 6), Utah 23 (Stockton 9). Total fouls—San Antonio 28, Utah 26. Technicals—Hornacek, Malone. A—18,981 (19,911).

76ers 119, Kings 108

SACRAMENTO (108): Corbin 2-6 0-0 5, Webber 11-27 10-17 32, Divac 0-3 0-0 0, Anderson 2-7 0-0 5, Williams 5-16 1-2 14, Martin 0-3 0-0 0, Pollard 6-6 5-6 17, Barry 4-6 1-2 11, Stojakovic 7-13 3-4 20, Funderburke 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 38-90 22-33 108.

PHILADELPHIA (119): Lynch 3-6 0-2 6, Hill 3-11 2-2 8, Ratliff 5-10 5-6 15, Iverson 20-40 9-11 50, Snow 4-10 3-3 11, Geiger 4-6 2-2 10, McKie 1-6 4-4 6, Hughes 4-8 0-1 8, MacCulloch 1-1 1-2 3, Owens 1-1 0-0 2, Bowen 0-0 0-0 0, Mohammed 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 46-99 26-33 119.

Sacramento	24	37	12	35	—108
Philadelphia	36	26	26	31	—119

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 10-31 (Stojakovic 3-6, Williams 3-12, Barry 2-4, Anderson 1-2, Corbin 1-3, Martin 0-1, Webber 0-3), Philadelphia 1-10 (Iverson 1-7, Hughes 0-1, McKie 0-2). Fouled out—Webber. Rebounds—Sacramento 59 (Webber 15), Philadelphia 64 (Hill 14). Assists—Sacramento 25 (Webber, Williams 7), Philadelphia 31 (Snow 13). Total fouls—Sacramento 26, Philadelphia 26. Technicals—Webber. A—20,718 (20,444).

Knicks 94, Heat 80

MIAMI (80): Brown 2-7 2-2 6, Mashburn 8-17 3-4 21, Mourning 5-13 2-5 12, Hardaway 10-16 0-0 23, Lenard 5-14 0-0 12, Thorpe 1-6 0-0 2, Weatherspoon 1-8 2-2 4, Carter 0-2 0-0 0, Strickland 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-83 9-13 80.

NEW YORK (94): L.Johnson 1-4 0-0 2, Sprewell 9-18 5-5 24, Ewing 10-19 5-8 25, Houston 8-15 8-8 25, Ward 4-7 0-0 10, Camby 1-4 1-4 3, Thomas 2-6 0-0 4, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Brunson 0-0 0-0 0, Dudley 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 35-74 20-27 94.

Miami	25	20	18	17	— 80
New York	15	24	28	27	— 94

3-Point Goals—Miami 7-17 (Hardaway 3-4, Lenard 2-4, Mashburn 2-8, Thorpe 0-1), New York 4-6 (Ward 2-4, Houston 1-1, Sprewell 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Miami 52 (Brown 9), New York 49 (Ewing 14). Assists—Miami 18 (Hardaway 6), New York 22 (Sprewell, Thomas, Ward 5). Total fouls—Miami 20, New York 18. A—19,763 (19,763).

Nets 110, Warriors 90

GOLDEN STATE (90): Marshall 4-14 4-4 12, Jamison 12-21 1-2 25, Foyle 1-2 0-0 2, Starks 3-14 0-0 7, Blaylock 7-15 0-0 18, Caffey 1-2 5-10 7, V.Cummings 3-13 2-2 9, Davis 2-3 0-0 4, Jacobson 1-3 0-0 2, Dampier 0-4 0-0 0, Farmer 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 35-93 14-20 90.

NEW JERSEY (110): Gill 9-15 7-7 25, Van Horn 4-16 5-6 13, McIlvaine 3-6 2-2 8, Kittles 7-15 4-5 21, Marbury 6-12 3-4 15, Feick 0-0 0-0 0, Burrell 1-4 0-0 2, Newman 6-9 8-10 23, Perry 1-4 0-0 2, Eschmeyer 0-0 0-0 0, Muresan 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 37-81 30-36 110.

Golden State	27	24	24	15	— 90
New Jersey	28	26	31	25	—110

3-Point Goals—Golden State 6-15 (Blaylock 4-8, V.Cummings 1-2, Starks 1-4, Marshall 0-1), New Jersey 6-19 (Newman 3-4, Kittles 3-5, Van Horn 0-1, Perry 0-1, Gill 0-2, Burrell 0-2, Marbury 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 57 (Marshall 13), New Jersey 57 (McIlvaine 16). Assists—Golden State 21 (Blaylock 9), New Jersey 22 (Marbury 11). Total fouls—Golden State 28, New Jersey 24. A—14,336 (20,049).

Bulls 100, Clippers 90

CHICAGO (100): Brand 8-11 5-5 21, Kukoc 7-16 6-8 20, Simpkins 1-2 2-3 4, Artest 6-10 1-2 16, Brown 2-7 3-4 7, Maloney 2-6 0-0 4, Ch.Carr 5-8 0-0 10, Ruffin 3-4 0-0 6, Perdue 1-2 0-0 2, Hawkins 3-4 2-2 10. Totals 38-70 19-24 100.

L.A. CLIPPERS (90): Odom 2-2 0-0 4, Taylor 11-19 1-3 23, Olowokandi 6-11 0-1 12, Anderson 3-9 6-6 12, Murdock 0-1 0-0 0, Hudson 7-17 3-4 19, Nesby 4-6 2-2 10, Avent 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 1-6 0-0 2, Closs 1-1 2-2 4, Skinner 1-2 0-0 2, Piatkowski 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-75 14-18 90.

Chicago	13	32	27	28	—100
L.A. Clippers	29	19	15	27	— 90

3-Point Goals—Chicago 5-12 (Artest 3-5, Hawkins 2-2, Maloney 0-2, Kukoc 0-3), L.A. Clippers 2-18 (Hudson 2-7, Taylor 0-1, Nesby 0-1, Anderson 0-4, Jones 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 45 (Brand 8), L.A. Clippers 34 (Olowokandi 8). Assists—Chicago 17 (Kukoc 10), L.A. Clippers 16 (Hudson 8). Total fouls—Chicago 21, L.A. Clippers 23. A—12,973 (18,964).

Mavericks 103, Grizzlies 99

DALLAS (103): Ceballos 3-10 0-0 7, Nowitzki 5-13 1-2 14, Bradley 3-4 2-3 8, Finley 12-31 9-9 34, Strickland 3-11 3-5 10, Buckner 0-2 0-0 0, H.Davis 1-2 0-0 2, Nash 8-15 5-6 24, Rooks 0-1 4-4 4. Totals 35-89 24-29 103.

VANCOUVER (99): Abdur-Rahim 13-25 9-10 36, Harrington 4-8 2-3 10, Reeves 2-6 2-2 6, Dickerson 4-17 5-5 14, Bibby 6-15 0-0 12, Palacio 2-3 0-4 4, Scott 1-4 2-3 5, West 1-5 0-0 2, Long 3-4 0-0 6, Lopez 1-2 2-4 4, Parks 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-89 22-31 99.

Dallas	16	36	13	26	12 — 103
Vanc.	24	20	21	26	8 — 99

3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-17 (Nash 3-4, Nowitzki 3-4, Ceballos 1-1, Finley 1-4, Strickland 1-4), Vancouver 3-15 (Abdur-Rahim 1-4, Dickerson 1-4, Scott 1-4, Lopez 0-1, Bibby 0-2). Fouled out—Ceballos, West, Bibby. Rebounds—Dallas 56 (Strickland 9), Vancouver 64 (Abdur-Rahim 22). Assists—Dallas 18 (Nash 7), Vancouver 20 (Bibby 8). Total fouls—Dallas 22, Vancouver 30. Technicals—Dallas Illegal Defense 2, Abdur-Rahim. A—14,861 (19,193).

Davis Cup Results

By The Associated Press
WORLD GROUP
First Round
At Harare, Zimbabwe
United States 3, Zimbabwe 2

Singles

Andre Agassi, United States, def. Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

Byron Black, Zimbabwe, def. Chris Woodruff, United States, 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles

Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett, Zimbabwe, def. Rick Leach and Alex O'Brien, United States, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 0-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Reverse Singles

Andre Agassi, United States, def. Byron Black, Zimbabwe, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Chris Woodruff, United States, def. Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-4.

Czech Republic 4, Britain 1

Singles

Tim Henman, Britain, def. Slava Dosedel, Czech Republic, 6-7 (4), 5-7, 6-1, 7-5, 6-3.

Jiri Novak, Czech Republic, def. Jamie Delgado, Britain, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Doubles

David Rikl and Jiri Novak, Czech Republic, def. Tim Henman and Neil Broad, Britain, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-2.

Reverse Singles

Jiri Novak, Czech Republic, def. Tim Henman, Britain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Bohdan Ulihrach, Czech Republic, def. Jamie Delgado, Britain, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Spain 4, Italy 1

Singles

Albert Costa, Spain, def. Davide Sanguinetti, Italy, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Alex Corretja, Spain, def. Andrea Gaudenzi, Italy, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

Alex Corretja and Juan Balcells, Spain, def. Andrea Gaudenzi and Diego Nargiso, Italy, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Reverse Singles

Andrea Gaudenzi, Italy, def. Albert Costa, Spain, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Francisco Clavet, Spain, def. Vincenzo Santopadre, Italy, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-3.

Russia 4, Belgium 1

Singles

Yevegy Kafelnikov, Russia, def. Filip Dewulf, Belgium, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.

Marat Safin, Russia, def. Christophe Rochus, Belgium, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles

Marat Safin and Andrei Cherkasov, Russia, def. Christophe Rochus and Oliver Rochus, Belgium, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Reverse Singles

Mikhail Yuzhny, Russia, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 7-6 (6), 6-2.

Filip Dewulf, Belgium, def. Andrei Cherkasov, Russia, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

Slovakia 3, Austria 2

Singles

Karol Kucera, Slovakia, def. Markus Hipfl, Austria, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

Dominik Hrbaty, Slovakia, def. Stefan Koubek, Austria, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles

Karol Kucera and Dominik Hrbaty, Slovakia, def. Julian Knowle and Alexander Peya, Austria, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Reverse Singles

Stefan Koubek, Austria, def. Jan Kroslak, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-2.

Markus Hipfl, Austria, def. Ladislav Svarc, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4.

Brazil 4, France 1

Singles

Fernando Meligeni, Brazil, def. Cedric Pioline, France, 7-5, 5-7, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Gustavo Kuerten, Brazil, def. Jerome Golmard, France, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles

Gustavo Kuerten and Jaime Oncins, Brazil, def. Cedric Pioline and Nicolas Escude, France, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Reverse Singles

Nicolas Escude, France, def. Gustavo Kuerten, Brazil, 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Francisco Costa, Brazil, def. Arnaud Clement, France, 7-6 (5), 7-5, 6-2.

Pro Bowl

NFC 51, AFC 31

AFC	7	14	0	10	— 31
NFC	10	17	10	14	— 51

First Quarter

NFC—Williams 62 interception return (Hanson kick), 12:14.

NFC—FG Hanson 21, 4:24.

AFC—J.Smith 5 pass from Brunell (Mare kick), :30.

Second Quarter

NFC—Alstott 1 run (Hanson kick), 14:57.

AFC—Gonzalez 10 pass from Gannon (Mare kick), 10:05.

NFC—Alstott 3 run (Hanson kick), 4:45.

AFC—J.Smith 21 pass from Manning (Mare kick), :20.

NFC—FG Hanson 51, :00.

Third Quarter

NFC—Alstott 1 run (Hanson kick), 7:08.

NFC—FG Hanson 23, 2:03.

Fourth Quarter

AFC—FG Mare 33, 14:49.

NFC—Brooks 20 interception return (Hanson kick), 11:12.

AFC—J.Smith 52 pass from Manning (Mare kick), 6:30.

NFC—Moss 25 pass from Beuerlein (Hanson kick), 1:05.

A—50,112.

	AFC	NFC
First downs	19	21
Rushes-yards	20-48	37-110
Passing	349	260
Comp-Att-Int	27-48-5	18-31-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-12
Punts	5-47.0	6-44.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards	6-45	8-41
Time of Possession	26:11	33:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—AFC, George 9-42, James 9-14, Dillon 1-(minus 3), Manning 1-(minus 5). NFC, Alstott 13-67, Faulk 13-39, E.Smith 7-10, Davis 1-1, B.Johnson 1-(minus 3), Beuerlein 2-(minus 4).

PASSING—AFC, Manning 17-23-2-270, Brunell 6-14-2-44, Gannon 4-11-1-35. NFC, Warner 8-11-0-123, B.Johnson 6-13-0-64, Beuerlein 4-7-0-85.

RECEIVING—AFC, J.Smith 8-119, K.Johnson 5-35, Harrison 4-35, Gonzalez 4-55, Glenn 3-69, Wycheck 1-16, James 1-11, Dillon 1-9. NFC, Moss 9-212, Carter 5-27, Muhammad 2-24, Faulk 1-5, E.Smith 1-4.

NHL All Star

World 9, North America 4

World	3	2	4	— 9
North America	2	2	0	— 4

First Period—1, World, Demitra (Yushkevich, Elias), 3:12. 2, World, Jagr (Rucinsky), 10:50. 3, North America, Sakic (Whitney, Recchi), 13:56. 4, World, Yushkevich (Kozlov, P.Bure), 14:35. 5, North America, Roenick (Modano), 19:30.

Second Period—6, World, P.Bure (V.Bure), :33. 7, World, P.Bure (V.Bure, Kozlov), 8:38. 8, North America, Amonte (Modano, Bourque), 12:14. 9, North America, Whitney (Desjardins, Messier), 17:08.

Third Period—10, World, Demitra 2 (Hejduk, Elias), 8:52. 11, World, P.Bure 3 (Lidstrom, Kozlov), 9:31. 12, World, Satan 1 (Czerkawski, Bonk), 10:51. 13, World, Bonk 1 (Jagr, Rucinsky), 19:28.

Shots on goal—World 20-13-15—48. North America 13-11-9—33. Power-play Opportunities—World 0 of 0; North America 0 of 1. Goalies—World, Turek (13 shots-11 saves), Salo (0:00 second, 11-9), Kolzig (0:00 third, 9-9). North America, Joseph (20-17), Brodeur (0:00 second, 13-11), Richter (0:00 third, 15-11). A—19,300 (18,800).

TABC Polls

WACO (AP) — The weekly high school basketball polls as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Records are through Feb. 5.

CLASS 5A

1. Fort Bend Willowridge (26-1); 2. The Colony (27-0); 3. Alief Hastings (27-3); 4. Corpus Christi Miller (24-3); 5. Duncanville (24-5); 6. Galena Park North Shore (26-5); 7. Dallas Carter (27-4); 8. Alief Elsik (24-5); 9. Beaumont Central (23-3); 10. Austin Crockett (25-4)

CLASS 4A

1. Port Arthur Lincoln (25-2); 2. Austin LBJ (25-3); 3. Dallas Madison (25-2); 4. Dallas Lincoln (26-4); 5. Cedar Hill (26-4); 6. Weatherford (23-4); 7. North Crowley (24-3); 8. Wolfforth Frenship (27-2); 9. Lancaster (26-3)]; 10. Fredericksburg (25-4)

CLASS 3A

1. Glen Rose (26-1); 2. Seminole (25-5); 3. Gainesville (21-7); 4. Canton (28-2); 5. Taylor (25-3); 6. Stafford (22-4); 7. Waco La Vega (25-3); 8. Clarksville (19-7); 9. Kountze (24-6); 10. Hearne (23-4)

CLASS 2A

1. Van Vleck (22-4);l 2. Peaster (23-4); 3. Woden (25-2); 4. Port Aransas (27-2); 5. Nacogdoches Central Heights (23-5); 6. Big Lake Reagan County (24-3); 7. Farmersville (24-3); 8. Edgewood (23-4); 9. Tahoka (21-7); 10. Bogata Rivercrest (26-2)

CLASS A

1. Moulton (26-2); 2. Brookeland (29-0); 3. Laneville (23-3); 4. Lipan (28-1); 5. Meadow (26-1); 6. Henrietta Midway (26-1); 7. Kennard (25-3); 8. Ira (26-2); 9. Calvert (22-3); 10. Paducah (19-1)

Girls

CLASS 5A

1. Copperas Cove (25-1); 2. Alief Hastings (32-2); 3. Mansfield (29-2); 4. Corpus Christi Carroll (29-0); 5. League City Clear Creek (28-3); 6. Georgetown (25-5); 7. Fort Bend Dulles (24-4); 8. Plano (26-3); 9. DeSoto (26-5); 10. Lubbock Coronado (24-4)

CLASS 4A

1. Granbury (28-4); 2. Canyon (27-2); 3. Plainview (26-3); 4. Waxahachie (28-3); 5. Amarillo Palo Duro (28-3); 6. Little Cypress-Mauriceville (27-1); 7. Bay City (22-0); 8. Palestine (27-2); 9. Weatherford (27-2); 10. Sweetwater (27-2)

CLASS 3A

1. Winnsboro (33-1); 2. Seminole (23-2); 3. Crandall (25-5); 4. Canton (30-3); 5. Smithville (27-4); 6. Bowie (23-5); 7. Shallowater (24-3); 8. Mt. Belvieu Barbers Hill (22-7); 9. Lufkin Hudson (26-4); 10. Buna (29-2)

CLASS 2A

1. Hughes Springs (24-2); 2. Crawford (28-3); 3. Farwell (23-4); 4. Port Aransas (26-2); 5. Honey Grove (28-1); 6. Boyd (25-2); 7. Kerens (25-1); 8. Ozona (26-2); 9. Panhandle (23-6); 10. Post (25-1)

CLASS A

1. Valley View (29-1); 2. Sudan (25-1); 3. Nazareth (24-5); 4. Gail Borden County (23-3); 5. Moulton (27-3); 6. Karnack (23-2); 7. Huckabay (26-2); 8. Tenaha (22-1); 9. Windthorst (24-2); 10. Menard (24-4)

College Baseball

Baylor 9, Northwestern St. 7

NW St.	001131010—	7 12	3
Baylor	002011500—	9 9	1

Slanina, Glidewell (6), Luna (7), Doncuasse (8)and Phillips; Scott, Edens (5), Carlson (8) and Loeb. W—Edens (1-0). L—Glidewell (1-1). Sv—Carlson (1). HRs— None.

Texas Tech 16, New Mexico St. 4

N.M. St.	000031000—	4 8	1
Texas Tech	401271010—	16 12	2

Reed, Reese (5), Kloeppel (5), Mercado (5), Weems (7), Bivian (8) and Dias, Gmetro (5); Harbin, Metzler (6) and Lunsford. W—Harbin (1-0). L—Reed (1-1) HRs—Texas Tech, Holzhauer (1), Sellars (1). HRs—None.

Texas 7, Houston 1

Houston	100 000 000—	1 6	0
Texas	304 000 000—	7 12	0

Sykes, Whatley (2), Mitchell (4), Torina (6), Harris (7) and Bitter, Snyder (8); Seibel, Thames (7) and Anderson. W—Seibel (2-0). L— Sykes (0-1). HRs—None.

Transactions

By The Associated Press
FOOTBALL
National Football League

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Robert Nunn assistant defensive line coach.

Major League Soccer

COLUMBUS CREW—Acquired F Dante Washington from Dallas for the third pick in the 2000 draft.

Golf Results

Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Scores Sunday after the third round of the $4 million AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am played on the 6,816-yard, par 36-36—72 Pebble Beach Golf Course, the 6,855-yard, 36-36—72 Spyglass Hill Golf Course and the 6,833-yard, 36-36—72 Poppy Hills Golf Course:

Matt Gogel	69-68-67	— 204
Mark Brooks	71-67-66	— 204
Vijay Singh	66-67-72	— 205
Notah Begay III	66-68-72	— 206
Jay Williamson	69-70-69	— 208
Chris DiMarco	69-70-69	— 208
Jimmy Green	72-68-68	— 208
Jerry Kelly	71-70-68	— 209
Jay Don Blake	72-70-67	— 209
Rory Sabbatini	72-69-68	— 209
Tiger Woods	68-73-68	— 209
Jim Furyk	76-69-64	— 209
Grant Waite	68-71-71	— 210
Rocco Mediate	69-69-72	— 210
Glen Day	72-69-69	— 210
Andrew Magee	69-75-67	— 211
Brad Elder	74-70-67	— 211
Tom Lehman	69-70-72	— 211
Brad Faxon	73-70-68	— 211
Justin Leonard	73-70-68	— 211
Kenny Perry	73-70-69	— 212
Mike Weir	72-71-69	— 212
Steve Flesch	72-68-72	— 212
Jonathan Kaye	76-67-69	— 212
Skip Kendall	72-74-66	— 212
Mark Calcavecchia	70-73-69	— 212
Fred Couples	71-73-68	— 212
Neal Lancaster	74-71-68	— 213
David Sutherland	71-69-73	— 213
Bobby Cochran	73-71-69	— 213
Lee Janzen	68-74-71	— 213
Glen Hnatiuk	73-72-69	— 214
Pete Jordan	71-74-73	— 218
Marco Dawson	73-72-73	— 218
P.H. Horgan III	75-69-74	— 218
Shaun Micheel	72-77-69	— 218
Mark O'Meara	75-73-70	— 218
Rick Fehr	74-70-74	— 218
Scott McCarron	74-68-76	— 218
Peter Jacobsen	74-73-71	— 218
Jay Haas	74-74-70	— 218
David Toms	77-72-69	— 218
Brian Gay	72-73-73	— 218
Jay Delsing	76-71-72	— 219
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Kevin Sutherland	73-75-71	— 219
Mike Sposa	75-71-73	— 219
Hal Sutton	71-75-73	— 219
Chip Beck	80-66-73	— 219
Billy Andrade	73-75-71	— 219
Rich Beem	70-75-74	— 219
Craig Bowden	71-78-70	— 219
Frank Lickliter	72-75-72	— 219
Chris Riley	73-74-73	— 220
Kevin Wentworth	73-78-69	— 220
Bob Borowicz	78-73-69	— 220
Bob Heintz	73-74-73	— 220
Craig Perks	72-74-74	— 220
Mark Wiebe	70-74-76	— 220
Jeff Maggert	77-71-72	— 220
Corey Pavin	75-72-73	— 220
Steve Jurgensen	75-73-72	— 220
David Morland IV	73-73-74	— 220
Bradley Hughes	72-75-74	— 221
John Cook	76-73-72	— 221
Steve Scott	68-77-76	— 221
D.A. Weibring	75-76-70	— 221
Steve Lowery	78-72-71	— 221
Sandy Lyle	73-73-75	— 221
Woody Austin	76-73-72	— 221
Tommy Tolles	78-73-70	— 221
Ted Oh	75-75-71	— 221
Dave Stockton	73-72-77	— 222
Joey Sindelar	73-79-70	— 222
Kirk Triplett	74-73-75	— 222
Jack Nicklaus	74-76-72	— 222
Keith Clearwater	71-75-76	— 222
Bob Friend	79-70-73	— 222
Ted Tryba	74-73-75	— 222
Bob Burns	75-74-73	— 222
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Michael Bradley	78-72-73	— 223
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Franklin Langham	76-74-74	— 224
Robert Damron	78-73-73	— 224
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Fuzzy Zoeller	74-77-73	— 224
Eric Booker	72-78-75	— 225
Brad Fabel	74-73-78	— 225
Ryan Howison	77-72-76	— 225
Perry Moss	72-74-79	— 225
Lon Hinkle	75-72-78	— 225
Jason Buha	71-77-77	— 225

JAY PEDEN

Girls area squads are poised for playoff run

It's Monday, and all over the country, people are asking each other, "Did you have a good weekend?"

Peden

If you asked most area girls' basketball coaches and players that question today, you'd probably get a resounding "Yes."

While Midland High stayed in the playoff race and idle Midland Lee remained there, there are a number of non-Class 5A girls' teams that got big wins: Greenwood, Stanton, Garden City and Midland Christian. These teams deserve a share of the spotlight.

Ask Greenwood coach Amy Daniels, and she'd probably tell you her week was good, with one notable exception. The week started with the Rangerettes trailing Crane by one game with two left to play in the District 4-3A championship hunt. But Greenwood beat Crane on Tuesday to tie for the district lead, then Friday night's district-finales completed the turnaround: Greenwood beat Monahans and Crane slipped up at Alpine, losing by a point. That gave the Rangerettes a district title.

The one blot on the week was the loss of Mikah Lewter, a junior starting guard. She hurt her knee in Tuesday's game, and it might be an ACL tear, Daniels said, meaning that Lewter is out for the season unless there's a miracle or a very long playoff run.

Not that the Rangerettes would mind a long playoff run.

"These kids are ready," Daniels said. "They've been ready since the end of last year when we got knocked out early."

Daniels refers to last year's bi-district game, in which Seminole suffocated the Rangerettes, 72-38, ending the program's first playoff appearance since 1993. Seminole is good again this year — ranked No. 2 in Class 3A, 23-2 overall and 9-0 in District 3-3A with a pending showdown with Lamesa (8-1, 17-10) on Tuesday.

Greenwood (9-1, 18-7) gets a bye in the first round, so Seminole won't be waiting in bi-district. Still...

"We'd kind of like to see them again down the line," Daniels said.

There was also celebration Friday in Garden City. On Jan. 18, the Lady Kats traveled to Mertzon, where Irion County handed them their only loss in District 4-A play. On Friday, Irion County came to Garden City, and the Lady Kats got revenge with an emphatic 55-44 win.

Irion County is finished with district play at 6-2 (23-6 overall), while Garden City (6-1, 22-3) has one more game. All the Lady Kats have to do is take care of business at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Sterling City, against a team that is 0-7 and 9-16.

"If we beat Sterling City — which we should do — we'll be district champs," said Garden City coach Mike Wallace.

The win over Irion County was one of those games in which a coach can point to several different parts of a game where a specific individual made a contribution. Star post M'Lynn Niehues got her 14 points, but there were others for Wallace to take pride in. Lora Braden only scored five points, but they all came in the first quarter as the Lady Kats took control with an 18-11 lead.

When Irion County narrowed the lead to two points late in the second quarter, Kyndra Batla (who also had 14 points) hit a shot that made sure the Lady Kats kept the lead. And Summer Eoff had the hot hand in the second half, scoring 10 of her 13 points after halftime and hardly ever missing.

On top of all that, Jill Hoelscher separated her shoulder on Tuesday. On Friday, she was in the game gritting it out.

"They played their hearts out," Wallace said.

It may be a cliche when coaches use the term "heart," but it's what coaches use when a team displays the effort — physically and mentally — that's necessary to win a game.

So there were some internal organs in evidence west of Midland on Friday night. Listen to Stanton girls' coach Tim Van Hecke:

"We brought a lot of heart to the game. That's the only way to beat Seagraves," he said.

The Lady Buffs needed to beat Seagraves, and they did, 55-52. The win puts the Lady Buffs in pretty good shape to make the playoffs. While a tie for second place is still possible, third place is more likely.

Stanton is 5-4 in District 3-2A and 21-8 overall. Coahoma also is 5-4 (and 16-12). Both trail Post (9-0) and Seagraves (6-3).

The difference between Stanton and Coahoma in their tie for third is that Stanton's only remaining game is at Plains (0-9, 7-20), while Coahoma hosts Post (25-1). That gives Stanton an apparent edge in the race for the third and final playoff spot. And while Stanton could still tie for second, Seagraves would have to lose again on Tuesday — to Tahoka (2-7, 7-19) — for the Lady Buffs to have a shot.

For Midland Christian, Friday wasn't the good night, but Saturday made up for it. The Lady Mustangs lost by five points at Garland Christian. That meant that the Lady Mustangs had to win Saturday's rematch with Garland to make the playoffs out of District 1-4A in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools.

They didn't just win; they won in a rout: 74-39. Susan Scarborough, the only senior on the squad, led the way with 16 points.

The Lady Mustangs evened their records at 15-15 and 6-6 (four teams make the playoffs out of TAPPS 1-4A). Those records aren't as sparkling as those of some teams in the area, but they're impressive when you consider what they did last year. Dub Huckabee took over a team that won four games in 1999, and they've topped that total by 11 — so far.

DOWN BUT NOT OUT IN 5-4A: One area girls coach who was disappointed with Friday's outcome was Kathy Loter, whose Big Spring Lady Steers fell to San Angelo Lake View, 59-44. The teams entered the game tied for second at 5-3, and now Big Spring (15-12) is tied for third with Snyder at 5-4. The good news for Big Spring: Snyder hosts Lake View in the regular-season finale Tuesday, while the Lady Steers visit Fort Stockton (0-9, 6-28)... By the way, Andrews is 2-7 and 8-16 with one game left.

BOYS REACHING CRUNCH TIME: Boys teams mostly have a week left in their seasons, and most area teams are in the thick of the race.

Stanton (16-5) is in the best shape, having clinched at least a district playoff in 3-2A. The Buffaloes are tied for second with Plains at 5-2, both behind Tahoka (6-0). Post and Seagraves are both 2-5, three games behind Stanton with three to play.

Big Spring (16-13) and Andrews (11-17) are tied for third at 3-4 in District 5-4A play. Fort Stockton, which defeated Andrews Friday, is second at 4-3, behind 7-0 Snyder. San Angelo Lake View and Sweetwater, both 2-5, are also both in the race for third.

Greenwood (14-14) is in the most desperate position. With only two games left for every team in District 4-3A, the Rangers are in fourth place at 4-4. Ahead of them are Kermit (6-2), Crane (6-2) and Monahans (7-1).

Greenwood still has a shot to play a district playoff, but it must win out, and Kermit must lose its remaining games. And Greenwood hosts Kermit at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Jay Peden is a sports writer for the Reporter Telegram

Trinity Boys

The Trinity boys' basketball season comes down to one game tonight.

The Chargers host the Lydia Patterson school of El Paso at 7:30 tonight in a game they have to win to keep playing.

Only two playoff spots go to teams in District 1-3A in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools. Lydia Patterson is 7-2 and Trinity is 6-3 in district play. Trinity needs to win tonight to force a district playoff.

BOWL: Teams score 82 points

(From 1C)

to play that closed the scoring. The score seemed to bring out some bad feelings between the two teams, who accused each other of breaking Pro Bowl rules that prevent blitzing and rushing the kicker.

Arizona's Aeneas Williams and Tampa Bay's Derrick Brooks returned interceptions for touchdowns as the NFC dominated the game from the start in snapping a three-game losing streak. The 82 points broke the record of 64 set in 1980.

Alstott, the Tampa Bay fullback, scored on runs of 1, 3 and 1 yards. He finished with 13 carries for 67 yards.

"I'm making up for the last two Pro Bowls," Alstott said. "The last few years I've been here, we've been on the downside, so it's fun being on the upside."

Brooks picked off a pass from Jacksonville's Mark Brunell and raced untouched 20 yards for a touchdown to make it 44-24 with 11:12 left.

Jaguars receiver Jimmy Smith caught three touchdown passes, and finished with eight catches for 119 yards. His last score, a 52-yarder from Indianapolis' Peyton Manning, made it 44-31 with 6:30 to play.

Manning had two touchdown passes and two interceptions, including the 62-yard return by Williams that gave the NFC a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the game. Williams had an open field after Colts receiver Marvin Harrison fell down, and he raced down the left sideline for the score.

The next time the NFC had the ball, St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner connected with Moss for 48 yards to put the ball on the AFC 5. Warner, the Super Bowl MVP, was 8-of-11 for 123 yards.

Detroit's Jason Hanson kicked a 21-yard field goal to make it 10-0.

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Community National Bank

Shareholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to call of its directors, the annual meeting of the shareholders of Community National Bank will be held at the Petroleum Club, 501 Wall Avenue, in the city of Midland, state of Texas, on Thursday, February 17, 2000, at 3:00 p.m., to consider and determine by vote whether an agreement to consolidate the bank and New Bank, N.A., located in the city of Midland, state of Texas, under the provisions of the laws of the United States, shall be ratified and confirmed, and to vote upon any other matters incidental to the proposed consolidation of the two institutions. A copy of the agreement, approved by a majority of the directors of each of the two institutions, providing for the consolidation, is on file at the institution and may be inspected during business hours.

Robert D. Southerland
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Betty & Bill Stark

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1600 W. Wall
Reg. meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am.
Breakfast 7:30 am.
Tom Burns, W/M.
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

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FORD 1994 CROWN Victoria- Navy exterior/ interior. New Michelin's, 82K miles. Factory premium Mag wheels. $8,000 O.b.o. Call 915-684-8824

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220 Trucks

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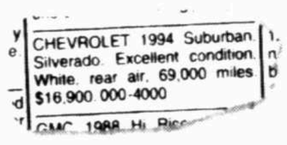

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State of the Economy 2000

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Conference to address state of business economy

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On [illegible] February 7, [illegible] of the economy facing Midland [illegible] economy.

The State of Midland Economy 2000 conference will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Midland Center, 105 N. Main.

The cost is $20 and includes a continental breakfast and a full lunch.

For the week here will be more information.

A new Midland of Titus Exploration will present information on the importance of new independent oil companies.

Dr. David Smith, dean of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, will discuss our future as a regional medical center, and of the opportunities within medical services field.

Officials from Tyler and Abilene will reveal their success stories in turning disappointment economies into diversified, vibrant economies.

Dr. Ray Fairchild will offer a "reality check" on the Midland

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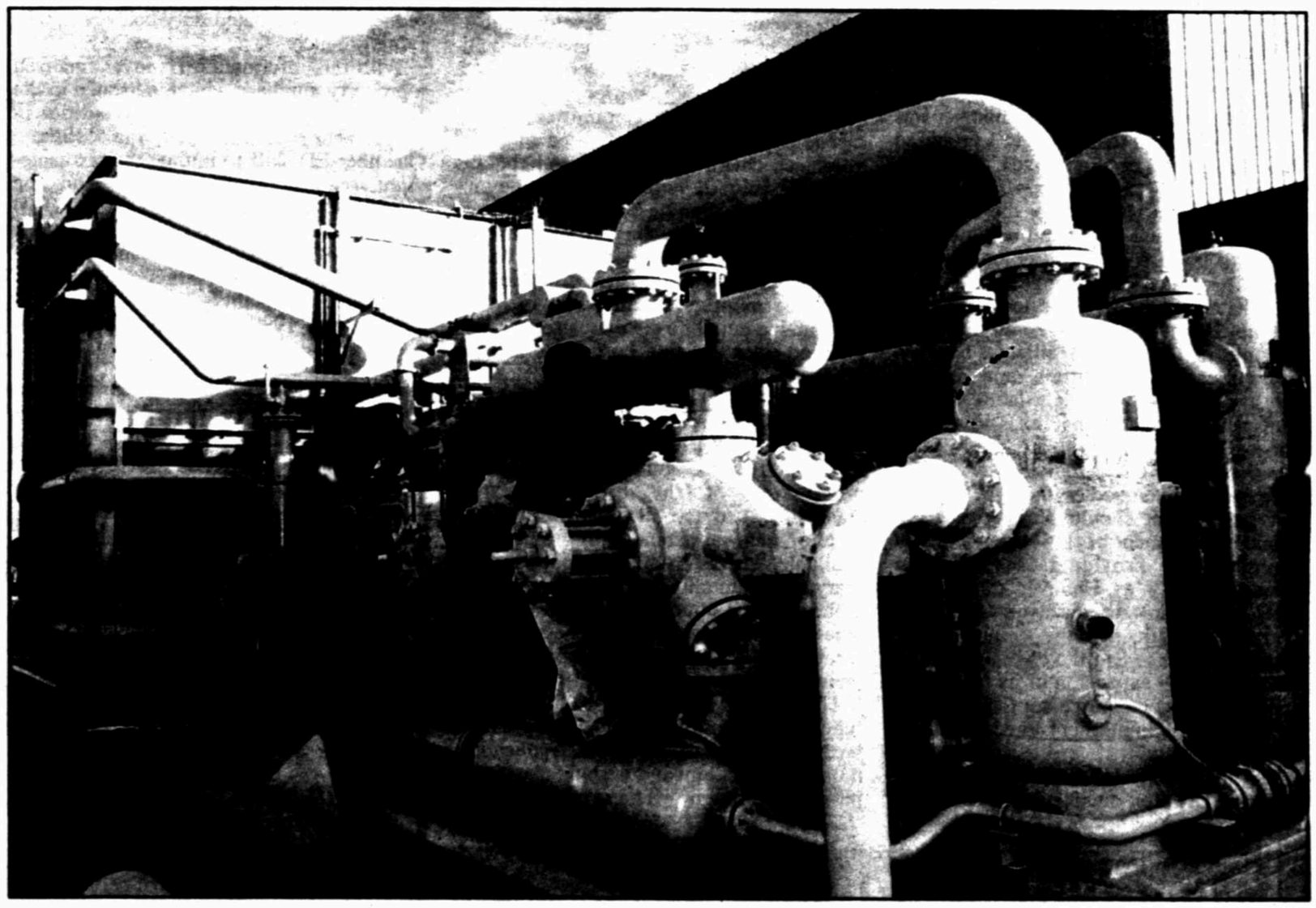

Photo: Bruce Partain

Shop operation manager Seb Valencia inspects a turbo-charged compressor rebuilt in Midland at the Hanover Compressor Company.

Hanover approved as Enterprise Zone Project

By Dennis Clayton and Bruce Partain

An existing Midland business will expand operations and hire more workers, thanks to assistance from the Midland Chamber's Economic Development Department.

Midland County, The city of Midland and the Texas Department of Economic Development (TDED) played key roles in Hanover Compressor Company's qualifying as an Enterprise Zone project.

The Enterprise Zone status will refund future state sales and use taxes that would have been collected over the next five years as the company enlarged its operations.

"What this means is the company is encouraged to grow here in Midland County, hire more West Texans and continue operations here instead of looking for greener pastures," said Marvin Wynn, Midland Chamber president/CEO.

Hanover manufactures, sells and leases natural gas compression equipment.

Currently working at a East Loop 250 location, Hanover has purchased a 16-acre site near the intersection of FM 1788 and I-20. They are looking forward to the growth at the new location.

"With the new facility we'll be abl to turn around work more quickly," said J rry Bob McCollom, Hanover's Midland ice president. "We will triple the floor space we have at our present location. Conservatively, we'll hire 25 people, conceivably 50. By June, the facility will be

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complete. We want to hit the ground running and have the infrastructure in place, so we are beginning to hire now. We will be a little cramped until then."

The company is hiring mechanics, welders and some administrative personnel. Wages range from $7 to $14 an hour, according to McCollum.

Currently the company ships some of its refurbishing work to other company plants.

"Instead of having equipment worked on in Victoria, then transported back here, we'll do it all here," McCollum said. "We'll have better turnaround times and more control."

New workers can expect a heavy training schedule, in-house and in the community. "We're in a position to work with Midland College and put a curriculum in place," McCollum said. "It is a win/win deal. Our competitors out there fight the same battle. We put a tremendous effort into training our people."

On January 12 the Midland Chamber was notified by TDED that Hanover's proposed new facility had been approved and designated as an Enterprise Zone Project.

This qualifies Hanover for the refund of state sales and use taxes paid on qualifying items for up to five years, as long as new jobs are created and compliance is kept with the requirements and rules.

"The Hanover project is an excellent example of the type of alliance between government, communities and private industry that the state legislature had in mind when it created the Texas Enterprise Zone Program in 1987," said State Representative Tom Craddick (R-Midland). "The program embodies the type of role that government should play in the economic development of this state — that of facilitator. By providing incentives for businesses such as Hanover to cultivate roots in economically disadvantaged areas, everyone benefits — the employer, the area's work force and the community, as a whole, through expansion of its tax base. I applaud Hanover Compressor Company for its long-term commitment to Midland and Midland County."

The Midland facility is Hanover's Western Division headquarters, handling "west of Abilene to the Pacific Ocean and north of Del Rio to the Canadian border," according to McCollom. The company was founded in 1990 and has operated a Midland office since 1992. The western division currently employs 101, with 53 being Midland County residents. The Midland operation ranks fourth among seven Texas locations. Hanover employs almost 1,000 workers statewide.

Hanover estimates the new Midland plant will cost at least $2 million and create 15 to 25 jobs within the next two years. Construction should be completed by August 2000.

While corporate relocations catch the attention of the public and the media, the Chamber's economic development efforts are most often focused on existing Midland County businesses.

"Existing business and industry create 70 to 80 percent of economic development — new jobs and new capital — in a community," Wynn said. "The Chamber maintains a standing committee, the Retention/Expansion Committee, which meets monthly and is composed of 25-30 volunteer chamber members and the ED staff. The primary function of this committee is to conduct an on-going, monthly visitation program of existing Midland County businesses. The ED staff, led by ED manager Dennis Clayton, manages and coordinates the monthly meeting and membership, and maintains a database used to monitor and track existing businesses and the visitation program."

In May 1999 Hanover contacted the Midland Chamber for guidance in locating property for a new expanded manufacturing facility. After the initial contact and the progression of the property search, Hanover asked the ED staff if business development assistance programs were available. The ED staff developed a summary of community assistance and investment resource options that could be available to new and existing businesses which create new jobs and make capital investments to the community.

The TDED administers two legislatively funded programs that provide cash grants to businesses for worker training. Application, training curriculum and training classes are provided through Midland College, The Texas Workforce Center of Midland and other approved providers.

The city and/or county can initiate an ad valorem tax abatement contract with businesses, which allows a phase-in of new taxes on an increased tax base over a five-year period of time.

The city of Midland and Midland County sponsor a joint Enterprise Zone for state sales and use tax refunds.

All the available community assistance and investment resources have qualifying criteria based on the creation, and maintenance of new jobs, the value of the increased payroll and the investment of capital in facilities and equipment.

For businesses that export or import goods or products (or plan to) the City maintains Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) in the industrial park and at the Midland International Airport. The FTZ provides for reduced or eliminated duty/taxes on qualifying products.

With this information Hanover finalized a property purchase which is located in the Enterprise Zone area with city utilities in place. They then asked the Midland Chamber ED staff to initiate the tax abatement request to the County and the Enterprise Zone (EZ) application to TDED in Austin, based on their commitment to the creation of at least 15 new jobs and the investment in the construction of a new manufacturing facility.

In August 1999 the EZ project application was started and information provided to the county for the development of a tax abatement request and contract. The EZ Project application process includes notifying TDED of the intent to submit an application, the completion of a 30 to 40-page application, the scoring of the application and the submission of the application to TDED in Austin for a 6 to 10 week review and approval. TDED accepts EZ Project applications on a quarterly basis and the Hanover application was submitted on Dec. 1, 1999, the first submission date of the new state biennium.

The EZ Project application includes three sections: city/county zone data, demographics and documentation; Corporation history, financial data, business plans, employment history and target employment numbers and estimated increased annual payroll; and a scoring section. A part of the zone section, corporate section and scoring section is the documentation of community development activities and job training activities. The Midland Chamber ED staff collected, updated, coordinated, documented and completed the data for the application with Hanover — Midland and Houston — providing the proprietary corporate information.

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People interested in employment with Hanover can contact the company at 320 East Loop 250 North or call 915-682-0301.

President's Club

Joyce Reaves of Century 21 Kay Sutton Realtors was named the Top Achiever for the Chamber's President's Club in December. Joyce assisted one member with renewing their membership. Also active was Robert Curtiss with CMI, assisting one member with renewing their membership.

Reaves

Chamber staff sold 6 memberships in December. Members of the Board of Directors, Buddy Sipes and Orland Purcell, helped two members with renewals.

President's Club volunteers spend several hours a month calling on new member prospects as well as visiting with current members who are 60 days or more past due. The Chamber invites these volunteers to a monthly luncheon where they share information on new businesses opening in Midland. Top Achievers are invited to Chamber board meetings to receive awards.

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For more information, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain

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2000 Midland Chamber membership drive kicks-off

Volunteers are again organizing to recruit new members into the Midland Chamber.

Led by membership drive chairman Bobby Norman of First American Bank, eighteen teams of volunteers will be making "Midland Proud."

"Our Midland Proud theme reflects the reason many of us are involved in the Chamber," Norman said. "If you are in business and want to improve your business and the economy, the Chamber is the natural place to invest your time and money."

Here are some typical questions a business might have about the Chamber:

What is the Chamber?

The Midland Chamber of Commerce is the one organization that devotes full time and energy to promote commercial, industrial and civic progress for the Midland area.

The Chamber is a catalyst — a common vehicle through which business and professional people work together to accomplish tasks unattainable by individuals.

In any community, the profitable operations of business bring all other benefits. The Chamber's main goal is to create an environment in which business can take place.

Why become a member?

To build a business, creating a network of relationships is important. The Chamber has many ways to do this. To build a community, it takes a framework of businesses working together to improve the economy and the quality of life. That framework is the Chamber.

What are the membership drive dates?

Special discounts are available from Monday, Feb. 7 - Thursday, Feb. 17.

How do I join?

Call 683-3381. Volunteers will visit with you and can set up an appointment to drop off a membership package of information. Memberships are on an annual basis, with several payment plans available.

How much does it cost?

Example: Small business
0 - 2 employees: Gold = $295,
Regular = $195
3 - 10 employees: Gold = $345,
Regular = $230

What benefits can I expect?

Approximately $1,000 worth of incentives goes to each new member. This includes:

- Through the Drive Deadline, the Chamber is dropping the regular $25 processing fee
- New members receive a free quarter-page ad worth $150 in the Midland Chamber Business Journal. The Business Journal is published jointly with the Midland Reporter-Telegram.
- New members are also announced via public service announcements on NewsWest 9, KGEE, KMND, KNFM KODM and B93

Other membership benefits include:

- Free listing on the Chamber's web site — www.midlandtxchamber.com, with an e-mail link.

Also available are enhanced listings with photos, logos, map, special offer notices and links to your web site.

- Free advertisement on KCRS
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Odessa economy in the context of the region, state and nation

During the recent Vision 2000 community planning exercise, economic development and diversification were top priorities for most Midlanders. This conference is the first step to meeting that vision. The Reporter-Telegram has gained the support of virtually all of Midland's financial institutions in backing this important conference. The Chamber is helping with the logistics and handling reservations. As an incentive to attend, a drawing for a $2,000 Certificate of Deposit will be held in the early afternoon.

"We are inviting representatives from Abilene and Tyler, two oil-based communities who faced similar issues of economies that weren't growing and found ways to develop their economies," said Chamber president Marvin Wynn.

Abilene will be represented by Tucker Bridwell, President of the Development Corp. of Abilene and a member of the State Economic Development Board. Abilene leader William "Bill" P. Wright Jr. of Abilene is also on the agenda. Wright spent 35 years in the oil business. In addition, he was appointed in 1988 by President Reagan to a six-year term on the National Council of Humanities.

The renaissance of Tyler will be told by mayor Kevin Eltiffe and Tim Brookshire, senior officer of Brookshire grocery stores, a chain with 250 stores.

The luncheon speaker will be Dr. David Smith, dean of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.Smith is a professor of pediatrics. He is chairman of the State of Texas Correctional Managed Health Care Committee. He was also instrumental in bringing the physician's assistant program to Midland College.

Chamber board chairman Buddy Sipes says recent oil price improvements have helped ease the two-year slump in the local economy. The Midland/Odessa Economic Index, sponsored by the Chamber, Reporter-Telegram and First American Bank, has reflected a possible upturn.

"We expected the overall index to go up as a result of improvements in the oil and gas index, and to see that confirmed makes us happy," Sipes said. "It also underscores the need for economic development," he said.

Economist Karr Ingham, who tracks the index, pointed out that while an economy recovering from the downturn is good news, the bad news is that the downturn could happen again. "The downturn was precipitated entirely by a decline in oil prices, a precipitous decline in prices that no one in this region can do anything about," he said. "What is not out of the control of Midland and Odessa residents is how to position the economy so that any decline in oil prices will have less of an impact on the region."

Sponsors of the conference include:

Bank of America, Bank One, Bank United, Chase, Community National Bank, First American Bank, Norwest and Western National Bank.

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The Economy

Midland's relative cost of living decreases

By Kevin Skipper

Businesses use cost-of-living (COL) indexes as tools to help recruit new employees and adjust staff compensation due to price level changes. Chambers of Commerce and other economic development entities use these indexes to help entice new employers, who seek out geographic areas with low COL. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) produces COL indexes, but restricts its geographic coverage to the U.S as a whole and to large urbanized areas. The American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA) has developed a quarterly cost-of-living index for small urban areas such as Midland.

The accompanying table and chart depict Midland's COL index values for the 1990-99 time period. I included values from a variety of urban areas throughout Texas to place local values in context.

I also included a comparison of the COL in Midland and Odessa (see "M/O Differential" row in the table). In 1999, the M/O Differential equaled -2.3. This indicates that Midland's COL lay 2.3% below Odessa's. This small difference is statistically insignificant; one cannot say with certainty that a noticeable COL difference existed between the two cities.

The ACCRA data compare the cost-of-living relative to the national level (specifically, all participants in the survey). For example, Midland's 1999 index equaled 88.7. This means that our COL equaled 88.7% of the national level. These data do not measure inflation, because ACCRA does not survey a standardized basket of goods and services during each time period. This constraint allows one to say that the relative, not the actual, COL in Midland declined between 1998-99. This is a key distinction. Another important stipulation: ACCRA does not take into account state and local taxes. This omission could affect index values substantially. Despite these limitations, readers can derive inferences about local COL conditions.

Relative to the cost-of-living in the U.S, Midland's COL declined markedly during the past decade (1990=99.8; 1998=88.7). Midland's values appear higher than Odessa's between 1990-92 and again in 1998. Odessa's values topped Midland's during 1994-97. Last year, Odessa's index value was 2.3% higher than Midland's. Within the statistical constraints of the data collection methodology, one can say that the cost-of-living in Midland and Odessa appear approximately equal during the 1990s.

During the ten-year study period, Midland's COL averaged 8.1%, 4.4%, and 3.7% less than Dallas, Austin, and Houston, respectively. Abilene's COL averaged 0.5% higher than Midland's. The COL in Amarillo and Lubbock averaged 3.0% and 1.1% less, respectively, than in Midland. The last set of averages masks Midland's increasingly improving relative COL. Midland's values appear lower than either Amarillo's or Lubbock's during 1997-99.

Our declining relative cost-of-living represents good news for existing employers and employees, as well as for those trying to attract jobs to the area.

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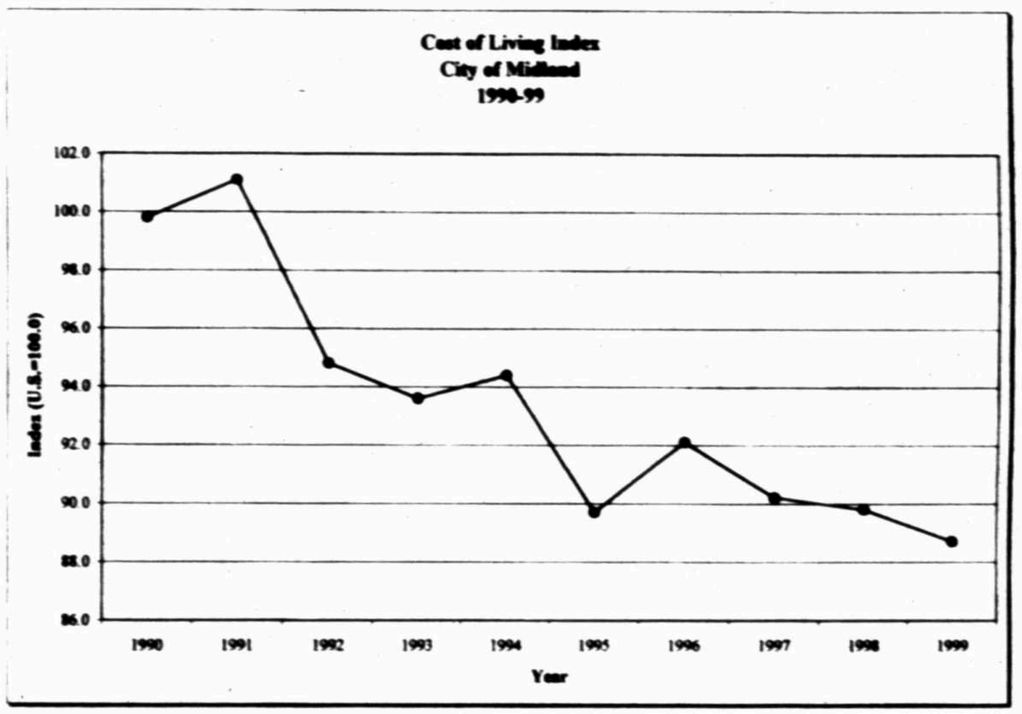
Kevin Skipper is Chief Economist at Desert Analytic, a Midland-based economics and statistical services consulting firm.

Cost-of-Living Indexes
Selected Texas Urban Areas
1990-99

Urban Area	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Dallas	103.4	105.9	103.5	105.2	101.9	98.2	99.1	98.2	100.6	100.6
Austin	NA	93.5	97.5	100.2	95.5	95.7	101.1	99.6	96.5	94.0
Houston	101.2	103.9	98.4	99.4	97.0	94.8	94.3	94.1	93.6	93.0
Abilene	96.8	94.7	95.2	96.2	92.5	92.0	92.1	93.4	92.6	93.4
Fort Worth	95.4	95.8	98.2	94.6	93.7	92.6	91.0	88.1	91.5	96.6
Amarillo	92.3	89.1	87.9	90.6	91.9	90.8	90.5	92.1	91.2	91.2
Lubbock	93.7	94.5	95.2	93.6	92.3	90.5	91.5	91.1	91.0	90.2
San Angelo	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	93.7	91.9	91.0	92.1
San Antonio	98.1	93.4	96.8	99.2	94.9	91.9	89.9	92.6	90.7	89.4
Midland	99.8	101.1	94.8	93.6	94.4	89.7	92.1	90.2	89.8	88.7
Odessa	98.7	98.6	93.9	NA	95.9	91.2	93.2	90.7	88.6	90.7
El Paso	94.7	98.1	97.5	102.1	94.2	NA	97.2	94.6	NA	NA
M/O Differential	1.1	2.5	0.9	NA	-1.6	-1.7	-1.2	-0.6	1.3	-2.3

Source: American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association & Desert Analytic.
Note: All data cover Q4 except 1999 (Q2).
NA=not available or not applicable.
M/O Differential=percentage difference between COL in Midland & Odessa.



Ambassador of the month

Dell Hoover is Ambassador of the Month for the second consecutive month. She is the M-Squad Chair this year and as of Jan. 31 is happily and busily retired.

Hoover

Dell has been involved in volunteer and service organizations for years, coordinating with her professional career as an independent oil company administrator. She was president of the Desk & Derrick Club in 1990 and is currently a Director. She graduated from Leadership Midland in 1991 and served on their curriculum committee for several years. She has been active in the Business & Professional Women's Club for ten years and enjoys Pop Up toastmasters, currently serving as Secretary.

Dell hopes to pursue new hobbies such as photography, stained glass art and computer science.

She attends Fairmont Park Church of Christ.

Being an ambassador for the Midland chamber will continue to be her top priority as she truly loves Midland and contributing to make it a better place to live and do business.

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FIRST American BANK Midland Economic Update

Midland's economy showing recovery as new year begins

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Local retailers and economic analysts concur that Midland's long-sluggish economy is on the rebound.

Mike McClanahan, manager of the Midland Wal-Mart, said he agrees with expectations that the economy will continue to grow in 2000.

Having reported strong Christmas sales, "We're having a good month of January," he said. "We saw a slight downward trend the first week, but that was because everyone and their brother stocked up for Y2K. If you have 20 cans of pork and beans, you don't need anymore. But the second, third and fourth weeks of January have been wonderful. I'd say consumer confidence in the Permian Basin is wonderful."

Linda Jorgensen, manager at Sears, said her store also has had a promising January, posting sales increases over the previous year.

"We started the week after Christmas with a bang," she said.

Overall, she said, "It looks and feels like it will be a better year."

Sponsors of the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index unveiled its results for the month of December and the entire 1999 year, and economist Karr Ingham of Amarillo, who prepares the index for the Reporter-Telegram, First American Bank and Midland Chamber of Commerce, said it is virtually certain the general economy's downward cycle has concluded.

The index took a sharp jump in December, as did the Permian Basin Petroleum Index, which was above year-ago levels for the first time in months, Ingham said. The growth in the two indices was fueled by increased consumer spending and by continued energy prices well above the $20 level.

Bobby Norman, president of First American Bank, said the December increase "was clearly led by improvements in retail sales and continued improvement in employment. Those two factors will have the most influence on the economic index. We're also seeing strength in, not only production prices, but production values. That is helping pull the economy along just as it was the factor that weakened the economy."

Ingham also predicted that retail sales and employment, while still negative over a year ago, would turn positive early in the year.

Buddy Sipes, chairman of the chamber board of directors, said he was pleased to see

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Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index

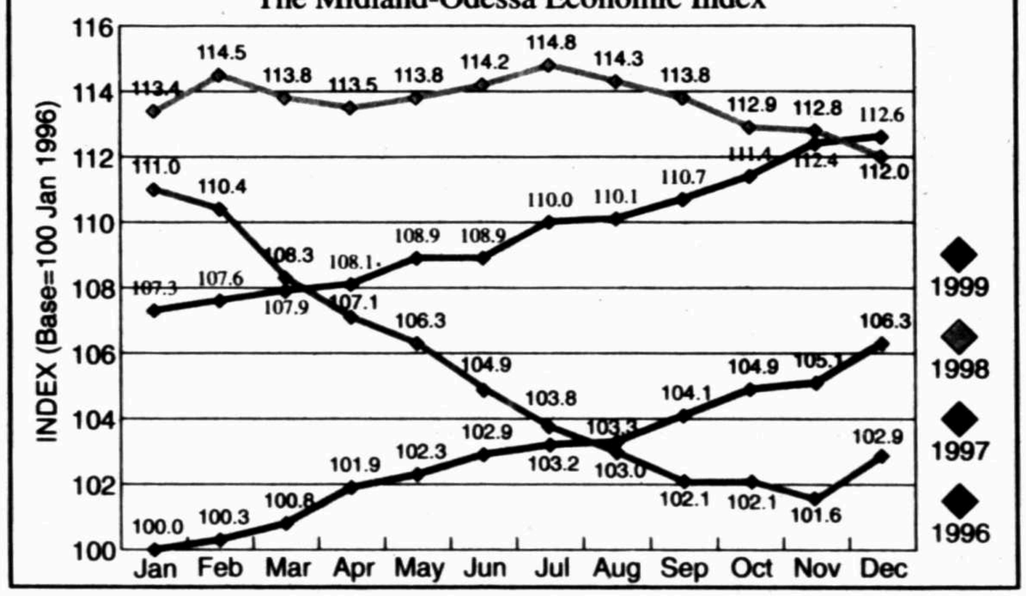
ECONOMIC INDICATORS	THIS YEAR December 1999	LAST YEAR December 1998	% Change 12/98-12/99
Retail Sales (000's - Month)	$186,916	$158,712	17.8%
Retail Sales (000's - YTD)	$2,155,985	$2,325,592	-7.3%
Hotel Motel Tax (Qtr)	$402,224	$469,141	-14.3%
Hotel Motel Tax (YTD)	$1,761,674	1,900,700	-7.3%
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (Month)	$1,955,295	$2,017,468	-3.1%
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (YTD)	$25,848,198	$27,793,010	-7.0%
Airline Boardings (Month)	41,916	41,350	1.4%
Airline Boardings (YTD)	484,249	515,110	-6.0%
Value All Building Permits (Month)	$6,809,690	10,748,210	-36.6%
Value All Building Permits (YTD)	$131,832,780	$127,753,224	3.2%
Permits for New Homes (Month)	12	13	-7.7%
Permits for New Homes (YTD)	230	380	-39.5%
Sales of Existing Homes (Month)	143	140	2.1%
Sales of Existing Homes (YTD)	2,083	2,397	-13.1%
Average Home Sale Price (Month)	$78,914	$88,114	-10.4%
Average Home Sale Price (YTD)	$85,914	$83,469	2.9%
Electric Utility Customers (Month)	105,230	105,794	-0.5%
Manpower Employer Survey (Qtr) *	22%	28%	N/A
EMPLOYMENT			
Wage and Salary Employment (Month)	105,800	106,900	-1.0%
Wage and Salary Employment (Avg YTD)	104,600	107,100	-2.3%
Unemployment Rate (Month)	6.2	6.5	N/A
Unemployment Rate (Avg YTD)	8.3	5.3	N/A
TEXAS PBPI **	**86.9**	**82.3**	**5.6%**
INDEX (Base = 100 January 1996)	**102.9**	**112.0**	**-8.1%**

* Percent of Employers Surveyed Expecting to Increase Staff in Coming Quarter
** Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index (Base=100 Jan 1996)

FIRST American BANK Economy at a Glance

THE MIDLAND-ODESSA REGIONAL ECONOMY

The Midland-Odessa Economic Index



Chamber's Fajitas After Hours multi-cultural mixer scheduled

The Midland Chamber and the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will present "Fajitas After Hours" a multi-cultural mixer March 9 at the Party Station from 5 - 7 p.m.

Admission is free. The Party Station is located at 6009 Empressa Drive, just west of South Loop 250 and north of I-20.

Soft drinks, complimentary food and lively entertainment will be featured. A cash bar is provided. There is no cover charge and the event is open to Chamber members and their guests.

"This is our fourth annual Fajitas After Hours,'" said Miriam Jones, event chair for the Midland Chamber. "All business people should bring a pocketful of business cards to this mixer. It's a great opportunity to make new contacts," she said.

"We have cooperated with the Midland Hispanic Chamber on many projects," Jones noted. "This mixer is another example of business and community networking that also makes a fun event,"she said.

Sponsors of the event include The Party Station, Permian Basin Areawide Phonebook, Gerardo's Casita, Southwestern Bell and TXU Electric.

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CVB Hosts National Journalists

By Laura Spilman

Travel writers from both coasts and the Midwest descended on Midland last month to began a week long tour of West Texas and the Big Bend Region. Journalists participating on the tour contribute to prominent publications including the Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe and Car & Travel.

The tour, sponsored by the Texas Department of Economic Development (TDED) Tourism Division, included stops in Midland, Odessa, Fort Davis, Fort Stockton and several ranches in the Big Bend area. Representatives from TDED and TDED's public relations firm accompanied the writers on the tour. CVB Director, Shura Lindgren, and Marketing Manager, Laura Spilman, hosted the group during the Midland segment.

Midland and Odessa serve as the "Gateway to the Big Bend" due largely in part to Midland International Airport's services. "By hosting travel writers, we hope to obtain coverage of Midland and the Big Bend Area's features and attractions leading more visitors to explore our region," said Lindgren.

Midland television station, reporter given TCTA award for excellence

(AUSTIN) The Texas Classroom Teachers Association has named KMID-TV of Midland and managing editor/anchor Mike Barker as recipients of a 1999-2000 Silver Apple award honoring excellence in the coverage of public education issues.

TCTA presents media awards annually in three categories; KMID-TV and Barker were selected as recipients in the broadcast category.

Judges made the award selection based on a series of stories prepared by Barker between Sept. 1, 1998, and Aug. 31, 1999. The stories were prepared for the station's "Assignment Education" segment and covered topics on teen-age pregnancy, a sex education program for children and a feature on Midland's Elementary Teacher of the Year.

In selecting Barker for the award, the TCTA judges praised his work in preparing Assignment Education reports, which air three times each week. His stories took in-depth looks at timely, current education issues and all were presented in an unbiased, informative manner.

Barker has served as managing editor/anchor of Big 2 News since 1995. His 30 years in journalism includes work as a reporter at KMID-TV and for stations in El Paso and Odessa.

CVB and partners promote area

By Laura Spilman

Consumers, Winter Texans, travel agents and tour operators learned about the Midland/Odessa area last month when the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) teamed up with the Odessa CVB and the Midland/Odessa Health and Retirement Endeavor (MOHRE) to promote our cities. Representatives from each organization manned booths at the McAllen International Travel Show and the Dan Dipert Travel World Market Place in Dallas.

Although both shows target the consumer market, around 20 travel agents and 100 group tour operators attended the shows in addition to over 8,000 consumers. "By sharing trade show costs, Midland, Odessa and MOHRE can reach more consumers and travel industry representatives at a greater number of shows than our budgets would allow independently, " said Midland CVB Director, Shura Lindgren.

Individuals attending the McAllen show discovered an abundance of Texas, Mexico and southern U.S. destinations. "A few Winter Texans mentioned they altered their northern return routes to include stops in our area after speaking to us at the show last year," said Carolyn Coleman, MOHRE Director. Based on responses and interest at the show this year, Coleman believes more Winter Texans will visit our communities within the next year.

Local representatives promoted our area as a weekend getaway destination to the Dallas consumer market at the Dan Dipert Travel World Market Place. "We promoted Midland/Odessa to consumers of all ages from young families to retirees," said Lindgren. "This show also enabled us to speak to Dallas/Fort Worth area tour operators in person about our attractions, accommodations and events."

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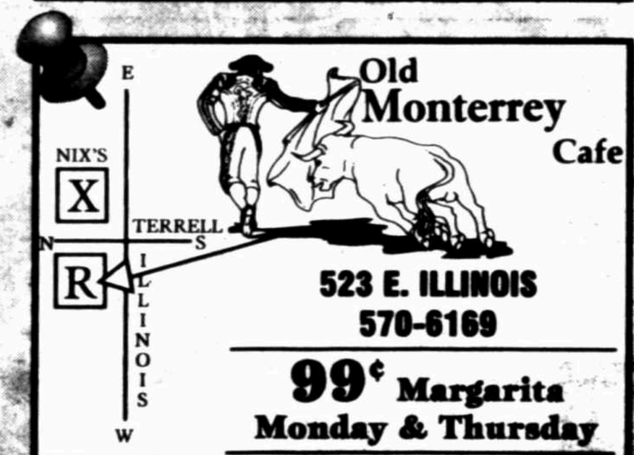

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the index move upward.

"We expected it to go up as a result of improvements in the oil and gas index, and to see that confirmed makes us happy. It also underscores the need for economic development," he said.

Ingham pointed out that while an economy recovering from the downturn is good news, the bad news is that the downturn could happen again.

"The downturn was precipitated entirely by a decline in oil prices, a precipitous decline in prices that no one in this region can do anything about," he said. "What is not out of the control of Midland and Odessa residents is how to position the economy so that any decline in oil prices will have less of an impact on the region."

That was the purpose of the Economic Development task force of the Vision 2000 project, said Ken Burgess, president of First National Bank of Midland and chairman of the task force.

"We came up with several goals to implement, and one of the first things we felt was needed was to educate the community about the need for economic development and the benefits of economic development," Burgess said. "We've been extremely fortunate to have the benefits the oil and gas industry has brought to our economy, but we also need to balance the economy to even out the effects of oil prices."

The Reporter-Telegram, Chamber of Commerce and the city's banks are presenting a public economic conference, "State of the Midland Economy 2000" on Feb. 23, at the Midland Center.

Burgess said the conference will bring representatives of Abilene and Tyler, two Texas cities also dependent on the oil industry who have found ways to diversify and grow their economies.

While an economic development tax is a tool, usually a half-cent added to the sales tax and earmarked for economic development incentives, Burgess said the tax is only one tool.

"I'd hate to get caught up talking about one tool," he said. "There are a lot of different tools that can be used in economic development. In the overall process of looking for ways to develop the economy, we need to identify and discuss the tools that are available to us. But what we really need in our community, to accomplish the goals we need to accomplish — to grow the economy — is we need to have everyone in the community on board." Midland's economy showing recovery as new year begins.

Midland economic indicators

◆ DECEMBER 1999 ◆

CITY OF MIDLAND	DEC 1999	NOV 1999	DEC 1998
Residential Permits	8	12	7
Residential Valuations	$1,114,770	$1,293,085	$670,399
Commercial Permits	-0-	8	5
Commercial Valuations	-0-	$6,083,350	$2,228,000
MIDLAND COUNTY			
Labor Force	63,256	63,699 ◆	64,366 ◆
Employed	59,939	60,084 ◆	61,402 ◆
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.7%	4.6%
ODESSA/MIDLAND MSA			
Labor Force	125,663	126,267 ◆	129,120 ◆
Employed	117,846	118,090 ◆	120,722 ◆
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	6.5%	6.5%
OTHER			
MAF Enplanements	41,916	41,205	41,350
	City of Midland	Midland County	Odessa/Midland MSA
POPULATION	99,186* (Estimate 1-1-99)	117,300** (1-1-98)	240,500** (1-1-98)
COMPOSITE CRIME INDEX	71 (U.S. =100)	76 (U.S. =100)	110 (U.S. =100)

Sources: Claritas, Inc;, U.S. Census Bureau; Texas Workforce Commission
**City of Midland; **Demographics USA County Edition, ◆ Revised data*
Prepared by: Midland Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Department

Networking Breakfast

Health and fitness will be the theme of the Feb. 15 Networking Breakfast.

Networking Breakfasts provide a special way for business people to meet and learn about one another's products and services. The breakfasts, costing only $5, are held form 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Roadrunner Room of the Midland College Student Center.

The breakfast includes time for business people to identify themselves, meet purchasers and talk about their business. Participants are given 30 seconds each to introduce themselves.

The Networking Breakfasts are a joint project of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Black Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens Coalition, the Better Business Bureau, the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center and the UTPB Small Business Development Center.

To reserve a display table, call Ralph Smith, 684-4100 by the Thursday before the meeting for last-minute updates.

Chamber meetings

(All meetings held in Chamber boardroom unless otherwise noted)

February

8 Executive Committee 11:30 am
Midland Center Room. 1
11 M-Squad Guidelines noon
Downstairs conference room
16 Retention/Expansion 11:30 am
to be held at South Plains Mortgage Corp.
200 N. Loraine Suite 610
17 M-Squad luncheon 11:30 am
Cattleman's Steak House
22 Leadership Midland Alumni Committee noon
22 Membership Services 4 pm
23 CVB Advisory Board 11:30 am
23 Board of Directors 3:30 pm
24 Small Business Roundtable 8:30 am
28 Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee 11:45 am
29 Education Committee 11:45 am

March

2 New Member Reception 4 pm
7 Executive Committee 11:30 am
8 President's Club 11:30 am
10 M-Squad Guidelines 12 noon
Downstairs Conference Room
15 Retention/Expansion Committee 11:30 am
16 M-Squad 11:30 am
21 Sport Commission 3:30 pm
22 CVB Advisory Board 11:30 am
22 Board of Directors 3:30 pm
28 Leadership Midland Alumni noon
28 Membership Services 4 pm

CVB calendar

CVB Sporting Events

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with the booking and servicing of many sporting events held in Midland each month.

February

18-20 **West Texas Swimming Championships**
Mabee Memorial Aquatics Center
684-7755
24-26 **West Texas Classic Fast Pitch Softball Tournament**
Ulmer Park Softball Complex/ MUGS Field
694-5508
25-26 **Region I - 5A Girls Basketball Playoffs**
Chaparral Center - Midland College
684-4584
25-26 **Tall City Boys Invitational Golf Tournament**
Country Clubs: Midland, Ranchland Hills, Green Tree; Hogan Park Golf Course

March

2-4 **Tournament of Champions Baseball Tournament**
Christensen Stadium
689-1196
3-4 **Girls Golf Classic Invitational Tournament**
Country Clubs: Midland, Ranchland Hills, Green Tree; Hogan Park Golf Course
3-4 **Region I-5A Boys Basketball Playoffs**
Chaparral Center - Midland College
685-4584

April

7 **Midland Mini-Masters Golf Tournament**
Green Tree Country Club
550-4920
10-15 **USA Boxing 2000 Women's National Championships**
Holiday Inn Center (4/11-4/13); Chaparral Center - Midland College (4/15)
683-3381
15 **Tall City Classic Volleyball Tournament**
Lee High, San Jacinto Jr. High, Abell Jr. High & UTPB (Odessa)
689-1250

Convention Calendar

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with booking and servicing many conventions held in Midland each month. The number indicated refers to the approximate number of individuals attending the convention.

February

j18-19 **Texas Assn. of Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows** (100)
25-26 **FHA - Future Homemakers of America** (1000)
26-29 **American Assn. of Petroleum Geologists - S.W. Section** (400)

March

17-21 **International Order of Odd Fellows** (900)
22-24 **West Texas County Judges & Commissioners Conference** (650)

April

1 **West Texas Historical Association** (125)
6-8 **Texas Licensed Child Care Assn.** (300)
6-9 **Naval Mobil Construction Battalion-40** (150)
8-13 **41st Annual West Texas Lectureship** (200)
16-18 **Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.** (180)
28-30 **West Texas Teen Convention** (50)

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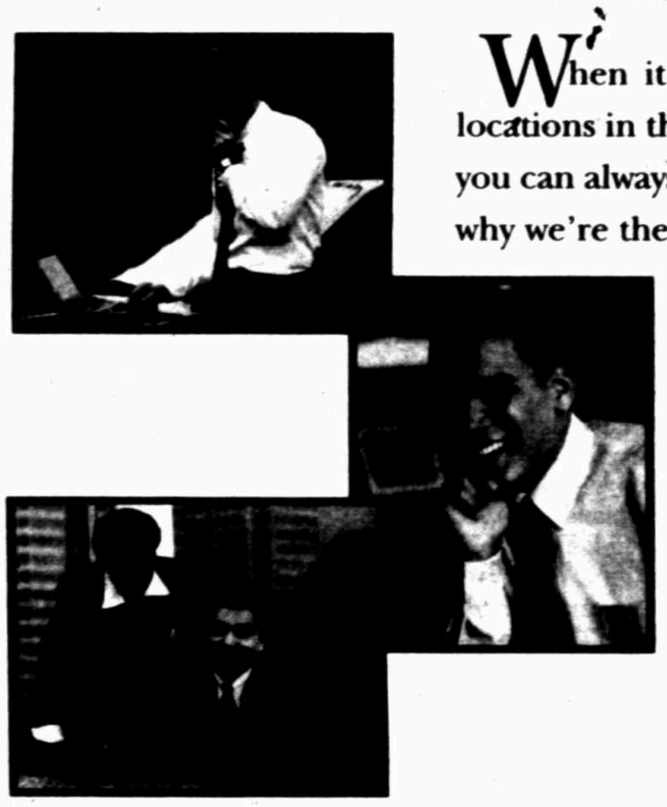

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