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Man and Woman of the Year

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce named Ben Bancroft and Pat Simmons Big Spring Man and Woman of the Year for their outstanding contributions to the community during the chamber's annual banquet recently./1B

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countdown to 2000

Today: In 1988, Confessed serial killer Ted Bundy was put to death in Florida's electric chair for the 1978 kidnapping-murder of 12-year-old Kimberly Leach.



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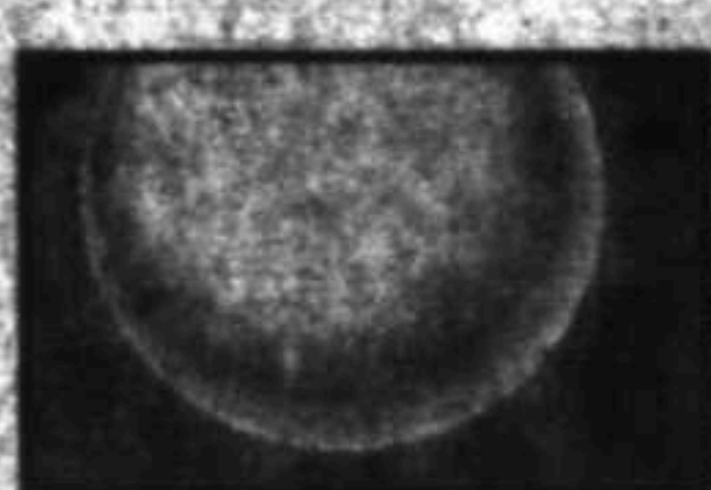
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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY Mostly sunny with high in mid-70s. Weather on 4A



Open for business

Some were working, others were traveling and a few just wanted to check it out, but all were impressed with the new terminal at Midland International Airport. The new terminal opened their doors to the public for business on Saturday morning.

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Search narrowed

Midland Independent School District has narrowed its search for a communications director to five candidates, two from Midland. The new position was conceived last year in response to rumblings of dissatisfaction — both inside and outside the school district — with MISD's ability to disseminate public information to the community.

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Teaching strategy

Educators from around the Permian Basin gathered at Abell Junior High School Saturday to discuss strategies for teaching reading and writing. The event, sponsored by the Midland Reading Council, is among several annual conferences that allow teachers to exchange ideas with one another and review the latest teaching methods and technology available for the profession.

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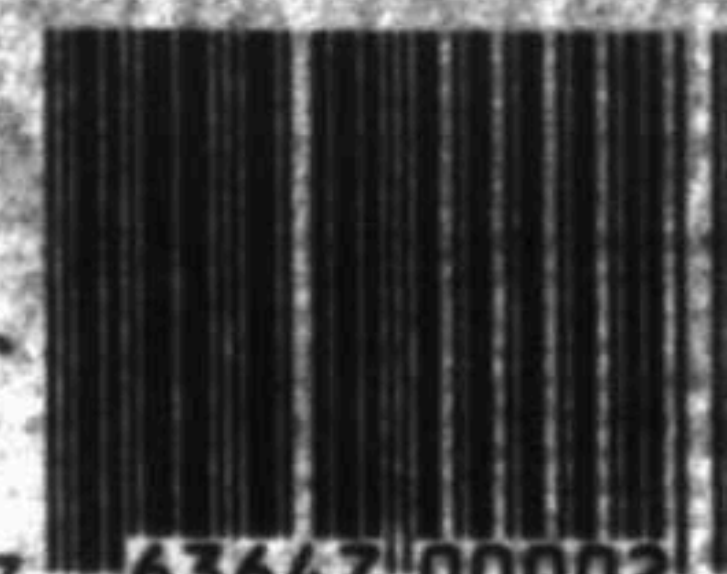
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Terresa Lewis is recovering from wounds sustained when an unmarked package left in front of her home exploded.

Photo courtesy of Joyce Morris



Bombing victim's health improving

Terresa Lewis still in critical condition in a local hospital.

By Rick López Staff Writer

Terresa Lewis used talk to her mother about anything, whether it involved financial problems, raising children or her latest arts-and-crafts project.

But lately, Ms. Lewis and her mother, Joyce Morris, haven't been able to enjoy the simple pleasure of popping open a Dr Pepper and chatting about life.

Since Monday, 34-year-old Ms. Lewis has been in critical condition at a local hospital after opening a package bomb that detonated outside her Midland home.

Her family and friends said no one foresaw such a tragic

event coming her way. Ms. Lewis didn't have any known enemies and didn't associate with bad crowds.

"I don't know why anyone would want to do this to her," Ms. Morris said. "She was just a happy country girl who couldn't hurt anyone."

Apparently, Ms. Lewis didn't have any of her own suspicions that her life was in danger. She didn't think twice about going to work that morning, hadn't finished her 1,000-piece puzzle of snow-capped mountains and didn't hesitate before handling a mysterious red box on her doorstep.

In fact, she set down her purse before touching it, police said. They theorize that Ms. Lewis, a single mom of two kids, accidentally detonated the package bomb that had writing on it. Her children were at their father's house at the time and didn't see the blast.

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Y2K: Why all the fuss?

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series looking at the Y2K computer problem and its potential for disruptions in different aspects of society.

By Jimmy Patterson Staff Writer

If you are an optimist, the scenario will play out something like this. At some point on the morning of Jan. 1, 2000, you will get up, go to the kitchen, pop yourself an Eggo in the microwave. The clock on the oven will read 9:03 a.m., Jan. 1, 2000. After breakfast, you'll turn on your television, get a news update that assures you that, yes, the world is still spinning and the computers are still working. Just to verify, you'll turn your computer on and find out that all your bookmarks are in place and the clock at the bottom right corner of your screen says 9:17 a.m., Jan. 1, 2000. Then — just to be sure everything works — you'll call your mother, to see if Ma Bell is keeping up her end of the Y2K bargain.

On the other hand, if you are a pessimist, or you are buying into the worst-case Y2K scenarios we're all hearing, chances are you'll still wake up on the morning of Jan. 1, 2000. But your alarm clock won't work. Not without electricity. You can't pop yourself an instant waffle in the microwave, you can't check CNN Headline News. And you can forget about checking your e-mail. What had been a computer nine hours earlier is now a worthless pile of screws, nuts, software, hardware, RAM, ROM, MECS and JPEGs. What had passed as your personal finance center, had held your unfinished novel, and preserved all your e-mail from old high

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'We got into the 20th century without any problems. We got through 1984 and the world still exists. We have to look at the history of prophecies and recognize that these have all been unfilled nonsense brought on by attention seeking, profit-seeking doomsayers who border on the cultish.'

—Dr. James Olson, psychology professor at UTPB

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Technicians are scouring all electronic medical equipment for Y2K problems at both Midland hospitals / 5A

Local law enforcement officials say they will be up and ready to go on Jan. 1, 2000./5A

Photo illustration by Curt Wilcott Reporter-Telegram

Hording cash not necessary: Bankers say they'll be Y2K-compliant in time

By Mella McEwen Staff Writer

Local banks and stockbrokers are confident that when the year 2000 rings in a little more than 11 months from now, customers will still have access to their money.

Customers' concerns have ranged from "those who feel, as I do, that there will be some problems but they won't be catastrophic, to those who are digging holes in their backyard and storing canned goods," said Van Percy, a Midland repre-

sentative with Edward Jones.

"The stories I've seen that banks will lose customer data are pretty far-fetched," said Ken Burgess, president and chief executive officer of First National Bank of Midland.

"Most banks have a hard copy of where each account is at the end of the year. They may have to post transactions manually, but it can be done."

The idea of hording silver, coins and cash is both unnecessary and unwise, said John

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COUNTDOWN TO 2000 MILLENNIUM BUG

Coming Monday

Monday's series will look at the potential impact of the Y2K Computer Bug on utilities, oil companies, federal and city governments, and the Midland Independent School District and what these agencies are doing to combat it.

Most Midland seniors confident SSA has handle on year 2000 Bug

By Jimmy Patterson Staff Writer

If you're looking for senior citizens who find themselves racked with worry that the Social Security Administration's computer system will crash on Jan. 1, 2000, because of the Y2K Bug, Midland may be the wrong place to look. Trinity Towers, a local retirement community, is filled with nothing but optimism and confidence in the government and the continuation of benefits from the SSA office.

In a document available on the Social Security's Web page, the agency says, "SSA is confident that all its benefit payments will continue uninterrupted into the new

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Pope urges Christians to make Americas 'continent of life' without racism, abortion or drug-trafficking

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Speaking in one of the most important shrines of Roman Catholicism, Pope John Paul II on Saturday urged his American flock to make the region a "continent of life" — a place without racism, abortion or drug-trafficking.

He also announced a new regional strategy for the church: Catholics must struggle against the excesses of capitalism and the church must try harder to reach the rich and powerful, not just the poor.

"We must stir up a new spring-time of holiness on the continent," he said in his homily.

Millions of Mexicans, who with flickering candles and yellow-and-white Vatican flags showered the pontiff with an adoration he says he misses when back in Rome, lined the streets of his route and packed the area surrounding the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Inside, the pope prayed to the virgin's image, which the church says appeared on the cloak of an Aztec peasant in 1531, helping make the European church accessible to Indians in the Americas.

The 78-year-old pontiff, on a six-day visit to Mexico and the United States, paused often during his homily but spoke relatively clearly in four languages: Spanish, Portuguese, French and English. He leaned on his bishop's staff topped with a silver crucifix, and aides supported him as he climbed and descended the stairs of the altar.

"The church must proclaim the gospel of life and speak out with prophetic dignity against the culture of death," the pope told bishops gathered from across North and South America.

He drew cheers by urging churches throughout the Americas to honor the Virgin of Guadalupe on Dec. 12.

"That is very good," said 22-year-old Francisco Cevallos Her-

'Dear brothers and sisters, the time has come to banish once and for all from the continent every attack against life.'
— Pope John Paul II

nandez, one of about 200 people watching the homily on a battery of television screens in Mexico City's main plaza. "We needed a symbol of unity, brotherhood and relief for poor people. The Virgin of Guadalupe can be that symbol for the continent."

The document on the church's strategy in the Americas represents a major shift in emphasis reflecting the pope's concerns over unfettered capitalism and moves the church away from its earlier worries about Marxist liberation theology in the region.

It also contains a call to preach to the movers and shakers of society, in addition to the poor.

In his homily, he echoed some of the themes from that document, which condemned the "social sins" which cry out to heaven — drug trafficking, corruption, abortion, environmental destruction and the exploitation of women, children, minority groups and the poor.

"Dear brothers and sisters, the time has come to banish once and for all from the continent every attack against life," the pope said in an English-language portion of the homily interrupted by applause four times.

"No more violence, terrorism and drug-trafficking! No more torture or other forms of abuse! There must be an end to the unnecessary recourse to the death penalty!"

"No more exploitation of the weak, racial discrimination or ghettos of poverty! Never again!"

Dancing, singing and chanting, crowds overflowed with warmth

despite the 43-degree chill. "It's very cold, but we are happy," said Maria Jesus Rio Frio as steam billowed from carts dispensing hot drinks.

Some faithful waited for days along the pope's route. At several points, the crowds surged past blockades of volunteers, almost shutting the streets before police pushed them back.

Following his basilica Mass, the pope was to rest, then meet with President Ernesto Zedillo and Mexico's diplomatic corps at the presidential residence in Chapultepec Park.

On Sunday, he is to celebrate Mass at a racetrack and on Monday hold a music-filled celebration at Mexico's biggest soccer stadium before flying Tuesday to the United States, where he will meet with President Clinton in St. Louis.

More time for rest is built in to John Paul's schedule this visit than in the past. The pope's slurred speech, trembling left hand and sometimes absent expression could be symptoms of Parkinson's disease, but the Vatican has never offered an explanation.

At a restaurant along the pope's route Saturday, waitresses in peasant-style uniforms served breakfasts to patrons watching the Mass on televisions set up for the occasion. Waitress Isabel Maria Hernandez came in early to make sure she didn't miss any of the pope's appearance.

"It's something beautiful. It's difficult to express, but I just feel it here," she said, touching her heart.



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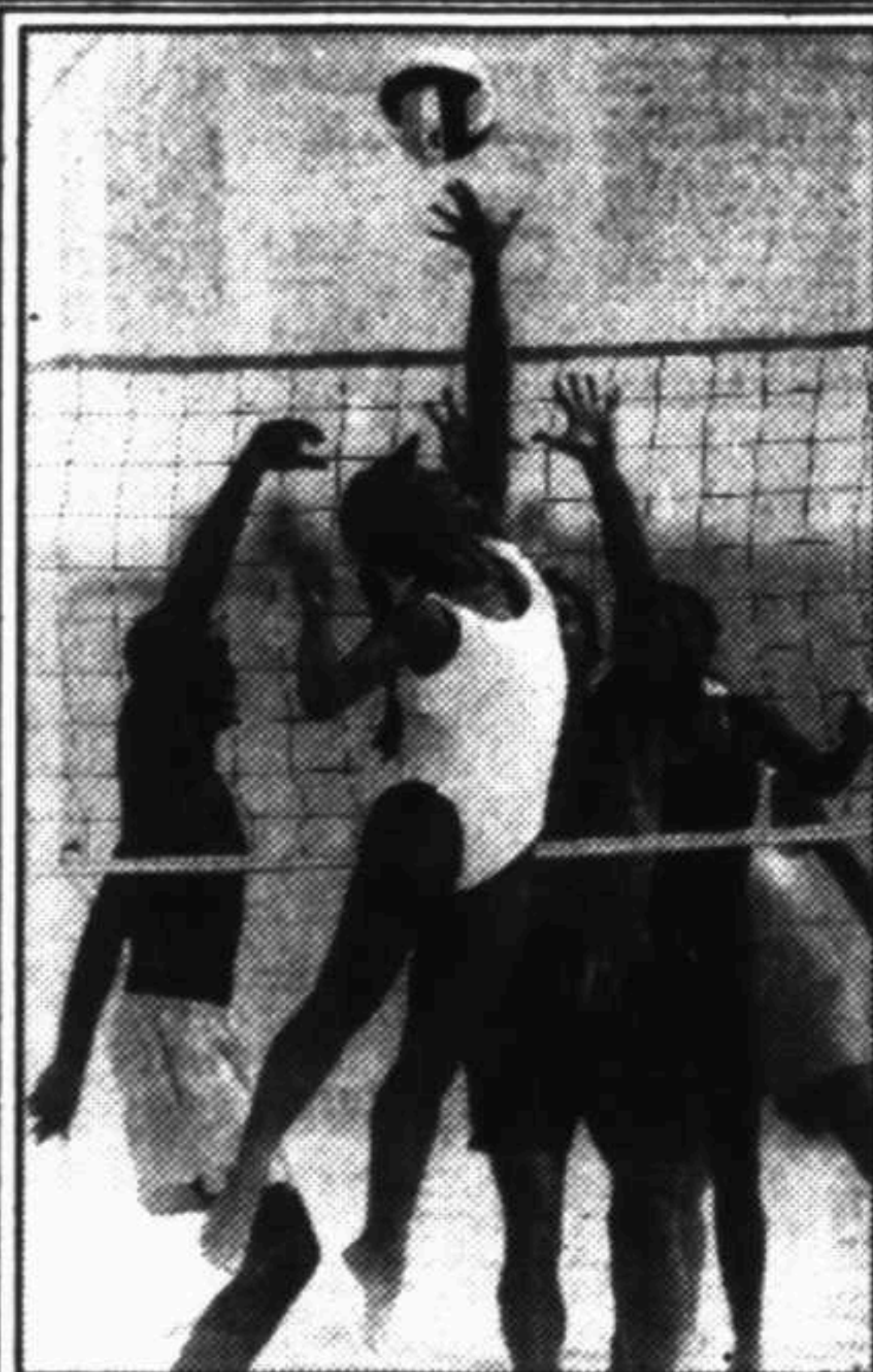
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Highest female suicide rate in world is puzzling plague of rural China

LUTOU, China (NYT) — Wang Xuexia remembers the May night when the minibus dropped her high school classmate at the emergency room, disheveled and semi-conscious, exuding the sickly sweet odor of pesticide.

Ms. Wang knew the drill: pump the stomach, then give oxygen, a shot of Atropine and, intravenously, an antidote to the lethal poison. Such patients were so common at the hospital in Lutou that the diagnosis was never in question: another desperate rural woman attempting suicide.

Female suicide is the puzzling plague of rural China, making the country's rate the highest in the world. Some 56 percent of the world's female suicides — about 500 a day — occur in China, according to a study based on Chinese vital statistics by the World Bank, Harvard University and the World Health Organization. Most victims are young rural women.

Chinese officials have said that the Western estimates, derived from crude suicide statistics that China first released in the early 1990s, are probably too high. But a small group of government officials, researchers, health workers and women's advocates in China have gingerly started to research and confront what is still so often regarded as a sensitive and embarrassing problem.

Their research has led to various theories about the cause of the suicides: the low status of women in China; the rapid shift to a market economy; the easy rural availability of pesticide.

But there are still few answers for an outbreak defying the traditional wisdom that suicide is largely a problem of urban men. In China there are three times as many suicides in the countryside as in the cities. It is the only country where more women than men die as a result of suicide each year — twice as many in the age group under 45.

The largest suicide study in progress is being led by Dr. Michael Phillips, a Canadian psychiatrist who has lived and worked in China for many years, and his colleagues at the Chinese Academy of Preventive Medicine.

Their early results confirm the

impressions of rural Chinese doctors: a large number of suicides in the countryside are impulsive acts by people who show no signs of mental illness, depression or alcohol use.

Many of the suicides are mindgames — precipitated by a family quarrel, an illness or bad news — in which a woman rushes home, and downs a bottle of organophosphate pesticide. Attempts almost all occur during summer, when farm work is exhausting and tensions run high.

Ms. Wang's high school classmate, for example, drank the poison after arguing publicly with her husband about which to do first, transplant seedlings or plant cotton.

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COUNTDOWN TO 2000 MILLENNIUM BUG

MONEY: Regulators making sure financial institutions prepared

(From 1A)

Grist, president of Midland American Bank.

Overseen by federal regulators, banks and stockbrokers have been working for months if not years to ensure that their computer systems were year 2000-compliant.

"Being the principal, the Securities and Exchange Commission mandated that I fill out this huge form, it was 42 pages," said Glenn Little of Little & Co. "They asked 'Have you checked this application, have you checked that application, what's your Y2K budget, how much personnel have you allocated to this problem?'"

He said regulators have been aggressive in seeing that financial institutions address the problem, and predicted that "some firms will have small problems creep up with older programs that have patches on patches, but there are enough programs that will steamroll through those problems."

After all, he said, "Who's got old computers? Mine were two years old and I gave them to the schools. No one has those old dinosaurs anymore."

Agreed Bobby Norman, president of First American Texas, Midland, "Over time any large company will purchase replacement equipment and new equipment."

He said the bank's computer operations are on two platforms: Large computers that run the bank's systems and smaller computers that employees use for various transactions. In surveying the bank's hardware, only a couple of personal computers not currently in use read "00" as the year 1900 instead of the year 2000.

In terms of software, he said, each application and the supplier was reviewed, as was the program's use.

Norman pointed out that it is also important to determine if the correct date is important to that transaction.

"If you buy groceries at the grocery store and the date on the receipt is wrong, does that affect the total bill? No. It might that night when the store does its nightly report. It would be important in setting a loan schedule, but in just noting the date of sale, it's not that important."

The bank has addressed the situation for the last couple of years and run its system parallel to test cases where computers were told the date was Dec. 31, 1999, and experienced only minor errors like misplaced headers, nothing that would affect a customer's account, Norman said.

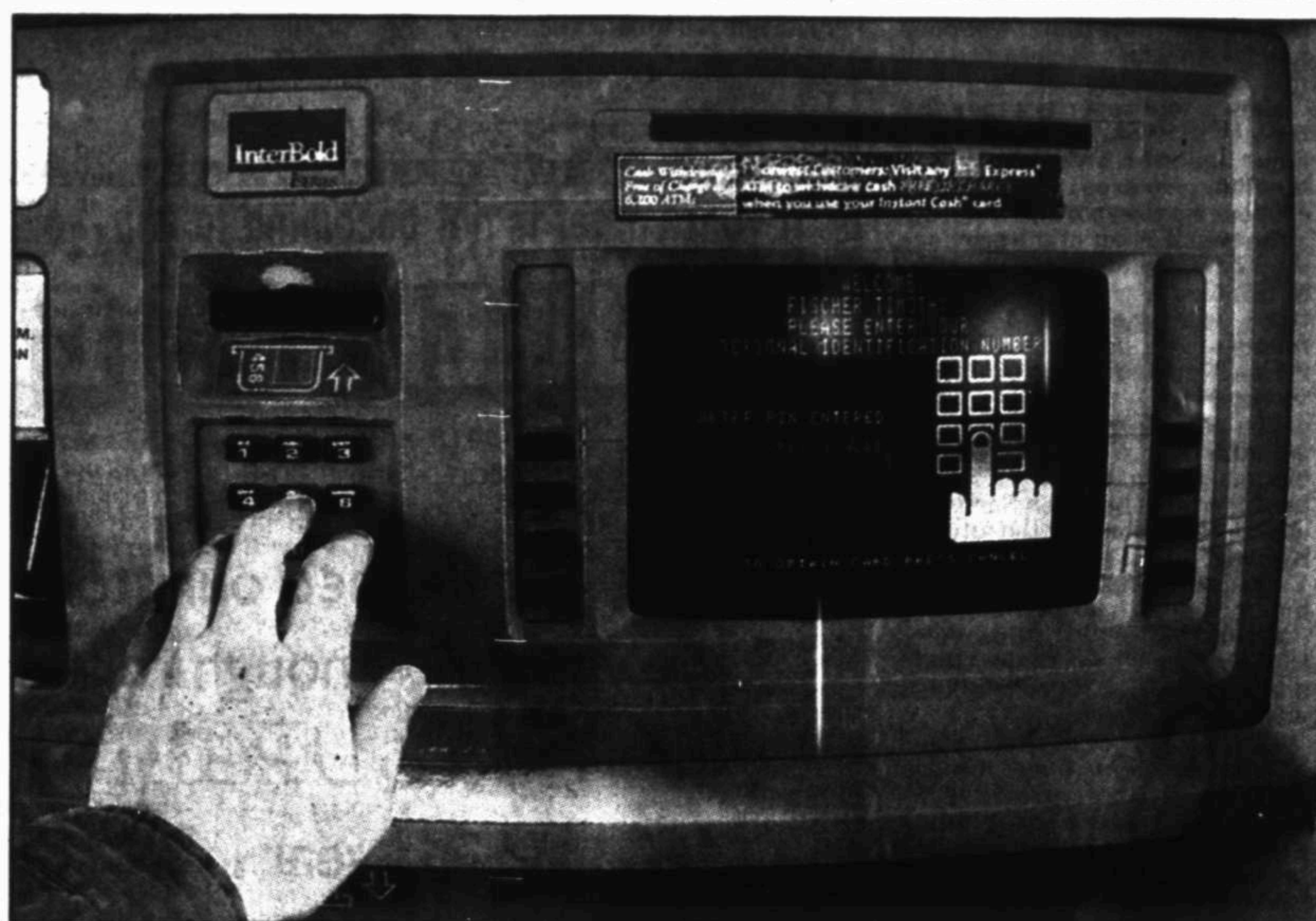
Julie Turner, a spokeswoman for Bank of America, which merged last year with Nations-Bank, said that federal banking regulators made the issue a critical part of the bank's audit.

"We provided a good bit of documentation," she said, estimating that the corporation will spend \$550 million on compliance.

The company began addressing the issue in 1995, she said, first taking an inventory of all systems and identifying systems that were date-dependent or used two-digit dates to run their systems and applying fixes that ranged from writing new code to expanding two-digit code to include a four-digit date code.

The regulatory scrutiny, Ms. Turner said, "is good for the industry and the consumer. It shows that no stone is being left unturned and it reassures customers that outside agencies are looking at every detail."

Norman said his experience



was that regulators were thorough, and encouraging banks to educate their customers about the Y2K situation. In fact, he said, the Federal Reserve is supplying brochures for banks to make available to customers so that "an informed public can make informed decisions."

Like the other banks, Midland American Bank was examined by regulators, in this case officials with the Federal Reserve of Dallas, said Grist, who added the bank was audited twice in 1998 and ruled in compliance.

In addition, he said, the company employed an outside data processing consultant to evaluate its systems, and the consultant also ruled the bank in compliance.

Customer concerns, Grist said, "are not justified as far as the financial world is concerned. There are issues out of our control. If the electricity fails, how will we operate our counting machines, our ATMs? ATMs are not critical to survival. We have live tellers who know how to make change and take deposits and post them to accounts."

The bank, he said, had to replace some personal computers that handle some bank reports but were approaching the end of their usefulness anyway.

Addressing the issue, Grist said, has been more costly in terms of time than funding for Midland American.

"We dedicated two senior officers and five staff members to the project and spent many hours on the project. We also have to document our efforts."

Not only is the SEC addressing the problem with brokers, but the National Association of Security Dealers is as well, said David Howard of Linsco/Private Ledger.

"The NASD is concerned about the smaller broker-dealers not being in compliance," said Howard, who added that his company has had an ongoing Y2K effort for two years and his office receives periodic updates.

He said he has had inquiries from customers concerned that the brokerage is addressing the issue. For his part, he said, "I'm more worried about the electricity going off."

Pearcy said that as his company has converted its technology to satellite-based technology over the last two years, officials have worked to ensure the new equipment is Y2K-compliant.

"Our concern in the industry is our partners and the companies we provide services through," Percy said.

He said the company has already held two testing sessions of its systems "and come through with flying colors. I suspect we'll have four to six more test modes this year."

William Fricker, office man-

ager with Donnelly & Co., said that if a broker is not deemed compliant, he could face sanctions late in the year.

"As regulated as the industry is, regulators want to make sure they know where everyone is at in the system," he said. "Their search is based on each broker's system and how it's operated so they know we're preparing to serve our clients in the 21st century."

The systems at his day trading company are so new and updated so frequently, Fricker said, "I don't see any problems."

Wayne Merritt, president of Norwest Bank Midland, said that "We're not concerned about people having access to their money. People can come to the bank and get money at 12:01 Jan. 1, 2000 or on Jan. 2, it won't make any difference."

Merritt pointed out that banks have a lot of delivery channels that allow customers access to their funds, including Automated Teller Machines, tellers and computer access. He added that the bank has systems in place or to be in place to address any possible problems.

To address the situation, Merritt said the parent company, Wells Fargo, which acquired Norwest last year, established teams that worked with each Wells Fargo mortgage, leasing and brokerage unit and a monitoring team comprised of high-level company executives oversaw the project.

"We're 100 percent confident our computers will keep running," Merritt said.

Community National Bank completed testing of its systems, programs and facilities in October and is compliant, according to Robert Sutherland, president and chief executive officer.

He said the bank began to address the issue in October 1997 by establishing a year 2000 team headed by a member of senior management and including a member from each department. The team evaluated every operation at the bank for potential problems and the bank also established a certification program for each vendor, from software suppliers to TU Electric, which supplies electricity to the bank's facilities.

Sutherland suggested customers alleviate any concerns by keeping December 1999 and January 2000 statements, debit and credit advices and instructions affecting their accounts.

Events were different at First National Bank of Midland, which opened its doors for business in November.

"We're different because with us starting up in November, we had to prove that everything we were putting in place was year 2000-compliant," said Burgess.

"We were in the mode of purchasing equipment from

scratch, so most vendors were far down the road to compliance. We didn't buy anything we weren't 99.9 percent sure was compliant," he said.

Still, he added, "we still have to do a contingency plan. The reason is, in case we don't have electricity or phone service, since we have systems dependent on electricity and phone lines, we'll be working manually for a few days."

He added that the bank will have plenty of cash on hand the first few days of the new year so customers can receive cash or access their accounts.

Chase Bank established its program, Chase 2000 in 1995, said bank Vice President Elroy Wilkins, who said the bank regards the year 2000 not only as a technology problem but a business challenge.

Chase's corporate-wide system includes 3,000 business applications covering about 200 million lines of code. The Chase 2000 program also is managing 300 individual projects that include timeframes, resource requirements, interdependencies, technical and user requirements and testing requirements. About 1,000 major third-party vendor packages are being tracked for compliance and more than 3,000 unique external interfaces have been identified and are being tested.

The company also is assessing and remediating more than 77,000 desk top computers, upgrading 6,388 data center hardware and 11,631 system software components and conducted an inventory, assessment and upgrade of 25,135 telecommunications components, all in Chase's 1,400 locations.

Chase expects final signoff of all applications and complete compliance by June 30 of this year, all at a cost of \$363 million.

As local bankers and brokers work to ensure compliance, they put the issue in perspective.

Ms. Turner said that Bank of America "wants everyone to take a common sense approach to the issue. Everyone who works with computers knows that there are glitches and sudden shut-downs on a regular basis. There are back-up systems and those are tested like everything else. Should there be a glitch, all that information in place will still be there."

Fricker observed that "No one knows what's going to happen. Everyone's preparing for ... what?"

"Is the earth going to stop?" Little asked. "The earth will rotate, lights will come on, sewers will flow and the televisions will work and if they don't, get out the checkers or talk to your kids."

Law enforcement officials: We're ready for year 2000

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Maybe absolute chaos and destruction will happen when Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, becomes Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, ... and maybe it won't.

Either way, local law enforcement officials say they will be up and ready to go.

Officials from the Department of Public Safety, Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland Police Department say all their machines that can be affected by Y2K are either fixed or are in the process of being in compliance.

Charles Gipson, communications and information systems director for the city of Midland, said all of their computers should be fine.

"We've gone through all our pagers, cell phones, telephones, radios which include all public safety dispatch and their computers," Gipson said. "All the hardware is Y2K ready and all our software is certified from the vendor to be Y2K-friendly and we have run tests on it to make sure."

The Midland Police Department and Sheriff's Office work through the city's communications department, so as long as the department is running, they should be running.

Gipson said the communications department has been looking into this problem for years.

"We have messed around with this since 1995," he added. "It took a few months to consider all our options, but we got a plan and went at it."

Capt. Ed Krevit with the Midland County Sheriff's Office said all of their computers are on a mainframe that is already Y2K-ready.

"All of the computers we use are connected to the mainframe

in the jail," Krevit said. "It has been tested and is ready."

"All the PCs that I'm aware of have software and hardware that is compliant and is ready for the time change."

The DPS office computers all work off a mainframe system out of Austin.

Mary Laderdale, chief of information management services for the DPS, said their mainframe is expected to be Y2K compatible by late August.

"We have a lot of data stored in that mainframe," Ms. Laderdale said. "Although the mainframe is Y2K-compatible, we want to make sure all the criminal files, driving records and things of that nature will not be damaged when the new year comes. We are doing tests and they should be ready on Aug. 31 of this year."

Ms. Laderdale said they already have had to deal with a Y2K problem. She said in 1994, the DPS realized that it soon would have to issue driver's licenses with expiration dates on or after the year 2000.

"We issue driver's licenses with expiration dates four years ahead," Ms. Laderdale said. "It was only a matter of time before we realized that we had better be sure our computers would accept that expiration date."

None of the agencies should have any problems if they are suddenly without the benefits of technology.

"This system has to run seven days a week, 24 hours a day," Gipson said. "When we have to do repairs or updates, systems have to go off line. When they go off line, the departments go from computers to paper. If all the computers go out, we will just do things on paper for awhile. It would be the same as if we shut them down for repairs."

CONFIDENT: Seniors not too worried

(From 1A)

century. Late in 1998, the office announced that it had in fact, completed checks on its computer system, putting at ease any fears that a cessation of benefits would occur because of the Y2K Bug.

Such an announcement seems all the group of 20 seniors needed to hear. The Trinity residents, who meet every Wednesday for a discussion of current events, expressed the utmost confidence in their government.

"We hear a lot of what they say (about the coming computer problem) but who are they and how much knowledge do they really have?" said 87-year-old Cliffie Hubert.

Ninety-two-year-old Allena Peters may not have the answer to Ms. Hubert's question, but she figures "they" know what they're doing.

"I think it'll all be figured out," Mrs. Peters said. "We have a lot of smart people working on it."

The group described itself as "somewhat reliant" on Social Security benefits.

"It may not be fixed rapidly, but it will be fixed," a woman named Gladys said. "We just have to take it one day at a time. The whole wide world is in God's hands anyways. We can all get emotionally upset about it, but I live a balanced life."

Ruth Stewart, 89, echoed Gladys' sentiments, saying, "God is in His heaven and all is right with the world."

Lydia Wilkinson, who will turn 87 this year, also has faith that neither the world nor her Social Security benefits will come to an end. "I really think the sun will come up and the sun will go down that day."

Faye Thurman, activity director at Trinity Towers, said the group had previously discussed the Y2K problem in a current events setting. At that meeting, and earlier last week, Ms. Thurman said, the group remained very confident, choosing not to spend too much of their time worrying about matters beyond their control.

Chris Newman, community relations director at Manor Park, said she has not heard much talk among residents at her retirement village.

And Darrell Smith, a retired Texaco executive and current Manor Park resident, expressed personal confidence much like what was found with his peers at Trinity Towers, although he withholds expressing total confidence.

"My banker tells me he's ready," Smith said. "Course that doesn't help Social Security. We can't tell at all what's going to happen within our government. I'm concerned but I'm not greatly worried."

Smith said the Social Security's insistence that everything will run smoothly as the new millennium dawns doesn't make him feel any more confident.

"It doesn't make me feel any more secure than I already felt," Smith said. "With what we have going on in our government right now ... you just can't tell."

James Feltz, a 92-year-old resident at Trinity Towers, isn't worried about Y2K, or even the possibility of Social Security benefits being at least temporarily stopped. He has only one concern.

"I don't have any worry about it," he said. "The only worry I have is if my friends get sick."

Technicians scouring all electronic medical equipment at both Midland hospitals

By Gary Shanks

Staff Writer

Spending New Year's Eve in a hospital would be bad enough — having cardiac monitors, I.V. pumps and even electrical power fail because of the Y2K Computer Bug would be worse.

Teams of technicians at both of Midland's major hospitals are well under way with plans to scour all pieces of electronic medical equipment and emergency generators for possible year 2000 problems.

At Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, more than 3,000 pieces of equipment have been inspected and tested, with 754 of these being identified as critical to the operation of the hospital, said David Whiles, a laboratory coordinator for MHMC who is heading up Y2K efforts at that institution.

Teams at both MHMC and Westwood Medical Center appear to be well within

their time line for identifying and fixing any serious Y2K issues that could affect patient care or shut down the business systems at the institutions.

Incubator beds for premature infants, CAT Scanners, cardiac telemetry units, ultrasound machines — all pieces of biomedical equipment will be certified Y2K compliant or will be replaced before Dec. 31 of this year, said Whiles and Jimmy Grimes, Y2K coordinator for biomedical systems at Westwood.

For instance, at MHMC, there are 257 I.V. pumps, and the biomedical team has determined that 237 of these have no date function in any of their microchips and will be unaffected by the Y2K change, Whiles said.

On 23 of the units, however, a potentially serious Y2K bug was found and all of these units are awaiting the installation of new chips, which are expected soon from the manufacturer, Whiles said.

One of the most interesting Y2K bugs was found at Westwood in an ultrasound unit that produces a kind of picture of a gestating fetus and projects a due date for the expecting mother, Grimes said.

The electronics in this unit will suffer a catastrophic bug problem that will render the mechanism totally inoperable.

These kinds of failures are being found all over the country, but this one is interesting because as it projects a due date seven or eight months into the future, the bug will come into play much sooner than Jan. 1, he said.

The manufacturer cannot send a programming fix for this machine by early this spring, the unit will become useless, he said.

"In April, this piece of equipment is not going to function," Grimes said.

Other ultrasound machines at the hospital are unaffected by the Y2K bug, however.

Some pieces of equipment at both hospitals have been found to work with a year 2000 date, but will fail when it comes to Feb. 29 of that leap year.

In another bizarre hitch, one minor dating problem on one piece of equipment will not allow the date of Sept. 9, 1999.

"It won't take those four nines for some reason," Grimes said of the contrary machine.

Plans are to have all of these pieces of equipment tested, repaired or replaced before the end of the summer, they said.

"We are making capital available for upgrades and replacements," Grimes said.

Contingency plans for Y2K problems outside the institutions also are being put in place and emergency power generation units at the hospitals are being tested.

"Our electrical generator and transfer switches have been certified as OK by

the manufacturer," Whiles said.

Software upgrades are being instituted in both MHMC's and Westwood's business computer systems.

Y2K compliant software is needed to ensure the continued operation of patient billing, equipment ordering and other systems critical to the continued operation of the hospitals.

The MHMC mainframe computer system already is upgraded and functionally Y2K compliant, with more upgrades on the way for certain other programs run only on PC systems.

"We are waiting on delivery of that software," Whiles said. "It will probably be here within the next few weeks," he said.

Finally, electronic infrastructure systems also are being scrutinized, including elevator controls, fire alarms, environmental controls and other subsystems.

International monitors win release of Serb civilians in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — International monitors won the release Saturday of five Serb civilians and reportedly nine ethnic Albanian rebels as well in a bid to defuse tensions and revive Kosovo's flagging peace process.

The Serb civilians, three men and two women, were handed over to the Kosovo Verification Mission about sundown, according to American monitor Mike Phillips.

Later, an ethnic Albanian human rights group announced that nine Kosovo Liberation Army rebels captured last month near the Albanian border were freed by Yugoslav authorities.

The director of the Albanian-run Committee for the Defense of Human Rights and Freedoms in the central town of Srbica, Murat Musliu, said the Kosovo Liberation Army guerrillas were handed over to international peace monitors.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe refused to comment on the reported release of the rebels, but did not deny it.

On Jan. 8, the rebels seized soldiers about 25 miles northwest of Pristina to bargain for the release of the fighters.

The rebels freed the eight soldiers Jan. 13, claiming U.S. and European diplomats had promised to work for release of the guerrillas. The KLA said the deadline for the release of the nine fighters passed Friday.

Any simultaneous release of the two groups represents a victory by international monitors seeking to reduce tensions, which rose dramatically in Kosovo after the Jan. 15 massacre of 45 ethnic Albanians in the southern village of Racak.

William Walker, the American



AP photo
Serbian Ljubinka Bigovic, the wife of kidnapped Miodrag Bigovic, cries in front of her home in the village of Nevollane, some 35 kilometers (22 miles) northwest of Pristina, Saturday.

head of the verification mission, accused Serb police of the Jan. 15 massacre. The government claimed the victims were rebels who died in battle, and officials ordered Walker out of the country.

Under intense international pressure, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic froze the expulsion order Friday, enabling Walker to stay.

Nevertheless, there were few signs Saturday that tensions were easing. In the Podujevo area, about 20 miles north of the provincial capital of Pristina, Yugoslav

tanks and troops remained Saturday at positions they took after eight Yugoslav army soldiers were kidnapped Jan. 8.

KLA rebels, wearing German-made fatigues and some with helmets and anti-tank weapons, manned trenches as close as a half-mile away.

Rebels told reporters they fear the Yugoslav army is preparing to move against KLA strongholds in the Podujevo area.

Speaking to reporters Saturday as he began a tour of the province, Walker said there was "a good bit of military activity" — meaning troop movements and deployments — on both sides despite international pressure to stop the violence.

The Racak massacre and the standoff over Walker have accelerated international efforts to arrange talks between Serbs and ethnic Albanians over the future of Kosovo, a southern province of Yugoslavia's main republic, Serbia.

About 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people are ethnic Albanians, and the vast majority of them want independence.

The Oct. 12 cease-fire, which Milosevic accepted under threat of NATO airstrikes, provided for talks between the rival ethnic groups. No face-to-face talks have been held, however, largely because of political divisions within the ethnic Albanian community.

NATO ambassadors, gathering in Brussels, Belgium, announced further preparations Friday for possible airstrikes against Yugoslavia and also discussed ways of "reining in" ethnic Albanian rebels.

American and European diplo-

mat meeting in London condemned Serb actions and also drew up a proposal to be put to the Belgrade government and ethnic Albanians next week in an effort to start political talks.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Fehmi Agani, who would head the ethnic Albanian del-

egation to future peace talks, blamed the Serb government for the disarray in his community.

"All the (ethnic) Albanian community has a common goal of independence," Agani said. "But the real problem is the relationship with Serbia."

Agani claimed Milosevic does not

want a settlement in Kosovo because the ongoing crisis enabled him to justify repressive rule, including his crackdown on Serb opposition media and academics.

More than 2,000 people have been killed in a year of fighting between separatist guerrillas and Yugoslav and Serbian forces in Kosovo.

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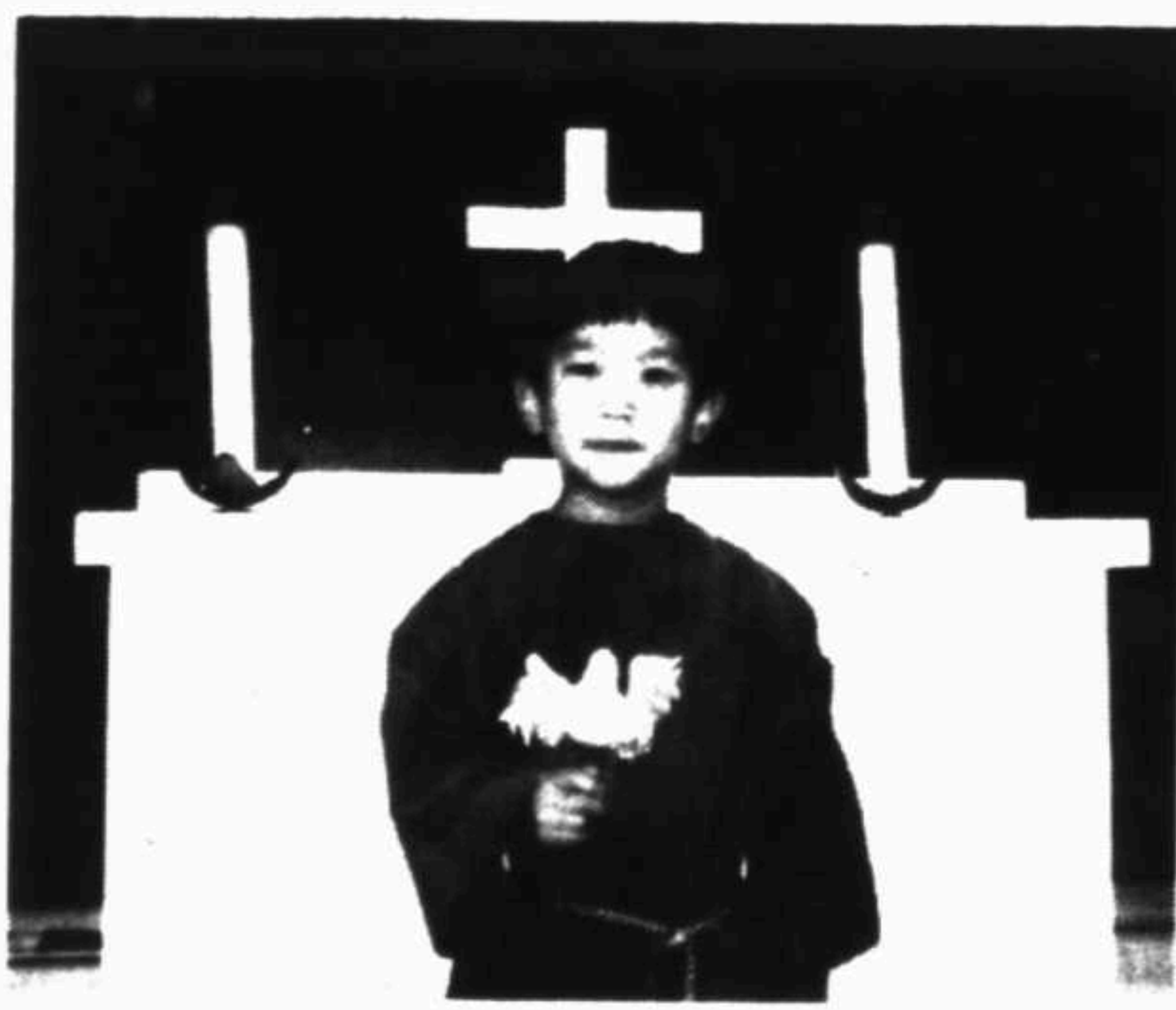
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Saddam lashes out at Saudi Arabia, Kuwait for glutting oil market

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein lashed out against Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in a statement published Saturday, accusing them of glutting the oil market and betraying Arabs for the United States.

As foreign ministers gathered in Cairo for a session of the Arab League, the rare editorial by Saddam ran on the front page of the state-run al-Jumhuriya daily in Iraq's latest attack on the United States' allies in the Arab world.

"Saudi rulers have caused great calamities to the Arab nation and committed aggression against its rights ever since they became a bridge for the foreigner" into the region, Saddam wrote.

He accused Saudi Arabia and Kuwait of increasing oil production, causing plummeting prices over the past year to the detriment of Arab states and the benefit of the Americans.

The two countries have handed "America and Zionism knives to pierce the Arab nation with," he said.

Oil prices are now at a record low, with a barrel selling around \$10, or half the price from a year ago. The oil glut has been caused by low demand and an increase in production by Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

It has been particularly painful for Iraq, which is allowed to sell \$5.2 billion worth of oil every six months to buy food and medicine under an exception to U.N. sanctions imposed after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The country's dilapidated oil industry pumped out its maximum capacity of 2.5 million barrels a day over a six-month period ending in November, but it could hardly earn \$3 billion in the period.

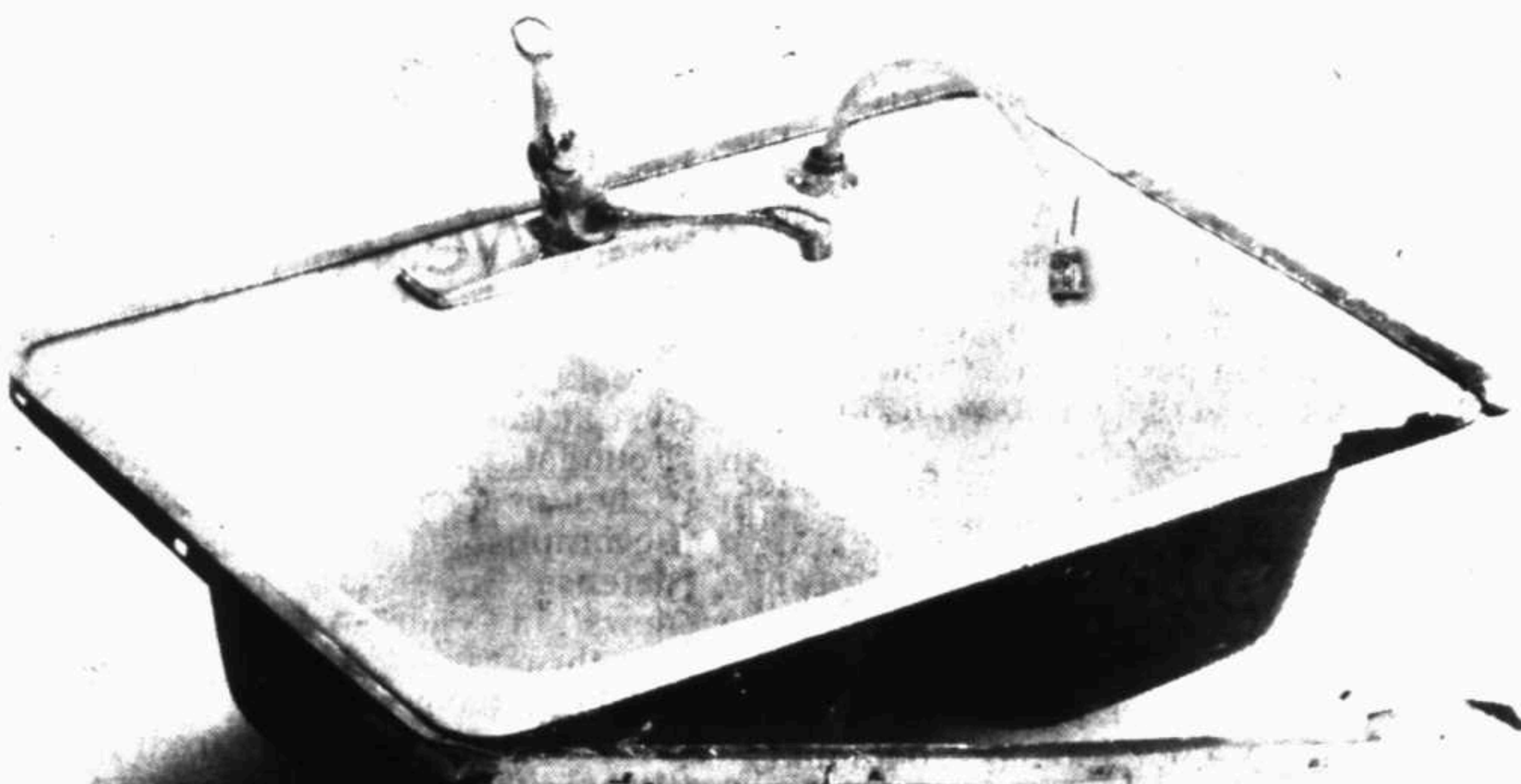
Saddam wrote that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia had pressured OPEC to increase production, "which led to the collapse of oil prices ... inflicting great damage on the interests of member countries, including those of the Saudi people."

OPEC controls 40 percent of the world's daily oil production.

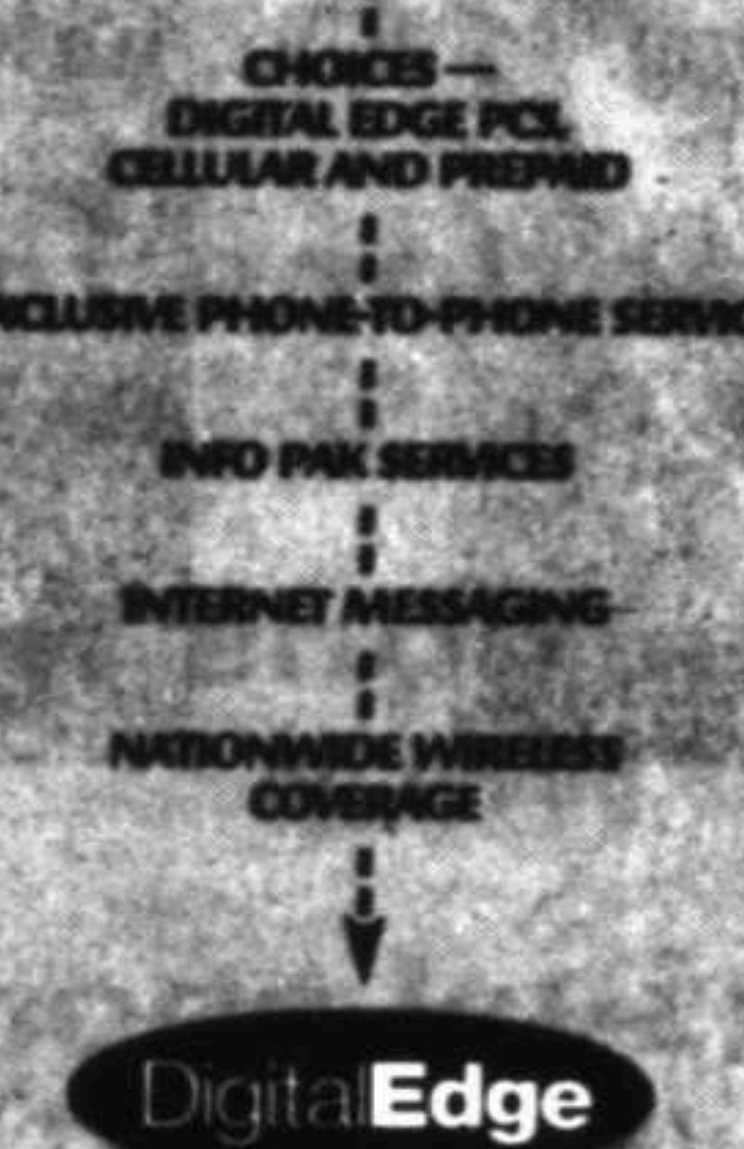
Earlier this month, Saddam had condemned Arab rulers for supporting the United States and called on their people to rise up to topple them after the United States and Britain bombed Iraq in mid-December.

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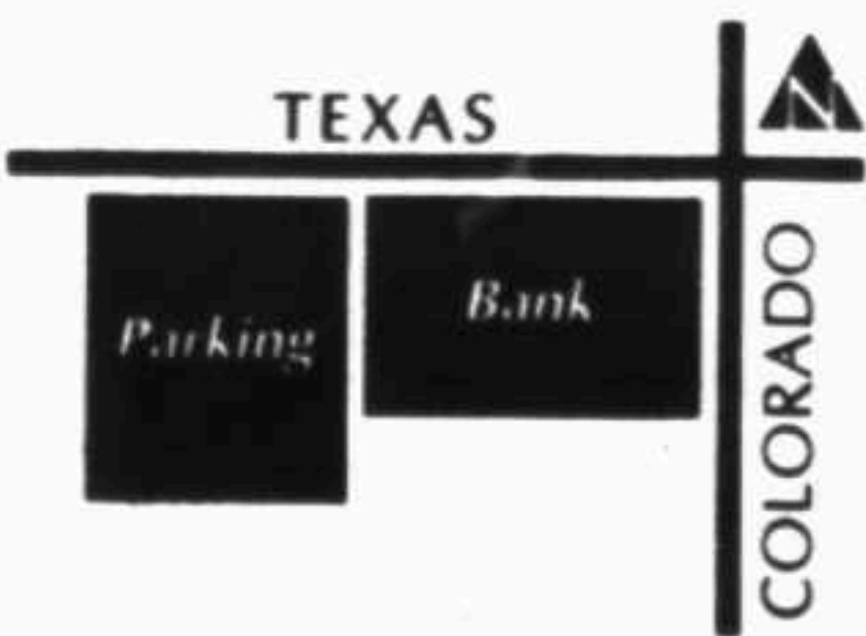
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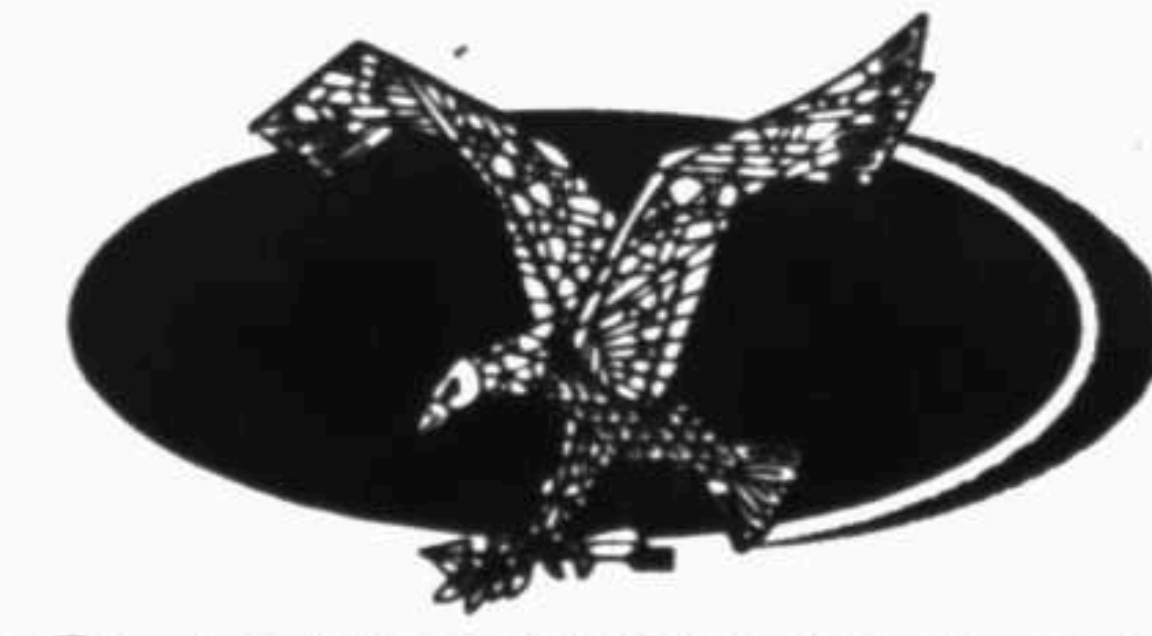
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Administration sees new urgency in threat of nuclear attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the six years since President Clinton's first defense secretary declared "the end of the Star Wars era," the administration has come nearly full circle in weighing the threat posed to America by long-range nuclear missiles.

After years of insisting the threat lay far in the future, the administration says the future has arrived.

"We are affirming that there is a threat, and the threat is growing," Defense Secretary William Cohen declared last week in announcing that the administration is asking Congress for \$6.6 billion over the next five years to build a national defense against missile attack.

Cohen's statement provoked criticism from Russia and China — the only countries with nuclear missiles that can reach American territory. The comment also marked a turning point in the administration's view about whether small-scale nuclear wannabes like North Korea, Iran and Iraq can develop ballistic missiles with intercontinental range.

As well, it brought the Democratic administration's approach closer in line with the Republicans, who have argued for years that Clinton was underestimating the missile threat. The Republicans

favor a crash program to build missile defenses as soon as possible.

At a flashy news conference in the Pentagon on May 13, 1994, then-Defense Secretary Les Aspin declared that the end of the Cold War and dissolution of the Soviet Union meant the United States had no further need to invest heavily in a futuristic shield against all-out nuclear attack. Aspin officially killed the Strategic Defense Initiative that President Reagan launched in 1983, which became known as Star Wars for its emphasis on space-based weaponry to shoot down missiles.

"This signals the end of the Star Wars era, and it signals the end of a battle that has raged in Washington for a decade over the best way to avoid nuclear war," Aspin declared.

Aspin relegated the national missile defense work to a "technology" program — meaning mainly lab work rather than engineering an actual weapons system. His successor, William Perry, began a turnaround in April 1996 by upgrading the program to "deployment readiness," to make the technology ready by 2000 for fielding as early as 2003. Perry saw a widening missile threat on the horizon but none on the doorstep. As recently as last year the

view of U.S. intelligence agencies was that a long-range missile threat from potential Third World adversaries was unlikely to emerge before 2010.

Cohen now says the threat has arrived, and a missile system must be built. Remaining questions are whether it can be made to work, how much it will cost and whether the United States will have to abrogate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty in order to deploy it.

Cohen said a formal decision on fielding a national missile defense will be made in June 2000.

"We have many new threats with which to deal, and we need to make sure that we are able to fulfill our responsibilities regarding our own defenses," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Friday.

Among questions this new emphasis on missile defense raises is "Why now? What's changed?"

"What's changed over the last six or seven months has been an acceleration in the threat" from efforts by North Korea and Iran to develop and deploy long-range missiles — "missiles that have the potential to reach our homeland if launched," said Robert Bell, senior director of defense programs and arms control on the

White House's National Security Council.

Last August North Korea fired a three-stage missile over Japan, signaling a surprising advance in missile technology, but it has no missile now that could reach U.S. soil.

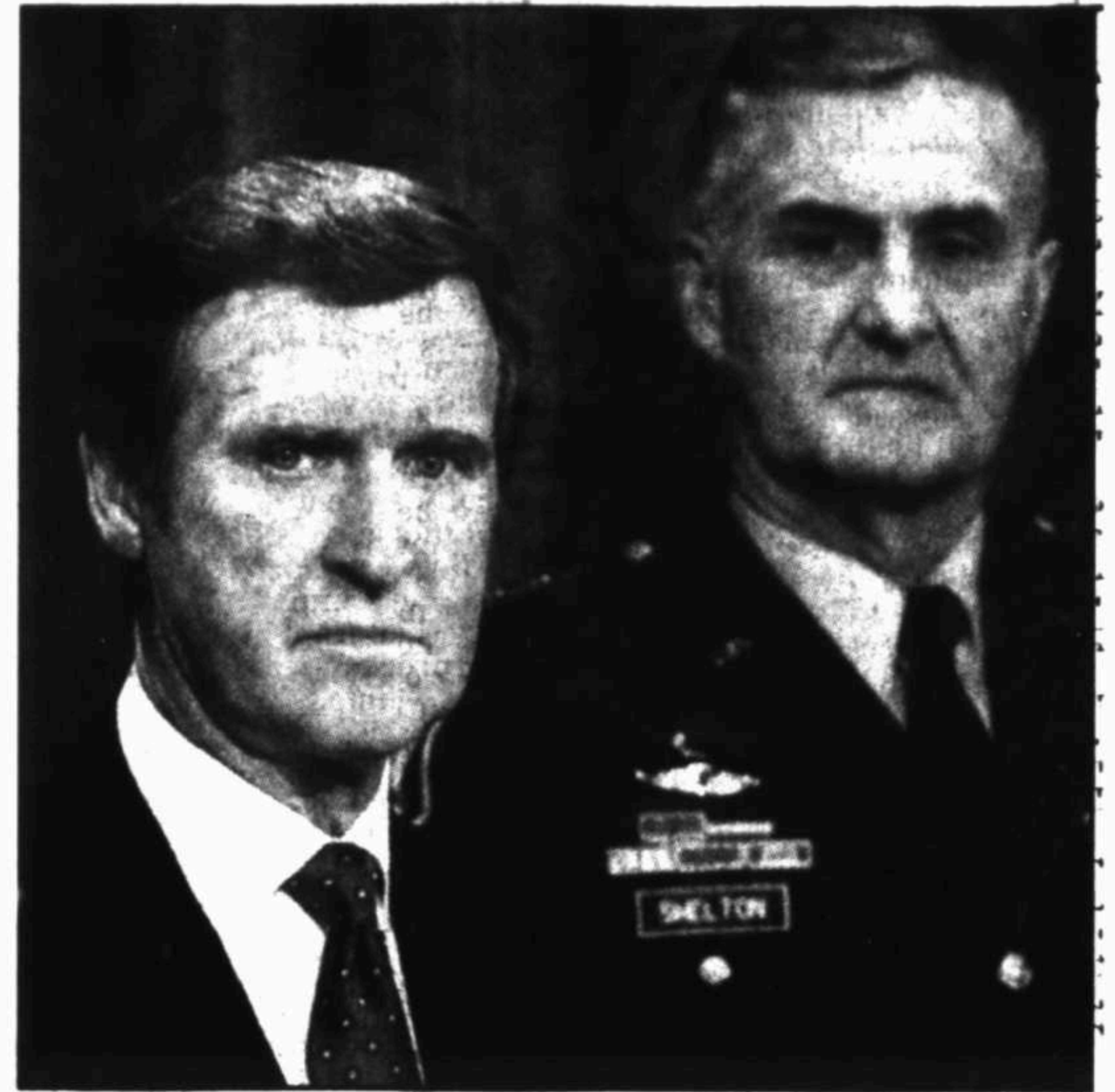
Air Force Lt. Gen. Lester Lyles, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization — created by Aspin to replace the Star Wars program office — said the perceived missile threat is so great now that the Pentagon is willing to push its missile defense effort to a "high risk" pace.

No other defense projects are being accelerated at this pace with as little testing done, he said. "We are doing this," he said, "because of the urgency of the need" for a defense.

Some defense analysts are skeptical that the administration really intends to deploy missile defenses.

Baker Spring, senior policy analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation, said he doubts either Cohen or Clinton is interested in accomplishing a national missile defense. But he saw "really good news" in Cohen's talk of the missile threat being immediate.

"They have given up the idea that they can run away from the threat," Spring said.



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Secretary of Defense William Cohen, left, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry Shelton talk with reporters gathered in the Pentagon briefing room Wednesday as they discuss plans to boost the ballistic missile defense system of the U.S.

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Both sides

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate impeachment of President Clinton is a complex, and perhaps the most difficult, bipartisan effort since the beginning of the House prosecution. It is a process that will keep up the pressure on the president's legal team, perhaps forcing the president to a federal judge's court Saturday to contest the impeachment. It is a process that will force the president's legal team to be interviewed by the House managers or Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr for testimony.

The president's legal team may have a way, are attempting to force a close and House GOP tactics.

Meanwhile, many in the House — including a way out, reaching a margin to there. Even the odds are not in the president's favor. The breakdown of the impeachment process is hardly coming as a surprise.

It was only after a 100-0 vote Jan. 8 — by postmortem on the inevitable impeachment.

But now the day close, with the toward twin show early as Monday by Sen. Robert C. Byrd to dismiss the charges; and another House managers' meeting.

While conviction requires only a simple majority, or 67 votes, require only a simple majority.

Documents of lawyer Jones' case

By Don Van Natta
and Jill Abramson
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Year, Hillary Rodham Clinton described in an NBC News program how a "vast right-wing conspiracy" had tried to obstruct the president's presidency.

As it turns out, serious damage to the presidency came from a secret clique of their 30s who shared a view toward the president's interview, filed court documents.

The lawyers involved for nearly a year in the Paula Jones sex lawsuit. They then case into the criminal office of the counsel, Kenneth Starr.

The group's leader, M. Marcuse, a 39-year-old and an assistant Philadelphia lawyer, Montague, whose major contribution was to the Republican Party.

Although Ms. Jones had worked on the case, she was involved in important decisions in her lawsuit, according to records and interviews.

Marcus recruited Ms. Jones' shadow, including several University of Chicago. One of those approached was Rosenzweig, bringing work for Marcus according to billings. In November, Rosenzweig joined where he and Marcus had telephone conversations in the Jones case.

It was Rosenzweig's "heads-up" phone call on Jan. 8, 1998, off Starr's office. Lewinsky and Clinton tip was not mentioned in Starr report.

In their argument last week, lawyers said that the sign between Starr, Tripp and the late Jones in the week the president's deposition.

Charles G. Baker, spokesman for Starr, said there was collusion between independent counsel's Jones team.



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Both sides harden positions as day of reckoning draws near

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The two sides in the Senate impeachment trial of President Clinton are marching in opposite, and perhaps irreconcilable, directions. Gone is the feeling of bipartisanship that marked the beginning of the trial.

House prosecutors are working hard to bolster an unraveling case by keeping up pressure to call Monica Lewinsky and other witnesses, perhaps even trying to force the president to testify.

A federal judge's surprise order on Saturday to compel Ms. Lewinsky to be interviewed by House managers or Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr further hardened positions.

The president's defenders, sensing events may be moving their way, are attempting to bring matters to a close and are denouncing House GOP tactics in rising tones.

Meanwhile, many senators of both parties — impaneled as judge and jury — seem interested in finding a way out, realizing the two-thirds margin to impeach isn't there. Even the option of a possible censure reemerged Saturday.

The breakdown of bipartisanship hardly comes as a surprise. It was only achieved initially — with a 100-0 vote on ground rules Jan. 8 — by postponing decisions on the inevitable difficult issues.

But now the day of reckoning is close, with the Senate moving toward twin showdown votes as early as Monday — one a motion by Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., to dismiss the charges and end the case; and another on a move by House managers to depose witnesses.

While conviction requires two-thirds, or 67 votes, the motions require only a simple majority, or

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51 votes. Republicans hold a 55-45 margin.

These votes are "likely to fall largely along party lines," conceded John Czwartacki, a spokesman for Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Thus, simple arithmetic suggests the outcome: the motion to dismiss will be rejected and the motion to begin the process of hearing witnesses will be approved.

But the votes will be telling about the eventual outcome, if the trial moves to a final up or down verdict. Unless there are major swings in sentiment, the votes will likely show what many in the political process have claimed all along: Clinton won't be removed from office.

"Republicans will carry the witnesses, Democrats will carry the verdict," said Steven Wayne, a political scientist at Georgetown University. "Partisan sentiment has solidified and public opinion has solidified. What we'll have is a trial when you already know the

outcome."

Party lines began to harden dramatically on Friday when Byrd, one of the Senate's most respected and independent voices, announced his motion to dismiss the charges and end the impeachment trial, saying the needed two-thirds for conviction "are not there and ... are not likely to develop."

That served to unify Democrats. "The time has come to bring this matter to a close," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., asserted.

Partisan fever grew to near the boiling point Saturday after U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson ruled — on a request by Starr on House prosecutors' behalf — that Ms. Lewinsky had to submit to an interview with Starr or the House prosecutors.

White House defenders cried foul and both sides sniped at each other in the form of written questions to the two legal teams, read by Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

It made much more difficult the task of finding any middle ground. Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla.,

raised the subject of a possible censure motion.

"I see no constitutional barrier to the Senate's passing a censure motion," said White House counsel Charles Ruff, adding that Clinton had "said he's prepared to accept" such a rebuke. Still, there hasn't been much talk among Republicans for such an exit route.

The trial is leading "where it was always destined to go: to an acquittal of Clinton," said University of Virginia Larry Sabato. He said he detected a GOP shift in strategy over the past few days.

"The key in the end is whether a majority of the Senate joins a majority of the House. That's why the party lines are hardening now. Republicans know they have no chance of achieving 67 votes and their goal now is a much more limited one: to make sure their side doesn't collapse."

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Documents: Team of lawyers kept Jones' case alive

By Don Van Natta Jr.
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N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — This time last year, Hillary Rodham Clinton described, in an appearance on the NBC News program "Today," how a "vast right-wing conspiracy" had tried to destroy her husband's presidency.

As it turns out, some of the most serious damage to Bill Clinton's presidency came not from his high-profile political enemies but from a secret clique of lawyers in their 30s who share a deep antipathy toward the president, according to interviews and recently filed court documents.

The lawyers were deeply involved for nearly five years in the Paula Jones sexual misconduct lawsuit. They then helped push the case into the criminal arena and into the office of the independent counsel, Kenneth W. Starr.

The group's leader was Jerome M. Marcus, a 39-year-old Democrat and an associate at the Philadelphia law firm of Berger & Montague, whose partners are major contributors to the Democratic Party.

Although Ms. Jones never knew he had worked on her behalf, Marcus was involved in virtually every important decision and document in her lawsuit, according to billing records and interviews with lawyers.

Marcus recruited others to join Ms. Jones' shadow legal team, including several friends from the University of Chicago Law School. One of those approached, Paul Rosenzweig, briefly considered doing work for Ms. Jones in 1994, according to billing records and interviews. In November 1997, Rosenzweig joined Starr's office, where he and Marcus had several telephone conversations about the Jones case.

It was Rosenzweig who fielded a "heads-up" phone call from Marcus on Jan. 8, 1998, that first tipped off Starr's office about Monica S. Lewinsky and Linda R. Tripp. The tip was not mentioned in the 445-page Starr report.

In their arguments before the Senate last week, the president's lawyers said that there was collusion between Starr's office, Mrs. Tripp and the lawyers for Ms. Jones in the weeks leading up to the president's deposition last January.

Charles G. Bakaly III, the spokesman for Starr, denied there was collusion between the independent counsel's office and the Jones team.

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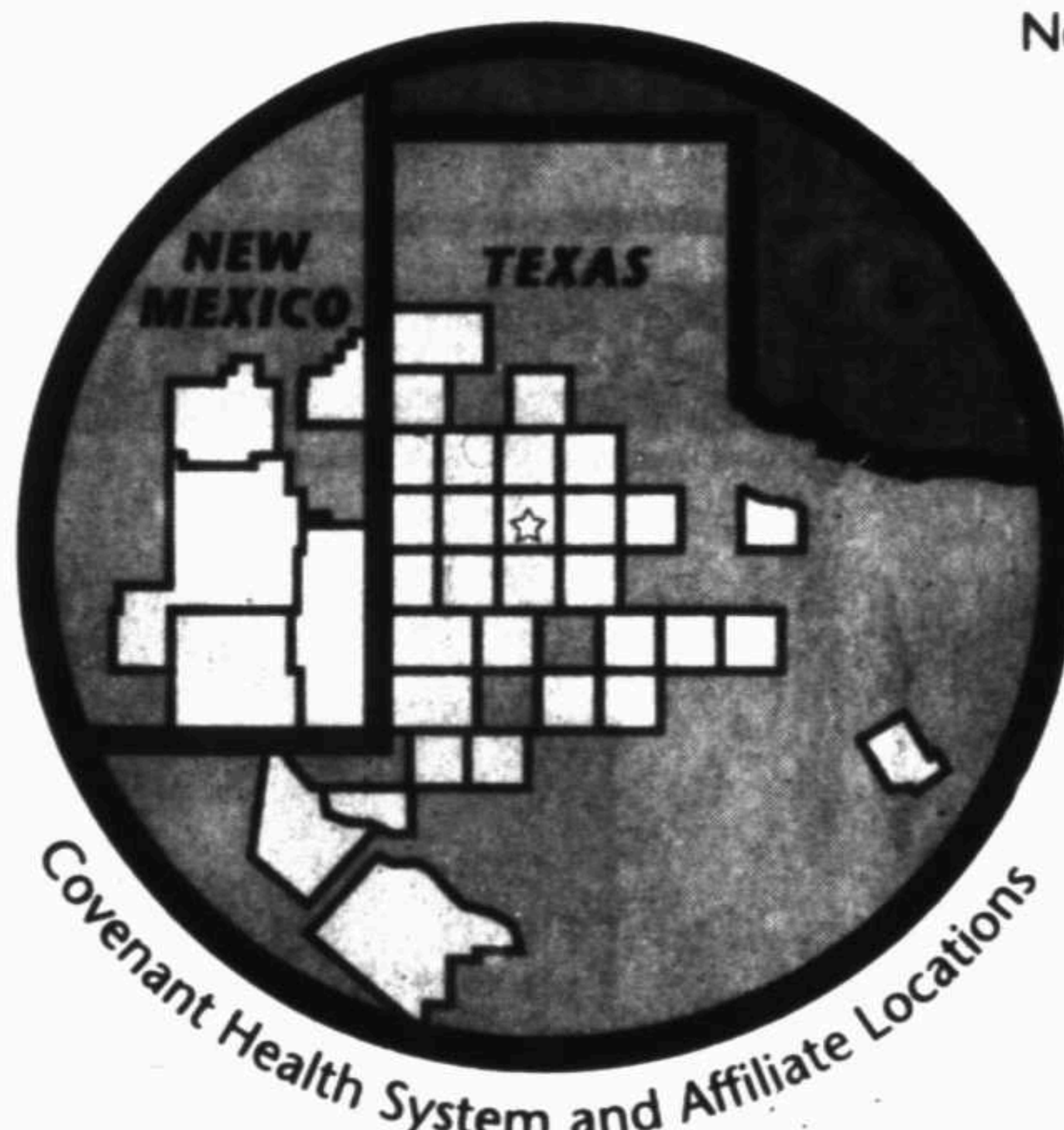
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Big Spring sets sights on effort to revitalize

Chamber of Commerce officials in neighboring Big Spring recently indicated that one of that organization's main thrusts in 1999 will be revitalization of that city's downtown district.

Downtown revitalization is no new topic to Midland officials, who have been pushing efforts along that line in Midland for several years and achieving noteworthy successes.

Chuck Williams, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce's new president, and the others on the chamber board are certainly correct to pinpoint the importance of downtown revitalization to the overall success of the Big Spring business community. For years we have seen how central business districts in West Texas cities have literally starved to death when the cities began to sprawl across the landscape and the retail shoppers flocked to the new shopping outlets. It has happened to many cities in this area and the typical result is a dead — or dying — downtown district.

Midland is one of the few cities we have seen that anticipated this "downtown problem" some years ago and began earnestly taking steps to keep its downtown district alive. Through construction of Midland Center, Centennial Plaza, various parks and greenways, utilization of a number of events to bring people to the downtown area, and other means, use of Midland's downtown was promoted and heavily encouraged.

In fact, the Midland effort has been so successful that in 1998 the organization heading up this city's downtown revitalization effort, Downtown Midland Inc., won a couple of impressive statewide honors — one for a Fourth of July extravaganza known as the "Star-Spangled Salute."

Downtown revitalization is not an easy road nor inexpensive, but the results can pay handsome dividends. We wish Williams and company well on their undertaking.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 1999. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

On this date:

In 1908, the first Boy Scout troop was organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1924, the Russian city of St. Petersburg was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader. It has since been re-named St. Petersburg.

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90. In 1972, the Supreme Court struck down laws that denied welfare benefits to people who had resided in a state for less than a year.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1986, the Voyager II space probe swept past Uranus, coming within 50,679 miles of the seventh planet of the solar system.

In 1987, gunmen in Lebanon kidnapped educators Alann Steen, Jesse Turner and Robert Polhill and Mitheleshwar Singh. All were later released.

In 1993, retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, Md., at age 84. Ten years ago: Confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was put to death in Florida's electric chair for the 1978 kidnapping of 12-year-old Kimberly Leach.

Five years ago: President Clinton promoted William J. Perry, the Pentagon's second in command, to the post of defense secretary. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that protesters who block access to abortion clinics or in other ways conspire to stop women from having abortions may be sued under federal anti-racketeering statutes.

JACK ANDERSON

United Arab Emirates want key to brains behind F-16s

When defense giant Lockheed-Martin announced last spring that it had struck a deal to sell 80 F-16 fighter jets to the United Arab Emirates, nobody paid much notice. This lack of attention may help explain why America is on the verge of dangerously escalating the Mideast arms race at the same time our diplomats are preaching peace between Israel and its neighbors.

The defense community sure noticed, though. These are tough times for arms merchants, with downsizing in the U.S. armed forces and an economic slowdown in Asia contributing to a steep decline in major military sales. Competition for the U.A.E. contract was fierce, involving players not only here but abroad. Foreign sales mean domestic jobs, a neat way to keep production going when the U.S. Air Force isn't ordering planes the way it once did.

"The Middle East bought a lot of stuff in 1992-94," explains Luke Warren of the Council for a Livable World Education Fund. "(Those countries) didn't need as much the last few years. They got everything they needed. This is one of the few large aircraft sales that's out there at this point."

It's now more than eight months since the sale was announced, yet the ink on the deal still isn't dry. Several observers say that's because the U.A.E. — recognizing a buyer's market when it sees one — is pressing Lockheed and the Clinton administration

to part with the "source codes" for the F-16s. Source codes are the brains behind the plane's sophisticated radar system. They determine how much — or how little — a plane is capable of.

Source codes are "the keys to the kingdom," says Richard Aboulafia, director of aviation for the Teal Group, a defense analysis firm in Alexandria, Va. "They allow you to go into (the aircraft's) architecture" to modify its warfare capabilities.

It's not the first time source codes have become an issue. Japan wanted them as part of an aircraft sale a few years back. As did Taiwan. Both countries were turned down. But it is the first time a major Mideast player — albeit a strong American ally — has asked for them.

Without the source codes, the U.A.E. still gets 80 American warplanes capable of defending its small Persian Gulf kingdom. But the U.S. government would decide how much firepower goes into the aircraft. Sell the source codes and this oil-rich outpost becomes the proud owner of the world's most sophisticated fighter planes — more capable than anything currently flown by our own Air Force.

Things looked like they were coming to a head in December, when a team of U.A.E. officials quietly visited the Ft. Worth plant where the F-16s will be built. A Lockheed spokesman told us the visit was merely to "resolve standard contractual issues" between the company and U.A.E.

But that still doesn't explain why things are taking so long. Already, the Clinton administration has caved in on U.A.E. demands on obtaining air-to-air missiles for its fighters. This is also an administration that caved into industry demands on satellite sales to China and high-tech weapons exports to Latin America.



Anderson



SUZANNE FIELDS

Clinton should be tried in Court of Love

Of all our European friends, the French are the most contemptuous of the Clinton impeachment trial. The French regard love as bathed in romance (the more clandestine, the more bittersweet), and they think the impeachment of Bill Clinton is just more puritanism at work over here.

But they ought to look at *l'affaire Lewinsky* as more in the medieval French tradition of courtly love than American puritanism.

The French elevated adulterous love over married love, which they perceived as merely lustful, something for making babies. The adulterous couple was encouraged to enjoy all kinds of sex play without yielding to what one cultural historian calls "the imperious drive toward completion."

Such courtly love was aimed toward a "purer" love than married love, which was considered lustful because it required the "completed act."

"He knows little or nothing of the service of women who wishes to possess his lady entirely," sings troubadour Daude de Pradas in the language of rhapsodic lovers with lute and lyre in 12th century France. Sexual intercourse was scorned as "false love" while "pure love" allowed kissing, touching, fondling and naked contact short of full satisfaction.

The perjury charge against President Clinton actually rests on the conflicting details of the nature of the sexual relationship between Bill and Monica — who touched whom and where, and for what purpose, as set out by Judge Susan Webber Wright in the president's deposition in the Paula Jones case. While explicit details cause a lot of us to squirm uncomfortably, the specific details of permissible sexual touch are in the honorable tradition of courtly love, along with secret trysts where illicit passion can triumph over the mundane obstacles thrown in its path.

The French even established a Court of Love, which Eleanor of Aquitaine held at her castle in Poitiers. She conducted mock-legal proceedings in which a judge or judges heard testimony of unmarried adulterous couples, deciding whether they abided by the rules of courtliness. Courtly rules in Poitiers were more poetic than the definitions established by Judge Wright in

Little Rock, but such rules determined how and when a lady could be touched and explored the motive behind the touching, whether it was to excite the other person sexually, which was a no-no. Sensual, yes, sexual no.

There's lots of gobbledygook in *l'armour courtois*, but no more than in the president's tortured explanation that he did not have sexual relations with "that woman," or his labored definition of what is, is.

The medieval trials in the Court of Love carried weight because they were presided over by royalty, occasionally even by a queen. In one trial as many as 60 ladies were "jurors," many of them duchesses, who listened to representatives plead the case for the defendants and plaintiffs. The Court of Love gave a medieval woman a public voice denied her in a real court of law, where a woman's word was not admitted because she was considered too frail to defend herself.

The United States senators who are considering the president's guilt must do well to read some of the treatises and court cases devoted to courtly love for a fresh perspective on the relationship between Monica and Bill. One famous tract, according to Morton Hunt in "The Natural History of Love," describes permissible conversations between lords and ladies of different rank, as they define which tasks a lover could fulfill to win or maintain his lady's loyalty. A job at Revlon is hardly the equivalent of pursuing the Holy Grail, but the question can be raised whether finding a job for Monica was in the tradition of a courtly task by a lover for a lovee, or merely a modern payoff to obstruct justice.

Courtly love, for all of its excessive rules and its ultimate culmination into absurd conduct, attempted at its best to define loyalty and responsibility between a man and a woman in love outside marriage: Love achieved value by considering the loved one's desires as well as one's own. The French who continue to celebrate the rules of *l'armour* would have to acknowledge that Bill Clinton fails in the most important and transcendent test of love, which requires respect and reciprocity between two people engaged in lovemaking. According to the president's own testimony, he's more cad than courtly, an observation that has nothing to do with American puritanism. Any French lover could tell you that.

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Doonesbury



Are we just cynical, or do we have a right to worry that some of the 94 individuals registered to lobby on behalf of Lockheed have something to do with this delay?

UNDER THE DOME — Bill Clinton's poll-tested, well-delivered State of the Union speech might help his already stratospheric approval ratings. But it came as a grave disappointment to the handful of senators who've worked diligently for more than a year to address the touchy issue of Social Security reform.

"Too little, too late" was the cry from lawmakers who wanted the president to lay out a plan — but hated Clinton's idea to have federal bureaucrats invest a small chunk of the budget surplus in the stock market as a way to boost returns.

That doesn't mean the issue is dead; it just means that the president may have already taken himself out of this all-important debate. Right now there are three plans on the table — all of which have some degree of bipartisan support, and all of which propose some form of privatization.

"There's room for a deal" between the competing Senate plans, says Larry Neal, spokesman for Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, co-author of one reform proposal. But Gramm was "profoundly disappointed" in Clinton's plan, which Neal says is "just a political program."

Look for the Senate to act soon — or wait until 2001. If there's one thing both sides can agree on, it's that nothing of substance will get accomplished in a presidential election year.

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GEORGE WILL

Now it's handgun lawsuits, next it'll be gambling

NEW ORLEANS — Mayor Marc Morial says money is not the city's main objective as it collaborates with some trial lawyers in suing handgun manufacturers and other parties. Money had better not be the objective.

Ten manufacturers produce 90 percent of the handguns made domestically. The entire industry's annual gross from handgun sales, \$2 billion to \$3 billion, cannot provide much of a windfall — after the lawyers take their cuts — for the 50 or more cities that may soon be suing.

New Orleans' product liability suit against 15 manufacturers, three trade associations and several local pawnshops seeks damages for sales of guns that were "unreasonably dangerous." They supposedly were because they did not incorporate "recognition technologies" — e.g., firing mechanisms activated only by a particular set of fingerprints, or by a signal sent by a computer chip in a ring worn by the owner — that would prevent their use by children or by anyone other than the owner.

Morial's exasperation about the costs of gunshots — from emergency vehicles to emergency rooms to rehabilitative medicine — is understandable. So is Chicago's frustration about mayhem by individuals who buy handguns in suburbs which have less-restricted gun sales. Chicago's public nuisance suit against 22 manufacturers alleges that the suburbs are flooded with guns that manufacturers intend to reach the city market. Supposedly the guns must be intended for that market because they are small and inexpensive.

Chicago is seeking \$433 million compensation for police and hospital costs ascribed to gun violence since 1994. But a University of Chicago law professor, John B. Lott, argues that Americans supplement police services and save municipalities large sums by using guns defensively against criminals 2 million times a year, 98 percent of the time just by brandishing guns.

What about the welfare of children, which is today's reason of first resort for advocates of government action? Considering that bicycles, space heaters, swimming pools and cigarette lighters each kill more children under 15 than are killed annually by gun accidents (200 in 1996), most of the approximately 80 million Americans who own 200 million to 240 million guns must be quite careful.

Some supporters of the gun lawsuits hope to bankrupt, by litigation costs, gun manufacturers — makers of a legal product which only 16 percent of Americans favor banning. Thus the lawsuits are weapons of those of anti-democrats who pursue social change by judicial fiat (litigation) rather than persuasion (legislation).

The lawsuits are extensions of the brazen cynicism of the tobacco lawsuits, which have successfully asserted, falsely, that cigarette smoking costs government money.

The gun lawsuits also mimic the tobacco lawsuits in displacing responsibility. The tobacco companies are being held liable for consumers' foolish choices in using a legal product widely known to be harmful even when used properly. The gun manufacturers may be held liable for individuals' misuses of products that are supposed to be capable of inflicting harm, even death.

The lawsuits are the most recent wrinkle in the pernicious practice of delegating the pursuit of public purposes to entrepreneurial trial lawyers, and the use of litigation to revise social policy and seize new sources of revenues for governments. However, there will be other wrinkles. Imagine:

New Orleans profits from casino gambling, as do other cities and states. Forty-seven states profit from lotteries or other forms of gambling. Perhaps soon some trial lawyers will gather some "addictive gamblers" and sue cities and states for the financial and other pain and suffering for which the cities and states are (the lawsuits will charge) responsible because they make gambling available and aggressively advertise to encourage gambling. Such lawsuits will be condign punishment for governments that have imprudently subcontracted policy-making to trial lawyers.

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LETTERS

Confederate flag isn't just white man's flag

The Confederate battle flag is so misunderstood today. Most folks look at it as a racial symbol. It is not a racial symbol.

Hate groups carry the battle flag when they demonstrate and have their rallies. A lot of people find it offensive, but that is because they don't know what it really stands for. The hate groups also carry the U.S. flag, but you don't see people calling it a racial symbol. The Confederates carried the battle flag into battles where they fought and died. I had several ancestors who fought under it and two of my great-great-grandfathers died fighting under it. Our worst enemies are hate groups that carry the battle flag, the news media whose cameras always look for the battle flag, and Hollywood. In all of the movies about the war, there are always episodes stating that The War Between the States was over slavery. The war was over states' rights or Southern independence. Freeing the slaves was an issue during the same time period. It was kind of like today, with the Clinton-Lewinsky ordeal and the bombing of Iraq — two different issues, but the same time period. There were American Indians, Mexican Americans, and African-Americans who also fought for the Confederacy.

General Stand Watie, a Cherokee Indian, was the last Confederate general to surrender. The Confederate battle flag is not just the white man's flag, but it also belongs to the American Indian, Mexican American, and African American man also.

Wayne Keenum
West Texas Brigade
Commander
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Flag deserves better treatment than it gets

The American flag — symbol of our great country — is not being properly respected or taken care of when worn out.

I see flags — torn, faded and worn out, flown in all types of weather, and flown at night.

New, the flag flies proudly. Worn out it needs to be reverently destroyed.

If you have such a flag, I urge you to bring it to ClayDesta Inn, 4108 North Big Spring St. Then plan on attending Midland's first annual American flag retirement ceremony, 2 p.m. Feb. 7, on property just north of ClayDesta Inn.

You will have an opportunity to properly retire the old flag. We also will celebrate the 89th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America.

John E. Crosby, Jr.
General Manager
ClayDesta Inn

If Clinton pardoned, why not all criminals?

Can we stand one more letter regarding the president? To me it seems some have lost sight of the truth or decided to look the other way. Bill Clinton committed perjury — end of story. How did this turn into a political party debate? He should pay the consequences like any other citizen of the United States. Or, if we are so inclined, let's pardon all of those in jail for the same crime. Why stop there? Aren't there other crimes we could pardon? How about speeding? Let's abolish speeding tickets because everyone speeds. Where does "he who is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone," come into this? Will you also choose this Bible verse for rape, murder, etc.? What about those who say Clinton should be forgiven? Forgive him if you believe he is truly repentant. Does that let him off the hook? Why should it? You do the crime, you pay the time. To those who choose to blame Monica Lewinsky instead of Clinton — she was in her 20s and Clinton is what, in his 50s? So she should have known better but not poor Bill? Would you feel the same way if it had been your daughter? Clinton is in an influential position. It is comparable to a teacher having sex with a student. Do we blame the student? And all the other women Clinton has had — the women are to blame, right?

We just choose presidents who aren't intelligent enough to be

accountable for their actions, right? No one forced Clinton to commit adultery for the umpteenth time. No one made him lie or perjure himself to cover up his wrong. If Clinton didn't believe he did wrong, why didn't he just admit what he had done? Will you also stand for all of our publicly elected officials committing adultery in our buildings on our time? Who will we elect next? If you say no one was hurt by Clinton's wrong then you have to discount Hillary's feelings, Chelsea's feelings and the way the world looks at us. Wake up, America.

Patti LaBombard

Tall City has many reasons to be proud

I came to Midland on May 5, 1968, took one look at the terrain and thought this couldn't possibly be where I would want to live. The "great flood" came four days later and I thought my past sins had caught up with me. I definitely wanted out of here.

As I got to know the people here, I began to see there was more to Midland than just the terrain and the water. In the 30 years I have lived here, the Tall City has distinguished itself with the following:

1. an Indy 500 winner
2. a Kentucky Derby winner
3. a national title for the Midland College men's basketball team
4. a Miss Texas
5. a U.S. president and two governors who lived here for nine years
6. a first lady who came to see us after Jessica was rescued
7. a first lady who came to dedicate Bush Elementary
8. a national Miss Teen title
9. a state basketball championship for MHS boys
10. a state football championship for Lee High boys
11. a nice total of National Merit scholars
12. the city with the highest income per capita
13. the MHS band has marched in the Rose Bowl Parade and been invited to two governors' inaugurations
14. the Lee High Band has played in two national presidential inaugurations, Carnegie Hall, been invited to two governors' inaugurations, and has gone to state 16 out of 17 years and marched in the Rose Bowl Parade
15. the city became the home of the Confederate Air Force
16. the Reporter-Telegram has won many awards for excellence in journalism
17. a book written about area football

I find this impressive for a city that has just reached 98,095. Like the city's nickname, Midlanders always stand tall.

Eleanor Maxey

GOP antics driving people from the party

It's amazing to me that the Republicans don't get it. They just don't get it. The Republican Party is more divided today than it has been in decades. The efforts of the Republicans in Congress are systematically driving the American citizen who believes in that party's ideas and programs totally away from the party.

I've heard the Republicans who say the polls mean nothing. If it were one poll, or two, or four I might agree that polls are not to be believed. But when almost every poll in America says 60 to 70 percent of the people of the United States want Clinton to remain in office, how can the Republican congressmen and senators say that they must ignore the people's desires? "The people don't understand," they say. "The people," the Republican politicians say, "aren't in Washington, D.C. don't know the facts and therefore don't know what's right for America." But they do because they are politicians. If they continue ignoring the will of the American people, the people will strike back the only place they can; at the polls. They already indicated that in the most recent election.

Well, look into this crystal ball. If they succeed in removing this duly elected president from office through this totally Republican impeachment, Vice President Al Gore will become the new presi-

dent, and, as the incumbent, will have a hugely improved advantage to win the presidency. But even worse, they will have lost the moderate centrist Republicans who are more and more uncomfortable with the ultra-conservatives' domination. What's so sad about this is our representatives, Larry Combest, Phil Gramm, and Kay Bailey Hutchison. They don't represent us at all. They're in the forefront of this debacle. Add the other Texans, Dick Arme, Bill Archer and Tom DeLay. Boy, don't we have anything to be proud of?

The networks don't even carry the full proceedings in the Senate. The people don't care, so it's terrible for ratings. There is the word "polls" again. Had they waited until after Clinton left office, these vindictive people might well have had their revenge.

What happens to the Republican Party if the president is removed and the stock market takes a dive, inflation takes over, the economy turns sour and the unemployment rate shoots up? Who gets the blame? At whom will the fingers point? Our community is generally in such wonderful shape that those who throw Clinton out of office will reap tragic rewards.

Presidents come and go, but the Republican Party is in terrible danger of relegating itself back to a secondary role in our government, and they'll have the above mentioned to thank for it. Look, Minnesota showed us that many Americans are tired of the Republicans and the Democrats. The Libertarians or Independents have a wedge in America's politics that could bring them to power. Contacting one's representatives is a very timely idea, although it probably won't help.

Roy Elsner
Odessa

Conviction wouldn't overturn an election

Perhaps it was inevitable for someone so prolific: Myra Salcedo, a thoughtful, talented, and entertaining writer on the Reporter-Telegram staff, made an unexpected mistake.

On Sunday, Jan. 17, referring to the Clinton scandals and impeachment trial, she wrote, "I question whether a national election needs to be reversed."

If the Senate votes to remove Bill Clinton from the presidency, he will not be replaced by Republican Bob Dole. That would be reversing the election. He would be replaced by his personally chosen running mate and political ally, Democrat Al Gore.

President Gore would reverse nothing politically. He would merely return a measure of integrity to the presidency.

Robert G. Volkmann

Comparing Lee to Nazis is blasphemous

As a proud member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I took great offense at the article the young student wrote comparing Southern symbols and the name of Robert E. Lee himself to Nazism! Apparently the young man, who must have some intelligence, needs to take a few history lessons! Robert E. Lee was a great and patriotic American! He never owned slaves and would have accepted command of the Union forces had not his home state of Virginia elected to secede. He decided not to fight against his family and to defend the South, as many other Southerners chose to do. The Confederate battle flag of northern Virginia (known as the St. Andrews cross) was derived from the Scottish flag. Many of the Southerners were of Scottish ancestry. There were many other flags, the Haedee flag, Polk flag, the Stars and Bars and many others! They were flags of honor! Brave men fought and died under these glorious banners fighting for their right of self-determination! Many of these men's lives were cut short and their poetry never written. For anyone to make that kind of statement is blasphemous and the speaker has no honor or concept thereof! Great Americans whose lives, if they hadn't been cut short, could have con-

tributed greatly to the development of this great country! Men such as Stonewall Jackson, States Rights Gist, Lewis Armistead, Jeb Stuart, General Strahl, General Polk, Pender, and many others! I suggest this young man read about these honorable men before he starts making comparisons to any forms of Nazism! We, as proud Southerners cannot help that hate groups have used our ancestors' flags to promote their causes of hate and injustice! If for some reason the name of that school were changed, that would be the truest form of Nazism! Oh, and while you're at it, why don't you burn some books too! Get over it!

Mike McLeod
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Clinton administration a criminal organization

The continued denial by so many Midlanders of the voluminous evidence that Bill Clinton's administration is a criminal organization of the highest order, is astounding.

He is the antithesis of what a president should be. His entire administration is one big contradiction. He publicly stands for "the people," but his wife destroyed the career of a government employee. He stands for women's rights, yet denies them even common civil rights. He states he is a staunch believer in human rights, but watched federal officers burn American citizens to death here in our own state. He has murdered foreign nationals for a temporary diversion in the press from his impeachment. He publicly stands for our troops but stood by and watched the slaughter of our sons in Somalia. And on and on, the list is extensive and undeniable. Clinton takes responsibility for nothing and credit for everything.

Many have noted the "loyalty" of his inner circle. No "John Dean" exists in the Clinton administration. I submit that Clinton's "Dean" is dead. He shot himself at the height of his career. As a matter of fact, many people have had an unfortunate turn of luck (from IRS audits to fatal accidents) after crossing this group. This, of course, puts me in the "nuts" department to be sure. There is no proof that Clinton had anything to do with these "turns of luck."

Perhaps Clinton himself said it best the morning after Foster's death when he said, "No one can ever know why this happened. Even if you had a whole set of objective reasons, that wouldn't be why it happened. He (Foster) had an extraordinary sense of propriety and loyalty, and I hope that when we remember him we will be a little more anxious to talk to each other and a little less anxious to talk outside our family."

If it looks, waddles and quacks like a duck, is it a duck? Yes it is. Denying the record doesn't erase it. To support these criminals is to be complicit in their crimes.

Michael O'Connor

'Solutions' just used to justify the problems

It always amazes me how those who are in control of problem-solving find solutions without solving the problem. Example: Statistically, our public school students, as a whole, do not achieve the academic standards of the private school or the home-schooled students; therefore, more and more parents are making tremendous financial sacrifices to send their children to private schools or personal sacrifices to home school. Some solutions that have been suggested or have been incorporated by those selected to solve the problems are a voucher system, charter schools, bonds, an increase in property taxes from property owners who are already overtaxed, etc. Common sense tells me that if the private schools and home schools produce students whose scores are academically higher, without public funds, then the solution would be to emulate the standards in the private schools. Obviously, the solution is not money, it's not infiltrating the private schools in order to control them and ultimately reduce their standards, it's not starting other schools that are controlled by the same ones who control the other

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public schools. There is no justifiable solution without first understanding the problem. Many solutions, just like those in the public schools, only justify the problem.

Another example is the promiscuity among our young students which results in pregnancies or sexually transmitted diseases. Solutions used to justify those problems are "condoms," "abortion," "unwed mothers' clinics" or "non-profit" organizations that teach these young mothers how to care for their children, or "welfare," etc. "Morality" as a solution would, in my opinion, eliminate a lot of problems that our young people face today; however, society seems to frown on so drastic a solution. After all, imagine the lost profits by the makers of condoms or the lost profits of the abortion clinics or even the "non-profit" organizations.

In my opinion, the solutions are only used to justify the problems, but the problems don't go away.

Marilyn Irving

What will be effects of fewer enplanements?

Midland Airport enplanements were down again in 1998 as they were in 1997 and 1996. Enplanements in 1998 were at their lowest in 18 years and were down almost 10 percent from 1995.

Interestingly, I neither have seen nor heard anyone from the media or the city address this situation and discuss or explain how these dropping enplanements will affect the financial integrity of the airport and the payments coming due on those million dollar certificates of obligation which are guaranteed by Midland taxpayers as I understand the situation.

Isn't it time that the Reporter-Telegram and/or the City Council/administration give all citizens a thorough and in-depth report on whose ox is going to be gored if the declining enplanement trend continues?

For those who believe the new terminal will generate more travel and higher enplanement, the moment of truth is rapidly approaching.

B.L. Sledge

Janette Jeffers was a loving, sincere friend

This letter is to express our deep sympathy to the friends and family of the now deceased Janette Jeffers, her mother, and her friend.

We met Doug and Janette in June 1991 when we leased their home at 3317 West Michigan. They had bought a larger house and were busy painting and making repairs before renting this house.

We were in the process of moving to Midland because our daughter, son-in-law (law), and grandchildren had moved here due to job transfers. We were not even unpacked when my husband had two heart attacks and then bypass surgery. It was during this sick time with my husband in the hospital for quite some time that I got to know the "real" Janette. She came during her lunch hour to visit with me, even bringing my lunch several times and being a strong

shoulder to lean on. I've never experienced a more loving and sincere friend. She continued to check on us after we were home and healing. There have been few times that we have had to call the Jeffers regarding the house, because my husband and I treat this place just like we would our very own. I know Janette drove by from time to time. She called one time a couple of summers ago to tell us how much she appreciated the beautiful flowers in the front yard. I asked her to stop next time and see the many birdhouses and feeders in the back yard. She did — and that's the last time I saw Janette. So sad now!

This world has lost some super women. But don't you know even the angels are rejoicing at the homecoming of these three? Someone said to me, when my sweet brother died some years ago, "When God's saints go home to be with Him, He is merely peopling Eternity." That was a comfort back then, as it is now. Missing someone and grieving for him is made less when you know they are in the presence of our Lord.

Bobby McMillian

Write to ambassador about animal cruelty

This letter is in response to Sherri McWhorter's letter regarding the atrocities against animals in China. Our hearts also are broken over this matter. I have contacted WSPA, one of the many animal rights groups in America, and they advised that everyone write to the Chinese Embassy to protest the horrible treatment of animals in China. Contact: Ambassador Zhaoxing Li Embassy of the People's Republic of China, 2300 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008 or call: (202) 328-2500 (66, Sci + Tech) Fax: (202) 328-2582. Urge him to act on behalf of the animals and inform him that you are boycotting all Chinese products until the cruelty to animals in China has ended; then make sure you buy no products from this country and inform local retailers that you will not purchase products from China.

It is not only China that mistreats animals. The problem is worldwide including in America. Billions of animals suffer horribly on factory farms and in American slaughterhouses. Millions more are brutalized in research labs, on puppy farms, in the fur industry and on and on.

The horrible suffering of animals never will end until each individual takes a personal stand and eliminates from his/her life anything that has brought suffering and death to any other being. We are all responsible for the welfare of God's creatures.

The rest of the world watches how we treat animals. How can we have an influence with other countries if we are just as guilty of brutality as they are? Care enough to act on behalf of God's creatures. Think what our dear Lord and Savior would do. Please have compassion, love and mercy for all living beings.

"Blessed are the merciful." Ann Cook
Christians for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

SPEAKING OUT

Abortion a holocaust that has cost more lives than all of our wars

G. Edward Smead has been a resident of Midland since 1965. He has been a furniture retailer for more than 40 years.

By G. Edward Smead

Friday, Jan. 22, 1999 marked the 26th anniversary of the tragic decision on abortion by the Supreme Court.

This frightful decision launched a war with legal backing against the most helpless in society, resulting in the death of more than 38 million unborn babies. The magnitude of this human destruction through abortion far exceeds the deaths caused by all wars in human history.

Abortion is the preeminent moral and civil rights



Smead

issue facing our generation. The preeminent value in this issue is life, not choice.

The life or death of human presence in the womb is the question. In accord with our nature and moral principles, the natural choice should be life. Each day in these United States there is a holocaust that destroys 4,000 babies through abortion.

Abortion is the leading cause of death in Texas, killing more than the combined total of the next four causes. Ninety-eight percent of all abortions have nothing to do with rape, incest or protecting the mother's health.

Medical science attests to the inescapable conclusion that unborn children are human ... human life begins at conception, a new individual with a genetic code different from father and mother.

How can a system of laws prosecute a woman who delivers a child in her seventh or eighth month of pregnancy and then kills that child, but condone

killing that same child before it is born up to the seventh or eighth month (partial-birth abortion)?

Medical science proves there is a heartbeat about 22 days after conception. Death is accepted when the heart stops beating. Why would not the same principle apply to life?

The real choice in abortion is to kill or not to kill an innocent baby! The moral freedom to choose to kill has not been given by God. One's freedom cannot infringe on the rights and life of another person. A free choice, to be morally right, must be in favor of life.

Many abortion advocates justify the destruction of unborn humans by appealing to the right of women to control their own bodies. In accord with the Gospel, control over one's body means action to affirm, protect and nurture life ... at all stages of life. The truth is that no one has absolute or unlimited control over his or her own body.

The issue here involves more than one body: one

of which is totally helpless. The ultimate example of powerlessness is to be destroyed before birth. Our bodies and our lives are gifts from God.

Abortion is a religious, moral and political issue. We are involved because human life is involved. As Christians, Jews, and members of all other religions, we are called to help shape public opinion in support of all life. Our legislature needs to be involved. One of the noblest acts of any legislature is to protect those who have no voice.

The attacks on the unborn are usually disguised in the language of compassion, but what they really hide is a fear of suffering. As Christians, we believe suffering is not meaningless. In God's design, suffering endured for others shapes us into the image of Jesus who suffered for our salvation.

Our greatest gift from God is life. As stewards of life, we are ultimately accountable to our God. Death cannot be the choice to solve life's problems.

Partisan battle looms in Congress on GOP tax-cut push

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite assurances of bipartisanship, a fierce struggle is brewing between Democrats and Republicans over the GOP's proposal for a 10 percent income tax cut that would swallow a chunk of the budget surplus.

"The biggest battle may be on how we have a tax cut," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

Still smarting from losses in the 1998 elections, Republicans are determined to push through a significant cut — relief for married couples and eliminating inheritance taxes are also atop their list — so they're not viewed by voters as a party obsessed with impeaching President Clinton.

"I pledge to you," House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, told a conservative audience last week, "this year the House leadership will fight tooth and nail to provide real tax relief to American families."

Democrats are just as adamant that the surplus — now estimated by the White House at \$4.4 trillion in the next 15 years — should be used mainly to keep Social Security and Medicare from insolvency as the huge baby boom generation retires.

In his State of the Union speech, Clinton made those programs the top priority for the surplus and outlined other spending plans but made no mention of broad tax relief. His coming budget proposal does contain a variety of modest tax credits for child care, disabled workers and other targeted needs.

Even if agreement is reached with Republicans on Social Security and Medicare, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt said a 10 percent across-the-board income tax cut is unfair.

He cited an analysis by the liberal Citizens for Tax Justice showing that the GOP proposal translates into an average tax cut of \$99 for people earning below \$38,000,

but \$20,697 for people making more than \$301,000. That same analysis estimated the overall cost of the cut at more than \$1 trillion over 10 years.

"We have a growing disparity between the very rich and everybody else," said Gephardt, D-Mo. "If there's going to be tax relief — and we think there should be — it should go to the people who desperately need it."

But Republican Sen. Rod Grams of Minnesota said in the GOP's weekly radio address Saturday that federal, state and local taxes now consume 40 percent of a typical family's budget.

"You're working nearly three hours of each eight-hour work day just to pay off your tax bill," Grams told his audience. "The across-the-board tax cut is fair, because we're not pitting one group of taxpayers against the other."

It is noteworthy that the Senate GOP has taken the lead in promoting a tax relief agenda. Last year, the House pushed through a five-year, \$80 billion package of tax cuts, but it never reached a vote in the Senate amid veto threats from Clinton.

Many conservative Republicans were furious that Senate GOP leaders would not take a stand last fall on taxes. The party has vowed not to repeat the omission in 1999. "We are going to push ahead on major tax relief," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del. "The across-the-board cut is the top priority, but we think the surplus is big enough to do a number of things."

Foremost among those other things is the so-called "marriage penalty," which causes an estimated 21 million two-earner couples to pay more taxes than they would if they had remained single. Of those, 56 percent have incomes below \$50,000 a year.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-

'You're working nearly three hours of each eight-hour work day just to pay off your tax bill.'

— Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn.

Texas, is proposing to double the standard income tax deduction for joint returns, which in effect would eliminate the penalty and give a greater tax benefit to other married couples who now pay less than they would if single.

"Americans should not have to choose between love and money," Hutchison said. "In a country that values families, this must change."

A third tax-cut priority for the

GOP is elimination of estate or inheritance taxes, also a top issue for such Republican constituencies as small business operators and farmers.

"We must cut death taxes," said Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., "so that families don't have to sell their businesses and farms when Mom and Dad die."

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Social Security

By Diane Henrickson
N.Y. Times News Service

A proposal by House Republicans to invest some Social Security reserves in a brushfire of criticism, although the attack focused on easily targeted and ignored Social Security. The Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, doubted that the plan would be passed from politics. Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Committee, argued that the plan would give undue influence to private interests. Other critics said the plan would undermine government confidence in Social Security. The plan would also allow private pension funds to invest in Social Security. The plan would also allow private pension funds to invest in Social Security.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Commissioners

The Midland County Commissioners' Court will meet 8:30 a.m. Monday at the Midland County Courthouse. Agenda items include discussion of a resolution designating Midland County as "Home of Champions," a resolution authorizing Sheriff Gary Painter to seek an Abell-Hanger Foundation grant for funding for a crime-scene vehicle, a discussion on authorizing the sheriff to screen federal property as defined in the 1997 Defense Authorization Act and consideration of a committee to study design and construction of an expanded Midland County Jail.

Scout food drive

The Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America is planning a food drive 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 6 for the Permian Basin Food Bank. Scouts will be picking up sacks of donated nonperishable food items during that time. For more information call 570-7601.

Special education

Researchers at Boston College are conducting a study on special education students after they leave the school system. The focus of the study will be mothers, age 55 or older, who currently live with their children, age 22 or older, who have ever participated in special education classes. For more information or to participate in the study, call Dottie McKenney at 800-244-4470. The study is being conducted by the college's Center for Child, Family and Community Partnerships: Adult Development and Aging Division.

Lung transplant

An account has been set up to help meet the medical expenses of a Midland woman awaiting a lung transplant. Those wishing can send donations to the Susie Bailey Medical Fund, First American Bank, Account No. 0321016922.

Oil industry woes

LUBBOCK (AP) — Those who work in the heart of the oil patch say the domestic oil industry won't soon recover from its current sorry state.

The glut of foreign oil has led to an all-time low number of oil rigs in operation in the U.S.

"When the (oil) surplus is gone, it's not like business will go back to normal," Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said. "The workers have gone on to other things and many companies are looking to get out. The rig count shows that we are losing workers in the industry... people who actually are the backbone of what we do," he said.

T.J. Phillips, who owns T.J. Oil in Goldsmith, said Burns wasn't overstating the case.

"I can't imagine things getting worse than this," said Phillips, whose small town is about 45 miles north of Odessa. "Everyone here has some connection to oil and is really hurting."

The rig count fell to an all-time low 588 Friday. Oil companies are shutting rigs down because of plunging oil prices, the product of falling demand from suffering Asian economies and oil-producing nations, and continued oversupply by those same countries.

"We're in a bust right now, for absolute certain," said Raymond Kincaid, sales and testing manager at Rig Testers Inc. of Abilene. "If there's no rigs running, then we can't work."

By cutting back exploration and production too deeply, the U.S. industry risks getting so far behind it can't recover, said Alex Mills, executive vice president of the North Texas Oil & Gas Association. He told the Wichita Falls Times-Record News that if that happens, the country will be as vulnerable as it was in the 1970s.

"When you can't replenish your reserves, it's just a matter of time before you have to call it quits and when that happens, we are certainly at the mercy of foreign nations and this, I believe, is exactly what they want," he said.

"I can remember in 1981 when we had nearly 5,000 rigs operating. Seems like such a long time ago now."

Burns said his membership believes President Clinton should act to restrict oil imports so prices will rise.

"We had thousands of people march in Austin last week to advocate for our industry," Burns said. "Because the truth is, Clinton could do something today that would have a great impact on things. I don't think we will see that kind of action any time soon."

Five vie for MISD communications post

School district pares down pool of 55 applicants to top five candidates

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District has narrowed its search for a communications director to five candidates. The new position was conceived last year in response to rumblings of dissatisfaction — both inside and outside the school district — with MISD's ability to disseminate public information to the community. Officials have culled a short list of five applicants from a pool of 55. Interviews of the five will be conducted Feb. 4, and a recommendation could be made at the Feb. 9 board meeting, said Tom Holland, executive director of human resource services. The five choices — based on a screening of resumes — are:

■ Elise Coombes, public relations director at Midland College;

lege;

■ Tina Jauz, public relations director for the city of Midland;

■ C. Jayce Mitchell, director of communications at Howard College;

■ Lynda Queen, coordinator of communications for the Region 16 Educational Service Center in Amarillo and president of the Texas School Public Relations Association; and

■ Barney Welch, deputy public information officer for Ector County Independent School District.

The five people scheduled to be interviewed are not necessarily finalists; if officials find none of them to be appropriate for the job, they will review other applications or repost the position, according to Superintendent Joseph P. Baressi Jr.

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Coombes



Jauz

New terminal passes travelers' inspection with flying colors

Some were working, others were traveling and a few just wanted to check it out, but all were impressed with the new terminal at Midland International Airport.

The new terminal opened its doors to the public for business on Saturday morning.

Midlander Ethelyne Bizlo and her companions were not in the terminal to catch a flight. They just wanted to look around.

"This is a beautiful airport," Ms. Bizlo said. "There is no comparison between this one and the old airport."

Midlander Ole Olson, a Southwest Airlines pilot, said he enjoyed the new terminal and was glad to see the airport come along.

"I have been a pilot for 27 years," Olson said. "The old place was nice, but I am glad to see the city has grown out of it. I remember the old days when we used to have to go through the fence and over the grass to get to the planes."

Pete Armstrong from Hobbs, N.M., was on his way to Houston Saturday morning. He said the new air terminal had the look of a big-city airport, but was far easier to get

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The first flights to depart and arrive at Midland International Airport's new terminal did so Saturday morning.

ABOVE: Chandra Mayfield helps check in Southwest Airlines' passengers.

AT LEFT: Southwest Airlines passengers line up to check in Saturday morning.

Story by Richard Acosta

Photos by Tim Fischer

Former city councilman Monaghan dead at 75

Robert Lee "Bob" Monaghan, a Midland community leader who for decades had been active in politics, education, and the petroleum industry, died Friday at his home after an extended illness. He was 75.

Memorial services are to be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland with the Rev. Stockton Williams, church rector, and the Rev. Dr. Allen Whitman, former rector, officiating.

Former Midland Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr. recalled Monaghan as a classy and elegant man and friend. "He was clearly one of my best and closest friends, advisers and associates. He was a person I had a great time with every time I was with him," Angelo said.

Monaghan and his wife, Virginia, and Angelo and his wife, Penny, had "great, great times together."

"He was the kind of guy who was always there when you wanted to talk, when you needed a boost, advice or

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Monaghan

Big Spring chamber names its Man, Woman of the Year

T.E. Jenkins

Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — Two members of the Big Spring Kiwanis Club were honored Friday night as Big Spring Man and Woman of the Year.

Pat Simmons and Ben Bancroft accepted their awards during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

R.H. Weaver, in introducing the pair, cited Ms. Simmons' involvement with Kiwanis, the development of the Yellow Rose "nicest yard" award and her volunteer work with the city's code patrol, and Bancroft's

time with Kiwanis and other projects and committees.

Earlier in the evening, 1999 President Chuck Williams talked about the purpose of the chamber.

"A common question that is asked of us at the chamber is what function we serve. Everyone has an opinion in exactly what our function is, but I think the definition can best be described from the accreditation process that we just recently went through with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce."

"We are here to create an environment for commerce. In 1999... That is our goal, to pursue the tasks

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GARY OTT

A taste of old Austin still lingers in corner of transformed capital

It can be pretty much assumed that every Texan under the age of 50 has either lived, or wanted to live, in Austin at one time or another.

And why not? Over the years, it is a city that has had everything

... a major university, rolling hills, liberal college professors, beautiful lakes, beer gardens, long-haired playing frisbee in the park, Hippie Hollow, great music, politics, the Armadillo World Headquarters, good-looking women, Willie Nelson, street people and a few things that can't be mentioned in a family newspaper.

All you had to do was drive down Guadalupe Street — also known as "The Drag" — at any time day or night and it was as though you were suddenly in a magical place, especially if you happened to be 19 or 20 years old at the time.

As for me, I was a wannabe. I talked

constantly about moving there, but somehow never got around to doing it.

Still, in the end, it didn't matter. I visited so often that I considered myself a part-time resident.

So I was feeling a great sense of anticipation Monday morning as the airplane I was on made its final descent toward the Austin airport. It had been three or four years since I had last been there, so my imagination was having a field day, conjuring up images of days gone by.

I couldn't wait to hop in the rental car and do a quick tour of the city. I wanted to see young people riding bicycles as large dogs, preferably black labs, chased them down residential streets. I wanted to see old men in ragged clothes standing on a downtown corner playing their harmonicas for loose change. I wanted to see old-fashioned hippies, and lots of them.

In short, I wanted to experience the Austin of my youth.

But, of course, that would not be possible. Time, it seems, has a way of changing things, and not always for the best. The Austin I was fantasizing about

had disappeared years ago, probably in the mid- to late 1970s.

Indeed, the Austin I ended up visiting last week was not unlike Dallas or Houston or any other large American city. The first thing I saw was a traffic jam. Tall buildings were everywhere, giving the vague appearance of a concrete jungle. The streets were lined with McDonalds and Burger Kings and any other fast-food chain you could think of. Even the people walking the streets didn't possess the same off-beat charm that I had remembered.

It was hard not to hide my disappointment. As I glanced around I would just shake my head. The words — "Man, this place has changed" — were uttered repeatedly, and with great emotion.

At night, I would roll down the car window and stick my head out to smell the air. It was something I used to do 25 years ago. But that had changed, too. In a peculiar sort of way, Austin didn't even smell the same.

Again, I shook my head and said, "Man, this place has changed."

I was due to fly back to Midland early

Wednesday morning, so Tuesday night was my last chance to rekindle some of the fire from my past.

But I wasn't having much luck. On my right was another Jack in the Box and to my left was an Arby's.

Yeah, this was definitely not the Austin I recalled.

"Wait a minute! I remember that place." The words were spoken by a friend who was driving the car. He was pointing to a small building on the left side of the street. The sign, which you could barely make out, said: "The Hole in the Wall."

"Let's try it," I said.

And we did. Thank goodness. The minute we walked through the door, the Austin of old unfolded. It was so dark you couldn't read the menu, but that wasn't important because the waitress informed us the gumbo would be ready shortly. Everyone was drinking longneck beer. A couple was dancing in between tables and the old man sitting alone in the corner had a beard that reached halfway down his chest.

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OBITUARIES



Pat Mason

Pat Mason was born June 2, 1935, in Gregg County, Texas, to James Carroll and Elsie (Kelly) Vernon Jr. She grew up in Sabine, Texas, graduating from high school there in 1953. She then attended Abilene Christian College. On October 29, 1954, in Kilgore, Texas, she married Aldridge Mason. They moved to Midland in 1968. Pat taught for 10 years at Midland Christian 5-day Preschool. Pat was a member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ and was also a former member of Lubbock Christian Organization.

Pat is survived by her husband, Aldridge Mason of Midland; her son, Kelly A. Mason and his wife, Debra Kaye, of Midland; her daughters, Patricia Gail Kidd and her husband, Lynn, of Midland, Tana Leigh Baker and her husband, Darwin, of Midland, and Lisa Michelle Lewis and her husband, Brad, of Odessa; her brother, Jerry Claiborne Vernon of Bakersfield, Calif.; her sister, Regina R. Bell of Kilgore, Texas; her grandchildren, Cynthia Lynn Booker and her husband, Brian, Amanda Gail Gaston, Aaron James Mason, Nathan Kyle Mason, Jessica Danielle Mason, Justin Ryan Lewis, Makenzie Michelle Lewis, Jared Taylor Lewis, Lori Ann McIntyre, and Rebecca Lynn Kidd; and her great-grandchildren, Aubrey Carolyn Booker, Brandon Scott McIntyre, and Autumn Paige McIntyre.

The angels took her home to Jesus on Friday, January 22, 1999. Funeral services have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Golf Course Road Church of Christ with Tom Vermillion and Ronnie White officiating. Interment will

follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are Jack McGraw, Ed Poulter, Sam McClung, Floyd Dill, O.C. Collins and Eldon Wetsel.

The family requests memorials be directed to: Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver, Midland, Texas 79705.



Flora Wilson

Flora Dee Wilson, 74, of Stanton, died Friday, January 22, 1999, in a Midland hospital. Services will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday, January 24, 1999, at First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

She was born July 12, 1924, in Stanton and was a lifetime resident. She married James A. Wilson Jr. on July 21, 1942, in Stanton and they were married for over 56 years.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Stanton. Mrs. Wilson worked for Ector Thornton Implement Company as manager and later as part owner. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the Martin County Hospital Auxiliary, the Martin County Friends of the Museum and the Martin County Art Club.

Survivors include her husband, James A. Wilson Jr. of Stanton; two sons, Bob Wilson and Bill Wilson, both of Stanton; one daughter, Mary Barnhill of Stanton; one sister, Corene Manning of Stanton; four brothers, Fred Cook of Littlefield, Jack Cook, Eddie Cook and Wayne Cook, all of Stanton; six grandchildren, Chris Barnhill of Stanton, Rob Wilson and

Stephanie Norris, both of Midland, Greg Barnhill of Tyler, Carol Hopson of Gatesville and Jeff Wilson of Mesquite; three great-grandsons, Patrick Hopson of Gatesville, Jacob Dylan Barnhill of Stanton and Jordan Rainer of Tyler; one great-granddaughter, Whitney Rainer of Tyler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Eva Cook; a sister, Eva Mae Cook; and a brother, Johnnie Paul Cook.

Pallbearers will be Chris Barnhill, Greg Barnhill, Billy Hopson, Rob Wilson, Jeff Wilson and Layton Norris.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton, Texas 79782 or a favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Sherrod Kilmer

Sherrod C. Kilmer, age 64, died unexpectedly Wednesday, January 20, 1999 in Brady, Texas.

Services were held in Brady on Friday, January 22, at the Sunset Ridge Church of Christ at 2 p.m. Interment followed at the Placid Cemetery under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home.

Sherrod was born in Placid, Texas, on April 17, 1934, to Ethel Sansom Kilmer and W.N. Kilmer.

For the past 28 years he was employed by Ogleby Norton Industrial Sands where he served in several capacities, the last being vice president of Business Development. He served in numerous civic organizations, including the Rotary International, Industrial Foundation, and City Council. Sherrod also helped establish the Brady Community Church of Christ, in which he was very active as worship leader.

Sherrod leaves behind a great legacy of love and friendship to his family and friends. In 1993, following a lengthy illness, Sherrod was a recipient of a life-saving lung transplant and has since lived a full, productive, and rewarding life. He touched many lives through his extensive business travels and was well-loved by all who knew him.

Sherrod is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis, their children, Mike Kilmer and wife, Shanna, of Midland, Julie Langseth and husband, Mark, of Austin, Kerri Scruggs and husband, Mike, of Thrall, Steve Young and wife, Robyn, of Brady,

Paul Kilmer of Austin, and Amanda Kilmer of Austin. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and one more on the way.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Community Church of Christ Benevolence Program, or the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance of San Antonio, Texas.

Sherrod will be deeply missed.

Etoile Bennett

Etoile Marie Bennett, age 78, of Ozona, died Friday, January 22, 1999, in the Crockett County Care Center.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, January 25, in the First Baptist Church of Ozona. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. in Resthaven Cemetery in Midland. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bennett was born November 30, 1920, in Johnson County. She had been a resident of Ozona for seven years. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Bennett married James Glen Bennett on December 17, 1939.

Survivors include three daughters, Patricia Ann DeBerry and husband, Tony, of Midland, Gena Lu Miller and husband, Doug, of Pecos, and Melisa Leigh Branch and husband, Randy, of Ozona; one son, Bryan Madison Bennett and wife, Trudy, of Dallas; one sister, Margaret Wright of Fort Worth; one brother, O.B. Horton of Fort Worth; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a cherished friend and companion, Charles E. McLean.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Glen Bennett; a brother, J.B. Horton; her parents, Oscar and Eddie Horton; a grandson, James Ryan Nelson; and a granddaughter, Hillary Marie Branch.

The family requests memorials be made to the Lubbock Methodist Hospital Transplant Clinic Emergency Medicine Fund, or the Joel Fuller Fund.

Velma White

Velma Horner White, 91, of Midland, Texas, and formerly of San Angelo, died Friday, January 22, 1999, in Midland.

Velma was born January 6, 1908, in Wall, Texas. She was employed for many years at Cox-Rushing-Greer and Hemphill-Wells. She was married to Vernie Horner October 28, 1924, in Wall, Texas.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

After Vernie died in 1974, she married Rusty White in 1983 and he preceded her in death. She was a former member of Johnson Street Church of Christ and was presently a member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland.

Survivors include one daughter, Norma Reece and husband, Boyd, of Midland; one son, Ross Horner and wife, Louanna, of Plano; five grandchildren, Brenda Byrne, Linda Williams, Pamela Reece, Keith Horner, and Lisa Holden; three great-grandchildren, Alex Byrne, Julie Byrne, Robin Reece; two great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Mason Byrne; and two brothers, Gerald Elliott and wife, Faye, and Harold Elliott and wife, Tommie, both of San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Vernie Horner and Rusty White, one son, Vernie Dean Horner; two brothers; and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Calvin Warps officiating. Burial will follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Keith Horner and Rusty Holden, both of Houston, Don Williams, Tom Byrne and Alex Byrne, all of Midland, and Roland Howard of San Angelo.

Maurine Rambo

On the 21st day of January, the Lord sent his angel of mercy to pick up Maurine Rambo and deliver her up to the Lord in Heaven to rest in peace and glory forevermore.

She was born July 2, 1919, to Clarence Richard "Deck" and Birdie Myers Porter in Forrest City, Arkansas. She attended school in Forrest City.

She married Clarence Thomas DeVazier on July 29, 1938. He pre-

ceded her in death on September 26, 1969.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 531 in Forrest City.

In 1984 she moved to Midland, Texas, where she was active at the Senior Citizens Center where she taught dancing, played in the kitchen band and was on the advisory board. She sang with the Gospel Singers.

On March 24, 1991, she married Harry Curtis Rambo and moved to Odessa where she was a member of Senior Dance Club and served as their queen in 1993-94. She represented them in the Permian Basin Fair and was chosen Ms. Majestic the same year.

She was a member of the 55 Dance Club and the Ballroom Dance Club in Midland.

She was a member of the Crescent Park Baptist Church in Odessa.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Curtis Rambo of Odessa; two sons, Richard H. DeVazier and Thomas B. DeVazier, both of Arkansas; a brother, C.R. Porter of Killeen, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Charles H. Priddy of Arkansas; three grandchildren; and five great-grandsons; stepchildren, Bernard Rambo of Odessa, Ronald Rambo of Kansas and Paula Rambo of Mesquite, Texas.

Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Johnny Dickerson, pastor at Crescent Park Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be 4 p.m. Wednesday at Forrest Park Cemetery, Forrest City, Ark.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Crescent Park Baptist Church, 3002 E. University, Odessa, Texas 79762.

Arrangements entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Jerry Hughes

BIG SPRING — Jerry Don Hughes, 63, died Saturday, Jan. 23, at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Revs. Keith Wiseman, Ed Williamson and Don Swinney officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 16, 1935 in Big Spring.

He was a welder for Hughes Oil Field Service, worked for Hester and Robertson Mechanical and Price Construction and owned and operated Hughes Welding and Muffler. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Hughes and a brother, Dennis Hughes.

Survivors include his wife, Becky Hughes of Big Spring; a son, Scott Hughes of Big Spring; a stepson, Larry Morrow of Odessa; two daughters, Paula Hughes and Jenny Perry, both of Big Spring; his mother, Leona Hughes of Big

Spring; two brothers, Roy Hughes of Dallas and James Hughes of Austin; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

James Rogers

James A. Rogers died Saturday, Jan. 23, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wayman Swopes officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funer-

al Home. Visitation is to be 6-8 p.m. today, Jan. 24, at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 21, 1922 in Midland.

He owned and operated Rogers Fence Contractor from 1970 to 1991. He was exclusively employed by Scharbauer Cattle Co. and Charles A. Bird Ranches.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Rogers of Midland; two sons, Roy Rogers of Midland and Wayne Rogers of Stanton; one

daughter, Lillie Rogers of Midland; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Friday

Burglary/criminal mischief: A residence at 912 N. Edwards St. was broken into and had graffiti sprayed on the walls. It was reported at 8:54 a.m.

Theft: A trailer was reported stolen at 2006 Harvard Ave. It was reported at 2:40 p.m.

Burglary: A vehicle was burglarized at 7053 S. Loraine St. It was reported at 7:38 p.m.

Special Thanks

to the Water Purification Plant Personnel Albert Khamis and Gary Wiggins for taking time out of their very busy schedule to help me out with my science project. Thanks to both of you for sharing your knowledge and expertise, and for taking me on a tour of your facilities. I will never forget this invaluable learning experience.

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Parents can feel helpless when their children are grieving a death or a divorce. And kids tend to act out their feelings (aggressive behavior, low grades, etc.) instead of talking them out. To help young people ages 4-18 deal with losses or major transitions, Hospice of Midland offers a free program called Rainbows for Children. Those attending meet in age-appropriate classrooms for an hour weekly over a 12 week period to address their grief in a non-threatening, activity oriented, enjoyable environment. Their parents meet during the same hour in their own support group.

We have noticed it is hard to get some young people to attend the first session and hard to keep them away from any of the other sessions. If you are interesting in registering a child for the fall session, please call Vicki Jay at Hospice of Midland, 682-2980.

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MONAGHAN: Angelo recalls him as friend and political ally

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whatever," Angelo said. "He was about as fine a person I have ever known and a great friend."

Monaghan, a petroleum engineer and a lawyer, was president of Cal-Mon Oil Co. During World War II, he was an aviator who piloted the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fighter in the U.S. Army Air Forces, Angelo said.

Angelo and Monaghan were political allies.

Monaghan had served as chairman of the Midland County Republican Party Committee from 1970 to 1976 and was a member of the Republican National Committee on Rules Revision in 1980 and had served on the Texans for Reagan-Bush Committee in the 1980 and 1984 presidential campaigns.

He served on Midland's Planning Committee and Zoning Commission in the 1970s and served on the Midland City Council in the late 1980s and early 1990s until failing health persuaded him to retire from public service.

In the early 1980s, he served on the board of trustees of Trinity School.

Bill Shaner, who, like Monaghan and Angelo had served as chairman of the Midland County Republican Party, said that Monaghan was "very active in politics. He loved it. He was a real good man, a great father."

Judge Barbara Culver Clark, who is a former Midland County judge, Texas district-court judge, and Texas Supreme Court justice, recalled Monaghan as a "rather quiet" person who was a "dedicated worker in the early-day Republican Party in Midland. They (Mon-

aghan and Angelo) were great allies.

"He was real stalwart and a really fine person," Judge Culver said. "I was privileged to have known him. He was kind and hard-working, and he was always easy to approach. Everyone admired him." Former Texas District Court Judge Vann Culp, whose family grew close to the Monaghan family, said that Monaghan and he were "county chairmen of different political parties but we always got along in a congenial manner. I always considered him a good friend. He was a public servant. We all regret his passing."

Monaghan was born Sept. 16, 1923, to Johnny and Ruby Ferguson Monaghan in Fort Worth. He married Virginia Fay Phipps on Jan. 4, 1964.

He earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering in 1948 and a doctoral degree in law in 1951 from the University of Texas at Austin.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Monaghan of Midland; three sons, Cullen Monaghan of Plano, Patrick Monaghan of Chicago and Robert Monaghan Jr. of Austin; two grandchildren, Jordan Alexander Monaghan of Austin and Lauren Monaghan of Plano, and two nephews and a niece.

Honorary pallbearers are to be John Simpson, Jerry Pitts, Ernest Angelo Jr., Sam Pierson, Bryan Burk, Toby Carleton, Paul Rea, Jim Whitten, Bob Lively, Monty Gist, and Daida Womack.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Holy Trinity Music Fund or Hospice of Midland.

Educators exchange ideas for teaching reading, writing

By Shay Templeton

Educators from around the Permian Basin gathered at Abell Junior High School Saturday to discuss strategies for teaching reading and writing.

The event, sponsored by the Midland Reading Council, is among several annual conferences that allow teachers to exchange ideas with one another and review the latest teaching methods and technology available for the profession.

"We try to bring in different speakers and reading experts to tell us about different issues in literacy and the latest research," said Cheryl Bains, council president and reading specialist at Henderson Elementary School in

Midland.

Saturday's speakers included Terry Mallet from the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio, and Jack Gantos, former instructor at Emerson College in Boston and the author of "Roten Ralph" and other children's books.

Gantos provided the teachers with some strategies on how to use creative writing in their curriculum.

Gantos believes the challenges students face when attempting creative writing are "getting started and controlling the beginning, middle and endings. Students loathe rewriting, which is so important," he added.

According to Gantos, the most important benefit of creative writing is that "students learn to apply critical thinking. They must learn to

organize their stories, develop characters and settings and provide solid themes," he said.

The teachers and administrators attending the conference did so voluntarily. They don't receive continuing education credits or other compensation.

"I always attend these things. You may not get paid but you get lots of ideas from other teachers," said Dana Terebessey, a kindergarten teacher at Emerson Elementary.

"With cutbacks we can't always afford to attend conferences so we (Midland Reading Council) meet once a month to offer ideas and information about literacy," Ms. Bains said.

The council is made up of local teachers and administrators.

MISD: Salary range for communications post is \$69,120 to \$84,736

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The TSPRA, of which Ms. Queen is the president, conducted a communications audit of the district last April, in which 12 focus groups from around the community gave MISD's communications effort a combined grade of C. A majority of district staff responding to a survey had a negative opinion of MISD communications.

The less-than-glowing results

led to the idea and subsequent search for a communications director for the district.

"The primary thing we were looking for was someone with experience in the public school or university arena and someone who also had a background in public relations," Holland said.

Baressi said the district hopes to find "someone who is going to represent us well and has the skills necessary to communicate with a

diverse community like we have."

The search for a director was hastened last November when the district's communications specialist, Susan Webb, tendered her resignation. Since then, MISD has been without a full-time manager of its communications department.

MISD will be retaining Ms. Webb's position, but the job will not be filled or even posted until the new communications director — who

will have a hand in the selection process — is hired.

The salary range for the new communications director will be \$69,120 to \$84,736 a year. The new salary will be accounted for in the budget, officials say, by phasing out the Agreed Judgment director position, which will be eliminated July 1.

Holland said only four of the 55 applicants were current MISD employees.

AIRPORT: Airline employees excited to be working in new terminal

(From 1B)

around in.

"This is a great improvement over the old one," Armstrong said. "If you can read, you can find your way around real easy, especially if you have ever flown out of Houston or Atlanta."

Another passenger heading to Houston was Lacia Flemings of Lubbock. She said she didn't have time to see the terminal this time but really would like to.

"I flew out of Midland about two years ago," Ms. Flemings said. "I am really impressed with what they have done here. It looks like something you would see in Dallas."

It is just so big and so pretty."

Ken Day, director of airports, said it will take a few days to make sure all of the bugs are worked out and to get everything out of the old building.

"We are very pleased with it," Day said. "It will take about 30 days to make sure everything is working the way it should. Right now we are working to get everything out of the old building. We have till Jan. 31, because on Feb. 1 they will start tearing it down."

Day said he was not surprised to see people who just wanted to check out the new building.

"We have been announcing when the terminal would be ready,"

Day said. "We are glad to see people interested in seeing the new facility."

Terrie Todd with Southwest Airlines said the crowd is buzzing with excitement over the new terminal.

"It has been a very average Saturday," Ms. Todd said. "But we are overwhelmed with excitement. Our employees are so excited you would think they were brand new."

To commemorate the first day of flights out of the new terminal, Southwest Airlines offered \$25 gift certificates, gave double rapid reward points, had a ribbon cutting where they gave the mayors of both Midland and Odessa plaques

of appreciation, gave away door prizes and served cake to all the people at the gate.

Veronica Castro, marketing representative for Southwest, said she was impressed with the new terminal. She said the city should feel proud of the new place and she hopes it will help generate business.

"This place is so user-friendly," Ms. Castro said. "There is so much room for people to work and to meet their loved ones. We hope this new place will encourage more people to fly out of Midland to get where they are going rather than drive."

CHAMBER: Man and Woman of Year announced

(From 1B)

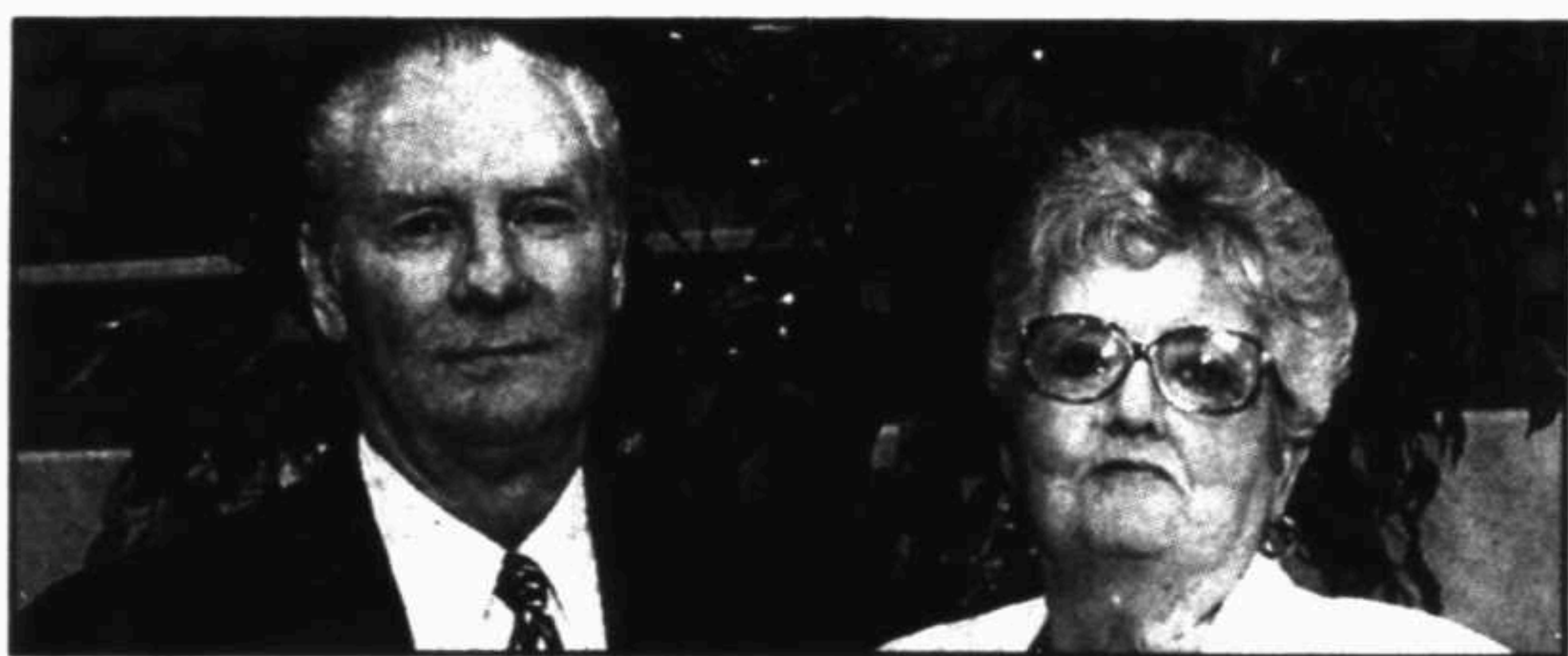
that are necessary to provide Big Spring with an environment for commerce."

Williams said that many of the projects that began under past president Ray Kennedy will be the focus for the board this year.

"Many of the projects that we began in 1998 couldn't be completed in 12 months," Williams said. "The Convention and Visitors Bureau began a project to establish a radio station for tourists of Big Spring, while our cultural affairs council has been very busy with many different projects designed to enhance the quality of our lives."

Williams cited the different programs that he witnessed shortly after his arrival in Big Spring in 1993, using the current revitalization of the downtown area as an example of what can be accomplished when the people of Big Spring work together.

"We have seen the renovation of the Howard County Courthouse, as well as the landscaping outside of the structure," Williams said. "We have seen the replacement of the



Big Spring Kiwanis Club members Ben Bancroft and Pat Simmons were honored Friday night as Big Spring Man and Woman of the Year.

windows in the Settles Hotel, as well as the ongoing renovation of the first two floors.

"Pride in this county runs deep, and we need to show this pride. The chamber will act as the catalyst for these things, but this small group of people cannot do it alone. We need each of you to join us."

Kennedy said that 1998 was a good year for the chamber, and attributed a large amount of the success to his staff.

"We all learned a lot, and we had a lot of really good people involved with us. Most of all, we had a good staff."

"We welcome the new faces to our board. It's hard to believe the year went by that fast. It's all yours now, Chuck. I'll be right behind you if you need help."

Following the presentation to Kennedy of a scrapbook of the past

year's accomplishments, Weaver introduced Bob Lewis, a.k.a. Tumbleweed Smith, who took the stage. Lewis' buoyant personality was as bright and cheery as the "road-kill" jacket that he wore, bringing smiles to the faces of everyone in the audience.

"Big Spring has just been such a wonderful place to live all of these years," he said. "At one point in my life, I thought Big Spring was just too small to hold me back, so I left for a time. As you can see, I came back, and it was because of the wonderful people here."

OTT: Capital has changed

(From 1B)

I grinned. But it got even better. The band — a dandy little group called the Gulf Coast Playboys — took center stage.

The lead singer pushed his cowboy hat back and said, "We're going to do some Cajun music for you, with just a touch of country added to it."

Ahh, this was the Austin I remembered.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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(ALL DIVISIONS)

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JUNE 21-26 - CITY TOURNAMENT

JULY 16-18 - ALL STAR TOURNAMENT

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The Midland Club named Ry Bergman as the week.

Price, son of Willis and Carolyn Price of Midland, attends Midland High School.

His activities include UIL Science, Texas

Engineering Solution Team

Debate Team National Honor

Society, Science Club, Colorado

School of Mines Science

Award, and National Merit

Semi-finalist. Price plans to

attend Texas A&M University

and major in petroleum or civil engineer-

ing. Bergman, son of Pat and Mary

Bergman of Midland High School.

His activities include of orche-

strings, Engineer Best, All-region

at Honor Society of Society.

Bergman plans engineering.

U.S. Rep. Lamar attended three Midland

attend United States vice academies

Brandon Hill.

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Wednesday Breakfast: Sausage

juice, milk. Lunch: yogurt and fresh

beans, lettuce and onion bread twist

Thursday — mon roll, juice, r

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crispy potato, tomato, broccoli

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Monday — Breakfast

MAKING THE GRADE

The Midland Downtown Lion's Club named Ryan Price and Joe Bergman as their students of the week.

Price, son of Willis and Carolyn Price of Midland, attends Midland High School.

His activities include UIL Science, Texas Engineering Solution Team, Debate Team, National Honor Society, Science Club, Colorado School of Mines Science Award, and National Merit Semi-finalist.

Price plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in petroleum or civil engineering.

Bergman, son of Pat and Mary Bergman of Midland, attends Lee High School.

His activities include Vice-president of orchestra, StrictLEE Strings, Engineering Team, Texas Best, All-region orchestra, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

Bergman plans to study engineering.

U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith has nominated three Midland students to attend United States military service academies.

Brandon Hill, son of Kevin and

Pam Hill, received a nomination to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

He attends Midland High School where he is a varsity cheerleader and a member of the National Honor Society.

Matthews, son of Randy and Mickie Matthews, was nominated to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

He attends Lee High School where he is president of the senior class and involved in varsity athletics. He is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Carroll Porter, son of Donald Hoffman and Vicki Porter-Hoffman, received a nomination to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

He attends Midland High School and is a member of the National Honor Society and the varsity golf team.



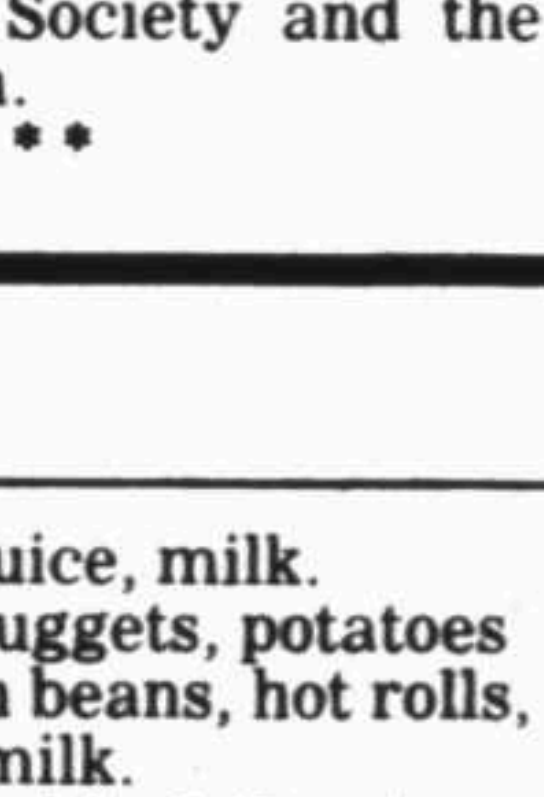
Price



Hill



Matthews



Porter

The Midland Morning Lions Club named Nicole Haggerty and Amy Willey as their students of the week.

Ms. Haggerty, a daughter of Billy and Paula Haggerty, attends Lee High School.

Her school activities include second vice president Senior Class, National Honor Society, Texas Scholar, Project Graduation Committee, and Senior Girls Committee Chair.

She plans to earn scholarships and attend A&M University.

Ms. Willey, daughter of Randy and Debbie Willey, also attends Lee High School.

Her school activities include Student Council Representative, Spanish Honor Society, Senior Girls and Texas Scholars.

She plans to earn scholarships and attend a university of her choice.

Candice Vinson and Lindsey Martin have been selected the outstanding girls for the month of January by the University Graduate Women of Midland.

Miss Vinson, daughter of Wayne and Angela Vinson, attends Lee



Haggerty



Willey

High School.

Her honors include National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Texas Scholars, awards in the UIL Literary Criticism Tournament, Presidential Honor Roll at Midland College, and awards at the Angelo State University Foreign Language Festival.

Her other activities include Student Council Cabinet, Yearbook staff, D-FY-IT and Lee Singers. She also received honorable mention in Iliad National Poetry Contest, participated in the Barbara Jordan Essay Contest, was nominated for a National Council of Teachers of English Jordan Essay Contest and for a National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award.

Miss Vinson plans to attend the University of Dallas and study either psychology or pre-law.

Miss Martin, daughter of Randy and Kathy Martin, attends Midland High School.

Her academic honors include U.S. National Award in English, Optimist Youth Award, and All-American Scholar in Government. Miss Martin is national president of the Model Organization of



Vinson



Martin

American States, in which she has participated in for four years.

Her other activities include Student Council, Posse President and Texas Scholar. She was chosen 1999 Miss Teen of America.

Miss Martin plans to attend The University of Texas-Austin's Business Honors Program and law school.

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Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage and biscuit, juice, milk. Lunch: Nacho grande or yogurt and fresh fruit, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, cinnamon bread twist, fruit drink, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger, cheeseburger or fish puffs, crispy potato cubes, lettuce and tomato, broccoli and cheese sauce, fruit drink, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal and toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich, hot dog or chili dog, vegetable soup, tator rounds, veggies and dip, fruit drink, milk.

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cakes, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot rolls, -hilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs chips, garden salad, vegetarian beans, blueberry cobbler, milk.

Wednesday —

Breakfast: Sausage and eggs, biscuits with jelly, juice, milk.

Lunch: Tamales, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad with dressing, applesauce, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk.

Lunch: Oven fried chicken, pota-

toes with gravy, green beans, sliced bread, cherry cobbler, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Pop tarts, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad with pickles, ranger cake, milk.

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BOOKS

BOOKS IN BRIEF

Best sellers

Local best sellers are based on weekly sales at Midland bookstores and reflect varied reading interests. This week's local best sellers are from Mrs. Olsen's Coffee & Bookstore, 2000 W. Wadley, Suite 8. National best sellers are from The New York Times.

NATIONAL Fiction

1. A Man in Full, by Tom Wolfe.
2. Seize the Night, by Daniel Koontz.
3. Billy Straight, by Jonathan Kellerman.
4. When the Wind Blows, by James Patterson.
5. Charming Billy, Alice McDermott.
6. The Poisonwood Bible, by Barbara Kingsolver.
7. Harry Potter and the Sorcerers, by J. Rowling.
8. The Simple Truth, by David Baldacci.
9. Angels Flight, by M. Connelly.
10. Memoirs of a Geisha, by Arthur Golden.

Nonfiction

1. The Greatest Generation, by Tom Brokaw.
2. Tuesdays With Morrie, by Mitch Albom.
3. The Century, by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster.
4. Blind Man's Bluff, by Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew.
5. The Professor and the Madman, by Simon Winchester.
6. Conversations With God, Book 3, by Neale Donald Walsch.
7. The Endurance, by Caroline Alexander.
8. Conversations With God, Book 1, by Neale Donald Walsch.
9. The Death of Outrage, by William Bennett.
10. A Walk in the Woods, by Bill Bryson.

LOCAL Fiction

1. The Smiling Country, by Elmer Kelton.
2. In Danger's Path, by W.E.B. Griffin.
3. Brave New World, by Aldous Huxley.
4. Einstein's Dreams, by Alan P. Lightman.
5. Thyme of Death, by Susan Wittig Albert.
6. True Women, by Janice Woods Windle.
7. Wild Country, by Janice Woods Windle.
8. Endangered Species, by Nevada Barr.
9. The Time It Never Rained, by Elmer Kelton.
10. Death of a Dissident, by Stuart Kaminsky.

Nonfiction

1. Always Kiss Me Goodnight, by J.S. Salt.
2. The Story of Mankind, by Hendrik Van Loon.
3. Cosmos, by Carl Sagan.
4. D-Day, by Stephen Ambrose.
5. Girls With Grandmother Faces, by Frances Weaver.
6. Permian: A Continuing Saga, by Elmer Kelton.
7. Blind Man's Bluff, by Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew.
8. Bowl of Red, by Frank X. Tolbert.
9. Reporting Live, by Lesley Stahl.
10. Historic Midland, by Bill Modisett.

Children's

1. Today I Feel Silly, by Jamie Lee Curtis.
2. The Relatives Came, by Cynthia Rylant.
3. The Armadillo From Amarillo, by Lynn Cherry.
4. Insectlopedia, by Douglas Florian.
5. Miss Fannie's Hat, by Jan Karon.
6. Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen.
7. Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry, by Mildred Taylor.
8. Meet Josephine, by Valerie Tripp (American Girl series).

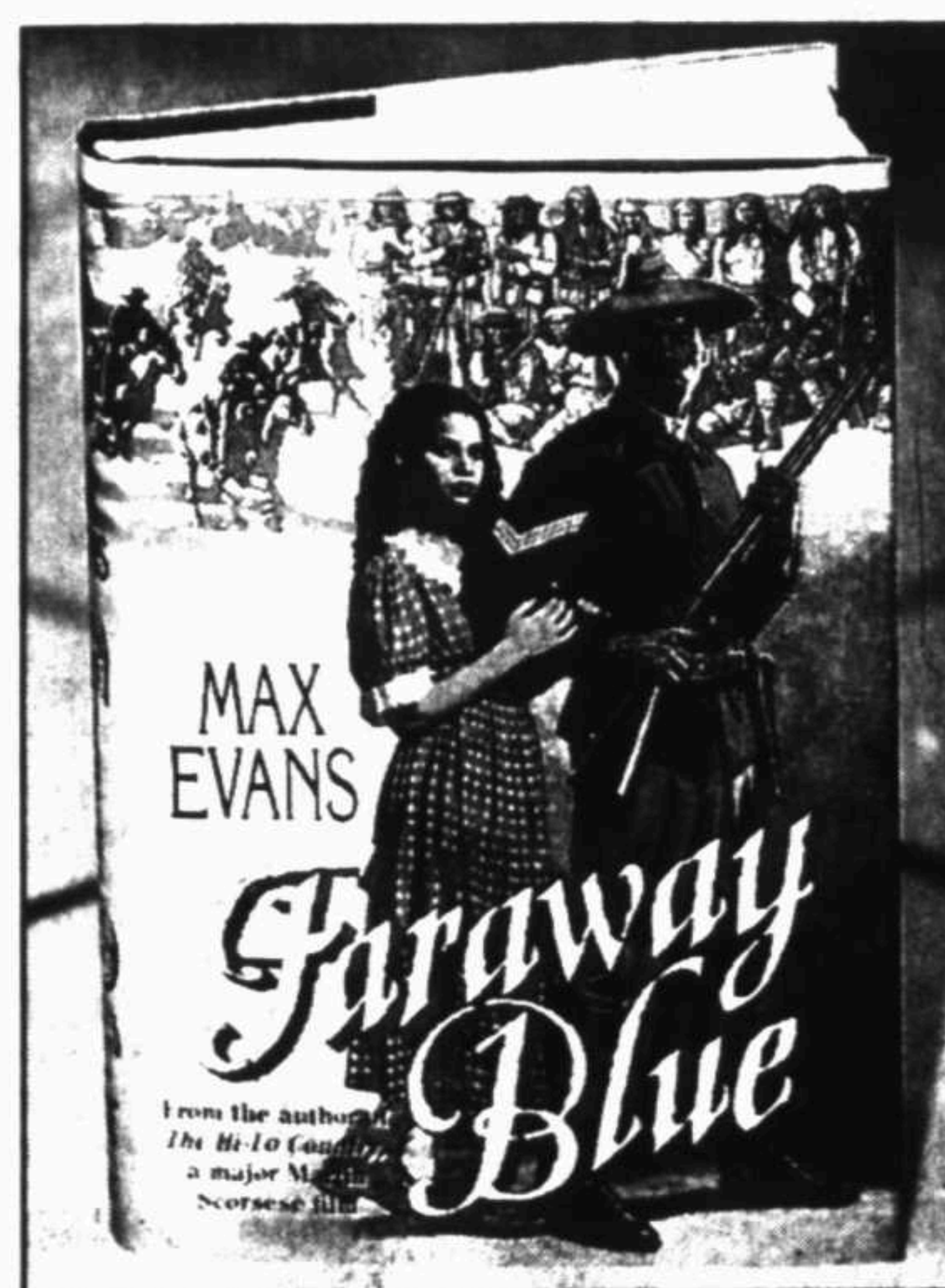
Q & A

Q: Where can I write to Danielle Steel? — M.C., Fort Worth

A: Write to Steel at Box 1637, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156, or send e-mail through her official Web site, www.daniellesteel.com.

Steel, the author of more than 65 novels, has sold more than 370 million books and occupied a spot on "The New York Times" bestseller list for a record 390 weeks.

In November, Steel's new novel, "Mirror Image," was published. Last year, she also wrote a nonfiction book, "His Bright Light: The Story of Nick Traina," about the 1997 suicide of her oldest son at age 19.



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(Forge, \$22.95 hard cover)

Sergeant Moses Williams, a former slave and Civil War veteran, is now part of the Ninth Cavalry Regiment of the Buffalo Soldiers — fighting the white man's campaign to eliminate the Indian population from their ancient tribal lands.

Max Evans is known as New Mexico's most eminent literary figure—no one knows New Mexico's people and history so well. And now, the critically-acclaimed author of "The Hi-Lo Country" treats his readers to his first historical novel, "Faraway Blue."

Published by Forge Books in January, it tells the powerful story of the life of Medal of Honor-winning Buffalo Soldier, Moses Williams. Sergeant Moses Williams, a former slave and Civil War veteran, is now part of the Ninth Cavalry Regiment of the Buffalo Soldiers — fighting the white man's campaign to eliminate the Indian population from their ancient tribal lands.

Williams' assignment to capture the Apache chief Nana, who is known as a wily and tactical genius, leads to a fast-paced cat-and-mouse chase that can only end with one of them dead.

Williams is able to keep his sanity only because of his love for Sheela Jones, the beautiful young Mulatto woman he wishes to marry—when the army will permit it. Sheela's love for Moses Williams is so strong, that it leads her to take a desperate chance when he marches out for his final meeting with Nana.

Evans is the author of "The Rounders" and "Bluefeather Fellini" in addition to the celebrated "The Hi-Lo Country" which has been made into a major motion picture produced by Martin Scorsese and due for release this December. He lives in Albuquerque, N. M.

A columnist's politics and philosophy

THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN POLITICS
by William Murchison
With a Foreword by
William F. Buckley Jr.
(Spence Publishing Co., Dallas
\$22.95, 281 pages — no index)

by Evetta Haley Jr.

Avid readers of the Midland Reporter-Telegram need no introduction to the author of "There's More To Life Than Politics." The only surprise endemic to William Murchison's newest book might be for a reader who fancies his or herself a stickler for the most literal application of words and phrases. The title might be incongruous in light of the great philosopher Edmund Burke's admonition that "politics is the most important pursuit of man" and those of us who know Murchison know that he would be about the last contemporary thinker to argue with Burke's conclusions.

Murchison, the syndicated columnist who has been appearing on the editorial page of the Dallas Morning News now for some 25 years and appearing in the Midland Reporter-Telegram, and as recently as last Dec. 11 wrote, "... yet this impeachment thing goes forward — not because the House Judiciary Committee will it to go forward but because the President himself does."

And further, "Our President is his own worst enemy. No other remotely rivals him." So much for the analysis of our president. Now, a few well-chosen words about the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives that voted out four counts of impeachment in early December. Murchison wrote, "... with Henry Hyde a more recent object of disparagement. Judiciary committee colleagues like John Conyers and Barney Frank, attempting to defend their president, have likened Hyde and the committee process to a railroad. Woo, woo! Clear the tracks for the Impeachment Special!"

We dare say that nary a reader of that Dec. 11th MRT editorial page will disagree with us that Murchison is by character, talent and passion a hard-twisted, take no prisoners, give no quarter political pundit. But wait, let's lengthen the examination. Here's another quote from that same column: "The Clinton-hater myth shows you, as much as anything else, the depth of our modern moral muddle." (We have always enjoyed the Murchison proclivity for the rhythmic use of words. This is a talent in those for whom the words come naturally and is the mark of a journalistic writer with style beyond the ordinary.)

But, not to depart from our theme, moral is a word among all words with the ring of a champion. Morality, when lived (in contrast to our prevaricator-in-chief) by a contemporary socio/political critic without compromise, sets a man into the understanding of, and belief in, "There's More To Life Than Politics." In 279

pages, divided into 12 parts by subject matter, some of Murchison's select columns going back many years become very readable essays of social commentary of interest to all living generations. In the very first one entitled, "Rejecting Secular Salvation," the author, a devout Anglican, adeptly explains the fallacy in a number of current assumptions. In support of his thesis he quotes a couplet from Dr. Samuel Johnson amazingly needed by Americans in their personal contemplations this very month, "How small of all that human hearts endure/That part which laws or kings can cause or cure." Thankfully, Murchison is far better read than today's typical journeyman journalist.

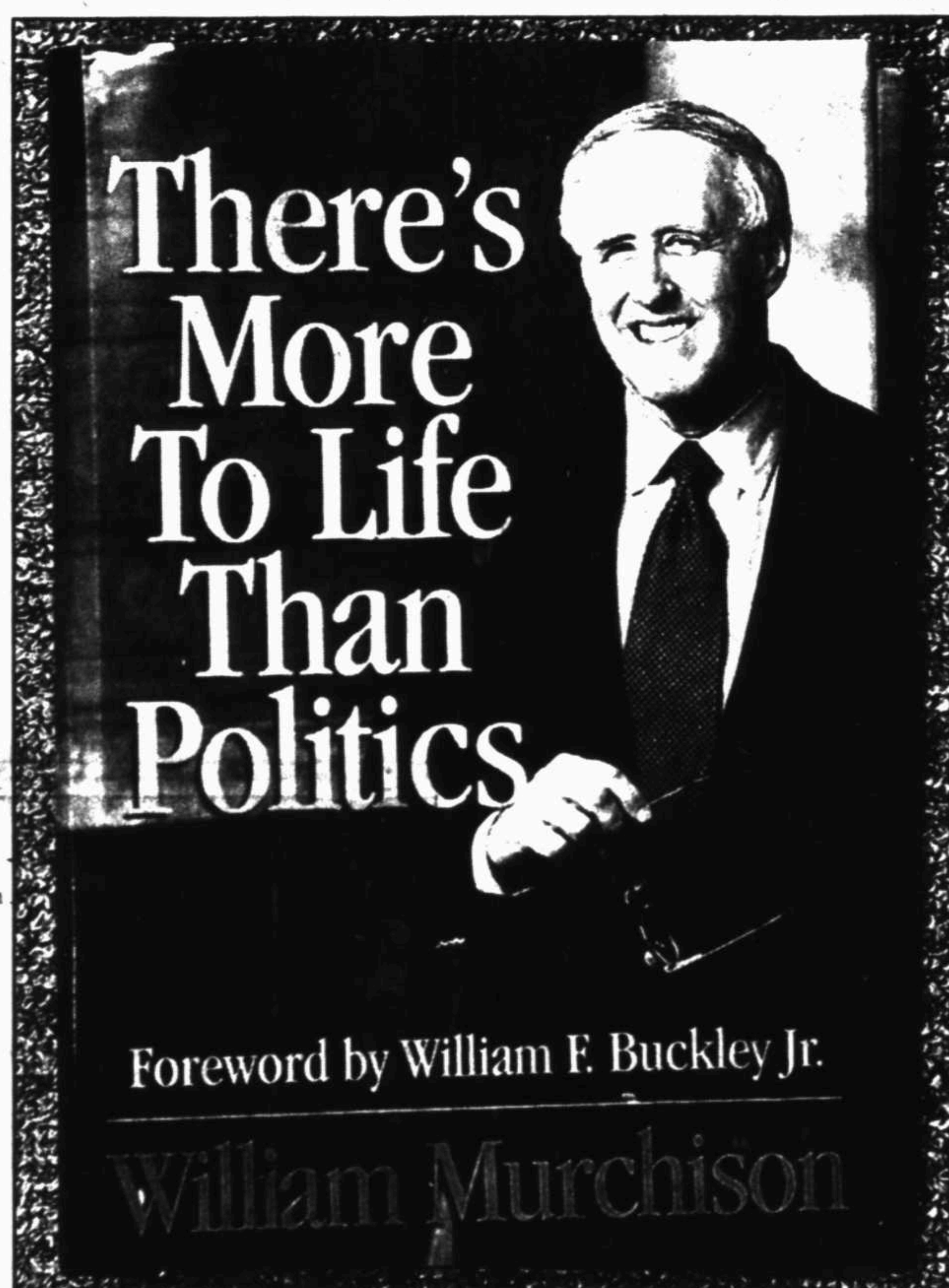
It is to be hoped that our readers here are not left with the impression that to read "There's More To Life Than Politics" is simply to review stale newspaper columns of months and years gone by. Far from it. Many of these essays are as timeless as the works of Edmund Burke, or perhaps James Madison or Adam Smith. The section entitled "Statesmen and Rogues" included the following subjects: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Edmund Burke, Margaret Thatcher, Ronald Reagan, John F. Kennedy, William F. Buckley Jr., Vladimir Lenin, H. L. Mencken, Robert McNamara, and Robert Packwood. The latter one was most definitely a rogue.

Section III is composed of some of the author's memorials such as Mother Teresa and Rowena Newman Wilks, the author's high school sophomore literature teacher. This is a moving piece about a beloved sensitive and gentle lady who was the namesake of Sir Walter Scott's Saxon princess.

Amazingly the author, or his publisher, left to the next to last his experience with and observations on "The Fourth Estate." This, of course, we would prescribe as required reading for Journalism 101 in every American university. It begins with a piece entitled "In Praise of the Eighties."

In the subsequent article titled "Madmen and Their Press Agents," a searing critique on the media attention to the David Koresh exhibitionism at Waco prior to getting himself and his followers incinerated by federal agents, the author asks, "What is the antidote for this our sickness?" And he answers prophetically, "Certainly a huge dose of just those qualities television shuns: reason, dignity, love."

Before finishing the reading of "There's More To Life Than Politics," it is hoped that the reader takes pains to digest "Freaks of Culture." To take the last of it first there is an article titled "A Unisex Military." Now while that subject is certainly timely and provocative and we fervently agree with the author in his opposition to what is happening in our military today, this makes for a strange concluding commentary to a very readable and worthy collection of the author's observations.



Foreword by William F. Buckley Jr.

'Our President is his own worst enemy. No other remotely rivals him.'

We believe the whole of the book would have been a lot stronger had the author taken the pains to have written a fresh piece as epilogue in which he sought to tie down a conclusive meaning of the collection for the future, both to himself and his reader. A concluding statement, if you please. There is a new introduction. Unfortunately, it did not fill the need we perceive for a strong "wrap up."

To return to the subject "Freaks of Culture," however, just above the heading, "The Great American Meatout," which was written in 1991, the author has written the following free-standing lines, "We are all nutty to one degree or another."

I have concluded after a few decades of intensive observation. What else should we expect of the scriptural account of original sin is accurate — as I believe it to be? If I point out others problems, I do not imply that others are the only ones with problems! Perhaps for many of his readers this will suffice for the more lengthy summary we missed as epilogue!

Our own thoughts in conclusion are that the essence of William Murchison, his book, his effect on the precipitous events in our country today and the shaping of his place in history is very likely covered back in our fifth paragraph.

LITERARY QUIZ

Test your literary knowledge

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849), poet and purveyor of tales of the grotesque, is the subject this quiz. Here are 16 of the master's tales, for which you must complete the titles by supplying the correct missing word for each one. If you know your Poe, this one's a keeper. You pass with nine correct answers (a simple majority) but must have 14 right (!) to earn an A. Answers are on the opposite page.

The not-quite-complete titles:

1. "A _____ Into the Maelstrom"
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3. "The _____ and the Pendulum"
4. "The _____ Burial"
5. "The _____ Heart"
6. "The _____ in the Rue Morgue"
7. "The _____ Letter"
8. "The _____ of Arnheim"
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10. "The _____ of Julius Rodman"
11. "The _____ of Marie Roget"
12. "The _____ of the House of Usher"
13. "The _____ of the Perverse"
14. "The _____ of the Red Death"
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16. "The _____ Worm"

The words to complete the titles:

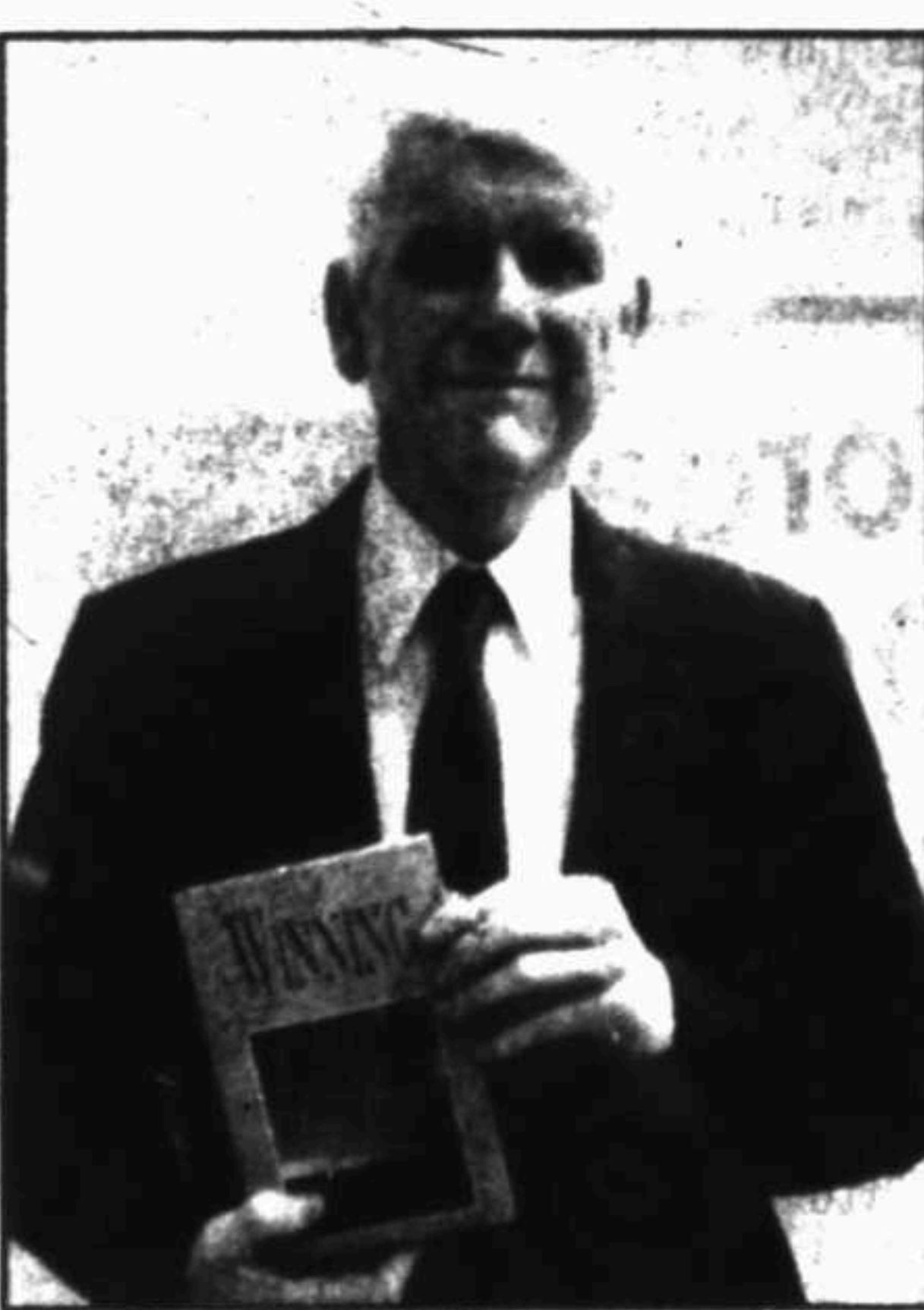
a. Adventure; b. Cask; c. Conqueror; d. Descent; e. Domain; f. Fall; g. Imp; h. Journal; i. Masque; j. Murders; k. Mystery; l. Narrative; m. Pit; n. Premature; o. Purlined; p. Tell-Tale

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Football coach struggles in "Winning"

WINNING
by John Carver
Hard Times Cattle Company
Publishing, Plano \$19.95.



John Carver

High school football, a staple of fall evenings throughout West Texas, serves as the backdrop for "Winning," a novel by El Paso author John Carver.

Carver will be at Waldenbooks in Midland Park Mall today from 2-4 p.m. to sign copies of his book. While "Winning" is fiction, Carver wrote in the acknowledgment of the book that "several of the main characters are real life heroes. Because I wanted to set my story against the background of the incredible Ranger High football season of 1949, Othel Creager, Stubby and Juanita Warden have graciously allowed me to use them as heroes in this novel."

In "Winning," unexpected events thrust a naive, idealistic young man into a nightmare coaching job where he is forced to deal with a dissident coaching staff, a misdirected school board and an evil crime syndicate while he struggles to turn around a losing football program.

It all adds up to a fast-paced, complex drama filled with quirky characters and downhome sports humor — told against the background of an incredibly exciting football season.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Duke at St. John's, 11 a.m., CBS.
Missouri at Kansas, 1 p.m., CBS.
Michigan State at Indiana, 3 p.m., CBS.
Maryland at Clemson, 3 p.m., ESPN2.
N.C.-Charlotte at Alabama-Birmingham, 6 p.m., ESPN2.
Women, Big12/ACC Challenge, Iowa State at Clemson, 11 a.m., ESPN2.
Big12/ACC Challenge, Baylor at Virginia, 1 p.m., ESPN2.
Utah at Fresno State, 2 p.m., FSN.
AUTO RACING — IRL Indy 200, noon, ABC.
GOLF — PGA Bob Hope Classic, final round, 2 p.m., ABC.
Senior PGA Mastercard Championship, final round (same-day tape), 7 p.m., ESPN.
SKIING — FIS World Cup, men's slalom (same-day tape), 2 p.m., ESPN.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Hula Bowl, 3 p.m., ESPN.
NHL — All-Star Game, 3 p.m., FOX.
TENNIS — Australian Open, 9 p.m., ESPN2.

Texas Scores

WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes 5, El Paso Buzzards 3.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Texas 73, No. 23 Oklahoma State 70.
UTEP 67, No. 12 New Mexico 49.
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Texas A&M 57, Baylor 56.
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SMU 73, Air Force 71.
Tulsa 66, Rice 50.
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Women, Kansas 55, No. 6 Texas Tech 45.
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Oklahoma State 70, Texas A&M 69.
Rice 60, Tulsa 55.
SMU 70, Air Force 50.
DePaul 88, Houston 85.

Sports Today

WPHL — Waco Wizards at Odessa Jackalopes, 6 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, Odessa. RADIO: KMCM (96.9 FM).

Suns-Gugliotta

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns, in a high-risk waiting game as the number of free agents dwindled in the NBA's post-lockout signing frenzy, landed the player they wanted Saturday when Tom Gugliotta agreed to a six-year, \$58.5 million deal.
Gugliotta turned down a last-ditch effort by Minnesota to re-sign him, and possibly trade him, and was to be in Phoenix for practice on Sunday.
"It is a risky business. We let a lot of free agents go by and got a guy that we all are very excited about," Suns coach Danny Ainge said. "From a coaching perspective, I think we're going to have a great basketball team. It's going to take some time, but I feel we are back on track."

The signing was crucial to the Suns after losing power forward Antonio McDyess to Denver. After the bizarre waffling and eventual departure of the 24-year-old McDyess, Suns owner Jerry Colangelo praised the maturity of Gugliotta, 29.

The agreement cleared the way for the final two major moves the Suns must make, re-signing Rex Chapman and Clifford Robinson. The Suns expect to get both under contract in the next few days.

Earlier Saturday, the NBA approved the sign-and-trade deal that brings center Luc Longley to Phoenix for Mark Bryant, Martin Muehlepp and Sam Jacobson. Colangelo said that deal, rather than signing Longley directly as a free agent, saved \$2 million in salary cap room that was crucial in acquiring Gugliotta.

Sharp takes pole

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Scott Sharp was the fastest in winter testing and in practice at Walt Disney World Speedway, so it was no surprise that he won the pole Saturday for the Indy Racing League season-opener.

Still, it was not easy. In fact, the competition for the top spot in Sunday's Indy 200 went down to the wire as Sharp knocked Raul Boesel off the pole, then stood in the pits and waited as Greg Ray went after him on the one-mile oval.

"It was worse sitting there watching than being in the car," said Sharp, whose lap of 171.371 mph gave him his second pole in the open-wheel series sponsored by Pep Boys.

Ray, making his first start for Team Menard after replacing former series champion and 1998 race winner Tony Stewart — now running full-time in NASCAR — came close, taking the outside of the front row at 170.697. The time differential between the two laps was only .083 seconds.

Andrews' Williams selects Tech

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Family and the Andrews community have always been important to Shaud Williams. Saturday night, the star running back showed how much.

Williams, one of the state's top recruits, officially said no to the marquee programs in the nation, so he could stay closer to home. Saturday, Williams verbally committed to play his football 108 miles away from his hometown at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

"Staying close is real important," Williams said. "My family is the No. 1 thing in my life right now. They have always been there for me and supported me. I want to stay close to them. I want to stay real close to them."

Williams becomes the sixth recruit from the area to commit to a Division I school. He joins Midland Lee's Rex Richards (Tech), Stanton's Kyle Herm (Rice Uni-

versity), Midland High's Luke Conder (University of North Texas), Big Spring's Tory Mitchell (Miami University) and Lee's Derrick Walker (University of Texas-El Paso).

Verbal commitments are non-binding. The first day recruits can sign an official letter of intent is Feb. 3 (National Signing Day).

Williams announced his decision at the half of a charity game between the Dallas Cowboys and selected members/celebrities of the Andrews community. In that respect, it was fitting that Williams picked that time to tell

the world. The Andrews' gym was a crowded one, and the biggest cheer of the night from the crowd was its

roar of approval of Williams' choice.

"This community is home to him (Williams)," Andrews head football coach Mike Lebby said. "He is well-known and well-liked here. I think that (staying close to home) played a big part in his decision."

"He is a West Texas kid."

Tech was one of three schools on Williams' short list. Oklahoma State and Georgia, notable running back factories for the NFL, were the other two. To turn down those schools, which produced a couple of Heisman Trophy winners (OSU's Barry Sanders and Georgia's Herschel Walker) and other NFL talent like Terrell Davis, Thurman Thomas and Garrison Hearst, speaks volumes about Williams' decision.

"It is a good feeling (to have him close to home)," said Shaud's father, Rufus Williams. "Shaud is a loved one and we would have hated to see a loved one get away."

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Williams

SUPER BOWL XXXIII



Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway loosens up before practice Saturday at the Broncos training facility in Denver. He and Atlanta quarterback Chris Chandler, his opposite number in this week's Super Bowl, are as different as night and day.

Elway & Chandler: Contrasting quarterbacks reflect their teams

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

MIAMI — John Elway still has that all-American look, although his golden hair is darkening as he approaches 40. Chris Chandler at 33 is balding and a bit stoop-shouldered.

There are no better symbols of the Denver Broncos vs. the Atlanta Falcons in the Super Bowl next Sunday.

Elway will finish his career by starting at quarterback in a Super Bowl for a record fifth time. Chandler is a journeyman who has played for six teams, almost all bad, in 11 NFL seasons.

Even Chandler's new teammates wondered when the Falcons got him from the Oilers two years ago for almost nothing — fourth and sixth-round draft picks.

"When he arrived here, we're all like, 'We traded for him? He's going to be our quarterback?'" said Jamal Anderson, the Falcons' All-Pro running back.

Yes, Jamal, he is your quarterback and you're happy to have him now.

After all, Chandler got Atlanta to the title game by completing 27 of 43 passes for 340 yards, directing a 71-yard drive for the tying touchdown, then a 70-yarder for the winning field goal in the 30-27 overtime win at Minnesota.

The result: A team that was a 100-1



Chris Chandler
...Atlanta Quarterback

to win the Super Bowl at the start of the season — and 3-13 two years ago — is in the NFL's ultimate game for the first time after 32 seasons in which it went 184-298.

This year, Chandler was better than Elway, at least statistically. His rating was 100.9, seven points higher than Elway's, and he surprised even himself.

"It's still hard to realize that I've gotten this far," said Chandler, who nev-

er had been to a playoff game in his first 10 seasons.

The contrast between Elway and Chandler starts from the beginning of their pro careers — about all they had in common were Pac-10 backgrounds.

Elway entered the NFL in 1983 from Stanford with so much potential that he was able to dictate his own terms. He told the Baltimore Colts, who had the No. 1 pick in the draft, that he didn't want to play for them.

The Colts picked him anyway, then traded him to the Broncos. After a predictably erratic start, Elway has fulfilled every expectation, leading Denver to five Super Bowls, winning his first last season.

"I don't think there's ever been a guy in the NFL who symbolized his town like John Elway," said Shannon Sharpe, the Broncos' tight end. "If you think of Denver, you don't think of skiing. You think of John Elway. It's always been John, and even if he retires, it will still always be John."

Chandler was a "maybe" coming out of the University of Washington in 1988, a third-round draft pick by Indianapolis. His arm was strong and his head was good, but his mobility and durability were suspect.

Please see QUARTERBACKS/4C

Martin ousts Korda from Aussie Open

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Petr Korda walked away with a salute to a cheering crowd, his Australian Open reign over but the drug controversy around him still festering.

With no small measure of irony, the man who sent Korda packing in the wee hours Sunday was Todd Martin, the ATP players council president who wanted him banned for a year for testing positive for an anabolic steroid.

It was a luminous match overshadowed by the lingering drug case, a controversy that Korda and Martin could neither ignore nor let interfere with their business on court.

But at 1 a.m., when Martin's 29th ace and final service winner ended Korda's reign at the Australian Open, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 5-7, 6-4, the two shook hands in mutual respect and spoke of the issue threatening the integrity of tennis.

"I told him that I thought he had dealt with the whole thing

Please see KORDA/2C



Defending champion Petr Korda looks dejected during his Australian Open match against Todd Martin Saturday. Korda, who has weathered criticism after testing positive for steroids, lost.

Richards, Neatherlin on TSWA first team

Staff and Wire Reports

BRYAN — Midland Lee's Small School state championship football team placed two players on the first team of the Texas Sports Writers Association All-State team, plus Coach of the Year and two third-team selections with the list released Saturday.

Coach John Parchman, who led Lee to a 15-1 record and the school's first state title, shared Coach of the Year honors with Duncanville's Bob Alpert, who won the Big School title. Parchman has had his Rebels in the state playoffs in all four years as head coach at Lee.

Lee defensive back Eric Neatherlin, who tied a school record with 10 interceptions in 16 games, was a first team selection as a defensive back. Neatherlin is a senior and has not decided on which college he will attend next fall.

Also making first team honors was Lee senior offensive lineman Rex Richards, who earlier was a first team pick on The Associated Press Sports Editors All-State team. Richards has committed to Texas Tech University.

Drawing third team honors for Lee was linebacker Drew Anderson and sophomore running back Cedric Benson. Anderson, a senior, was Lee's middle linebacker, often referred to as Lee's defensive quarterback on the field. Benson crashed the 2,000-yard barrier in 16 games as a sophomore and had over 200 yards rushing in the state championship game against San Antonio MacArthur, a 54-0 Lee victory.

Odessa Permian junior wide receiver Roy Williams was also a first team selection and was the only other player from District 4-5A to make the elite list.

Abilene Cooper offensive tackle Bailey Lester, 6-7, 280, was a second team pick while Permian offensive lineman Clint Absher and Abilene High junior running back Sneezy Beltran were third team picks.

An obvious omission was Midland

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Jacks repay Buzzards for Friday

By Ted Battles
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — "You could feel it in this dressing room before the game," Odessa Jackalopes Coach Joe Clark said following the riot.

"After that beating in El Paso last night (Friday), there was no way we were going to lose this game."

Apparently the thugs from El Paso felt the same way. Once behind, they resorted, and successfully, to lure the Jacks into confrontation, but the tactic failed as far as the game's outcome was concerned.

Odessa avenged an 11-6 pistol-whipping in El Paso Friday with a 5-3 victory before a record sellout crowd of 5,422 at the Ector County Coliseum Saturday night.

So many penalties were called, there wasn't room for all of them on the offi-

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Pippen begins Rockets phase of his career

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Scottie Pippen officially has started life without Mike.

And for a player whose image has been etched on the Chicago landscape for his entire career along with Michael Jordan, Pippen was anxious to get his new career with the Houston Rockets started at Saturday's first workout.

"Playing with Michael, who was always the superstar, and coming to a team that has more than one superstar, that's different and it's a situation you want to be in," Pippen said, referring to new mates Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley.

The Rockets and Pippen's agent, Jimmy Sexton, finally waded through the complicated negotiating process late Friday night and signed Pippen to a five-year, \$67.2 million contract.

"Having a dominate center (Olajuwon) inside is going to be a little different," Pippen said. "It's going to be fun, it gives us inside scoring. Teams will come down and have to double team and that gives us the opportunity to spot up."

For now, more of the attention has centered on Pippen's jump from the Bulls, where he had spent his 11-year pro career. He expects that to change.

"I'm hoping that Hakeem and Charles and whoever can take some of that attention away from me," Pippen said.

"Right now, I am just looking to fit in and get comfortable with the system before I look to do more. I can't see that happening until we develop what (coach) Rudy (Tomjanovich) wants on the court."

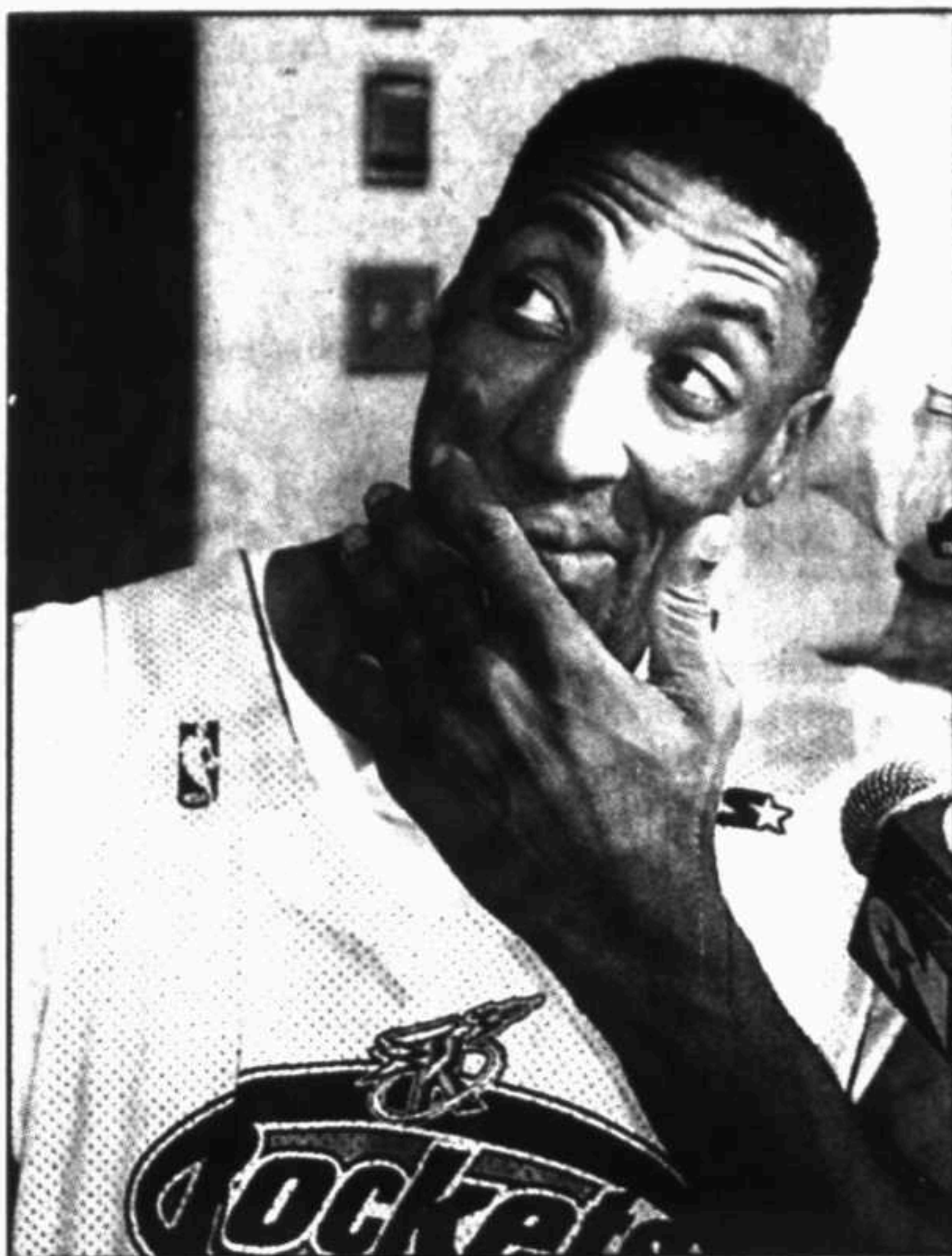
Olajuwon liked what he saw in the first workout Saturday.

"He has good leadership and interacted well with everybody," Olajuwon said. "He has to feel comfortable that this is his system too. The system is just there to guide you."

"It's not like he is going to college and learning a system. He will be able to play his game within the system."

Too many skirmishes with Bulls management convinced Pippen it was time to move on even if Jordan had returned.

"Talking to Michael during the season and knowing that he was retiring, it was time for me to move on," Pippen said. "It would have been different for me, especially for a guy used to being in the playoffs and



Scottie Pippen
...new Houston Rocket

AP Photo

contending for a title. That's why I wanted to be here. "I had more great times there than bad times," he said. "I just want to walk away from that situation with a positive attitude and realize that there are bigger and better things for me."

Pippen, a seven-time NBA all-star with six championships, is definitely appreciated in his new surroundings.

"We're in awe of his championship rings," owner Les Alexander said.

Tomjanovich didn't think the Rockets had a chance to get Pippen but he's delighted with the outcome.

"I'm the most fortunate coach in the league," Tomjanovich said. "Everyone in the organization feels honored that Scottie decided to come to the Houston Rockets. He is the most complete player in basketball."

Tomjanovich thinks Pippen will allow the Rockets to play more up tempo.

"He's very athletic and we've got some young players coming in," Tomjanovich said. "We've always tried to stress running at times but because of age and injuries, we haven't been an efficient running team."

Barkley was not present for the first workout. He is playing in the Bob Hope Desert Classic.

The Rockets also signed former Utah center Antoine Carr Saturday as a backup for Olajuwon.

Unrecogniza-Bulls

New Chicago coach Floyd prepares for season with roster of no-names

By Rick Gano
AP Sports Writer

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Roy Rogers meet Rusty LaRue. Martin Muursepp, go shake hands with Keith Booth. Toni Kukoc, do you know Mark Bryant? Ron Harper, how about slapping five with Bubba Wells?

The unrecogniza-Bulls, as they are already being called, have had little time to get acquainted and even less — three practices and a scrimmage — to get ready for a game.

It's the post-lockout NBA, the Bulls after Jordan, Rodman and Pippen.

"We want to have some semblance of organization," coach Tim Floyd said Saturday, looking forward to Sunday's exhibition opener against the Indiana Pacers, a team that has been working out together throughout the lockout.

No doubt, teams like the Pacers are ready for payback on the former six-time champions, even as they try to rebuild.

The beatings could commence

Sunday and last until May.

"BULLS are still written across the shirt and I think there will be some people trying to send some messages," Floyd said.

"Whether or not that's fair or not I can't really answer that. But I do know that we can't really concern ourselves with that. We have so many new faces and the triangle is such a complex offense, our times have got to be spent on us."

Floyd said Rogers, Muursepp, Wells and Bryant, all of whom came to Chicago in trades-and-sign deals for Scottie Pippen and Luc Longley, would dress for Sunday's game against the Pacers.

Rookie draft choices Corey Benjamin, the star of a Friday night scrimmage before 14,000 at the United Center, and Cory Carr also are signed and cleared to play.

Floyd said he wasn't aware of reports that free agent Brent Barry would prefer to play in warmer weather, which would rule out the Bulls. Barry met with the Bulls earlier in the week.

Barry's agent, Arn Tellem, told the Chicago Tribune his client is

learning toward Golden State or Phoenix but could also return to Miami, which needs a shooting guard because Voshon Leonard has a stress fracture of the left leg.

Floyd says he'll probably go with a starting lineup of Harper, Kukoc, Bill Wennington, Randy Brown and Dickey Simpkins because as veterans they are more familiar with the triangle offense.

But in the scrimmage, that team was beaten by a group of free agents and rookies who had never played together before.

"That is a little disconcerting," Floyd said.

Now the Bulls will try to match up against an Indiana team that just to Chicago in a rugged, seven-game Eastern Conference final last spring when the Bulls still had Pippen, Michael Jordan and Dennis Rodman.

Muursepp put Chicago's situation into perspective after Saturday's early practice.

"It's a strange feeling," he said. "I don't know anybody, but everybody is a good athlete so we'll see what we can put together."

KORDA: Embattled 1998 champ loses

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very well here," Martin said. "To be able to come out and play that caliber of tennis, I thought was pretty admirable, regardless of anybody's opinion on the doping issue."

Korda, who tested positive for Nandrolone at Wimbledon last year but received a lenient punishment criticized by most players, thanked Martin, then walked off the court applauding the nearly 14,000 fans cheering him.

"It's just nice that he hasn't reacted too much to some of the players' outcry against him,"

Martin said. "I don't necessarily agree with the (appeals) committee's decision to allow him to keep playing. But it's the way our rule is ... and I have to respect that, and therefore respect Petr when he walks out on the court."

There had been, to be sure, a few in the crowd during the match who yelled "stupid things," as Martin described them, such as taunting Korda to "get back on drugs."

But the Czech, playing on his 31st birthday, kept his mind on the match and pushed the 15th-seeded American to the limit for 3 1/2 hours.

"I think I played a great match,

and I had my head up," Korda said. "Todd was just better than I was. He played a few crucial points better than I did. That's life."

Martin, riding a 13-match winning streak that has brought him two titles and put him into the fourth round of this grand slam event, relied on his potent serve and strong baseline game to notch his 300th career victory.

Gray-haired at 28 but fully recovered from an elbow injury that threatened his career two years ago, Martin was proud of the way he fought back in the fifth set after blowing an early lead in the fourth.



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Bad feelings won't go away for Reeves

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

MIAMI — Amid all the winning, Dan Reeves, Mike Shanahan and John Elway formed a dysfunctional family in Denver. In the end, it destroyed Reeves' relationship with his quarterback and offensive coordinator.

It also laid the groundwork for the Broncos powerhouse that plays the Reeves-coached Atlanta Falcons in the Super Bowl next Sunday.

While the three apparently patched up their differences during a round of golf at Augusta during Masters week last year, the past has not been forgotten entirely.

"There's still a lot of hurt that won't ever go away," Reeves said. "You never forget those things."

Just how did this family feud get started?

The problems date back to the beginning of Elway's NFL career in 1983, three years before the Broncos won the first of the quarterback's five AFC titles.

From the outset, the top overall pick in the '83 draft wanted Denver to run a gambling, pass-oriented attack. In Reeves, who masterminded much of the Dallas Cowboys' innovative offense with Roger Staubach at quarterback, Elway seemed to have a philosophical ally.

Instead, Reeves turned conservative in his play-calling. And he rode Elway for his mistakes, even though the quarterback was a rookie. When Reeves benched Elway for a playoff game against Seattle (a 31-7 loss) in favor of Steve DeBerg, Elway even told his wife that he might not go back.

Then Reeves hired Shanahan, first as receivers coach in 1984, then as offensive coordinator in '85. Elway began to flourish.

"Mike knew how to get the best out of him," Reeves said. "There was just a respect there and it's obviously still there."

In 1986, '87 and '89, thanks greatly to Elway's magic, Denver went to the Super Bowl but lost each time.

Elway began to feel shackled. He wondered why his coach didn't give him more input. Shanahan was rehired in 1990, but Elway believed Reeves didn't allow Shanahan to open up the offense. Why, in Elway's words, was Reeves "so inflexible?"

Reeves, in turn, said he felt "blindsided" by Elway's public complaints.

The feud soon turned nasty after Reeves fired Shanahan, saying it was apparent to him his assistant and his quarterback worked out what plays to call before games. That, to Reeves, was a direct challenge to the head coach's authority.

"I certainly knew at the time it wasn't going to help the relationship," Reeves said. "I knew they were really, really good friends, and still are. But if I was going to do what I thought was best, I had to go ahead and make that decision."

Said Shanahan: "Dan wanted to run the offense, and he wanted complete control. He didn't want somebody with my type of personality around."

Elway, who argued with Reeves for much of 1991 on who should have play-calling duties, again began thinking of leaving after Shanahan was fired.

"I've got to enjoy playing football," Elway said. "I get beat up too much, so I need to enjoy it. I get tired of getting caught up in the controversy, because I don't look at myself as a controversial guy. That wears on me."

"You get mad and you get upset, and everything flashes through your mind. Then I think you step back and get a good view of everything and try to put all the ducks in a pond. I think it was a natural reaction."

He returned for the 1992 season, and Denver fell apart after he was injured in the 11th game. The Broncos wound up 8-8 and owner Pat Bowlen fired Reeves.

Bowlen and Elway insisted the player had no input in the decision. But such claims looked suspicious when Elway criticized his former coach at training camp in 1993.

"I would not have been back here if Dan Reeves had been here," Elway said. "It wasn't worth it to me. I didn't enjoy it. It wasn't any fun, and I got tired of working with him."

"The last six years, seven years were OK. ... The last three years have been hell. I felt like they never did anything offensively to



Denver Broncos' head coach Mike Shanahan, left, talks with quarterback John Elway (7) during practice Saturday in Denver. The two have been embroiled in a soap opera with former Broncos coach Dan Reeves.

make us better."

Reeves, who was hired to coach the New York Giants after leaving Denver, said, "Let's just say it wasn't heaven for me either. I hope maybe one of these days he'll grow up and mature a little."

Shanahan, meanwhile, won a Super Bowl as San Francisco's offensive coordinator in 1994, then was hired to succeed Wade Phillips as Broncos coach. Elway was thrilled.

In the past three years, the Broncos have been the AFC's best team. Last year, Elway and Shanahan crossed paths with Reeves when Denver went to Atlanta and beat the Falcons.

All three have tried to downplay the bitterness, but talk of the feud is inevitable as the teams prepare for the Super Bowl. Reeves, in fact, bared his soul about it at a news conference Wednesday.

"I don't know that I will ever get over the full situation," Reeves said. "That changed a lot of people's lives. I don't know that Mike will ever get over that, what it caused his wife and children. Same thing with me. It caused a lot of pain for my wife and children. It's something that won't ever go away."

Elway, however, doesn't seem to be as deeply affected.

"Time cures a lot of problems," he said. "Some things don't seem so important or as big a deal as they did at the time. Time moves on."

Said Shanahan: "Dan was probably one of my closest friends at one time. Anytime you end the way we did, there's always a little on the inside of you that rubs each of us the wrong way. But we're both mature enough to handle it."

They'll all be a big part of each other's lives for the next week. Expect cordiality, not venom.

Division II star steals show at Senior Bowl

By Jenna Halvatgis
Associated Press Writer

MOBILE, Ala. — Brian Shay, the best player in Division II, showed Saturday he can hold his own against the best players in Division I.

Shay, a running back from Emporia, Kan., State, rushed for 76 yards, went 27 yards on a fake punt and recovered a fumble while leading the South to a 31-21 victory in the 50th annual Senior Bowl.

Shay outran Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams this year for college football's career rushing title with 6,958 yards. But he went unnoticed all week as the big-name Division I running backs stole all the attention.

As fans and media showered attention on the likes of LSU's Kevin Faulk and Notre Dame's Aubrey Denison, Shay went about his business proving he belonged with college football's elite.

He made his presence known early on special teams, recovering a fumble by South teammate Troy Edwards of Louisiana Tech on a first-quarter kickoff.

It was his play on fourth-and-3 at the North's 36 that did the most for the South. Leading 17-13 in the fourth quarter, the South sent its punting team onto the field. Shay took the snap and ran straight through the middle for 27 yards and a first down.

That eventually led to Faulk's 1-

yard TD run to give the South a 24-13 lead with 10:16 to play.

Meanwhile, three other quarterbacks used the game to steal some of the attention Syracuse's Donovan McNabb had gotten all week.

McNabb had been the most impressive quarterback in practice, but came game time it was Ohio State's Joe Germaine, UCLA's Cade McNown and Miami's Scott Covington who did the most damage.

Germaine scored both of the North's touchdowns, running for one, throwing for one and completing a 2-point conversion pass.

McNown, selected the game's most valuable player, was 10-of-12 for 114 yards, two touchdowns and an interception for the South. He was 6-for-6 for 69 yards on the South's second-quarter scoring drive that ended with a 4-yard TD pass to Florida's Terry Jackson.

Covington, the South MVP, was 7-of-11 for 78 yards and one touchdown. He moved the South 39 yards — all through the air — in five plays and threw a 7-yard scoring strike to Edwards right before the half.

McNabb, meanwhile, was 7-of-15 for 100 yards and led the North on two scoring drives that ended in field goals of 23 and 28 yards by Martin Gramatica of Kansas State. Boston College's Mike Cloud was the North's MVP, rushing for 117 yards on 12 carries.

No-name North team looks for recognition

Associated Press

WAILUKU, Hawaii — It's the big names against the no-names Sunday in the Hula Bowl.

The South team features Heisman Trophy-winning running back Ricky Williams of Texas, Kansas State quarterback and Heisman runner-up Michael Bishop and All-America cornerback Chris McAlister of Arizona.

The North is led by Missouri quarterback Corby Jones, Ohio State running back Joe Montgomery, who starred in last week's East-West Shrine game, and Notre Dame linebacker Bobby Howard. All are good players, but not in the class of the South's big three.

"I told my team all week we're underdogs, nobody expects us to win," North coach Lloyd Carr of Michigan said. "I think it motivates us. Guys like Williams and Bishop are coming off great seasons, but football is a team game and anything can happen."

While attempting to mold unfamiliar players into a unit in one week, the coaches will try to showcase the players to the approximate 100 NFL scouts in attendance.

"We just want to give each kid a chance to show what he can do,"

South coach Mike Price of Washington State said. "You want to give each the opportunity to succeed."

Carr is impressed with how the players are focusing on football despite the many distractions of Maui, but realizes the game could get sloppy.

"It's not going to be a thing of art, but one thing I think is that you'll see two teams that play very hard," he said.

Williams wants to make more than a token appearance in the game, even though his agent doesn't want him to play and risk injury. Williams said part of the reason he came back to Texas his senior season was to play in the Hula Bowl.

"I wanted to be a part of something like this my whole career," he said.

Bishop will start at quarterback for the South, Jones for the North. Both must prove they can be quarterbacks at the pro level and overcome talk they likely will end up as running backs.

"I think I can show them if given the opportunity ... help myself out a little," Jones said. "If they already have their minds made up, maybe there's nothing I can do."

QUARTERBACKS: Super Bowl offers contrast

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In the ensuing decade, he went from the Colts to the Bucs, Cardinals, Rams, Oilers and finally the Falcons, playing until this season on only one winning team — the 1988 Colts, who were 9-7 — and living up to his injury-prone reputation by never playing all 16 games in a season.

But that may have had something to do with his supporting cast, particularly the offensive line. Overall, the teams he played for in his first 10 seasons had a combined record of 62-98 and he often was a victim of front-office floundering. The Bucs, who gave up a first-round pick for him in 1991, released him outright six games into the 1992 season.

"I think a lot of it had to do with the fact that he couldn't stay in one piece," said George Young, the NFL's senior vice-president for football operations, who as general manager of the Giants had some interest in Chandler. "When players get a rap for being injury prone, people finally give up on them or decide they don't want to take the risk."

But ask Chandler's father-in-law, John Brodie, who played quarterback for the 49ers from 1957-73, and you get a different perspective.

They talk weekly and Brodie serves as unofficial coach and cheerleader for his son-in-law.

"When you see a quarterback and all the pieces come together it never comes together right away," Brodie said. "It develops over a period of time and you never know the time."

"Early in his career, he had no support, no one was in his corner. Everyone was looking for him to fail."

No one was looking for Elway to fail and he hasn't.

He's combined athleticism, brains and a strong arm with the ability to be at his best under pressure. He's led 47 fourth-quarter drives that have tied or won games for Denver, the most famous a 98-yarder that tied the 1986 AFC title game that sent the Broncos to their first Super Bowl.

In fact, until last season, Super Bowls were the only blemish on Elway's record. He had lost three, all on Denver teams coached by Dan Reeves, who will lead Atlanta against the Broncos in next Sunday's game.

In the AFC championship against the Jets, Elway was only 13-of-34 for 173 yards, while Terrell Davis was carrying the Denver offense. The Broncos won 23-10 in what was almost surely Elway's

final game at Mile High Stadium. Afterward, he took a victory lap, acknowledging the fans who have watched him work his magic for 16 seasons.

"I didn't feel comfortable, taking that lap," Elway said. "But I'm glad I did it. I had a chance to see the fans and look into their eyes, to really concentrate on them. They were so happy."

No one in Minnesota wanted a victory lap from Chandler after he saved the game for Atlanta. But Reeves drew some comparisons.

"I told him after we went down there and tied the score, that ranks right up there with any of the big-time quarterbacks," Reeves said. "He's done it with the pressure on him, made some big-time throws, did it after being hurt from the scramble, hung in there."

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Longhorns shock Oklahoma State

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AUSTIN — Chris Mihm had 22 points, 14 rebounds and made key defensive plays at the end as Texas — playing without its top scorer — beat No. 23 Oklahoma State 73-70 Saturday night.

Mihm, a 7-foot center, blocked two 3-point attempts by Oklahoma State's Joe Adkins in the final seconds to preserve the victory for the Longhorns, who have won eight of their last 10 games after a 2-7 start. It was Mihm's fourth straight double-double.

Kris Clack had 25 points for Texas (10-9, 5-1 Big 12), which has won nine of its last 10 games against Oklahoma State (13-5, 5-2). Texas took over sole possession of first place the Big 12 South division.

Oklahoma State hasn't won in Austin since 1975.

Texas trailed 41-35 at halftime but began the final 20 minutes with a 7-2 run to take the lead at 44-43. Oklahoma State battled back to go up 67-64 with a 9-0 run capped by an Adrian Peterson's 3-pointer with 4:24 left to play.

Texas retook the lead again at 69-67 before Oklahoma State's Desmond Mason, who scored 20 points in the first half, tied the game at 69-69 on a layup with 2:06 left.

Texas A&M 57, Baylor 56

WACO — Chris Clayton hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Texas A&M a 57-56 victory over Baylor on Saturday and break his team's seven-game losing streak.

The Aggies (8-8, 1-5 Big 12 Conference) trailed 56-54 with 2.5 seconds left after Baylor's Kish Lewis

Texas Men

hit two free throws. A&M's Joe White heaved the ball the length of the floor, and teammate Jerald Brown tipped it out to Clayton, who sank the fall-away 22-footer from the left side as time expired.

The Aggies were led by Clifton Cook, who totaled 15 points and 11 rebounds, both game highs. Shanne Jones added 13 points and Michael Schmidt 12 for the Aggies.

Baylor (6-14, 0-7) was led by Jamie Kendrick's 13 points. Lewis and Rodney Smith chipped in 10 apiece for the Bears.

Iowa State 70, Texas Tech 62
AMES, Iowa — Martin Rancik's 19 points and his team's success from 3-point range led Iowa State to its third straight victory Saturday, 70-62 over Texas Tech.

The Cyclones (12-7 overall, 3-3 Big 12) made eight of 10 3-pointers — three by Rancik, two each by Michael Nurse and Rodney Hampton and sophomore Marcus Fizer's first in his college career.

It was Texas Tech's fourth loss in five games.

The Cyclones opened their biggest lead of the game, 60-49, on a Hampton 3-pointer with 3:31 to play but could not put Texas Tech (10-8, 2-4) out of reach.

UTEP 67, No 12 New Mexico 49
EL PASO — Brandon Wolfram scored 16 points and Texas-El Paso scored 17 straight points early in the first half Saturday to beat No. 12 New Mexico 67-49.

It was the second consecutive rout of the ranked but slumping

Lobos (16-4, 3-2 WAC), who lost to New Mexico State 76-55 four days earlier.

New Mexico, which came into the game averaging 85.2 points a game, finished with its fewest since a 56-46 loss to Syracuse in the second round of last year's NCAA tournament.

After shooting a season-low 34 percent against NMSU, the Lobos shot 35 percent against the Miners' man-to-man defense.

UTEP (11-7, 3-2) was nearly perfect at both ends of the floor while breaking the game open in the game's first six minutes. The Miners hit 6 of their first 8 shots — four of them 3-pointers. New Mexico, meanwhile, was missing 14 of its first 17 shots.

UNLV 95, No. 21 TCU 88 (OT)
FORT WORTH — Kaspar Kambala scored 29 points as UNLV overcame 41 points by Marquise Gainous to upset No. 21 Texas Christian 95-88 in overtime Saturday night.

Lee Nailon, the WAC's leading scorer, was ejected just 34 seconds into the game for throwing a punch. Gainous took up the slack, but it wasn't enough.

The Rebels (11-7, 4-1) twice led by 14 points before the Horned Frogs (15-4, 3-2) used a 17-3 run in the final 4:29 to force overtime tied at 85.

UNLV, coming off a 72-62 loss to SMU, scored the first five points in overtime to seal a fourth straight victory over TCU. It was the first home loss of the year for the Horned Frogs, who had their first sellout in 11 months.

Shawn Marlon and Desmond

Herod scored 18 points apiece for the Rebels. Herod sank 5-of-11 3-pointers.

Tulsa 65, Rice 50
HOUSTON — Michael Ruffin had 18 points and 14 rebounds, leading Tulsa to a rare road victory, 65-50, over Rice on Saturday.

After a cold-shooting first half by both teams, the Owls led 39-38 with 7:43 to play. The Golden Hurricane then went on a 13-2 run that put them ahead for good.

Tulsa (15-5, 3-2 WAC) won just its third road game in seven tries. It was the Golden Hurricane's first road victory in three conference games.

Tony Heard had 11 points and Brandon Kurtz and Marcus Hill each scored 10.

Rice (12-5, 3-2) was led by Jason Skaer's season-high 20 points.

Robert Johnson had 14. The Owls were without No. 2 rebounder Derek Michaelis, who tore a pectoral muscle while lifting weights Friday. He is considered day-to-day.

Southern Methodist 73, Air Force 71

DALLAS — Jeryl Sasser had 25 points and 17 rebounds and Stephen Woods added 21 points as Southern Methodist beat Air Force 73-71 Saturday night.

SMU (8-10, 2-3 WAC) also got 10 points each from Chad Elsey and Willie Davis.

Air Force (8-8, 1-4) got 26 points from Tyrone Wright and 24 from Jarvis Croff. David Schuck had nine points and 18 rebounds.

SMU had just four points off the bench, while Air Force got six points from its reserves.

LOCAL SPORTS

Mustangs lose second in row

The Midland Christian boys basketball team lost its second game in as many days to Fort Worth Christian Saturday, falling 55-45 in a Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools District 1-4A game.

Justin Gibson carried the Mustangs (13-12 overall, 3-5 in district) in the first half, but it wasn't close to enough. Gibson, who led Midland Christian with 25 points, scored all 11 of his team's points in the first quarter, after which the Mustangs trailed 23-11. He scored 20 in the first half as Midland Christian trailed 33-24 at halftime.

However, the Mustangs scored only four points in the third quarter to seal their fate. They got no closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Midland Christian will play First Baptist Academy next Friday and Saturday in Dallas in a pair of TAPPS games.

Fort Worth Christian 55, Midland Christian 45

Fort Worth Christian (16-7, 5-1): Sheppard 30-0-9, Pinson 14-4-1, Ellis 0-2-2, Cole 10-0-2, Walton 11-2-3, Benson 0-0-0, Kelly 0-1-2, Kemp 12-1-3, Harbort 1-2-3-5, Edwards 0-1-2-1, Groves 3-0-2-6. Totals: 21-9-22-55.

Midland Christian (13-12, 3-5): Ben White 0-2-2-2, Trey Bohannon 11-2-4, Kurt Corley 0-1-2-1, Shaun Rickley 2-1-3-5, Josh Miller 2-3-4-8, Justin Gibson 9-2-3-25. Totals: 14-10-18-45.

MC 7 (Gibson 5, Bohannon 1, Miller 1). Total Fouls: FWC 22, MC 21. Fouled Out: None.

Trinity routs Faith Christian

The Trinity boys basketball team jumped out to a big early lead and didn't let up, cruising to an 81-69 win over El Paso Faith Christian Saturday night in a TAPPS District 4-3A game.

Trinity (16-7 overall, 2-1 in district) jumped out to a 23-13 lead in the first quarter thanks to 10 points by Nick Whitley. Greg McCabe, who had a game high 24 points for the Chargers, scored 14 in the third quarter to help put the game away.

Whitley scored 17 points while Tavorick Ephraim added 15. Trinity will play Lubbock Christian Tuesday.

Trinity lost the junior varsity game 48-44. Matt Horne scored 20

points for the Chargers, who fell to 9-5.

Trinity 81, El Paso Faith Christian 69
Faith Christian: Justin 50-0-11, Tavorick 30-0-6, Fisher 0-14-17, 14, Beck 0-4-4, Acosta 1-2-4, Gabrielson 2-0-4, Harris 2-0-4, Espinoza 3-3-5, Perez 1-2-4, Valdez 3-1-3-7. Totals: 20-25-47-69.
Trinity (16-7, 2-1): Nick Whitley 10-4-24, Mike Landry 2-0-0-6, Greg McCabe 10-4-24, Evan McLaughlin 2-0-0-6, Nick Whitley 5-8-10-17, Tavorick Ephraim 3-7-15, Matt Villanueva 0-1-2-1, Dustin Trull 1-0-0-2, Jay Whinnard 0-1-2-1, Dan Atanucci 0-0-0-0. Totals: 26-21-48-81.
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Midland wrestlers place at Roswell

ROS WELL, N.M. — Three members of the Midland Wrestling Club earned fourth place finishes Saturday at a tournament in Roswell, N.M.

Jeremy Smith of Midland Lee placed at 103 pounds while Chris Sexton (140) and Eric Rose (152), both of Midland High, also placed fourth. Two other Midland High wrestlers scored wins in the tournament, with Bobby Laurent taking a match at 145 pounds and Holten Campbell winning at 119.

Mid. Chr. JV girls sweep

The Midland Christian girls junior varsity basketball team swept a pair of games from Fort Worth Christian, winning 53-49 in overtime Friday night and scoring a 44-37 victory Saturday afternoon.

Allison Gregory led the Lady Mustangs (8-14) with 22 points Friday while Jessica Vallee added 11. Vallee also had 11 points Saturday, as did Debbie Laney.

9th grade basketball

Boys
Midland White 63, Nimitz 48, Midland — Blake Hugene 32 points, 10 rebounds, Roger King 11 points, 10 steals, John Alcala 10 points, 10 assists, Tony Joseph 12 rebounds.

Lee Maroon 71, Bowie 47, Lee — Eric Winston 25 points, 19 rebounds, Marshall Coleman 12 points, 12 assists, Jake Kelly 11 points.

Girls
Midland White 57, Nimitz 44, Midland — Natalie Madden 14 points, six steals, Melissa Faulstich 10 points, Ashley Burns 12 rebounds, Kelly Griffin 12 rebounds.

Lee White 57, Hood 33, Lee — Ana Esquivel 20 points, Chelsea Saldaña 12 points.

Lee Maroon 53, Bowie 35, Lee — Wynia Wallace 21 points, Brandi Cathey 14 points, Lauren Ashlock 10 rebounds.

Kansas upsets 6th-ranked Lady Raiders

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas drew a valuable lesson from its 55-45 upset win over No. 6 Texas Tech on Saturday.

The Jayhawks extended their home-court winning streak to 18 games and beat a Top 10 opponent for the first time in more than four years. But more importantly, the win showed the players what they're capable of.

"It's a big confidence booster," said center Nakia Sanford, who scored 11 points. "This shows us what we're capable of doing, this shows us we belong."

The afternoon really belonged to Jayhawk

forward Lynn Pride, who scored 19 points.

But Pride's biggest contribution was on the defensive side of the ball. She held Texas Tech's Rene Hanebutt, who was averaging nearly 14 points, to just three.

"I can't say enough good things about Lynn Pride," said Kansas coach Marian Washington. "She played outstanding defense. Her defensive pressure really changed the complexity of the game."

The Jayhawks held Texas Tech to just 33-percent shooting.

Kansas (14-6, 4-3 Big 12) shot 50 percent from

the floor in the second half, and Pride made a key play when she stole the ball and scored on a layup to put the Jayhawks ahead 38-31 with 9:20 left.

Brooke Reeves made several key offensive and defensive plays for the Jayhawks in the final 10 minutes, and finished with 11 points and eight rebounds. Jaclyn Johnson had 10 rebounds.

Angie Brazier led the Lady Raiders (17-2, 6-1) with 15 points and eight rebounds. Julie Lake added 11 points.

JACKS: Odessa gets revenge on Buzzards

(From 1C)

cial score sheet. Feeling ran so high that Clark and El Paso stick throwing, fan attacking coach, Todd Brost, had to kept apart after the game.

"In the last minute of play, they gooned it up," Clark fumed. "It was totally classless. Last night they blew us out. We could have gone out and gooned it up, but we drew two penalties all night."

Clark went on, "I am proud of the way this team came back after last night."

"One theory for the rough stuff was, that after the Olympics, the Buzzards felt, once behind, that they had to even the playing field by slowing down Odessa's more skilled European fliers with the rough stuff. El Paso, however, is a team that has won two straight WPHL titles and is tremendously skilled."

"More likely, the play is a reflection of Brost, whose trigger temper was evident last season when he threw a hockey stick at the opposing bench on one occasion and threw things at the fans in another instance."

With the nostalgic tinged Sports Banquet coming up in early February, Saturday's game revived memories of early last season when wild games and fights were expected fare.

Heroes for the Jacks were No. 1 star Johan Hagman two goals and an assist, scoring with a 29 goal of the first period on a rebound off a Sami Laine shot and a pass from Martin Ohrstadt. Sandy Lamarre tied it at 11:30. Jamie Dunn's 13 goal (Egualde and Jacques Rodrigue assists) have Odessa 2-1 lead at 16:22.

The Jacks took charged at 1:05 of the second period when Terry Flynn scored his 11th goal of the season with assists by Valerie Ermolov and Jan Jas. Twelve seconds later Hagman made it 3-1 with Laine contributing his 20th assist and Dan (Dog) Girhiny his 17th.

At 3:44, Jason Welch made it close and going into the final period, Odessa held a precarious 3-2 lead. And after what happened to Michael Tournquist and Billy Pye Friday, no body was breathing easy.

Ryan Equale didn't take it out of reach until 17:22 of the final period, sliding face first after being taken down from behind on a breakaway.

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"I'm not sure I got off the shot or whether I just got a good bounce," Equale said "As for Friday night, we didn't make that many mistakes. It just seemed like everything they shot went in. But in a 70-game schedule, those games are going to happen."

Flynn, out of Maine's Colby College, is playing his first season and loves pro hockey. "A great arena and a great town. It's great playing on a line with Valerie. Keep your stick down on the ice and he'll get the puck to you. That's what happened on my goal."

With a 5-3 lead, the final minutes deteriorated into one long brawl. So many players were thumbed off the ice, there was concern that there might not be enough left on either team to finish the game.

With a 6 p.m. game today at the Coliseum against Central Division Waco, the Jacks finish the first half of their punishing eight-game in 10 days run. After a two-day rest, they begin the second half run Wednesday.

"Waco is fast with good goaltending, one of the better teams in the league," Clark appraised.

Waco leads the Central with a 23-16-2 record, 48 points and seven wins in its last 10 games.

After Saturday's game, the Jacks improved to 21-19-3 while El Paso slipped to 25-16-2, but seems a cinch for one of the three automatic playoff spots that go to the West.

JACK SLAPS — Hagman, Equale and Flynn were the stars, in that order, although Michael Tournquist, 8-4-1, deserves honorable mention for his quick recovery from Friday's brutal shelling...

The Jacks season tickets set a new high with 2,400. However, with the downturn in the energy economy, the pinch is being felt in several league cities, not serious, but evident...

Jacquie Rodrigue is on a hot streak with five assists in four games... The best thing about the eight games in 10 days, six are at the Jack Shack... During the final seconds brawl, as three separate fights broke out, the game tape that an El Paso joined the fracas off the bench, which is a WPHL no-no... The Midland Lee state championship football team was recognized between periods...

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New Mexico draws huge crowd

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — New Mexico beats UTEP at the Pit before more than 18,000 people.

The Lady Lobos, that is.

It happened here Saturday afternoon. The University of New Mexico women's basketball team defeated Texas-El Paso 64-61. And 18,018 fans saw it, a Western

Athletic Conference record and a sellout for the Pit.

The Lady Lobos trailed 33-25 at the half. But in the second half New Mexico outscored UTEP 39-28 after several lead changes. New Mexico led 62-61 with 1:42 remaining, and Sonya Bryant iced it with two free throws with 32.3 seconds left.



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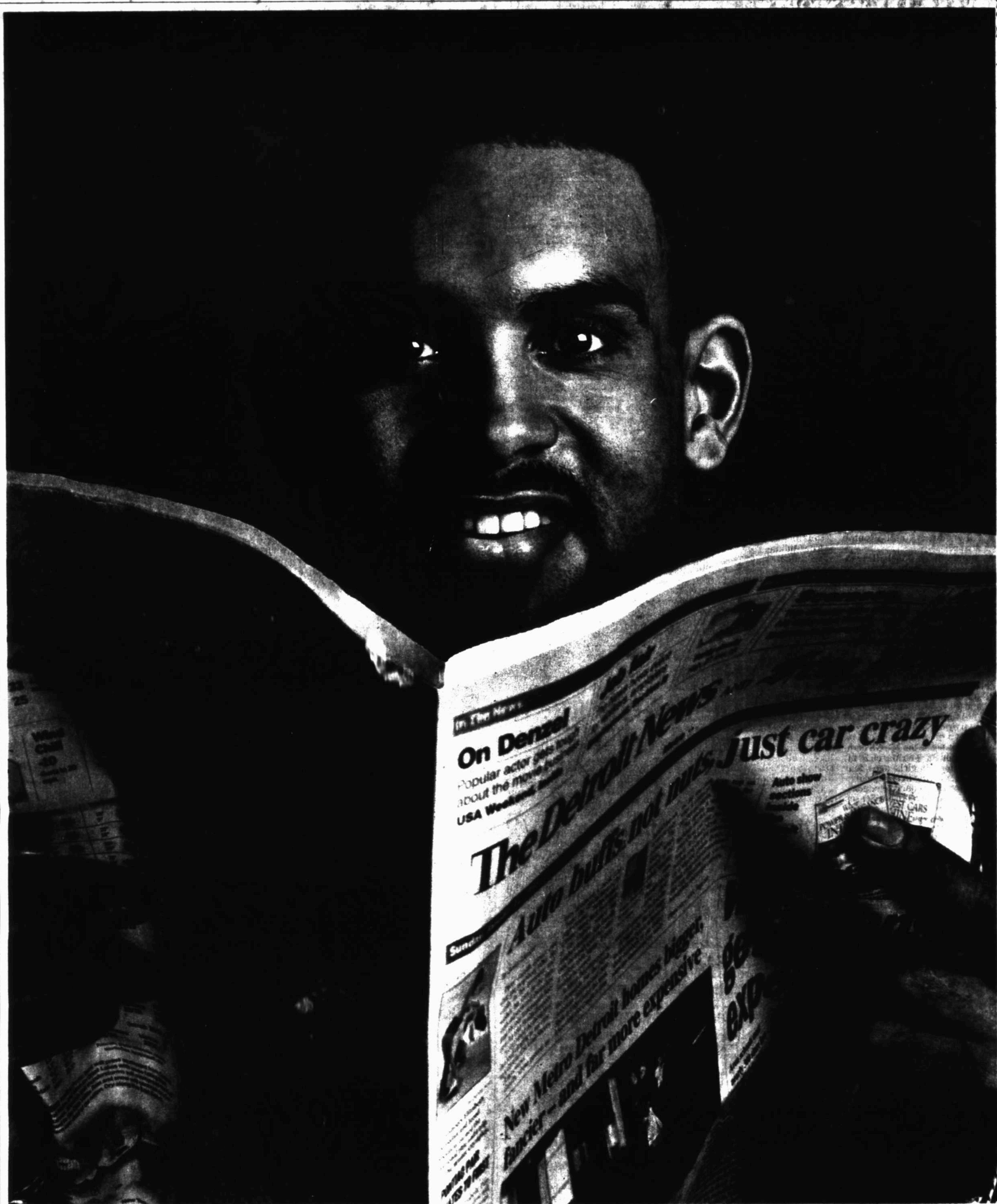
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The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club meets once monthly during regular school year and twice monthly during soccer season at 7 p.m. in the school library. Dates are 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/1, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/3. For information call Debbie Butts at 520-0248...

The Midland Lee Golf Booster Club will meet on the second Tuesday of every month during the regular school year. Meetings will take place at 7 p.m. in the Lee Library. For more information, call Dan Pender at 689-0305...

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Baseball...

If you are interested in coaching a 13-18 year old team in the Midland Junior Baseball Association, applications are available at Stadium Sports on 2040 W. Cuthbert. Applications are being accepted for both Little League and AABC. For information, call Ronnie Lynch at 699-1405...

Midland Junior Baseball Association will be holding signups for spring baseball on Feb. 6 & 13 at Crestview Baptist Student Center, located near the south entrance to Kingsway Mall at Midkiff and Illinois streets from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Robert Thomas at 688-3422 for more information...

Softball...

Midland United Girls Fastpitch Softball is holding registration at Midland Park Mall on Jan. 30-31, Feb. 13-14 and Feb. 27-28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays and on the same times at the MUGS complex in Ulmer Park on March 20-21. MUGS is for all girls ages four through 19, playing in six age divisions. March 23 is coach selections. March 25 is the player draw. Season

starts on April 12. The Lizard Classic Tournament is April 30-May 1 for all divisions. The Scholarship Tournament is May 22-23 and the City Tournament is June 21-26. The All-Star Tournament is July 16-18. Bring a copy of birth certificate if you have never played MUGS. Fee is \$35 for T-ball (ages 4-6) and \$55 for Divisions I-IV (ages 7 through 19). Call 694-5302, 686-7025 or 699-5878 for more information...

Fastpitch umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508...

The Odessa Thunder 12-under girls fast-pitch softball team is looking for interested players for the 1999 season. If interested, please call Wade Allison at (915) 381-4330 or Andrea Swaim at (915) 550-7721...

The Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association is actively recruiting prospective slowpitch and fastpitch umpires for the upcoming 1999 softball season. For information, call Al Enriquez, 684-8481; Joe Guerra, 686-8445; Mack Gibson, 694-2837; or the PBASA Umpires building at 683-1803...

The West Texas Heat '88 competitive girls 10-under softball team invites anyone interested in playing to tryouts on Jan. 24. The tryouts are for girls with birthdays after 12/31/87. Tryouts are at 2 p.m. at the MUGS softball complex. For more information, call Jeanie Cherry, 682-1313; Steve Goree, 686-8006; or Tod McDaniel, 520-9090...

The Midland Softball Association is holding its spring organizational meeting Feb. 23 at the Holiday Inn. Registration fees for the spring session are \$250 per team with \$10 player fees. For more information, call 683-8741...

The Midland Women's Tennis Association will hold its spring tennis league on Feb. 2, 1999 and it will run for 10 weeks. Play will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. Send dues of \$15 to Sherri St. John, 3207 Lockheed, 79707. The Ice-Ice Freeze Tournament will be held on Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at Midland College. Call Melissa Thompson at 686-9420 or Paula Walton at 686-8109 for information...

Clinics for ladies are being held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. Beginners clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The Club at Mission Dorado is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707...

The Tennis Association of Midland is hosting the Zone Advancement Tournament Jan. 30-31. It is one of the largest tournaments for junior players held in this area. Early check-in will be held Friday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Midland College...

The boys and girls club of Midland is offering an After School Youth Basketball Program for both boys and girls in grades 3-8. The cost is \$6 and a \$3 membership is required. The program will be divided in three groups (3rd and 4th grades, 5th and 6th grades and 7th and 8th grades). For more information, call Halff Park Unit at 683-2927, Taylor Park Unit at 683-0050 or NE/YMCA Unit at 682-8469...

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Football...

The Midland Colts, Midland Gun Slingers and Odessa Jaguars football team will hold tryouts at Midland Junior High on Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. All persons wishing to try out for a team are welcome to attend. The season starts on March 15 and runs to third week of May. All three teams will be part of the United Professional Football League, which is based in San Antonio...

Soccer...

Midland College will offer a men's club soccer team this spring to compete in the Texas Collegiate Soccer League. Anyone enrolled at MC can try out for the team. A PE soccer class is offered to anyone who needs a PE credit and will practice on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The PE class is open to both men and women. Call Curt Pervier at 685-4677 for more information...

The '88 Magic Under-11 boys soccer team, will hold tryouts at C.J. Kelly Park on Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. Bring shinguards, water and a ball. For more information, call Tim Morgan at 697-7448...

Additional tryout for the Magic '85 boys soccer team will take place at 2 p.m. on Jan. 24 at Bowie Elementary. For more information, call Carl or Cheryl Clayton at 689-4600 or Dustin Arras at 694-9496...

Miscellaneous...

The Midland Wrestling Club offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teens and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

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Citizens for Midland Skaters is a local group dedicated to raising funds for the establishment of a city park for skateboarding and inline skating. If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Permian Basin Area Foundation/Skate Park Project, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas, 79702. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Pam Sledge at 685-3227...

Swimming...

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COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755...

IOC leaders vow to make big changes

By Stephen Wilson
AP Sports Writer

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — On the eve of a watershed meeting that could determine the future of the Olympics, IOC leaders Saturday promised a major housecleaning to root out corruption and reform the system for choosing host cities.

"This is a sad day," executive board delegate Jacques Rogge said as IOC officials considered recommending expulsions of at least seven of their own members, an unprecedented action. "But we will do what we have to do."

The credibility of the International Olympic Committee — and perhaps the future of the games themselves — was at stake as officials concluded their investigation into the Salt Lake City bribery scandal, which has set off the biggest corruption crisis in the organization's 105-year history.

"These are fairly difficult times for the IOC," Australian board member Kevan Gosper said. "I can assure you we will emerge stronger as a result of this event."

The U.S. Olympic Committee led a chorus of support for embattled IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, who has faced increasing calls from outside the organization to resign.

"It's very important he stay in that position," USOC executive director Dick Schultz said. "He certainly has our support."

IOC leaders also sought to control the damage from the latest revelations in the unfolding crisis — that Australian officials used financial inducements to help Sydney win the right to stage the 2000 Summer Games.

"With the facts I have, I have no reason to believe that was bribery," Gosper said.

There was a sense of calm before the storm as IOC officials locked themselves inside their marble bunker on the shores of Lake Geneva to consider what action to take against members implicated in the Salt Lake City scandal.

Thirteen members were cited for accepting cash payments, scholarships, free medical care and other favors — reportedly totaling close to \$800,000 — stemming from Salt Lake's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

ALL-STATE: Baytown QB is offensive MVP

(From 1C)

High running back Shemond Davis, who wasn't given a place on any of the three teams. Davis led all District 4-5A rushers this fall with 1,807 yards rushing.

Baytown Lee quarterback Eli Roberson III, who combined for more than 2,800 yards running and passing, was named the Class 5A offensive player of the year.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Roberson threw for 1,678 yards with 10 touch-

downs and ran for 1,123 yards with another 18 touchdowns this season. He had 4,665 career yards passing with 37 TDs and ran for 2,178 yards with 42 TDs.

Duncanville defensive lineman Kevin Young and Galena Park North Shore linebacker Cory Red-

ding shared defensive player of the year honors.

Young led the Panthers to the Division I state championship while Redding, rated the state's top recruit by several services, had 215 tackles, including 22 for losses and had 25 quarterback pressures.

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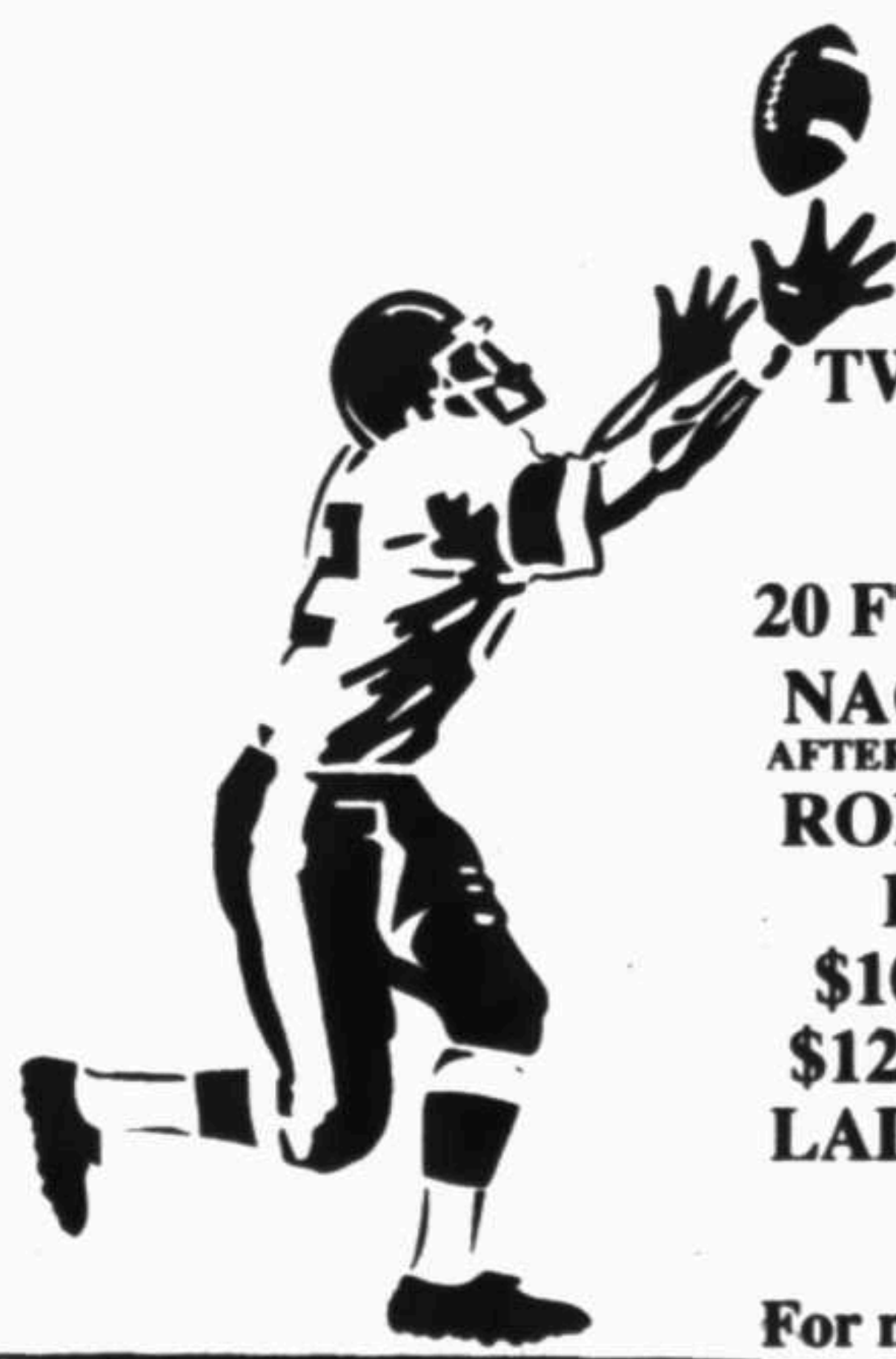
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Funk hangs onto Hope Classic lead

Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Fred Funk, tenaciously clinging to a narrow lead despite struggling at times, shot a 3-under-par 69 Saturday in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Golf Roundup

Steve Pate also had a 69 to remain alone in second, one shot behind.

Funk, who began the day 17-under, trimmed three more shots off par on his first nine holes and added two birdies shortly after the turn, going to 22-under at the 13th hole.

Funk, in front since the second day of the five-day tournament, then bogeyed two of the final five holes for a par 36 on his back nine that left him at 20-under. The 69 was his highest score of the tournament so far.

Pate, who owns six tour titles but has won just once in the past seven years, was one shot in front of John Huston and Skip Kendall.

Huston, in a three-way tie for first the opening round before slipping back the next two days, moved back into contention with a 63.

Kendall, who's never finished higher than third in a tour event, was tied for third with Huston after a fourth-round 64 in the 90-hole Hope.

Two players who seemed to be poised to make a run at the lead — John Daly and David Duval — instead fell farther back.

Daly, who played extremely well the first three days and was two shots back of Funk beginning the round, had to settle for a 73 that dropped him six shots off the pace.

Duval, who had moved into contention with a 64 a day earlier, had a 70 and was seven shots out of the lead.

The tournament traditionally produces low scores, so even those players a half-dozen or so shots behind still have a solid chance if the frontrunners stumble.

Bob Estes shot 67 and was three strokes behind Funk, and Scott Verplank also shot 67, leaving him four shots back.

Gabriel Hjertstedt was five shots out of the lead after a 67, and a group at 14-under included Jeff Sluman, last week's winner in Hawaii. Sluman had his third 68 of the tournament.

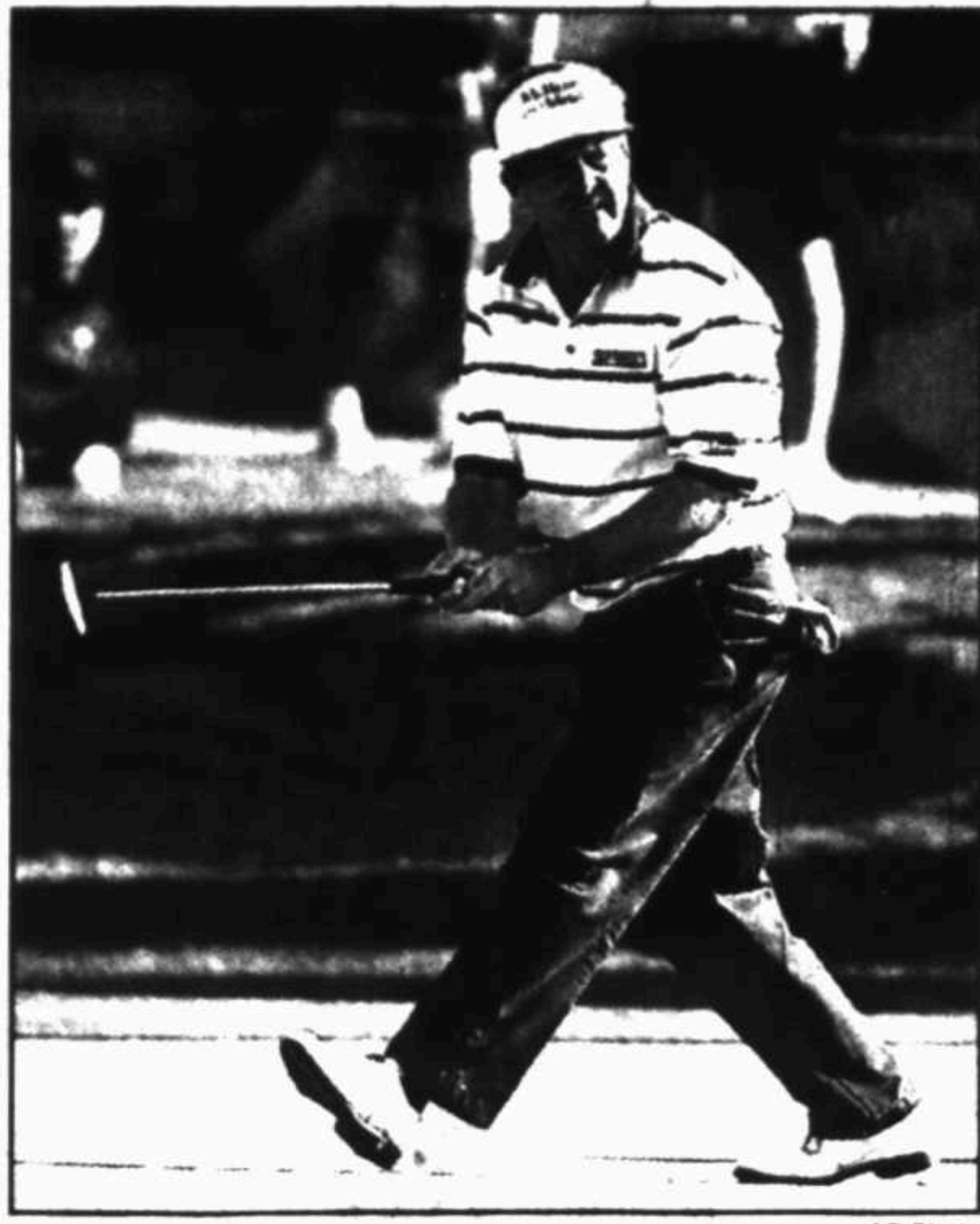
The 42-year-old Funk, who didn't make it onto the tour until he was 32, has won five titles in his career and is off to a solid start this year, finishing tied for fifth in the season-opening Mercedes Championships and tied for 12th in last week's tournament in Hawaii.

The Hope features a pro-am played on four courses the first four days, with only the pros playing the final round at the host course, PGA West this year.

Jacobs holds lead after two rounds in Hawaii
KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — John Jacobs stumbled on the closing holes, but still held a 3-stroke lead Saturday over Raymond Floyd after two rounds of the Senior PGA Tour's MasterCard Championship.

Despite bogeys at the 15th and 16th holes, both pars, Jacobs finished with a 3-under-par 69 for a two-round total of 11-under 133.

He threatened to run away with the 54-hole event at the Hualalai Resort Golf Club on Hawaii Island,



AP Photo
Fred Funk uses body english to coax his ball in for a birdie on the fourth hole during Saturday's third round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic at the Bermuda Dunes Country Club in Indio, Calif.

building the advantage to five shots with a birdie on the par-3 12th hole.

But, the consecutive bogeys dropped him to 11-under. He got some help when Floyd also bogeyed the 428-yard 15th.

Floyd started the day three strokes behind Jacobs and had picked up two midway through the front nine, to move within a shot. But it became a two-stroke swing on the 425-yard ninth hole when he bogeyed and Jacobs birdied.

Gary Player and Dana Quigley had 68s to share third place with Bob Dickson at 138, Dave Stockton, Jim Colbert, J.C. Snead, and Isao Aoki were at 139, and the 4-under group included George Archer and Bud Allin.

Two of the favorites, Hale Irwin and Gil Morgan, who dominated the Senior Tour last year, faltered after being in contention for 18 holes.

Irwin, who had an opening 68, fell to a 75. Morgan shot a 73 to go with a 69 on Friday.

Thanks to Irwin and Morgan, who combined for 13 of the Senior Tour's 38 official money events last year, this year's field of 35 players was extended to include winners from the last two years and major senior champions from the last five.

Webb, Inkster share lead after third round
NAPLES, Fla. — With one bad swing, Karrie Webb turned a possible wire-to-wire victory for herself into a 10-player race entering the final round of the Naples LPGA Memorial.

The Australian took a triple-bogey on the 14th hole during Saturday's third round and fell into a tie for first at 12-under-par with Juli Inkster.

Five other golfers, including last week's winner Kelly Robbins, are one shot back.

"One bad swing on No. 14 cost me a three-shot lead," said Webb, who got to 15-under before playing the par-4, 393-yard hole. "My game is great right now. I just had one bad hole to cost me the lead."

On the 14th, Webb hooked her tee shot out of bounds on the left side of the fairway. After re-teeing with a stroke-and-distance penalty, she hit her fourth shot right off the green and then failed to get up-and-down for double bogey.

Gretzky still enjoys excitement of being at NHL All-Star Game

By Ken Rappoport

AP Hockey Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — When Wayne Gretzky steps on the ice for Sunday's NHL All-Star Game, it will be all so new to him.

Not that he hasn't been there before. It's just that every year is like a fresh experience for him.

"I just think the excitement of being part of the NHL All-Star Game makes it fresh," Gretzky said. "I think every guy who gets a chance to come here enjoys being here."

"To be a part of an NHL All-Star Game is a privilege. Nobody ever turns it down."

It is the same sense of wonder that Gretzky brings to every game — something that hasn't left him since he was a daydreaming schoolboy.

"I used to sit and think how wonderful it would be to be a professional hockey player," Gretzky

said. "I just wanted to play in the NHL."

And play he has. He holds some 60 records, some of which may never be equaled. Gretzky has done it all, including winning four Stanley Cups with the Edmonton Oilers.

But even with his fourth team and in his 20th NHL season, Gretzky still hasn't lost his passion for the game.

"Every day is a challenge as far as I'm concerned," Gretzky said at a news conference Saturday. "This challenge hasn't changed for me since I started. Coaches told me to just go out and work hard. My challenge is go to the rink and do the best I can."

Now playing in his 18th All-Star Game, Gretzky will always remember the first.

"I got to play with Gordie Howe," he said. "He was my hero growing up and it was a moment I will never forget."

Gretzky still trails Howe in All-

Star appearances — Howe played in a record 23. Gretzky does hold All-Star records for career goals (12), including four in one period, and points (22).

Gretzky has not only been the biggest offensive force in league history, he has been the NHL's most important player in terms of exposure for hockey.

He put Edmonton on the hockey map in the 1980s. When the cash-strapped Oilers traded Gretzky to Los Angeles in a blockbuster trade in 1988, the move reverberated across the NHL and Canada.

The native of Brantford, Ontario, was regarded as one of his country's most valuable natural resources. His No. 99 remains a synonym for "great" in Canada.

Gretzky's arrival in the United States inspired league growth, particularly to warm-weather sites. The NHL has since expanded to Anaheim, San Jose, Dallas, Miami and Tampa Bay.

WILLIAMS: Red Raiders get star RB

(From 1C)

It is a big thrill, pleasure and blessing for Shaud to stay close to home.

Shaud's mother, Wyvonne Williams, is also hoping for the best.

"I hope he made his decision based on what it best for him and not just wanting to stay close to home because of us," Ms. Williams said. "I hope it turns out to be best thing that happened for him. No matter where he went, we would be behind him and would make it to as many games as we could. Now we will be able to make more games."

"It will be good thing. We'll try to turn it into something positive."

The commitment should be the most positive event of the recruiting season for Tech, which has trailed far behind Texas and Texas A&M in terms of talent. So far, the Raiders have hit the offensive side hard, getting commitments from four offensive linemen and three quarterbacks.

However, Williams is a rose in this recruiting class. Williams stands 5-foot eight and 180 pounds and runs a 4.4 (40-yard dash). He is a Dallas Morning News top 100 recruit in the state and one of the Sporting News top 20 running backs in the nation.

In his career in Andrews, Williams finished with 7,712 yards (second most on Class 4A's all-time list) and scored 87 total touchdowns. As a senior,

Williams, who made everyone's all-state teams, rushing for 2,396 yards and 32 TDs in just 11 games.

In the process, he brought the eyes of the recruiting world to Andrews.

"It was great for our football program," said Leiby of the attention Williams brought. "The good outweighs the bad. It is not even close."

For Williams, the whole recruiting process is now over, which makes the commitment even more special.

"It is a big relief to have it over with," Williams said. "It is like a big burden is off your shoulders. I don't have to put up with any more calls or any more road trips. It is all over with now."

"It has been hectic," Rufus Williams said, "but I have tried to tell Shaud it is all for his benefit. There are a lot of kids who don't have the opportunity to go to school."

Shaud will also play baseball at Texas Tech, something that gets lost in the shuffle during the madness of football recruiting. Baseball might bring another important decision down the line for Williams. There is speculation that the shortstop, who hit .500 and stole 48 bases last year, will be selected in baseball's amateur draft this summer.

"Baseball is a big deal for me," Williams said. "I love baseball a lot and will treat them (baseball and football) equally. To get the chance to play baseball at the next level (college) was a big factor."

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Success at school begins with parents

By Myra Lee Salcedo

In 1991, Ysleta Superintendent Anthony Trujillo in El Paso fired the entire staff of a high school, removed all but 19 of 58 principals district-wide and forced out 2,000 of the 3,000 teachers in the system. He also gave schools control over their budgets and curriculum, gave principals the authority to hire and fire teachers, and urged parents to participate in campus decision-making.

What prompted such severe action?

A July 23, 1990, Texas Education Agency report showed Ysleta students scored below state level on the statewide Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, and 55 percent of students who took the TAAS in Spanish in grade three failed to pass all sections of the test. The Ysleta school district was ranked the lowest-scoring urban school district in the state. So Trujillo used a "throw the bums out" approach to make some changes. Five years later, the district is the first and only Urban Recognized School District in Texas with 11 exemplary and 32 recognized campuses.

So does the answer to increasing test scores rest solely on replacing teachers? Probably not. Infusing the district with new blood — teachers highly motivated to get results — was certainly a factor. Ysleta's reports on the district's Internet web site are sketchy on specifics and no control campus (where all the teachers were kept) was used. Trujillo also pushed parent involvement, and has said his reform efforts included tossing out a lot of district rules. In other words, teachers and principals were allowed to make decisions about what they do best.

Even better than letting decisions be made at the campus level is letting them be made in the classroom. I saw this done as a kindergartner in Las Vegas, Nev. My mother had a personal mission that no child of hers would start school without being able to read, write and count money. I thought she was a tyrant at the time. While all the other neighborhood kids were outside playing, I was fretting over filling in the blanks of one workbook after another. Every time I completed one workbook, another one was waiting. I began to hate going to the grocery store because I knew my mother would stop in front of the colorful section of loathed workbooks — the workbooks that prevented me from watching all of those fabulous black and white television shows like "Leave It to Beaver" and "The Real McCoys." I also had an aunt who read to me constantly from "Winnie the Pooh" and Charles Kingsley's "The Water Babies."

So my first day of school was a horrible disappointment. The teacher showed us colors and shapes. We got a worksheet and were instructed to color all the triangles on the page red. I whipped through the assignment. While some of my peers were still deliberating over which shape was a triangle and which crayon was red, I began whispering to friends and flipping crayons into the air.

When my mother asked how my first day of school was, I burst out into tears. "I got in trouble THREE TIMES and we didn't read ANYTHING!" I wailed. In fact, the teacher said she expected we would all begin reading in a few months. An eternity to a 6-year-old. But

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As the world goes... So goes Midland?

Story by Linda Anderson
& Myra Lee Salcedo

We are on the way to completing the first month of 1999, and some much-ballyhooed trends have yet to surface in the Tall City. Reading some of the stories on cultural trends written by big-city writers kind of leaves us shaking our heads. But it sure is fun reading about the fashion, food and kitchen "musts" that will probably never show up in West Texas. A few follow:

FASHION

Although Midland isn't known as a hot spot for new fashion trends, residents do like to look their best. It's just that looking your best in Midland may be far different from what high fashion designers in Italy, France and Japan think of as looking your best.

At a recent major fashion showing on Jan. 10 in Milan, Italy, designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana unveiled a line of male models wearing black pants, black tank tops and something that can only be described as white corsets worn on the outside of the clothing. Don't forget, this new style was designed for men.

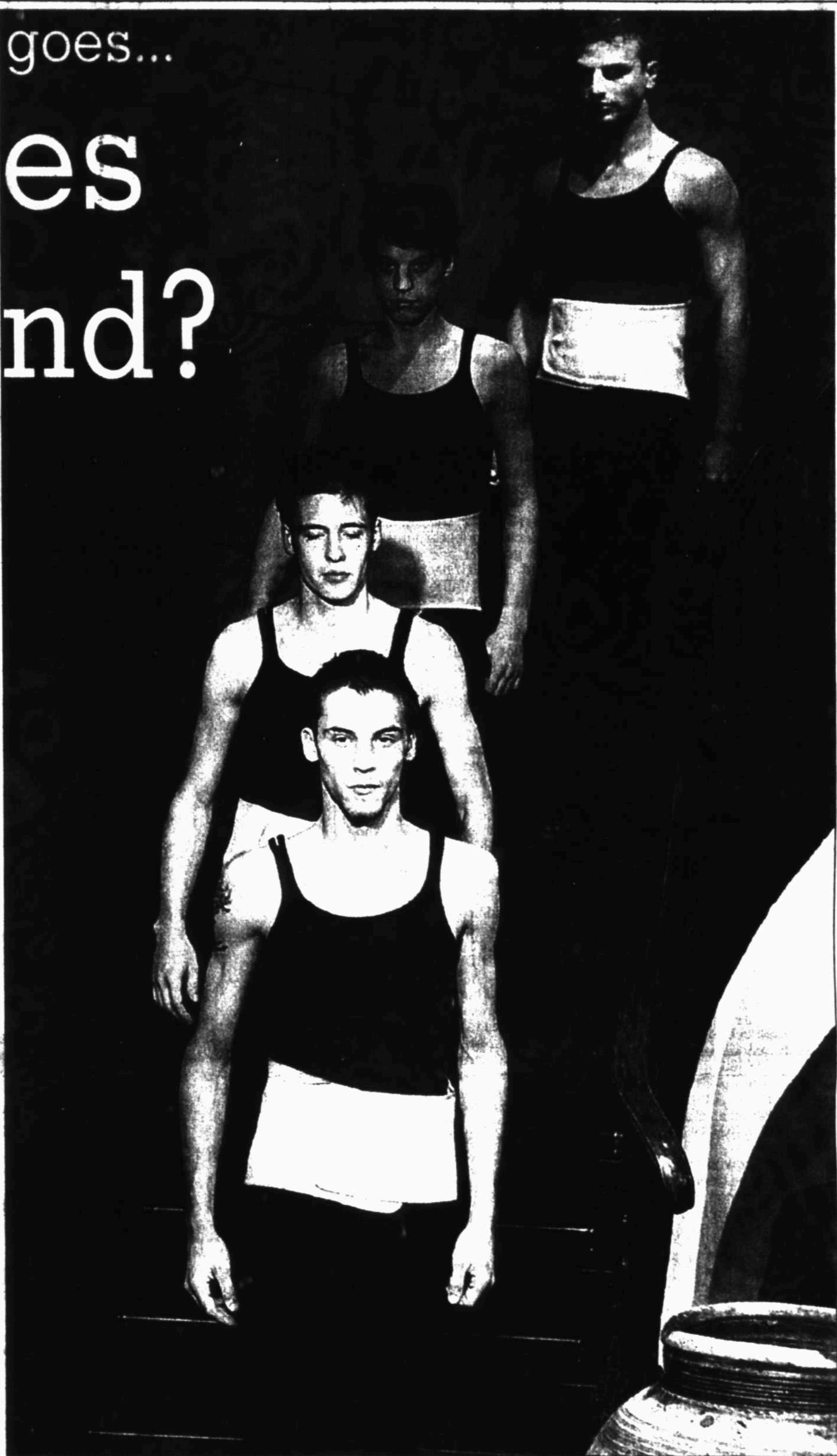
A couple of prominent Midlanders were asked their opinion of this new men's fashion. Sheriff Gary Painter, as he visualized the image of male models wearing corsets outside their clothes, couldn't stop chuckling.

"It (the style) would probably create a lot of accidents with a lot of people looking and staring" at anyone wearing something like that, he said, still chuckling and adding that he would "have to wonder what those people would be doing in Midland. It would be funny!"

But what if the style became common? "I'd have to break tradition," he said, still chuckling. "I wouldn't do it and neither would my kids."

Mayor Bobby Burns had another take on men wearing corsets outside their clothing. "If most West Texans are a lot

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Models wear white corsets over black trousers and matching tank tops, above, in a Milan, Italy fashion show. The corsets were part of the men's wear 1999/2000 collection designed by Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana. The designers also included a patterned men's skirt, far left worn with a striped sweater.

AP Photos



From out of the microwave comes a new category of heat-and-serve beef entrees. Gene Gagliardi, the new product innovator for the beef industry, tries a new dish in Atglen, Pa. The new pre-prepared entrees will soon be in supermarket cases nationwide.

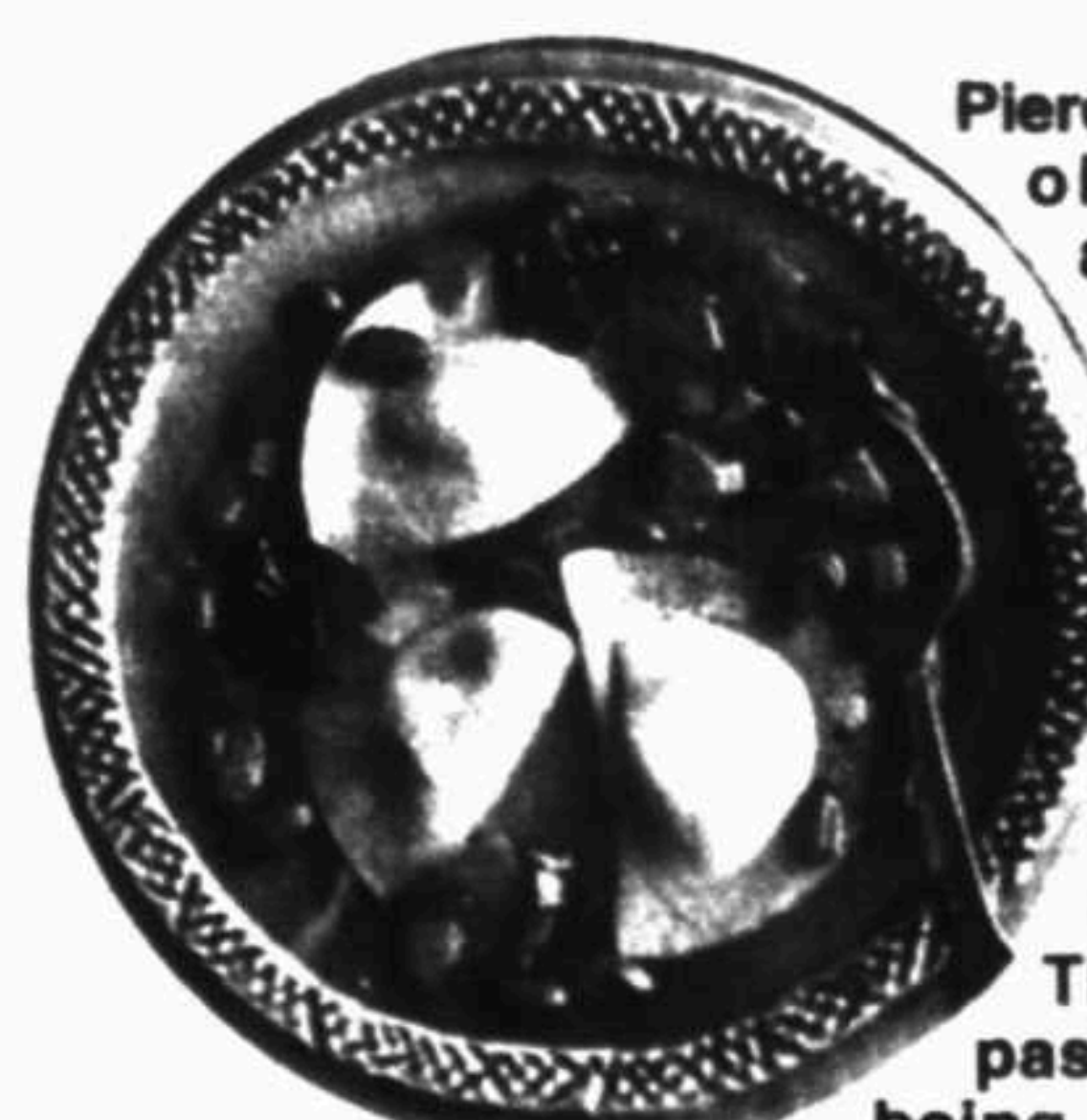


Photo courtesy of Mrs. T's Pierogies

Pierogies (peer-oh-ghees), are moon-shaped dough pockets filled with potatoes or potatoes and cheese. The Polish pasta is now being sold in some American supermarkets pre-made — just add a can of beans and sauce.



CousCous with everything? The tiny pasta, all the rage in some metropolitan areas, have yet to catch on in Texas.

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TRENDS: Midlanders opt for big kitchens, sushi

(From 1D)

like (Midland's) mayor, they have too much midriff bulge for it to look good," he said. "We eat too well."

"It wouldn't work in Midland." Well, guess there's no point on even asking about the multicolored skirts for men.

FOOD

The San Antonio Express News reported some chefs have begun serving free little dishes known as "amuse boches," or little dishes to "amuse the mouth" before serving appetizers. An example given was smoked salmon with balsamic-vinegar-rubbed ginger on fresh cucumber rounds garnished with salmon roe.

The tiny pre-appetizers are about as likely to show up in local restaurants as couscous, the tiny rice-sized pasta that was predicted to sweep the nation's restaurants last year. One Midlander, discovering a recipe for cous-cous on a previous Lifestyle food page, pronounced the couscous "the worse grits I ever eat."

But Midlanders' palettes are becoming more sophisticated, according to some local culinary experts.

H-E-B Chef Lee Florence said Midlanders are seeking out prepared handmade pastas, and fresh produce as Italian food gains in popularity. "Italian food and prepared foods are the wave of the future," Florence said. "Italian food is now as strong as Mexican food (in H-E-B). People are buying more prepared salads, breads and desserts."

As kitchens increase in size and in expensive appliances, Florence said they tend to be showcases and gathering areas, but people are cooking less and less. "I was catering a meal in a beautiful, gorgeous kitchen recently. But it was not arranged well for cooking," he said. Florence said more men are "getting back into cooking." "Some people still enjoy cooking, but they take shortcuts with prepared food such as the pre-made sauces and handmade pastas because some of these prepared foods are of a very high quality. You would have a hard time doing better yourself at home."

Florence expects food that only needs to be heated up or served onto a plate is most likely to gain in popularity. "Time to people is more important than money, if they have the money," he said.

And for anyone who doesn't think Midland tastes are becoming more refined, just stop over at Wild Scallion on Friday and Saturday nights. Sushi is served

up fresh. Chef/owner David McCartney, said, "The sushi is so popular we can barely keep up with it. We serve it as an appetizer or customize plates for a whole meal. It's extremely fresh so it has to be made on the spot, which is partly why we only serve it on weekends. You don't want it out of the water long."

McCartney said customers are demanding fresh ingredients. "But the sushi is the biggest trend I see now. It's also real popular in Dallas." The chef said local sushi favorites include octopus and smoked eel. "Another customer favorite is any of the hard-to-get types of fish," he said.

THE KITCHEN

There's a local saying: "As California goes, so goes Midland about six years later." This brought up the question of whether or not the rumored California trend of building new houses with minimal kitchens (with only a tiny microwave stacked above a tiny dishwasher in a cabinet drawer, and room for a half-size refrigerator and sink) would catch on in West Texas.

Jane Wolf of Langston Realtors said quite the opposite. "Kitchens and bathrooms are getting grander and grander," she said. "Even if people eat out a lot they are liable to have a gorgeous kitchen."

And as anyone who has ever entertained guests knows, no matter how small the kitchen, everyone will want to fit into it. "People love to gather in the kitchen," Ms. Wolfe said. "And every bathroom I see is just grander and grander."

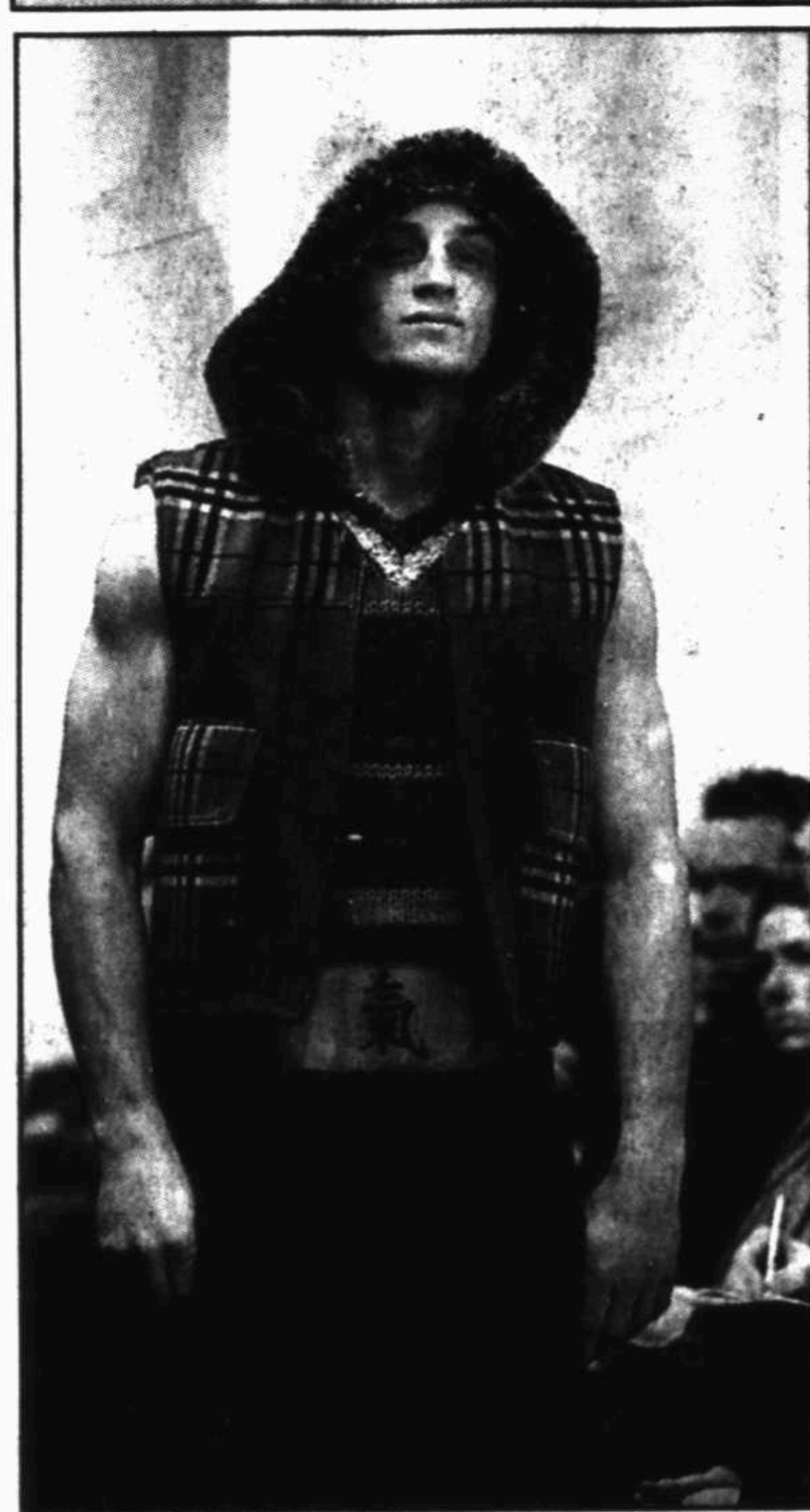
Bathrooms have also gained in significance with all the bath products on the market encouraging leisurely baths.

"On the whole the bathrooms are larger, with big closets and better lighting," Ms. Wolfe said.

Jo Braden of ReMax, agreed. "For anyone considering remodeling, the best place to spend money would be in the kitchen or in the bathroom. Money spent for the best resale and appreciation would be in those two rooms."

Ms. Braden noted that a lot of men are cooking nowadays, so couples prefer additional kitchen space to work in together. "Midland really lends itself to cooking at home, and being in the house since we don't have any mountains to escape to real close by," the realtor added.

So, there you have it, bigger kitchens, pre-made Italian foods and even sushi — Midlanders are a diverse bunch, but not so diverse that the men will be donning corsets and sitting down to a bowl of couscous anytime soon.



Things are different in Paris, especially fashion. A model, above, has some fun with Christian Dior's flounced flower print dress — part of the designer's haute couture collection in Paris. The dress was designed by Dior designer John Galiano. Got a tattoo on your sculpted belly that needs flaunting? Designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana have the answer with a cropped sweater vest, left, worn under a hooded tunic. The outfit was shown in Milan, Italy as part of the 1999/2000 men's collection.

AP Photos

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PARENTS: School readiness starts at home

(From 1D)

fortunately, my teacher figured out that the assignments were too easy for me. When I asked her if I could read a book when I finished, she had me read it aloud to her. "That settles it," she said. "Is your mother a teacher?"

"No," I replied, "but she taught me to read." From then on I was whisked away a couple of times a day into the first grade class during reading time. By first grade, I was attending third grade classes to hear students read stories they had written and to hear their book reviews. By third grade, I was reporting my book reviews and reading my stories to the sixth graders. There were no accelerated tracks, no gifted classes and no state mandates about attending other classrooms or classroom size.

My teachers needed permission from no one to decide how to teach me, and the school board wasn't involved. What was involved was a gaggle of elementary school teachers who got together every morning one hour before school, compared notes and decided the lesson plans for each student. Students went up and down the grade levels for reading, writing and math. There were no slow groups or fast groups. Instead there were teachers who took great pride in taking their students to the upper grades.

BY THE TIME I graduated from a Las Vegas high school at age 15, I had the equivalent education of my husband, who graduated at age 16 from private Catholic schools. Looking back, I realize it was because of my teachers' high expectations and my mother's diligent preparation. Parents today are bombarded with the words "school readiness" and "reading readiness," which is a teacher's way of explaining that students should come to school ready to learn. Some parents say that when teachers complain of students showing up in kindergarten unprepared to learn, the teachers are using that as a cop out.

But consider this: My daughter

assisted a kindergarten teacher half of a day when she was a senior at Lee High School in 1995. She saw students who came to kindergarten unable to say their full name; unable to say which was their left hand and which was their right; with limited vocabulary; and one who had never held a book. The child who was unfamiliar with a book didn't know he was holding it upside down and didn't know words were read from left to right. The lowest point of the year came during the first few days of school, when my daughter tried to assist a young girl who didn't know how to use the restroom by herself. "I stood outside the stall telling her what to do. She was crying and soon tears were coming down my face," my daughter said.

"Why didn't you open the stall door?" I asked.

"We can't do anything like that. It could be seen as sexual abuse," my daughter said. I realized she was right. Teachers dare not hug a student or pat them on the arm these days.

The kindergarten student in question was the daughter of a single parent — a single parent who did not finish high school. "How could any parent send a kid to school without teaching them how to use the bathroom?" my daughter asked.

It's a good question. With televisions used as babysitters and parents working too many hours, little time is left to teach a child basic life skills, and reading time is at a premium. But it's no excuse to deprive a child of knowledge. Imagine what it is like as a teacher to be confronted with trying to get all kids up to grade level when some arrive at school so helpless in basic social skills.

I regret I didn't spend nearly as much time with my children as my mother did with me, but my children both started school reading and writing the alphabet, knowing their names and addresses, knowing how to count and reading easy books.

I didn't have an exceptional IQ, but I started school ahead of my peers and stayed ahead my whole school career. My teachers spent a lot of time prodding me to "work

up to your potential" and had such high expectations I started reading novels as class assignments in the fourth grade and did research work for a dissertation on the economics of a South American country in the sixth grade. Assignments were tailored directly to ability, which was annoying to those of us who thought some time should be left for flipping crayons into the air.

Unfortunately, my children went through the public schools without having but one or two novels assigned until high school. Since they weren't getting advanced reading in school, I started paying them \$5 for each novel that they read — and could prove they read by answering questions about plot, character and incidentals. Now my daughter is a voracious reader and — despite some traumatic moments — still wants to teach kindergarten. My son is less of a reader, but he does read and is a Scrabble champion amongst his peers and family.

So what makes a student successful? Determined teachers, tossing out weighty rules, school readiness? I suspect there are a lot of factors, but parental involvement is a strong one. There is a belief that school choice gives parents more power. In Milwaukee, parents whose students attend private schools (thanks to a voucher program) can't praise it enough. The program put 6,200 low-income students into 122 private schools. When no space was left, the remaining 100,000 students were left with crowded classrooms and a shortage of books as

the district made changes to compensate for the \$25 million in funds that left the district as vouchers.

Some parents of children in private schools in Milwaukee, who previously paid tuition but now get vouchers, have suddenly quit participating in school and classroom events. One school principal said that when parents quit paying for their child's education, it became less of a concern.

"They just drop their kids off and don't feel like they have to do anything else," said Basimah Abdullah, principal of Milwaukee's Clara Muhammad School, as reported in a recent USA Today.

When everybody was paying tuition, parents were a lot more involved," she said.

It proves the favored saying: "Throwing money at a problem won't solve it."

Whether a private, public or charter school, its success depends on the determination of the school staff and parents. Replacing all the teachers won't always result in success. Trujillo could have fired all the staff he did, brought in more teachers and still failed. There is obviously more to the story. And one wonders how he decided to keep the teachers he did.

Speaking of there being more to the story: If I could go back to my kindergarten class, when my teacher asked me if my mother was a teacher, I would say, "Yes, she was MY teacher."

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

San Angelo teachers exchange their wedding vows in Midland

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Our congratulations and best wishes go with Jessica Wiggins and Ben Wurst, who were married Jan. 9. Both graduates of Angelo State University and teachers in the San Angelo public schools, they are postponing their wedding trip until spring break when they will travel to Canada.

The couple exchanged vows in the Christian Church of Midland, with Bobby Duncan officiating. A festive reception followed at the Midland Center. Music for dancing was provided by Tracy Guerry and Bill Green.

Jessica, daughter of Midlanders Mayra and Gary Wiggins, was honored at several parties prior to the wedding.

The home of Laquita (Mrs. Dennis) Johnson was the setting for a display bridal shower. Co-hostesses were Diane (Mrs. Tommy) Kaykendall, Dottie (Mrs. Billy) McLaughlin, Rhonda (Mrs. Ronnie) Patterson, Susan (Mrs. Tracy) Guerry, Maria (Mrs. Robert) Jones, Neva (Mrs. Paul) Garvin and Nita (Mrs. Derel) Williams.

In addition, Diane McElligott hosted a lingerie shower at her Midland home, and a miscellaneous shower was given for Jessica by family friends of the groom in his hometown of Merkel. Special guests at the latter event included the bride's mother and sisters, Kristina and Melissa, and the groom's grandmother, Marjorie Farnely of Abilene.

The groom's parents, Sandra and Clyde Wurst of Merkel, hosted the rehearsal dinner at La Mission Restaurant.

IT WAS FUN to hear about Diana Daugherty's get-together with her brothers, both former Midlanders, in San Antonio over the holidays. She joined Sam Daugherty and his wife, Linda, and their children, Allison, James and John of Brownwood, and John Daugherty and his wife, Roberta, of San Diego, Calif., for the World's VII Annual Country Western Dance Championships. There were dancers from as far away as Canada and England.

John, who is owner of JD's Western Dance Co., in San Diego, par-

ticipated in the event in various official capacities, including M.C. and judge, while Roberta not only served as a contestant coordinator but was a contestant herself. She competed in the waltz, cha-cha, two-step and East and West Coasts swing contests.

Diane tells us that New Year's Eve was exciting in the Alamo City. She and her family could observe the celebration taking place in the center of the downtown area from their hotel. (We hear that 135,000 people participated in the giant "block party.") The Christmas lights seen on the riverboat ride were absolutely gorgeous, she added.

THE MIDLAND Alpha Chi Omega alumnae honored college members and their mothers with a potluck supper earlier this month in the home of Alice (Mrs. Roger) Freidline.

Honored guests were Christy Garth and Brenda (Mrs. Dirk) Garth, Jessi Watkins and Karen (Mrs. David) Watkins and Tracee Silverman and Joyce (Mrs. Charles) Silverman.

Since the lyre is the sorority's symbol, each girl was presented a gold wooden lyre ornament as a gift from the group.

Alumnae attending included Patsy (Mrs. Mike) Hochman, Patty (Mrs. Jim) Fritzel, Patricia (Mrs. Perry) Mouser, Ann (Mrs. Wayne) Westerman, Joan (Mrs. Douglas) Rice and Jo (Mrs. Alan) Douglas.

CHI OMEGA ALUMNAE held a delightful mother-daughter party after Christmas at The Pottery, which is owned by Chi Omega Raye Ann (Mrs. Boley) Embrey. Many of the younger attendees enjoyed making ceramic creations during the evening.

A number of active Chi Omegas attended, as well as alumnae. They were Gretchen Bakke, Schaez Tighe, Barbara and Mary Darlington, Suzanne Miller, Helen and Cathy Peetz, Pat Paxton Larson, Susan and Caroline Atchison, Audrey and Katherine Curry, Barbara Watson and active Caryn Coker and Cassie Coker, Julia Vaughan, Caroline Holmes, Nancy Holland, Tish Deffenbaugh, Denise White, Nancy Johnson, active Jennifer Johnson and Amy Johnson, active Autumn Miller, Patty, Amy and Heather Lowery and Kathy Basham and active Whitney Basham of Colorado City.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Ultrasound heals bone ultrafast

N.Y. Times News Service

The Cowboys' perfect sweep of the NFC East had only just begun when Troy Aikman fractured his left clavicle in a run-in with the Denver Broncos on Sept. 13.

With low-intensity ultrasound to speed rehabilitation — and a great offensive line to help protect against further injury — the Cowboys' superstar quarterback was back in the game with his precision passes back on target.

Aikman's collarbone continues to heal, thanks, in part, to the Sonic Accelerated Fracture Healing System, a battery-operated, hand-held device that delivers ultrasound pulses directly to the fracture site. Aikman has said he uses the gadget for 20 minutes each day.

Unlike electrical stimulation devices that use energy currents in a similar way to heal older, "nonunion" fractures that refuse to mend, the SAFHS is specifically designed to speed the healing of new or fresh breaks.

"It is absolutely different from

other therapeutic ultrasound. It uses the same intensity as a fetal sonogram, so it is obviously very safe," says Pat McBrayer, president and chief executive officer of Exogen, the New Jersey-based company that manufactures the product.

"What's happening at the cellular level is that the pulsating ultrasound is creating a mechanical force on the bone to help stimulate new bone growth," McBrayer said.

Specifically, low-intensity ultrasound produces minute mechanical strains within the fracture and improves blood flow to the fracture site to stimulate the healing process, according to reports presented at last summer's annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

The new device, which is available by prescription only, costs a hefty \$2,500. Studies published in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery indicate that the device cuts healing time by an average of 38 percent and is 93 percent successful.

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AROUND TOWN

Arts Assembly of Midland is accepting artists' entries for the 16th annual Celebration of the Arts, a three-day arts festival planned for May 14-16 at Midland Center. Deadline for entries is Feb. 12.

Fine art and original hand-crafted items are acceptable. All media is acceptable with the following restrictions: Limited edition prints of the artist's work on approval only; no ceramics from commercial molds; no black and white photography which has not been printed by the photographer; no silk-screened T-shirts.

Inside and outside booths are available; inside booths are 8x10-feet with outside booths slightly larger. White curtained booths or white pegboards are available if needed. Electrical outlets are provided.

To enter, send slides (three per applicant) of work, as well as entry form, entry fee and self-addressed stamped envelope postmarked by Feb. 12 to: Celebration of the Arts, Arts Assembly of Midland, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702. Artists will be notified of acceptance by March 1.

For more information call 687-1149, fax 687-1600 or e-mail artsmid@iglobal.net...

FRIENDS OF THE Library has opened its book drop 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays and Saturdays. New and used books, in both fiction and non-fiction, hardback and paperback, are available for sale. The bookdrop is located at 2305 W. Michigan St.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S Association of Midland and Occasional Fine Jewelry and Gifts will host "The Timeless Elegance of Platinum" jewelry luncheon and show Feb. 1 at Midland Center.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's Pediatric Equipment Fund and the Clinic of the Community Children's Ministry.

For several years, the Junior Woman's Association has financially supported the Pediatric Equipment Fund's purchase of specific equipment for the pediatric ward, and the Children's Clinic's operating expenses. This year, Occasions has donated a custom-designed diamond and tanzanite ring to be raffled off as a benefit for both charities.

For more information call 684-3921.

READ TO ME preschool storytime program at Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave., will present stories on ships and boats 10-10:30 a.m. Jan. 26 and 27. This free program for children aged 3-5 is presented each Tuesday and Wednesday in the library's Children's Department.

VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, will meet for bingo 10:30 a.m. Jan. 27 at the Van House, 2908 W. Ohio. Luncheon and social time will follow. Persons attending are advised to bring brown bag lunches. For more information call 694-2848.

HOOPLA '99 is scheduled for April 10. Volunteers are needed for the three-on-three basketball tournament, which will benefit Prevent Blindness Texas. To volunteer call 683-0003.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7 p.m. Feb. 1 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2975.

MIDLAND NEED to Read, an adult literacy program that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults wishing to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for volunteer tutors 6:30-9 p.m. Jan. 26 and 28 at Midland College. Prospective tutors are advised to attend both nights. For more information call 685-4572.

HOSPICE OF Midland will sponsor a Grief Recovery Program for anyone who has suffered a loss any kind, whether through death, divorce or any other life change. The program will be 7-9 p.m. Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 in the Meditation Room of the new Hospice building at 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2960.

WEST TEXAS Harmony Chorus, a prospective chapter of Sweet Adelines International, will meet 7-9:30 p.m. Jan. 25 in the choir room of Memorial Christian Church, Cuthbert and Andrews Highway in Midland. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 694-2035 or 333-5838.

Is Furby, hottest new toy, threat to national security?

By Catherine Newton
N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — The story in the newspaper last week came as a shock. Dateline: WASHINGTON — Warning: Furbys could be a threat to national security.

The National Security Agency banned this Christmas season's hottest toy from its Maryland premises. The fear was that Tiger Electronics' little fur ball, which contains a computer chip that allows it to learn English, could carry home top secrets from the toy-toting personnel at the nation's supersecret spy agency — and repeat those secrets to enemies of the state.

The idea appalled me. It shamed me to the core. You see, I'd been working with my son's Furby for weeks, diligently following the directives in the 12-page manual and the accompanying Furbish-English dictionary.

Despite my efforts, I had yet to understand a word the thing said. The chance of me actually teaching it English was nil.

So when I read the news story, my first thought was, of course, this: Who were these superagents who could master the Furby, and why couldn't I? My next thought was more horrifying: How had Furby become my problem?

Furby wasn't the only computer-chipped character to join our family this holiday season. He's just one of a new breed of "interactive" toys aimed at Generation Y-ers who, even in their diaper-wearing years, hunger for the next leap in technology.

Like many of my baby boomer peers, I was initially drawn to the word "interactive" on the toy boxes, perceiving it as a synonym for "educational."

Look, I thought, cruising down aisle 7B at Toys R Us last month. This Microsoft Arthur doll will play alphabet games with my 5-year-old, Hadley, to help her learn her letters. He'll even help her play with CD-ROMs. And here in aisle 9A, what about this Stop My Hiccups Doll? Hadley will have to problem-solve to get the baby to be calm.

"Interactive" seemed like a good idea on the whole, right up until Christmas Eve. That's when I realized it was a synonym for "go get some batteries."

Which I did, two times that day, and two times the next, until finally, on the afternoon of the birthday of our Lord, my kids' new friends were all fully charged.

That's when I heard the voice. Plaintive. Pressing. "Mommy? I'm hungry! I'm hungry now! I'm hungry now, Mommy!"

Hadley? It didn't sound like her. I mean, sure, that's exactly what my daughter says at least 136 times a day, but the voice didn't sound like hers.

Turns out it wasn't. Among the gift-wrapping wreckage, I found her — Mealtime Magic Baby, a foot-high, ponytailed prima donna who can't get enough of the plastic cereal and ice cream on her little pink highchair tray. And won't stop asking.

And then there was Arthur, who looked so smart in his classic-nerd glasses and indeed seems to know a lot about important issues such as Groundhog Day

and Thomas Edison, but is also prone to telling you completely inane things. "Dog drool," he says. "That's gross."

As the day went on, I learned what "interactive" really means. It means "interruptive," or even "interminably annoying." Because the thing about these new smart toys — of which Furby is the unofficial poster child — is that they don't just respond to your child's actions, they keep responding long after your kid has dumped them and moved on to other pursuits.

They won't stop talking.

In other words, they nag.

Furby wasn't the only nagger in our house, but he was by far the worst. We began keeping him inside my bedroom closet, the darkest part of our house, because if light hit his sensor-eyes, he'd start talking, issuing a stream of Furbish nonsense that suggested he wanted to play.

In the beginning, 8-year-old Jack would eagerly try to decipher the noise, abandoning his self-conscious, what-if-my-friends-saw-me stance to cradle his black furry baby, feed it from a pink plastic spoon that he borrowed from Meal Time Magic and smile expectantly into the green, glassy eyes.

"Ay-ay moi," Furby would say, as his ears bobbed up and down.

"Hi, Furby," Jack would reply, beaming.

Then Furby would close his eyes. He'd start sneezing, or snoring. And eventually Jack would give up. It went on like this for weeks, during the long days of Christmas vacation. Jack was becoming increasingly disappointed with his interactive toy's inattention.

One night, I decided I couldn't stand these pathetic scenes any longer. The little fur ball's time had come. Whether he liked it or not, Furby was going to be fun.

I scanned his instruction booklet for some interactivity ideas. Hide-and-seek! That sounded simple. The book said to cover and uncover Furby's eyes four times and then he would say, "Hide me!" Three minutes after one of us hid him, Furby would start making sounds, giving clues to his whereabouts.

On the sixth try, the game worked, which led us to the inaccurate assumption that it might work again. The manual suggested shaking him from side to side and asking him to pay attention, which I regret to say, I did. Furby went to sleep.

Nine times.

I tried clapping to make him dance. I tried patting his back to make him purr. I kissed his plastic yellow nose when I thought he might have said "May-tay/kah."

I looked up and Jack was looking at me sympathetically. "You know," he said, "my friend Jackson has a Furby, too. He says it's a menace and keeps it in a corner of his room hidden by a bunch of water bottles so he doesn't have to see it."

So, when I read that news story last week, I thought this all through. And the truth finally became clear.

America's hottest toy may or may not be a threat to national security. But Furby is, without a doubt, a threat to our national sanity.



A satin velvet jacket worn over embroidered jeans is part of Tom Ford's Gucci men's collection for fall/winter 1999/2000, that was unveiled Jan. 10 in Milan.

Men's fashions shine and shimmer in Milan

By Daniela Petroff

MILAN, Italy (AP) — The look was sensational: Boxer Chris Eubank in a sequined evening gown at Vivienne Westwood, a hairy-legged macho in a sexy kilt for Jean Paul Gaultier, and strapping youths wearing orthopedic corsets at Dolce and Gabbana.

But while the eccentric might work on the runway, everyday menswear is much more prosaic.

No one knows this better than Calvin Klein, who season after season dares to offer simple, wearable clothes. For him, the reinvention of the jacket or the trouser comes in a detail, a new fabric or a color scheme.

Calvin Klein's show for the fall-winter 1999-2000, presented in his minimalist Milan studio earlier this month, was typical of the designer's fashion charm. Klein managed to create an ultramodern look without a stitch of the bizarre.

The new three-buttoned suit is sweater-soft in cashmere jersey. Sweaters, on the other hand, are knitted and knobby. The simple navy overcoat is redone in luxurious leather.

The overall look is casual with lots of ideas borrowed from sports-wear: zipped sweaters, flannel sweatpants and down vests. The brightest Klein gets is military green and pewter gray. The tie is totally absent from the collection.

There were no ties at Prada either, where Miuccia, however, turned the casual into the convoluted.

Her recent show took inspiration from mountaineering and motorcycling, creating an urban vacation. Knickerbocker pants were worn with high boots and mailbag satchels. Hooded jackets were coupled with technofiber overalls. Bright reds and blue interrupted the monotony of functional gray.

The look a bit eccentric, especially when all the models walked around the runway hand-in-hand.

The Prada muscle however seems to be on the business side these days. The French conglomerate LVMH (Louis Vuitton, Moët and Hennessy) announced this month that it had bought Prada's

9.5 percent share in the Gucci company. Paolo Bertelli, the designer's husband and manager of the Prada company, would not reveal the price of the deal, but in a press release said Prada and LVMH planned to work together in the future.

The purchase of the Prada shares by LVMH added to another 5 percent of the Gucci company bought by the French conglomerate this month, makes LVMH the major shareholder in the company, which went public several years ago. It also represents a major French involvement in Italian fashion.

While the business deals were flying, Gucci designer Tom Ford, kept his cool — at least on the runway. His latest collection, presented earlier this month, is all about casual luxury. Suits were worn with white cashmere V-necks, slim zipped black sweaters were over-pared-down snowboard pants and colorful velvet jackets matched with rose-embroidered jeans — making for great winter fashion from Los Angeles to Aspen.

There was much excitement in a modern Milan theater, where Antonio D'Amico, companion of 15 years to slain designer Gianni Versace, made his debut as a fashion designer.

The collection for men and women was avant garde: high black boots and tight-fitting zippered gowns for the ladies, long jackets over slim pants for the men. For both sexes, a high-waisted cummerbund interrupted the minimalist silhouette.

While black-clad models walked through a space shuttle stage set, the refrain of the techno music called out, "Do you remember me?"

"You can't forget an old friend," said Elton John, who had flown in from London for the show.

Fans can design own Barbies

By Michelle Slatalla
N.Y. Times News Service

It has been many years since I felt even the slightest envy for my cousin Mary Ann's collection of Barbies.

I can barely remember how her white doll case smelled of new plastic. Or how its cunning little gold clasp opened so smoothly to reveal dozens of matching outfits and hats and shoes, all lined up by color on hangers and in tiny cardboard drawers. Or how the Midge doll was held snugly in place by an elastic strap. Or how — if anyone had bothered to ask — I would have recommended against dressing Skipper in the culottes combination with the flowered headband.

Of course, no one asked me. I was six years younger than my cousin so I did not join her and the Hinchey girl from next door when they played with the dolls. Could this have been the root of the aching suspicion that my own Barbie was inferior because she did not possess such essential accessories as a head scarf and cat's-eye sunglasses? If so, I got over that, too. Years ago.

At least that's what I told everyone until the other day in the car, when my 7-year-old daughter, Ella, piped up from the back seat. "I saw on TV that on the Internet you can make a custom Barbie."

"Customized, Ella," corrected Zoe, her older sister. "There was this commercial about how you can make a doll who is a friend of Barbie. You pick how she looks. They mail her to you."

That sounded like an expensive proposition. I muttered from the front seat. But inside, I was thinking: Yessss. How many times had I stood in front of Barbie displays, frustrated because none of the zillions of available dolls were adequate substitutes for my cousin's? But now I had hope.

I know it's not fashionable in these days of rampant Barbie-bashing to admit a fondness for a doll who once declared that she preferred shopping to math. As a mother of three daughters, I might be expected to frown on a toy whose original theme song included the lyrics, "Barbie's small and so petite/Her clothes and figure look so neat. . . . Someday I'm going to be exactly like you."

Looking back at my own childhood, I can't say that exposure to Barbie harmed me. Perhaps it even toughened me. After devouring such old-fashioned books as "Cheaper by the Dozen," "Life With Father" and "All-of-a-Kind Family," I was familiar with the concept of outdated sex-role stereotypes at a very young age. I did not want Barbie's life style. I just needed her as a prop in elaborate make-believe plots that involved her and Midge not invading my cousin along when they went to the movies.

The next day, my daughters and I gathered expectantly at my computer. A blond Barbie in a tight miniskirt appeared on the opening screen of www.barbie.com. Clearly, we had come to the right place. Clicking on My Design revealed the details of the customized Barbies. Drawbacks: Each doll costs \$39.95 — plus \$7.95 for shipping — and might not arrive for up to eight weeks. Benefits: You are able to name your own doll, then click to choose the color of her eyes, skin and hair, facial features, clothes, accessories and such sexually non-specific interests as "community work," "geology" or "running a company."

At each step, the site helpfully displayed the doll in progress. So if you made a ghastly mistake by, say, pairing the "pulled back and pretty" hairstyle with the "open mouth smile," it was easy to fix with a few quick clicks.

For Ella, the exercise turned out to be a kind of online Rorschach test. She created a Barbie who reflected her own personality, a doll who "lives in the suburbs," "is interested in books" and "loves to play the piano." Ella's most agonizing decision was choosing a hairstyle resembling her own. Since "bangs in the eyes and a

crooked part" was not an option, she settled for "long and wavy."

As for Zoe? As usual, my oldest child tried to balance her own interests with mine. Her doll "spends a lot of time at the beach" but also "loves to surf the Web."

Did I order the dolls for them? Why even ask? The bigger question for a Barbie addict like myself was, Why didn't I create my own custom doll, the one I had yearned for since childhood: a Midge with messed-up hair and a line of blue ink on her cheek?

I would not have hesitated but my expectations had been too high. At least that's what Lisa McKendall, Mattel's director of marketing communications, told me when I phoned to complain that the customization options were too limited. "Midge got married and disappeared — she hasn't been in the line since the 1960s," Ms. McKendall explained.

But Ms. McKendall said she understood my quest. "One time I met a woman in New York who had this little Barbie sweater," she said. "Her neighbor made it for her 35 years ago, and she felt compelled to bring it to a meeting to show me. So sometimes it's not about the doll so much as it is about the relationships that people had with her."

My daughters will pester our mail carrier daily for the next eight weeks. But I am patient. In my heart, I believe www.barbie.com will someday offer a Skipper in culottes.

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ENGAGEMENTS

PENNINGTON-BLISINGAME

Toni LiAn Pennington of Midland will become the bride of Tony Don Blasingame, also of Midland, 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at Creations Limited in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Pennington of Rockford, Ill. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geary Blasingame of Afton.

Miss Pennington is a registered nurse with at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, where she is a member of the heart team. Her fiancé is employed with Stewart and Stevens in Odessa.



Toni LiAn Pennington and Tony Don Blasingame

RAYBON-HICKS

Ami I. Raybon and Jason W. Hicks, both of Midland, plan to be married 3 p.m. Feb. 6 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Lynn "Skeet" Raybon and Deena Raybon of Midland. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Helms of Breckenridge. The future bridegroom is the son of Larry Hicks and Pat Hicks of Midland, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hicks of Naples.

The couple are employed with Wal-Mart.



Ami I. Raybon and Jason W. Hicks

MOSS-PITRE

Tracy Dawn Moss and James Kevin Pitre, both of San Angelo, are planning a 4 p.m. March 13 wedding at James M. Rodgers Gazebo Garden in San Angelo. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Moss of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wavin Pitre of San Angelo.

Miss Moss is a 1992 graduate of Midland High School and a 1997 graduate of Angelo State University, where she received an associate's degree in nursing. She is employed with San Angelo Community Medical Center. Her fiancé graduated from Central High School in 1992 and from ASU in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. He is employed with Peasant Village.



Tracy Dawn Moss and James Kevin Pitre

JOHNSTON-MOORE

Sharon Johnston and Jimmy Moore, both of Big Spring, are planning a 2 p.m. Feb. 14 wedding at Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring. Parents of the bride-elect are Karla Johnston of San Angelo and B.J. and Connie Johnson of Mentor on the Lake, Ohio. The future bridegroom is the son of May Moore of Midland and Jim and Becky Moore of Sherwood, Ark.

Miss Johnston and her fiancé are employed with Concho Business Solutions Inc.



Sharon Johnston and Jimmy Moore

NEW! LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

The deadline for all items to be published in the Lifestyle pages is 2 p.m. Friday, the week before said item is to be published.

AROUND TOWN
Items submitted for the Around Town column will be published at least once; more than once if space allows. The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Deadline for all Around Town items is 2 p.m. each Friday for items which will be published the following week, beginning on Monday. The space is free of charge and is offered on a first-come/first-serve basis.

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MILESTONE EVENTS
The Reporter-Telegram publishes announcements of such milestone events as engagements, weddings and wedding anniversaries, and quincenizas, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs of charge.

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Sunday paper (including wedding engagement and anniversary announcements) is 2 p.m. 10 days prior to the publication date.

Engagement announcements: There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements should be published in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements: Wedding announcements must be published up to six weeks after the event. Names of no more than 25 attendants for the bride and 25 attendants for the bridegroom will be published. Cities of residence for wedding attendants will no longer be published. Relationships will be published only for brothers and sisters, parents (or grandparents) or children of the wedding couple. For those wishing to list more, advertising space may be purchased.

Wedding anniversaries: Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted for publication up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

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Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements, but are not required. A portrait of the bride-elect or engaged couple may be submitted with engagement announcements. Portrait photographs of the bride only or of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid photos are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

ANNIVERSARIES

Couple married for 60 years

Robert and Winifred Spooner of Midland celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 7. They were married Jan. 7, 1939, at St. Faith's Church in Gaywood, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, England. They have three children — Jean Holt of Midland, Jill Wall of Lake Brownwood and Pamela Spooner of Alpine.

The couple immigrated to America with their youngest daughter in 1963 to join two other daughters, who were already living in the United States. The couple lived in Odessa for 30 years before moving to Midland five years ago.



Robert and Winifred Spooner

Reception marks anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lindsey of Midland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception Jan. 23 at Community Bible Church. Hosts were Charles and Rebecca Lindsey Foster.

Lindsey and the former Golda Alice Barrington were married Jan. 21, 1949, in Abilene. They have one child — Rebecca Lindsey Foster of Fort Worth — and one grandchild.

The couple lived in Abilene before moving to Midland in 1976. Lindsey was a machinist for United Bearing and retired in 1988. Mrs. Lindsey worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone for 40 years until her retirement in 1988.

They are members of Community Bible Church.



Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lindsey

Book: Lifting weight of 'fat'

By Carolyn Susman
N.Y. Times News Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Cynthia Last was disgusted with her obesity. A teenager struggling with self-worth, she vowed not to let her looks define her.

"I figured my best chance of finding success was by developing my intellect," she writes in her new book, "The 5 Reasons Why We Overeat: How to Develop a Long-Term Weight Control Plan That's Right for You."

Last studied psychology in college, particularly behavioral sciences, and developed a weight-loss plan for herself. She focused on the psychological reasons she was eating, not the diets that never worked. She dissolved from a size 11 to a size 5, a weight loss she's maintained for 20 years.

"I used to eat due to anxiety and impulsivity," says Last, now a psychologist. That meant she had to focus on reducing the tension and stress that led to self-medicating with food, and to become more aware of what and where she was eating.

Once she did that, the weight loss kicked in. "Food is similar to smoking cigarettes, or using alcohol. It's a substance you use to try to cope with life. The better able you are to develop coping skills, the less you will rely on these kinds of substances to get through day to day life," she explains.

The book divides overeaters into five types: The Impulsive Eater, The Hedonist, The Stress

Reducer, The Avoider, and The Energizer.

The Hedonist, for example, is an outgoing person who uses food as a pleasure trip, savoring and devouring slowly. They tend to gain weight by consuming too many calories. Weight-loss treatment focuses on substituting lower-calorie, yet tasty foods, and working other enjoyable activities into their lives.

Last's plan includes a self-test to identify which eating type a reader is. The purpose is for readers to start making changes immediately — no sessions with a therapist required.

But there's one big no-no, no matter what type of overeater you are. "I ask you not to weigh yourself while you're learning the skills. The weight is the wrong focus," she warns. "If you eliminate why you overeat, the weight will drop off."



Chronic lateness frustrates all concerned

By Liz Stevens
N.Y. Times News Service

Every year on New Year's Eve, Austin landscaper Susan Cook and friends gather at a cabin on Lake Texoma to celebrate.

And nearly every year, at the stroke of midnight, Cook is driving down a dark road, toasting herself.

As usual, she's late.

It got to the point a few years ago that Cook's friends started placing bets on when she would arrive at the cabin. They put a sign-up sheet on the refrigerator, and "whoever was the closest to whenever I got there would win things like a night with Wayne Newton," she says.

Almost everyone knows someone like Cook: the type who's always 15 minutes late getting out the door, who misses the first scene of every movie, who keeps everyone from getting seated at the restaurant because the hostess refuses to seat a table until the "entire party is here."

Habitual lateness isn't just aggravating, it's a proclivity that dissolves friendships, plagues marriages and has cost stragglers fortunes. And getting over it isn't simply a matter of wearing a watch, researchers say.

"It's not (a matter of) time management," insists Dr. Joseph Ferrari, a social-personality psychologist at DePaul University in Chicago. "To tell (persistently tardy people) to just do it, is like saying to a clinically depressed person to just cheer up."

Ferrari, a leading researcher of procrastination, believes late people and procrastinators are, more often than not, one in the same. His studies have shown that 20 percent of the population consider themselves chronic procrastinators. Ferrari places them in two categories: arousal and avoiding.

Arousal procrastinators seek the thrill of rushing around at the last minute. Avoiders fear the task ahead of them. And we coddle both kinds, he believes.

"If you think about it, our culture encourages people to be procrastinators," says Ferrari. "We let you fax it, Fed-Ex it, E-mail it. We let people get away with it. Instead of being flexible, we've become spineless."

Dena Lewis grew up in a household where, when lunch was called for noon, family members wandered in anywhere between noon and 1 p.m. Today, she finds it impossible to be on time for almost anything, including work.

"I'm supposed to be here at 8:30 a.m.," says Lewis, public relations manager at the Fort Worth Zoo. "The saddest thing is I get up at 6 in the morning, and I'm still late. The more time I have, the more I piddle."

(Note to Lewis' boss: She swears she compensates by staying late at the office.)

Growing up, Lewis' friends took it in stride. Everyone knew she'd be late. "I'd love to change, because I know it drives people around me crazy," she says. "My poor husband..."

Spouses suffer their loved ones' belatedness perhaps more acutely than anyone else.

"Of all the little pet peeves that all married couples have, this is his biggest pet peeve with me," says Kelli Horst of her husband, Scott. "I can guarantee you, if it's something personal, I'll be 15 minutes late. Scott won't even take a shower until I am combing out my hair. It drives him nuts."

Horst, public relations director at Witherspoon in Fort Worth, manages to make it to work on time, which leads her husband to believe that if she really wanted to, she could be early all the time. "Basically I've gotten to the point now that the best thing I can do is let her know two hours in advance that deadline time is coming up," he explains.

"Also, I find scathing sarcasm works well."

It's not just a female thing, either. When Sarah Carstensen started dating Jerome Kramer a few years ago, Kramer was so reliably late

that "if he was picking me up at 8, I wouldn't start getting ready until 7:30," Carstensen says.

"I'm always trying to do 35 things, and there's usually only time to do 33," admits Kramer, a magazine editor in Chicago. "I always assume there's going to be just a little bit more time."

Kramer fits perfectly into Dr. Bill Knaus' definition of a "lateness procrastinator."

"Almost as a group, they underestimate the amount of time it's going to take to get to where they need to go," notes Knaus, psychologist and author of "Do It Now: Beat the Procrastination Habit," originally published in 1979 and revised most recently in 1998. "They start putting on their makeup about the same time they need to leave. And they're already thinking about what their excuse is going to be."

Those excuses are often "remarkably creative," Knaus says. "They typically swear they'll do better next time, but the next time comes, and they repeat the whole thing."

Janie Spicer once missed a friend's wedding reception because she just couldn't get out of the house. She was once asked to drop out of a weekly morning tennis game, because she consistently held up the start of the game. She says she's never missed an airplane, but her family begs to differ.

Her motto is, "On time is when I get there," and she lives by that. "I have a conception of time. She thinks she can do three times as much on any given day as there is time for."

"It's not intentional," says Spicer, who lives in Dallas. Still, "I know people who are so much worse than I am, and they don't get fussed at. But I do."

Habitually late people don't just threaten their relationships with others, they chip away at their own self-esteem, says Linda Sapadin, a Long Island, N.Y., psychologist and author of "It's About Time! The Six Styles of Procrastination and How to Overcome Them."

"It tends to affect your sense of being in charge of your own life," says Sapadin, who acknowledges that, for some people, time is a difficult concept to grasp.

"We're a very time-obsessed society," she says. "We have a lot of time obligations, and it is a rare person who can walk around without a watch and not look at it 20 times a day. ... We create very artificial rhythms that are OK for some and not for others."

Like latecomer Cook.

"Time doesn't exist, for starters," Cook claims. "It's a completely abstract construct (created by) a whole lot of people who have all come to the agreement that there's a certain time to do certain things and anyone who doesn't want to do it then is wicked."

Cook's lucky she has open-minded friends. Every year, they will stop the clock at 10 minutes to midnight and wait for her arrival.

"Which is just another example," she says, "of how time is irrelevant."

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PYROR-KING

ARLINGTON — Valerie Sue Pryor of Arlington and Darren Wayne King of Coppell were married 3 p.m. Jan. 16 at Arlington Christian Church. The Rev. Barry Cameron officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Sue Pryor of Arlington. Parents of the bridegroom are Jerry and Nancy King of Midland.

Brittini Arlington and Robin Atwood were attendants for the bride. The bridegroom was attended by Mark Hollon. Ushers were Jerry Laine King, Roc Garrett and Brad Arlington.

The bride attended Tarrant County Junior College and plans to attend the University of North Texas. Her husband attended West Texas A&M University and graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1982. He is employed with AT&T.

After a wedding cruise to the



Mrs. Darren Wayne King

Caribbean and Mexico, the couple lives in Coppell.

WOODRUFF-URIAS

Jennifer D. Woodruff of Midland became the bride of Asuncion G. Urias Jr., also of Midland, 1 p.m. Jan. 23 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Midland.

The bride is the daughter of William and Theresa Woodruff of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Asuncion and Cindarella Urias.

The bride's attendants were her sister, Barbara Woodruff, as well as Grace Reinberg, Amber Westfall, Lisa Urias, Tonya Simmons, Kesha Garner, Debbie Martinez, Monica Urias, Michel Ann Thompson, Katherine Thoroughman and Shelby Winn.

The bridegroom was attended by his brothers, Andy Urias and David Urias, as well as Nick Woodruff, brother of the bride; Gene Reinberg, Jason Flores, George Loera, Ken Woodruff Jr., Mark Granado, Greig Davis, Thomas Granado and Coltin



Mrs. Asuncion G. Urias Jr.

Urias. Ushers were Manny Dutchover and James Dutchover. The couple lives in Midland.

HERMAN-BRASWELL

Lezli Ann Herman of San Antonio became the bride of Anthony Winter Braswell, also of San Antonio, 7 p.m. Jan. 2 at First Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Charlie Dodd officiated.

Parents of the bride are James and Carol Herman of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Dan and Daisy Braswell of Colleyville.

Jamie Herman was honor attendant for her sister. The bride also was attended by Dana Farham, Stephanie Baugh, Stephanie Green, Melanie Miller, Cathryn Copeland, Rebekah Scivally, Melissa Carpenter, Katie Carpenter and Sarah Carpenter.

Dan Braswell served his son as honor attendant. Other attendants for the bridegroom were John Hadley, Kent Schmidt, James Wingo and Will Copeland. Wes Copeland was usher.

After a honeymoon at Winter



Mrs. Anthony Winter Braswell

Park, Colo., the couple lives in San Antonio.

FOX-GIBSON

OAK GROVE, Mo. — Trina Fox and former Midlander Brian Gibson, both of Irving, were married Jan. 2 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Oak Grove. The Rev. Paul Wengert officiated.

Parents of the bride are John and Mary Barnhill of Oak Grove. The bridegroom is the son of Charles and Vickie Gibson of Midland, Texas.

The bride was attended by her sister, Danielle Barnhill, and by Miya Barr. Brent Ramsey was attendant for the bridegroom. Ushers were Brad Gibson, brother of the bridegroom, and John Barnhill Jr., brother of the bride.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Marshall (Mo.) High School. She attended the University of Missouri-Rolla and is employed with Doubletree Hotels in Irving. Her husband graduated from Lee High School in 1993 and from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1998.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Gibson

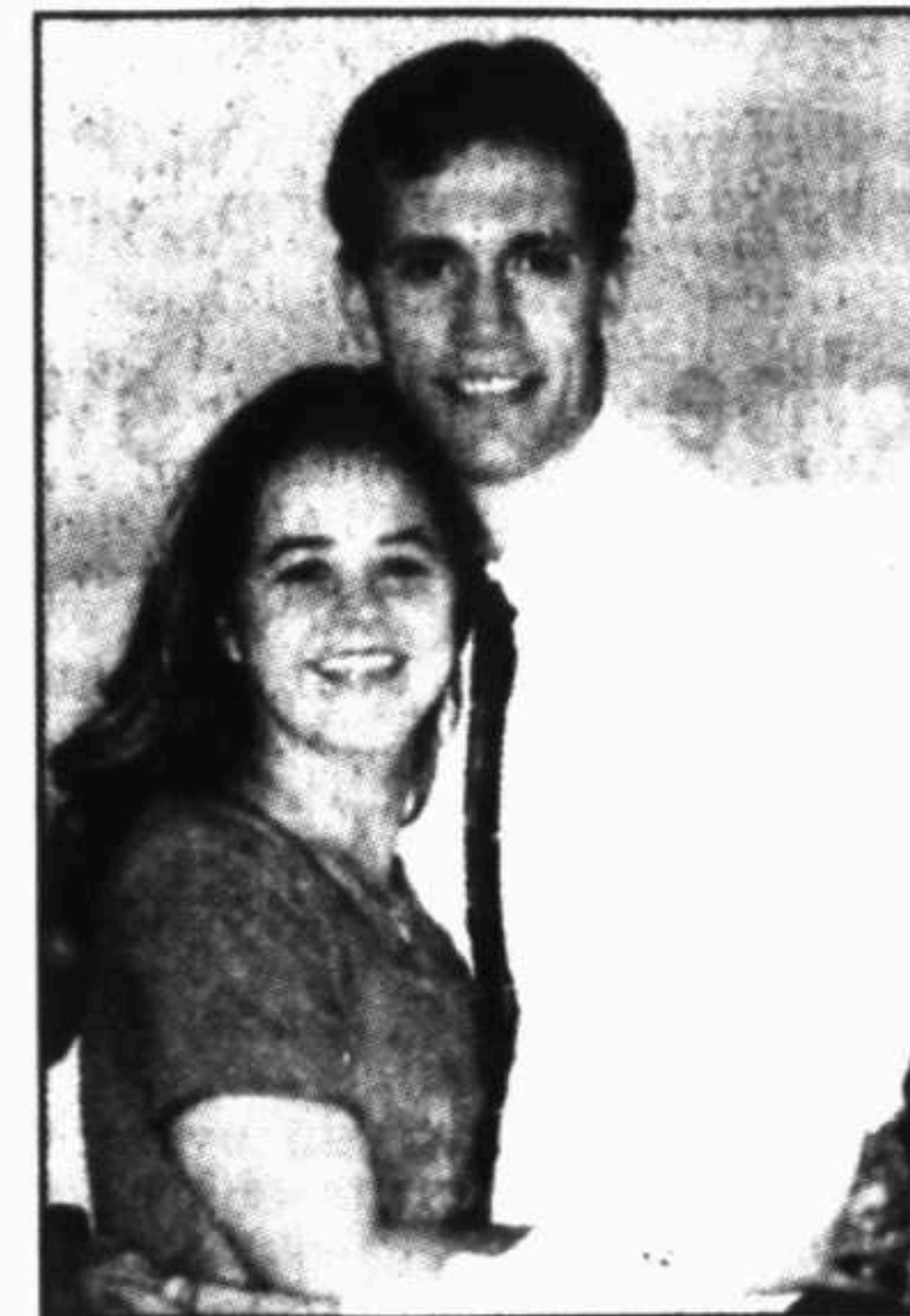
with a degree in chemical engineering. He is employed with the Summit Group in Irving.

GILLAND-MARTIN

BOUNTIFUL, Utah — Former Midlander Jennifer Kim Gilland of Layton and Jared Chesley Martin of Bountiful were married 3:15 p.m. Dec. 19 at Bountiful Latter-day Saints Temple.

The bride is the daughter of James K. and Kimberley Gilland of Layton. Parents of the bridegroom are Chesley and Judy Martin of Bountiful.

The bride attended Goddard Junior High School in Midland and graduated in 1996 from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, Iowa. She attended Weber State University in Ogden, and is employed with Ogden School District where she coaches elite gymnastics, and is a diving instructor at Clearfield Pool. Her husband is a 1994 graduate of Viewmont High School in Bountiful and is a pre-med student at Weber State University. He served a 26-month mission for the LDS Church in Tokyo in 1995-96. He is employed



Mr. and Mrs. Jared Chesley Martin

with AutoSimulations Inc. After honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nev., the couple lives in Ogden.

ANAYA-GARZA

Deanna Kay Anaya of Midland became the bride of Abel R. Garza Jr. of Lamesa 6 p.m. Dec. 12 at the home of Paul and Christy Garza in Midland. Justice of the Peace David M. Cobos officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Adan Anaya of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Armando Gutierrez of Andrews.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Garza Sr. of Lamesa.

The couple's honor attendants were Paul Garza, brother of the bridegroom, and Christy Garza.

The bride, a graduate of Andrews High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Texas Tech University in 1998. She is a registered nurse with Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Her husband graduated from Lamesa High School and attended South Plains College in Levelland. He is a self-employed mechanic.



Mr. and Mrs. Abel R. Garza Jr.

The couple plans to honeymoon in San Antonio in March. They live in Midland.

SALTILL-CHOAT

Rebecca Jean Saltill of Midland became the bride of Curtis Allen Choat, also of Midland, 7 p.m. Dec. 19 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Robert Cook officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Saltill of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Choat of Midland.

Honor attendants for the bride were her sister, Stephanie Cook, and Abigail Miranda. Her other attendants were Veronica Trowbridge, Leticia Trowbridge, Denise McKinney and Lori Barrera.

Joe Eric Rivera was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by his brother, Craig Choat, and Alan Cope, Cole Trowbridge, Brian Trowbridge and Jayson Hook. Ushers were Chris McKinney and Eric Hook.

The bride is a student Midland College and plans to earn a business degree from the University of Texas at Arlington. She is employed with TesTank Inc. Her



Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Allen Choat

husband is attending MC and is EMT certified. He is employed with Southern Ambulance.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple lives in Midland.

SELBY-MUSGROVE

LIVE OAK, Fla. — Former Midlander Sarah Ruth Selby and Eric Lavon Musgrove of Live Oak were married 2 p.m. Dec. 19 at Live Oak Church of Christ. Brooks Boyd of Lake City and Gary Selby of Ephrata, Wash., father of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary N. Selby of Ephrata. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. DeWayne Davis of Midland, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Daryl N. Selby. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Musgrove Jr. of Live Oak, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gleene Harrell and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Musgrove Sr. of Live Oak.

Honor attendants for the bride were her sisters, Mrs. Troy Tydingco and Mrs. Keith Gentry. Her other attendants were Shannon Musgrove, sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. David Waters, Melissa Webb, Monica Teske, Lindsay Michal and Meagan Teske.

Wayne Musgrove Jr. was honor



Mrs. Eric Lavon Musgrove

attendant for his son, who also was attended by Gary Selby Jr., David Waters, Ben Thompson and Marcus Teske. Ushers were Troy Tydingco and Keith Gentry.

Electric food mixers need regular maintenance too

Associated Press

If you use a mixer just for whipping cream and beating eggs, a handheld type is fine. In fact, some of the powerful new models on the market can handle more ambitious tasks, such as mixing light cookie dough and mashing potatoes.

But more demanding tasks, such as kneading bread dough require a heavy-duty electric pedestal model.

The beaters of a handheld mixer are spun by two drive gears (often nylon) turning in opposite directions. These gears connect to a metal worm gear that is driven by a motor. The drive gears are arranged so that they prevent the beaters from colliding as they spin past each other.

Some pedestal mixers have the same type of gearing as handheld mixers. Other models have a planetary gear system in which drive gears spin a single beater while planetary gears move the beater around in a circle inside the bowl.

Mixer speed is usually regulated by either a speed control or a governor. If a mixer has numerous wires running between the motor and the multispeed switch, and click when the speed is changed, it has speed control. Otherwise, a governor or (in electronic mixers) a circuit board regulates the speed.

Here are some use and care tips for electric mixers:

- Turn the speed selector

switch to Off before unplugging the mixer.

- Unplug the mixer before inserting or removing beaters or any other attachments, and before cleaning.

■ Wash beaters and bowls by hand or in the dishwasher. Wipe the housing with a damp cloth; never immerse the housing in water. Clean specialty attachments after every use.

■ Clogged air vents on motor housings can cause a mixer to overheat. Clean out grime with a pipe cleaner, then use a vacuum cleaner to remove dust and loose debris.

■ Keep hands and utensils away from beaters during operation. Never leave a pedestal mixer unattended during operation.

■ If it is difficult to remove the beaters from the mixer, put a drop of cooking oil into the slots where they slide into the machine.

Check, too, to make sure the beaters are in their proper slots.

■ On nonplanetary-type pedestal mixers, dough hooks and beaters are not interchangeable. Each type must be inserted into its designated socket. An attachment should snap easily into its socket — never try to force it into place. If you feel resistance, pull out the attachment, give it a quarter turn, and reinsert it.

■ To straighten a bent beater blade, lay the damaged portion on a cutting board and press on it with the bottom of a teaspoon.

■ Is the pedestal mixer's bowl not turning? Swing up or lift off the top housing. Adjust the beater height by turning the screw on the pedestal's top (or housing's bottom). The beaters should just clear the bowl by a sixteenth-inch. But if one beater has a nylon button on the bottom, the button should just touch the bowl.

■ Nonplanetary mixers may have a rotating base mounted on bearings. If the bowl on such a mixer doesn't turn properly, the turntable may be jammed. Remove and clean the base and the bearings. Some mixers may have gear- or belt-driven bowls. Check the turning mechanism for wear or damage. Lubricate according to the manufacturer's instructions, and replace the belt as needed.

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CLUB NEWS

XI ALPHA MU CHAPTER, BSP

Xi Alpha Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Charlie Mathews. Lee Ann Carter was co-hostess. Ms. Mathews gave a program on making snowmen out of socks. Spring dance plans, progressive dinner and social with Xi Epsilon Epsilon chapter were discussed. Members brought baby items and clothing for the Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children.

Members met at Cattle Baron's for dinner, followed by a tour of the Christmas lights. New Year's Eve party was at the home of Ms. Mathews.

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS

Permian Basin chapter, Poetry Society of Texas, met at the Presidential Museum in Odessa. Linda Robinson presided. 14 members attended. Doris Duncan read the opening poem, "Night Falls," from "A Night Without Armor" by Jewel Kilcher. Members discussed writing and sharing poems each month and a poetry/cookbook fund raiser. Pat Peek discussed student contests and distributed lists to each member. Karen Pape and Eileen Wilks lead a critiquing session on members' poems.

PROGRESSIVE STUDY CLUB

Progressive Study Club met at the Woman's Club with 21 members attending. Jana Marshall was a guest. Em Carnett introduced Dorothy Perkins, who gave a slide program on the Gleason Plantation of Skowhegan, Mass., which has been in Ms. Perkins' family since 1849. Jenna Welch, June Pettis and Ruby Caffrey were hostesses. Mary White presided.

COLONIAL DAMES, XVII CENTURY

Dr. John Woodson chapter of Colonial Dames of the XVII Century met at the home of Rebecca Bell. Mrs. Jerry V. Atkinson presided. Program on "Early Rebellions in Maryland and North Carolina" was presented by Mrs. Bruce T. Pearson. Mrs. Merwin H. Haag, Mrs. Clem E. George and Mrs. Pearson were elected to the nominating committee to elect officers. National conference and 61st state conference were discussed. Mrs. Frank A. Bell was co-hostess.

EN AMIE REVIEW CLUB

En Amie Review Club met for lunch and program at Green Tree Country Club. Cy DeBoer gave a program on the writing and publishing of her book, "Take A Woman's Word For It." Hostesses were Mildred Purvis, chairman; Evelyn Minear, Theta Redding and Augusta Richey. Guests were Jenelle Mitchell and Louise Rahn.

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International Club met at First United Methodist Church with Francine Weaver presiding. Finance committee, chaired by Mary Gillam, was in charge. Ms. Gillam led the Pledge of Allegiance and the club invocation. Caroline Keisling gave the club accent. Betty McMullan reported on plans for the Lucy Mashburn Woman of the Year awards dinner; Jan Moore discussed assisting a limited number of Midland College students with tuition, and donating to the Jimmy Carter Work Project '99 international relief effort for Habitat for Humanity. Ruth and Bob Price will participate, working in Manila. Jean Reid distributed subscription forms for Lifeglow magazine for residents of Rockwood Manor, which the club has adopted (chairman is Ruth Davis).

LT. BREWER CHAPTER, DAR

Lt. William Brewer chapter, National Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the Woman's Club. Dorothy Perkins gave a program on "An 1836 New England Homestead." Hostesses were Mrs. Charles McKenney, Mrs. John Hord, Mrs. J. Evetts Haley and Mrs. John Barbe.

Walk in comfort

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Finally, here come fashionable shoes designed to be comfortable. The innovation combines the technology of athletic shoes with the styling of dress shoes. Molded bottoms of rubberized synthetic materials that conform to the contours of the foot are combined with uppers of leather or fabric, resulting in shoes that are dressy enough to be worn at the office, and maybe even out to dinner.

Bloomingdale's has fabric-upper Mary Janes by Report and David Aaron; skimmers with leather uppers by BCBG and Donna Karan; and leather loafers by CK Calvin Klein and Stephane Kelian. Prada's ergonomic styles include scuba booties, Mary Janes, moccasins, penny loafers and slides. Neiman Marcus has all the Prada shoes, as well as slides by Donna Karan and Gucci and a sportier lug-soled sandal by Chanel.



Ballet Folklorico of Midland dancers, are: boys, from left, Victor Aguilera, Orlando Aguilera, Jonathan Aguilera and Ricky Garcia. Girls, from left, are Jennifer Aguilera, Andreina Meraz and Sylvia Aguilera.

Woman's Club benefit planned

Staff Reports

Midland Woman's Club will host its Fiesta Mexican Dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Mexican dinner will be served. Co-chairmen are Helen Tinnin and Paula Cox.

Ballet Folklorico of Midland will provide a program of traditional Mexican music and dancing. Founded in 1984 by Dora F. Zepeda as a way of creating a summer activity for school-aged children, the group — under the instruction of Maria Garcia — will be dressed in authentic costumes that help present Mexican history. Decorations will be from Mari's Imports.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased from members of the board of directors, or by calling 694-5583, 683-2970 or 689-7467.



Dora F. Zepeda

Rocky Road recipe makes sweet, easy candy

By Marcia Langhenry
N.Y. Times News Service

This recipe for Rocky Road Candy came the back of a 1982 package of Borden's chocolate chips. Spread the candy in a rectangular pan, and then cut it into squares, or drop it from a teaspoon into irregular shapes.

Either way is very easy, and very sweet.

BORDEN'S ROCKY ROAD CANDY

1 (12-ounce) package semisweet

chocolate chips

1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
2 cups dry roasted peanuts
1 (10-1/2-ounce) package miniature marshmallows

Line a 9x13-inch pan with wax paper and set aside.

In heavy saucepan over low heat, melt chocolate chips with sweetened condensed milk and margarine; remove from heat.

In large bowl, combine nuts and marshmallows; fold in melted

chocolate mixture.

Spread in prepared pan. Chill 2 hours or until firm.

Remove from pan, peel off wax paper and cut candy into squares. Cover and store at room temperature.

NOTE: If you prefer, drop mixture from a teaspoon onto wax paper-lined baking sheets.

Nutrition information per piece: 146 calories, 3 grams protein, 8 grams fat (percent calories from fat, 49), 18 grams carbohydrates, 3 milligrams cholesterol, 55 milligrams sodium, 1 gram fiber.

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for Jan. 4-10.

MONDAY

NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Ricki Perry, Tommie Strack
2. Marie Morris, Bob Baker
3. B. J. Filley, Herb Wales
EAST-WEST:
1. Marilyn Matthews, Lyle Kinsey
2. Kathryn Gesell, Joe Salman
3. Nancy Harris, Helen Wise

TUESDAY

1. Lib French, Jerry Williamson
2. Dorothy Lloyd, Ann Servatius
3. Sandra Rea, Jimmie Penn
4. Corrinne Recer, Mildred Stuart

WEDNESDAY

NORTH-SOUTH:
FLIGHT A:
1. Leonora Slusher, R. J. Englert
2. Charles Grimes, Herb Wales
3. Sue Gardiner, Marie Morris
FLIGHT B:
1. Herb Wales, Charles Grimes
2. Sue Conner, Billie Ruppe
3. Babe Griffin, Joe Brittain
EAST-WEST:
FLIGHT A:
1. Sandra Rhodes, Buf Slay
2. Norma James, James Simpson
3. Flo Curry, Betty Reeves

THURSDAY

1. Norma James, Eleanor Kinberlin
2. Snookye Howard, Betty Marlow
3. Dottie Fox, Bonnie Hubbard
4. Bitsy Loewenstein, Betty Moudy

FRIDAY

1. Marianne and Buf Slay
2. Wyoma Whitlow, Janet Stoltz
3. Nancy Liberty, Frances Mills
4. Jerry Williamson, Ricki Perry
SATURDAY
1. Betty Reeves, Gloria Crites
2. Peggy Cook, James Simpson
3. Becky and Lyle Kinsey
4. Deborah Brookins, R. J. Englert

SUNDAY

1. Mary Hammond, Marie Morris
2. Deborah Brookins, R. J. Englert
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
4. Corrinne Recer, Mildred Stuart

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95 Ford Mark VIII \$303/MO Rear Air, Power Windows, Tilt/Steering, Cassette \$14,995	98 Honda Civic EX \$303/MO 19K Miles, Air, Sunroof \$14,999	97 Chrysler Sebring LXI \$343/MO Power Seats, CD Player, Sunroof, Leather \$16,995	97 Chevy 1500 \$343/MO Automatic, Tilt/Steering, Cassette \$16,995
98 Chevy Monte Carlo \$364/MO 15K Miles, 180 HP, Power Windows, CD Player, Sunroof \$17,995	98 Ford Windstar \$364/MO V-6, Rear Air, Power Windows, Tilt/Steering, Cassette \$17,995	97 GMC Jimmy \$364/MO 8-Cylinder, Automatic, Tilt/Steering, Cassette \$17,995	97 Chevy Camaro Z28 \$385/MO 15K Miles, Power Windows, Tilt/Steering, Cassette \$18,995
96 Chevy Camaro Conv. \$385/MO Automatic, Power Windows, Tilt/Steering, Cassette \$18,995	97 Ford Explorer XLT \$405/MO Power Windows, Tilt/Steering, Cassette \$19,995	98 Ford F-150 Power Windows, Tilt/Steering, Cassette \$20,495	98 Plym. Gr. Voyager SE V-6, Rear Air, Tilt/Steering, Cassette \$20,995
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TRAVEL

For good snow, terrain, skiers flock to West Virginia

By Brett Martel

SNOWSHOE, W. Va. (AP) — West Virginia's ski industry appeared out of thin air — so to speak — just 30 or so years ago. A pair of Washington, D.C. pilots who flew a route over the remote mountains of Tucker County were drawn to the healthy snow cover there, or so the story goes.

Removing the tires from a car, they constructed a makeshift rope tow and made what is now Canaan Valley resort a new destination for their ski club.

"They called it Little Tuckerman's," after the legendary Tuckerman's Ravine atop New Hampshire's Mount Washington, says Steve Drumheller, a Canaan Valley spokesman.

West Virginia, considered by many a part of the Southeast, generally doesn't conjure up images of a winter wonderland.

In much of the state, that's for good reason.

But West Virginia's eastern mountains, which climb above 4,000 feet and average 150 inches of natural snow a year, have become home to four established ski resorts — Snowshoe, Timberline, Canaan Valley and Winterplace. They offer the best skiing within a day's drive of about 75 million people, says Joe Stevens of Snowshoe Mountain.

People tend to assume West Virginia doesn't get snow because they're thinking in terms of geography instead of elevation, said Barbara Harmon, a spokeswoman for Timberline. "We have people coming down here from places like Ohio and they say, 'This is great. You guys really do get snow,'" she said.

In addition, all four mountains can cover nearly all of their terrain with snowmaking. They also use additives that make the snow more resistant to melting, which allows for a season that usually spans from the first weekend in December to the second week in April.

Snowshoe is owned by resort giant Intrawest Corp., a company that spares no expense and whose empire includes Whistler, British Columbia, and Mammoth, Calif.

With an elevation of 4,848 feet and a vertical rise of 1,500 feet, Snowshoe is West Virginia's largest ski mountain and contains two ski areas. One ticket is good for both, and a shuttle runs between them from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Both have slopeside dining, nightlife, shopping and lodging in condominium-style units or hotels. And Silvercreek, the smaller area, offers night skiing and a snowboard park.

Lift service on the Snowshoe area includes two high-speed quad chairlifts that run from the base to the summit. One of the high-speed lifts services the mountain's two longest and most difficult runs, Cup Run and Shays Revenge.

A few challenging headwalls tend to fill up with moguls and likely would maintain the interest of most skiers. The rest of the mountain's 56 runs offer ample terrain for both novice and intermediate skiers.



Skiers make their way down a run at Timberline Four Seasons Resort in Davis, W. Va. Timberline is one of four ski resorts in the state.

Nordic skiing also is an option nearby at the Elk River cross-country ski area, which features 50 kilometers (31 miles) of trails, 25 of which are machine groomed.

To the north of Snowshoe, about a two-hour drive away, are Canaan Valley and Timberline, which are independent from one another but just a couple of miles apart.

Canaan (pronounced kuh NANE'), a state-owned resort now in its 26th year of operation, rises to 4,280 feet above sea level and has a vertical drop of about 850 feet. It has 34 runs, three chairlifts, a terrain park for snowboarders and a snowtubing park. Three-quarters of its terrain is for novice or intermediate skiers, and lighted runs allow for night skiing.

Canaan has no slopeside lodging. Closest is the Canaan Valley State Park lodge, about a two-minute drive from the ski area's base lodge. Lodge guests either can drive themselves to the ski slopes or take a shuttle that runs every 15 minutes.

Additional lodging is found nine miles away in the

town of Davis or at Blackwater Falls State Park.

Slopeside condominiums and ski chalets are available at nearby Timberline, which opened in 1983 and is owned by a Philadelphia family.

Timberline, with an elevation of 4,268 feet and a vertical drop of 1,000 feet, has terrain that rivals some of Snowshoe's toughest runs in difficulty, although not in length. More than a third of its trails are rated most difficult and one run, called The Drop, features the mountain's best moguls. The other two-thirds of Timberline's slopes, most of which are lighted for night skiing, are divided evenly between beginner and intermediate runs. Timberline is serviced by three lifts and also has a halfpipe for snowboarders.

Timberline embraces telemark skiing, hosting a Classic Telemark Series event in February. It also maintains 17 kilometers (10.6 miles) of cross-country trails that connect to White Grass, a separate nordic area with 50 kilometers of trails, 25 of which are groomed.

Winterplace, which rises to 3,600 feet above sea lev-

If you go:

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SNOWSHOE

All day mid-season lift tickets: Holidays and weekends (8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.): \$44 adult, \$29 junior. Weekdays non-holiday (8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.): \$38 adult, \$26 junior.

Lift service: 7 triple chairs, 4 quads (2 high speed), 1 tube tow.

Terrain: 56 slopes covering 1,500 vertical feet.

Snowmaking: 100 percent.

CANAAN VALLEY

All day mid-season lift tickets: Holidays and weekends (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.): \$39 adult, \$20 junior. Weekdays non-holiday (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.): \$29 adult, \$20 junior.

Lift service: 1 quad, 2 triple chairs.

Terrain: 34 slopes covering 850 vertical feet.

Snowmaking: 85 percent.

TIMBERLINE

All day mid-season lift tickets: Holidays and weekends (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.): \$46 adult, \$32 junior. Thu.-Fri. non-holiday (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.): \$36 adult, \$24 junior. Mon.-Wed. non-holiday (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.): \$29 adult, \$22 junior.

Lift service: 1 triple chair, 2 double lifts.

Terrain: 35 slopes covering 1,000 vertical feet.

Snowmaking: 94 percent.

WINTERPLACE

All day mid-season lift tickets: Holidays and weekends (8 a.m. to 10 p.m.): \$43 adult, \$31 junior. Weekdays non-holiday (9 a.m. to 10 p.m.): \$30 adult, \$21 junior.

Lift service: 2 quads, 3 triple chairs, 2 double lifts, 2 surface lifts.

Terrain: 27 slopes covering 603 vertical feet.

Snowmaking: 100 percent.

el, is the smallest of West Virginia's ski areas but also the most accessible, just a few minutes off Interstate 77 south of Beckley.

Its location lends it to day skiing for those who live anywhere from the Carolinas to eastern Kentucky. Winterplace features slopeside condominiums and hotels nearby. With a vertical drop of 603 feet, Winterplace's few challenging runs are short. But its novice runs offer more sustained skiing.

Winterplace's snowmaking is unrivaled in the Southeast for a mountain of its size, and with seven chairlifts and lights keeping the slopes open until 10 p.m., skiers and snowboarders can pack dozens of runs into a day. It also offers snowtubing and has convenient base and rental facilities.

Books help visitors explore 'The Big Easy'

By Karen Schwartz
Associated Press

Mardi Gras is a few weeks away and thousands will flock to New Orleans for the Carnival. If you plan to be among the revelers, here are a couple of books that may help you with your plans.

"Randolph Delehanty's Ultimate Guide to New Orleans," by Randolph Delehanty.

This book provides a dozen tours that cover the architectural and cultural history of New Orleans.

While some of the tours take a traveler to places that are well known — a walking tour of parts of the French Quarter for instance — others are more adventurous: a car tour of early jazz sites, an outing to the city's cemeteries.

Itineraries also are provided for the Riverfront, the business district, the arts district, the garden district, Magazine St.,

Esplanade Ridge, St. Charles Ave. and some of the plantations that are open to the public.

Each of these chapters begins with a black-and-white map that has points-of-interest denoted by numbers that correspond to numbers in the text. Addresses, hours and phone number are provided for most sites.

Sections on special interests include information for African-Americans, Jews and gay travelers. Also covered are house design, gardens, families, cooking and voodoo.

Other chapters deal with practical information — weather, tourist information and navigating the city. The book gives the best times to visit the places that Delehanty recommends, and lists some suggested restaurants.

This is an enjoyable book, with a writing style that is light and whimsical, like this passage, which cautions against renting a

car: "While spontaneity and improvisation make for great jazz, the same qualities make for surreal drivers."

"Romantic Days and Nights in New Orleans," by Constance and Kenneth Snow.

Looking for a way to escape? This book is subtitled: "Intimate Escapes in the Big Easy," and provides 29 romantic venues to enjoy.

The book is divided into sections: overindulgences, soul mates, native charms, folies a deux, bon temps and road trips.

Where Delehanty's book is sophisticated, this one is slightly corny. The chapter on overindulgences, for instance, begins: "Of

course, one cannot simply travel by taxi or public bus," and recommends renting a limousine.

Other chapters are more down-to-earth, and easier on the wallet, but still appear to be written for the star-struck. There are countless references to movies, from "Gone With the Wind" to "Pretty Baby."

The getaways vary from one afternoon to 10 nights and include recommendations for accommodation, sites, shops and restaurants. Phone numbers are provided for most sites, as are addresses. Sidebars provide interesting anecdotes on various topics, from romantic proposals to wedding disasters.

Will Olympic scandal affect tourism?

By Edwin McDowell
N.Y. Times News Service

The scandal over reports of bribery involving the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City is creating concern that the expected 50,000 additional visitors a day might not show up, either out of disgust with the process used to land the Olympics or because diminished sponsorship might result in fewer events surrounding

the Games.

Any significant drop in visitors would affect hotels, restaurants and much else, including the State of Utah, which had projected an extra \$19 million in tax revenues.

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Top photo, Vince Davis of Mesa, Ariz., member of the Hopi tribe, performs during the World Hop Dance Championships Feb. 3, 1996, at the Heard Museum in downtown Phoenix. The museum is internationally famous for its collection of Native American artifacts and art, and hosts events such as the dance competition. Center photo, Karan Cook of Phoenix and her son Justin, who is sitting on top of a decorative concrete baseball in front of Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix, wait for the start of the inaugural baseball game on March 31, 1998. The Arizona Diamondbacks played the Colorado Rockies. Phoenix is one of the few cities that is home to teams in four major sports — football, baseball, basketball and hockey. Bottom photo, Joel Berger makes his daily hike down the trail from the top of Squaw Peak in Phoenix on July 6, 1998. The mountains that ring Phoenix have been designated a desert mountain preserve.



By Jerry Nachtigal

PHOENIX (AP) — Phoenix once had a reputation as Miami West, a refuge for old folks who hauled their aching joints off to suburban Sun City to retire in the warm sun and play golf and shuffleboard.

Seniors and warmth-seeking Northerners still flock here every winter to soak up the sun, pumping more than \$1 billion into the economy. But Phoenix is much more than just your grandparents' retirement home.

Phoenix, population 1.2 million, has quietly grown into the nation's sixth-largest city. Nearly 3 million people live in what locals refer to as the Valley, short for Valley of the Sun, and tens of thousands of newcomers are pouring in every year with no end in sight.

The big draw is plentiful jobs. Phoenix fancies itself a Silicon Desert, with the likes of Motorola Inc., Intel Corp., AlliedSignal Corp. and other high-tech companies employing about 100,000 workers.

Sports is a big attraction here. Phoenix is one of a few cities with every major professional sport — baseball (Arizona Diamondbacks), football (Arizona Cardinals), hockey (Phoenix Coyotes) and basketball (Phoenix Suns).

There's also the WNBA, Arizona Rattlers arena football team and minor league hockey. Phoenix International Raceway revs up with NASCAR, Sprint car and Indy car action.

Long-suffering Chicago Cubs fans congregate at Hohokam Park in Mesa every spring to dream of a pennant. Six other major league baseball teams also have their spring training camps around the Valley, and Arizona State University in Tempe offers top-level collegiate sporting events.

Phoenix isn't on a cultural par with, say, a Boston or Minneapolis, but it's no longer a backwater either.

"When I moved here 12 years ago, there really wasn't a lot to do," says Dave Fox, chief operating officer of a Scottsdale health-care company. "But Phoenix has grown up a lot and become a more cosmopolitan city."

Phoenix has a symphony orchestra, decent theater, opera, ballet, the Heard Museum — renowned for its collections of American Indian artworks — a spiffy science center and one of the country's better zoos.

Suburban Scottsdale, renowned for its resorts, restaurants and entertainment, offers a shopper's paradise with the Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall. The newly expanded mall is anchored by a long-awaited Nordstrom store.

And the cactus-studded desert offers endless recreation opportunities, from golfing on one of 180 courses to hiking Camelback Mountain or Squaw Peak, two craggy fixtures of the city skyline. Still, most tourists come here simply to enjoy the ever-present sun: Phoenix basks in more than 300 days of sunshine annually. The city receives only 7 inches of rain a year, so weather isn't usually a factor when planning a golf outing or picnic.

In a city where the weather seldom changes, it's amazing how the topic can dominate conversation. Folks here chortle at dismal winter scenes on television — blizzards burying the Midwest and

Phoenix 'must sees:'

Associated Press

DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN: Considered a must-see for anyone who wants to view and learn about the dizzying array of cacti and other plants that make the Sonoran Desert so unusual. Call (602) 944-1225.

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HIKING: The mountains that ring Phoenix have been designated a desert mountain preserve, complete with trails and picnic areas. The largest is South Mountain Park, which at 16,500 acres is the world's largest city park. Camelback Mountain and Squaw Peak also offer aerobic hikes.

GOLF: Phoenix boasts 180 golf courses and is host to a number of PGA and LPGA events. The Phoenix Open each January offers golf's biggest party, attracting 400,000 beer-swilling spectators to Tournament Players Club in Scottsdale. But visitors should be forewarned: greens fees skyrocket in the prime winter visitor season, in some cases to \$150 a round. Locals return to the courses in the summertime, when the mercury rises and fees plummet.

RAWHIDE 1880s WESTERN TOWN: Sorry, you won't see stage-coaches rolling down the streets of Phoenix. But you'll find them at Rawhide, a recreation of an Old West town complete with cowboy gunfights, rides, a petting ranch and museum. (602) 502-1886.

East, cars sliding off icy highways — while burgers sizzle on the backyard grill, next to the omnipresent swimming pool, as the sun sets in gorgeous purple-orange shades above jagged mountain peaks.

The Phoenix area is home to an abundance of luxurious resorts and spas, including the Arizona Biltmore (every president since Eisenhower has played the Biltmore's neatly laid out Adobe Golf Course), the Phoenixian, The Boulders, Camelback Inn, Scottsdale Princess and Hyatt Regency Gainey Ranch.

But there are plenty of less-costly accommodations, too, thanks to a wave of new chain motels that has resulted in a glut of rooms.

When it comes to food, Phoenix offers a dizzying array of dining possibilities. Of course, Mexican food is a staple here, with chain and family-run restaurants serving up warm tortilla chips, spicy salsa and plates of tacos and enchiladas to be washed down with an icy margarita.

But the city's galloping growth has brought more sophisticated appetites as well. Witness the seared Chilean sea bass with shrimp pot stickers and crisp chicken in a spicy crayfish broth on the menu at The Latilla, a restaurant at The Boulders resort.

"People associate us with Latin American influences, like Mexican food, but you're also going to find everything from classic French to cajun to seafood," says Darren Leite, president of the Scottsdale Culinary Institute. He advises visitors wondering where to eat to consult dining guides found in hotels and resorts, check with the concierge, read newspaper restaurant reviews or simply ask a local resident for advice.

Phoenix is a transient city, in large part because it is headquar-

ters to only a handful of large corporations. Realtors and moving companies do a thriving business because for every three people who move in, two move out.

The Phoenix housing market, like the weather, is sizzling. The city set a record in 1998 when more than 90,000 new and existing homes were sold.

"Times are good," says Scott Jarson, an agent with Realty Executives. "Homes are being snapped up hours, even minutes, after a sign goes up or they get listed on the computer."

But housing remains affordable, compared with many parts of the country. A four-bedroom home with a pool in the suburbs can be had for \$180,000, while new three-bedroom homes without pools in the far Western suburbs start at \$90,000.

The Goldwaters were once Phoenix's most prominent family. Today, the most prominent Phoenixian is Jerry Colangelo, who perhaps yields more power than any other public figure in town.

Colangelo put the city on the sports map when he brought the NBA's Phoenix Suns to town three decades ago, and he was influential in getting a sales tax enacted without a public vote — which still riles many folks — to help build Bank One Ballpark for his Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team.

The new stadium is a marvel, with real grass and a roof that seals shut on hot days, and it's helped infuse life in a downtown that used to roll up the sidewalks when the workday ended at 5 p.m.

Plenty of celebrities call Phoenix home and are occasionally spotted about town: Shock-rocker Alice Cooper, who lent his name to the new AliceCooperstown rib joint near Bank One Ballpark; Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks; singer Glen Campbell, Cooper's golfing buddy; broadcaster Paul Harvey; actor Leslie Nielsen; basketball's Charles Barkley; "Family Circus" cartoonist Bill Keane, and baseball Hall of Famers Robin Yount, Harmon Killebrew and Joe Garagiola.

Arizona politicians are notorious for making national news — often for the wrong reasons. Two governors have been evicted from the Capitol southwest of downtown in the past decade because of scandal. Built in 1901 — 11 years before Arizona became a state — the Capitol is undergoing a \$1.6 million restoration in preparation for its centennial in 2001.

The building, topped with a striking copper-colored dome, primarily serves as a museum, with the governor's office and other agencies headquartered in an adjoining high-rise. Exhibits in the Capitol include relics from the USS Arizona, a Roughrider flag from the Spanish-American War and a display on newspapers in Arizona. Public tours are conducted daily.

One travel guide describes Phoenix as a "sprawling mess" best avoided in favor of Tucson, which some critics claim boasts better Spanish architecture and a less hectic pace. There is no doubt Phoenix is a poster child for the ills of urban growth; incredibly, the city's sprawl exceeds that of Los Angeles, granddaddy of them all.

Cars rule; votes to improve mass transit fail repeatedly. Visitors who want to explore the area should definitely plan on renting a car — and being patient.

It can take two hours on busy freeways to go from one end of the metro area to the other. And Phoenix has a host of other big-city problems, including air pollution that is particularly nasty in winter, and crime (the city averages about 200 homicides a year).

But despite the drawbacks, many residents would never consider living anywhere else. Especially in the spring, when the days are sunny and warm, orange and grapefruit blossoms set and the night air becomes thick with a heady perfume.

"You can't beat the weather," says Mike Crain of Phoenix, who moved here 20 years ago to go to college and never left. "The quality of life is good. Neighborhoods are good, the schools are good and there's lots of sporting events to go to."

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Teaching Excellence Awards

Midland College faculty recognize outstanding peers in annual ceremony

Veterinary Technology Director Dr. Kerry Coombs and Respiratory Therapy Instructor Bob Weidmann were named the recipients of Midland College's annual Teaching Excellence Awards in ceremonies Jan. 14.

The Teaching Excellence Awards honor two outstanding faculty members from Midland College each year. The award carries with it a cash honorarium, an individual plaque and a permanent listing on another plaque displayed in the Administration Building.

"At Midland College, we take pride in our excellent faculty members and their commitment to students," Associate Vice President of Instruction Dr. Stan Jacobs said.

"We are pleased to be able to honor these two people because they are exemplary of the high standards of the teaching faculty at Midland College," he said.

Coombs joined the faculty as Veterinary Technology director in 1994. He earned a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Colorado State University.

In describing Coombs' relationship with his students, a Midland College administrator



Dr. Kerry Coombs (second from left) and Bob Weidmann (third from left) were named recipients of MC's annual teaching excellence awards. Leanne Jamison (left) and Billy Feeler (right) also were recognized during the awards ceremony. Not pictured is Clara King.

said: "When I think of Kerry Coombs, several adjectives come to mind: caring, enthusiastic, professional and dedicated. Kerry is an excellent teacher because he genuinely cares about his students. . . . What a tribute to be described by your students as 'the best.'"

Weidmann, who is the program director for Respiratory Care, has taught at MC since

1984. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Southern Utah State University. He is a Registered Respiratory Technician, Registered Pulmonary Function Technician and Respiratory Care Practitioner.

Weidmann was praised for "his constant smile and friendly ways. . . . He is an outstanding health care professional who serves as

an excellent role model to respiratory therapy students."

Office Systems Technology Instructor Leanne Jamison was named Midland College's Teacher of the Year. She will be the nominee for the Midland Chamber of Commerce's citywide Teacher of the Year competition this spring.

Coombs, Weidmann and Jamison will receive Midland College National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) awards and will receive funding to attend the NISOD convention in May. Two other faculty members, English Instructor Billy Feeler and Accounting Instructor Clara King Feeler and King were named as Teaching Excellence Awards finalists.

Award recipients were chosen by a committee of six faculty members who were award recipients last year.

Also during the ceremony, Art Instructor Warren Taylor was recognized as Midland College's nominee for the Minnie Stephens Piper Award. The annual Piper Professor awards, which honor 10 higher education professionals in Texas each year, will be announced this spring.

Continuing education sets computer, martial arts classes

The following continuing education courses begin in the next several weeks at Midland College. For registration information, call 685-4518. **Cake Decorating I** will be 7-9:30 p.m., Mondays, Feb. 1-22. Pat Fisher is the instructor.

Case Management-Module I will be 6-9 p.m., Mondays, Feb. 1-March 22. Kathleen Gilluly is the instructor.

Computer & You will be 1-2:50 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 3. Laura Cotton is the instructor.

Computer & You will be 7:30-9:20 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 3. Sherry Kiser is the instructor.

Internet will be 9-10:50 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 3. Melody Johnston is the instructor.

Internet will be 7:30-9:20 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 3. Susan Crenshaw is the instructor.

Keyboarding will be 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 3. Melody Johnston is the instructor.

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Microsoft Office 97 will be 9-10:50 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 3. Terri Waldrop is the instructor.

Microsoft Office 97 will be 5-7:20 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 1-March 3. Nancy Kirby is the instructor.

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Cardio-Karate will be 9:30-10:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 2-18. Terry Kent is the instructor.

Raku Ceramics will be 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, Feb. 2-March 30. Jack Hickman is the instructor.

Fire Academy Rookie Certification VI will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Friday, Feb. 2-16. Marion Oliver is the instructor.

Health Information for Facility Based Personnel will be 6-8 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 4-March 4. Betty Dodson is the instructor.

Aviation-IFR Pilot Refresher will be 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 4-March 18. Deon Christensen is the instructor.

T'ai Chi will be 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 4-April 8. Michael Jordan is the instructor.

Microsoft Excel will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,

Friday, Feb. 5. Ofelia Welch is the instructor.

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Microsoft Office 97 will be 6-9 p.m., Friday, Feb. 5; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6; and 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7. Terri

Waldrop is the instructor.

Quilt in a Day-Spring Tulip will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6. Sally Henson is the instructor.

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Board of trustees meet

The Midland College Board of Trustees will meet in regular session 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26 in the Gibson Board Room of the Powerhouse Administration building.

Spring registration

Late registration for all students who want to enroll at Midland College for Spring 1999 is in progress at Midland College. Spring classes began Jan. 19.

Late registration ends Jan. 25. Students who late register will be assessed a \$5 late fee. Jan. 29 is the deadline for payment of tuition and fees for those who registered between Jan. 19-28.

Students who have not paid fees by this date will be dropped from their classes unless they have made arrangements to pay.

Schedule changes must be made with counselors in the Student Services Office.

For information about the next test registration or financial aid, contact a counselor at 685-4501. For general registration information call 685-4501.

McCormick Gallery

Etchings by Texas artist Anne Marie Pavlik will be on display in McCormick Gallery through Feb. 26.

McCormick Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and 1-5 p.m., Sunday.

Math tutoring program

A tutoring program at the Midland College Math Lab is offering its second semester helping high school and junior high school algebra and geometry students with their math homework.

Math Mentoring is a good response to a definite need, according to Math Lab instructor Debby Vandergift.

The next session of Math Mentoring is beginning and students in the ninth through 12th grades who are enrolled in algebra or geometry and eight grade students enrolled in honors algebra are eligible for the program.

Students may enroll in eight one-hour sessions at a cost of \$10 a month. The students have a choice of two sessions: 4-5 p.m. or 5-6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday nights.

Vandergift emphasized that the sessions are homework-driven.

"We do not lead the curriculum," she said. "This is for students who need help with homework. We are not introducing new material."

To make sure students get the attention they need, the tutor-student ratio is 1:4. And, students only attend the lab only during the session for which they signed up.

The tutor for the sessions is veteran math teacher Michael Dixon. "The students really like him," Vandergift said. "He is able to talk to the students on whatever level they are working."

Because the same services are available to all MC math students during math lab hours, the tutoring sessions are not open to Midland College students, Vandergift said.

Making a tutor available to non-Midland College students is a "community service outreach program," Vandergift said.

For more information about enrolling in Math Mentoring, call 685-4533 or visit the math lab in room 138 of the Technology Center at Midland College.

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Trends in fine dining entering 21st Century

By Amanda Hesser
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — As exhilarating as the fast-moving food world can be, over the last few years it has felt to me increasingly like a car careering out of control. Cooking trends have bombarded us from all directions, cookbook sections in bookstores have grown into multi-colored labyrinths, restaurant dishes have become ordeals to deconstruct — both physically and sensually. And many home cooks have followed these trends into the chaos.

At home, I find I'm now cooking straightforward traditional dishes. When I go out, I gravitate toward restaurants like Etats-Unis, Il Buco and Le Bernardin, whose chefs understand restraint and simplicity. I have cravings for the clean, honest flavors of sushi.

I'm not alone. I have noticed a growing number of home cooks, chefs and cookbook authors who seem to share my sentiment. In the same way that many food professionals two decades ago tossed aside overwrought French cooking to revel in the purity of nouvelle cuisine, many are now pulling away from fusion cooking and free-wheeling experimentation and heading for an entirely new ideal — simplicity.

"It was inevitable," said Rozanne Gold, a food consultant and cookbook author in Brooklyn who is known for her pared-down approach to food. "My feeling was we needed that kind of antidote to the fussiness of the food in the '80s. Chefs could no longer compete with the number of ingredients in a dish or how high it was on a plate."

As with many shifts in the food world, this one was born in the restaurant kitchen. A couple of years ago, a few chefs began forgoing garnishes, cutting down on the number of ingredients and focusing on techniques that coaxed the essential flavors from the foods they used. The results are spare in appearance and impeccable in flavor. Most important, they are easy for the palate to comprehend.

For chefs once absorbed by the idea of cooking with a multiplicity of components, this has been an about-face. "When we used to do desserts at Montrachet," said Bill Yosses, who is now the pastry chef at Bouley Bakery, "our idea was contrast and juxtapose. The big catchword was marriage of flavors, and who could marry the most."

Now, it is who can marry the least. "When we opened up Bouley Bakery," Yosses said, "I thought it would be great to focus on a more direct and powerful experience on the plate. I wanted to limit what was going on."

These days, his acclaimed desserts can be as simple as a supercreamy rice pudding or a rich chocolate tart. The "zinger," as Yosses calls it, is not candied orange peel on the side of the plate or a chocolate fork poking into the dessert, but the intensity of flavor in the dessert itself. Chocolate is what makes the chocolate tart memorable.

And it is probably no coincidence that I can still recall a decadent brioche pudding I had there three months ago, while all those fusion feasts have become a blur.

Tom Colicchio, the chef at Gramercy Tavern, has also done a bit of nipping and tucking in his cooking in recent years.

"I think for me, anyway, it's a question of maturity," he said. "The older I get, I think less is more." Instead of adding elements to a plate, he has started taking them off. Items like "roasted farm chicken in consomme with black truffle" at Gramercy Tavern may

seem blunt when compared with the grocery lists on many restaurant menus.

But what the chef is really telling diners is that they are getting a perfectly roasted, high-quality chicken with two accompaniments they can make sense of.

It takes courage, though, to serve such unadorned food.

"Many people spend a lot of money in restaurants," said David Rosengarten, the host of the "Taste" program on the Food Network, "and it's easier to see the evidence of the money they've spent in froufrou on the plate — swirls, complexity, multiple garnishes."

Diners in search of those circus may find themselves outraged by chefs like Laurent Gras of Peacock Alley, who has served a slab of pristine salmon on a white plate with zero garnishes and a gravy boat of sauce bearnaise on the side, or an entree with all of two ingredients: sea bass and salsify batons. These may seem excessively spare, but we depend on chefs to take risks and shape the way we eat.

The changes they are making in their kitchens are starting to trickle down to home cooks, not just through inspiration, but by way of their cookbooks as well. Tomes with recipes that call for foie gras and quail eggs and take three days to prepare are being challenged by books by top chefs that are surprisingly accessible.

Take "Le Bernardin Cookbook: Four-Star Simplicity" by Eric Ripert and Maguy Le Coze: As long as you have a good fish store nearby, you can count on achieving the pure, powerful flavors of Ripert's cooking with little effort.

More mainstream cookbooks are also responding to home cooks' desire for clarity. Ms. Gold's books "Recipes 1-2-3" and "Recipes 1-2-3 Menu Cookbook," for instance, make the stripped-down approach even stricter by limiting recipes to three ingredients or fewer.

Simplifying what we eat and how we cook is being done in other ways, too. Some cookbook authors have taken a more definitive approach, answering a question that plagues all home cooks: Which is the best recipe for a well-known dish? They are moving away from presenting their version, or a version, and are declaring the version.

"There are so many cookbooks in almost any given area that there is confusion on the part of consumers as to which is the most authentic, authoritative voice," said Jennifer Josephy, a cookbook editor at Little, Brown & Co. "They don't want to try five different recipes and see which is the best."

In other words, cooks want one recipe that they know is going to be great. It needn't be something original. They want a basic repertoire of things that really shine.

When she was writing "The Perfect Recipe," Pam Anderson tested dozens of variations of dishes like macaroni and cheese, chicken pot pie and lobster salad until she developed recipes she considered the very best. Her recipes will not change your life, but the book gives you confidence that they will work and you will not be disappointed.

Although Ms. Anderson's recipes are of the down-home variety, the techniques are not always conventional. For macaroni and cheese, for instance, she calls for stirring the mixture every five minutes while it is baking. This, she says, gives it the ideal balance of lightness and creaminess — a detail that is missing from most macaroni and cheese recipes.

Rosengarten's latest book, "Taste," takes a similar tack as he

explores an eclectic mix of traditional and trendy dishes from around the world.

In a section on moussaka, he lays out the problems he has found with most versions and highlights the "criteria for quality" to help the reader tell a good one from a bad one. Then he offers a recipe he calls "the lightest, least oily, least tomatoey, most eggplant, most refined moussaka that you've ever tasted." Isn't that just what you want as you plan a dinner party? Rosengarten writes with bravado, but he certainly persuaded me to try his recipe. And it delivered.

Home cooking is also influenced by food magazines. And even they are devoting energy to sorting the glut of information in the food world. You can read a new spirit in the definitive cover lines. "True Bagels," offered the November issue of *Savour*; "Perfect Beef Tenderloin," promised *Cook's Illustrated* for November-December. Instead of "unforgettable" and "festive," the lures are now "authentic," "perfect" and "best."

In many magazines, the recipes themselves are moving toward restraint. A recent *Cook's Illustrated*, for instance, did not claim that "the best lemon bars" had a revolutionary twist or culinary acrobatics: They simply promised to be traditional lemon bars from a perfected recipe. Readers were made to feel they could trust it.

So what do all these signs mean? That chefs are maturing and that cookbooks and magazines are offering more substance and less fluff? I hope so.

Will chefs who fail to prune their creativity fall off the map? Will cookbooks that lack authority sit on the shelves? Will the food world ever be one cohesive, organized unit? Certainly not. Cooking is an art, after all.

But it seems clear that among the forward-looking, the brash, over-the-top '90s style of cooking may be simmering down. And a pared-down approach to cooking and eating does seem a logical progression. And I, for one, am ready to embrace it.

ROASTED GARLIC FLAN
Adapted from "Recipes 1-2-3 Menu Cookbook," by Rozanne Gold (Little, Brown & Co., 1998)
2 large heads elephant garlic
1-1/2 cups heavy cream
3 extra-large eggs
1 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground white pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Wrap garlic in foil and place on a baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour. Allow to cool.

Lower oven temperature to 350 degrees. Cut garlic heads in half, exposing cloves. Squeeze pulp from skins. Place in a food processor and puree until a smooth paste is formed. Add cream, eggs, salt and white pepper. Process again until smooth; do not overprocess, or the cream will thicken.

Bring a tea kettle of water to a boil. Ladle custard into 6 custard cups or ramekins. Place cups in a deep baking pan. Pour boiling water into the pan two-thirds of the way up the sides of the cups.

Place baking pan in oven. Bake until custard is set, 35 to 40 minutes; do not overcook. Remove cups from the water bath, and

allow to sit for 5 minutes. Serve immediately.
Yield: 6 servings.

NOTE: Flan may be baked early in the day before it is to be served, and refrigerated in the baking molds. To reheat, place in the hot-water bath, cover with foil, and place in a preheated oven at 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

THE BEST MACARONI AND CHEESE
Adapted from "The Perfect Recipe," by Pam Anderson (Houghton Mifflin, 1998)

1 cup fresh bread crumbs from French or Italian bread
2 teaspoons salt, plus a pinch
1-1/2 tablespoons melted butter, plus 4 tablespoons butter at room temperature
1/2 pound elbow macaroni
2 large eggs
12 ounces evaporated milk, heated until warm
1/4 teaspoon hot red-pepper sauce
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon dry mustard, dissolved in 1 teaspoon water
10 to 12 ounces mild cheddar cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place a 1-1/2 quart heatproof dish, such as a soufflé pan, in oven to warm.
In a small baking pan, combine bread crumbs, a pinch of salt and the melted butter. Mix well and set aside.
In a large pot, bring 8 cups of water to a boil. Add 1-1/2 teaspoons of salt and the macaroni. Cook until almost tender but still a little firm to the bite. Drain and transfer to preheated dish. Stir in remaining 4 tablespoons of butter.

In a small bowl, combine eggs, 1 cup of the evaporated milk, the pepper sauce, 1/2 teaspoon salt, the black pepper and the mustard mixture. Mix well. Pour egg mixture over macaroni. Add 3/4 of the cheese, and stir until thoroughly combined and cheese starts to melt.

Place dish of macaroni and cheese in the oven, and bake for 5 minutes. Remove dish from oven and add about half of the remaining evaporated milk, a half of the remaining cheese. Mix well, and return pan to oven. Bake 5 minutes longer, remove pan from oven, and stir thoroughly. If mixture does not look moist and creamy, add a little more of the milk and cheese. Return to oven for an additional 20 minutes, removing pan from oven halfway through to stir in remaining evaporated milk and cheese.

While macaroni is baking, add pan of bread crumbs to oven. Bake until bread crumbs are toasted and golden brown, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside. When macaroni has baked, sprinkle surface with toasted bread crumbs, and serve immediately.
Yield: 4 servings.

MOUSSAKA
Adapted from "Taste," by David Rosengarten (Random House, 1998)

4 large eggplants, about 1-1/2 pounds each
6 tablespoons Greek olive oil, plus a little for coating the eggplants
Kosher salt, to taste
4 medium onions, chopped
6 garlic cloves, chopped
1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes

In tomato puree
1/4 cup parsley, minced
2 teaspoons dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 pounds ground lamb
1/2 cup dry white wine
Black pepper to taste
4 pinches freshly grated nutmeg
6 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 tablespoons flour
2 cups hot, scalded milk
White pepper, to taste
4 eggs
10 tablespoons fresh bread crumbs
1 cup grated kefalotyri cheese or pecorino-Romano

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Prick eggplants several times with a fork. Rub a little olive oil into their skins. On a large baking sheet, roast eggplants until soft, about 30 minutes, turning frequently. Remove from oven and let cool. Cut into 1/2-inch-thick round slices.

In a sauté pan, heat 4 tablespoons olive oil over high heat and brown eggplant slices lightly on each side. Do this in batches, adding more oil as necessary. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle with salt. Set aside.
MAKE TOMATO SAUCE: In a saucepan heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium heat. Add 1 chopped onion and 2 chopped garlic cloves, and sauté until tender. Add tomatoes and their puree, squeezing them into coarse chunks. Add parsley, oregano, cinnamon and vinegar. Stir well. Simmer, uncovered, for 25 minutes. Reserve.

PREPARE LAMB: In a large sauté pan, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium-high heat. Add remaining onions and garlic. Sauté for 5 minutes. Add lamb, in stages if necessary, and brown well,

breaking up pieces with a wooden spoon. Add wine and bring to a boil. Cook until wine has nearly evaporated.
Season lamb with salt, black pepper and 2 pinches of nutmeg. Stir in 1 cup of reserved tomato sauce. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 1 hour.
Prepare bechamel: In a large saucepan, melt 4 tablespoons of butter over medium-low heat, and gradually whisk in flour. Cook for 2 minutes, whisking constantly. Do not let this brown. Add hot milk and whisk rapidly to combine. Bring to a slow boil, whisking constantly. Reduce heat and simmer for 25 minutes, stirring frequently, until smooth and thickened. Season with salt, white pepper and remaining 2 pinches nutmeg. Let cool slightly.

In a mixing bowl, beat eggs and whisk in a spoonful of bechamel. Whisk in remaining bechamel in a thin stream, and adjust seasoning.
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Assemble moussaka: Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of bread crumbs across the bottom of a large baking dish (18x8x3-inches) and cover crumbs evenly with half the eggplant slices. Drain as much oil from lamb mixture as possible, and spread the meat over the eggplant layer. Top meat with half the cheese, then with half the remaining bread crumbs. Place remaining eggplant slices on top of the bread crumbs, then add the bechamel, remaining cheese and remaining bread crumbs in even layers. Dot with remaining butter.

Bake for 45 minutes, until well browned. Remove from oven and let cool slightly, about 15 minutes. Cut into 3-inch squares to serve. Serve with the extra tomato sauce.
Yield: 15 servings.

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	TEAMS Language Arts

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Although no formal registration process is required for most TAAS examinees, out-of-school examinees and enrolled students who wish to test at a site other than their home district must register.

All individuals who wish to take the TEAMS test must register in advance. This includes students currently enrolled in Texas public schools as well as individuals who have completed all other high school graduation requirements.

Registration packets for the fall TAAS/TEAMS tests are available at each high school campus, the District's central office and the regional service center.

The registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 P.M., January 29, 1999.

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DEAR ABBY

'Pay as you go' is best way to avoid credit treadmill

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing this in the hope that it will help other young people at risk with credit cards. I had to live this experience to know, but perhaps my hard-earned lesson will help others.

The first time you open an envelope containing a small, hard piece of plastic with your name on it, the battle is lost. With credit card in hand, you rush off to the mall. Once you have used the plastic to activate it, it's, "Look out world, here I come!" You see something you want — you buy it. You may experience a momentary twinge of guilt, but you'll worry about it later.

Some people think this is because of the kind of personality you have, or the way you were raised, or that you didn't learn the value of money when you were young. None of that was a factor with me, nor is it with many other young people. I think that at age 18, the temptation is just too strong.

I'm not the only person in my circle of friends who's in this situation. At 18, earning \$5.50 an hour, I had no money experience and no business having a credit limit of around \$3,500. Thanks to my creditors — who aren't in it for the best interests of consumers — I'm working to pay off debts of more than \$10,000. After four years, I've only reduced it to \$6,500. The interest, late payment fees and finance charges are double my original purchases.

Perhaps hearing this firsthand from someone under 25 will help young people at risk: Listen to your parents about the dangers of credit. Please think twice about your future, because if you use plastic now, your future credit rating won't be worth the paper it's printed on. Trust me. I know from experience.

Now I pay only with cash when I can afford to splurge, which isn't often. But it's far more rewarding and less stressful. — NO MORE CREDIT, PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR NO MORE CREDIT: I'm printing your letter for all to see as a warning. However, perhaps you should place the blame for your predicament a little closer to home. According to the publication Credit World (March/April 1998), credit cardholders between the ages of 18 and 24 account for only 18 percent of late payments — while consumers ages 34 to 44 account for 29 percent, the largest proportion of overdue bills. In fact, the generation of Americans born in the mid-'70s and who are quietly coming of age are ambitious, enterprising and responsible young adults.

Learning responsible use of credit is vital. According to Teen-Age Research Unlimited, 39 percent of America's 18- and 19-year-olds have credit cards in their own names.

Students should ask their teachers whether personal financial literacy information or training is provided in their curriculum. If it's not, educators should know that free workshops are offered by Consumer Credit Counseling Service. Contact it at (800) 388-2227.

DEAR ABBY: Can I get pregnant when I am getting or having my menstrual period? Can a girl get pregnant having her first intercourse? — WORRIED GIRLFRIEND IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WORRIED GIRLFRIEND: Yes to both questions. Unless a girl's menstrual periods are 100 percent "regular," there is no absolutely "safe" time. Very few girls have perfectly regular cycles, and because of this, the rhythm method (also known as "baby roulette") is unreliable. Also, a boy can father a child from the time he experiences his first ejaculation, which usually occurs between the ages of 11 and 15.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Hurt Mom in Washington," who was both angry and sad at her daughter's wedding plans. I was in a similar situation five years ago when my daughter married. She, too, insisted on planning every last detail of her wedding on her own, and made it more than just a bit clear that she was going to do things "her way" without any "interference" on my part.

To make a long story short, several weeks before her wedding her caterer informed her that due to a scheduling misunderstanding, he would be unable to cater her wedding after all. After frantically con-

tacting many other caterers without success, guess who she asked to cater the wedding? You guessed right — good old Mom!

Although I wouldn't want "Hurt Mom's" daughter's plans to go awry, she needs to know that these things usually have a way of working themselves out.

The food I prepared for my daughter's wedding turned out so well that some guests had a hard time believing the reception had not been professionally catered.

It also helped my daughter and me regain the closeness we had previously shared and enjoyed. Sign me ... BEEN THERE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR BEEN THERE: Your daughter was fortunate to have such a talented and forgiving mother. Your experience gives new meaning to the slogan, "Nothin' says lovin' like something from the oven!"

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Kristen Gould

Midland Christian Women's Club meeting planned

Midland Christian Women's Club will have a "Whodunit?" luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 2 at Green Tree Country Club.

Kristen Gould of Mrs. Olsen's Coffee and Book Store — located in Oak Ridge Square — will focus on great mystery novels and suggest new titles.

Sarah Adams will provide music. Leslie Kinchen of Waco will speak on "Fulfilling the Desires of Your Heart."

Cost of the luncheon is \$11 per person. Free nursery will be at Northwestern Baptist Church. Mothers are asked to bring sack lunches for their children.

For more information call 570-8945 or 570-8245.



Christina Hagan

Hagan selected as Woman of the Year

Christina Hagan has been named Woman of the Year by Uptown Business and Professional Women of Midland.

A member of the organization for 10 years, Ms. Hagan has served as president, treasurer and chairman of many committees. She has also served as treasurer and finance committee chairman on the district level, and currently is trustee of the BPW Foundation on the state level.

Ms. Hagan is vice president and chief financial officer of Dawson Geophysical Company.

She is president-elect of Permian Basin Chapter of CPAs, and is a past participant in and officer of Leadership Midland.

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ABOVE: Sheriff Landon, at right, played by Victor Lopez, questions barkeep Gus Gilbert, played by Bill Sibley, about missing oil rig equipment in this scene from the Permian Playhouse production of "The Night Hank Williams Died." AT RIGHT: Vida Powers (Barbara Iglehart) asks for help with her wayward daughter from old friend Gus Gilbert.



"These people are cut from our fabric right here in Texas. There's no question about that. The people sitting in the audience, they will know these people."

—Sharon Bengé,
director



'The Night Hank Williams Died'

By Georgia Temple

ODESSA — Dreams of Nashville fuel Thurmond Stottle's thoughts as he pumps gas at the Gulf station in Stanley, Texas. When his high school sweetheart returns home after a failed marriage, she enlists the aid of the bartender, Gus, to push Thurmond into action.

"The bartender in the show is sort of like the little tin god who would like to control the lives of people and see them come out better than he did," said retired teacher Bill Sibley, who plays the role in the Permian Playhouse production of "The Night Hank Williams Died," written by former Odessan Larry L. King.

"He's particularly interested in one young man whose ambition it is to become a country and western singing star like Hank Williams."

King, who is best known for "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," sets his tale of failed dreams and hopeless expectations in a fictitious town west of Odessa. Guest director for the production is Sharon Bengé, whose directorial credits include Fort Worth's Casa Manana and Shakespeare in the Park, which she founded some years ago in Fort Worth.

"This play is set in 1952 in West Texas, and Odessa is even mentioned in the script," Ms. Bengé said, noting that Kermit and Monahan also receive a mention in the play that "has to do thematically with how we cope when the superhighway goes around our lives, geographically and metaphorically. The point is, we all have ambitions and dreams and goals and some of them even go to obsessions, but are they realistic?"

The play is not a biography of Hank Williams nor is it a musical.

"The play is a drama," Ms. Bengé said. "It has an enormous amount of humor in it and is underscored with Hank Williams music. The leading character must play the guitar and has written a couple of songs."

Please see **PLAY/3E**



ABOVE: Thurman Stottle (Shane Collier) plays his new song for former girlfriend Nellie Bess Clark (Kristi Tindell). AT RIGHT TOP: Moon Childers (Ken Tumlin) at left, and Gus Gilbert play dominoes in the bar. AT RIGHT CENTER: Sharon Bengé, director of "The Night Hank Williams Died," works with Shane Collier. AT RIGHT BOTTOM: Thurmond Stottle, right, dreams of becoming the next Hank Williams. Listening are Gus Gilbert and Moon Childers.



Pianist to return to Midland to perform with MOS

By Georgia Temple

A quarter century ago, a teen-age Dickran Atamain came to Midland to participate in the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's National Young Artists Competition.

"Everybody says I won," said Atamain, who returns here as guest artist with the MOSC on Saturday. "I didn't win. I was one of three finalists. I think Miss Utah beat me — she eventually became Miss Utah. She was really good looking. I don't think she continued on the piano. She wasn't that good."

Atamain laughed as he recalled being passed over for a beauty whose looks were "just unbelievable. The judges were stunned with her."

In reviewing his career, he considers

that the NYAC served as "a warmup for things to come. I remember my time in Midland as being a wonderful experience. I remember it as a stop on my career. An encouragement point."

He had been asked to judge this year's NYAC, which concluded Saturday, but his schedule precluded him from doing so.

"I'm playing six nights in Tucson, and that kept me from flying back and forth," said Atamain, who wanted to be here for the competition. "They attract lots of great talent — the younger generation of talent. I would have been tickled to just hear them. I'm just so interested in hearing great playing. If there's any to be heard, if it's out there, I want to hear it."

The Midland-Odessa symphony audi-

ence will hear Atamain Saturday when he performs Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1 as guest artist with the MOS at Lee High School. Curtain for the "Arabian Nights" MasterWorks concert is 8 p.m.

Since his last performance here some 26 years ago, he has won such competitions as the Namburg Piano Competition, taking first prize at the 50th anniversary event in 1975, and performed with numerous orchestras under such conductors as Lorin Maazel, Eduardo Mata, David Zinman, James DePriest, Victor Allessandro, Werner Torkanowsky, Gustav Meier and Gerard Schwarz.

Atamain called himself "a very intense" Please see **PERFORM/3E**

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc., presents pianist Dickran Atamain as guest artist on Saturday at Lee High School. Atamain will perform Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1 during the "Arabian Nights" MasterWorks concert. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased through the symphony by calling, 563-0921, or at the door.



Sunday Crossword Puzzle

"AGAINST THE GRAIN"

By CHARLES WOODWARD

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PLAY: Permian Playhouse to present drama

(From 1E)

Shane Collier, who works at Chelsea Street Pub and Grill, plays the star struck Thurmond. He found his way to the auditions through a chance meeting.

"Actually, I wasn't even going to audition for the show," Collier said. "I have plans to move to Dallas not too long from now. I was up at Chili's and happened to see the people from the Playhouse. Auditions were that night. They asked me if I'd like to go watch."

"The more I watched, the more I started to relate to the lead character, and the more I enjoyed the script from watching everybody else doing it. They asked me if I was going to read, and I gave in and said, 'OK.'"

Collier is "loving" the play. "There's not very many shows in theater that you can really go out and sell a West Texas accent."

For Sibley, who "would have done the whole show for one little speech that I have near the end," the accent is the hardest part of creating his character. "I've done a lot of theater, and I've worked awfully hard not to sound like a Texan, and all of a sudden, I'm having to."

The play represents a first for Kristi Tindall, who plays Nellie Bess Clark, the returning girlfriend.

"This is my first time to do a straight show," said Ms. Tindall, a curriculum enrichment specialist at Cameron Elementary in Odessa. "I usually do musicals. The last one I did was 'Damn Yankees,' and it builds around the songs and dance. It's been kind of hard for me to build my character solely based on dialogue. It's a challenge, and that was my main motivation."

No small Texas town would be complete without being home to



Vida Powers, at right, played by Barbara Iglehart, talks to her daughter, Nellie Bess Clark (Kristi Tindall) and Thurman Stottle (Shane Collier) in the Permian Playhouse production of "The Night Hank Williams Died."

someone with a grudge. In Stanley, that character is Sheriff Landon, played by Victor Lopez, last seen by Playhouse audiences in "Damn Yankees" and "Godspell."

"My character has a bit of a chip on his shoulder because of Gus and my father in the past competing for the affections of the same young lady, the mother of Nellie Bess," said Lopez, who works for Odessa Physical Therapy.

The role represents a departure for Lopez. "This is the first bad guy I've ever played. I'm excited. I really am. I've always been the comic relief or one of the ensemble roles. This gives me a chance to play something different, something I've always wanted to do. And I find it challenging because it makes me see things from a different perspective."

Rounding out the cast are Barbara Iglehart as Vida, Nellie Bess' self-righteous mother; and Ken Tumlin as Moon Childers, the ever-present bar patron and a good friend of Gus.

Tumlin, who was with the Dan Blocker Singers, was encouraged to try out by an active member of the Playhouse, his son, Cody Tumlin.

"When I saw what this play was about, I really wanted to be involved," said Tumlin, who has spent more than two decades working for Midland-based Compressor Systems Inc. Tumlin, his son, his new daughter-in-law, Rebecca Allison, and his wife, Brenda, have all become involved at the Playhouse.

"It's opened up a new avenue for us as we get a little older and as our nest is getting empty," Tumlin said.

Production dates and times at

the Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., are Friday, Saturday, Feb. 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 7 at 2:30 p.m. For reservations call 550-5456.

"The people in the play are very real, very honest, very normal people," Ms. Bengt said. "I think there is a tendency to do a caricature of these people. We have a person in this play who is a religious zealot. You could do her as a caricature, but you should not. It turns out when I talked to Larry King, he said, 'She's real. She's my mother.' And the character around who the plot revolves, who wants to be Hank Williams, is Larry King's son, who is a songwriter."

"These people are cut from our fabric right here in Texas. There's no question about that. The people sitting in the audience, they will know these people."

PERFORM: Pianist playing 8 different concertos this year

(From 1E)

player — not tense but intense musically. I go for a big sound and a lot of articulation. I want the last guy in the last row to hear every note."

He's also a concert pianist busy learning new works. This year, he's playing eight different concertos and next year, 12.

"I'd like to just play one," Atamain said. He laughed as he frequently did during the telephone interview. "I wouldn't have to practice every day. You would practice the summer before, then just kind of play the concert."

"People who say they love music and love practicing, I don't buy that routine. I'm just good at it. I love to make music and to listen to it, but I certainly don't love the drudgery work — practicing. I'd rather go to a movie."

He presses his point home about the nuisances of practicing by speaking of his accommodations in Arizona.

"It's a gorgeous resort. What do I have to do? I have to practice. No swimming. No Jacuzzi. I have to go to this grungy hall and practice. They call that glamorous? The only thing glamorous is people cheering at the end. But if you don't like the way you played, it doesn't matter who's cheering."

Turning philosophical, Atamain said, "Life is like pretty sad with a few happy moments. It's got all these mountains and valleys." He paraphrased what he recalled former President Nixon saying when he left office: "Only when you've been in the darkest valley can you really know the greatest and the enjoyment of the highest peak."

Atamain, who is known for his gourmet Armenian cooking, expressed the same sentiment using a different analogy. "You can't know the great stuff until you've eaten at Taco Bell every meal. One summer, in Austin (while studying at the university), I ate every meal at Taco Bell."

"Actually, I like Taco Bell. It's not like mystery meat where you don't know what you're getting."

He recalled his father's "famous" lines: "Once a word remains in your mouth, you're a master. Once it leaves your mouth, you're a slave."

"So I'm a slave. I tell everyone everything. I'd rather get it out and not get cancer. You've got to tell people what you think. I don't think you should be brutal, but I think you should be honest."

Since his teen-age years, Atamain has been encouraged by musicians and teachers and conductors.

"Everyone tells you you are phenomenal, and you start thinking you are. The only distractors were my parents who couldn't stand the idea of a musician

starving. Naturally, they were against it. I was mad at them at the time. Now, I understand what my dad was talking about."

"It's going well now, but there were years when it was hard to figure out how to get the engagements," said Atamain who has been called "a prophet, a poet of the piano."

"Listening to this all the years, I'm now brainwashed into thinking I have to play the piano. I don't have to play the piano. I could go out and drive a truck."

Atamain's statement comes from hearing that Anthony Hopkins plans to retire from acting.

"I learned more from him than all the piano teachers combined. He's just the greatest artist I've known of. He wrote tons of piano music and always wanted to be a musician before he was an actor. If this guy is going to quit, I can quit."

Atamain thought so much of Hopkins he named his only child, Shawn Anthony, after the actor. "Shawn has no meaning to me at all. It sounds good with Anthony."

An avid baseball fan, Atamain said of his son, "I certainly hope he takes up baseball rather than music. If he becomes a musician, I think I will go hide somewhere. Why become a musician knowing full well dad killed himself doing it."

Born at 5:40 a.m. on Dec. 9, 1998, Shawn Anthony is the latest, major change in Atamain's life.

"This little bundle, he's terrific," said Atamain, who married Angela Landon, the daughter of conductor Gustav Meier, around 18 months ago. Ms. Landon, a social worker, plays violin in the Ann Arbor Summer Symphony.

The experience of parenthood has been for this first-time father, "real exciting, pretty unbelievable. I don't know if I really realize what my priorities are but you get closer."

Atamain, who has a wind bell foundry, isn't actually considering quitting his career as a solo artist. "It's an obsession. I want to make it, in my case, more effortless."

From watching Hopkins act, Atamain, learned, among others, "how something can be really moving. And people say that about my playing."

His efforts are concentrated on improving his craft.

"Everyday you should have some kind of breakthrough in whatever you do," Atamain said. "It's normal. Artists have to progress and improve. If they don't improve, they are just standing still."

Atamain called audiences "as much a part of the artistry as anyone. If no one hears your music, you're like a legend in your own mind."

Former Midlander can be seen in 'Varsity Blues'

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Midlanders may spy a familiar face on the silver screen in Paramount Pictures' "Varsity Blues," now playing at the Hollywood Theatre.

Shane Roch, a 1994 graduate of Lee High School and the son of Midlanders Laura and Emmett Roch, is among the extras in the film.

"He gave us a list of the different colored jerseys and the numbers so that we could spot him," said the senior Roch. "He played on four different teams, sometimes two teams at the same time."

Roch, a student at South West Texas State University, is the defensive or offensive lineman wearing Coyotes No. 94, Bingham (black) No. 62, Elwood (purple) No. 75 and Gilroy (red) No. 66. 4

"Right after the quarterback gets sacked and Jon Voight is standing there with this my world has just ended look on his face, the guy standing to his left is Shane," said Roch, who works for Caldwell Music.

Roch recently saw the movie, but he paid little attention to the story. "My kid was in there, why would I pay any attention to the plot?"

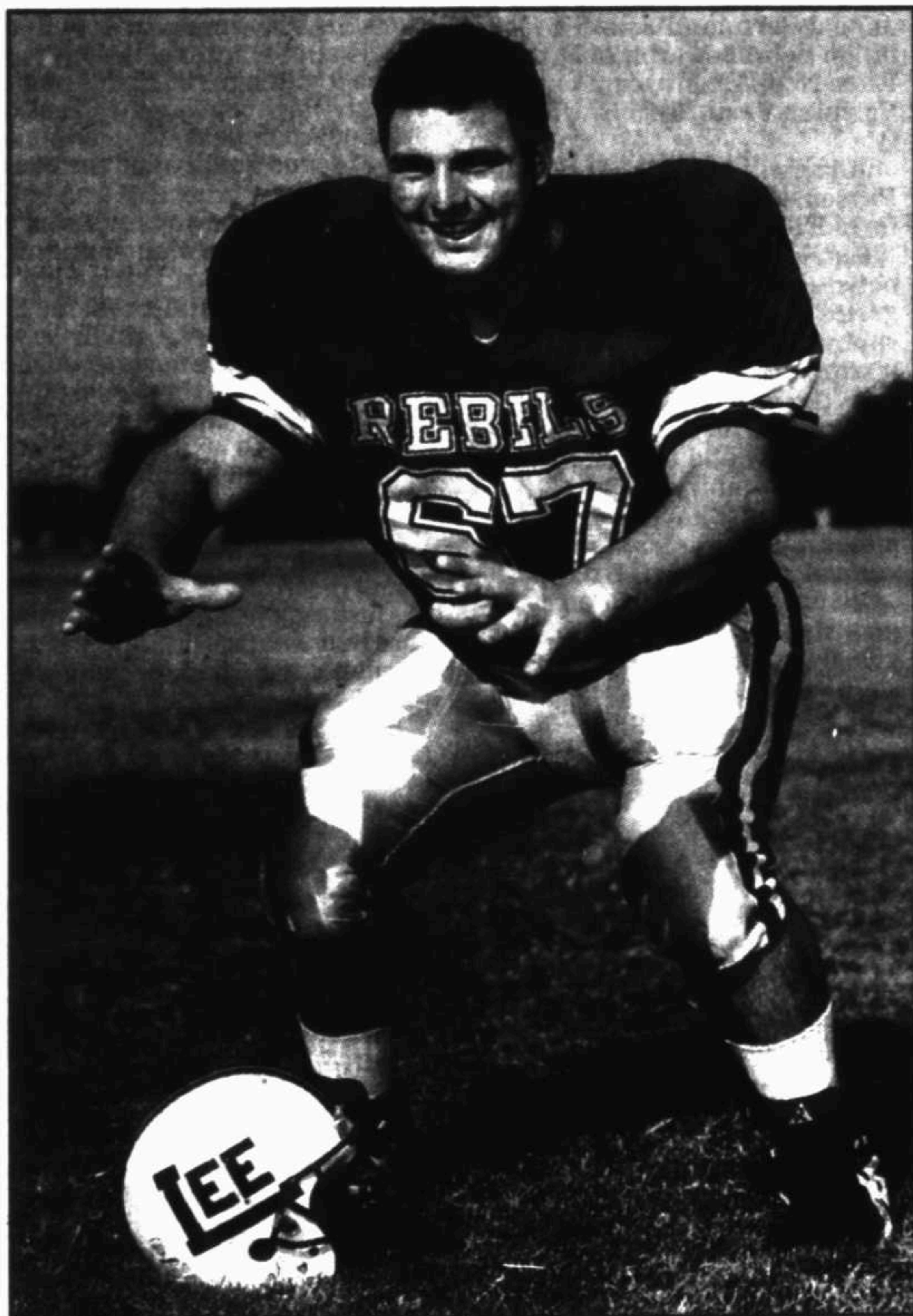
The film, rated R, follows the travails of five seniors on a high school football team in a small Texas town as they approach the end of a near-perfect season. With mounting pressure from their hard-driving coach and parents, who live vicariously through the boys' victories, the resolve and determination of the young athletes is put to the test as they seek to finish the season as heroes — their way.

To get to be on the football team cast for "Varsity Blues," applicants answered an open casting call in April. Of the thousands attending this audition, 300 were selected to attend a two-day skills contest where they had to prove themselves as athletes through speed and agility tests.

The top 40 were invited to appear in the movie. Shane Roch and another Midlander, Jeffrey Pursley, a former Lee football and baseball player, were among those selected.

Those who made the squad participated in three weeks of football practice. They were then divided into the teams that would do the football scenes.

"They actually had a play book just like a real game," Roch said. "They got out there and basically played football. And at



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first, Shane had been chosen to be a body double for Ron Lester, but his body wasn't big enough. But he still taught Ron some football moves so that they had authenticity."

Shane also attended the California premiere. "He went out to the premiere as a guest of one of those actors," Roch said. "During the premiere weekend, he also got to meet with a Chicago-based band called Loud Mouth. Some of their music was on the sound track, and he got to visit with some of them in the recording studio as they were doing the final mix on their first album."

"I asked him if he met any stars out there, and he said some of the guys who are on Nickelodeon. He'd already met Jon Voight and the other guys in the

movie — all of them that came to Texas for that shoot. Shane said Jon Voight was a really great guy. He was very encouraging, and he always seemed to have time for everybody, and he'd tell a war story or two."

Roch said Shane didn't know

Review

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!! 1/2 "Varsity Blues" James Van Der Beek brings his patented take on coming of age (honed weekly as dreamy Dawson on the TV show "Dawson's Creek") to the big screen. High-school football is the backdrop for this sweetly familiar explication of youthful idealism, wherein the bitterly ambitious adults are taken to task by the righteously innocent adolescents. Of course, they're not so innocent that they don't habitually undress, guzzle beer, and swipe patrol cars. But it's all in the name of small-town Texas fun. (R)

much about the story until he saw the premiere. "They didn't really go into any detail about the plot. They just had them suit up and go out there and play. Shane said he basically went out there and did what he was told and got his paycheck for eight weeks."

"Varsity Blues" is a coming-of-age football comedy directed by Brian Robbins that stars James Van Der Beek, Jon Voight and Paul Walker. The Marquee Toller/Robbins Production in association with Tova Laiter Productions stars James Van Der Beek, Jon Voight and Paul Walker. The cast also includes Ron Lester, Scott Caan, Amy Smart, Ali Larter and Elieel Swinton.

The film's executive producers are David Gale and Van Toffler with Elysa Koplovitz serving as associate producer. The screenplay is by W. Peter Iliff. Paramount Pictures and MTV Films are part of the entertainment operations of Viacom Inc.

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✓ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Jan. 24-30

Today

✓ Critique held

Midland Art Association is holding an Open Forum Critique today from 2-4 p.m. in room 195, Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College.

Herb Cooper will be the host of the Open Forum Critique. It is requested that those attending bring a painting in progress or one that has been completed. It is open to the public.

✓ Jazz presented

ODESSA — Jazz on an Afternoon featuring Pido will be presented during the annual meeting of the West Texas Jazz Society beginning at 2:30 p.m. today at Zucchi's Ristorante, 1541 J.B.S. Parkway, Old Town.

The afternoon event is co-sponsored by Abell-Hanger Foundation. No admission will be charged. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 563-1701 or 682-4283.

Monday

✓ New location

West Texas Harmony, a prospective chapter of Sweet Adelines International, has moved to a new rehearsal location. The chorus, directed by Carol Priest, meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays in the choir room at Memorial Christian Church, corner of Cuthbert Avenue and Andrews Highway.

Sweet Adelines is an international organization of women that promotes the art of four-part harmony, barbershop style. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Patricia Petosky, 694-2035, or Ms. Priest, (915) 333-5838.

Thursday

✓ Inflatable theater

The Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater brings a mixture of inflated costumes, ballet and gymnastics to the Midland High School Auditorium stage Thursday. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m.

Garbo, a juggler and acrobat with "Sesame Street" as one of his credits, began developing helium-filled costumes and props some 10 years ago. He teamed his giant, colorful balloons with dancer Daielma Santos six years ago. Now the balloons dance across the stage, changing shape and size as they move.

In a typical sequence, Ms. Santos dances her costume changes and grows until her costume swallows her and spirits her across the stage. In another segment, a cube bounces onto the stage, grows into a giant rectangular box, which opens to reveal two dancers inside.

The Inflatable Theater Company provides G-rated entertainment for the family as the third event in this year's Midland Community Concerts program. Individuals who do not have

community concert memberships may purchase individual tickets, priced at \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. These tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 620-0033.

The season's final concert, set for March 15, features folk and pop music with The Brothers Four.

Friday

✓ Performance set

Live entertainment comes to the Press Box Sports Cafe, 3303 N. Midkiff inside the atrium in San Miguel Square, with The Talk performing at 9:30 p.m. today and Saturday.

Upcoming acts include The Scene, Feb. 5 and 6; Ground Zero, Feb. 12 and 13; Skeleton Crew, Feb. 19 and 20; and Cadillac Voodoo Choir, Feb. 25 and 26.

✓ Drumming weekend

BIG BEND — On the weekend of Jan. 29-31, the Chinati Hot Springs, on the western edge of the Big Bend, will sponsor a drumming weekend with Rosario Carelli.

Participants will learn traditional West African rhythms and songs from Carelli, who has spent the last nine years making drums and sharing his passion for rhythm worldwide.

The workshop will begin 7 p.m. Friday with dinner and will conclude at 1 p.m. Jan. 31 with lunch. Workshop fees include accommodations, meals and use of the hot mineral baths throughout the weekend. Children are welcome. A children's session will be given daily and child care will be provided.

For more information or to make reservations contact the Chinati Hot Springs by e-mail hotsprings@brookssdata.net or (915) 229-4165. Coming Feb. 21-25 is a three-day workshop taught by Richard Fenker.

Saturday

✓ Live broadcast

Puccini's "La Boheme" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House today at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time, over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network. It will be heard locally over radio station KCRS.

Upcoming in Midland/Odessa

✓ Acting workshops

The Arts Assembly of Midland is bringing the professional acting company No Holds Bard of Los Angeles here to lead students in free acting workshops Feb. 13 and 14 at Midland Park Mall.

There will be hour-long workshops for children in grades 1-6 on Feb. 13. That Sunday, the workshop is for grades 7-9 and is from 1 to 4 p.m. Both groups will

put on performances for family and friends.

Pre-registration is Feb. 12 near Sears in the mall. For more information call the Arts Assembly, 687-1149.

✓ Works donated

ODESSA — Works by members of the Cowboy Artists of America are included in a western art collection donated to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin by members of the Roden family of West Texas.

UTPB President Charles Sorber recently announced that the \$250,000 collection would reside permanently in the new Library/Lecture Center to be constructed at the University.

The first viewing of the entire collection will coincide with the official opening of the Visual Arts Studios currently under construction at UTPB. Scheduled for completion in the fall of 1999, the Visual Arts Studios will house an art gallery design studios, classroom and related areas.

✓ Art show, sale

The 21st Annual Haley Library Art Show and Sale is scheduled for March 26.

Close to fifty exhibitors, Cyrus Asfary, Carolyn Anderson, Gerald Baciar, Dan Bodelson and Guy Coheleach, will participate.

Those wanting to receive an invitation to attend this year's show and sale may contact the Haley Library and History Center, 682-5785.

✓ Workshop

Kathleen Cook will present a "Still Life in Pastel" workshop at the Midland Fine Arts Center March 10-12 for the Midland Arts Association.

Advance registration fee of \$175 is due by Feb. 10. For more information call 699-7136.

Ms. Cook, an elected signature member of the Pastel Society of America, is the juror for MAA's spring show set for the Museum of the Southwest March 12 to April 10. A public opening reception for the show will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. March 12.

✓ Jazz event

The West Texas Jazz Society presents "Collaboration, The WTJSD West Texas Jazz Party this spring. Combining the 33rd annual Jazz Party and the 18th Annual Midland Jazz Classic, the event is set for 8 p.m. to midnight May 20-22 at the Midland Hilton.

Invited musicians are, on piano, Johnny Varro and Ralph Sutton; bass, Lybb Seaton and Keter Betts; drums, Joe Ascione and Jake Hanna; guitar, Bucky Pizzarelli; cornet/trumpet, Ed Polcer and Randy Sandke; reeds, Harry Allen, Jim Galoway and Ken Pelpowski; trombone, Bill Watrous and Dan Barrett; and vocalist Rebecca Kilgore.

Reserved patron seating for WTJSD members are \$150/seat and non-members, \$175/seat.

Please mail checks to The West Texas Jazz Society, 6417 Desoto, Odessa, 79762, or call 800-458-2878 for more information. For room reservations contact the Midland Hilton, (800) 722-6131.

This event is made possible, in part, by generous support from the following organizations: Abell-Hanger Foundation and Continental Airlines.

✓ Poetry gathering

ALPINE — Bards, yarn-spinning and minstrels will gather under the West Texas skies during the 13th annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Feb. 26-28 at Sul Ross State University.

Three days of fun and entertainment begin with the traditional chuck wagon breakfast on Friday morning at Poet's Grove, ending with a celebrity roping at the Range Animal Science Arena.

For more information, contact J.J. Tucker (915) 837-8191.

✓ Ballet performance

LUBBOCK — Ballet Lubbock's first chamber series performance of the 30th anniversary season will be Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. at Texas Tech University's International Culture Center, 601 Indiana Ave.

General admission unreserved seating is \$10 each with an additional \$1 ticket service fee. A limited number of tickets are on sale at the Select-A-Seat main office in Memphis Place Mall or calling 770-2000. Interested parties might also check with the Ballet Lubbock business office at 785-3090 for possible season tickets which have been turned in and may be available for purchase.

Registration required

✓ Art exhibition

ODESSA — The Odessa Art Association is hosting its 41st annual Permian Basin Art Exhibition Feb. 18-March 28 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University.

Juror will be Carol Ann Wells Parson, oil and pastel painter from El Paso.

Entries are due Feb. 13 between noon and 4 p.m. Categories include: acrylics, photography, watercolor, pastel, graphite/mixed media and sculpture/pottery.

Entry fee for OAA members is \$6 per entry and for non-members, \$8 per entry.

Works must have been completed within the last two years without supervision. Original work only. No larger than 40 inches by 40 inches and not previously exhibited in an OAA show or at the Ellen Noel Museum. Must be wired for hanging.

The reception and awards ceremony, which is open to the public, is set to begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 18.

The project is sponsored in part by the Odessa Cultural Council.

Are compact disks deteriorating with age?

By Laura Evanson
and James Sullivan
N.Y. Times News Service

Anyone who ran out and bought a copy of Billy Joel's "52nd Street" — the first mass-market compact disc, released in 1983 — might want to pull it off the shelf and have a look. At least a few CD technology skeptics say it could be full of holes.

"The average CD lasts only 15 years," says Steve Albini, a Chicago recording engineer and front man for the band Shellac, his controversial view which aired earlier this month on the National Public Radio show "Anthem," prompted dozens of phone calls and e-mail messages. "It's an inevitable process of chemical deterioration."

Since their introduction, compact discs have been touted as the recorded format that can handle harsh treatment — fingerprints, scratches, peanut butter smears. But Albini, who has produced records for Nirvana and Bush and mixed the recent reunion of Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, believes that CDs won't withstand the simplest of tests: leaving them on the shelves.

He argues that the aluminum used to make CDs deteriorates when it is exposed to oxidizing agents, leaving the discs vulnerable to "CD rot."

"As long as you clean a vinyl record before you play it, keep it away from heat and don't scratch it up, vinyl will last a century or more," says Albini, who is known for his unrelenting criticism of the music industry. "With CDs, you can do everything right, and they will last only a decade or so."

Albini's views, and the response they are generating, prove that CDs remain a disputed medium among audiophiles. Few experts agree with him completely, but many concede that CDs are not foolproof.

"They are destructible, no question," says George Horn, manager of mastering at Berkeley's Fantasy Studios since 1980. "People can damage them by handling and scuffing them, contrary to what was said 15 years ago."

What's most frustrating, says Horn, is the medium's built-in process of "interpolation," in which a glitch in the disc's photosensitive layer causes the CD player to overcompensate, leading to loss of sound quality and the occasional skip.

"Errors are always with us in the digital recording domain," Horn says.

That's a potential problem for historical archives, Albini says, many of which are now stored digitally on discs. He's especially concerned that cultural ephemera, including taped political speeches, commercial jingles and even some film scores, may not be properly preserved.

"As a music fan and a professional recording engineer who values history, I feel my job is to make sure that what we do stays put and available to people for years into the future."

But the deficiency of store-bought CDs that Albini describes is a problem that's been addressed, Horn says. "It had to do

with a particular process that one of the manufacturers was using (in the early years), in which the injection-mold process let in air oxidizing the aluminum of the finished product. It's really not a problem anymore."

George Peterson, editor of *Mix* Magazine, an audio-industry publication based in Emeryville, Calif., was an early naysayer of CD technology. "I was one of the first people to make public that some CDs actually had mirror blackening, where the silver part corroded like you see in mirrors."

But the recording industry has improved its manufacturing process, Peterson says, making defective CDs a rarity. "I haven't seen one since."

Others, however, say they have. Rick Karr, co-host of "Anthem," the weekly music magazine show, says the deterioration of an older CD in his collection prompted him to invite Albini as a guest on a show celebrating the 50th anniversary of vinyl.

"I bought this disc in the early 1990s by the band Big Star and saw it turn brown. I've seen other discs over time grow more and more prone to mistracking," Mark Goorsky, an associate professor of material science and engineering at the University of California at Los Angeles, says that except for a few discs made cheaply by small labels, most audio CDs and CD-ROMs are at least as hardy as any vinyl record.

"Unless you have a really aggressive environment, with an incredible amount of humidity, for example, I don't see how a CD would deteriorate over time if it's just left alone," Goorsky says. "A lot of the big CD manufacturers are teaming up with big plastic companies to make sure the discs are sealed and won't darken over time."

"Besides, it's a moot point because the next technology coming up will replace this one anyway."

The rapid progression from one recording technology to another is part of the problem, as Albini sees it. "With each incremental improvement in digital technologies, everyone wants to discard the old one. So often the machines used to make and play back master digital tapes no longer exist," he says.

Fantasy's Horn disagrees that there's reason to fear for the safety of digital archives. "I don't think storage is a problem. The U.S. Navy did tests, and they felt that CDs would last 100 years."

Moses Avalon, author of the new book "Confessions of a Record Producer," says the whole argument is relative. "In any storage medium there's a degree of risk."

Since CDs have been around for only 15 years, Avalon says, "no one, not even Sony or Philips, knows how long digital data can be retained on the shelf."

Which is not to say he's a fan of the technology. "Producers have hated the standard from the day we were handed it," Avalon says — for the medium's "cold" sound, not its possible longevity problems.

"If I had to place my bet in the cosmic casino on this, I'd say CDs will not deteriorate."

Two-part 'X-Files' promises viewers what they want: answers

By Phil Kloer
N.Y. Times News Service

PASADENA, Calif. — The biggest tease in television, "The X-Files" creator Chris Carter, swears that this time he's going to deliver the goods the show's fans have been waiting for: real answers.

In a two-part episode airing in February sweeps, "X-Files" Agent Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) will learn definitively who his biological father is and what happened to his sister Samantha, who was abducted by aliens, the show's original driving engine.

"The show will have to change because so much is going to be explained," Carter told the nation's TV critics meeting here to preview the midseason schedule. "You'll under-

stand how Mulder didn't choose the X-Files, they were chosen for him. Cigarette Smoking Man is all but stripped of his mystery. He's going to be exposed."

The popular series about FBI agents exploring a massive government cover-up of alien infiltration of Earth (or something like that) is at its peak popularity in its sixth season, frequently landing in Nielsen's Top 10 shows. Carter said one reason he's revealing secrets next month is that the plan is for next season to be the last, and the complex conspiracy must be unraveled.

"Everyone is prepped for the seventh year to be the last," he said. "An eighth season could happen, but I'm not expecting that." He is, however, expecting to make another "X-Files" feature film, though there are no

plans to start it any time soon.

In the Feb. 7 show, titled "Two Fathers" (a reference to doubts about Mulder's paternity), alien abductee Cassandra Spender returns to Earth and threatens to expose the conspiracy. In the Feb. 14 episode, "One Son," Mulder learns a fair amount of the truth, but the next question to be raised will be: What is he going to do about it?

Carter would not confirm or deny rumors that Agent Krycek (Nick Lea) will be killed in the two-part.

Carter also is working on another series for Fox, which may be ready for next fall: "Harsh Realm." It will be a science-fiction exploration of virtual reality and a parallel universe with a detective twist. No casting yet.

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Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association Golden Globe Awards.

Golden Globes Hollywood

By William Arnold
Hearst News Service

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There's also the W of America nomination, the American Cinema "Eddie" Awards no Feb. 5, and, of course, my Awards nomination will be announced a televised news conference Feb. 9, at the ungodly 5:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

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Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan star in the romantic comedy "You've Got Mail." Ryan is a contender in this year's race for best actress at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Golden Globe Awards tonight.

Golden Globes

Hollywood gets ready to set Oscar-mania in motion

By William Arnold
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But in the '90s, that has changed. Ever since some pundit first noticed that the Globe nominations tended to be an uncanny bellwether for the Oscar nominations, they've steadily grown in credibility — and importance. So when they take place tonight at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Hollywood definitely will be watching.

And attending. Since the ceremony takes place five days before the polls close for Oscar nominations, the Globes also have become the major campaign platform for the Academy Awards. It's accepted now that an especially gracious or charming showing by a winner — or presenter — on tonight can well be the deciding factor that sways the vote of an undecided Academy member.

The Golden Globes also have come to unofficially mark the opening of the 1999 Oscar campaign season: one that picks up speed the next day, when the Screen Directors Guild announces its nominations (which usually match four out of five of the Oscar nominations); and on Tuesday, when the Screen Actors Guild and the American Society of Cinematographers announce their nominations.

There's also the Writers Guild of America nominations on Feb. 3, the American Cinema Editors "Eddie" Awards nominations on Feb. 5, and, of course, the Academy Awards nominations, which will be announced at a nationally televised news conference on Feb. 9, at the ungodly hour of 5:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

At this point, the Oscars really switch into high gear, and the battalion of critics, pundits, soothsayers, Wall Street analysts and Las Vegas oddsmakers who follow every beat of the competition will be scrutinizing the results and readjusting their predictions when the various guilds announce their awards: the writers on Feb. 20; the cinematographers on Feb. 21; the directors on March 6; and the screen

actors on March 7.

Then, for the next two weeks, the television networks, CNN, E! Entertainment Television and the various classic-movie cable networks will all join in a frenzy of Oscar-mania and predictions that will last right up to the moment the Oscar parties start and the little gold statues of the 71st annual Academy Awards are handed out at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on March 21.

After all the analysis and back-slapping, can there possibly be any suspense left by the time Oscar night rolls around? And don't we already know that "Saving Private Ryan" is going to be the big winner? (As Variety quoted one Academy member last July, "Should we just FedEx the Oscars over to Spielberg's house now and save everybody the trouble of voting?")

Actually, yes, there should be a considerable amount of suspense nine weeks from now — maybe as much as in any Oscar night of the '90s. And no, while it's still the clear best-picture front-runner, Spielberg's "Ryan" no longer seems to have the lock on the evening that "Titanic" did last year or "Schindler's List," "Forrest Gump" or "The English Patient" did in their years.

The year-end critics awards — the most important pre-Golden Globe Oscar indicator — gave decidedly mixed signals this time. The New York Film Critics and L.A. Film Critics handed their best picture honors to "Ryan," but the National Board of Review picked "Gods and Monsters" and both the Boston Film Critics and the National Society of Film Critics chose the quirky caper picture, "Out of Sight."

The strong critical showing and likely best-picture nomination of Terrence Malick's "The Thin Red Line" (released in January but officially a '98 film) also diminishes the Spielberg movie's air of invincibility, based on the theory that Academy members inclined toward World War II movies will split their vote between the two very different epics.

If they do, it could leave the door open to one of the underdog pictures that will be fighting it out for the other three best-picture slots, in the same way "Chariots of Fire" upset "Reds"

in 1981. Based on the Golden Globe nominations, this could be "Shakespeare in Love," "Elizabeth," "Gods and Monsters," "The Truman Show" or perhaps even "Bulworth" (which was more popular in Hollywood than it was in the rest of the country).

Nor does Spielberg seem to have his name engraved on his second directing Oscar. He won the L.A. Film Critics prize in that category, but the New York Film Critics gave their directing nod to Malick for "The Thin Red Line" (indicating another split could occur here), and the National Board of Review gave the honor to India's Shekhar Kapur for "Elizabeth." Not to be counted out are Steven Soderbergh for "Out of Sight," John Madden for "Shakespeare" and Peter Weir for "Truman."

The front-runner for the best-actor Oscar is no longer Tom Hanks, who was blanketed by the critic associations for "Ryan," but Ian McKellen, who took the L.A. and several other critics' prizes for "Gods and Monsters." Nick Nolte won the New York Film Critics award for "Affliction," and got the best notices of the all-star cast of "The Thin Red Line." So he has momentum, and a long track record that deserves recognition. Also in the running are Jim Carrey for "Truman" and Warren Beatty for "Bulworth."

Meanwhile, the best-actress race, for which "Ryan" has no candidate, may be as wide open as it's been anytime in Oscar history. Fernanda Montenegro ("Central Station"), Ally Sheedy ("High Art"), Cate Blanchett ("Elizabeth") and Cameron Diaz ("There's Something About Mary") have all won major critic-association awards, and Emily Watson ("Hilary and Jackie"), Gwyneth Paltrow ("Shakespeare") and Meg Ryan ("You've Got Mail") also seem strong contenders.

Adding to the air of suspense come March 21 is the fact that the Academy is presenting an honorary award to director Elia Kazan, who, despite his legendary career, has never been

forgiven by much of Hollywood for naming names in the McCarthy communist witch-hunt era. When he won his last best-directing Oscar in 1954 (for "On the Waterfront"), he accepted it in person. Will he be booed?

There also is the matter of the Oscar-night host, an honor that fell this year to Whoopi Goldberg after Billy Crystal turned it down several weeks ago. In her two previous outings, Goldberg proved to be competent but a pale second to Crystal, whose quick wit and self-deprecating humor has made him the natural successor to Bob Hope and Johnny Carson in the Oscar-host Hall of Fame. Will this third time be the charm for Whoopi? Or the curse?

Finally, the greatest suspense of all about Oscar '99 may be over how the public responds to its change of day, from Monday to tonight. On the surface it seems like a great idea: allowing an earlier start (5:30 p.m.), and a whole day for the networks to build the audience with lead-in shows. "But you never know," one Oscar publicist confided to me. "Since 1959, Oscar has been handed out 32 times on Monday night. People have been programmed to think Oscars and Monday and rush home from work. Let's just hope they remember to turn back their watches."

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The week that was

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Entertainment highlights during the week of Jan. 24-30:

65 years ago: The Apollo Theatre in Harlem presented its first live stage show, featuring Benny Carter and his Big Band.

60 years ago: "Gunga Din," starring Cary Grant, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Sam Jaffe, premiered at New York's Radio City Music Hall. The film was loosely based on Rudyard Kipling's famous poem.

35 years ago: Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove" premiered in New York, Toronto and London. The film starred Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, Sterling Hayden, Keenan Wynn and Slim Pickens. It was James Earl Jones' film debut.

30 years ago: The Beatles performed on the roof of Apple Studios in London. It was filmed for the movie "Let It Be."

25 years ago: Frank Sinatra ended a three-year "retirement" with a performance in Las Vegas.

20 years ago: "The Dukes of Hazzard" made its debut on CBS.

15 years ago: Pop star Michael Jackson suffered minor injuries during the taping of a soft drink commercial in Los Angeles. An accidental flare explosion ignited his hair. Jackson suffered second-degree burns on his skull.

And Woody Allen's "Broadway Danny Rose" starred Allen and Mia Farrow.

10 years ago: Sales of Michael Jackson's "Moonwalker" videotape surpassed the half-million mark set by the entertainer's "Making Michael Jackson's Thriller." CBS Music Video Enterprises said "Moonwalker" sales totaled a record-breaking \$12.5 million.

Country singer Randy Travis and pop singer George Michael led the 16th annual American Music Awards with three trophies each. Def Leppard swept the heavy metal category as favorite artist and for the album "Hysteria."

And "Working Girl," a corporate Cinderella story starring Melanie Griffith, won four film awards at the 46th annual Golden Globes. "Rain Man" won two film awards, as best dramatic motion picture and for best dramatic actor.

Dustin Hoffman.

Five years ago: "What Happened Was," a drama about a troubled dinner date, and the civil rights documentary "Freedom on My Mind" won the top prizes at the Sundance Film Festival. "Hoop Dreams," a profile of two Chicago high school basketball players, won the audience award for documentary.

One year ago: The first concert by U2 in Brazil was a big hit — maybe too big. Gridlock froze traffic for hours on roads leading to the Nelson Piquet Autodrome in Rio de Janeiro. Many fans of the Irish rock band left their cars on the road and walked.

"Slam," a gritty story of an imprisoned poet, won the top prize at the Sundance Film Festival, the nation's top showcase for movies made without studio money.

And singer Paula Cole agreed to let her hit "I Don't Want to Wait" be the title song for "Dawson's Creek," a new TV series about teen-agers growing up in a small town.

Spoken 10 years ago:

"I've been an actress for 16 years, and it's the first time I've ever won anything." — Melanie Griffith, who won a Golden Globe as best actress in a musical or comedy film for her role in "Working Girl."

"I never expected to win this." — Singer Gloria Estefan at the American Music Awards. Gloria Estefan & Miami Sound Machine were surprise winners of the best pop-rock group trophy.

Spoken one year ago: "Dawson's" is the first pilot I ever filmed, the first I ever auditioned for. This is an opportunity that comes along maybe once. — Actor James Van Der Beek, the 20-year-old star of the television hit, "Dawson's Creek."

"I embrace everything about Ally. Maybe it's because I'm playing the part, but I don't particularly see her as a whiner. One week she's tough, the next she's really weak. She's human." — Actress Calista Flockhart, star of Fox television's "Ally McBeal."

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✓ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Jan. 24-30

Today

✓ Critique held

Midland Art Association is holding an Open Forum Critique today from 2-4 p.m. in room 195, Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College.

Herb Cooper will be the host of the Open Forum Critique. It is requested that those attending bring a painting in progress or one that has been completed. It is open to the public.

✓ Jazz presented

ODESSA — Jazz on an Afternoon featuring Pido will be presented during the annual meeting of the West Texas Jazz Society beginning at 2:30 p.m. today at Zucchi's Ristorante, 1541 J.B.S. Parkway, Old Town.

The afternoon event is co-sponsored by Abell-Hanger Foundation. No admission will be charged. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 563-1701 or 682-4283.

Monday

✓ New location

West Texas Harmony, a prospective chapter of Sweet Adelines International, has moved to a new rehearsal location. The chorus, directed by Carol Priest, meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays in the choir room at Memorial Christian Church, corner of Cuthbert Avenue and Andrews Highway. Sweet Adelines is an international organization of women that promotes the art of four-part harmony, barbershop style. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Patricia Petosky, 694-2035, or Ms. Priest, (915) 333-5838.

Thursday

✓ Inflatable theater

The Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater brings a mixture of inflated costumes, ballet and gymnastics to the Midland High School Auditorium stage Thursday. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Garbo, a juggler and acrobat with "Sesame Street" as one of his credits, began developing helium-filled costumes and props some 10 years ago. He teamed his giant, colorful balloons with dancer Daielma Santos six years ago. Now the balloons dance across the stage, changing shape and size as they move.

In a typical sequence, Ms. Santos dances her costume changes and grows until her costume swallows her and spirits her across the stage. In another segment, a cube bounces onto the stage, grows into a giant rectangular box, which opens to reveal two dancers inside.

The Inflatable Theater Company provides G-rated entertainment for the family as the third event in this year's Midland Community Concerts program. Individuals who do not have

community concert memberships may purchase individual tickets, priced at \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. These tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 620-0033.

The season's final concert, set for March 15, features folk and pop music with The Brothers Four.

Friday

✓ Performance set

Live entertainment comes to the Press Box Sports Cafe, 3303 N. Midkiff inside the atrium in San Miguel Square, with The Talk performing at 9:30 p.m. today and Saturday.

Upcoming acts include The Scene, Feb. 5 and 6; Ground Zero, Feb. 12 and 13; Skeleton Crew, Feb. 19 and 20; and Cadillac Voodoo Choir, Feb. 25 and 26.

✓ Drumming weekend

BIG BEND — On the weekend of Jan. 29-31, the Chinati Hot Springs, on the western edge of the Big Bend, will sponsor a drumming weekend with Rosario Carelli.

Participants will learn traditional West African rhythms and songs from Carelli, who has spent the last nine years making drums and sharing his passion for rhythm worldwide.

The workshop will begin 7 p.m. Friday with dinner and will conclude at 1 p.m. Jan. 31 with lunch. Workshop fees include accommodations, meals and use of the hot mineral baths throughout the weekend. Children are welcome. A children's session will be given daily and child care will be provided.

For more information or to make reservations contact the Chinati Hot Springs by e-mail hotspings@brookdata.net or (915) 229-4165. Coming Feb. 21-25 is a three-day workshop taught by Richard Fenker.

Saturday

✓ Live broadcast

Puccini's "La Boheme" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House today at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time, over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network. It will be heard locally over radio station KCRS.

Upcoming in Midland/Odessa

✓ Acting workshops

The Arts Assembly of Midland is bringing the professional acting company No Holds Bard of Los Angeles here to lead students in free acting workshops Feb. 13 and 14 at Midland Park Mall.

There will be hour-long workshops for children in grades 1-6 on Feb. 13. That Sunday, the workshop is for grades 7-9 and is from 1 to 4 p.m. Both groups will

put on performances for family and friends.

Pre-registration is Feb. 12 near Sears in the mall. For more information call the Arts Assembly, 687-1149.

✓ Works donated

ODESSA — Works by members of the Cowboy Artists of America are included in a western art collection donated to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin by members of the Roden family of West Texas.

UTPB President Charles Sorber recently announced that the \$250,000 collection would reside permanently in the new Library/Lecture Center to be constructed at the University.

The first viewing of the entire collection will coincide with the official opening of the Visual Arts Studios currently under construction at UTPB. Scheduled for completion in the fall of 1999, the Visual Arts Studios will house an art gallery design studios, classroom and related areas.

✓ Art show, sale

The 21st Annual Haley Library Art Show and Sale is scheduled for March 26.

Close to fifty exhibitors, Cyrus Asfary, Carolyn Anderson, Gerald Baciar, Dan Bodelson and Guy Coleleach, will participate.

Those wanting to receive an invitation to attend this year's show and sale may contact the Haley Library and History Center, 682-5785.

✓ Workshop

Kathleen Cook will present a "Still Life in Pastel" workshop at the Midland Fine Arts Center March 10-12 for the Midland Arts Association.

Advance registration fee of \$175 is due by Feb. 10. For more information call 699-7136.

Ms. Cook, an elected signature member of the Pastel Society of America, is the juror for MAA's spring show set for the Museum of the Southwest March 12 to April 10. A public opening reception for the show will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. March 12.

✓ Jazz event

The West Texas Jazz Society presents "Collaboration, The WTJD West Texas Jazz Party this spring. Combining the 33rd annual Jazz Party and the 18th Annual Midland Jazz Classic, the event is set for 8 p.m. to midnight May 20-22 at the Midland Hilton.

Invited musicians are, on piano, Johnny Varro and Ralph Sutton; bass, Lybb Seaton and Keter Betts; drums, Joe Ascione and Jake Hanna; guitar, Bucky Pizzarelli; cornet/trumpet, Ed Polcer and Randy Sandke; reeds, Harry Allen, Jim Galloway and Ken Peplowski; trombone, Bill Watrous and Dan Barrett; and vocalist Rebecca Kilgore.

Reserved patron seating for WTJS members are \$150/seat and non-members, \$175/seat.

Please mail checks to The West Texas Jazz Society, 6417 Desoto, Odessa, 79762, or call 800-458-2878 for more information. For room reservations contact the Midland Hilton, (800) 722-6131.

This event is made possible, in part, by generous support from the following organizations: Abell-Hanger Foundation and Continental Airlines.

✓ Poetry gathering

ALPINE — Bards, yarn-spinning and minstrels will gather under the West Texas skies during the 13th annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Feb. 26-28 at Sul Ross State University.

Three days of fun and entertainment begin with the traditional chuck wagon breakfast on Friday morning at Poet's Grove, ending with a celebrity roping at the Range Animal Science Arena.

For more information, contact J.J. Tucker (915) 837-8191.

✓ Ballet performance

LUBBOCK — Ballet Lubbock's first chamber series performance of the 30th anniversary season will be Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. at Texas Tech University's International Culture Center, 601 Indiana Ave.

General admission unreserved seating is \$10 each with an additional \$1 ticket service fee. A limited number of tickets are on sale at the Select-A-Seat main office in Memphis Place Mall or calling 770-2000. Interested parties might also check with the Ballet Lubbock business office at 785-3090 for possible season tickets which have been turned in and may be available for purchase.

Registration required

✓ Art exhibition

ODESSA — The Odessa Art Association is hosting its 41st annual Permian Basin Art Exhibition Feb. 18-March 28 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University.

Juror will be Carol Ann Wells Parson, oil and pastel painter from El Paso.

Entries are due Feb. 13 between noon and 4 p.m. Categories include: acrylics, photography, watercolor, pastel, graphics/mixed media and sculpture/pottery.

Entry fee for OAA members is \$6 per entry and for non-members, \$8 per entry.

Works must have been completed within the last two years without supervision. Original work only. No larger than 40 inches by 40 inches and not previously exhibited in an OAA show or at the Ellen Noel Museum. Must be wired for hanging. The reception and awards ceremony, which is open to the public, is set to begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 18.

The project is sponsored in part by the Odessa Cultural Council.

Are compact disks deteriorating with age?

By Laura Evanson
and James Sullivan
N.Y. Times News Service

Anyone who ran out and bought a copy of Billy Joel's "52nd Street" — the first mass-market compact disc, released in 1983 — might want to pull it off the shelf and have a look. At least a few CD technology skeptics say it could be full of holes.

"The average CD lasts only 15 years," says Steve Albini, a Chicago recording engineer and front man for the band Shellac, his controversial views, which aired earlier this month on the National Public Radio show "Anthem," prompted dozens of phone calls and e-mail messages. "It's an inevitable process of chemical deterioration."

Since their introduction, compact discs have been touted as the recorded format that can handle harsh treatment — fingerprints, scratches, peanut butter smears. But Albini, who has produced records for Nirvana and Bush and mixed the recent reunion of Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, believes that CDs won't withstand the simplest of tests: leaving them on the shelves.

He argues that the aluminum used to make CDs deteriorates when it is exposed to oxidizing agents, leaving the discs vulnerable to "CD rot."

"As long as you clean a vinyl record before you play it, keep it away from heat and don't scratch it up, vinyl will last a century or more," says Albini, who is known for his unrelenting criticism of the music industry. "With CDs, you can do everything right, and they will last only a decade or so."

Albini's views, and the response they are generating, prove that CDs remain a disputed medium among audiophiles. Few experts agree with him completely, but many concede that CDs are not foolproof.

"They are destructible, no question," says George Horn, manager of mastering at Berkeley's Fantasy Studios since 1980. "People can damage them by handling and scuffing them, contrary to what was said 15 years ago."

What's most frustrating, says Horn, is the medium's built-in process of "interpolation," in which a glitch in the disc's photosensitive layer causes the CD player to overcompensate, leading to loss of sound quality and the occasional skip.

"Errors are always with us in the digital recording domain," Horn says.

That's a potential problem for historical archives, Albini says, many of which are now stored digitally on discs. He's especially concerned that cultural ephemera, including taped political speeches, commercial jingles and even some film scores, may not be properly preserved.

"As a music fan and a professional recording engineer who values history, I feel my job is to make sure that what we do stays put and available to people for years into the future."

But the deficiency of store-bought CDs that Albini describes is a problem that's been addressed, Horn says. "It had to do

with a particular process that one of the manufacturers was using (in the early years), in which the injection-mold process let in air oxidizing the aluminum of the finished product. 'It's really not a problem anymore.'"

George Peterson, editor of *Music Magazine*, an audio-industry publication based in Emeryville, Calif., was an early naysayer of CD technology. "I was one of the first people to make public that some CDs actually had mirror blackening, where the silver part corroded like you see in mirrors."

But the recording industry has improved its manufacturing process, Peterson says, making defective CDs a rarity. "I haven't seen one since."

Others, however, say they have. Rick Karr, co-host of "Anthem," the weekly music magazine show, says the deterioration of an older CD in his collection prompted him to invite Albini as a guest on a show celebrating the 50th anniversary of vinyl.

"I bought this disc in the early 1990s by the band Big Star and saw it turn brown. I've seen other discs over time grow more and more prone to mistracking," Mark Goorsky, an associate professor of material science and engineering at the University of California at Los Angeles, says that except for a few discs made cheaply by small labels, most audio CDs and CD-ROMs are at least as hardy as any vinyl record.

"Unless you have a really aggressive environment, with an incredible amount of humidity," for example, I don't see how a CD would deteriorate over time if it's just left alone," Goorsky says. "A lot of the big CD manufacturers are teaming up with big plastic companies to make sure the discs are sealed and won't darken over time."

"Besides, it's a moot point because the next technology coming up will replace this one anyway."

The rapid progression from one recording technology to another is part of the problem, as Albini sees it. "With each incremental improvement in digital technologies, everyone wants to discard the old one. So often the machines used to make and play back master digital tapes no longer exist," he says.

Fantasy's Horn disagrees that there's reason to fear for the safety of digital archives. "I don't think storage is a problem. The U.S. Navy did tests, and they felt that CDs would last 100 years."

Moses Avalon, author of the new book "Confessions of a Record Producer," says the whole argument is relative. "In any storage medium there's a degree of risk."

Since CDs have been around for only 15 years, Avalon says, "no one, not even Sony or Philips, knows how long digital data can be retained on the shelf."

Which is not to say he's a fan of the technology. "Producers have hated the standard from the day we were handed it," Avalon says — for the medium's "cold" sound, not its possible longevity problems.

"If I had to place my bet in the cosmic casino on this, I'd say CDs will not deteriorate."

Two-part 'X-Files' promises viewers what they want: answers

By Phil Kloor
N.Y. Times News Service

PASADENA, Calif. — The biggest tease in television, "The X-Files" creator Chris Carter, swears that this time he's going to deliver the goods the show's fans have been waiting for: real answers.

In a two-part episode airing in February sweeps, "X-Files" Agent Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) will learn definitively who his biological father is and what happened to his sister Samantha, who was abducted by aliens, the show's original driving engine.

"The show will have to change because so much is going to be explained," Carter told the nation's TV critics meeting here to preview the midseason schedule. "You'll under-

stand how Mulder didn't choose the X-Files, they were chosen for him. Cigarette Smoking Man is all but stripped of his mystery. He's going to be exposed."

The popular series about FBI agents exploring a massive government cover-up of alien infiltration of Earth (or something like that) is at its peak popularity in its sixth season, frequently landing in Nielsen's Top 10 shows. Carter said one reason he's revealing secrets next month is that the plan is for next season to be the last, and the complex conspiracy must be unraveled.

"Everyone is prepped for the seventh year to be the last," he said. "An eighth season could happen, but I'm not expecting that." He is, however, expecting to make another "X-Files" feature film, though there are no

plans to start it any time soon.

In the Feb. 7 show, titled "Two Fathers" (a reference to doubts about Mulder's paternity), alien abductee Cassandra Spender returns to Earth and threatens to expose the conspiracy. In the Feb. 14 episode, "One Son," Mulder learns a fair amount of the truth, but the next question to be raised will be: What is he going to do about it?

Carter would not confirm or deny rumors that Agent Krycek (Nick Lea) will be killed in the two-parter.

Carter also is working on another series for Fox, which may be ready for next fall: "Harsh Realm." It will be a science-fiction exploration of virtual reality and a parallel universe with a detective twist. No casting yet.

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Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan star in the romantic comedy "You've Got Mail." Ryan is a contender in this year's race for best actress at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Golden Globe Awards tonight.

Golden Globes

Hollywood gets ready to set Oscar-mania in motion

By William Arnold
Hearst News Service

It wasn't long ago that the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Golden Globe Awards were considered the most irrelevant and tarnished of all the annual movie awards — the one prize that a shrewd producer could actually "buy" by winning and dining the right journalists.

But in the '90s, that has changed. Ever since some pundit first noticed that the Globe nominations tended to be an uncanny bellwether for the Oscar nominations, they've steadily grown in credibility — and importance. So when they take place tonight at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Hollywood definitely will be watching.

And attending. Since the ceremony takes place five days before the polls close for Oscar nominations, the Globes also have become the major campaign platform for the Academy Awards. It's accepted now that an especially gracious or charming showing by a winner — or presenter — on tonight can well be the deciding factor that sways the vote of an undecided Academy member.

The Golden Globes also have come to unofficially mark the opening of the 1999 Oscar campaign season: one that picks up speed the next day, when the Screen Directors Guild announces its nominations (which usually match four out of five of the Oscar nominations); and on Tuesday, when the Screen Actors Guild and the American Society of Cinematographers announce their nominations.

There's also the Writers Guild of America nominations on Feb. 3, the American Cinema Editors "Eddie" Awards nominations on Feb. 5, and, of course, the Academy Awards nominations, which will be announced at a nationally televised news conference on Feb. 9, at the ungloomy hour of 5:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

At this point, the Oscars really switch into high gear, and the battalion of critics, pundits, soothsayers, Wall Street analysts and Las Vegas oddsmakers who follow every beat of the competition will be scrutinizing the results and readjusting their predictions when the various guilds announce their awards: the writers on Feb. 21; the cinematographers on Feb. 21; the directors on March 6; and the screen

actors on March 7.

Then, for the next two weeks, the television networks, CNN, E! Entertainment Television and the various classic-movie cable networks will join in a frenzy of Oscar-mania and predictions that will last right up to the moment the Oscar parties start and the little gold statues of the 71st annual Academy Awards are handed out at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on March 21.

After all the analysis and backslapping, can there possibly be any suspense left by the time Oscar night rolls around? And don't we already know that "Saving Private Ryan" is going to be the big winner? (As Variety quoted one Academy member last July, "Should we just FedEx the Oscars over to Spielberg's house now and save everybody the trouble of voting?")

Actually, yes, there should be a considerable amount of suspense nine weeks from now — maybe as much as in any Oscar night of the '90s. And no, while it's still the clear best-picture front-runner, Spielberg's "Ryan" no longer seems to have the lock on the evening that "Titanic" did last year or "Schindler's List," "Forrest Gump" or "The English Patient" did in their years.

The year-end critics awards — the most important pre-Globe Oscar indicator — gave decidedly mixed signals this time. The New York Film Critics and L.A. Film Critics handed their best picture honors to "Ryan," but the National Board of Review picked "Gods and Monsters," and both the Boston Film Critics and the National Society of Film Critics chose the quirky caper picture, "Out of Sight."

The strong critical showing and likely best-picture nomination of Terrence Malick's "The Thin Red Line" (released in January but officially a '98 film) also diminishes the Spielberg movie's air of invincibility, based on the theory that Academy members inclined toward World War II movies will split their vote between the two very different epics.

If they do, it could leave the door open to one of the underdog pictures that will be fighting it out for the other three best-picture slots, in the same way "Chariots of Fire" upset "Reds"

in 1981. Based on the Golden Globe nominations, this could be "Shakespeare in Love," "Elizabeth," "Gods and Monsters," "The Truman Show" or perhaps even "Bulworth" (which was more popular in Hollywood than it was in the rest of the country).

Nor does Spielberg seem to have his name engraved on his second directing Oscar. He won the L.A. Film Critics prize in that category, but the New York Film Critics gave their directing nod to Malick for "The Thin Red Line" (indicating another split could occur here), and the National Board of Review gave the honor to India's Shekhar Kapur for "Elizabeth." Not to be counted out are Steven Soderbergh for "Out of Sight," John Madden for "Shakespeare" and Peter Weir for "Truman."

The front-runner for the best-actor Oscar is no longer Tom Hanks, who was blanketed by the critic associations for "Ryan," but Ian McKellen, who took the L.A. and several other critics' prizes for "Gods and Monsters." Nick Nolte won the New York Film Critics award for "Affliction," and got the best notices of the all-star cast of "The Thin Red Line." So he has momentum, and a long track record that deserves recognition. Also in the running are Jim Carrey for "Truman" and Warren Beatty for "Bulworth."

Meanwhile, the best-actress race, for which "Ryan" has no candidate, may be as wide open as it's been anytime in Oscar history. Fernanda Montenegro ("Central Station"), Ally Sheedy ("High Art"), Cate Blanchett ("Elizabeth") and Cameron Diaz ("There's Something About Mary") have all won major critic-association awards, and Emily Watson ("Hilary and Jackie"), Gwyneth Paltrow ("Shakespeare") and Meg Ryan ("You've Got Mail") also seem strong contenders.

Adding to the air of suspense come March 21 is the fact that the Academy is presenting an honorary award to director Elia Kazan, who, despite his legendary career, has never been

forgiven by much of Hollywood for naming names in the McCarthy communist witch-hunt era. When he won his last best-directing Oscar in 1954 (for "On the Waterfront"), he accepted it from New York. This time he'll be in person. Will he be booed?

There also is the matter of the Oscar-night host, an honor that fell this year to Whoopi Goldberg after Billy Crystal turned it down several weeks ago. In her two previous outings, Goldberg proved to be competent but a pale second to Crystal, whose quick wit and self-deprecating humor has made him the natural successor to Bob Hope and Johnny Carson in the Oscar-host Hall of Fame. Will this third time be the charm for Whoopi? Or the curse?

Finally, the greatest suspense of all about Oscar '99 may be over how the public responds to its change of day, from Monday to tonight. On the surface it seems like a great idea: allowing an earlier start (5:30 p.m.), and a whole day for the networks to build the audience with lead-in shows. "But you never know," one Oscar publicist confided to me. "Since 1959, Oscar has been handed out 32 times on Monday night. People have been programmed to think Oscars and Monday and rush home from work. Let's just hope they remember to turn back their watches."

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The week that was

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Entertainment highlights during the week of Jan. 24-30:

65 years ago: The Apollo Theatre in Harlem presented its first live stage show, featuring Benny Carter and his Big Band.

60 years ago: "Gunga Din," starring Cary Grant, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Sam Jaffe, premiered at New York's Radio City Music Hall. The film was loosely based on Rudyard Kipling's famous poem.

35 years ago: Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove" premiered in New York, Toronto and London. The film starred Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, Sterling Hayden, Keenan Wynn and Slim Pickens. It was James Earl Jones' film debut.

30 years ago: The Beatles performed on the roof of Apple Studios in London. It was filmed for the movie "Let It Be."

25 years ago: Frank Sinatra ended a three-year "retirement" with a performance in Las Vegas.

20 years ago: "The Dukes of Hazzard" made its debut on CBS.

15 years ago: Pop star Michael Jackson suffered minor injuries during the taping of a soft drink commercial in Los Angeles. An accidental flare explosion ignited his hair. Jackson suffered second-degree burns on his skull.

And Woody Allen's "Broadway Danny Rose" starred Allen and Mia Farrow.

10 years ago: Sales of Michael Jackson's "Moonwalker" videotape surpassed the half-million mark set by the entertainer's "Making Michael Jackson's Thriller." CBS Music Video Enterprises said "Moonwalker" sales totaled a record-breaking \$12.5 million.

Country singer Randy Travis and pop singer George Michael led the 16th annual American Music Awards with three trophies each. Def Leppard swept the heavy metal category as favorite artist and for the album "Hysteria."

And "Working Girl," a corporate Cinderella story starring Melanie Griffith, won four film awards at the 46th annual Golden Globes. "Rain Man" won two film awards, as best dramatic motion picture and for best dramatic actor.

Dustin Hoffman.

Five years ago: "What Happened Was..." a drama about a troubled dinner date, and the civil rights documentary "Freedom on My Mind" won the top prizes at the Sundance Film Festival. "Hoop Dreams," a profile of two Chicago high school basketball players, won the audience award for documentary.

One year ago: The first concert by U2 in Brazil was a big hit — maybe too big. Gridlock froze traffic for hours on roads leading to the Nelson Piquet Autodrome in Rio de Janeiro. Many fans of the Irish rock band left their cars on the road and walked.

"Slam," a gritty story of an imprisoned poet, won the top prize at the Sundance Film Festival, the nation's top showcase for movies made without studio money.

And singer Paula Cole agreed to let her hit "I Don't Want to Wait" be the title song for "Dawson's Creek," a new TV series about teen-agers growing up in a small town.

Spoken 10 years ago:

"I've been an actress for 16 years, and it's the first time I've ever won anything." — Melanie Griffith, who won a Golden Globe as best actress in a musical or comedy film for her role in "Working Girl."

"I never expected to win this."

— Singer Gloria Estefan at the American Music Awards. Gloria Estefan & Miami Sound Machine were surprise winners of the best pop-rock group trophy.

Spoken one year ago:

"Dawson's Creek" is the first pilot I ever filmed, the first I ever auditioned for. This is an opportunity that comes along maybe once." — Actor James Van Der Beek, the 20-year-old star of the television hit, "Dawson's Creek."

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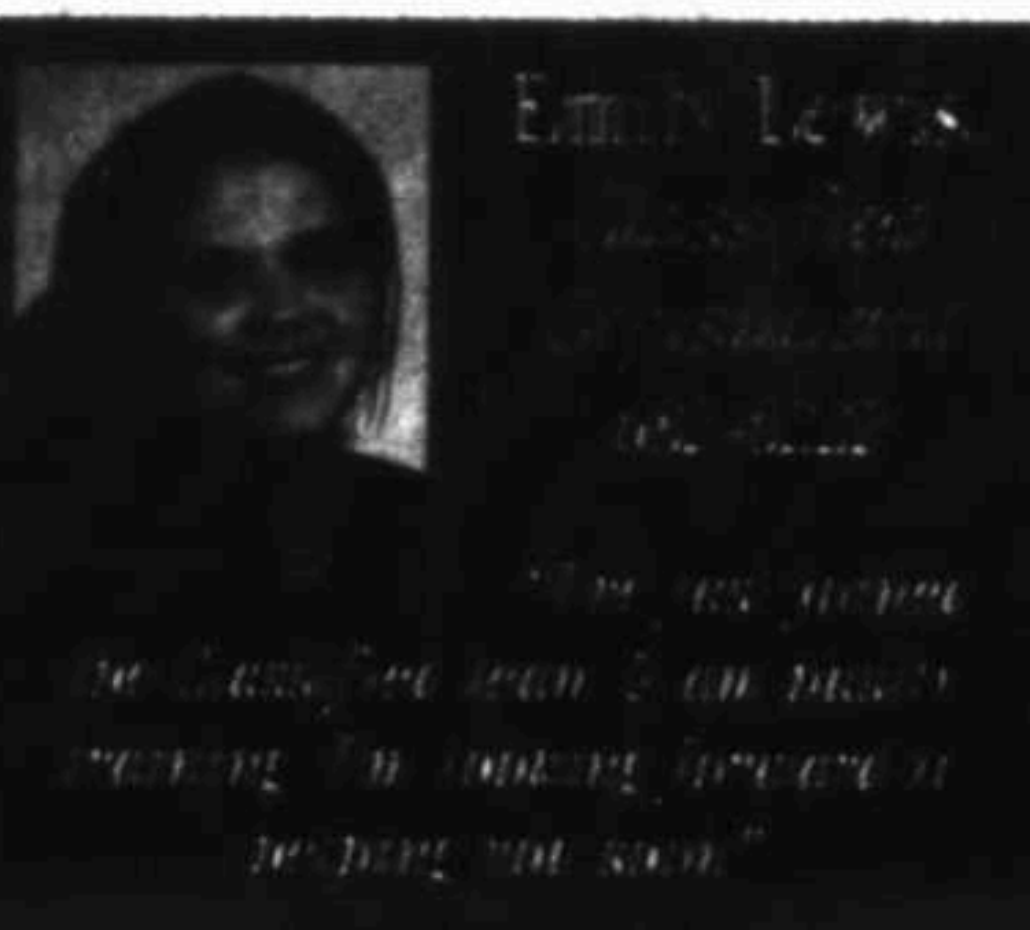
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DATED January 7, 1999, and issued pursuant to a judgment of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. T-8880, and styled Midland Central Appraisal District vs. Colonial Court Investments, Inc., a defendant Texas corporation, Don Hoffman (In Rem Only), Cridex Incorporated, a defendant Texas corporation, Lienholder (In Rem Only), Pinnacle, Inc., formerly known as Gary Evangelistic Association, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation (In Rem Only) and the Unknown Shareholders of Colonial Court Investments, Inc., a defendant Texas corporation, do hereby certify that on January 7, 1999, I, the undersigned, Sheriff of said County, have on January 7, 1999, seized, levied upon, and will on the 14th day of February, 1999, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Midland, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Midland and the State of Texas, to-wit:

The "Plantation Manor Tract" and a 14,748 square foot tract out of Tract E of the Johnson and Moran Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas, located at 3000 W. Kansas Avenue being that property more particularly described in Volume 1320, Page 213 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED January 7, 1999, at Midland, Texas.
By: Gary Painter
SHERIFF
Midland County, Texas
Bill Stone
DEPUTY

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Monahans, Texas (hereinafter called "Local Housing Authority") will receive sealed bids for a single construction contract for the modernization of 68 dwelling units, existing Management Community Building and existing Storage Building, including demolition, site work, alterations, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and all work specified and or shown on the drawings until:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1999, 2:00 P.M.
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS
209 S. DWIGHT
MONAHANS, TEXAS 79756

Immediately thereafter all bids be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Monahans and at the office of Cameron Aired, Architect Inc. 209 W. 8th St. Fort Worth, Texas 76102 and at plan rooms in various cities of the state.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 with the Architect's office for each set of documents so obtained. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 30 days, after bid opening.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Local Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a Company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List, in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds The bonds shall be from a Company which is on the U.S. Treasury Department List.

Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages A set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

The Local Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the Local Authority.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MONAHANS
Shirley Hill Executive Director
915-943-5962

Date: January 24, 1999
January 31, 1999

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Judge and County Commissioners of Jeff Davis County will be received, opened, and publicly read aloud in the Commissioners Courtroom, Jeff Davis County Courthouse, Ft. Davis, Texas, until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25th, 1999, to furnish labor and materials for the following Work:

Rehabilitation and Adaptive use of the Historic Union Building for the Jeff Davis County Library:

The Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid Bond, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, Sample Contracts, Plans, and Specifications may be acquired, for a refundable deposit of \$50.00 per set from the office of The Williams Company, AIA, 3636 Executive Center Dr., Ste. 254, P.O. Box 27254, Austin, Texas 78755. Phone 512/346-8546. FAX: 512/346-8565.

These documents will be available beginning January 26, 1999 and may be reviewed in the County Judge's office in the Jeff Davis County Courthouse, in the Dodge Plan Rooms, in Austin and El Paso, in the AGC Plan Rooms in Austin and Midland, and in the office of the Architect.

A mandatory Pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 1:30 pm at the Project Site. Contract will be awarded on a lump sum basis to the qualified bidder with the lowest bid. Payments will be made monthly, after receipt and approval of Contractor's Application for Payment submitted on AIA form G702 with complete schedule of values.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Bonds or Certified Checks for 5% of the bid amount, guaranteeing bids for sixty (60) days. Performance and Payment Bonds will be required for 100% of the Contract sum.

The Union Mercantile Building is a Historic Texas Landmark, protected by Section 14, Article 6145 of the Texas Civil Statutes. Any work performed on this structure reviewed by the Texas Historical Commission.

This project is substantially federally funded through the Texas State Library. Certain rules apply as stipulated in the bid documents.

NOTICE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION:
A 32 year old male convicted of the charge of Indecency With a Child is registered to live in Midland, Andrews Hwy., 79703.

AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL:
Un hombre de 32 años de edad se ha hallado culpable del delito de Indecencia con el Niño. El hombre esta registrado para vivir en Midland, la calle de Andrews Hwy., 79703.

Date: January 24, 1999
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STATE OF TEXAS

To STEPHANIE JO POTTER, Respondent.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of CHARLES WILSON, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 19th day of November, 1998, against TAMMY SAWYER a/k/a TAMMY WILSON and TAMMY WILSON, STEPHANIE JO POTTER, and SABIN RAY POTTER. Respondents, numbered 22,624 and entitled "In the Interest of the Marriage of Tammy Wilson and Charles Wilson and in the Interest of Jerry Garland Potter, a Minor Child." The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit, August 5, 1989, Midland, Texas.

The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Midland County, Texas, this 10th day of January, 1999.

Vivian Wood
Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas

By Sylvia Bass, Deputy

LEGAL NOTICE PERMIAN BASIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The Permian Basin Workforce Development Board/School-to-Career Partnership is seeking Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purpose of this RFP is to obtain information from interested and qualified individuals who desire to provide school-based, work-based and connecting learning activities. These activities should facilitate informed decision making for youth as they move from school to careers in the 17 county area served by the PBWDB SIC Prshp. The overall purpose of the initiative is to support the development and initial stages of implementation of regionwide SIC systems. A Bidder's Conference will be held Tues., Jan. 26, 1999, from 10-12:00 p.m. at the Texas Workforce Center, 2408 N. Big Spring, Midland. For more information or to an RFP packet, please contact: Ann Bradford, SIC, 2408 N. Big Spring, Midland, Texas 79705, or call 915/687-3003, ext. 318, or fax 915/687-4719.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 5214 Thomson Drive, Midland, Texas, 79703, (915) 697-1447, upon receipt of a \$50.00 deposit as a guarantee of the safe return of the plans and specifications. The full amount of the deposit will be returned if a bona fide bid is submitted and the Plans and Specifications are returned within ten (10) days after

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

MIDLAND COLLEGE
WATER WORKS & SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed proposals addressed to Midland College will be received at the office of E.G. Hickman, Vice President of Administrative Services, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 9, 1999, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for constructing certain water works and sanitary sewer improvements.

Immediately following the time for receipt of bids, proposals will be opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The principal items of work for Midland College are set forth in specific detail in the Proposal section of the specifications; however, the principal work items may be generally described as follows: furnishing and installing approximately 5,800 linear feet of water line, approximately 1,985 linear feet of sewer line, including valves, fire hydrants, manholes, fittings, services, appurtenances and miscellaneous items of construction.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of Midland College, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the Owner's interest. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid.

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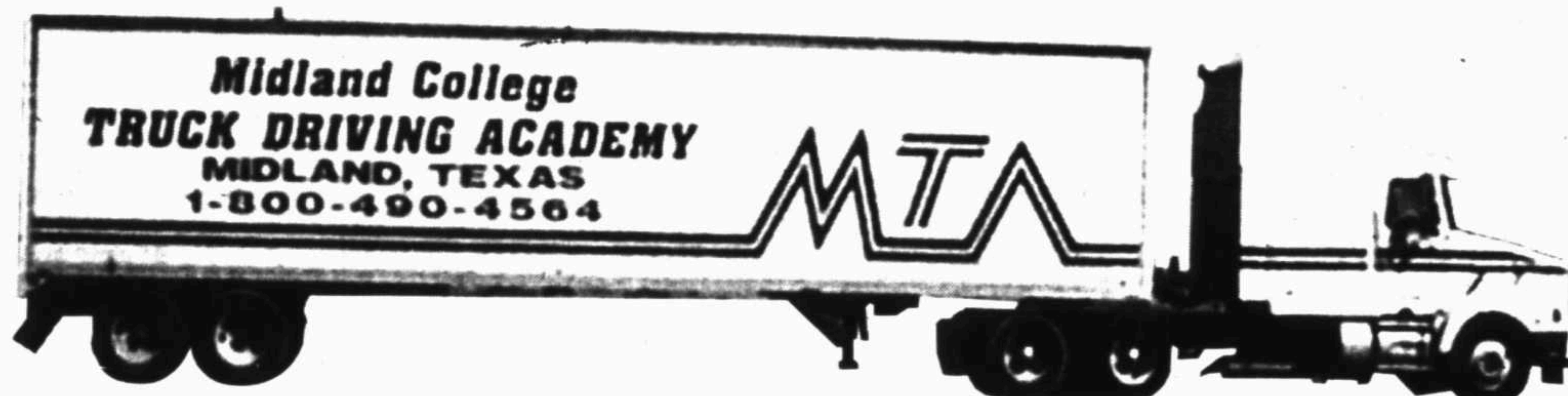
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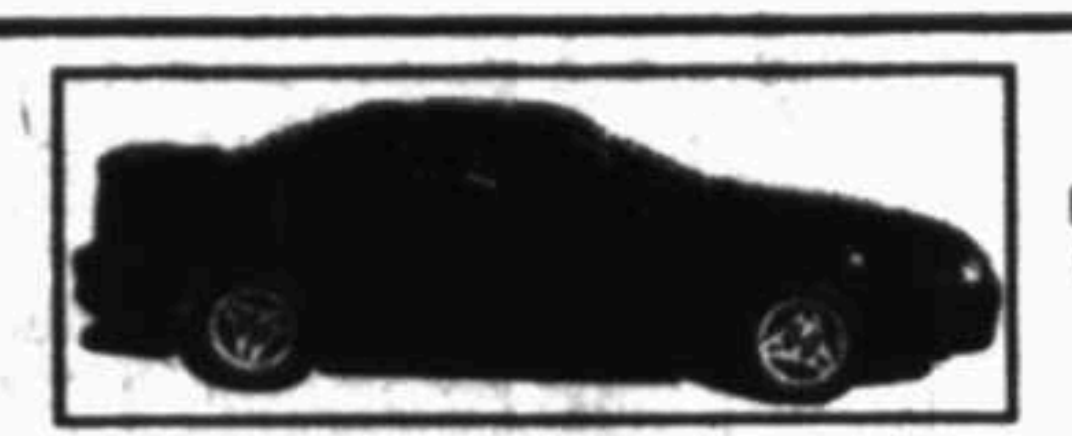
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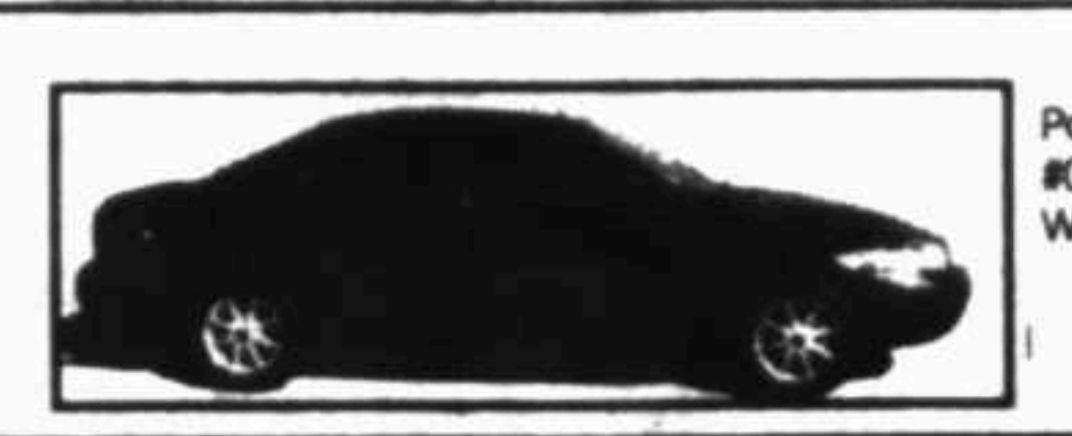
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DINING SERVICES - Manor Park, Inc. is looking for energetic, self-starter to fill full-time and part-time positions in the dietary department. Applications can be completed at Manor Park, Inc., 2208 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please. EOE.

DRIVERS - CDL Heavy Equipment Operator, DOT a big plus. Large company. Call 683-7277, Energi Personnel.

NEW TODAY
EDUCATION THE Boys & Girls Club of Midland is seeking a part time Education Coordinator. Hours 3-8 pm Monday thru Friday. Call for interview. 683-0050, ask for Joel.

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MI CASA Es Su Casa Restaurant & Bakery now taking applications for Experienced Mexican Pastry Baker. 522-1404 or 3205 W. Cuthbert, Suite A-1.

MOVER NEEDED!! Need to move computer warehouse from Midland to Irving. Will need approximately 20 FT trailer or truck. Call Carl, (972)255-5859.

NAIL TECH: Space for lease in professional nail established salon. Call 697-5597.

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NURSERY WORKERS needed on Sundays. Experience a plus, will train. Apply at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas. No phone calls please.

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SHOGUN'S RESTAURANT is hiring Waitstaff, Trainees, Cooks, Cleaners, Cashiers. Experience helpful. Hard worker only. 570-8888.

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Current Texas LVN license. One year nursing experience. MHMR nursing care experience preferred. Monitoring and documenting health/ medical conditions, planning, providing, securing, and coordinating health care services and the administration, monitoring, documenting of medications. Take calls on a 24-hour basis, alternating with other nursing personnel. Salary \$1,703 per month. For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

PSYCHIATRIST NEEDED IN MIDLAND/ODESSA

M.D. required. License to practice psychiatric medicine in Texas. 2 years experience as psychiatrist in an outpatient setting. Provide services to children with severe emotional disturbance and/or severe behavior disorders. Perform psychiatric and competency evaluations, medication maintenance, medication monitoring, hospital consultations, crisis intervention and documentation. Inform eligible or potentially eligible individuals about services and how to access them. Refer, coordinate and monitor Medicaid services. Salary \$147,431.52 per year. For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

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Desert Springs Medical Center
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• L.C.D.C. Full time position available
• Executive Secretary, part time position
• Mental Health Techs. pm available
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For immediate response, please send fax, or apply in person:
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Midland, Texas 79706
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DENTAL ASSISTING. Lon Morris College, in association with local dentist, now accepting students for a class in dental assisting to begin February 1st. Enrollment limited. Call 683-5042.

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Fax 512/883-6478
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NURSING OPPORTUNITIES

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- **Skilled Nursing Director** - Requires a minimum of 3 years management experience, a current Texas RN license, and BSN. MSN preferred. Knowledge of current State and Federal regulations for Skilled Nursing Facilities is also required.
- **Telemetry Director** - Must have current Texas RN license, BSN required, MSN preferred. Minimum 3 years leadership and clinical experience.
- **Nurse Educator** - Must have 2 years hospital clinical experience, a current Texas RN license and BSN. Minimum 2 years experience.
- **OR Unit Coordinator** - Current Texas RN license, BSN required. Minimum 3 years OR leadership and clinical experience.

We offer an excellent benefit package which includes 23 paid days off per year, 100% tuition reimbursement, retirement, medical/dental/life insurance and much more. We also pay relocation and interviewing expenses.

For more information regarding this exciting opportunity please contact: Medical Center Hospital, P.O. Box 7239, Odessa, TX 79760, Attn: Bernadette Fuentes, RN, BSN, (915) 640-1150, Fax (915) 640-1245, 1-800-227-8964, e-mail bfuentes@echd.org

NEW TODAY
NURSE III

The Texas Department of Human Services is accepting applications for a Nurse III in Midland. Salary is \$2,916 per month. Minimum qualifications require a license to practice as a registered nurse in Texas, plus two years of full-time experience as a practicing registered nurse in a hospital, institutional health care facility, home health nursing or in surveying health care facilities for licensing and/or certification. This position requires travel 30-50% of the time, some overnight.

Pick-up applications and copy of the job announcement at the local Department of Human Services office. Mail your application to: P.O. Box 6635, Abilene, Texas 79608. Questions regarding this position can be directed to our Human Resource Services office at 915-690-2216. We are EOE.

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NEW TODAY

Medaphis Physician Services Corp.

BILLING SUPERVISOR

National physician practice management company is seeking an Experienced Billing Supervisor for its Radiology office located in Midland. Ideal candidate must have experience in all aspects of medical billing. Experience in Radiology billing is a plus, but not required. Ideal candidate must be able to manage an office of 17 people, oversee the billing function for multiple clients and be able to work in a fast paced environment.

Salary commensurate with experience. Please mail your resume and salary requirements to:

Human Resources
P.O. Box 5500
Midland, TX 79704

NEW TODAY

COST ACCOUNTING MANAGER

Local company looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated individual with good organizational and communication skills. Individual will trace and audit various accounting transactions in ERP systems, prepare monthly and ad hoc inventory and cost analysis reports, evaluate and reconcile inventory balances, analyze various financial transactions for completeness and accuracy and train staff on inventory and Cost Accounting reports.

Our ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Bachelors Degree in Accounting required
- 2-5 years experience in Standard Cost Accounting environment
- Must have Financial Accounting knowledge and understanding
- Dependable, self-starter, self directed, and ability to work as a team player
- Proficiency in ERP systems, MS office 97, and Windows 95 required
- Position requires 30% travel

Reply to: **Box P-6152**
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEW TODAY

PROGRAM SPECIALIST II

GREAT OPPORTUNITY. The Texas Department of Health has an opening for a Full-time Program Specialist II. Position responsibilities include high level administrative and technical work in planning and development of the County Indigent Health Care Program in the region. Conducts community development activities and coordinates medical program with providers, county governments, hospitals, agencies and the public. Participates in special assignments to insure essential functions of Public Health area carried out in the region. Headquarters to be determined after interview. Interview will be conducted in El Paso. Contact Mary Lou Morales, RN (915)774-6247 or Human Resources (915)774-6271. NO RESUMES ACCEPTED. PRM# 99-R10-0027. Closing Date: 2/4/99. EEO/ADA

NEW TODAY

ADMINISTRATOR

Will exercise general administrative authority and oversight for this retirement facility. Responsible for planning, implementation and assurance of services to the residents with a capacity of 170 for both independent living and/or personal care. Must establish and monitor budget effectively, and maintain compliance with all regulations. Experience 5 years as an Administrator in a retirement setting or senior manager of a hospital organization. Required BA Degree in Business Administration, long term health care, gerontology, accounting or related fields. Benefits include health insurance, short term disability, time off with pay, holidays, 401K, salary mid-thirties.

Send resume to:
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Manor Park, Inc.
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Assistant Director
This is a full-time position is to provide technical support in mail services. Must have degree in related knowledge of printing level. Must have experience in Word and Microsoft House estimating manipulate data to excellent people ability to work in an environment to meet Comprehensive application at the Department, 143 received by February ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

CO-REPRESENTATIVE
Responsible for Rehabilitation Process construction process. Position involves heavy estimation, knowledge management.

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Director of Urban Development
Bachelor's degree demonstrated ability setting. Minimum of 5 years for Administrative supervision of city administrative tasks and funding agencies. MH Rehabilitative criteria. Salary DOE. 3424 or submit COMMUNITY CENTER TX 79701. EOE.

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TEXAS TECH
Assistant Director, Printing Services

This is a full-time exempt position requiring a minimum of 40 hours of work per week. The primary function of the position is to provide management, marketing and technical support for the TTU in-house printing and bulk mail services. Mandatory high school graduate. Bachelor's degree in related field (prefer degree in business with knowledge of printing) with a minimum of five years in 4-color printing environment and two years at a supervisory level. Must have experience with IBM type computers and commonly used software programs such as Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel, etc. Must be able to learn in-house estimating and print management software and to manipulate data to produce various reports. Must possess excellent people and communication skills. Must have the ability to work well under pressure in a multi-task environment to meet customer deadlines. Salary \$36,432. Comprehensive employee benefits plan. Please fill out an application at the Texas Tech University Personnel Department, 143 Drane Hall, Lubbock, TX. Applications received by February 12, 1999 will receive preference. Texas Tech is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) Employer.

NEW TODAY

ODESSA
CONSTRUCTION
REHABILITATION
SPECIALIST II

Responsible for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Extensive knowledge of construction procedures is required. (2 Years minimum). Position involves housing inspections, bid preparation, cost estimation, knowledge of City Codes, and construction management.

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DIRECTOR OF URBAN REHAB SERVICES
NEEDED IN MIDLAND/ODESSA

Bachelor's degree, in Business Management required. Demonstrated ability to manage preferably in a health care setting. Minimum of 5 years total experience. Responsible for Administrative, non-clinical processes and the supervision of clinical and clerical staff to assure administrative tasks are completed according to Centers and funding agency guidelines, including compliance with MH Rehabilitative Medicaid and other funding source criteria. Salary DOE. For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.



SALARIED POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- Psychiatrist, Midland/Odessa
- Case Coordinator, Alpine
- Community Service Aide (CSA), Midland
- Director of Urban Rehab Services, Midland/Odessa
- Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Midland
- Accounting Clerk, Odessa
- Rehab Manager, Odessa

For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

JOURNALIST

The Confederate Air Force seeks to hire degreed journalist. Individual is responsible for monthly newsletter, quarterly magazine and other publications. Should possess excellent writing skills and also be proficient in design and layout skills utilizing desktop publishing, specifically PageMaker. To Apply, send resume and three writing samples to:

The Confederate Air Force
Attn: Public Relations
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MIDLAND BASED Independent Oil & Gas Operator seeking CFO/Accountant, competitive salary plus benefits. Send resume to: P.O. Box 2735, Midland, TX., 79702. Or fax to: 915-684-3710.

STATIONS FOR LEASE: Pepper's Salon has openings for HairDressers to work in a good business environment. Call us at 687-4247 or 684-6256 Evenings.

TWO ENVIRONMENTAL positions. Environmental engineer or engineer background and Field Technician for Environmental Consulting Company. Experience in the asbestos field preferred but not required. 800-658-6018.

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OIL & GAS ACCOUNTING Needed immediately. JIB Input Revenue, and General Oil & Gas accounting experience required. Quessa Software helpful. Fax resume to 684-0636. Possible temp to perm. Never a fee!

CLERICAL WORKERS needed. Receptionist, Data Entry, General Office Clerk. Apply in person at: Manpower, 4000 N. Big Spring, Ste. #113, 915-682-2119.

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NEW TODAY

UNIVERSITY POLICE OFFICER

The University of Texas at the Permian Basin is accepting applications for the position of University Police Officer. The University Police Department is a state certified police agency which provides police service to all UTPB facilities. University Police Officers are eligible for all benefits afforded to State of Texas Commissioned Police Officers. Minimum requirements: US Citizenship, be at least 21 years old and have not reached 45 at time of graduation from UT System Police Academy, 60 college credit hours, or 30 credit hours with one year of continuous service as a UT System Police Guard or Telecommunications Operator or 30 credit hours with two years military service; be able to successfully pass an extensive background investigation and have a valid Texas Driver's License. Must attend University of Texas System Police Academy in Austin, Texas. Selected candidates will perform security duties at a salary of \$15,786 monthly until academy attendance. Upon successful completion of academy, salary will increase to \$17,944 monthly as University Police Officer I.

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Submit Application To:

The University of Texas at the Permian Basin
Personnel Office
4901 E. University Blvd.
Odessa, TX 79762
915-552-2780
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- NATIONAL HOTEL DIRECTOR OF SALES
- NATIONAL HOTEL SALES MANAGER
- NATIONAL HOTEL CATERING COORDINATOR
- C.E.O. BROKERAGE FIRM ASSISTANT
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To submit your professional resume and schedule interview Contact GINGER, Executive Recruiter/Legal Specialist

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e-mail: PPSEARCH@aol.com

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NEW TODAY

PC SPECIALIST

The Hospital Information Services Department at Medical Center Hospital has an immediate opening for a Personal Computer Specialist. Candidates should have an Associate Degree in Computer Science or 3 to 5 years experience in the computer field. Experience should include IBM compatible hardware, software and networking. Familiarity with NetWare and NT is preferred. Must be proficient in DOS, Windows 3.1, Windows 95/NT, Spreadsheets and Word Processing.

Please call or send fax resume to: Kelly Davis, Employment Coordinator, Medical Center Hospital, P.O. Box 7239, Odessa, TX 79760. Phone (915)640-1150 Fax: (915)640-1245. EOE.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COORDINATOR

The new American Red Cross of Southwest Texas is seeking a Community Development Coordinator for the Odessa/Midland area. This person will establish cooperative relationships with organizations that provide financial support to the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas. This will include health and safety workplace contracts, grant proposals, and special projects under the supervision of the Executive Director.

Prior experience in financial development is required. Red Cross health and safety training recommended. Career track position.

Contact Donna Rounsaville in Odessa at 1-800-219-2154 or in Midland at 1-800-378-6614.

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SALES!

Full time long term position open for candidate with a sales and/or customer service background. Flexible hours. Salary \$6.00 + commission. NO FEE!

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COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
Professional position open for energetic, self-motivated, creative candidate experienced in Public Relations/Marketing/Promotions. Knowledge of MS Word, Excel, Access, Power Point and Desk Top Publishing needed.

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PART TIME ONLY
6 Month assignment requiring MS word, Data entry, customer service and good telephone skills for busy office. NO FEE! Call

Preferred Personnel

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BOOKKEEPER
Part Time. Microsoft, Quick Books or Quick Books Pro. Very good starting salary. Fax resume to 683-7277

Preferred Personnel

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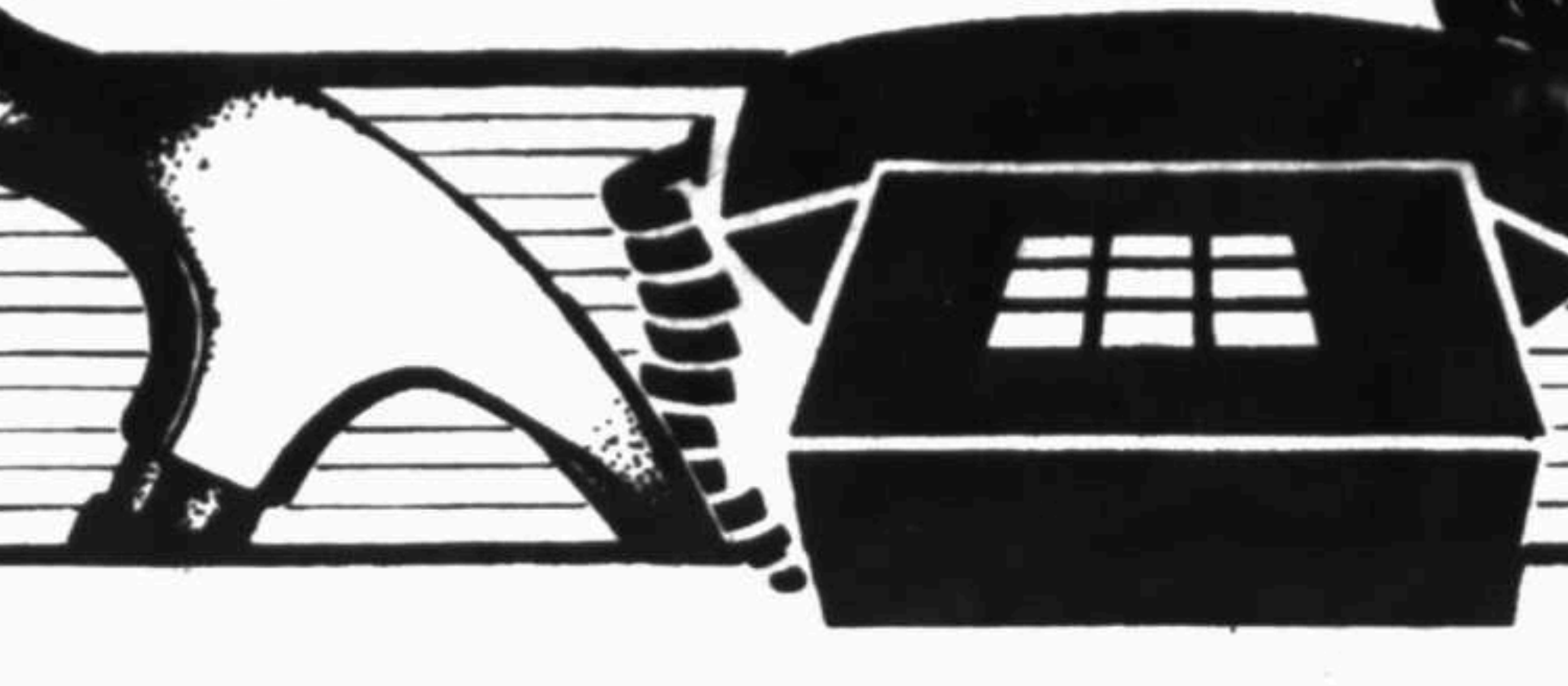
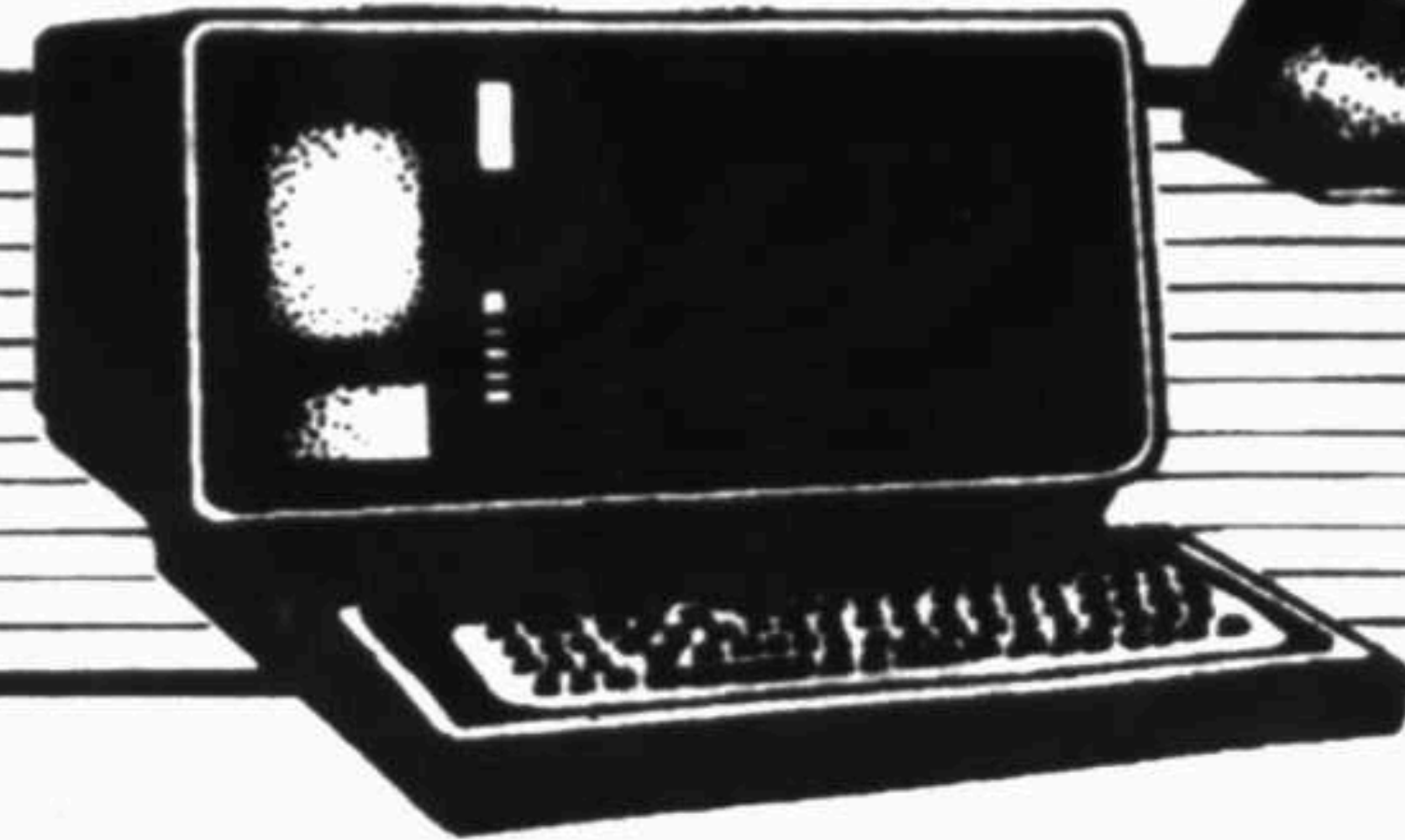
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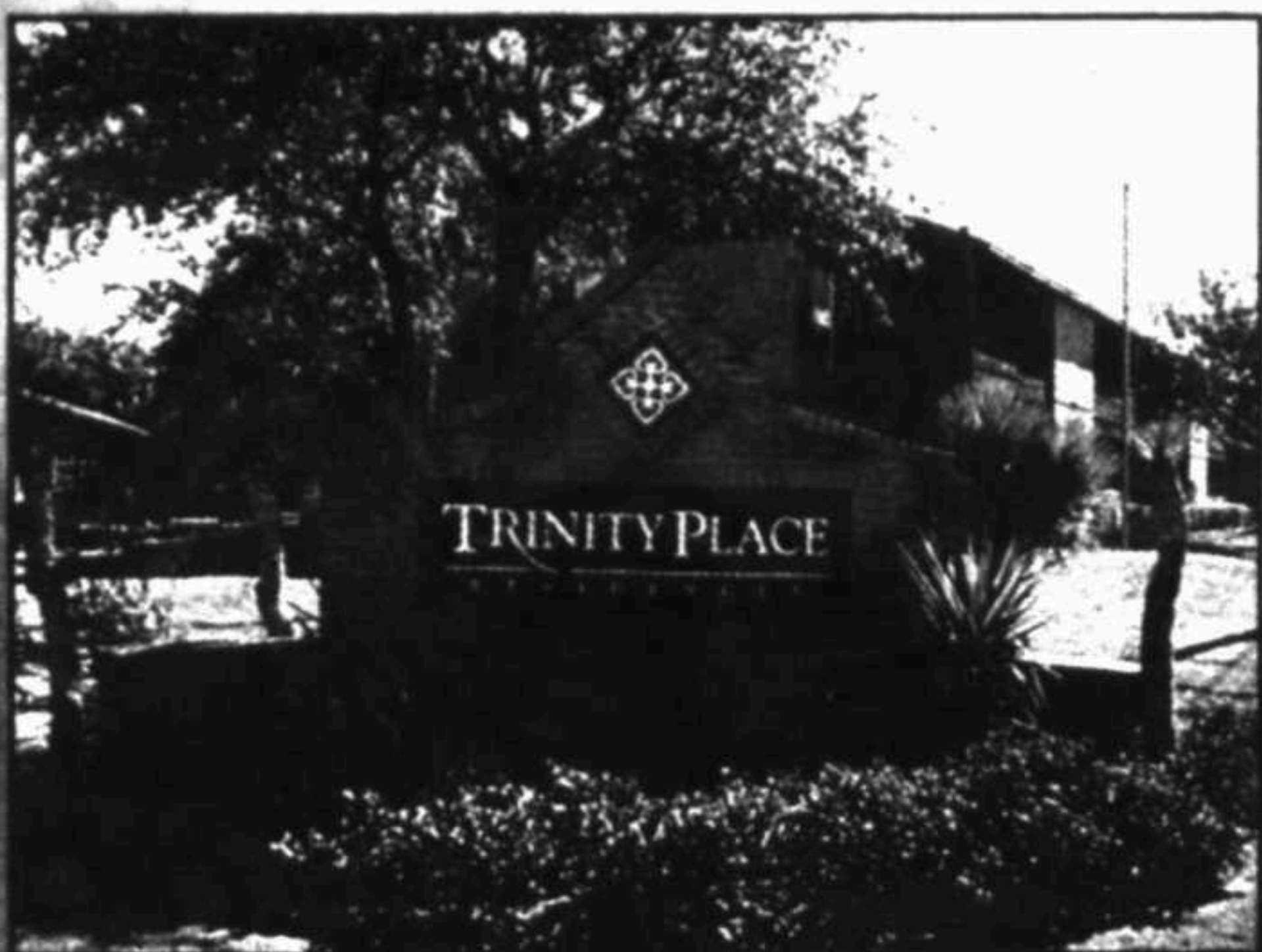
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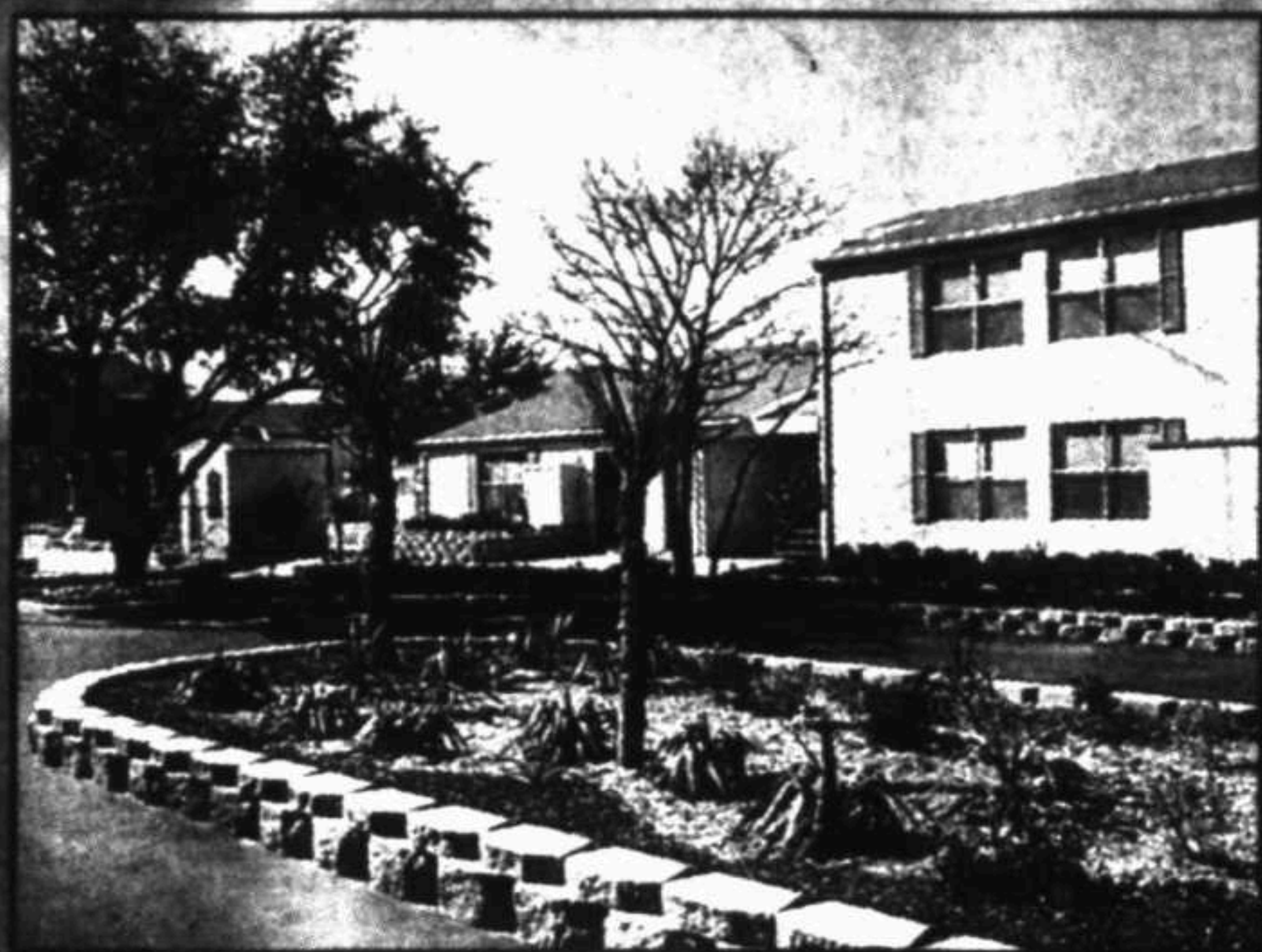
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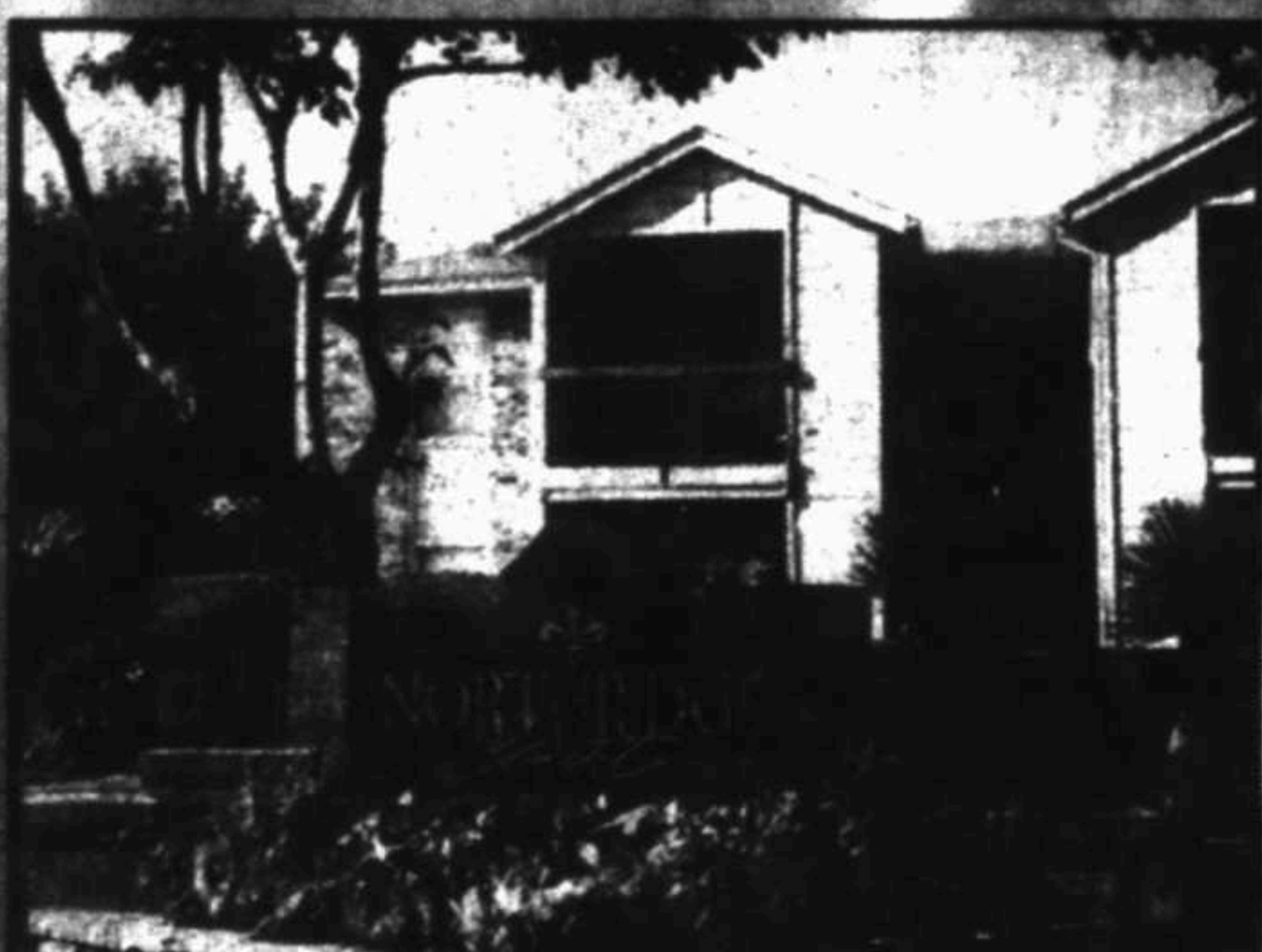


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You will call in love with this house!!

The formal living has dramatic lighting and lots of space for entertaining.

The built-in desk and bookshelves are conveniently placed close to the bedrooms.

This home is at a wonderful Old Midland location.

I have one thing to say about this house — you will love it! This house is made for entertaining and everyday living. Built in 1950, the home has been updated and has every amenity you would need. You must see this to believe it!

The exterior of the house is bricked about halfway up with sandstone and then painted an attractive blue shade further up. A beautiful custom door framed by stained glass windows opens onto the parquet wood floor of the entry way and dining room. Just inside the entry way is the wet bar and fireplace. The wet bar features all the necessities including a keg fridge and beer tap. Just opposite the bar is a cozy fireplace finished in the same brick as the exterior. From this vantage one views the breathtaking formal living with its wall of windows looking out onto the back yard. Words cannot describe the simple beauty of this room. The sandstone brick detailing of the exterior is also a feature along the walls of the living room.

To the right of the entry is the hallway leading to the bedrooms. A built-in desk and bookshelves are conveniently placed in the hallway in just the perfect place for homework or work at home. The master bedroom includes a spacious sitting area and three walk-in closets. The master bath is cozy and luxurious with a jacuzzi tub and 4-head steam shower. The tile in the bath is a unique mix of blues and gold — very attractive in my opinion. The bath opens into the second bedroom — which also could be a ideal office space. This room features oak paneled wainscoting and a large window to bring in golden sunshine. From this room the hallway leads to the third bedroom. This room is spacious and sunny with a private bath and storage space.

To the left of the entry way is the spacious dining area. This room is quite large enough for any size dinner party and has a sunny nook with drainage space for exotic potted plants. The kitchen, featuring quaker made cabinets and a built-in bread box is picturesque. It features a double sink, dishwasher, and a breakfast nook. Separating the kitchen and living room is a high counter with shuttered windows (just like the house in Happy Days). Behind the kitchen is a huge utility room with an enormous sink and tons of storage. The 1/2 bath is at the end of the utility room and is functional and attractive. Also behind the kitchen is a coat room and an expansive storage room/pantry.

Adjacent to the living room is the "knotty pine" den. This room — I mean this honestly — looks and feels like a log cabin up in the mountains. The exposed beam ceiling adds to the cabin effect of this room. A warm, crackling fire was burning in the red brick fireplace and the room smelled just fabulous. I can imagine this room filled with men smoking cigars and talking after a good meal.

A great mother-in-law suite is just behind the den. This room also has an exposed beam ceiling and looks out onto the back yard through large, shuttered windows. The roomy bath features a tile shower and large countertop.

The backyard is a showpiece! The pool and the large brick patio is the perfect setting for parties of any size. The workshop is handy too.

This 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, Old Midland home has tons of storage throughout and is just the right setting for entertaining and everyday life. The 2-car garage features extra storage and the sprinkler system makes care of the mature landscaping a cinch. You can live at this fine home at the price of \$184,500. Stop by and see this home today from 2 to 5 or call Chris Beckett of Chaparral Realtors at 684-6388 or 686-7000 or page him at 567-6200. Come in and you'll want to move in!

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The pool and its large brick patio is the perfect party place!

The dining room is spacious and features a large sunny area for potted plants.

This is a "man's den" — the knotty pine walls and ceiling have the look and atmosphere of a mountain lodge.

Owner title insurance: better safe than sorry

After six months of extensive renovation, Jim and Sandy Preston recently moved into their new home, fulfilling a lifetime dream. Suddenly, a missing heir of a previous owner showed up and claimed title to the home. The Prestons went to court and lost. Now, not only do they not have a home, but they spent all their savings defending their case.



Paxton

A true story? No, not in this case, but such a scenario is not unheard of. "You can avoid this type of situation by purchasing owner's title insurance," said Pat Paxton. "A title search generally determines ownership and any encumbrances affecting the property, but even so, most lenders require lender's insurance in the amount of the mortgage." Ms. Paxton said, "This ensures that they have first lien on the property in the event of fraudulent or improperly signed deeds, unpaid taxes, or any undisclosed hazard or risk that comes to light."

In the case of the Prestons, however, a lender's title insurance would not have helped them - only the lender. In addition, homeowners should be aware that once the

loan is paid off, the lender's title insurance is no longer in effect.

"Many home buyers opt to also have owner's title insurance, written for the amount of the purchase price," Ms. Paxton said. "This protects the home buyers until they sell the property."

Owners title insurance usually guarantees that the insurer will pay any legal fees for defending against challenges to the title and will pay any valid claims. A separate owner's title policy is needed even if an attorney has performed a title examination and assumed liability for the work. An independent attorney's liability is limited to negligence and does not include responsibility for the hidden title problems.

Owner's title insurance is a one-time fee, paid at the time of purchase - usually included in the closing costs. Paxton indicates that in Texas the owner's title insurance is usually paid by the seller and provides assurance to the buyer that the taxes are current at closing and that no liens exist on the property other than the one being placed on the property by the buyer.

"Owner's title insurance may seem like an unnecessary luxury," Ms. Paxton said, but this extra investment up front can save years of worry, or, in the worst case, your home."

Submitted by Pat Paxton, CRS, GRI, ABR, Broker/Associate with Langston Realtors.

Who Gets the Nod?

When you're ready to buy or sell a home, what's the best way to choose a real estate agent? The answer depends on whether you're buying or selling.



Garrett

When selling your home, the agent you're looking for will have a history of getting listings sold. "Getting listings sold" - not just "selling homes" - there is a difference which is critical to the sale of your home.

As a seller, it should not matter to you who sells your home, as long as it is sold at the best possible price. Therefore, it is not important whether or not your agent is the one who does the actual selling.

It is common practice for real estate companies to encourage agents from other companies to show their listings. When a sale occurs as the result, the listing company shares its brokerage fee with the selling company. This cooperative arrangement between companies provides the widest possible exposure of all homes to potential

buyers.

The agent you choose to represent you, therefore, should be someone who gets your home exposed to all the other agents in the area, as well as the buying public. In other words, all potential buyers, resulting in a sale. Simply showing your home to your agents buyers is a limited use of the agent's marketing talents.

If you are planning to buy a home, look for an agent with a reputation for great service. Buyers want an agent who is a good listener, one who will "go the extra mile" to locate homes which meet their requirements. An agent who can recommend financing alternatives, and make the purchase go smoothly, is invaluable to the family moving up.

Whether buying or selling a home, look for the agent who can best meet your expectations, someone who listens. Once you make your decision, give that agent the green light, and get ready for a successful transaction.

(Submitted by Vicky Garrett, Broker Associate, ABR, CRS, GRI, Re/max of Midland)

MAKE NEEDED HOME REPAIRS BEFORE THE SALE

Homeowners should go over their entire home, room by room, before placing it on the market, says Norma Pine, Broker/Owner of Chaparral Realtors.



Pine

"Homeowners often don't realize just how many repairs are needed before their homes can be sold," says Pine. "It is necessary to inspect all areas and note repairs. It could mean the difference between days and months on the market."

Home sellers can expect potential buyers to try all lights and switches; turn all faucets on and off; run showers and flush toilets; turn on the furnace and air conditioning and open and close all windows and doors. Potential buyers may even try the fireplace flue, cautions Pine.

"Homeowners often become accustomed to the problems in their own homes and don't recognize that they could be a potential turn-off to buyers," she notes. "Because of this, our company has developed a list of potential turn-offs home sellers should repair."

The list includes:

- Poor physical appearance: dirty and peeling paint, loose railings, broken doorbell, cracked bricks and an unkept lawn.
- Obvious plumbing problems cracked or chipped fixtures, stained or loose bathroom tiles, mildew, dripping faucets and bathtub rot.
- Water in your basement: Water marks on walls, musty odors and mildew.
- Kitchen problems: dirty or broken appliances, worn countertops, stained sinks, bad lighting and poor flooring.

This article submitted by Norma Pine, owner of Chaparral Realtors.

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This article submitted by Kay Sutton, Kay Sutton Realtors.

When to buy; when to sell

Sometimes people sit on the fence waiting for interest rates to go down before buying a home. And sometimes homeowners who would like to sell their house and move up to something better keep waiting until they think they can get a higher price.



Norwood

Sounds reasonable. Interest rates do fluctuate a little. They are very low by historical standards now, but they could drop a little lower...or they could rise. And, obviously, if you get more money when you sell your present house you can afford to buy a better house when you move up.

But obvious things are sometimes wrong. In fact, the old real estate adage "The best time to buy or sell a home is always now," is

usually right.

That's because there is a self-leveling factor in most real estate transactions. The weeks and months spent waiting for a lower interest rate, even if it comes, can be canceled out when the price goes up on the home you want to buy. And housing prices have been rising at a rate faster than inflation in most parts of the country.

People sometimes wait for prices to go up before selling their homes. But if prices do rise, the extra \$2,000 or so they may gain on the sale of a \$100,000 home will probably translate to an extra \$4,000 or so on the cost of their newly-purchased \$200,000 home.

And there is another compelling reason not to postpone buying or selling a home. By taking action now instead of sitting on the fence, buyers and sellers can be in their new homes, enjoying them sooner.

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bd/m	Bedroom
Ba	Bath
Kit	Kitchen
Dbl	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Master Bdrm	Master Bedroom
Gar	Garage
Bldg	Building
Cond	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
Assumable	Assumable
QA	Qualifying
Assumable	Assumable
Ac	Acre
3/2	3/2 Bdr/Ba/Gar

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MEADOWBROOK-Large 4bd 2.5ba, open floorplan, great for entertaining	\$126,000
GODFREY-Super condition! 4bd 3ba 2la, formal dining. Hot tub	UC
MOSS-Townhouse with pool, 3bd 2.25 bath, lots of updating, great features	\$110,000
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PRINCETON-Great family home with 3bd 2ba 2car garage, storage building in back	\$59,900
ERIE-4bd 2ba Could be 3bd 2 living areas. Very nice curb appeal	\$52,000
STOREY-Inexpensive "Old Midland" 3bd 2ba	\$47,900
CEDAR SPRING-Nice 3bd 2ba 2la, water softener with R/O. Lots of space	\$47,900
LIDDON-Lovely townhouse, completely remodeled 2bd with covered brick patio	\$29,500

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CR 1130-Hill country charm-4bd 2ba 3la indoor pool & recreation room on 5.8 acres	\$290,000
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CHERRYWOOD-Fantastic custom Graham home, 4bd + study 3ba, Briarwood	\$174,500
S CO RD 1130 - Lots of new in this 3br/2ba/2la/2p & 3 car gar - 5.22 ac.	REDUCED! \$165,000
E CO RD 120 - 2 story office bldg. Corner Rankin Hwy	\$150,000
W CO RD 56 - Superior 3br/2ba/2la/2p car gar, huge workshop, 3 ac	REDUCED! \$139,500
MARMON-Char and beauty throughout, 4bd 3ba 3la	SOLD
LOCKHEED - Beautiful with so many possibilities in Old Midland over 2900 sqft	\$135,000
HOLLOWAY-Museum area, two story with 4bd 3.5ba + apartment/office & workshop	UC
SHANDON-Fabulous 5 bedroom, 3ba 2la, Lots of tile, super kitchen	REDUCED! \$125,000
FANNIN-4bd 2.5ba Large family home in established Fannin neighborhood	\$112,500

TERRIFIC VALUES UNDER \$100,000

CRESTMONT-Perfect! 3bd 2ba 2la. Brightest gem in Fairmont	REDUCED! \$109,500
AUBURN - 4br 2ba, located on cul-de-sac, great landscaping	UC
MICHIGAN - Old Midland charm. Lots of sq. footage, Berber carpet, 10X24 OS	\$92,500
BATES - 4 bd 2ba, 2la, Super nice older home. Off Andrews Hwy near Loop	\$89,500
S CR 1130-No better value under 90K-3bd 2ba on 1.25 acres	SOLD
PROVIDENCE-3bd 2ba 2living areas-Great value, clean, open, pretty yard	REDUCED! \$79,900
MICHIGAN-Beautiful Austin Stone 3bd 2ba 2la, home warranty recent a/c & roof	UC
PRINCETON-Lovely Old Midland 2bd 2ba 2gar. Convenient locale	\$79,500
FANNIN-Neat and loved. 3bd 2ba 2 car garage, fireplace	\$76,950
FLARE-3bd 2ba 2la. Great floorplan with huge sequestered master	SOLD

BEECHWOOD - 3 Duplexes - 2 br/2 ba For Sale or Lease	\$70,000
MISSION CT-Super neat 2bd 2ba townhome. Refrigerator remains	\$69,500
DOUGLAS DR. Spacious 2bd 2ba in established area. Charming home. New a/c	\$69,900
STOREY-Charming 3bd 2ba 2 car garage, 2 patios, large lot	REDUCED! \$61,900
PRINCETON-3bd 2ba 2car garage, enclosed patio could be gameroom/2nd living	\$54,900
COUNTRY CLUB-3bd 2ba with lots of new, plus carpet allowance	SOLD
S CR 1220-Spacious 3bd on 2 acres. South on Midkiff to W CR 118, north 1 mi	UC
KANSAS - Neat & clean 3bd 2ba with huge covered patio	\$49,900
BOYD - 3 bd/ 2 ba, lots of storage	SOLD
MADERA - Odessa - 3bd 1ba new roof, siding, thermo windows, large backyard	\$45,000
LONGSHORE-in Big Spring, Forsan Schools/3 br/2 ba, superb condition	\$42,500
BAIRD-3 br/2 ba 2 car garage	\$41,000
CUTHBERT-Good buy on 3bd 2ba separate dining w/recent a/c. Approx 1200 sq ft	\$37,900
TRAVIS-Large 2bd 2ba plus office or second living area, high ceilings, fireplace	\$39,900
DEVONIAN-Complete remodel, new carpet, paint, 3bd 1.5ba Ready to move in	\$39,000
MORGAN WAY-Large 4bd 2.5ba Nice large house for the money	\$32,000
DELANO-Pristine and charming, 2bd, fireplace. Excellent condition	SOLD
KENTUCKY - 4 br/2 ba converted duplex	\$32,000
SPRAYBERRY-Under construction, complete remodel-2bd 1.5ba w/20X30 workshop	\$32,000
HOLLOWAY - 2 br/1 ba, with exceptional potential. Great investment!	\$27,500
CR 143-2bd 2ba mobile home is great area on 2 acres. Owner finance available	UC
CANYON-Solid starter home. 2bd 1ba 1garage	REDUCED! \$22,000
CEDAR SPRING-Great starter home. New carpet & interior paint, large trees	SOLD
MARIANA-Great investment opportunity. 4 duplexes w/2 br/1 ba	\$22,260 to \$24,380
E CR 140-Mobile home lots, some w/ septic & water well Starting at	\$8,000-\$14,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES & VACANT LOTS

COMMERCIAL-8th St. in Odessa-Great visibility	\$180,000
COMMERCIAL - Andrews Hwy - super office bldg, 4 units or 1 large	REDUCED! \$140,000
COMMERCIAL - Lot on Big Spring	\$150,000
E CO RD 120 - Office bldg w/ parking	\$150,000
10 ACRES - Middle of Greentree North	\$150,000
MEDICAL/OFFICE BUILDING - Approx 4975' one story office in "Old Town"	\$110,000
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.47 acres)	\$13,000
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.0 acres)	\$12,000
TEJAS - 1 Lot on 2.5 acres, Ranch Estates	REDUCED! \$5,500
LOTS OF LOTS - within your budget!	\$600-\$8,000
W. SHANDON - One lot	\$2,950
W. SHANDON - Three lots ea.	\$2,100-\$2,800
LOTS - Several lots near Big Spring St. from \$995-\$2,950 call for info.	
FOR LEASE - Downtown office space, 1800 sq ft on Indiana St.	

REALTOR OF THE WEEK: SHARON SMITH HYDE

Sharon is a native Midlander and has been
selling and listing Real Estate with Carriage
Company for about one year. She has
received many honors in advanced
professional seminars and has had an
outstanding performance in sales and listings
in Midland. She and husband, Judge John
Hyde, have two daughters, Hillary and
Whitney. Sharon loves her profession and is
eager to help anyone who needs to list or sell.

NEW LISTING

4708 PRINCETON

• 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car arage
• Family neighborhood in Lee High School district
• Two car garage plus storage extra storage in back
Listed by Sharon Hyde

FEATURED HOME

406 W. 6th-STANTON

• 3 bedroom, two bath
• Quiet neighborhood, well maintained
• New exterior paint - Owner wants quick sale
Listed by Virginia Morrow



2101 W. Wadley, Suite 36 Plaza Oaks Center, Midland, Texas 79705

725 Condo/Townhouses
✓ THREE BEDROOM, two bath, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, walk in closets. Completely remodeled. Approximately 1,800 square feet, 446 West Pine. 915-942-9091.

730 Suburban Property
1 ACRE, 4 Bedroom, 2 bath, 8 Miles East of Midland. Great water. Reduced! \$55,000. McKenzie-Owen, 684-6278.

730 Business Prop.
OFFICE/WAREHOUSE, 8,000 Sq. Ft. Loading dock. Can be divided. Firewall. Floor drain high traffic corner. \$150,000. McKenzie-Owen, 684-6278.

740 Out of Town Property
6,630 +/- ACRES, Coke Co., TX., river front, improved, home, excellent hunting, minerals. Lee, Lee & Puckitt Assoc., Inc. 915-655-6989.

750 Lots & Acreage
4,200 SQUARE feet. Prime retail location in Big Spring, TX., \$168,000. Possible financing. 915-263-7351 Call between 8 am - 6 pm.

NEW TODAY
5 ACRES with water well. 2.5 Miles South of Midland on FM 715. \$1,000 Down, \$215/Month. Call 685-1875.

2 ACRES And up, restricted residential. \$3,000 per acre (Greenwood Schools). CR 120/CR 1060 S. 682-0366.

GORGEOUS LOT for sale in Museum District! 212 N. "L". Please call Joanne Langston, home 683-8886 or Langston Realtors 685-0400.

SOLOMAN LANE Best lot left 180' x 330'. Days, 685-0878. Evenings, 699-4243.

FOR SALE Close to downtown Midland. 25-unit apartment complex. Average revenue approximately \$10,000 per month. 85% capacity. Ideal for retiring couple. Cash or possible trade. Serious inquiries only. \$440,000. 570-4611.

TRADE Fort Stockton Furniture Store for Local Residential Property. Call 620-0093.

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OUR NEWEST LISTINGS

4601 ST. ANDREWS - FAIRMONT PARK ADDITION - \$89,900
Open living and formal dining with stunning fireplace & high ceilings, new A/C & heat, carpet, paint. Ready to move in.

3908 CRESTHEDGE - 4 BEDROOMS - \$129,900
Super family home with lots of space and tons of storage. Nice condition, new ceramic tile in kitchen & baths. Inground hot tub off master bedroom. 2 living, 3 baths.

FABULOUS FAMILY HOMES

11306 W. CO. RD. 150 - NEW LISTING ON 2.00 ACRES - \$39,900
Possible owner financing! 2 story, 2 bedrooms, 2 living areas, formal dining, 1 bath. Workshop or guest house with 1 bath.

1002 E. CO. RD. 126 - SALE PENDING

401 METZ CT. - SWIMMING POOL - \$119,500
Located on quiet cul-de-sac. 3 huge bedrooms, 2 living plus study. Sequestered master with walk-in closets, separate shower & whirlpool tub. Fresh paint inside & out. Many more recent improvements.

2100 1st ST. - FABULOUS IN "OLD MIDLAND" - \$117,500
Totally updated & meticulously maintained. New berber carpets, ceramic tile, updated kitchen & baths, new A/C & heat, high ceilings, lots of light & great view of a fabulous back yard, formal dining, 3 bedrooms & 2 1/2 baths.

4306 ARROYO - PRICED TO SELL IN SKYLINE TERRACE - \$94,900
Great location, super condition & so clean! Over 2,000 sq. ft. with spacious rooms. Sequestered master, kitchen & eating area look out to front entrance. Sprinkler system & rear entry garage.

2408 AUBURN - LOW MAINTENANCE LIVING - \$91,000
On a quiet cul-de-sac. Huge sequestered master bedroom with great closets. Neutral color scheme, new kitchen appliances, high ceiling in living room with skylights. Mature oak trees in front & back. Low maintenance living. Priced at appraised value.

2100 WOODLAWN - FABULOUS 20X30 WORKSHOP & OFFICE - \$89,900
Corner lot in quiet neighborhood. New berber carpet & white ceramic tile. Sequestered master bedroom, 2 living areas.

41 BELFIELD CT. - 4 BEDROOMS - \$89,900
3 baths, 2 living areas, formal dining, 2 car garage & carport for RV. Over 2600 sq. ft. Low maintenance yards with mature trees. New high efficiency A/C & heat. Private cul-de-sac.

1801 W. FRANCIS - 4.78 ACRES IN TOWN - \$86,000
Great potential with 2 residences, 2 shop buildings, 4 plus car storage, storage buildings, 2 water wells. Zoned industrial park. Convenient to I20 & Rankin Hwy. Great for investor or small business operation!

1005 S. CO. RD. 1127 - GREENWOOD SCHOOLS - \$82,500
Updated home on 2.29 acres. Sequestered master & 2 additional bedrooms. Lots of new including carpet, lots of ceramic tile, appliances & paint.

106 CLUB DR. - CHARM OF RIDGELA ADDITION - \$79,900
Over 1800 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living with fireplace & hardwood floors, cozy den with brick floors. Updated kitchen, sequestered master bedroom & bath, lots of windows for light.

HOMES & COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR LEASE

2303 W. WALL-Warehouse space - \$1,000/month

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750 Investment Property
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5 BEDROOMS
KICK-OFF STARTS HERE in this custom-built PAUL WEST home. 5 BD, 5 1/2 BA, 2 story home with formal, den, study/office, hobby/room, fabulous pool and cabana. Plus so many more amenities \$225,000

THE END ZONE Your final destination is this elegant 5 BD, 3 1/2 BA home in Grassland Estates. TROY HUNT home has study/office, formal, and den \$215,000

3 BEDROOMS
MVP-MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION You can own this 3 BD, 2.5 BA beauty. "Old Midland" location, formal living, den, spacious kitchen, plus lush landscaping \$132,500

PERSONAL EQUIL If you don't choose this 3 BD, 2 BA home. Den, study/office, and formal dining. Don't miss out on the special interior design features... \$99,900
PRACTICE PUTTING OR PASSING 2.5 acres with a pasture to kick or throw the pigskin. Don't forget the 2-story a-frame house, 3 BD, 2 BA, open floor plan downstairs. Large garage and shop facilities... \$98,900
BAH! BAH! BAH! Cheer for this 3 BD, 3 BA home in "Old Midland". 2 LA, office setup, lots of square footage, and recent updating... \$77,500
DON'T PASS THIS BARGAIN BUY 3 BD, 2 BA, formal living, den, breakfast nook, central HVAC, open patio, workshop, rear parking for boat, 2nd vehicle, etc. So much for so little! \$39,900

QUALITY AND ELBOW ROOM! Great location on spacious corner lot, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has 2 living areas plus a garden room overlooking landscaped back yard. Updates include fresh exterior paint and replaced carpeting. Don't miss this one! \$72,900

SOME SMART COUPLE WILL LOVE THIS! 3 bedroom, 2 bath in quiet established neighborhood has large living area with corner fireplace, indoor utility, 2 full baths, no back yard neighbors. Recently reduced \$65,900.

YOU COULD PAY MORE BUT... Call Anita about the great deal you can get on this 3 bedroom, 1 car garage home with fireplace, big kitchen/breakfast rm, garden room in backyard. Recently replaced carpet and some fresh paint \$44,500

YOU'LL BE IMPRESSED! This home located on a beautiful tree-filled street has 3 bedrooms with sequestered master, 2.5 baths and 2 living areas plus formal dining. Lovely tile flooring, spacious rooms, 2 back yards with easy maintenance. This home is one of a kind! Fresh interior paint and carpet. Just ask Anita \$69,900

PICTURE YOURSELF HERE! In the spacious family room of this beautiful 4 bedroom home in coveted Briarwood. Large kitchen, formal dining room, sequestered master, 3 car garage, custom built-in and large trees. Don't miss this special listing. Call Anita for more! \$142,500

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1905 Collage				\$77,900
4306 Downing				\$104,500
2822 Metz Dr.	1-3PM	\$83,500		
	2-4PM			
5607 Fenway		\$209,000	3:30-5:30PM	
5011 Polo Parkway		\$138,000		\$116,500
5102 Teakwood		\$198,000		
5118 King Richard Row		\$131,500		
3000 Brunswick		\$87,500		
327 Rocky Lane		\$83,000		
4904 Los Alamitos		\$145,000		
			NEW LISTINGS:	
		6208 Oriole		\$397,000
		6301 S. Co. Rd. 1055		\$295,000
		6907 Sunrise Ct.		\$214,900
		4700 Cherrywood		\$207,500
		2001 Centerville		\$179,900
		2406 Stutz		\$144,900
		5011 Polo Pkwy		\$136,000
		5012 King Richard		\$112,500
		1300 Davenport		\$102,500
		3008 Phillip Place		\$79,900
		10705 E. Co. Rd. 105		\$69,900
		3206 Preston		\$67,900
		100 N. Eisenhower		\$54,900

115 S. Dewberry.....	\$49,900
4404 Wilsheire.....	\$45,000
3921 W. Illinois.....	\$39,900
UNDER CONTRACT THIS WEEK:	
2405 Fannin.....	\$85,000
1406 Ainslee.....	\$68,000

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3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

Oranstead...Sophisticated with Style, Master, Exclusive Area **\$209,000**
3 generous bedrooms with two master, tremendous closets, specialty kitchen, dazzling with luxury, this amazing living area plus formal dining car garage. To see today call Larry or Debbie at 844-0369

Large "Old Madrid" jewel, Lan U/C Good floors, Call Sam House for info **\$160,000**
3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage

Wonderful Country Club **Reduced \$153,000**
Builder's home feature rich, Bright open floor plan w/gigorous master suite, includes Country Club Membership. Careful it's loaded VICTORY JR SMITH 885-5923

Juniper **Reduced \$148,000**
One-of-a-kind home, 3 Bd, 3 1/2 Bath, U/C, vaulted ceilings, fabulous lawn, large windows, extra parking lot

Very nice **Reduced \$145,000**
Fabulous custom townhome, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, combination formal dining and great entertainment area

Woodbrook Cn **\$142,000**
Great 2BR, 2 bath, 1 LA Patio home, great location, lots of amenities - m/f, call Irene Pense 882-1955

Castleton **\$137,500**
Outstanding finish and quality construction! One owner custom built 2+1/2 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, formal dining, large living area and formal dining area. VICTORY JR 570-8899/900 885-5923

Country Club **\$132,000**
3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2LA a beautiful landscaping. You will love it! Call Marilyn Jo Smith 882-8820

Neely-Reduced **\$129,000**
Large patio home priced to sell. Call Clemmie 882-8820

STUNNING Garden home **Reduced \$122,000**
Dorms 887-0490

NEW Orleans in Midland! Lovely home with recent paint, the a/c, no dishwasher & HWFA, 2 B's, 2 LA's, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage. Price matching yours. Please call Irene Pense 882-1955 or 425-7575 **\$119,000**

Fields **Reduced \$110,000**
One of the prettiest houses on the market. Light & bright. Mary Jo Drury 882-8820

Sandwich-Built-1st Time Ever On Market **\$109,000**
Lots of large rooms - even has a hydrobath - don't miss this one! Call Marilyn Jo Smith 882-8820

Haynes-Close PRICE PERFECT OFFERS **Reduced \$100,000**
Gorgeous patio home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car 2BR, 2 1/2BA with so much more! Call Marilyn Jo Smith 882-8820 or Deborah 882-8820

Edgemont-New Listing **\$100,000**
Large 3+ bedroom master, great floor plan! Call Clemmie 882-8820

One of the best buys in Saddle Club Zone - 3 BR, plus a study, Call Mary Jo 694-4268 **\$100,000**

Wonderful Backyard...plus pool **Reduced \$99,000**
Sequestered master bedroom, master bath double vanities, separate tub and shower, great outdoors, bright living area, open family room, large patio plus game room. Time of space. Call Larry or Debbie at 844-0369

Woodbrook **\$90,000**
"DON'T MOVE!" Then see this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with lots of study/patio formal dining. It's a winner! Call Marilyn Jo Smith 882-8820

Brunico's-Patio Home **Reduced \$87,000**
Stunning appearance, wet bar, large double master! Plus formal dining, 2 car garage! Call Irene Pense 882-8820, ext. 158

St. Andrews **Reduced \$85,000**
1 bedroom, formal dining, great U/C, oversized patio. Call Clemmie 882-8820

8th Mariner Ct. **Reduced \$80,000**
Spacious 3 BR, 2 bath home featuring 2 car new entry garage, cool kitchen and area & new carpet! Call Victoria Pense 888-4800

Marlans **Reduced \$79,000**
Bonus room of breakfast area, oversized bedrooms, huge living area, hot tub, large patio, managers. VICTORY JR 570-8899/900 885-5923

Woodbrook **\$80,000**
2 bedroom low maintenance townhome - extremely pretty! Soaring ceilings, large patio, 2 car garage

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Beautiful Circle **\$197,800**
 Beautiful new family home in quiet, old-fashioned neighborhood 4 BR's, 3 1/2 baths, 1 LA formal dining, newlanded kitchen, Lake Pointe 600+1000 sq ft. **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$199,000**
 Pictures perfect, this 4BR/3 1/2 or 3 BR lovely study, Janine Pines 600+1000 sq ft. **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$199,000**
 Beautiful 4 bedroom in very roomy, Call Joyce Brinkley 682-3181 for all the facts & showings. **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$199,000**

Greenland **\$199,000**
 Beautiful location by Troy Hand Home to pick your own colors on the exterior. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, 3 1/2 car garage, open floor plan, stainless steel appliances, call Victoria Prince 689-4800. **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$199,000**

Highland **\$199,000**
 Keith Anthony is building another one! 4B, 3.5BA, 2 LA, and so much more! Call Marilyn Jo Smith. **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$199,000**

Highland **\$179,800**
 A lovely home, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths in excellent condition! Call Mary Jo 694-6258 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$179,800**

Highland **\$179,800**
 "Old fashioned" DON'T MISS THIS! **\$179,800**
 Fabulous 4 bedroom located on Princeton, tons of windows overlooking gorgeous yard with pool. Call Deborah 550-2112! Decorating allowance too! **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$179,800**

Highland **\$179,800**
 Spectacular view of the courses from this 3 or 4 B, 2 or 3 living area home w/formal dining & study, double fireplace, 2 car garage & more! Call Victoria 682-3181. **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$179,800**

Highland Ct. **Reduced! Offer \$176,000**
 Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 2 living areas in home called "The Glen" Den plus a game room, sequestered master and in-mature, quiet neighborhood. Sandy Scott 682-8633 or 684-3070 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$174,900**

Highland **\$174,900**
 4 bedrooms, seek master plus adjoining office, immaculate, quality, shutters & floors. Please call Jo Braden 682-1425 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$174,900**

Highland **\$174,900**
 4 bedroom, 2 living, 3 baths, 3 car garage, Wonderful. Call Victoria 682-3181 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$174,900**

Greenland **\$169,000**
 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living area, WOW! Super custom old-style, large open floor plan, 3 car garage, 2 living areas, 2 1/2 baths, large kitchen, large spacious kitchen, 1 living area, utility, upper & lower carport area in garage, gorgeous home with many upgrades. Call 682-7884 or 682-1127 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$169,000**

Highland **\$169,000**
 Briarwood - Beautiful Kahler Resale! Four large bedrooms, three baths, one living area, High ceilings, built-ins, great closets, three car garage. Call Victoria 682-3181 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$169,000**

Highland **\$169,000**
 Beautiful 4 bedroom home with formal, study/library, and balcony covered front porch. Call Marilyn Jo Smith. **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$169,000**

Castleford-Rosedale **\$164,000**
 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, and surprisingly new & inviting, 4 bed, 2 LA, 2 1/2 baths, 3 car garage, call Victoria 682-3181 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$164,000**

Highland **\$164,000**
 Saddle Creek South: 2 1/2 living areas, enormous country kitchen, call Denise 687-1798 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$164,000**

Highland **\$161,800**
 The Park-South: 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 living, immaculate. Call Victoria 682-3181 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$161,800**

Minneapolis-First Twin Market **\$161,800**
 Custom home, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage, cut-de-side, Gorgeous! Must see! Call Ruth 949-6712 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$161,800**

Co. Rd. 194 **Reduced \$160,000**
 Beautiful 4 bedroom & 3 1/2 bath, 3 car garage, 312 beds, 22 acres, have to see to believe. Denise 682-3181 or 682-3181 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$159,000**

Highland-Rose Nesting **\$159,000**
 Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, 3 car garage, call Victoria 682-3181 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$159,000**

Highland **Reduced \$157,000**
 Fabulous Resale! Resale! 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, 3 car garage, 312 beds, 22 acres, have to see to believe. Denise 682-3181 or 682-3181 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$157,000**

Highland **\$157,000**
 Drive by and call to see this pretty 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 1 1/2 acres, 2 water wells, 1000 sq ft. house, 1000 sq ft. well & septic, offering off! Call Victoria 682-3181 **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$157,000**

Highland **\$154,000**
 6 BR, LA, maintenance home. Formal, family room, landscaping & a storage. Call Marilyn Jo Smith. **OPEN SUNDAY** **\$154,000**

Stanford \$69,500
3 BR, 2 1/2 bath. Formal dining, family room with FP, large split level back
backyard. Corner lot & landscaped. For an appointment to see, call John
Cormier at 669-9596.

Woodward \$66,000
3 bedroom 3 1/2 baths, with trees! 2 living + formal dining. Beautiful tile
flooring. Call for more! Anita Nolas.

Woodward Reduced \$56,000
Joy Dr - Show Us! 1 & 1/2 baths. 3 bedrooms. 2 living areas. 2nd floor
Picture Perfect! 3 bed w/ dual sitting area in master; 2 living areas with fireplace
large bedrooms. Loved yard. Walk to school. Call Rustin Young 682-7874.

You will never have a better time to kids again - you'll be living in the Farnnis
creek - sunnium where Berber carpets - lots of new. Call Deborah 522-2112.

Woodward \$54,900
Museum area, with 2 bdrn; 2 car garage + a super rental in back, 2 living areas
Mary Jo Drury 684-4258

Huntington \$52,900
Large three bedroom, two bathroom home with two living areas and a two car
garage. Home needs a little TLC and the price reflects this. Call Kirk Fennell
for more information. \$700 Decorating Allowance.

Graves Reduced \$52,000
Wonderful home in ODESSA, located near the mall - call for a list of the
features.

Woodward \$50,000
3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms. 2 full baths, 2 living areas, 2 car garage.
Big big Big Room! 2 story, MBR on ground floor. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, one 100
sq. ft. porch. Call Rustin Young 682-7874. Overlaid 2 car garage. Call Sam
Houston 682-8820

Woodward \$47,900
Woodward Addition-New Listing.
Succesive courtyard, 3 generous bedrooms, 2 full baths, scratch tile
fireplace, very functional kitchen, large yard. Call Larry or Debbie 684-
2069

Homecroft \$79,800
Great updated patio home, 2 baths, lifetime siding, satellite tile, 2 car garage
Call Sam-Houston 682-8820

Woodward \$79,800
Call Sam-Houston 682-8820. LIVING W/ OFFERS

Odessa to Midland College - super home with 3 large bedrooms, two baths. Call
Mary Jo 684-4258. Will Lease

Home \$79,800
Very quiet street and just down the road from Bush Elementary. 3 bedrooms,
2 car garage, new paint throughout. Call Lavonne 594-0444.

Woodward \$79,800
3 1/2 living areas, large 2nd floor, 2 car garage, swings set. Updated top
Call 682-8820. ext. 156

Brazos River Non-County \$77,800
Call Sam-Houston 682-8820. Livable

**Just Listed - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, large bedrooms, separate formal
living. Pretty living room with corner fireplace. Call Rustin Young at 687-1217.**

Compton \$77,800
"Museum" area cottage, 2 BR, 2 1/2 living areas, sunroom, converted
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- BLUEBIRD LN** Extraordinary in every beautiful detail, 4BR/5BA on 3 acres, pool, 5 fireplaces, fabulous formal, exceptional "great room", sunroom, gorgeous landscaping and terraces, private, secluded drive. **CALL**
- SAIDLE CLUB ESTATES** Incredible space, style, appointments, 5BR/5BA, formal + study + den + playroom. Gorgeous newer pool, level landscaping and trees. **650,000**
- CARDINAL LANE** The most wonderful suburban home ever! Unbelievable amenities, great space, 10+ acres. **1,200,000**
- WINCHESTER CT** Incredible TH + indoor pool in fabulous living area, 4BR/5BA, MBR w/library, stunning stone, office, 3FP, 5 garages, absolutely wonderful. **695,000**
- FAIRWOOD** Absolutely stunning 5/4/3 with 3-car garage and 3FP + the last goes on! Wonderful. **400,000**
- TRINITY** Simply beautiful! One of a kind SBR in Trinity Estates on beautiful lot. **400,000**
- TATTEHAM CORNER** Most exciting home on mkt! 5BR/6BA, acreage, pool, incredible style, quality. **395,000**
- RUSTIC TRAIL-3** TH North. Excellent view of course & lakes. Great floor plan, 2-story, large rooms, 2BR up, two down, 2LA, 2FP, 3-car. **365,000**
- CRESCENT PLACE** Fabulous Crescent Place home with great space, wonderful updating, sparkling pool. **350,000**
- OAKLAWN PARK** A fabulous, luxurious condominium in a very special setting. Pool, 2BR/2BA w/a wonderful guest house. **335,000**
- FAIRWOOD** Wonderful Bill Brown resale. Spacious, like new 5/4/3 Den, gameroom & formal. Must see this fabulous home. Ready to move into today. **349,900**
- HAYNES** Terrific Saddle Club North TH! Pool, 5BR/5BA, formal, huge den, 2BR guest house. **345,000**
- LAKES** Lovely custom 2-story in gated subdivision. Fantastic lake view, North of Saddle Club Estates. **329,900**
- CHOATE** Lovely and spacious in Trinity Estates 4 bedrooms, 2 bonus rooms, sparkling pool, beautiful yard. **310,000**
- WINDMILL** 4BR/3.5BA w/pool, wonderful 2-story home on 4+ acres in town. **290,000**
- CITATION** High style in Saddle Club North TH. Too much new to list. Lovely, elegant. **279,500**
- BAYBROOK** 4BR/3BA, gourmet kitchen, sea master, Bill Brown construction, light & bright, ready for you! **278,000**
- L-O** Midland remodeled beauty, unique custom design, wonderful detail. **276,000**
- SINCLAIR** Gorgeous remodeled 2-story in Old Midland, 4 or 5BR/3BA/2LA, 2-car garage & 2-car carport. **275,000**
- RIDGEFIELD** The "Perfect" SBR complete w/great sports pool and spa. **244,900**
- RUSTIC TRAIL** Spacious 4BR/3.5BA/3 garage and 3 super living areas plus newer pool, gorgeous golf course view. **238,750**
- SINCLAIR** Outstanding TH, luxurious mstr w/2BA, gorgeous formal, den, high ceilings, lush landscaping. **235,000**
- PINEHURST** One of Saddle Club East's "loveliest" Wood floors, 4BR/3BA, 3FP, 3 garage, sea master, perfect! **225,000**
- BASSWOOD** Owners says sell! Over 4000 sq ft level in GTOC. Huge rooms, wonderful condition. **224,000**
- FENWAY** TH under construction. Excellent plan, light & open, 3rd garage w/room for workshop. **222,000**
- CUTBERT** Gorgeous living at its finest - Old Midland, 3BR/2BA plus 3 1/2 baths. **222,000**
- WINDMILL** 4/3/2 w/pool & cabana. The cabana has another full bath and room. It's beautiful. **209,000**
- SPRINGFIELD** It is for lovely decor, light spaciousness, gorgeous decor, B. Brown quality 4/3.5 garage. **207,000**

\$100,000-\$200,000... A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

- LOS ALAMITOS** Smashing custom built 4/3.5. This is a beautiful, master suite is unbelievable. **198,500**
- EDGEHURST** Lovely 4BR/3BA/2LA in exclusive Mockingbird Heights addition. Priced for quick sale. **198,000**
- BOYD** Wonderful location w/lot of new, 4BR, gourmet kitchen, great pool. **188,500**
- GREENRIDGE** The perfect 4BR home inside & out in Grassland Estates. **185,000**
- TRINITY MEADOWS** Wonderful 5BR/2LA w/pool in Trinity Meadows. **178,000**
- STANOLIND** Fabulous 4/3/2 in "Old Midland" Total! Master suite is unbelievable. **178,000**
- RUSTIC TRAIL** Fabulous contemporary 4BR on course. Lots of new & red! **178,000**
- BASSWOOD CIRCLE** Such a great plan! \$3,000 carpet allowance w/acceptable offer, incredible condition. **174,900**
- OAKWOOD** 2BR/2BA in Green Tree Oaks 3BR/2BA, music, study, 2FP. **172,900**
- GREENRIDGE** Outstanding custom home in Grasslands. Gorgeous decor, beautiful landscaping. **169,000**
- GOLF COURSE** Distinctive architecture + peaceful landscaping. 3BR/2BA, Bogus limestone floors & FP. **159,900**
- KINGSTON** Custom built in Polo Park, 3BR/2BA w/2 wonderful living areas. 3-car garage. **159,900**
- NORTH** 5-Spaces & bright 3BR/2LA, recent updates, a gem with great pool & workshop. **158,900**
- PRINCETON** Classic "Old Midland" w/spacious room, 4/4, lots of windows, huge garden room. **158,500**
- HACKBERRY** 3 BR + study or hobby room on golf course, lush landscaping, large dining. **155,000**
- CAROL LANE** Country living in the city w/spacious galore, horse stable, workshop. Mint condition. **154,900**
- CROWLEY** 4 year old 4BR/2BA/2LA resale in excellent condition. **154,900**
- DRIFTWOOD** 4BR, 3BA, 3 car garage Green Tree Beauty priced for quick sale. **149,900**
- STANOLIND** 4BR in Fannin! Great plan, popular neighborhood, wonderful landscaping. **149,500**
- CUTBERT** Fabulous home near stadium 4BR/3BA w/ship and great living space. **147,000**
- LAFAYETTE** New Orleans style 2-story TH, secluded area with brick paved streets. **146,900**
- WINDMILL** Terrific 4BR/3BA/2LA with pool. Minimum yard w/pond, great for entertaining. **144,900**
- FOXBORO** Meadowpark, 3/2 w/2 dining/2LA, sparkling pool. Low maintenance yard on quiet cul-de-sac. **143,500**
- DRIFTWOOD** Stupendous! Wonderful Condition! Pool, spa, workshop, 4BR and the list goes on! **139,900**
- VALLEY** Just perfect! Large beautiful 4/2.5 PLUS fabulous gameroom. Gorgeous backyard & patio. **139,900**
- DUKES** Beautiful red brick in Polo Park, 3BR/2BA w/2LA. **136,900**
- AMHURST** Super 5/2.5/2 with den, fireplace, living, brick patio w/fountain, beautiful landscaping. **135,000**
- BRIGHTON** PL-Exceptional 3/2 w/2LA formal dining, great kitchen, sea master, gorgeous landscaping. **135,000**
- STUTTGART** 4BR, one-owner home, beautiful landscaping, numerous custom features. **132,000**
- PINE** Ready right away! Completely updated Wallace TH, beautiful kitchen, great plan, a must see! **132,000**
- LAFAYETTE** PL-Beautiful escape in Midland 3BR/2.5BA, New Orleans style TH. Must see this one. **130,000**
- BRADFORD** CT-Custom built 3/2 in Polo Park like new w/lot of bells & whistles. Great built-in, storage & lots. **129,900**
- FAIRFAX** CT-4BR/3BA/2LA dining w/mature trees on quiet cul-de-sac w/updated Workshop off garage. **128,500**
- GULF** Immaculate well-cared for home in "Fannin" area with all the updating done. **124,900**
- FAIRFAX** You'll love the improvements in this 4/2 with 3LA. **124,000**
- ILLINOIS** Two houses - both leased. Two minutes from hospital. **99,900**
- LOUISIANA** Old Midland charm with giant backyard. **99,500**
- BERNHOFER** 4BR/2BA 2-car rear-entry garage, 35x14 pool, paneled throughout. **99,500**
- BENTWOOD** Updated, exceptional large rooms, sea MBR, FP, roomy 2BR/2BA. **99,500**
- MONTY** 4BR/2BA 2-car garage, 2 story brick w/FP, newer carpet, wood parquet floors. **95,000**
- KESSLER** 4BR/2BA, nice home in Old Midland, lots of space, 2LA, corner lot, w/lot & sprinkler. **94,000**
- EDGEWOOD** Wonderful home, neat as a pin, with recent Berber carpet, marvelous kitchen & fresh paint. **92,500**
- COLLEGE** Great potential, needs TLC, 2-story, hardwood floors, guest house and double lot. **49,900**
- RIC-3BR** 1BA, 2-car garage, UNBELIEVABLE CONDITION! It even has a white picket fence. **49,500**
- PLEASANT** Out-of-town owner is ready to deal. 3BR/2BA, vaulted bay ceiling, gas range. **48,500**
- PASADENA** Brick 4BR with 2BA, oversized kitchen and breakfast room. **44,000**
- HARLOWE** Nice 2BR with fresh paint and carpet plus white ceramic tile floors. A winner! **43,500**
- WILSHIRE** Extra nice 3/2, new carpet, fresh paint, squeaky clean. **40,000**
- ILLINOIS** Standout well built home. Large bedroom, 2 full baths, owner said hurry. **39,900**
- MONTY** 3BR/2BA 2-car, spacious rooms, oversized kitchen and dining. **39,500**
- DEVONAR** Spacious 3BR w/irresistible wallpaper, paint and refreshed. **39,500**
- WOODEN** floors hidden under carpet. **39,500**
- KESSLER** 3BR/2BA, bonus room, outside storage, new paint and carpet. **38,750**
- ASPEN** Charming floor plan, 2 or 3BR with pretty family room. **38,750**
- CUTBERT** Well built brick home. Large kitchen w/lot of cabinets. **37,900**
- HARDWOOD** floors. \$1,000 repair allow. **37,900**
- MONTY** Cheap, Cheap - refrigerated air, fireplace, bookcases, likes lots of new. **37,500**
- STOREY** Charming Old Midland cottage redo. Mirror image hardwood fls, 2BR/1BA, detached garage. **35,000**
- MICHIGAN** Staring out? Here's a cute 2BR in Old Midland. **29,900**

UNDER \$100,000... SMART BUYS... LOVELY HOMES... PERFECT FOR YOU!

- GARFIELD** Quiet, well-maintained updated home in "Old Midland". Gorgeous swimming pool. **99,999**
- NEELY** "Old Midland" charming, unique, tri-level. Study, workshop, gourmet kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 car garage. **99,500**
- MEZ** Don't miss this well priced 4BR, 2BA on Cul-de-sac. Lots of room to roam. **99,000**
- ANGELINA** Exceptional 4BR with recent updates & improvements near Parker Elementary. **99,000**
- KANSAS** Spacious 4BR w/loads of new & dec allow. tile floors, convenient location. Make it your own today! **95,500**
- DENHAM** Well-maintained 4/2.5, spacious rooms, Hurry. **95,000**
- NORTHUP** Unique home across from Midland Christian School. 3BR/2BA. **94,500**
- OHIO** The charm of Old Midland w/complete remodeling and addition. Stunning. **89,000**
- DOUGLAS** Well-maintained home in mature area, 3BR/2BA with a lot of extras. **89,000**
- GREEN TREE BLVD** Green Tree Country Club 3BR TH. Lot 100 ft. Living room w/river bar. **89,000**
- APPROX** RV parking, shop & the biggest bonus is it's clean as a whistle and recent updates. **89,000**
- VENTURA** Just right 2BR TH, new carpet, beautiful doors, easy care for you! **89,000**
- GREENGLADE** Terrific 4BR in Fannin Park. Won't last long or hurry! **85,000**
- DOWNING** Lots of class in popular area, 3/2 with great plan. **85,000**
- SEABOARD** Extra nice 3BR, recent remodel included a huge living area, formal dining & lots of built-ins. **85,000**
- SHYDE PARK** Nice home in LHS area. Must see to appreciate. 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 2 car garage, separate office or study. **84,500**
- HANDON** 3BR/2BA sunny, spacious rooms, separate office or study. RV or boat parking in rear. **84,500**
- WARD** Well-cared for one-owner home. 3BR/2BA, family friendly floor plan. **82,500**
- CIMARRON** Updating in bath, heating/cooling sys, wood floors & added stone windows. Must see. **79,900**
- HUMBLE** 4BR/2BA/1LA built in 1987 in "Old Midland", mature area is a Plus! **79,500**
- DEBBIE COVE** 3/2, vaulted ceilings, form DR/home office, super built-in Cul-de-sac. Great floor plan. **79,500**
- CAPENTER** Stunning. Updated 3BR/3BA + 3LA, 3rd LA huge wood make wonderful master. **79,000**
- NEELY** It's only perfect! Lovely formal, spacious den, sunroom, remodeled kitchen, beautiful custom decor. **79,500**
- AMSTAD** Great home ready to move in, 3BR/2BA w/ship, 2 car garage, pool and security system. **79,500**
- COMMUNITY LANE** Great location, spacious rooms, large yard w/privacy tree! Priced to sell quickly. **79,500**
- INDIANA** 3BR/2BA/2LA, Museum area. Hardwood fls, block and stain glass windows all shine. **77,900**
- BUCHANAN** So nice! Satellite tile, shutters, Berber carpet, study, formal dining, FP. VA non-qual. **77,900**
- BOCHING** Charming, well priced 3BR in popular Fannin add'l 74,900. **74,900**
- CONCHO** You'll splash into summer sun when you see this super, clean home with own swimming pool. **73,900**
- PRINCETON** Wonderful home w/large rooms, nice FP in den/kitchen area. Great storage/shop. **73,500**
- SINCLAIR** Old Midland, great area, Fannin Elementary, comfortable home. **73,500**
- WINDMILL** 4BR/3BA, 2 car garage, 2FP, 3LA, 3rd LA huge wood make wonderful master. **73,500**
- FANNIN** Great remodel, c/o FP new carpet and paint. Please buy. **69,500**
- CANARIE** Super 3BR, totally redone, in great neighborhood location. **69,000**
- OXFORD** 3BR, 2BA, large living area, 2 car rear entry. Great way to start the new year. **69,000**
- PINE** Totally redone top to bottom in quiet neighborhood. Walk to park. **69,000**
- WOOFORD** Lovely, well-cared for "Old Midland" home. **69,000**
- GULF** Clean, located on cul-de-sac in quiet neighborhood near school and shopping. **69,000**
- GULF** Fabulously spacious condo, pool/courts nearby. Newer carpet, 2BR/2BA, huge office or play room. **67,500**
- SPRING** Spacious 3BR with lots of new tile. Large corner lot on quiet cul-de-sac. **67,500**
- ASPEN** Charming floor plan, 2 or 3BR with pretty family room. **65,000**
- DELWOOD** Tossing shade trees in quiet neighborhood. Tapes & white kitchen w/cabinets galore. **64,900**
- MONCLAVE** Cozy 2BR TH with additional bedroom and bath off garage-hot tub, minimal maintenance. **63,500**
- STOREY** Charming & perfectly maintained w/3BR, 2BA, 2-car garage, high ceilings, near Loop 250W. **63,500**
- GOLF COURSE** Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is. **60,000**

SUBURBAN HOMES

- S. CO. RD. 1270** Authentic and charming "Adobe Hacienda" Fabulous 5BR/3LA custom home on 120 acres. Unbelievable extras in this truly unique home. **695,000**
- S. CO. RD. 1285** Gorgeous home w/19+ acres. Country living at its best! Close to Midland & Odessa. Separate HT off master. **650,000**
- S. CO. RD. 1218** Fantastic custom 4BR/3BA, quiet and private. 40+ acres. **199,000**
- KNIFEN** 4BR/2.5BA/2LA, 2-car garage, light and bright, great tile, open kitchen & den. 2.69 acres. **187,000**
- W. CO. RD. 98** 4BR suburban on 2.45 acres. Built in 1998, great plan. **184,000**
- W. CO. RD. 58** Suburban, new construction, 4BR on CR 58. Completion end of November. **161,000**
- W. CO. RD. 68** Wonderful, totally redone, super pool includes Colorado River Tap. Must see. **148,750**
- W. CO. RD. 715** Country property, 3BR/2BA/1LA, huge closets, kitchen, 10 acres and 5 wells. **137,000**
- S. CO. RD. 1288** Wonderful custom 3BR/2BA, tons of space, open & light, approx. 1.75 acres. **123,900**
- S. CO. RD. 1085** Buy a Ranch! 68 fenced acres and 3/2/2 garage. 2 water wells and barn stalls. **119,900**
- E. HWY. 159** Great place to raise your kids. 2BR/2BA. **119,000**
- CAROL LANE** Something for everyone. 4BR/3BA, beautiful pool, great shop. Hurry won't last long. **117,000**
- E. GOLDENROD** Exquisite suburban property on 3 acres. Master BR has FP. **209,000**
- W. CO. RD. 185** Airplane lovers or country cousins? 75x75 hanger shop and 4 car garage + huge home. **199,500**
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- W. CO. RD. 52** Great Suburban set-up - 3.7 ac 4BR/3.5BA w/bam/hackroom, bunkhouse & great landscaping. **117,000**
- E. CO. RD. 95** Great 3BR in Greenwood, circle drive, 2 car garage, 1.980 ac. RD, water septic. **89,900**
- MILLER RD** Gardendale Hilltop, stucco home on 10+ acres, 3 car water wells. **80,000**
- E. CO. RD. 140** Redone & spotless on 1 ac. Beautiful hardwood floors. 3BR/3BA/2LA, 2-car garage w/c carport. **79,900**
- W. CO. RD. 123** Cowboy up! Price to see! Approx. 10 acres, 3BR/1BA/2 living. **74,000**
- E. CO. RD. 106** Greenwood move in 1997 3BR/2BA, under 70K. 2-car garage + 2 car carport. **69,000**
- N. CO. RD. 1147** WOW-clean country w/49rs and large workshop. One acre. **61,000**
- COTTON FLAT** RD. 2BR/2BA Home located on 10 acres south of Midland. House to be sold as is. **58,000**
- E. CO. RD. 95** Extra nice 4BR/2.5BA, double-wide mobile home on 50 acres in Greenwood. **54,200**
- S. CO. RD. 1183** "Owner carry" - large 2/2 has 2LA, could be 3/2, pretty and clean w/ship/storage. **40,900**
- E. HWY. 159** 4BR-2BA, 2-story, lots of possibilities. **39,900**

LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

- BLUEBIRD** 12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided. **146,520**
- RACQUET CLUB** DR-Lot available lots in coveted Racquet Club South. **100,000**
- BLUEBIRD** 7.18 acres. Can be sub-divided. **88,220**
- CARDINAL LN** Two 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city w/ water available. **82,500**
- WESTWIND** Covered "Green Tree" on the course. Ready to build! **64,500**
- MOCKINGBIRD LANE** 4 acre lot. Perfect for country living in the city. **57,000**
- CUTBERT** Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot. **49,900 ea.**
- FAIRWOOD** Choice lot in wonderful Mockingbird Heights. **41,500**
- MOCKINGBIRD** 2 acres, great location on North Middle. **40,000**
- "L" STREET** Rare lot in museum district. **37,500**
- RUSTIC TRAIL** Large lots in area of new construction in Green Tree North. **35,000**
- SADDLE CLUB EAST LOTS** Prestigious - only a few remaining. **33,000-45,000**
- TATTEHAM CORNER** Beautiful urban/suburban lots, great school. **22,500**
- ELIM ST & LAMESA RD.** Lot could be commercial location. **22,500**
- RAINBOW RD** 3 lots out of Bush Elementary in growing North Midland area. **14,500**
- LA SALLE** Nice residential lot in Wyndwood area. **9,500**
- CROCKETT** 7 lots sold separately or as a package. **6,000 each**
- GAUSTON** Lot in Fannin Estates. **3,000**
- VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES** Call for more details. **2,800-35,000**
- LOOP 250 NORTH-1** acre between Olive Garden and Service Merchandise. **CALL**
- WALL** Eagle Club. 15,000 + SF on 4 acres, fully equipped, seats 350. **REDUCED**
- NEW-1** BIG SPRING - Convert to business. Tile building. **CALL**
- 2 ACRES** RANCHO HWY & IN 26. **CALL**
- E. NEW JERSEY-2** metal bldgs. 2800 at 16 OH doors CALL
- FIVE POINTS** HWY 349-1.8 acres commercial tract. **CALL**
- DANIS RD** MOBILE HOME PARK-14 spaces, 4.4 acres, 7 owned homes & 3BR house. **CALL**
- WOLF CAMP CIRCLE-2** commercial lots. **CALL**
- W. INDUSTRIAL-5000** sq ft warehouse on 8 ac. **CALL**
- Zoned commercial** **\$2 per sq ft**
- FOR LEASE:** Nice 7000 sq ft metal bldg & 6 offices on 3 acres. **CALL**
- ANDREWS HWY** Large 14.5 acre tract of land and 3 rent houses. **125,000**
- ILLINOIS-2250** tile bldg - club or restaurant, one blk. to MMH. **70,000**
- REDUCED** **70,000**
- ANDREWS HWY** Excellent school/daycare/office building. All requirements met for daycare. Much new. **65,000**
- MAIN** Small office building, near downtown. 1382 at 42. **42,500**
- BEHIND RED LOBSTER** 17,500 sq ft. Lot. **35,000**
- GARDEN CITY HWY** 1360 of building, small lot. **6,000** "As Is"

INVESTMENT & COMMERCIAL

- CALL FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL OFFERINGS**

8000 S. CO. RD. 1270

- Gorgeous authentic adobe home
- 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 living areas
- Fabulous amenities, wonderful decor
- Located on 120 acres

Offered at \$695,000
 Call Roberta Aldridge at 682-9495

7800 S. CO. RD. 1265

- Gorgeous country home with 19+ acres
- Country living at its best - close to Midland & Odessa
- 3 patios, callio pond, windmill, artium & gascio
- Owner will finance with good down payment

Offered at \$350,000
 Call Kathy Crowley at 685-0400

9 LAKES

- Lovely 2 story in gated subdivision
- Fabulous lake view
- Custom quality built, one owner home
- Upstairs play area

Offered at \$329,000
 Call Sue Laengrich at 685-0400

5425 BASSWOOD

- Spectacular 4 bedroom, 4 bath Victorian home
- Wonderful kitchen with island and built-in desk
- Fabulous millwork throughout with decorative papers
- Large porch with balcony across front

Offered at \$234,000
 Call Skeet Doss at 682-9495

1701 W. CUTHBERT

- Gracious living at its finest
- Three bedrooms and great decor
- Heating and air conditioning replaced
- Marble floors

Offered at \$223,000
 Call Needa Faught at 685-0400

10627 GOLDENROD E.

- Exquisite suburban property with 2 fireplaces
- Especially light and bright
- Four bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas
- Home warranty

Offered at \$209,000
 Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495

3504 TRINITY MEADOWS

- Wonderful 5 bedroom spacious home
- Completely up-dated and beautifully decorated
- Two spacious living areas & 3/4 four bedrooms
- Tons of storage, zoned A/C heat

Offered at \$179,900
 Call Jerry Holt at 685-0400

4949 RUSTIC TRAIL

- Fabulous Golf Course location
- Great yard with pool
- Two spacious living areas & 3/4 four bedrooms
- Tons of storage, zoned A/C heat

Offered at \$178,500
 Call Martha Manulik at 682-9495

4804 OAKWOOD CT.

- Super townhome in the Oaks
- Pretty colors and great decor
- Three bedrooms, huge master, 2 baths
- Backs up to golf course

PERMIAN BASIN OIL & GAS REPORT

BASIN BRIEFS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 1999

SERVING WEST TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO



Service and drilling companies, such as those whose stickers adorn these hats, continue to suffer as low prices affect drilling and workovers.

See Rig Count / 3

Halliburton safety

MIDLAND Halliburton Energy Services has entered into a safety training alliance affected through the collaborative efforts of HES, Western Texas College of Snyder, Midland College and Odessa College.

Approximately 500 Permian Basin-area HES employees will receive training in a two-day course developed by Jay Fitts and Bruce Hancock of Halliburton, and Darrel Canada. Topics covered included in the course material are Hazardous Communication, Fire Safety, H2S Training, Respiratory Standards, Blood-borne Pathogens and First Aid/CPR. Point of delivery for the training is Snyder, Midland, Odessa and Hobbs.

Funding for this program is provided through the Texas Workforce Commission's Skills Development Fund. Economic value of this training will be realized in the form of a \$25,000 grant specifically designated towards covering the costs of instruction, educational equipment, instructional aids and materials.

Costilla Migl-Mitchell

Costilla Energy, Inc. reported that its Migl-Mitchell #5 well tested with a calculated absolute open flow rate of approximately 93.5 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. Initial production from the new well is approximately 3.2 MMCFD from a depth of 14,600 feet. The new well's performance brings field production in Costilla's Southwest Speaks project to approximately 40 MMCFD.

The Migl-Mitchell #5 is an offset to the Migl-Mitchell #1, the company's biggest discovery, and its seventh successful well on the Southwest Speaks project in Lavaca County.

Eight additional locations have been identified on the company's 20,000-acre leasehold in Southwest Speaks. The Speaks property was part of Costilla's 1995 acquisition from a predecessor of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.

Vista progress

MIDLAND (PRNewswire) — Vista Energy Resources, Inc. provided an update on new daily net production of approximately 300 barrels of oil equivalent and other results from certain drilling and workover activities undertaken since becoming a public company in October 1998.

Randy Hill, Vista's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "In 1998, we had a 100 percent success rate in our drilling program, completing all 12 wells as commercial producers. This success, in addition to the very favorable impact it will have on our production and cash flow in 1999, also adds additional drilling and workover prospects for the future growth of our company."

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Oil prices lowest since Depression

■ 1998 was one of the toughest years for the U.S. oil and natural gas industry, says Paul G. Wakim, director of statistics for the American Petroleum Institute

WASHINGTON — By the end of 1998, crude oil prices, when adjusted for inflation, were at their lowest levels since the Great Depression of the 1930s, the American Petroleum Institute reported. API's Monthly Statistical Report noted that domestic wellhead prices received by oil producers last month were estimated to average less than \$8 per barrel, a 47 percent plunge compared to December 1997. For the whole year, wellhead prices dropped 37 percent during 1998.

As a consequence, Paul G. Wakim, director of statistics, called 1998 "one of the toughest years for the U.S. oil and natural gas industry."

Domestic crude oil production averaged 6.226 million barrels per day in December, a 4.7 percent decline from December a year ago. In comparing the two years, production fell an estimated 2.5 percent in 1998. The total number of operating oil rigs in the U.S. in December were only 155, a 60 percent decline from December 1997 and the lowest level since such records began in 1987, according to the latest survey by Baker-Hughes Company. Natural gas rigs averaged 491 in December, a 24 percent decline compared to December a year ago.

According to federal government statistics, 29,300 jobs were lost in the petroleum industry in 1998. Since early 1982, industry upstream employment has declined nearly 60 percent.

API's Quarterly Well Completion Report has estimated that the number of completed oil wells in 1998 was 24,900, a 13 percent decline compared to 1997.

The steep decline in gasoline prices contributed to growth in gasoline deliveries (a key indicator of demand), which averaged 8.225 million bopd in 1998. This calculates to an annual growth rate of 2.6 percent compared to 1997. However, API analysts believe this rate is understated because of problematic federal government second-quarter data not yet corrected.

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Clayton Williams Energy announces horizontal gas well

Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. announced that the Wash-McAdams 2-H Well in Walker County, Texas was placed on production and is currently producing at the rate of 7.7 million cubic feet of gas and 59 barrels of condensate per day through a 21/64 choke with flowing tubing pressure of 3,500 psig. No stimulation treatment was required.

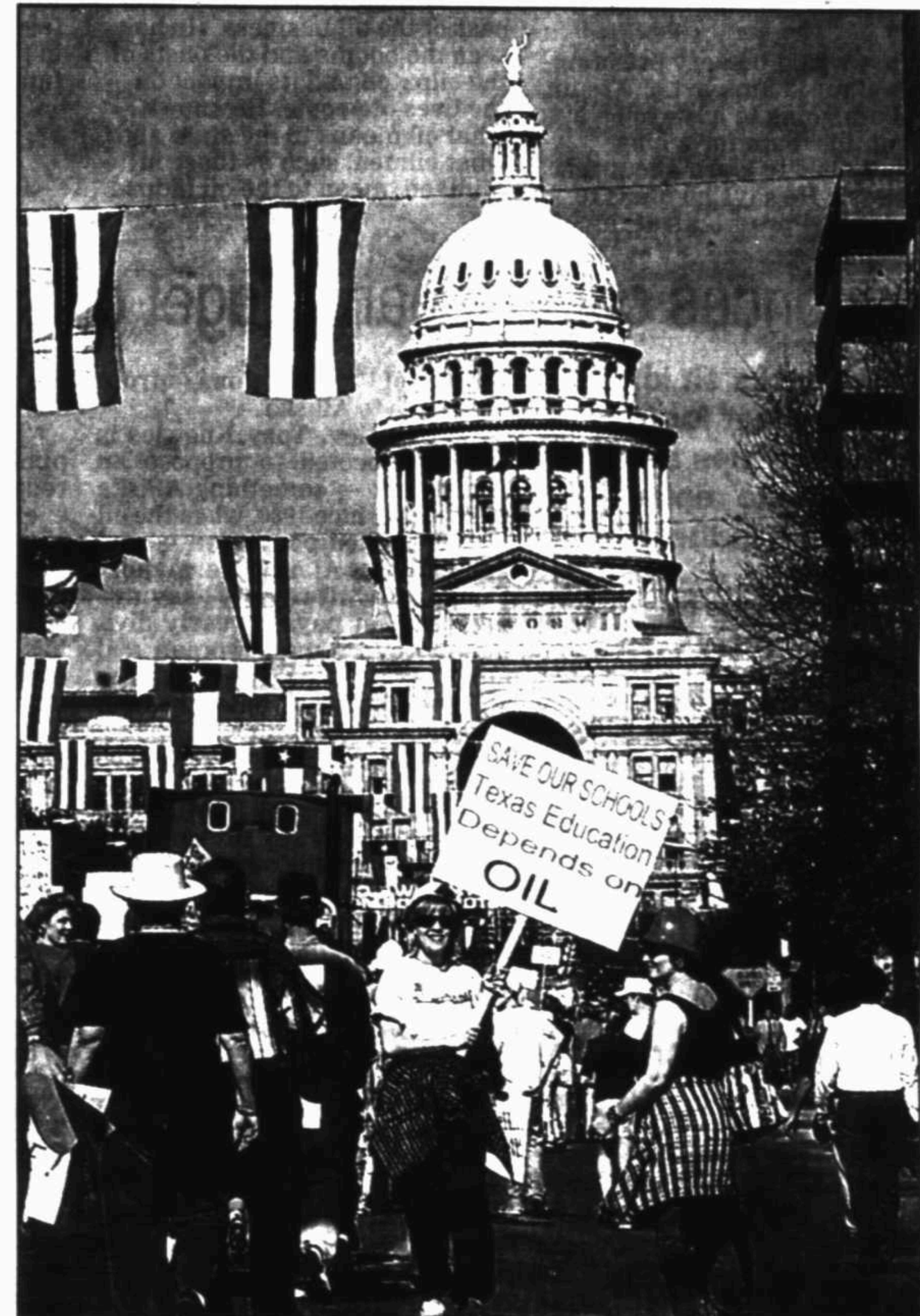
The well was completed as a dual horizontal well at a vertical depth of 12,100 feet. The dual laterals are 5,873 feet and 5,104 feet in length. This well is 1 1/2 miles to the southwest of the field discovery well, the Wash-McAdams 3-H which was completed in August 1998, and has produced over 500 million cubic feet of gas and 5,000 barrels of condensate to date.

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Open the Eyes of Texas



While the "Open the Eyes of Texas" Parade in Austin drew attention to the crisis over low prices, many in the petroleum industry do not feel that help will be coming from the government. Any assistance will come, as always, from better management and belt-tightening by those in the industry.



"We will have to do it ourselves"

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

While the oil industry looks for a political homerun or miracle at NYMEX for its salvation, it may have to resign itself to a long, smoldering burn in which small victories are scraped from the ashes of a low oil price fire.

"I don't think we can expect any help from the federal government, no matter how tough it gets in the oil industry," said Midland oilman Deane Stoltz. "We will have to do it ourselves."

Clayton Williams, chairman of Clayton Williams Energy, told the Permian Basin Chapter of Society of Petroleum Engineers this week that the industry would probably have to move ahead with what it has. He said the industry needed not only new options but new management techniques for managing the crisis.

Officials in Austin this week said a number of other homegrown options, besides the severance tax moratorium, were on the table to help bring slight relief and small victories to Texas oil producers.

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JOHN PAUL PITTS

Mike Williams brings new dimension to Commission

When Mike Williams was named by Governor George Bush to fill the unexpired term of Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Rylander, he became the most powerful black man in Texas.

Since then his appointment has prompted questions from many corners. Who is Mike Williams? What ideals drive this attorney and former Midland resident? What does he bring to the Commission that regulates Texas oil and gas? How does he feel about becoming Railroad Commissioner, and, moreover, what will be his impact be to the Railroad Commission and the state?

In a friendly, one-on-one interview in Austin this week we sat down with Williams and asked the first African-American to sit on the Texas Railroad Commission all those questions.

"I was honored, humbled and ecstatic

when Governor Bush asked me to serve," Williams said, who notes that he is a team player and that he should not expect anything radical from him on the Commission.

He hesitates to put a label on himself, but recognizes that, as a black conservative, he brings a new dimension to the

political landscape in Texas, and that he becomes a major political asset to the Republican Party in Texas. Politically he says he is probably in the same camp as two other famous black conservatives, Rep. J.C. Watts, (R-

Oklahoma), and former presidential candidate Alan Keyes. "As a social conservative and a fiscal conservative, leaning perhaps a little more to the fiscal, I am somewhere in the middle of the Watts and Keyes."

He has backed family-value candidates in state races and once wrote an article decrying the failure of entitlements. And, like Governor Bush, he describes himself as a "compassionate conservative." Asked for an explicit definition of that term, he said it does not mean a "lot of conservatism with a dab of liberalism," but simply means doing what is good for your fellow man, but doing it with a lot less government and taxes.

One should not, however, let such things as color, political spectrum and political assets blind them to the fact that Mike Williams is more than quali-

fied to hold the job. When it was learned in Midland that he would be the new Railroad Commissioner, there was a collective sigh of relief from many industry leaders. "He's a good one," said one oilman. Those who know him have described him as articulate, intelligent, informed and outgoing. After graduating from Lee High School, Williams earned his undergraduate degree, Master's in Public Administration, and Law Degree at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. He served as an assistant to the U.S. Attorney General, and in 1990 was appointed by President George Bush to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights. He later became a federal prosecutor in the Criminal Section of the Department of Justice.

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The newest member of the Texas Railroad Commission, Mike Williams speaks at the Open the Eyes of Texas Parade in Austin. Williams was appointed to the unfinished term of Carole Keeton Rylander.

Pitts: Williams knows importance of industry

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"I am no more informed about the business of the Railroad Commission than the average consumer, but I will learn," he confesses. He has had briefings with all the department heads at the Commission, has industry briefings planned, and is constantly surfing the internet for oil and gas information.

Does he have any ideas about what paths he would like the Texas Railroad Commission to take?

"That would be very presumptuous of me. I am part of a team and I am going to have to be a part of this team for a long while. I need to learn about this business." He says he plans to carry on the programs of regula-

tory reform initiated by other Commissioners at the Railroad Commission. "We will continually look to do away with all unneeded regulation," said Williams.

A 1971 graduate of Lee High School in Midland, he was the son of public school teachers. His father, Johnny, was a math teacher and track coach at Midland High and his mother, Margaret, was a counselor. He confesses that growing up in Midland has instilled in him a fondness of the oil business. He has seen the booms and the busts of the oil patch and its impact on the lives of people. He knows what oil means to the state and what oilmen, such as those in Midland, mean to the oil industry.

He said he plans to use whatever bully pulpit he may have as Railroad Commissioner to paint a more positive image of the oil industry. "We have had too much J.R." He plans on using his bully pulpit to put a more human face on the oil industry. "We are having a problem selling the problem, because too many people want to sell the solution first," Williams said. We must portray the problems of the industry in human terms as single mothers working to feed their families, as workers in the field trying to support a family.

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter Telegram

Low prices could mean budget cuts, higher taxes

Pump jacks sit idle, producers fear for jobs and many states are scrambling to replace income lost in the oil price slump

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The rock-bottom gasoline prices that are delighting motorists are putting pressure on state budgets in America's oil patch, and could mean spending cuts and perhaps even tax increases.

With inflation-adjusted oil prices at some of their lowest levels since the Depression, oil-industry tax revenue is falling well

short of projections from Louisiana to Alaska.

Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles is widely expected to propose an income tax — something Alaska hasn't had since 1980, when the oil money started pouring in — and dip into the Alaska Permanent Fund, the oil-royalty savings account that pays a yearly dividend to every man, woman and child in Alaska. The booming stock market has swelled the fund to more than \$24 billion.

In Oklahoma, the slowdown has yet to throw the budget out of balance, but Gov. Frank Keating and lawmakers want to save oil producers from going out of business and avoid more serious fiscal problems down the line by enacting \$29 million in tax relief for the industry.

The governor has called a special legislative session beginning Wednesday to take up the proposal. To pay for the tax relief, spending on everything from welfare and Medicaid to prisons and roads may have to be cut.

"Instead of tightening our belt another notch, we may have to go another couple of notches," said state Sen. Kelly Haney, chairman of the Appropriations Committee. "It's not going to be easy or comfortable, but we really don't have any other choice."

In Louisiana, the oil price decline is contributing to a possible deficit of \$15 million to \$60 million, though most of the problem is tied to a college tuition program that is more costly than expected. Gov. Mike Foster has responded with a six-month freeze on hiring and purchases.

Oil-rich Alaska, which loses \$95 million for every \$1 drop in the price of oil per barrel, had to draw nearly \$1 billion from cash reserves this year to balance the budget. The gap is expected to widen in the next few years.

Whatever the details of the Alaska governor's plan, it is certain to face tough opposition from the Republicans who control the Legislature. The most recent annual dividend from the Alaska

Permanent Fund totaled a generous \$1,500.

"Right now my sense is that the public wants more spending reduction before people want to even think about losing their dividends or paying new taxes," said Sen. Sean Parnell, co-chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

The biggest oil state, Texas, has remained financially strong despite the price drop. The state is projecting big surpluses during the next two years, and Gov. George W. Bush wants to reduce taxes by \$2.7 billion.

After a similar oil price drop in the 1980s, Texas and other oil-producing states diversified their economies to become less dependent on oil. In Oklahoma, for example, oil taxes made up 20 percent of the revenue in 1982. Now they account for less than 1 percent.

Even so, state officials and oil producers are jittery.

Largely because of a glut of foreign oil, Oklahoma oil prices crashed to \$8 a barrel in December and stood at \$9.75 as of Friday. When the state budget was drawn up last spring, it assumed an average price of \$17.02 a barrel.

Now, gasoline can sell for 70 to 80 cents a gallon in Oklahoma — less than the bottled water on gas station shelves.

Across the state, the pump jacks that usually bob up and down, drawing crude from the ground, sit idle, and producers fear an estimated 10,000 oil industry jobs in Oklahoma could be lost if prices don't pick up.

In Pawhuska, Okla., independent producer Dean Eyer has had to lay off all six of his employees, shut down 15 wells and is beginning to sell assets to stay afloat. He said he's not sure anyone out there cares.

"I feel like we have subsidized the rest of the economy," he said.

To give the oil producers tax relief, legislative leaders are proposing across-the-board cuts of 3.6 percent for the last four months of the fiscal year, with only classroom money being spared.

API: Production down, imports up

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When it is, API estimates the 1998 gasoline deliveries growth "will likely turn out to be the largest in more than a decade" at about 3 percent, the API report said.

Accordingly, the 1998 retail gasoline prices were the lowest inflation-adjusted prices in history, averaging about \$1.01 per gallon for regular conventional gasoline, according to the federal Energy Information Administration.

Crude oil imports during 1998 averaged 8.570 million bopd for a 4.2 percent increase over 1997. Imports as a percent of domestic deliveries reached a new high in

'98 of 55.7 percent. For the month of December '98, imports were 8.515 million bopd, an 11.3 increase over the same month in 1997. Total crude and product imports in 1998 were 10.426 million bopd, a 2.6 percent increase over 1997.

Other highlights of the 1998 year-end report:

- Distillate fuel deliveries in 1998 averaged 3.442 million bopd, a 0.2 percent decline from 1997; December '98 deliveries of 3.376 million bopd dropped 9.1 percent compared to the same month a year ago.

- 1998 kerosene jet fuel deliveries of 1.567 million bopd were down 1.9 percent over last year, but up 2.2 percent in December compared to December '97.

- Natural gas liquids of 1.758 million bopd were down 3.2 percent from 1997 and in December '98, they were down 3 percent compared to December 1997.

- Crude oil stocks of 318.5 million barrels at the end of 1998 were up 4.5 percent compared to 1997, but they were down 6.5 percent last month compared to November.

- 1998 year-end distillate stocks rose 13 percent compared to 1997.
- Gasoline stocks in December '98 reached 212.1 million barrels for a 1.1 percent increase compared to December 1997 and total stocks rose 4.1 percent to 1,037,600,000 barrels last month compared to stocks at the end of December 1997.

- Refinery utilization rates during 1998 averaged 95.4 percent.

Vista releases production update

Vista Energy Resources, Inc. provided an update on new daily net production of approximately 300 barrels of oil equivalent and other results from certain drilling and workover activities undertaken since becoming a public company in October 1998. Vista also announced the creation of its website which can be accessed on the internet at www.vistaenergyresources.com.

In the Howard-Glasscock Field, located in Howard County, Texas, significant waterflood response has begun in the Middle Clearfork reservoir on the company's Douthitt leases. In the last 90 days, lease production has increased 85 percent from an average of 105 barrels of oil per day to an average of 195 barrels per day. Vista operates and owns a 100 percent working interest in this lease. Vista anticipates an increase in both proved developed producing reserves and proved undeveloped reserves assigned to this lease at year-end 1998. Overall production for Vista's Howard-Glasscock Field properties has increased from 200 to over 600 barrels of oil per day over the last two years. The company plans to expand its two waterflood projects in this area during the first half of 1999.

In Andrews County, Texas, Vista completed a new Wichita Albany producer in the Smith Clearfork Field. The Simon Littman 7 No. 2 was completed in November as a flowing well at rates in excess of 200 barrels and 200 thousand cubic feet (Mcf) per day. Vista is currently pumping the well at a rate of 120 barrels and 100 Mcf per day. Vista operates and holds a 100 percent working interest in this well and has identified several offset locations in the field which the company plans to exploit in 1999.

In a continued effort to increase its natural gas reserves, Vista has acquired interests in several new gas-producing properties. In

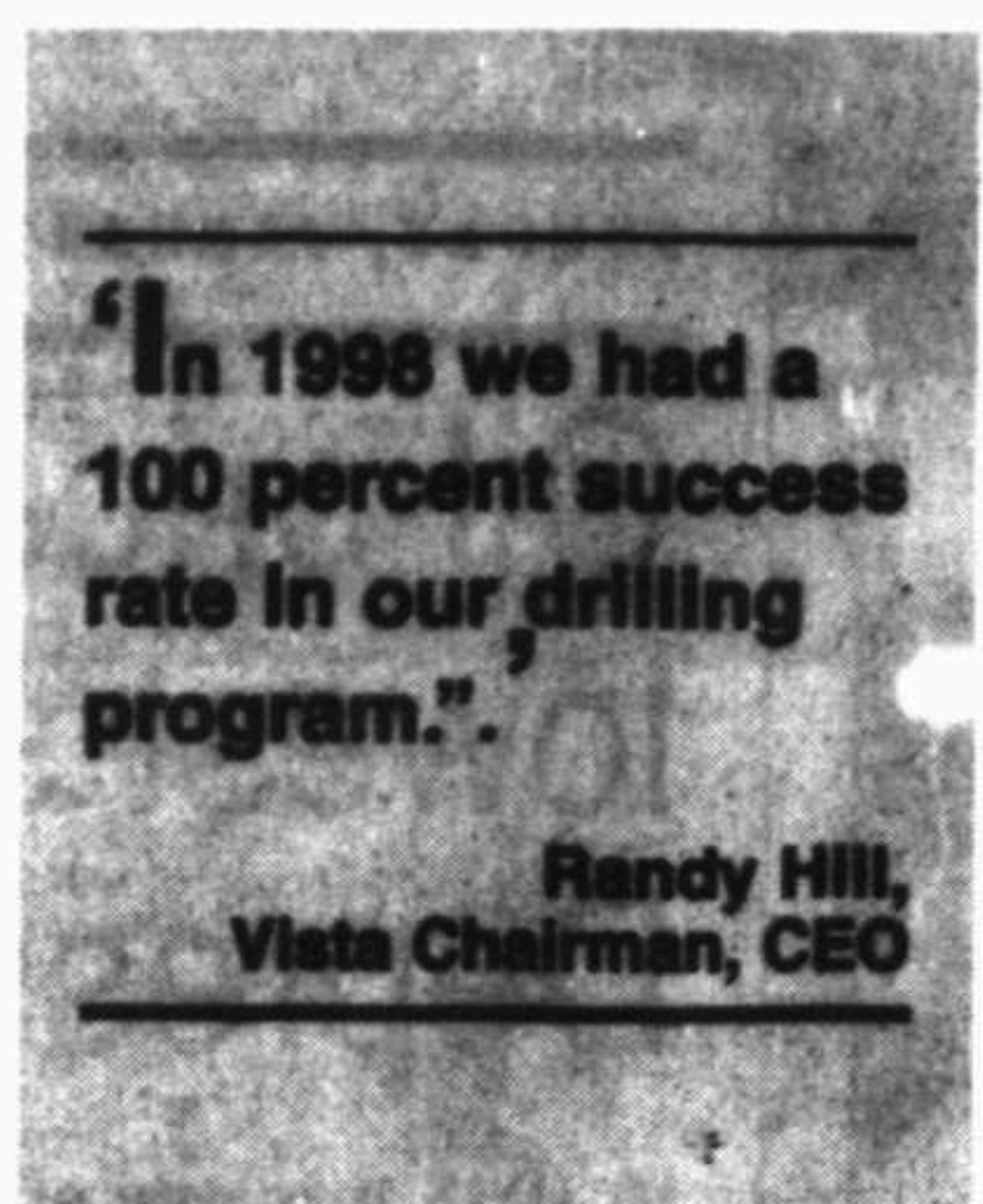
the Crawar Field located in Ward County, Texas, Vista owns a 10 percent non-operated interest in a new 6,400 ft. Devonian gas discovery. Before any stimulation, the new discovery tested at rates in excess of 900 Mcf per day. Based on volumetric calculations, Vista believes the well should produce 3

Lea Deep Unit No. 1. Vista established gas production from this re-entry at a rate of 1.1 MMcf per day from the Devonian Formation. Vista is the operator and owns 50 percent of the well. Vista has also identified several additional zones in the well that appear likely to produce natural gas in significant volumes.

Vista has interests in several ongoing 3-D seismic projects including a new project area targeting gas reserves from the Vicksburg Sands on Vista's acreage position in North Rucas Field, Brooks County, Texas. Vista Executive Vice President, Cory Richards, said, "We expect to identify several significant prospects as a result of the 3-D seismic coverage over our acreage. Vicksburg wells drilled here typically produce 5 Bcf to 10 Bcf over approximately 10 years. This new project is another example of Vista's strategy of enhancing the value of its existing assets by utilizing advanced engineering and geoscience technologies where appropriate."

Randy Hill, Vista's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "In 1998, we had a 100 percent success rate in our drilling program, completing all 12 wells as commercial producers. This success, in addition to the very favorable impact it will have on our production and cash flow in 1999, also adds additional drilling and workover prospects for the future growth of our company. We are pleased and optimistic about our programs and their potential."

Vista Energy Resources, Inc. is engaged in the acquisition, development, production, and exploration for oil and natural gas. Vista owns and operates oil and gas properties principally in the Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico and in the onshore regions of the Texas Gulf Coast.



to 4 billion cubic feet of gas (Bcf). This discovery is the first well of a large 3-D seismic program on which Vista has identified several additional prospects. The next well in this project area is currently drilling.

Another new gas producing property for Vista is located in Orange Hill, South Field, Austin County, Texas. Vista owns a 33 percent working interest in the recently completed Kaechele No. 1 operated by Etoco Incorporated, Houston, Texas, which is producing approximately one million cubic feet of gas (MMcf) per day from the lower Wilcox Formation. Vista also owns a 33 percent working interest in three undeveloped locations in the field and expects development to resume in the first quarter of 1999.

In Lea County, New Mexico, Vista recently completed its South

Relief: Industry looking at options

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"Severance tax relief is a good start, but it is not enough. We need other options," said John Bell, organizer of the Oil Workers March on Austin.

Said one oil and gas operator: "If you reduce operating costs by 25 percent, with a series of small relief packages, you have in effect increased the price of oil by 25 percent, and that can save some wells and some jobs."

Among other relief options being considered are: ad valorem tax relief, electric rate relief, and regulatory relief.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews has proposed a moratorium on new regulation at the commission, and Commissioner Mike Williams says the Commission will continue to seek out any unnecessary regulation that puts a burden on the producer.

Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners (TIPRO) is also looking at a number of options that could mean survival for producers, says Scott Anderson. Among them are: ad valorem tax relief and enhanced unitization to make it easier to initiate essential recovery projects.

Electric rates are also coupled to the ability of oil companies to stay alive. Texas, which does not have a competitive electrical market, has the third highest electric bills in the nation, impacting not only residential users but every oil well in the state. "A deregulated

electric industry will produce more savings on its worse day than a regulated industry on its best

The Texas Legislature is poised to vote on deregulation of electrical utilities this session, but dereg-

Operators must take critical look

Clayton Williams says oil and gas producers, to survive and save jobs, must take a critical look at the way they manage their cash during the crisis of low oil prices. Here are some of the elements of a cash crisis management plan offered by Williams:

- Take control of cash. Find new pools of corporate cash. Stop cash draining programs, renegotiating with vendors and sell nonessential assets. "Reporting profits is not important at this stage, cash is what will keep you alive."

- Listen hard. Taking control of cash buys time. Talk to managers individually to find the "crisis heroes" that see things your way. Resist taking premature action. Set up your own triage and solicit advice on how to heal the salvageable.

- Stop the hemorrhage. Go after the worst cash drain with a vengeance. Disregard objections to slashing cash drain projects. Closing the cash drains will buy more time.

- Look for opportunity. Enhance core business and pick core winners that can support you.

- Make a plan. Develop a convincing but realistic and understated business plan that will help you raise new capital.

- Improve attitudes. Project your company as a survivor to employees, stockholders, suppliers and lenders. Develop a winner's attitude in public.

day," said Pat Wood, Chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission. "Electrical costs and labor are traditionally the two highest cost items for a producer," said Neal Miller, spokesman for Chevron.

ulation would take years to implement and bring savings to oil producers. A more logical option, some have suggested, might be to press utilities for immediate, voluntary rate cuts.

Mergers no solution offshore

HOUSTON (AP) — With little hope in sight for improvement in the offshore oil patch, the president of one of the nation's major drilling contractors said consolidation in the industry is likely.

Global Marine Inc. is eagerly searching for a partner in a merger or acquisition that President Robert E. Rose said would create a major player in the industry. Rose believes competitors could look to join forces with one another, too.

"We are engaged in the process," Rose said. He declined to say which potential partners, if any, Global Marine might have in mind.

As with other industries, merger and acquisition activity skyrocketed in oilfield services last year. A full 14 percent of the industry was involved in consolidation, according to research by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

Conspicuously absent from the flurry was offshore drilling. Consequently, a handful of similarly sized companies currently do bat-

tle in the Gulf of Mexico, North Sea, eastern Atlantic and other underwater petroleum hotbeds.

Drillers can't achieve the same economies of scale other businesses can by merging. If a contractor with 25 rigs weds a driller with 50 rigs, the combined company still will need the same number of workers to run those 75 rigs.

"That doesn't tend to support the consolidation of the offshore drilling business," said Jeffrey Chastain of Transocean Interna-

tional Inc., another Houston-based drilling contractor. There would be some administrative overhead that could be cut, he added, but not enough to justify mergers.

Richard J. Hoffman, vice president of investor relations for Dallas-based Santa Fe International Corp., also doubts that merger mania will sweep into the offshore industry. It's going to take more than merging two major drillers to create a dominant force, he said.

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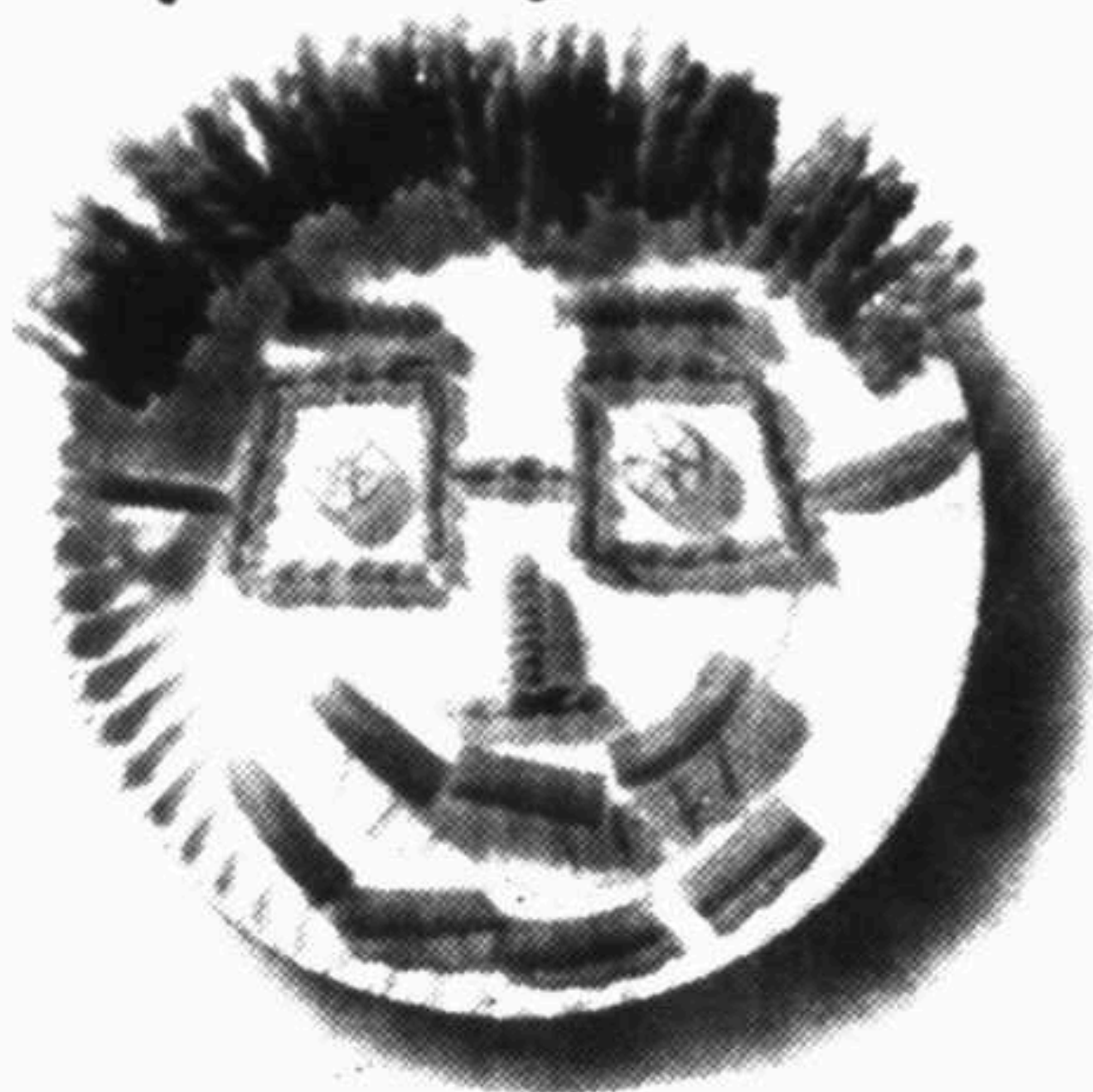
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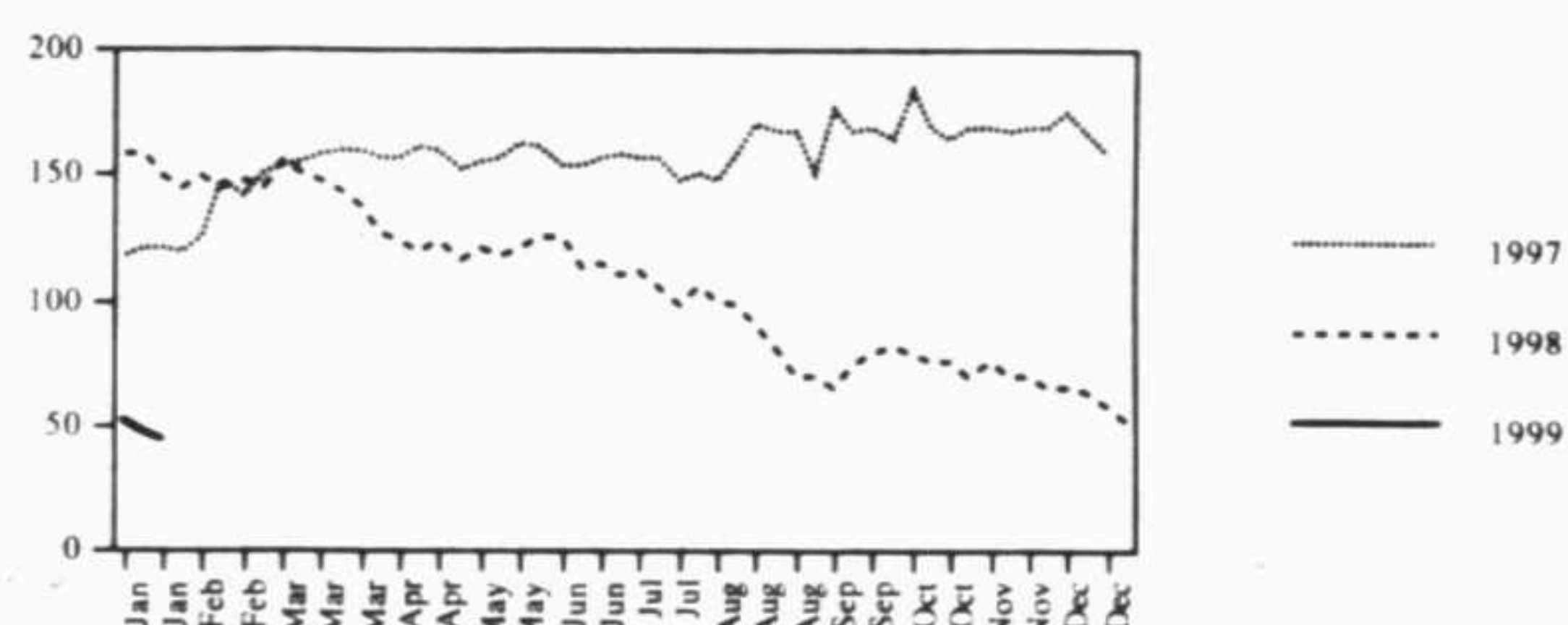
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Canada	348	310	506
U.S. Directional	157	156	228
U.S. Horizontal	40	42	60
U.S. Gas	470	466	598
U.S. Oil	126	133	387

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RIG COUNT PROFILE



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CMS to acquire Texas gathering system

DEARBORN, Mich. (PRNews wire) — CMS Energy Corporation announced its wholly-owned subsidiary, CMS Continental Natural Gas, Inc., has completed an acquisition of 750 miles of gathering system pipelines in north central Texas from Koch Hydrocarbon Company.

CMS Continental Natural Gas, a subsidiary of CMS Energy's international pipeline unit, CMS Gas Transmission and Storage, Inc., plans to convert portions of the idle Breckenridge system to natural gas service, increasing its gathering presence in the market.

EDUCATION

The Permian Basin Graduate Center is offering a number of courses through March.

Geology
Jan. 25-26: "Overview of Carbonate Play Types — Important Characteristics Relevant to Exploration and Development." The two-day course will be taught by Paul M. "Mitch" Harris, Chevron Petroleum Technology Company of La Habra, California, and will cover important aspects of depositional play types. The course is \$275 and is limited to 20 registrants.

MEETINGS

The Petroleum Accountants Society of the Permian Basin will meet Tuesday, January 26, at the Petroleum Club of Midland. Committee meetings will begin at 4 p.m., followed by the technical session on "The Economics of the Oil Industry" by Joe Moya of E. G. Edwards at 5:15 p.m., social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner speaker will be Bruno Hansen, past president of the American Association of Geologists, speaking on "What Happened to Science?"

NAMEDROPPERS

PennWell names PennPoint general manager

HOUSTON — PennWell, a diversified media and information company and publisher of the Oil & Gas Journal, announced the appointment of Joseph (Joe) T. Forrest as the general manager for PennPoint — PennWell's new electronic energy information service.

PennPoint will contain Dwigths well production data obtained through a licensing agreement with PI/Dwigths. The license, which carries out an earlier ITC order to restore competition in the marketplace following a 1997 merger between Petroleum Information Corp. and Dwigths EnergyData Inc., positions PennWell to take full advantage of the electronic information medium and significantly expand its services to the energy industry.

Forrest, a petroleum consultant with more than 25 years of experience working in the petroleum industry, will establish the PennPoint headquarters in PennWell's Petroleum Division offices in Houston and will build a team of industry analysts and information technology specialists to develop and refine the PennPoint database service.

Forrest holds a Ph.D. in geology.



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DIAMOND MOUND; T16S, R27E, SEC 13; 660 FNL 1650 FSL; 10.5 MILES NE OF ARTESIA; ROT 8800 MORROW; API #30-015-30528
MURCHISON OIL & GAS INC
MARALO FED #2
LOGAN DRAW; T17S, R27E, SEC 22; 1650 FNL 1650 FSL; 7.5 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 9600 MORROW; API #30-015-30532
OXY USA INC
OXY PIB FEDERAL #1
UNDESIGNATED; T17S, R28E, SEC 21; 2440 FNL 1980 FSL; 12.5 MILES E OF ARTESIA; ROT 10,500 MORROW; API #30-015-30527
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BRETT FEDERAL #1
LOCO HILLS
LOCO HILLS; T17S, R30E, SEC 23; 940 FSL 1650 FSL; 2.5 MILES E OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 6000 PADDOCK; API #0-015-30534
DEVON ENERGY CORP
WEST RED LAKE UNIT #83
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 7; 1400 FNL 1800 FSL; 6.5 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 3400 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API #30-015-30526
DEVON ENERGY
WEST RED LAKE UNIT #86
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 7; 2200 FSL 825 FSL; 6.5 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 3400 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API #30-015-30529
KCS MEDALLION RESOURCES INC
SHUGART WEST 30 C FEDERAL #1
WEST SHUGART; T18S, R31E, SEC 30; 330 FNL 1980 FSL; 8 MILES SE OF

LOCO HILLS; ROT 10,400 WOLFCAMP
API #30-015-30533
BONNEVILLE FUELS CORP
SOAPBERRY DRAW 7 STATE COM #1
AVALON; T21S, R26E, SEC 7; 720 FSL 2479 FSL; 6 MILES NW OF CARLSBAD; ROT 10950 MORROW; API #0-015-30525
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
ZINGARO ANG FEDERAL #3
INDIAN BASIN; T22S, R23E, SEC 1; 990 FNL 890 FSL; 16.5 MILES W OF CARLSBAD; ROT 8300 UPPER PENN; API #30-015-30531

TEXAS RRCD 7C

CROCKETT COUNTY

CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING
HENDERSON 23 #2
OZONA (CANYON SAND)-RECOMPLETION; GC&SF RR CO, A-2122, BLK M, SEC 23; 1980 FSL 1980 FSL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 1980 FSL OF SURVEY; 10 MILES SW OF OZONA; OBJ: 9100; PERMIT #481976; API #42-105-35625

RUNNELS COUNTY

DELRAY OIL
RAYMOND RUSH #11
TALPA, SW (DOG BEND)-RECOMPLETION; ETRR CO/J.H. PARRAMORE SUR, A-828, BLK 64, SEC 110; 467 FNL 467 FSL OF LSE; 467 FNL 2311 FSL OF SURVEY; 2.5 MILES SW OF TALPA; PERMIT #481899; API #42-399-32119

UPTON COUNTY

PURVIS OPERATING

NEAL FLOUR #1
BENEDUM (DEVONIAN, GAS)-RECOMPLETION; OBJ: 11242; PERMIT #481997; API #42-461-30156

TEXAS RRCD 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

UNION OIL CO OF CALIF
E.P. COWDEN "A-26" #23
DOLLARHIDE (YATES)-RECOMPLETION; PSL/R.W. COWDEN SUR, A-1891, BLK A-52, SEC 24; 1046 FSL 657 FSL OF LSE; 1594 FNL 1983 FNL OF SURVEY; 32 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT #482024; API #42-003-04956

CRANE COUNTY

APACHE CORP
NORTH MCCELROY UNIT #4760F
MCCELROY-D; UL SUR, BLK 30, SEC 47; 560 FSL 2789 FSL OF LSE; 2500 FNL 170 FSL OF SURVEY; 4 MILES NE OR CRANE; OBJ: 3400; PERMIT #479027; API #42-103-34661

MARTIN COUNTY

RK PETROLEUM
WOLCOTT B
ANCHOR RANCH (DEVONIAN)-RECOMPLETION; WARD C SL #251, A-606; 660 FNL 716 FNL OF LSE; 6384 FNL 660 FNL OF SURVEY; 9 MILES NW OF TARZAN; OBJ: 12400; PERMIT #481970; API #42-317-31560

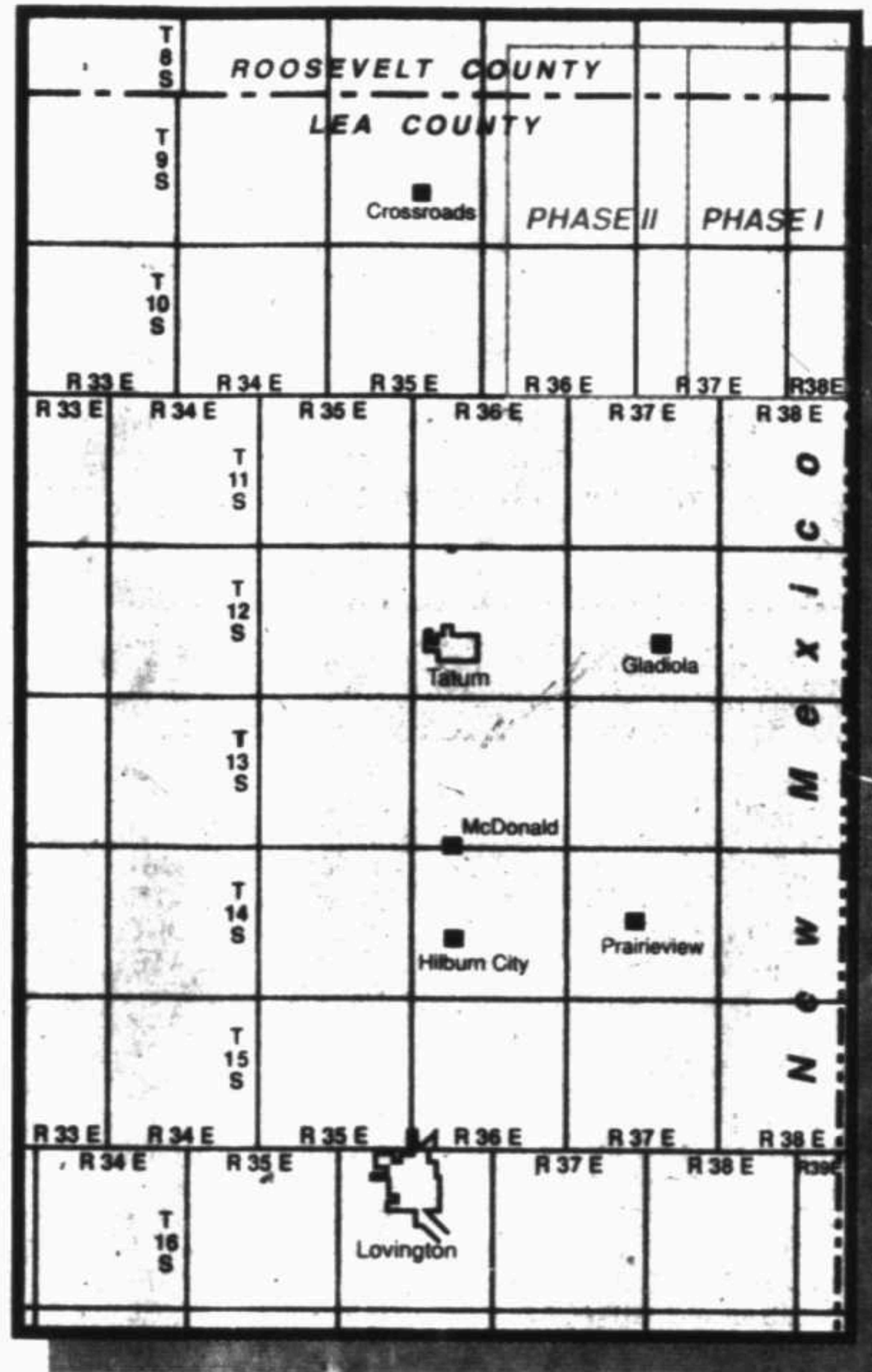
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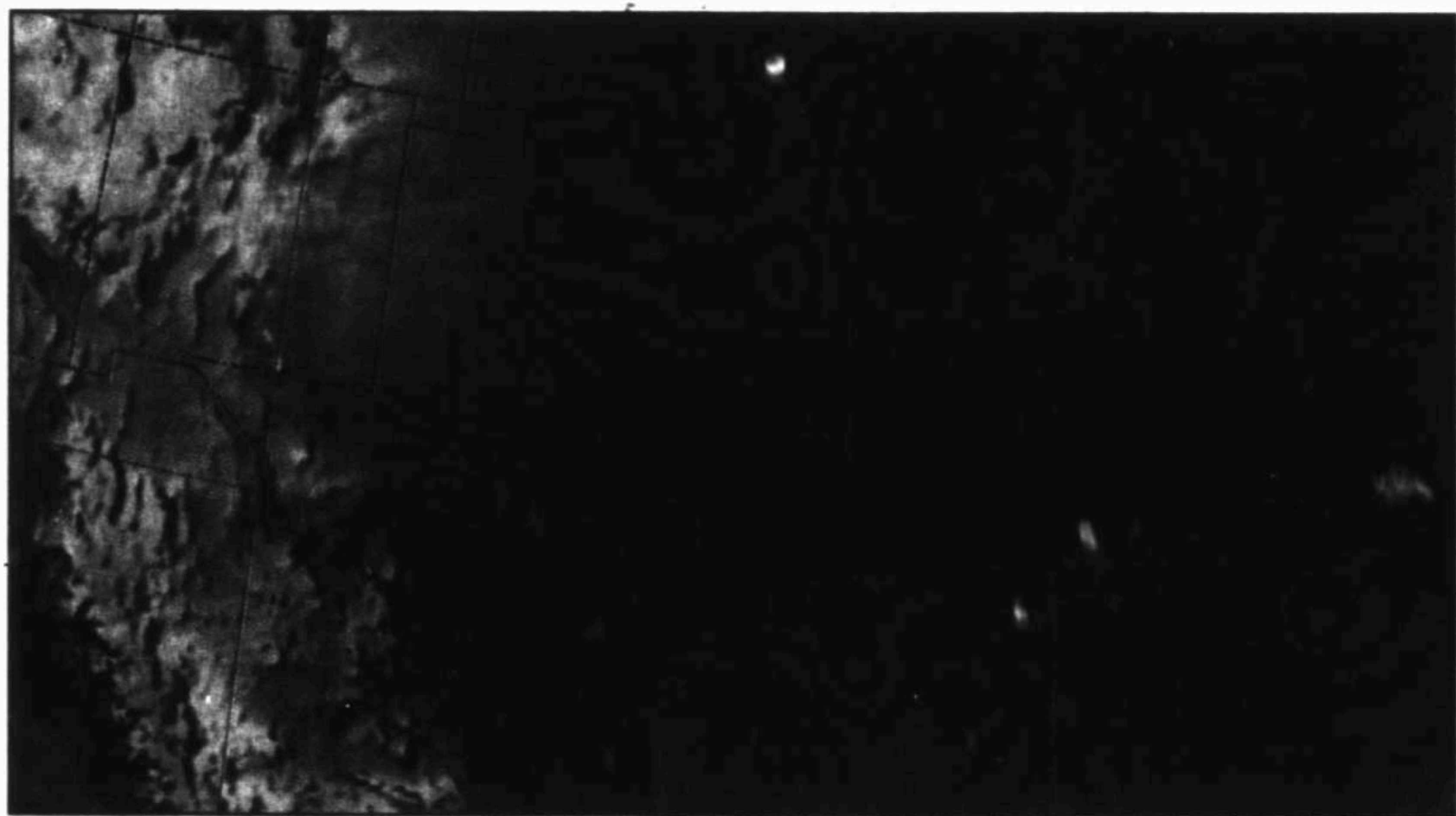
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HOUSTON (Core Laboratory) has executed an agreement through a combination of Core Lab comm outstanding shares Corporation, eighty percent by Tech-Sym Co the terms of the ment, Core will shares of CLB at each GSCI share Core will issue a million shares mately \$25 mill outstanding GS offer implies a offer price base ing price on Ja \$22.75. Core Lab the current outs ness of GeoSci mately \$33 mill implied total er the transaction imately \$200 mil

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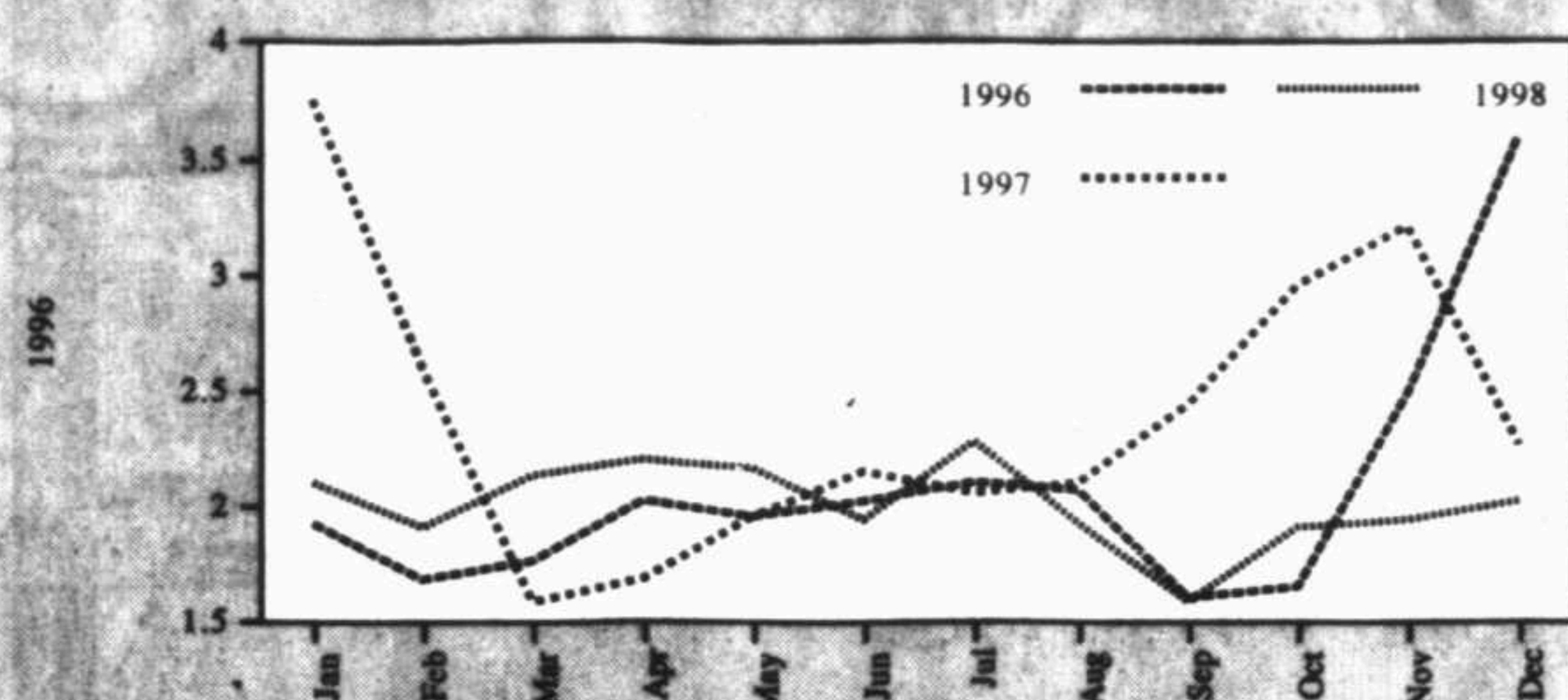
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Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos

Courtesy of Robert K. Anderson Companies

Waha Averages

This month: \$1.75
Last Month: \$2.01

Current Spot Prices

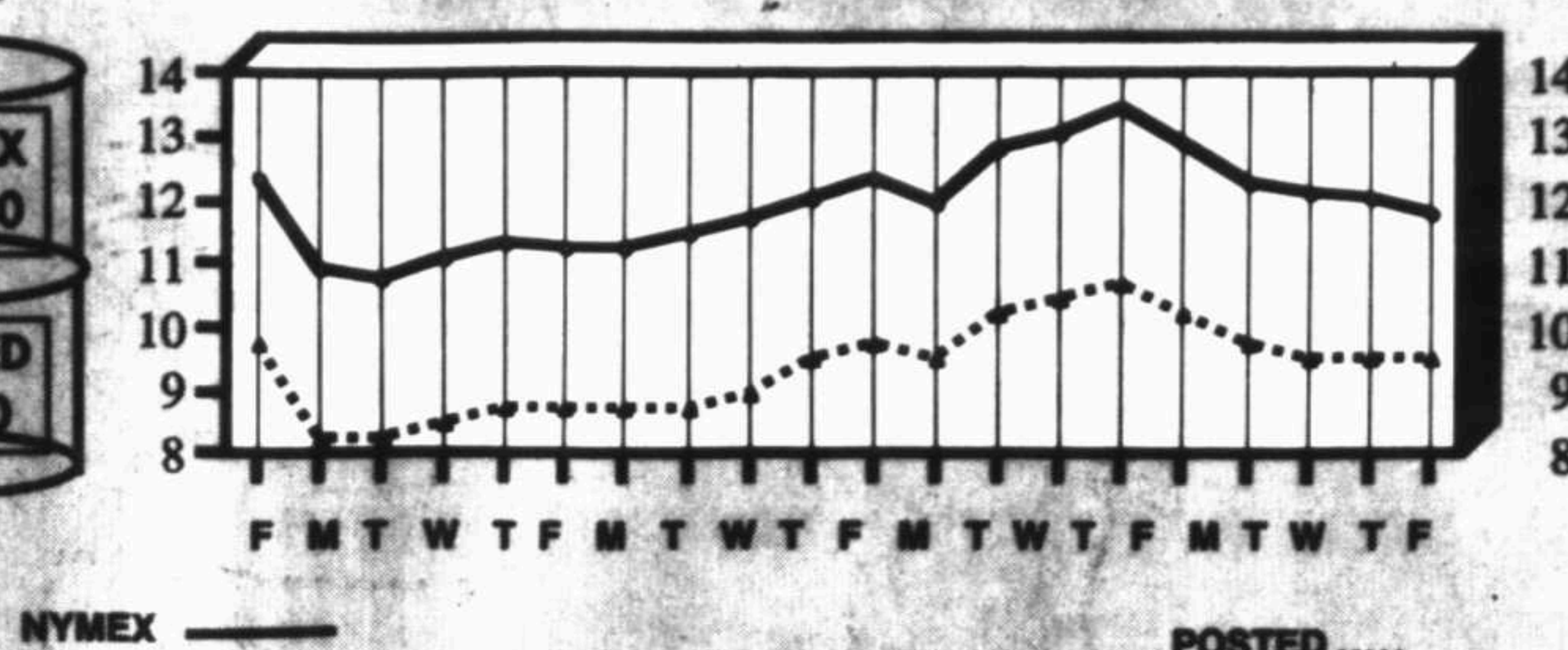
Mid Continent (Arkoma) \$1.74
Gulf Coast (Louisiana) \$1.80
Rocky Mountain (Wyoming) \$1.75

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:



12/29-1/3 1/4-1/11 1/12-1/18 1/19-1/25



Current WTI Posted

Amoco* \$11.00
Arco 9.25
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WISER OIL CO

SKELLY UNIT #194
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R31E, SEC 14;
2625 FNL 2557 FWL; EL 3905 GL; TD
4100, PBTD 4060; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH PERFS 3393-3635, 3849-
3889, 3943-3978; IPP 18 BOPD, 1
MCFD; API #30-105-29217

WISER OIL CO

SKELLY UNIT #203
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R31E, SEC 14;
1300 FSL 2539 FWL; EL 3888 GL; TD
4100, PBTD 4057; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH PERFS 3345-3372, 3509-
3603, 3633-3636, 3870-99; IPP 59
BOPD, 86 MCFD; API #30-015-29219

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C A RUSSELL #16
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R31E, SEC 18;
2630 FNL 1880 FWL; EL 3754 GL; TD
3830, PBTD 3781; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH FRACTURED TREATED
PERFS 2794-3288, 3399-3459; IPP 72
BOPD; API #30-015-28867

WISER OIL CO

SKELLY UNIT #302
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R31E, SEC 28;
660 FNL 583 FWL; EL 3767 GL; TD
3800, PBTD 3747; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH PERFS 2200-2318, 3331-
3531; IPP 46 BOPD, 1 MCFD; API #30-
015-29712

OXY USA INC

OXY PEARL STATE #1
WEST PARKWAY; T19S, R29E, SEC
32; 1980 FSL 660 FWL; EL 3306 GL; TD
11550, PBTD 11,500; PRODUCTION
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 11262-
11454; IPF 804 MCFD; API #30-015-
29777

LEA COUNTY

CHEVRON USA INC

MONUMENT "14" STATE #24
NORTH MONUMENT; T19S, R36E,
SEC 14; 1760 FSL 990 FWL; EL 3732
GL; TD 7495, PBTD 7495; PRODUCTION
IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS
7316-7495; IPP 23 BOPD, 20 MCFD;
API #30-025-34446

CHEVRON USA INC

HT MATTERN (NCT-A) #6
EUMONT; T21S, R36E, SEC 24; 1980
FSL 660 FWL; EL 3529 GL; TD 3875,
PBTD 3875; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3528-
3702; IPP 8 BOPD, 249 MCFD; API #30-
025-34265

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ANDREWS COUNTY

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
HOLT #902

TRIPLE-N (PENN, UPPER); T&P RR
CO SUR, A-47, BLK 43, T1N, SEC
9; 862 FNL 2576 FWL; 24 MILES SW OF
ANDREWS; EL 3061 GL; TD 9200,
PBTD 9153; CONTR: PATTERSON
DRILLING; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8840-
8896; IPP 18 BOPD, 1 MCFD; PERMIT
#477247; API #42-003-38441

STERLING COUNTY

RANGE PRODUCTION CO

REYNOLDS 32 #3
CONGER (PENN); H&TC RR CO/R.B.
WILKINSON SUR, A-1204, BLK 23, SEC
32; 2045 FNL 660 FWL; 11 MILES W OF
STERLING CITY; EL 2656 GL; TD 7975,
PBTD 7875; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED
PERFS 7552-7754; CAOF 2569 MCFD;
PERMIT #480654; API #42-431-32955

RANGE PRODUCTION CO

WESTBROOK 33 #4
CONGER (PENN); SP RR CO SUR,
BLK 13, SEC 33; 2300 FNL 325 FSL; 6.3
MILES SW OF STERLING CITY; EL
2385 GL; TD 7250, PBTD 7240; CONTR:
CLEERE; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED
PERFS 6739-6895; CAOF 1448 MCFD;
PERMIT #479804; API #42-431-32948

RANGE PRODUCTION CO

TERRY #611
CONGER (PENN); J.B. HILER #6, A-
724; 746 FNL 5275 FSL; 7.5 MILES SW
OF STERLING CITY; EL 2510 GL; TD
7650, PBTD 7558; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH FRACTURED TREATED
PERFS 7082-7083, 7111-7113, 7194-
7198; IPF 67 BOPD, 544 MCFD; PERMIT
#477615; API #42-431-32937

624; 746 FNL 5275 FSL; 7.5 MILES SW
OF STERLING CITY; EL 2510 GL; TD
7650, PBTD 7558; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH FRACTURED TREATED
PERFS 7082-7083, 7111-7113, 7194-
7198; IPF 67 BOPD, 544 MCFD; PERMIT
#477615; API #42-431-32937

RANGE PRODUCTION CO

TERRY #18 #6
CONGER (PENN); T&P RR CO/NB
FISK SUR, A-759, BLK T, SEC 18; 875
FWL 900 FNL; 7.5 MILES SW OF
STERLING CITY; EL 2650 GL; TD 7925,
PBTD 7822; CONTR: CLEERE; PRODUCTION
IS THROUGH FRACTURED,
TREATED PERFS 7487-7489, 7504-
7506, 7579-7582, 7629-7630; IPF 10
BOPD 287 MCFD; PERMIT #479708;
API #42-431-32947

RANGE PRODUCTION CO

REYNOLDS 4 #8
CONGER (PENN); J.G. SOULARD #4;
1360 FSL 2875 FWL; EL 2568 GL; TD
7975, PBTD 7870; CONTR: PATTERSON
DRILLING; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH
FRACTURED TREATED PERFS 7557
7692; CAOF 800 MCFD; PERMIT
#479174; API #42-431-32944

WARD COUNTY

PATTERSON PETROLEUM

PYOTE GAS UNIT #11 #2
BLOCK 16 (ELLENBURGER); H&TC RR
CO, SUR, A-209, BLK 34, SEC 65; 1320

FNL 1320 FSL; 7 MILES SE OF
PYOTE; EL 2565 GL; TD 16678; CONTR:
PATTERSON DRILLING; PRODUCTION IS
OPEN HOLE THROUGH
TREATED PERFS 15759-16678; CAOF
1444.04 MCF; PERMIT #471737; API
#42-475-34544

AMTEX ENERGY

WINTER 7-20 #1
SAND HILLS, WEST (DEVONIAN); PSL
SUR, BLK B-20, SEC 7; 1207 FNL 467
FEL; 8 MILES SE OF MONAHANS; EL
2563 GL; TD 6770, PBTD 6665; CONTR:
ROD RIC CORP; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH PERFS 6365-6393; CAOF
2879.7 MCFD; PERMIT #479594; API
#42-475-34580

GREAT WESTERN DRILLING CO

CASSELLMAN #2
CAVEAT EMPTOR (CHERRY
CANYON); H&TC RR CO SUR, BLK 24,
SEC 84; 467 FEL 850 FSL; 5 MILES S
OF PYOTE; EL 2575 KB; CONTR: FWA;
TD 6250, PBTD 6162; PRODUCTION IS
THROUGH FRACTURED TREATED
PERFS 5866-5916, 6804-5814; IPF 142
BOPD, 381 MCFD; PERMIT #480077;
API #42-475-34582

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GAINES COUNTY

ALTURA ENERGY

DENVER UNIT #6548

WASSON; DIRECTIONAL; PSL/B
ANDERSON/SF 7351 SUR, BLK AX,
SEC 50; 13046 FWL 14565 FSL; 1.4
MILES S OF DENVER CITY; TD
5389.56 TVD, 5398 MD, PBTD 5346;
CONTR: KEY ENERGY DRILLING;
PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED
PERFS 4885-5065; IPP 116 BOPD, 93
MCFD; PERMIT #475285; API #42-165-
35342

ALTURA ENERGY

DENVER UNIT #7552
WASSON; DIRECTIONAL; PSL/M.L.
CUNNINGHAM/SF 7350 SUR, BLK AX,
SEC 49; 12766 FSL 11709 FWL; 1.8
MILES S OF DENVER CITY; EL 3888
KB; CONTR: KEY ENERGY DRILLING;
TD 5388.19 TVD, 5400 MD, PBTD 5356;
PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED
PERFS 4884-5060; IPP 126 BOPD, 360
MCFD; PERMIT #475287; API #42-165-
35344

ALTURA ENERGY

DENVER UNIT #7563
WASSON; DIRECTIONAL; PSL/W.L.
CUNNINGHAM SUR, BLK AX, SEC 46;
6791 FSL 10394 FSL; 2.4 MILES S OF
DENVER CITY; EL 3555 KB; CONTR:
KEY ENERGY DRILLING; TD 5380.17
TVD, 5393 MD, PBTD 5345; PRODUCTION
IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS
4879-5057; IPP 71 BOPD, 334 MCFD;
PERMIT #475291; API #42-165-35348

Core Labs plans merger with GeoScience

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Core Laboratories announced that it has executed a definitive merger agreement to purchase, through a combination of cash and Core Lab common stock, all of the outstanding shares of GeoScience Corporation, approximately eighty percent of which is owned by Tech-Sym Corporation. Under the terms of the merger agreement, Core will exchange 0.6788 shares of CLB and \$2.46 in cash for each GSCI share. Collectively, Core will issue approximately 6.8 million shares and pay approximately \$25 million in cash for all outstanding GSCI shares. The offer implies a \$17.90 per share offer price based on the CLB closing price on January 15, 1999, of \$22.75. Core Lab also will assume the current outstanding indebtedness of GeoScience of approximately \$33 million. Therefore, the implied total enterprise value of the transaction will equal approximately \$200 million.

Houston-based GeoScience has approximately 500 employees with operations also in the United Kingdom and Singapore. The company recorded over \$94 million in 1997 revenues and has become the market share leader in providing marine seismic data-acquisition systems. The GeoScience product line includes marine streamers, ocean bottom cables and state-of-the-art radio telemetry systems. GeoScience is currently developing new fiber optic, solid streamer, and down-hole imaging technologies to improve existing systems. After completion of the merger, GeoScience will conduct all future business under its industry recognized trademark "Syntron", which is synonymous with the highest levels of technology and quality.

The combination of GeoScience and Core Laboratories further positions both companies to participate in the rapidly developing reservoir characterization and 4D multicomponent seismic markets. Advancements in GeoScience's

seismic recording technology, including solid streamers and deep ocean bottom cables, combined with Core's reservoir description, specialized seismic data processing and petroleum engineering technologies will be critical to successful efforts to pro-

'The transaction allows Tech-Sym to further concentrate on developing our telecommunications and defense-related technologies.'

J. Michael Camp,
CEO, Tech-Sym

vide permanent reservoir monitoring services.

Currently, several prototype reservoir monitoring projects are being implemented worldwide for the purposes of increasing the ultimate hydrocarbon recovery from a field by 20 percent or more. Many of these projects are utilizing fixed seismic arrays buried below weathered zones onshore, below the soft-sediment interface offshore and placed in wellbores to increase multicomponent seismic signal-to-noise ratios. Detailed seismic attributes, derived utilizing specialized seismic data processing, are then correlated to various petrophysical and phase behavior data sets to describe the reservoir rocks and fluids of the reservoir system. As the field is produced, operators can monitor the change, or lack of change, of these reservoir description parameters. This information is then used to more fully exploit areas of the reservoir system where hydrocarbons are not effectively being produced.

The development and implementation of these new technologies take on added importance in low crude oil price environments.

"The proposed transaction with Core Laboratories allows the continued technological progression of GeoScience while allowing Tech-Sym to further concentrate on developing our telecommunications and defense-related technologies," said J. Michael Camp, President and CEO of Tech-Sym. "The divestment also will provide more flexibility for Tech-Sym to execute our strategic plan to increase shareholder value." Mr. Camp will be nominated to the Core Laboratories' Board of Directors at its next scheduled shareholder meeting.

The transaction, which will utilize purchase accounting, has received unanimous approval from the boards of directors of Core, Tech-Sym and GeoScience and is subject to the approval of the requisite shareholders.

American Energy settles SEC suit

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — The American Energy Group, Ltd. announced that it has reached a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in a civil lawsuit filed by the SEC on April 24, 1997, against the company and its President, Bradley J. Simmons. In the lawsuit, the SEC sought civil penalties, injunctive relief and a bar against Mr. Simmons from serving as an officer and director of any publicly traded company based on allegations that specific press releases issued and filings made by the Company in 1995 contained misleading statements or omitted material information and thereby violated certain provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The Company and Mr. Simmons agreed to the settlement without admitting or denying the allegations in the SEC's lawsuit in order to avoid further costs of protracted litigation and disruption to the Company. The terms of the settlement were incorporated in a final judgement entered by the Court on January 15, 1999. Under the terms of the final judgement, the Company and Mr. Simmons agreed to a permanent injunction prohibiting them

from engaging in violations of certain specified anti-fraud and reporting provisions in the federal securities laws. Although Mr. Simmons agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$60,000.00, the final judgement imposes no bar upon Mr. Simmons and he remains the President and Chairman of the Board of the Company.

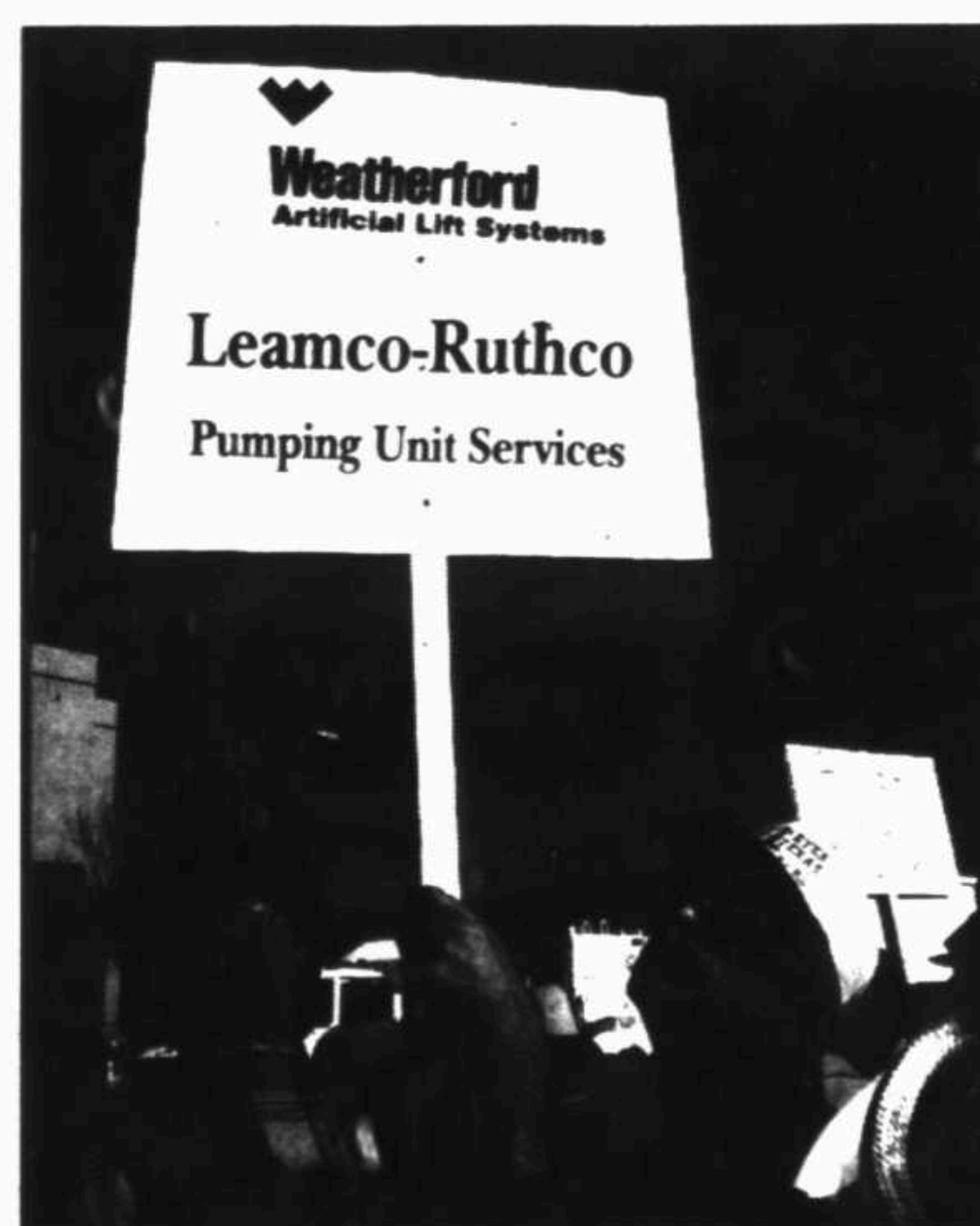
The final judgement imposes no civil penalty on the company. Moreover, it adopts a remedy previously implemented by the company on its own initiative to insure the accuracy and adequacy of its public disclosures, namely, the establishment of an independent Disclosure Committee to oversee all such public disclosures in the future. The composition of the Disclosure Committee is subject to strict criteria and the Company is required to continue its existence for a minimum of four years. The parties agreed that this was an appropriate remedial effort to enhance the quality of the Company's public disclosures.

The Company emphasized the importance of resolving this matter in order to continue to focus its efforts and resources on current exploration projects, including the further development of its Pakistan Concession.

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TWIN PEAKS (STRAWN, UPPER);
RECOMPLETION; R.M. THOMPSON
SUR, A-647, BLK X, SEC 9; 1950 FSL
4850 FNL OF LSE; 1950 FSL 2200
FEL OF SURVEY; 18 MILES SE OF

GUTHRIE; OBJ: 5820; PERMIT
#482012; API #42-269-30305

HUNT OIL CO

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TWIN PEAKS (STRAWN, UPPER);
RECOMPLETION; R.M. THOMPSON
SUR, BLK X, SEC 11; 18700 FWL 4400
FNL OF LSE; 450 FWL 2950 FNL OF
SURVEY; 18 MILES SE OF GUTHRIE;
OBJ: 5680; PERMIT #482011; API #42-
269-32059

Elf surges on speculation of Shell joint venture

PARIS (Bloomberg) — Elf Aquitaine SA shares surged almost 7 percent, their biggest one-day gain in four months, on speculation the company may enter into a joint venture with Royal Dutch/Shell Group to cut costs.

Elf, the world's sixth-biggest publicly traded oil company, and Shell, the biggest, may be in talks to combine either some of their refining operations in Europe or their crude oil production facilities in Gabon, traders and analysts said. Both companies declined to

comment on the rumors.

The speculation comes as oil producers are struggling to pare costs and maintain profit growth at a time when crude prices are near their lowest in more than a decade.

"There are always a lot of ways of reducing your costs by working together," said Chris Buckley, an analyst at Merrill Lynch in London. The impact that will have on the share price is "no where near as stratospheric as an all out merger, but it's interesting nonetheless."

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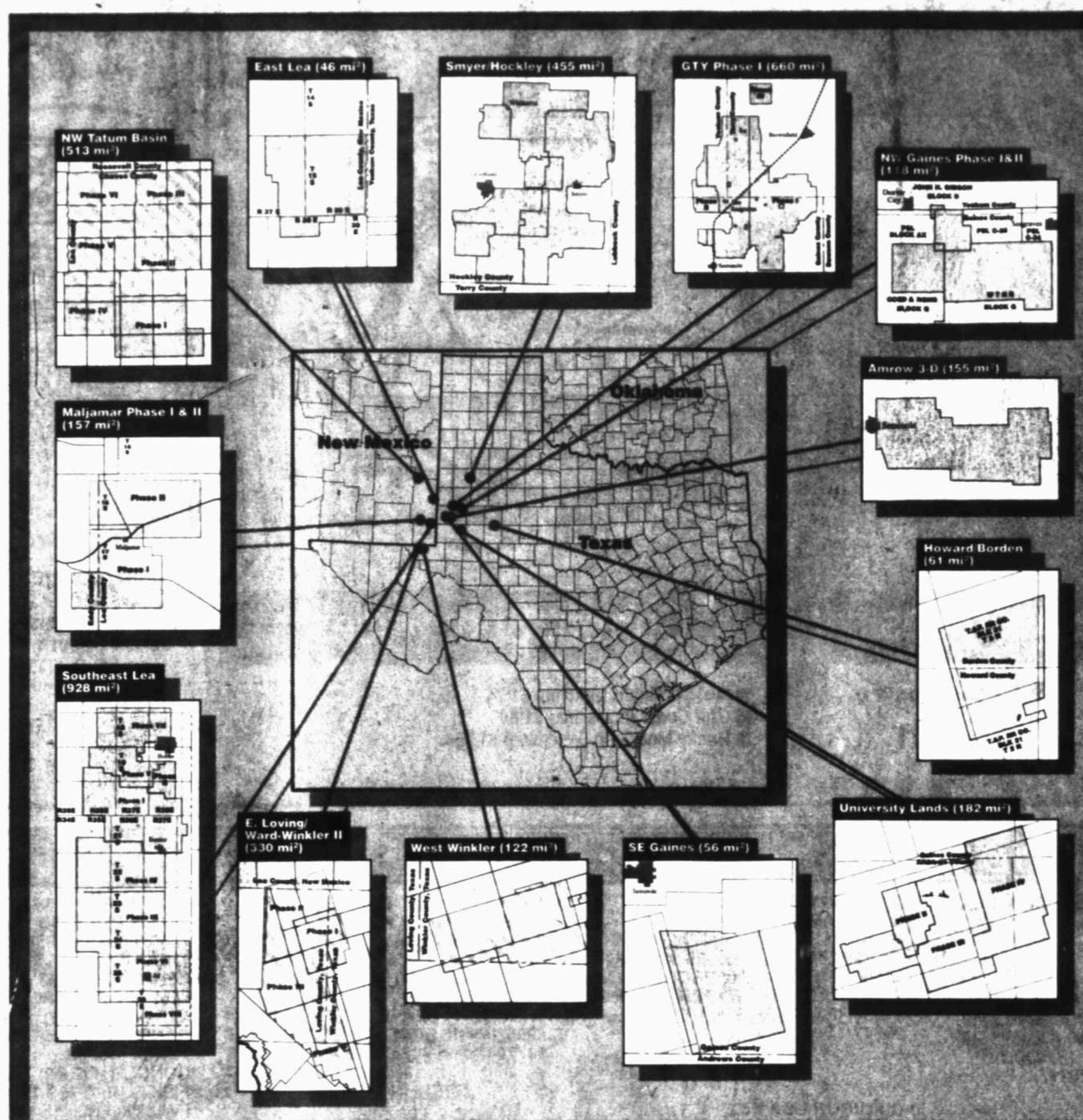


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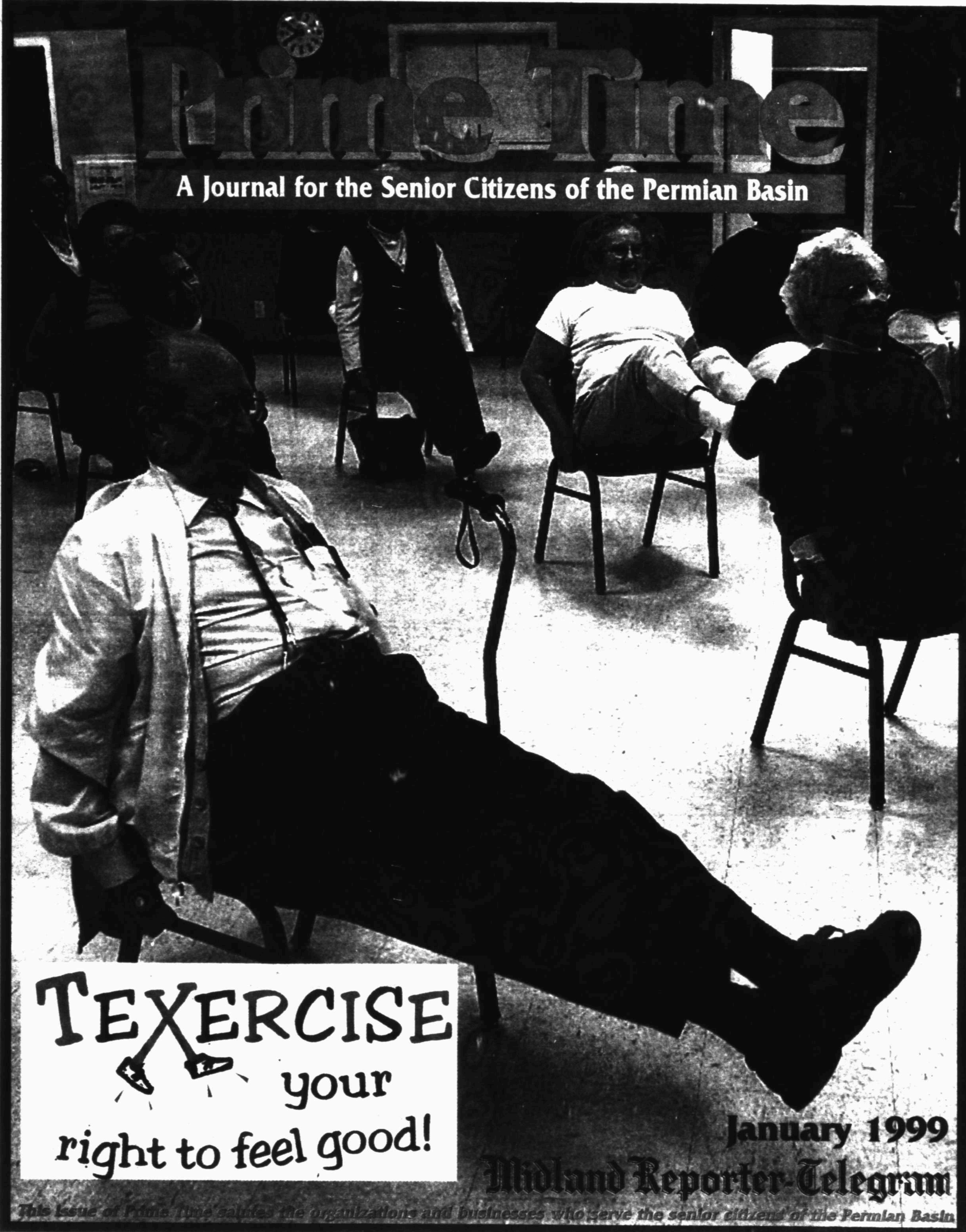
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At Saddleridge Lodge privacy and independence are of utmost concern. Our residents are treated with the respect and concern that their advanced years

have earned them. Each resident has a private apartment with a private bath as well as his own locked mailbox. While afforded with optimum privacy, assistance is always nearby. Nurses on staff 24 hrs. per day, as well as certified nurse aides offer help whenever it is needed. Saddleridge residents are encouraged to do for themselves what they can, but assistance with medication, bathing, dressing, reminders, transferring, and incontinence is always available.

Every day there is something fun to do. Participating in an exercise program, playing cards or dominoes, walking, going

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Pictured above: Viola Adams, Administrator; Mary Woodard, Assistant Marketing Director; Gaye Jameson, Director of Resident Services; Quay Logan, Marketing Director; Kathy Rubert, Assistant Marketing Director.

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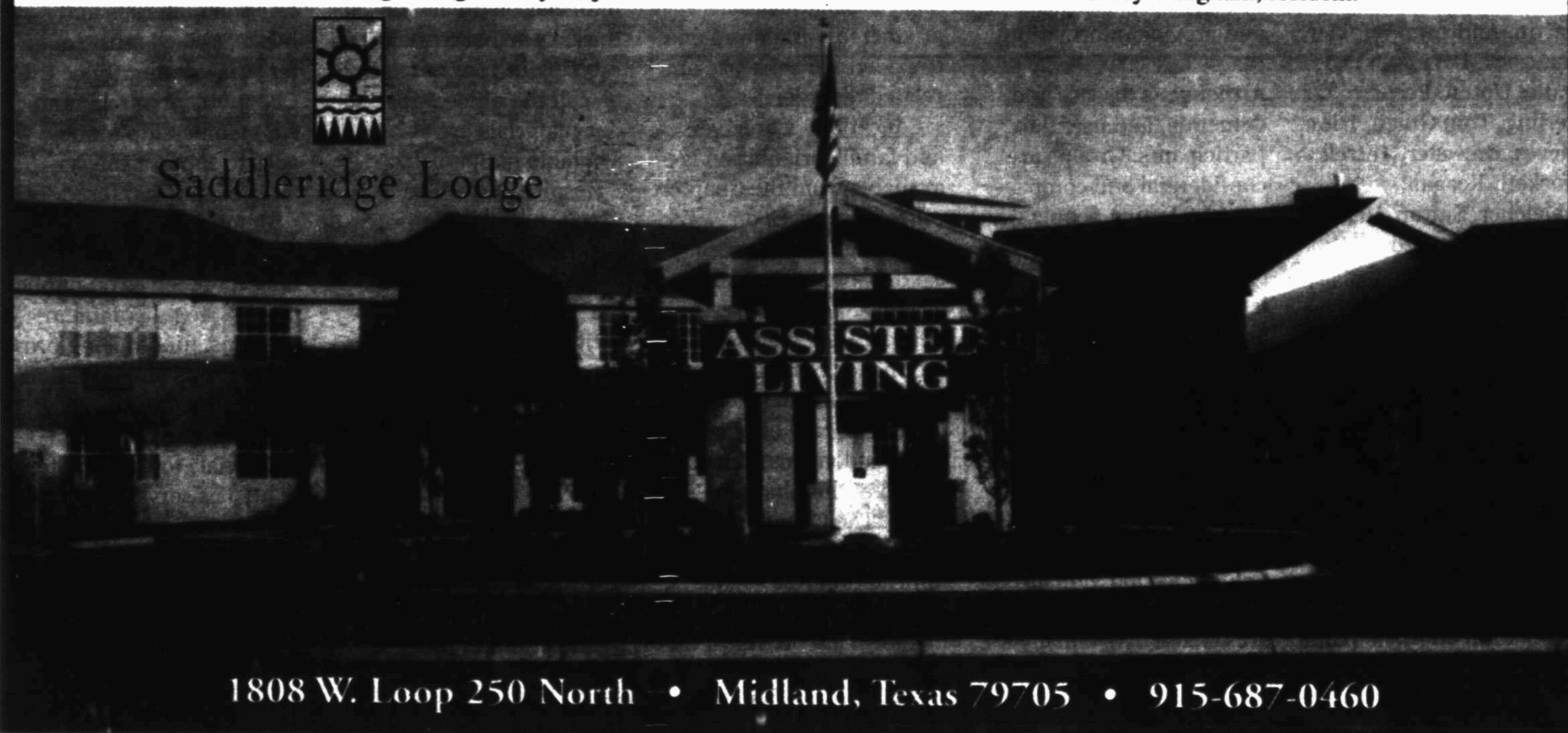
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Mildred Wall, resident.



"I looked everywhere around the Amarillo area and did not see anything I liked as well as Saddleridge Lodge. I like the way they take care of me here. Everyone is real nice. The building is new and well maintained. The surroundings are pleasant and the decor is soothing. I would recommend Saddleridge Lodge to anybody."
Grady Whigham, resident.



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Former board member now resident of Trinity Towers

"Trinity Towers started with a bang!" claims Mr. Bill Collins, current resident and former member of the Board of Directors of Midland Presbyterian Homes. Collins would know better than anyone since he was in on the original plan to build a retirement community in Midland.

Collins, who first moved to Midland in 1935, was a member of the Board of Directors of the First Presbyterian Church in the late 1960's when Mrs. Andrew Fasken presented the forward-thinking idea of a retirement facility in

Midland. He recalls that she would not take 'no' for an answer.

Collins, who was editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram from 1946 to 1982, advised Mrs. Fasken on different sites and handled the publicity for the retirement community called Trinity Towers. He became a member of the Board of Directors for Midland Presbyterian Homes, now known as Manor Park, Inc. which today includes Manor Park, Trinity Towers, Mabee Health Care Center, John F. Younger Special Care Unit, and Mission



Bill Collins

Adult Day Care Center.

Collins remembers that there was excitement from the start about this latest concept in retirement facilities. Timing was right and

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In December 1998, at age 90, Mr. Collins decided to make Trinity Towers his home. From board member to resident; what a tribute to have Mr. Collins as a resident of Trinity Towers, a retirement home that he was instrumental in helping to build. "I'm glad to be here," said Collins. "Trinity Towers is one of Midland's greatest assets".

Alzheimer's Association dedicated to conquering disease through research

The Alzheimer's Association - Greater West Texas Chapter is a non-profit, voluntary organization dedicated to conquering Alzheimer's disease through research and to providing education and support to people with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and caregivers.

The Chapter serves 24 counties in West Texas; Midland, Ector, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Winkler, Glasscock, Loving, Ward, Crane, Upton, Pecos, Sterling, Tom Green, Irion, Reeves, Brewster, Terrell, Crockett, Reagan, Schleicher, Sutton, Val Verde and Menard.

Local volunteers give their time, talent and money to provide services to the community so that no one has to go through the trauma of this disease alone. Every day, they live our motto: "Someone To Stand By You".

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Helpline - Access to information on Alzheimer's

disease and related disorders, community resources for legal, financial, medical and long-term care for you, the patient and your family. Information on what to expect, tips for daily care and access to other resources are part of Helpline.

Support Group - These groups are run by trained facilitators and are intended to comfort attendees and provide information that is factual, specific to Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and useful to participants. Groups are confidential and compassionate, letting people who have "been there" help others with their current issues. All support groups are a community service of the Greater West Texas Chapter and are free to the public.

Caregiver Training - The Chapter offers training for family and professional caregivers. Topics may be tailored for individuals or groups. Larger trainings are offered occasionally for

Continuing Education Units. Topics may include communication, problem behaviors, wandering, eating, bathing, combativeness and many more. Individuals interested in training should contact the Chapter office.

Safe Return - Safe Return is a national wanderer's identification program that helps to identify, locate and return individuals who are memory impaired due to Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

Education - Caregiver and family orientation is available from the Chapter office. Inservices on Alzheimer's disease are available for community groups. Speakers are available on request for presentations to community organizations and businesses. A lending library of books, tapes and videos is maintained at the Chapter office. The Chapter has brochures and general information free to the public. Public awareness meetings are offered sever-



L to R: Maryjane Allen and Gail Harmon

al times a year. For more information on any of these items, or to arrange a meeting in your community, call the office. Most of our materials are also available in Spanish.

Respite Care - The Chapter offers a resource and referral service for respite care alternatives. Part of the program includes financial assistance to caregivers to meet emergency needs, or on a limited basis. A copy of the Respite Program Policies and Procedures may be obtained by calling the Chapter office at (915) 570-9191.

Membership - Membership in the

Chapter gives you reduced rates on materials and books, as well as the quarterly newsletter. Since the Chapter is privately funded, membership money goes to support the services of the Chapter.

Memorial Giving Program - Since the Chapter receives no public money, we rely on memberships, fund raising projects, grants and donations to fund our operations. Families often direct memorials to the Chapter to help us serve others. For information on Memorial Giving, volunteering, or other services call the office at (915) 570-9191 or 1-800-682-1174.

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RSVP works and recruits volunteers for over 60 local

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RSVP has a job bank with hundreds of volunteer opportunities. These volunteer opportunities are categorized into five areas of service. The following are a few of the examples of stations and the categories. **Education:** Arts Assembly of Midland, Casa de Amigos, MISD, St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission and the Southeast After-School Program.

Health & Nutrition: American Diabetes Association, Community & Senior Services, Community Children's Clinic, MARC, March of Dimes and National

Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Human Needs:

American Red Cross, Area Mission Outreach Services, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Midland, Habitat for Humanity, Midland Senior Center, Southeast Senior Center and VAN.

Environmental: Keep Midland Beautiful.

Public Safety: City of Midland Police Department, DHS Protective and Regulatory Services, Midland Rape Crisis Center and Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Children.

Midland RSVP is staffed with a Project Director, Saul Herrera and Project Coordinator, Pamela Gordon. In addition to the two staff personnel are two RSVP office volunteers and the RSVP Advisory Council



Saul Herrera and Pamela Gordon

(RSVPAC) consisting of 22 members.

RSVP also provides: • monthly orientation for all new members, • quarterly newsletter "The Latest Wrinkle", • free accidental & liability insurance, • limited mileage reimbursement, • valentine social & summer cook out, • Annual Volunteer Recognition

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3. Outpatient Therapy: Intermittent therapy on weekdays.

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Social Security continues to evolve

Social Security programs are the most talked about by the public and yet still perhaps the least understood of all the government programs.

For two decades before it was approved by congress up to today the idea of mandatory taxes for a social program has caused many people to distrust Social Security. From the beginning the most often heard quote about Social Security has been "it won't be there when I reach retirement age".

Social Security has just completed it's 60th year of existence and is currently funded past the year 2020 without any additional changes.

The public talks about Social Security as if it is static and never changes. However, the most constant characteristic of the Social Security programs has been change. Most years since it's inception, Congress has made changes. Some changes have been major such as making available disability and Medicare benefits. Most are minor changes that the public seldom sees or hears about but which are very important to the continued payment of benefits. Benefits have been expanded to include more people and some benefits have been eliminated. Some changes simply altered the way benefits are computed. At this time there are no less than ten Congressional Committees holding hearings on the Social Security programs. The result of all these changes has been to complicate the Social Security programs to the extent that the general public cannot keep up and little understand what Social Security



Staff of the Midland office of the Social Security Administration

is and what it means to them.

The role of the local Social Security office has drastically changed. What started as a retirement and survivors program has grown to huge proportions. The local office employees are now the agents protecting the rights of the public

In 1974 we began administering the Supplemental Security Income program. This program pays benefits to those people with limited income and resources and who are disabled or age 65 or older. We maintain a listing of both public and private agencies and charities that are available

needs and have even saved peoples lives by being alert to their needs.

For more than 20 years now the Social Security administration has been slowly shifting various types of work from the payment centers to the local offices. The installation of computer terminals in the local offices has enabled the agency to speed up this process. Minor changes to peoples records used to take months. With the terminals in our office we can now process these changes in minutes.

The downsizing of government agencies has had a great impact on the local offices. We have had to absorb more of the functions of the payment centers without any increase in staff. At the same time the payment centers have had drastic reductions in their staff. Fortunately, as we in the local offices become more computer literate, we will be able to continue to decrease the

administration costs and process our work even more efficiently.

It is said that Social Security is an extremely stressful place to work. That may be, but it is also one of the most rewarding places to work. Every day every employee in the local offices can leave work knowing he/she was able to help someone with special needs whether it be a problem with a Social Security program or helping someone finding and referring him/her to the proper public or private agency. Social Security has truly evolved into a community based agency with the ability to help the public in numerous ways.

Our local office address is 602 N. Baird, Ste 100, Midland, Tx 79701 and our local phone number is area code 915-683-4904. There is also the 800 informational number 1-800-772-1213. We will try to be of assistance for whatever the problem.

The role of the local office has drastically changed. What started as a retirement and survivors program has grown to huge proportions. The local office employees are now the agents protecting the rights of the public to the various benefits for Social Security and other government agencies.

to the various benefits for Social Security and other government agencies whether federal, state or local. We are a community based information center for most all other government agencies.

The local office processes applications for all Social Security benefits (i.e. Retirement, Survivors, Disability and Medicare).

to assist people with emergency cash payments, food, housing and medical care. Our employees are trained to try to understand what needs a person has in an emergency and to help them obtain the needed assistance. Most Social Security employees have had several instances where they have helped people with emergency

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Casa de Amigos provides many services for seniors

Casa de Amigos offers social service support to senior citizens in the area, both individually and in groups. Eligible clients must be 50 years and over and live in Midland County. Program guidelines call for help to the preferable low income, SS/SSI recipients and those with communication problems.

Senior services offered at Casa de Amigos:

Planned Activities - many social, educational and recreational activities such as crafts, games, trips, bowling, exercise, and educational classes.

Health programs include a monthly screening and a Spanish Bereavement support group.



Pictured above are: Celia Lara, Gloria Granado, Isabel Granado, Gloria Brown - Program Director, Lydia Morales, Tom Frison, Ruby Lee and Luis Chavez

A new AARP Chapter was recently installed.

Translation services - Interpretation for Spanish speaking seniors in communication with doctors, social services, letter writing, and others.

Nutrition - Serving a hot family lunch at noon each week-day.

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Interested in Body Recall? Call us for details. Mark your calendar! Socialize at the annual **May Banquet, Friday May 7** at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Typically the evening includes entertainment, dinner, dance and door prizes.

Members, through the **S.A.L.T. Council** (Seniors and Lawmen Together) have implemented, and are overseeing, with C.O.P.S., H.E.A.T (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) and Emergency Beacon programs. Feel secure. Investigate safety issues by attending S.A.L.T. meetings. There's static at the Center and it's good. We're energized, eclectic, electric and excited. Exhaust the possibilities of the New Year with Silver and Gold friends: the best, the experienced, the elders of Midland.

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Kathleen Gilluly,
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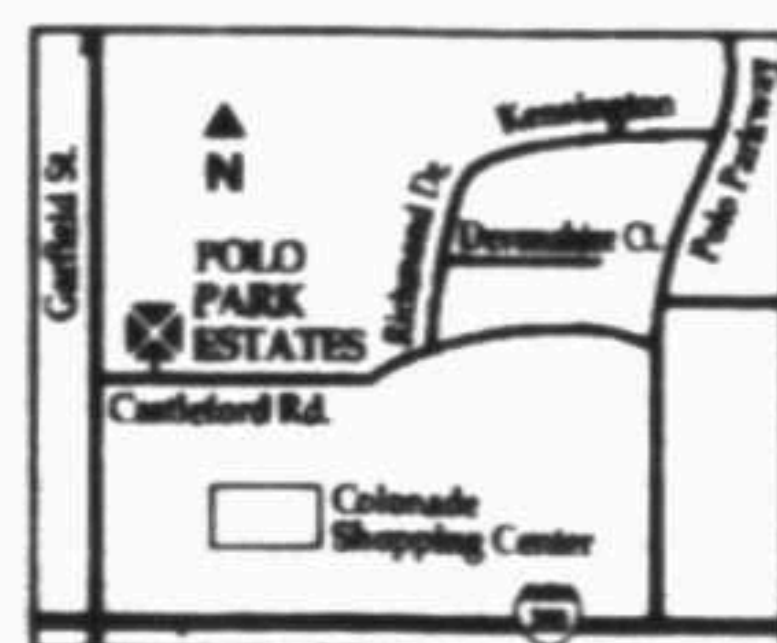
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S.A.L.T. committed to enhance quality of life of older persons

On July 17, 1996, a cooperative TRIAD agreement was signed in Midland County by organizations representing senior citizens including AARP, the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging, Midland County Sheriff's office and the City of Midland Police department for the purpose of identifying challenging safety issues of older persons in our community and offering ways of dealing more effectively with some of the problems faced by this population. These organizations made a commitment to share resources to enhance the quality of life of older persons. Dan Morales, Attorney General of the State of Texas, was present and offered his support to the signers of the TRIAD agreement.

The S.A.L.T. Council (Seniors and Lawmen Together) has and continues to help the Altrusa Club distribute the Vial-of-Life and supports the fire department in distributing smoke alarms to senior

homes. They are engaged with the police department and the Citizens Police Academy Alumnae in the H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) registration program and will be an avid supporter of the newest project called "The Emergency Beacon" or the light heard 'round the world'. This is a bulb which instantly becomes a flashing signal for help, pinpoints your location, and is easy to use. The bulb is available for purchase through the Midland Senior Center and the Civilian Police Academy Alumnae and other mem-

bers of the S.A.L.T. Council will install the bulb without any charge.

The S.A.L.T. Council, the working arm of the TRIAD agreement, will tackle other safety issues that arise in our community and they need your help and cooperation. Those interested in joining this council can call the Midland Senior Center to get more information.

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Nursing home reform gets personal at Manor Park

Our society has a rapidly growing sub-culture which increasingly challenges our sense of integrity, our previously conceived ideas, and the best of our intentions. The membership list? It includes your mother Anna Louise, your great-aunt Florence, and your elderly neighbor Mr. Rodriguez. Guess who is a "shoe-in" for acceptance to the club? Uh-huh...you, I, and more of us all the time.

As we live longer and longer lives, more and more of us will "graduate" someday to "long term care." Honestly speaking? In most cases, long term care is an euphemism for and translates to... "nursing home".

We have very definite judgements about nursing homes. "In the absence of your judgment, everything would be fine." So says Richard Carlson, Ph.D. in his book "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...and it's all small stuff". Ouch. Most of us are very comfortable with our judgments and not very eager to change them. However, as we stand on the brink of a "paradigm shift" regarding

the world of nursing homes, the view from here looks better all the time.

As is usually the case when society recognizes a need, a few brave souls step forward to take on the challenge. Dr. William

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Christmas in April helps low income and disabled elderly

Christmas in April was born out of a fundamental belief in the teachings of James 2:14-17, "What good is it my brothers if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you say to him "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does



nothing about his physical needs, what good is it.

Christmas in April volunteers join hands each year to make a difference in the lives of low-income elderly and disabled neighbors. in the tradition of an old fashioned "barn raising", volunteers repair and improve homes to ensure that aging homeowners can remain living independently in warmth and safety. At Christmas in April, we specialize in transformations. Using hammers and nails, dry wall and paint, roof decking and shingles, volunteers transform homes and homeowners' lives. We are committed to making our neighborhoods better places to rear children and grow older. Each April, teams of volunteers, give of their time and talents to leave behind a legacy of life-altering, positive change.

Christmas in April partners with local businesses, civic groups, churches, foundations and schools.

Christmas in April brings together approx. 3,000 volunteers each year from Midland County. Strong community spirit and a belief in the American dream of home ownership unite people from all walks of life - bankers, CEO's, doctors, plumbers, housewives, carpenters, and students - join Christmas in April in rebuilding our community. This neighbor-helping-neighbor effort brings together people from across all racial, ethnic, and socio-economic lines.

Christmas in April began in Midland, Texas in 1972, and has spread nationwide to over 600 cities throughout the United States. It



continues to multiply in size because the need for these types of services continues to grow. Millions of elderly Americans live in houses that are deteriorating. They do not choose to live this way. They simply cannot afford to fix what is wrong. Unfortunately, economic realities demand that people sometimes must choose between purchasing life-sustaining medicine and fixing a rotting roof. As the elderly population continues to grow, the need for Christmas in April increases. Because our services



Pictured above are: Joe B. Thomas, Barbara Cornell, Bubba Trimble, Tracye Vaughan, Mike Kozimko, Jerry D. Hardin, Gralin Coggin, Gregg Groves, Cal Clausen and Nick

are provided at no cost to those helped, Christmas in April is a solution to many who have nowhere else to turn.

Another very important

funding, and relies solely on private donations. It is our goal to stretch each donated dollar as far as it will go! Please consider supporting our efforts with your donations, or with your time. The low income elderly and disabled in our community are depending on you!

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Yearly Figures

1973	17 Homes
1974	22 Homes
1975	25 Homes
1976	35 Homes
1977	49 Homes
1978	69 Homes
1979	88 Homes
1980	101 Homes
1981	135 Homes
1982	180 Homes
1983	130 Homes
1984	169 Homes
1985	168 Homes
1986	195 Homes
1987	196 Homes
1988	197 Homes
1989	259 Homes
1990	260 Homes
1991	291 Homes
1992	283 Homes
1993	266 Homes
1994	284 Homes
1995	269 Homes
1996	267 Homes
1997	290 Homes
1998	332 Homes



Pictured above are: Yancey Batie, Manuel Jones, Eleanor Robinson, Alcennia Monkins, Bertha Taylor Nichols, Eddie Dunn, Martha Bartel, Robbie Lee White, Brime Wilson

Southeast Senior Center provides needed services to seniors

Southeast Senior Center offers active seniors, 55 years and older an opportunity to make new friends, enjoy social events, participate in various programs, grow through education and find answers to personal needs. Southeast has a variety of activities from which to choose, including: Certified exercise programs, table games, billiards/pool, professionally instructed arts and crafts classes, field trips, reading and resource library, active singing and dance groups & special events.

Special resource, referral and educational programs are offered. Blood pressure checks, glucose testing, and immunizations are provided as part of health

related services.

A tasty and nutritious lunch is provided (5) five days a week. Special occasion luncheons for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and recognition of volunteers are served throughout the year.

Transportation is provided to and from the center upon request. Routes are driven daily. "Getting better with age" is the essence of the Southeast Senior Center.

Operated by Community & Senior Services, a Non-Profit organization, the Southeast Center located at 1803 E. Indiana, Midland, Texas is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 685-7231 for more information.

Inexpensive fun at 45+ Dance Club

The 45 Plus Dance Club holds their Tuesday night dances at the Midland Downtown Lions Center, 200 Plaza (between 2400 W. Illinois and 2400 W. Wall) from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

This club is a non-profit organization and proceeds consist mainly of an admission fee of \$4 for members and \$5 for guests. This membership fee is \$12 per year. Couples and singles are welcome.

Dancing is to music by a live band, on a large wooden dance floor, and in a

non-smoking and non-alcoholic environment.

This is a wonderful, inexpensive way to spend an evening of dancing and visiting with friends and acquaintances.

For more information call Freda Prince, 694-8442, or Martha Humphrey, 694-1869.

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Freda Prince - President
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Erma Shoopman - Secretary
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At Left: Freda Price, Martha Humphrey, Joyce Smith, Erma Shurpaan

MANOR PARK: Provides cure for loneliness, helplessness and boredom

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(Bill) Thomas, author of "Life Worth Living" and one of the ground-breakers of nursing home reform, claims that nursing home residents face three threats more virulent than pneumonia, stroke, or heart disease. What can kill just as surely as degeneration of the physical body? Loneliness, helplessness, and boredom.

Obviously we know that the cures for these "diseases" are friendship, purpose, and interest. However, the mere sim-

plicity belies the difficulty of implementation. How many of us are a part of the cure? For example, how often do we say, "Hey, I've got the day off tomorrow! Think I'll go hang out at a nursing home and be someone's friend"!?

Administrator Glyndon Ruth Kimbrough and Activities Director Rodney Barzoza are taking the vague concepts of friendship, purpose, and interest and giving them actual form. Residents are encouraged to care for pet birds, dogs, cats, and fish. A nurses' aide shares her

favorite poem with her favorite resident. An Alzheimer resident is encouraged to finish her biography. Plans are under way to create a garden in which residents can grow their own vegetables and flowers.

However, in her zeal to create "a real home", Mrs. Kimbrough is not ignoring the physical condition of her residents. Never one to rule from behind a desk, she walks through the units daily, encouraging her nurses and nurses aides to check the residents' fingernails, skin

condition, water intake, and awareness. Mrs. Kimbrough says, "I want the standards at Manor Park to be so far above the state requirements that compliance is never even a worry".

In that regard, she has created Career-Ladder classes at Manor Park. In these classes, nurses and nurse's aides hone their skills and learn new ones. Topics not only include pneumonia, stroke, and heart disease, but also conflict resolution, communication skills, and proper documentation. If a participant successfully com-

pletes the course (and continues to demonstrate newly learned skills), then he earns a monetary raise. The real raise, however, comes in the pride of a job well done, the knowledge that one has made someone else's life just a little bit better, and the chance to be at the fore-front of a rapidly changing industry.

Lead, follow, or get out of the way? The subliminal mandate at Manor Park is "Lead". Our ultimate goal? Someday, we hope that you'll say, "Hey, I have the day off tomorrow! Think I'll go check on my elderly buddies at Manor Park".

AARP has strength in dynamic membership

AARP is the nation's leading organization for people age 50 and over. Although, when the organization was founded in 1958, most people who joined were retired this is no longer true. Many active local, state and national members have chose AARP to devote volunteer hours, in addition to their work hours, to this organization because with the strength of the dynamic membership (over 33,000,000 national members) the dignity and welfare of the senior citizen is enhanced. Changes are accomplished through lobbying efforts of those members who work with our state and national lawmakers.

Here in Midland, AARP members are available to serve others who need their help. They network with the existing senior organizations to accomplish goals that can not be achieved without concerned citizens being involved. At the present, there are three active and vibrant AARP Chapters. Chapter #256 meets at the Senior Center at Kingsway Mall on the first and third Mondays in the evening. Chapter #4816 meets on the third Thursday at noon at the Southeast Senior Center, and the newest chapter, "Amigos" meets at Casa de Amigos on the last Monday of each month at noon. Each chapter

extends a welcome invitation to join their chapter.

On a local level, AARP hopes to strengthen the three Midland chapters offering services and assistance to seniors throughout the community. They hope to help the S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Lawmen Together) Council in promoting and distributing the "flashing lights" that will help identify homes where assistance may be needed. AARP will continue to assist the H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) Program that is sponsored by the police department and will partner with the Altrusia Club in distributing the Vial-of-Life.

Bill Beazley, coordinator of the AARP Tax Aide Program will be helping seniors with taxes during the months of February through April 15, 1999. This is a free service to those who need this help. The Midland Senior Center will be the location for this service.

Classes for safe driving, 55-Alive, are also held for seniors at the Midland Senior Center and is a program sponsored by AARP. These classes are held several times each year and not only refresh safe driving but also provides discounts for seniors on their automobile insurance rates.

1999 will find AARP



Pictured above are: Carlton Price, Clayton Ray, Terry Tynney, Ruby Hampton, Wilbert Bledsoe, Ernie Salter, Raymond Smith, Bertha Taylor.

enlisting the assistance of the Midland Park Mall and building suppliers in our community to demonstrate ways in which homes can be made safer for senior citizens during Connections for Independent Living Week, May 1-8, 1999.

October 2, 1999, will again be AARP Day throughout the country and as in the past, the local chapters will celebrate that day with special excitement and enthusiasm that will be shared with the community. Another goal of AARP is to establish an informa-

tion center, preferably at Midland Park Mall where all senior information can be accessed.

AARP has many benefits for its members including automobile, homeowners, life and health insurance including long-term care, hotel and motel discounts, pharmacy services, annuity programs and an investment program from Schudder.

Come join their family and see what you can do for AARP and what they can do for you. Call Alex Rose, District Coordinator, 687-2588 or John Slyker,

Community Coordinator, 694-1447, for more information.

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Services abound for older Texans living in Midland

By Cookie Wetendorf

Older people vary greatly in their health status, their social and work activities, and their family situations. Some are employed; most are retired. Most are healthy, some are frail, isolated, and homebound. Some receive large incomes from pensions and investments, many depend primarily on Social Security. Most men over 65 are married and most women are more likely to be widowed and live alone.

You may know an 80-year-old who seems youthful and a 50-year-old whom you consider elderly. Older people define themselves differently and are quite a diverse population! Whether you are independent or dependent, vigorous or frail, Midland residents will agree that the growth of specialized services aimed at the older population are on the rise. Retirement housing, nursing homes, adult day programs, new specialties in health care, and multiple community-based programs are just a few of the senior services expanding nationally and throughout the Permian Basin. With the influx of the Baby Boomer generation, a

"senior boom" will swell the ranks of the 65-plus generation who will access our health and social service systems. As the Executive Director of the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging, I urge all segments of the older population, their families, and care givers to become educated consumers - learn as much about those systems, services, and benefits as you can. Whether you are a consumer or a senior citizen's advocate - join me as we browse through some of Midland's network of senior services-providers.

Call your regional **Area Agency on Aging office at 563-1061** for information and referrals to local, state, and national resources regarding aging services. The Area Agency will mail educational pamphlets and brochures on a variety of topics including Medicare, Social Security, and Hospice/Home Health Services to name a few. Request a copy of their regional Senior Housing Directory which includes names and numbers of regional nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and personal care homes. Available to the public is the Agency's Senior

Guide/1998 with regional information on who to call for senior services. It includes a lengthy service directory of national toll-free numbers. The Agency's library on multiple senior issues and topics is expansive. They publish a monthly newsletter with emerging information on aging issues. Demographic data is also collected and updated.

The **Area Agency's Benefits Counselor** will provide assistance to individuals about their public benefits, entitlements, health insurance options, and legal assistance issues. Included in their array of services is help with the completion of Medicare or other insurance claim forms; social security benefit information; food stamps guidelines; eligibility for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) or Specific Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) programs and Medicaid; Durable Power of Attorney and Living Will forms. Learn more about your Medicare Choice



Pictured above are: Cookie Wetendorf, Jeanne Danial, Christie Gesell, Bob Stokes, Ann Dunbar, Dorothy Bourlam and Susan Crenshaw

options and pharmacy assistance programs. Help will be provided by phone or during an in-home visit.

If you are faced with making decisions regarding long term care - how to pay for it or how to choose either a nursing or retirement facility - a visit with the **Area Agency's**

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VAN offers companionship and assistance to visually impaired homebound individuals, enrollment with Texas State Library and other resource agencies, weekly meetings with games, crafts, singing and informational programs from other organizations to assist the visually impaired. We also have seasonal parties, open house, and attendance to the Community Theatre.

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For services to any visually impaired person - regardless of age - joins us at VAN Serving the Visually Impaired at 2908 West Ohio, Midland, Texas 79701. Call (95) 694-2648 for information Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Executive Director is Barbara Scott and the Program Coordinator is Elaine Keel.

***At Right:
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Pat Vaughn, Area Supervisor, operates a 17 county area. Currently there are 90 enrollees and 67 Host Agencies. Vaughn along with a Field Supervisor, travel to place new enrollees, recertification, project renewals, project proposals, individual development programs (IDP's), and to handle any problems which may occur. They always work one-on-one.

To qualify, applicant must be 55 years of age or older, meet the income guidelines set by the Department of Labor (DOL). A physical is offered and paid for by STEP at their expense if the applicant should care to take advantage of this benefit.

If your organization or business is interested in becoming a Host Agency, or you are an older Texan interested in more information contact Pat Vaughn, Midland



Pat Vaughn

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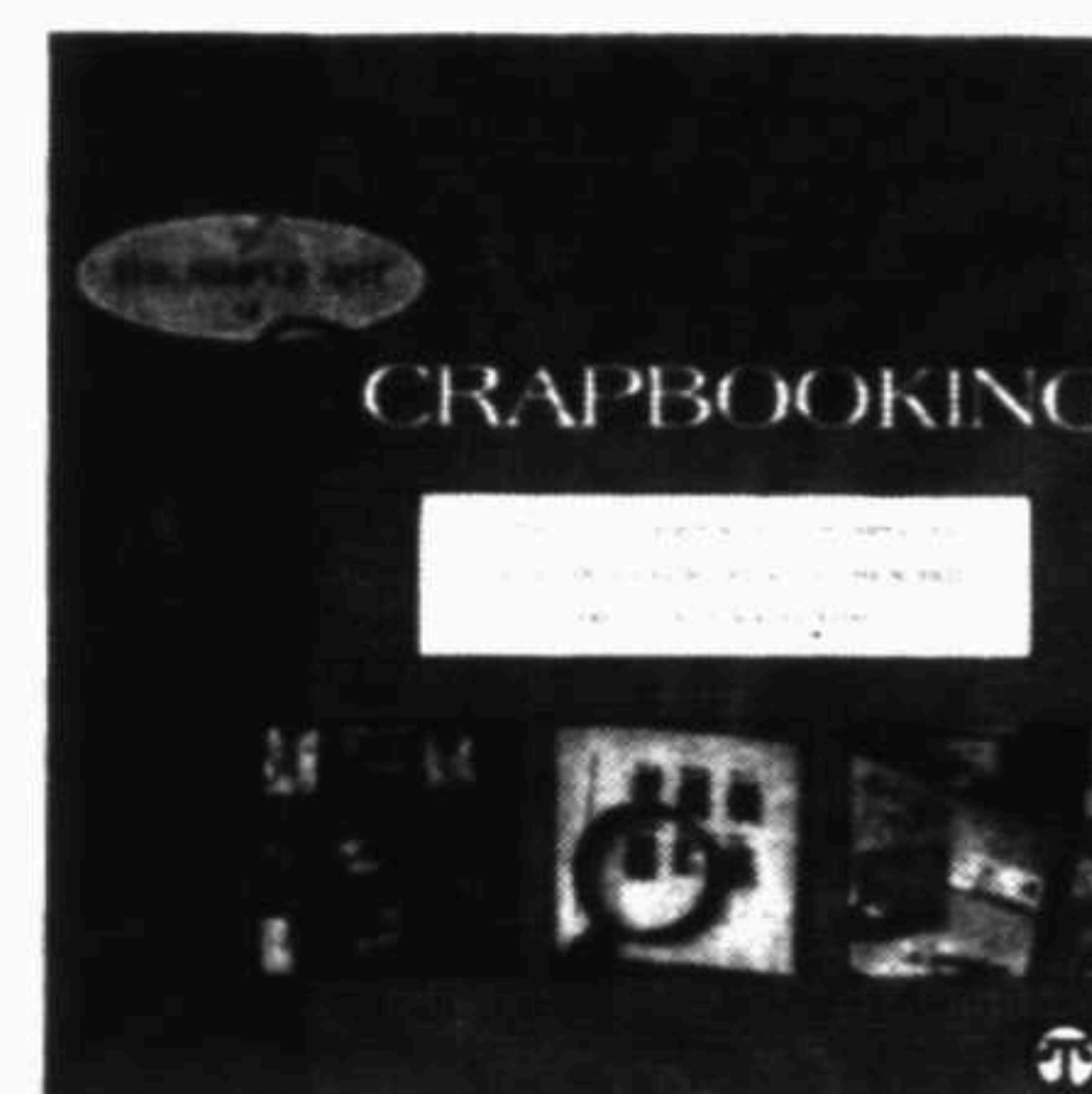
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Scrapbooking is a major new American hobby, and has skyrocketed in popularity since 1995, with two national magazines devoted to the hobby, each having well over 100,000 subscribers. In 1997 alone, more than \$200 million was spent on scrapbook materials and, in California, stores devoted entirely to scrapbooking are opening up all over the state.

A comprehensive guide to this hobby is The Simple Art of Scrapbooking: Tips, Techniques, and 30 Special Album Ideas for Creating Memories That Last a Lifetime (DTP Trade Paperbacks, \$15.95). Created by the experts at The Scrapbook Guild, this volume provides everything hobbyists need to know to begin a personal, beautiful family tradition. Beginning with a brief history of the craft, the book

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Fulfilling the Vision: Parks Methodist Retirement Village

In November of 1978, a vision to bring a retirement community to Odessa was begun by a local group. This vision would bring to Odessa a retirement community to serve both Odessa and the surrounding communities providing a continuum of care for seniors of the Permian Basin.

On May 10, 1998, Parks Methodist announced the intention to expand services at this original campus, completing the vision of a full continuum of care. The expansion will include 34 new cottage homes, 30 additional beds in the nursing center, 23 assisted-living apartments, and a new community center complex to house dining, activity, and administrative services. The expansion began with the purchase of 12 acres adjacent to the current 16 acre campus. On December 9, 1998, the groundbreaking ceremony took place with 19 of the 34 new cottage homes already reserved. Full construction began on January 4th, 1998.

The expansion program will involve a capital investment in the community of approximately \$8.2 million. According to Neal McDonald, Director of Economic Development for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, the economic impact of the expansion will exceed \$25 million. Western Builders, general contractor for the Sears Methodist Retirement

System, Inc, is subcontracting locally to provide local jobs and opportunities for area businesses. The expansion will also add approximately 45 permanent jobs at Parks Methodist Retirement Village.

Opened in October of 1986 by the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, Parks offered apartments and patio homes for independent retirees, and a 60 bed nursing center. The vision for a full continuum of care, however, had not yet been met. It was not until June of 1997 when Sears Methodist Retirement System, Inc., based in Abilene, Texas acquired the facility, changing the name to Parks Methodist Retirement Village, that the plan was begun to

complete the vision of the original founders.

Sears Methodist Retirement Systems, Inc., is no stranger to West Texas. Founded in Abilene in 1965 by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sears and Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, the 501(c) 3 not-for-profit corporation now serves over 1000 residents and has over 500 employees in Abilene, Amarillo, and Odessa. In Odessa, Parks Methodist has relied upon community leaders that share in the mission to advise and assist in determining the needs of the community and provide local leadership and involvement.

Parks Methodist currently serves approximately 100 residents in nursing care, skilled

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Keith Perry, CEO of Sears Methodist Retirement System, Inc.

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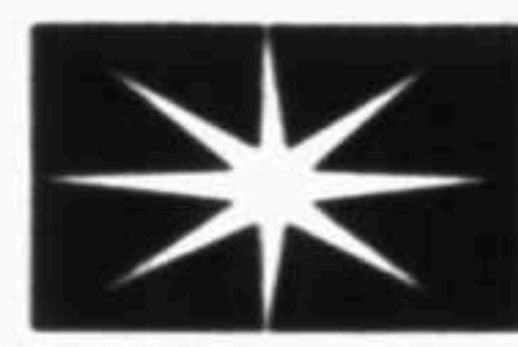
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Parks Methodist: Provides peace of mind to retirees

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nursing-rehabilitation programs, independent apartment living and patio homes. The goal of Parks Methodist is to provide a place to live that offers security, lifestyle, and peace of mind to retirees. The mission of Parks Methodist Retirement Village is to plan, develop, and implement services to the aging, Parks Methodist Retirement Village believes it is our responsibility to meet these changing needs in a Christian environment where each individual is treated with dignity and respect.

The expansion program will also bring in

new residents from other parts of Texas and the U.S. Already this year, residents have moved into Parks Methodist

The expansion program will bring in new residents.

from other West Texas cities, East Texas, and Florida. Inquiries for the expansion project are coming in from across the state, and thanks to efforts of the Midland-Odessa Health and Retirement Endeavor (MOHRE), inquiries have come from as far away as California, New Jersey and Virginia. Future residents that have already reserved

cottage homes are mostly from the Odessa area, but others are from Midland, Lubbock, and New Mexico.

The expansion will nearly double the number of residents served at Parks Methodist Retirement Village, and will complete the continuum of care making Odessa a more appealing retirement destination. Parks Methodist will be the only facility in Odessa to provide the full continuum of care. This expansion will place Parks Methodist in a position to serve the changing needs of seniors in the Permian Basin well into the new millennium.



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Area Agency on Aging focuses on frail, elderly population

The Area Agency on Aging's Volunteer Ombudsman Program is focusing on a neglected segment of the aging population: the frail elderly in nursing homes. An increasing number of Ombudsman Volunteers are helping nursing home residents and staff by being advocates to improve the resident's quality of life and quality of care.

With baby boomers living longer, a surge in the elderly population will continue. Many families today are stretched to provide not only care for their children, but also their aging parents. Increasingly, frail elderly in poor health are filling area nursing homes. Nursing homes in many cases are understaffed and are stretched to provide sufficient services for residents who are requiring more care. The Ombudsman helps fill in the gaps by being an advocate for nursing home residents, helping staff to deal with potential problems and raising overall awareness of the needs of residents. In many cases, the Ombudsman may be the only person who can take the time to visit with residents, get to know them well, and have an understanding of the individual's psychological and physical problems. Ombudsmen help nursing home staff become aware of the needs of the residents and work with families in locating needed resources.

Bob Stokes, Regional ombudsman Director commented: "Our Ombudsmen volunteers have to have a special love of working with the elderly... They are empowered volunteers in that they receive special training in how to work with the elderly, nursing home staff and family members. We supply volunteers with a wealth of resource information that is not only beneficial to the

residents, but also nursing home staff." Ombudsman volunteers are all ages and have varied interests and backgrounds. Some volunteers such as Glenda Chandler have a professional background in nursing while others have no experience in caregiving or nursing homes.

The bonding for everyone is the desire to restore meaning and quality of life to a group of elderly people who many have lost their health but are stimulated by a caring heart.

"We credit our success in recruiting new volunteers to the media who realize the importance of promoting the program and have run continuous public service announcements since our campaign began last March. We have increased our volunteer force from 12 to 137 interested people of all ages", reported Ann Dunbar, Director of Volunteer Services.

Volunteers who have committed to the program have found it to be a rich experience. Edward Booker feels "It has been a blessing to me...I did not realize that giving a little bit of time would yield such a tremendous blessing. It is easy to think of weak excuses not to get involved...I just wish I had more time to give." Volunteer Betty Sheeler has found that responding to the simple needs of the disabled and arthritic can be very helpful, especially when staff has so little extra time to give to residents beyond their defined duties. When Betty found she had extra Christmas cards, she gave them to residents who wanted to send cards to friends and family. She helped them to write notes and address the envelopes. Betty commented, "The simplest things that we take for granted such as addressing a Christmas card can be impossible for those people



L to R: Glenda Chandler, Mildred Foster and Julia Holmes

who are arthritic or disabled. There is so much that volunteers can do to help".

Joanna Low has found that the easiest way for her to reach out to nursing home residents is through her daughter, Elizabeth who is 9 months old. "Everybody in the nursing home responds to Elizabeth. It is amazing how alert some of the elderly residents can be. They recount stories of their children and grandchildren when they were 9 months old. No one realizes that many of the people in nursing homes may have failing bodies but their minds are sharp and they have incredible memories and wonderful stories to tell".

Ann Dunbar emphasizes that volunteer recruitment is an ongoing process. "Our goal is to have numerous volunteers in every nursing facility in the Permian Basin. Nursing home staff and residents alike have recognized the tremendous contribution that can be made by this group of dedicated volunteers. It is important for the commu-

nity to be as involved in the quality of life and services of the elderly in nursing homes as it is in quality education for our children in school". Interested

volunteers can find out more about the Ombudsman Program by calling 563-1061.

NEWS OF HEALTH

Diabetes: What You Should Know

(NAPS)—If you suffer from diabetes you're not alone. An estimated 16 million Americans have diabetes, and almost half are not aware they have it.

Fortunately, a new system has been developed that makes monitoring blood glucose levels easier. The compact, palm-sized blood glucose monitor was designed for people on the go.

Studies have proven that maintaining blood glucose levels as close to normal as possible can prevent or delay the major complications of the disease, including eye, kidney and nerve damage, by up to 60 percent.

The monitor, called

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In June 1997, the American Diabetes Association announced new, lower guidelines for diagnosing the disease, and recommends screening for all adults at three-year intervals beginning at age 45.

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How it Works



Seniors at Kingway Senior Center are kicking up their heels during their Texercise Exercise Hour



cal activity can be counted - walking, running, biking, playing one-on-one or team sports, calisthenics, etc. At the end of the Texercise period just tell us what you did and how many hours you spent doing it. If you do 25 or more hours of exercise during the Texercise period (about 2 hours per week) your name will be displayed at the State Capitol building during Texercise week, May 10, 1999.

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Some of the Ways You Can Participate

Individual-If you're an individual participant, log how many hours you exercise during Texercise. At the end of the three-month period, send us a brief summary that includes:

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Group-If you are part of a group (workplace, school, etc.) you can encourage others to join you in participating in Texercise. Maybe your group would like to challenge another group to a particular game of sport. At the end of the 3-month period, send us a brief summary of your group's activity that includes:

- The name and address of your group (include county);
- The name of a contact person and telephone number;
- What type of activity you did; and
- The total number of hours your group completed.

If you are competing with another

During the 3-month period from January 11 - April 9, 1999, simply keep track of how many hours of exercise you do. Any type of physi-

group, also include:

- Their name and
- Who won (if applicable)

Each group is responsible for turning in its own summary to ensure that they are listed in a special group or competition category on the State Capitol building display.

Intergenerational-Intergenerational relationships are vitally important in our individual lives and in society as a whole. Strong relationships are also a key component in aging successfully. Special recognition will be given on the Capitol display to those participating on an intergenerational team. It's often nicer to exercise with someone else. Take your grandchild with you when you walk, ask your mom to go with you to aerobics, or go for a family bike ride. At the end of the 3-month Texercise period, turn in a brief summary. The summary should include:

- Your name and address;
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Important: Check with your physician before beginning any type of exercise program.

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Home health care is medical, nursing, social or therapeutic treatment and/or assistance provided at home to people who have disabling conditions, are recovering from surgery or illness, or have a chronic disease, condition or terminal illness. In addition, home health care may be necessary if a patient prefers to stay at home, but needs ongoing care that cannot be provided by family and friends. In some cases, home health care may mean older people who prefer to remain independent but find their physical capabilities are diminishing do not have to be moved to an institutional setting.

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"When patients feel comfortable, they are more likely to ask questions and as a result, be more involved in their treatments"

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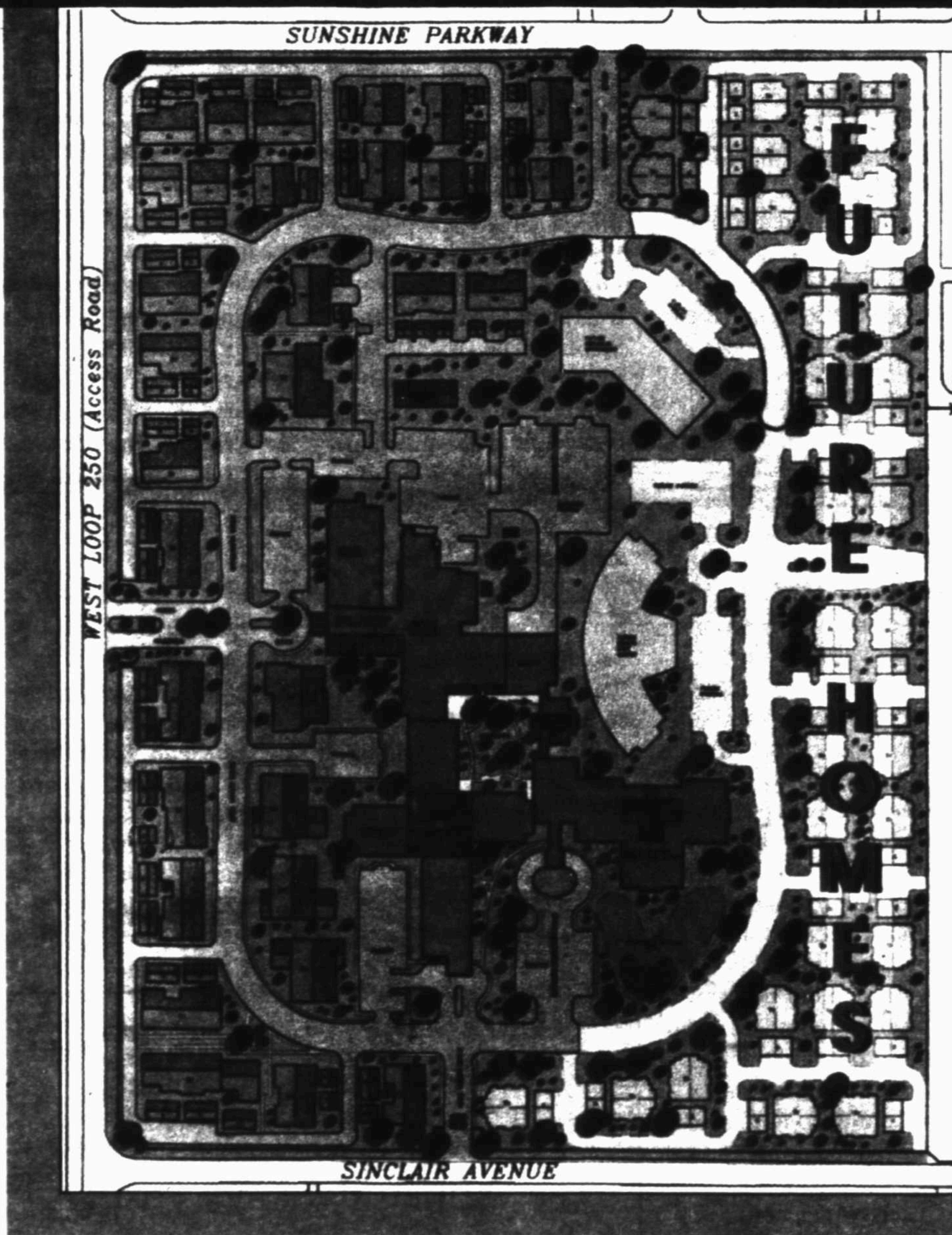
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