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Katie Noah proved her first victory wasn't just luck — winning the Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee a 2nd time./1B



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Utah wins

Just when it seemed like the Utes were about to roll over for No. 1 North Carolina, Andre Miller made sure they didn't./1C

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Victims' funerals

An unidentified mourner carries a tribute of a single red rose as she stands outside the Emerson funeral home after the service for 12-year-old Stephanie Johnson, a victim of Tuesday's shooting at the Westside Middle School near Jonesboro, Ark., Saturday. Related stories 4A, 9A

Priest convicted

DALLAS — A former priest was convicted Saturday of sexually abusing three altar boys after a one-week trial — far briefer than a related 11-month civil trial last summer that devastated the Catholic Diocese of Dallas. A jury deliberated 7 1/2 hours over two days before finding Rudolph Kos, 52, guilty of three counts of aggravated sexual assault and one of indecency with a child. Story page 8B

No winners

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 3-19-26-31-36-50. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$8 million.

Gary Ott:

Regardless of their backgrounds, adults often wish for a return to the past. Page 1B



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MISD board forges on with bond plan

Committee might be formed to prioritize needs; vote might not be for 2 years

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District board members on Saturday heard a presentation on what staff sees as urgent facility needs, and discussed how best to get citizen input on plans to seek a new school renovations bond.

In their school facilities and technology board retreat, board members directed MISD staff to look into forming a facilities advisory committee, possibly to prioritize what should be in the new bond. It may be at least a couple of years before MISD puts anything before voters, trustees said.

The committee will be comprised of all seven board members, in addition to other residents, and may total more than 20 people. It could meet as soon as this summer.

MISD officials realize they have a difficult road ahead when it comes to convincing the public that another renovations bond is needed. Talk of a new bond comes as MISD implements its \$39.5 million elementary renovations bond that voters approved last year.

Superintendent Joseph P. Baressi Jr. voiced his concerns to the board.

"We have direct opposition, oil prices are soft ... the (Midland) chamber is not going to break its neck to help us," Baressi said.

Jackie Hamilton, board president, agreed that it's a politically difficult issue.

"There's a lot of work to be done," Dick Bowdon, chairman of Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, is critical of the upcoming campaign, especially because it was only about a year ago that Midlanders approved the largest bond in MISD history, he said.

"Another bond would catapult us well over the state average debt per student," Bowdon said. "It's a shame that the board still plans to spend almost all of the \$39.5 million on 13 elementary schools, leaving nothing for renovating the other 22 schools, including the high schools. We urge them to reconsider that decision."

Wilson Heidelberg, MISD construction manager, told the Reporter-Telegram that this advisory and strategic planning committee is a key to deciding what the most urgent needs are.

His detailed presentation Saturday on the secondary and elementary campuses spelled out various options the panel may consider.

"I think that all of the facility needs are real," Heidelberg said. "I think that you pick and choose and prioritize, but my job is to make sure what all of the facility needs are so that the board and the community can include these in their strategic plan."

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ABOVE: Dr. Robert Bartach, a social psychologist and professor at the University of Texas-Permian Basin says incorrect information and extreme viewpoints are a potential problem because of the Internet. AT RIGHT: David Romero, technologies assistant in the computer lab, helps Curtis Rolfe, a sixth-grader at Crockett Elementary, look up what people ate in the Middle Ages.

Photos by Tim Fischer



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Editor's Note: This is the first part of a three-part series on the Internet and how it has changed people's lives and the way they communicate.

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

Tracing the evolution of communications provides a fascinating glimpse into our history. From stone tablets and Paul Revere's shouts of "The British are Coming" — maybe one of the first methods of broadcasting — to Morse Code, telegraphs and ticker tape, communication in its early forms was archaic at best.

We have come a long way since "Will arrive tomorrow ... stop."

When major technological changes began to take shape in the early part of the century, radio came first. Though raw and amateurish in the beginning, the medium has developed into a

Internet has changed communication, but is far from flawless

slick, highly competitive industry where only the strong will see the third millennium. Television, too, grew from its infancy in the post-war '40s where fuzzy images of Milton Berle still remain etched in our collective pop culture memories.

At its birth, the Internet was a communication tool developed strictly for use by the Department of Defense. As intelligent a life form as computer programmers are, it is unlikely that even they could foresee the extraordinary tool for communicating and information gathering that the 'Net would become just three decades after its founding.

According to eMarketer, a Web site that tracks Internet usage for marketing and advertising purposes, 36 million people use the Internet regu-

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Bush misses GOP presidential event that underscores divisions

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Presidential hopefuls paraded before a crowd of Texas conservatives Saturday, underscoring the ideological divide among Republicans and begging this question: Where's George?

Texas Gov. George Bush, the most talked-about potential GOP candidate, is studiously avoiding 2000 forums — even on his home turf.

Indeed, his advisers pressed organizers to scrap a straw poll at Houston's Harris County Republican Party convention. Anything short of an overwhelming vic-

tory would have embarrassed the no-show native son.

"He makes it a practice to avoid events that might tend to look beyond 1998 and toward the year 2000," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

Although the governor is up for re-election and had other business in the state Saturday, his absence disappointed some conservatives — many of whom described themselves as Bush supporters.

"I would have loved to see him come down for this, and I don't know why he didn't," said John Fawbush, a Houston money manager. "It has true conservatives puzzled."

Bush's decision left a thin field of White House wannabes in Houston. Perhaps the most notable figure, millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, is making impressive strides convincing religious conservatives that his platform is bigger than a flat tax.

"We must once again marry power with purpose and principle," he said, drawing hoots from the crowd at a Friday night warm-up dinner.

Orie Casas, a Houston homemaker, had come to the convention somewhat skeptical of Forbes. "You know those social conservative issues?" she said, as the audience rose to cheer the failed 1996 candidate. "I heard them in his speech."

Still, Forbes had his hands full with a speakers' list dominated by longtime social conservatives, including Washington activist Gary Bauer.

Bauer, whose aggressive campaign against abortion has party leaders squirming, barely concealed his presidential ambition. He asked 400 delegates at a prayer breakfast to seek divine guidance as he decides whether or not to run.

And he vowed to "fill the vacuum" in the Republican Party by standing up "for our values — for lower taxes, smaller government, family values and especially the sanctity of life."

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As millennium approaches, Jerusalem draws Christian 'end-timers'

By Karin Laub
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Four years ago, Brother David moved into an apartment on the Mount of Olives to secure what he believes will be a front row seat for the return of Christ in 2000.

The trailer park owner-turned-evangelist from Syracuse, N.Y., said he is in touch with dozens of Americans who are ready to sell their possessions and move to the Holy Land in the next two years. Some already have settled in his neighborhood, said David, who no longer uses a last name.

Next door, a 61-room hotel run by Palestinian Muslims is making an unusual sales pitch. "How would you like to be staying at the Mount of Olives Hotel the day Jesus returns?" reads a flier sent to 2,000 Christian congregations in the United States.

These are just some of the signs that as the millennium approaches, this city fervently revered by Christians, Jews and Muslims will be a magnet for Christian "end-timers" who believe the second coming of Christ is near.

Richard Landes, head of the Center for Millennial Studies at Boston University, expects tens of thousands of Christians with end-of-the-world visions to flock to Jerusalem for the millennium.

And that, he fears, has potential for trouble in a city already so tense that even perceived threats to holy sites can stir riots.

Landes worries about confrontations if, for example, fervent "end-timers" camp out on the Mount of Olives to await Christ's return and are ordered by Israeli police to clear the site from which tradition says he ascended into heaven.

"The last thing you need is for a secular Israeli (to try) to deal with people in a psychological state he can't even begin to fathom," Landes said.

Police spokeswoman Linda Menuhin said officers have experience with crowd control and are ready for any event, including the millennium.

Israel's handling of the millennium crush will be an important test of its claim to custodianship of the holy sites.

For now, it seems unprepared.

Government officials are still struggling with the basics, such as getting a budget for providing toilets and clean water for the 6 million visitors expected between mid-1999 and the end of 2000, about double the usual number of tourists.

Mayor Ehud Olmert recently suggested setting up tent camps, and there has been talk of a special police unit to patrol holy sites. But nothing has been decided.

A further complication is the need to deal with the various Christian churches. For example, church leaders have held up Israel's proposal to break open a second entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, site of Jesus' burial and resurrection, to accommodate 50,000 pilgrims a day.

With rival denominations in charge of the site, quick agreement is nearly impossible, said Bishop Kamal Hanna Bathish, who is in charge of millennium festivities for the Roman Catholic Church. "Trusting only human effort ... one could lose hope," he said.

While officials in Jerusalem tackle the millennium as a practical problem, there is growing expectation among millions of evangelical Christians that the city soon will witness dramatic events.

According to such beliefs, the creation of the state of Israel is a sign that the end of the world and Christ's return to Jerusalem for a 1,000-year reign of peace are near. Most preachers in the United



John Leightonberg, 60, of Brisbane, Australia, allows a passing tourist to try on one of his crowns as he plays the harp and sings Christian and Jewish songs in English and Hebrew, dressed as King David, outside Zion Gate in Jerusalem's Old City Feb. 25.

States are reluctant to set a date, but many are stirring anticipation among their flocks. According to an Associated Press poll, nearly one in four adult Christians in the United States expect Jesus to arrive in their lifetimes.

Most believers will stay home during the millennium. But others are making travel plans. An Internet site by "Al & Barb" asks pilgrims to join a trip to Israel in December 1999 for a midnight watch service on the Mount of Olives.

Most pilgrims, even those with millennial expectations, will tour holy sites and go home if nothing happens.

But Jerusalem has a history of doing strange things to people.

Guides routinely collect passports and return plane tickets from pilgrims upon arrival in Israel because some visitors, over-

come by sudden religious fervor, have been known to throw away their travel documents.

"The moment they come to Jerusalem ... they go into this kind of feeling that they reached the top of the world," said David Dassa, a veteran tour guide.

Jerusalem district psychiatrist Dr. Yair Carlos Bar-El predicts he'll see more than the usual three or four annual cases of "Jerusalem Syndrome" — people without prior psychiatric problems who, once in the holy city, believe they are biblical figures or have a godly mission. Sufferers might engage in washing rituals, begin wearing white or deliver confused speeches at holy sites.

On the Mount of Olives, meanwhile, Brother David is busy preparing for Christ's return.

Living in an apartment in a Palestinian neighborhood with pot-

holed streets at the foot of the mount, he spends his days distributing food and clothes to the needy. He said he has helped dozens of Christians find cheap apartments in the area, and has received letters from dozens more who want to

come. "I have waited all my life for this," said David, 57. "I come from upstate New York, from a dead-end street — that I have the opportunity to have a front-row seat to observe this!"

But he also has left himself an out.

If Christ's return is delayed, David said, he will just keep praying. "It just gives us an added drive to do what we know is good while we have time," he said.

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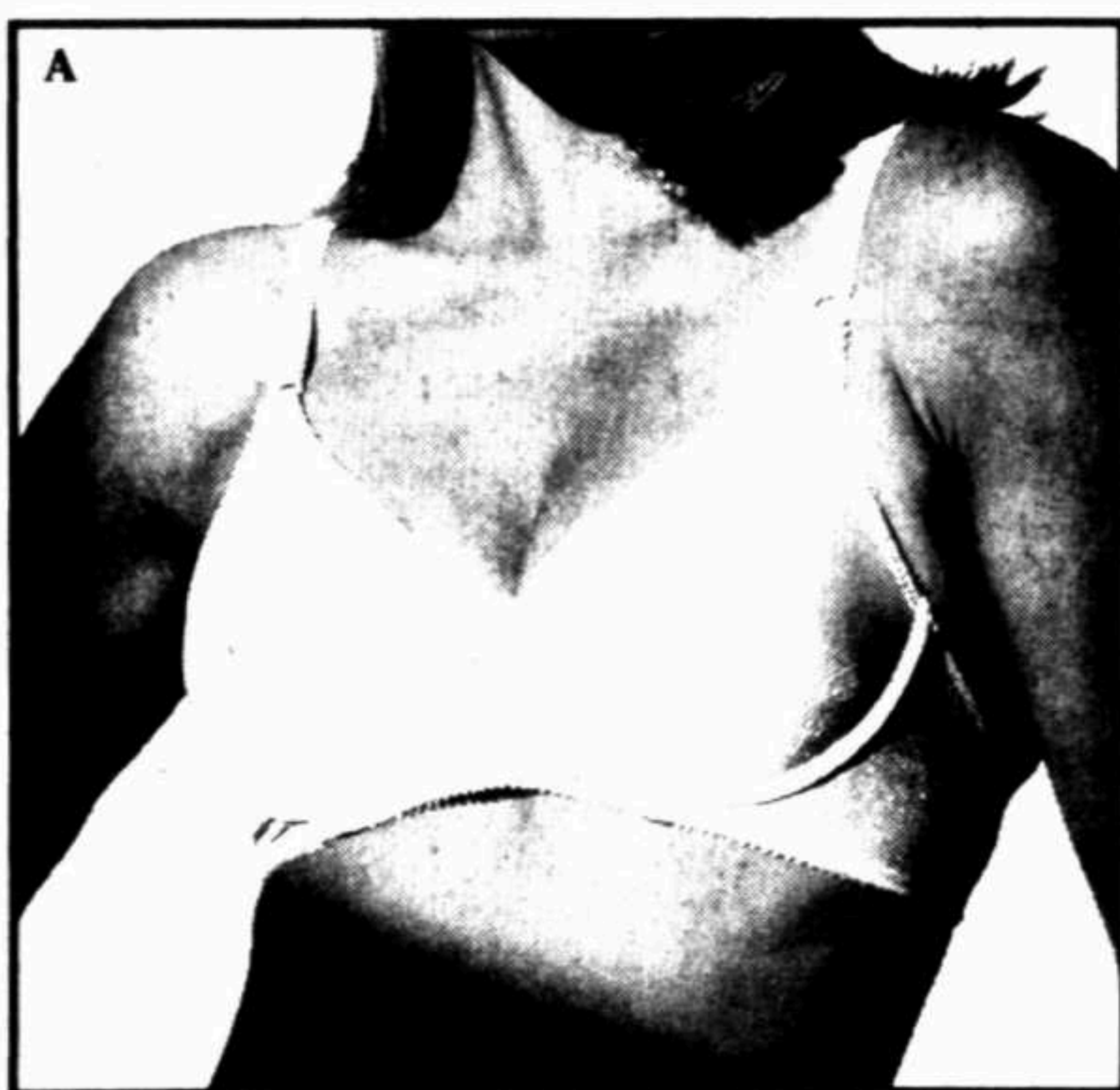
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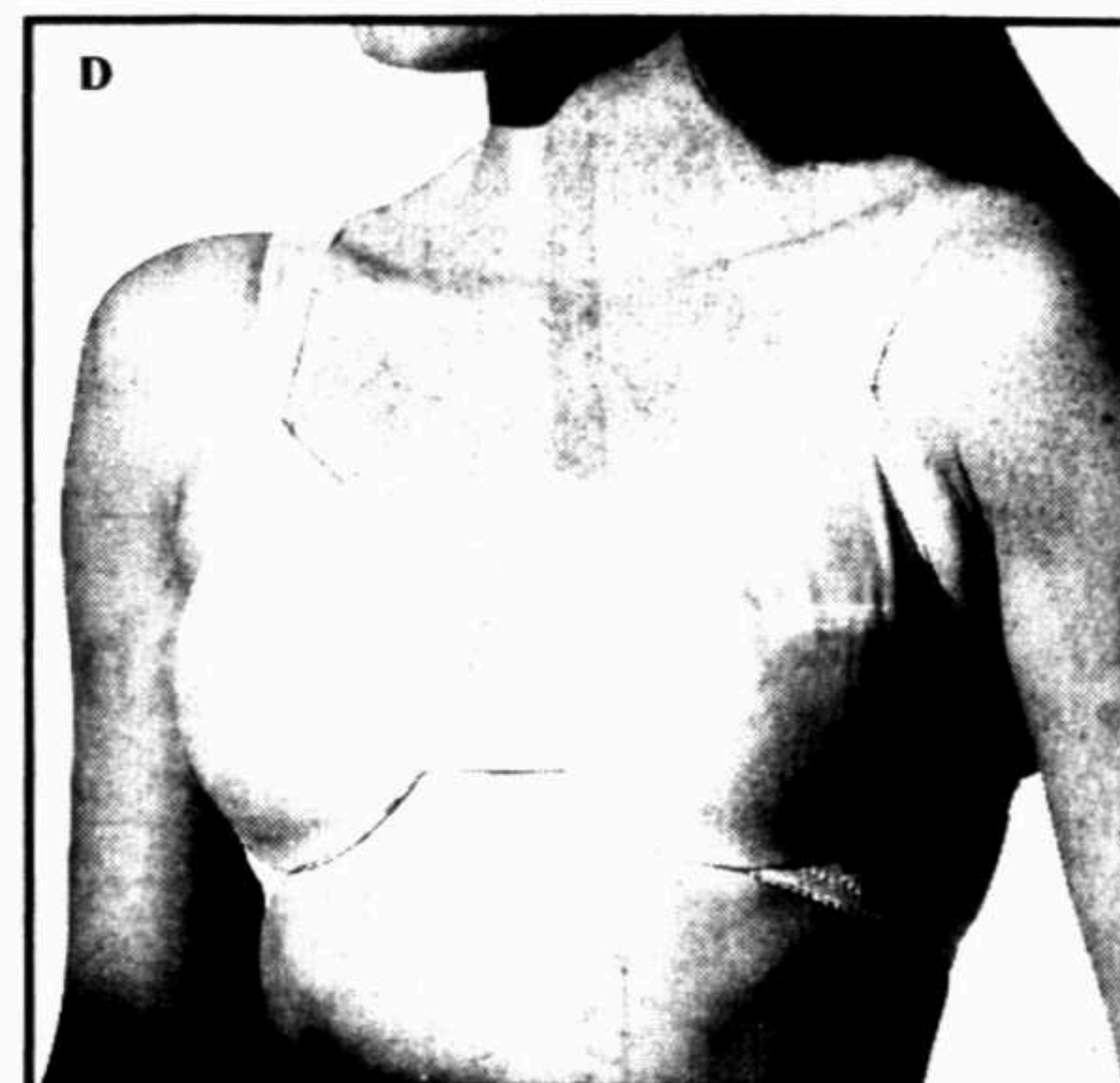
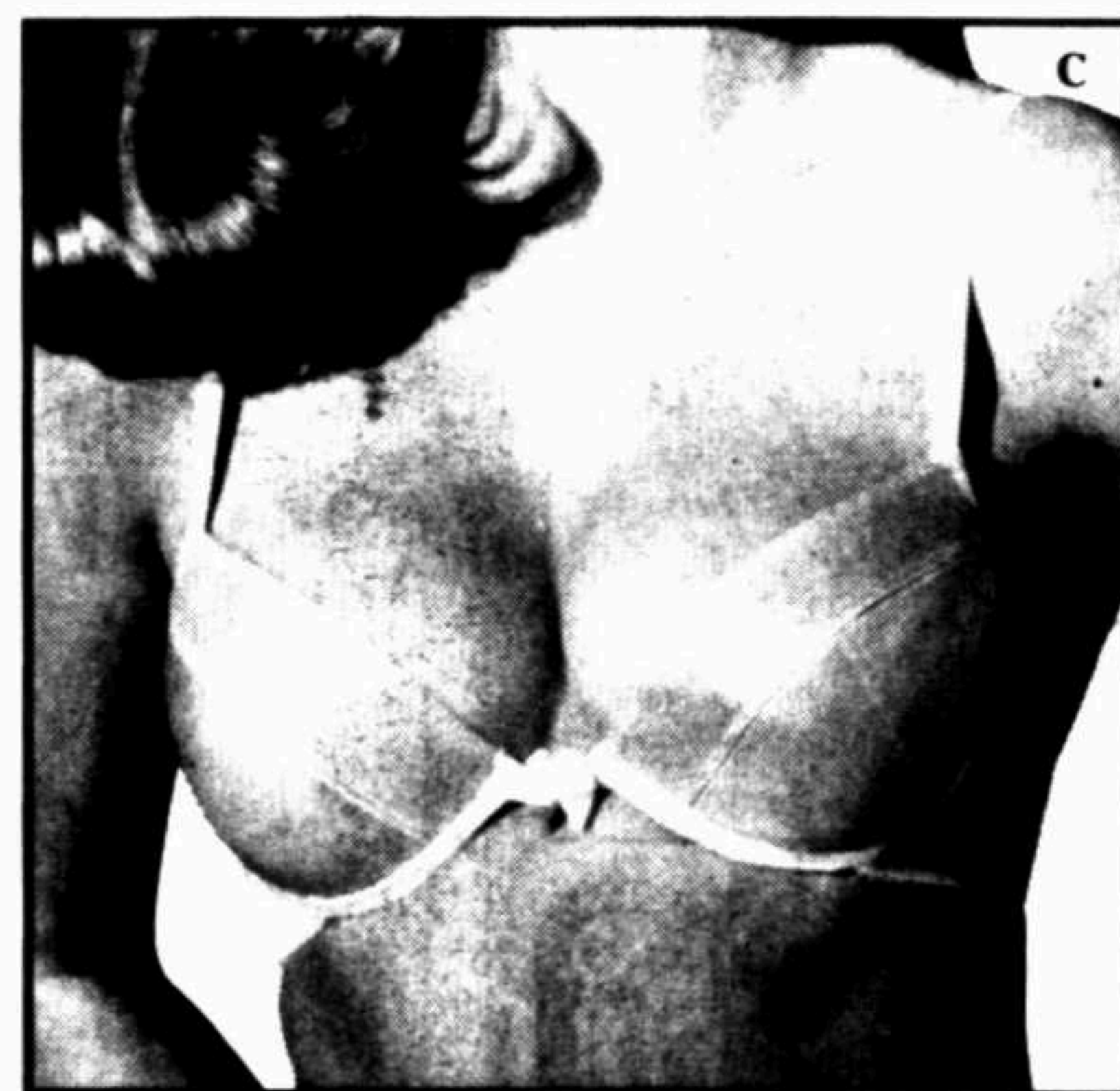
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By Laurie Good
N.Y. Times News

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Boyhood friend says pope wants to do more for Jews if given time

By Laurie Goodstein
N.Y. Times News Service

Jerzy Kluger says the first memory he shares with Karol Wojtyla, the man who is now Pope John Paul II, is of being chased around the square in their home town in Poland by an irate policeman. They were only 4 or 5 years old and had tried to pluck the policeman's sword from its sheath while he dozed on a bench.

That town, Wadowice, had one policeman, 8,000 Catholics and 2,000 Jews. Young Jerzy and Karol, a Jew and a Catholic, studied together in the same state-run school, played soccer in the fields and cowboys and Indians in the woods, and did their homework in one another's homes.

World War II tore the Jews from Wadowice, but after decades without contact, Kluger and Pope John Paul II salvaged their friendship and became partners in a pursuit far more delicate than sword-snatching.

In Rome, 17 years ago, the pope quietly enlisted Kluger to serve as an informal intermediary between Israeli and Vatican officials in the sensitive negotiations that eventually led the Vatican to grant Israel formal diplomatic recognition, according to a new book called "The Hidden Pope" (Daybreak). The book's author, Darcy O'Brien, died on March 2 at age 59.

"The people in the Vatican do not know Jews, and previous popes did not know Jews," Kluger said in a telephone interview from Rome. "But this pope is a friend of the Jewish people because he knows Jewish people. He grew up in Wadowice."

The friendship between Pope John Paul II, 77, and Kluger, 76, helps explain why this pope has made reconciliation between Catholics and Jews one of his highest priorities. He was the first pope to visit a synagogue and the first to visit the death camp at Auschwitz. He has denounced anti-Semitism and referred to Jews as "our elder brothers."

This month the Vatican released a long-awaited teaching document it called "an act of repentance" for the failure of Catholics to deter the Holocaust. The document disappointed some Jewish leaders because it contained no explicit apology and defended Pope Pius XII, who many Jews believe was passive in the face of genocide.

Kluger said that he and Pope John Paul II had discussed the Holocaust — over lunches, on ski trips and on long walks. "He is ashamed of what's happened to the Jews," Kluger said. "He would love to say something more. If God will give him time to live long enough, he will do more."

All over the world, Jewish leaders had been worried back in 1978 on hearing the news from the Vatican that the new pope was a Polish. The Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp was in Poland, a mere 35 miles from Wadowice. Poland's prewar Jewish population of 3.5 million was diminished to almost nothing through extermination and expulsion.

Poland in the 1930s was a place where many peasants still believed that Jews mixed the blood of Catholic children with their matzoh meal at Passover and the Catholic primates issued a pastoral letter urging the boycott of Jewish businesses. But when the Germans invaded, thousands of Catholics risked their lives to save Jewish friends and strangers.

"When John Paul II was named pope, my mother, who is Polish, said he could be the best or the worst," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-

Defamation League. "I feel he's been the best."

As a child, Karol Wojtyla (pronounced Vo-TEE-yah) lived in an apartment behind the church. His father, a retired army lieutenant on a meager pension, cut costs by sewing his son's clothes. Karol's mother died when he was 9, and his older brother — a medical school graduate — contracted scarlet fever and died three years later. Karol's sister had died before he was born.

Karol and his father seemed intensely devoted to one another, to their Catholic faith, and to Poland, Kluger recalls. He remembers many afternoons next to the coal-fired stove in the Wojtylas' kitchen, listening to Karol's father recite stories of ancient Greece and Rome and the history of Poland.

Jerzy's father too was a Polish nationalist, proud to be a captain in the Polish army reserves. He served as president of Wadowice's Jewish community, the man to whom Catholics came when any disputes arose.

He believed in music as a means of interfaith dialogue. Every week a string quartet of two Catholics and two Jews rehearsed at the Klugers' house; Karol would sit in the corner and listen.

The Klugers were more assimilated than many other local Jews, sending their children to public rather than Jewish schools, and speaking Polish — not Yiddish — at home, Kluger said. But they were observant. On Friday nights they lighted candles and walked to the synagogue for services. Jerzy lived with his mother, father, younger sister and grandmother in a 10-room apartment overlooking the town square.

Although ugly incidents were not unknown, Jews and Catholics enjoyed better relations in Wadowice (pronounced vahd-oh-VEE-cheh) than in the Polish countryside, Kluger said. Wadowice was a county seat whose population of government clerks, teachers, military officers and professionals was fairly well educated and well-off.

"It was a very nice relationship between Jews and Christians," recalled Melita Huppert, Kluger's cousin, who is 84 and now lives in New York. "It was a peaceful coexistence."

The war destroyed that Wadowice. After the Germans invaded, Jerzy and his father sought to join the retreating Polish army, finally catching up with the Polish troops and enlisting in Russia. His father was sent to Palestine; Jerzy was sent to Cairo, then Iraq and finally the front in Italy to fight. His sister and mother, who refused to leave his ailing grandmother, were taken away by Nazi soldiers. His grandmother was put on a train to the camp at Belzec, and died there. His sister and mother died in Auschwitz.

Karol Wojtyla worked for four

years in a limestone quarry. His father died, and priests he admired were martyred with the Jews. With the German occupiers cracking down on the Catholic Church in Poland, he entered the underground seminary in Cracow

and studied secretly to become a priest.

For 27 years, the two childhood friends were out of touch. Kluger married a Catholic woman from Ireland, settled in Rome and started a business importing heavy

equipment. One day in 1965, he heard a news report about a Polish archbishop named Wojtyla giving a speech at the Second Vatican Council. He decided to leave a phone message for him in Rome. "I was a bit frightened, embar-

rassed," Kluger said. "Maybe he won't want to speak to me. An archbishop is an important person."

The archbishop phoned back right away, and the two were reunited.



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Normally quiet universities begin to stir in response to Indonesian economy

By Seth Mydans
N.Y. Times News Service

DEPOK, Indonesia — They chant, "Reform or death!" They stage tea-only hunger strikes. They burn the president in effigy. But they are usually careful not to leave the grounds of their campuses, where the gates are ringed by armed police officers.

For the last month, Indonesia's normally quiet universities have begun to stir in response to the economic crisis here. Almost every day, on dozens of campuses, students have marched and shouted. A network of student leaders has begun to forge contacts on the Internet.

In some instances, students have challenged security forces, pushing their way off campus only to be met with batons and water cannon.

But for the most part, the movement has remained tentative and well behaved, dominated by a conservative wing that — like the country's political opposition — seeks to avoid confrontation and violence.

"We want change but we do not want to be involved in conflict," said Rama Pratama, president of the student senate at the University of Indonesia, here on the southern outskirts of Jakarta. "We don't want to destroy the regime only to give birth to another repressive regime."

Like virtually all other parts of society, universities are suffering from the shortages and rising prices that experts say will only worsen in the coming months.

On many campuses, paper and books have become unaffordable and laboratories are closing; medical and dental training have virtually halted with the disappearance of supplies. Thousands of students have been forced to take leave because they can no longer afford tuition.

"As long as stomachs are involved, people will be angry," said Wasi Gede, 24, a graduate student in accounting, who is active in the demonstrations here. "We have to set our priorities: food first, thesis later."

Political analysts are uncertain about the significance of this new student movement. Students have been at the core of Indonesian political movements in the past, but they have remained largely dormant since political activity on campuses was banned in 1978.

Their new activism could flare into more widespread demonstrations. In the longer term, some analysts say, it could be planting the seeds for change in a society that has grown weary of one-man rule and is increasingly suffering

from economic hardships.

If society reached a breaking point, these experts say, students could be in the front lines, as they were in Indonesia's independence movement in the 1940s and in the overthrow of its first president, Sukarno, in the 1960s.

President Suharto succeeded him and has held Indonesia in his grip for three decades. He was acclaimed this month by Parliament for a seventh five-year term.

"Student movements can change things," said Shelvi Lolita, 22, a Chinese-language student here. "People have their opinions, but they are afraid to express them. We as students are a lot more free to express our opinions. Maybe we are like the people's representatives."

But Rama, the chief organizer of

the protests at the University of Indonesia, offered a perspective that seemed notably modest for a campus in the throes of its biggest political demonstrations in 20 years.

"We are just trying to lay down the fundamentals," he said. "Perhaps we will not harvest the fruit of our actions. It may be our younger brothers who get the fruits."

Indeed, the limited scope of the student movement may be one barometer of the possibility of social uprising as unemployment, rising prices and food shortages begin to increase hardships.

Along with the now-stalled economic growth of this nation of 200 million people, a notable achievement of Suharto has been his success in cowering, co-opting and neu-

tralizing political opposition.

The students, like democracy campaigners including Megawati Sukarnoputri and the Islamic leader Amien Rais, have mostly been careful to obey the rules. And as with these politicians, it took an economic crisis to spur the students' calls for democracy.

One telling sign posted on a bulletin board here suggests their priorities. "Wanted," it reads: "Rice, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Democracy."

And in Jogjakarta at Gadjah Mada University, one of the largest and oldest, students chanted: "Bring down prices! Bring down Suharto!"

For their part, officials have handled the students with care, inviting them to engage in a dialogue while making it clear that any activities must remain safely on the campuses.

As long as this rule is obeyed, said Jakarta's military commander, Gen. Sjafrie Sjamsuddin, "go ahead, because such activities are under the campuses' authority."

After a rally here last month that included several prominent professors and alumni, Edi Sudradjat, a high-ranking military official, called their denunciations of the government "a constructive expression of opinion."

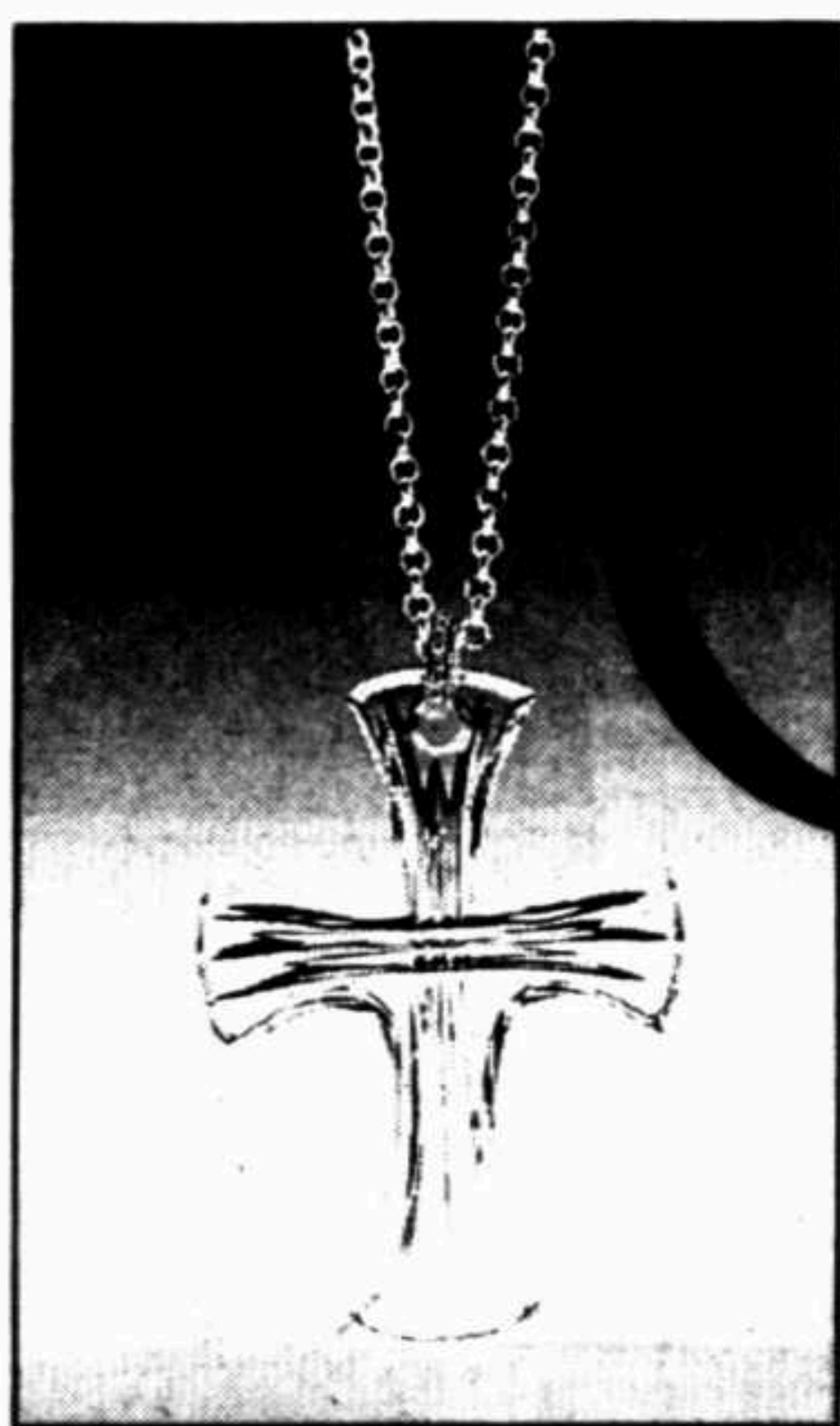
That was followed by a warning from the new defense minister and armed forces chief, Gen. Wiranto, that "if people are hot-tempered and ready to cut down the symbols of the state, yes, I will gladly prohibit them." He added, "If they are still determined, I will be determined."

The worst violence so far came on Wednesday in the central Java

city of Solo, where the police fought to keep about 1,000 demonstrators from leaving the campus of March 11 University. Witnesses said 10 police officers and 39 protesters were injured.

But wherever possible, officials appear to be doing what they can to avoid worsening the violence.

This was evident last week in the eastern Java city of Surabaya, which has historically been a seat of student activism. When a rally of about 5,000 students tried to push its way off campus, witnesses reported, scores of riot police officers beat them with wooden batons. The police chief, Lt. Col. Oegroseno, all but apologized for their actions. Rather than issuing a warning, he said, "I guarantee nobody will be arrested."



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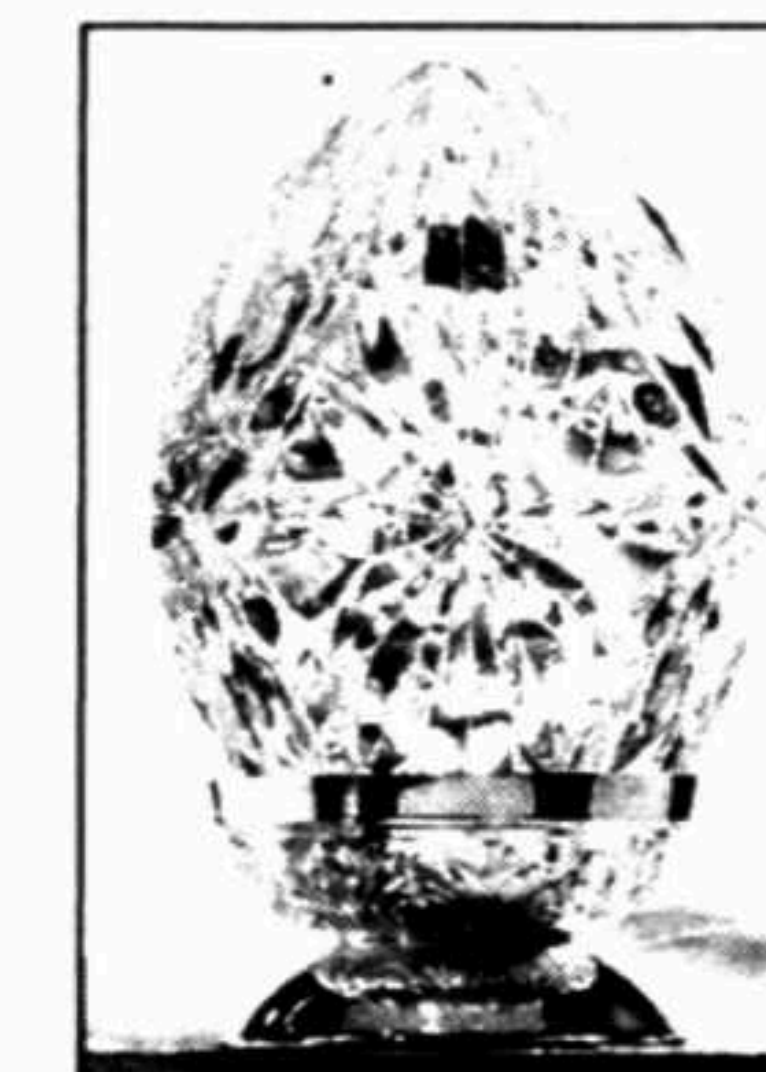
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Clinton promises to battle for aid to Africa

SOWETO, South Africa (AP) — At a landmark in the bloody uprising against apartheid, President Clinton on Saturday honored South Africans "who answered the call of conscience" and defeated the system of white supremacy.

Clinton, standing on the world's poorest continent, also promised to battle for more U.S. aid for Africa. "This is not charity. This is enlightened self interest," Clinton said, stressing that aid and trade go hand in hand.

American businesses are getting an average return of 30 percent on investments in Africa, the president said. "This is a good deal, folks."

In his armored limousine, Clinton rode past cinder block houses and wooden shacks in Thokoza and Soweto, two black townships on the outskirts of Johannesburg. Residents stood on shop roofs and walls for a glimpse.

Security was intense, particularly in crime-ridden Soweto. Sharpshooters watched from a church steeple. Two armored personnel carriers were parked nose-to-nose to block the road to the site where Clinton addressed about 100 invited dignitaries. Police armed with semi-automatic weapons outnumbered the audience.

In 1976, Soweto exploded in rage when police opened fire on students protesting compulsory lessons in Afrikaans, the language of the white minority. The uprising gave birth to the movement that broke the back of apartheid.

Clinton saluted "the bravery of the young men and women who took to the streets in protest — many of whom were cut down in struggle, more of whom were damaged by prison and torture." He honored all "black, white, colored South Africans who answered the call of conscience."

Clinton and his wife Hillary planted a tree and laid flowers at the brown marble headstone memorializing Hector Peterson, the first schoolboy killed in the demonstration.

"This solemn place commemorates forever the death of one young boy, a death that shocked the world into a new recognition of the vast evil of apartheid," the president said.

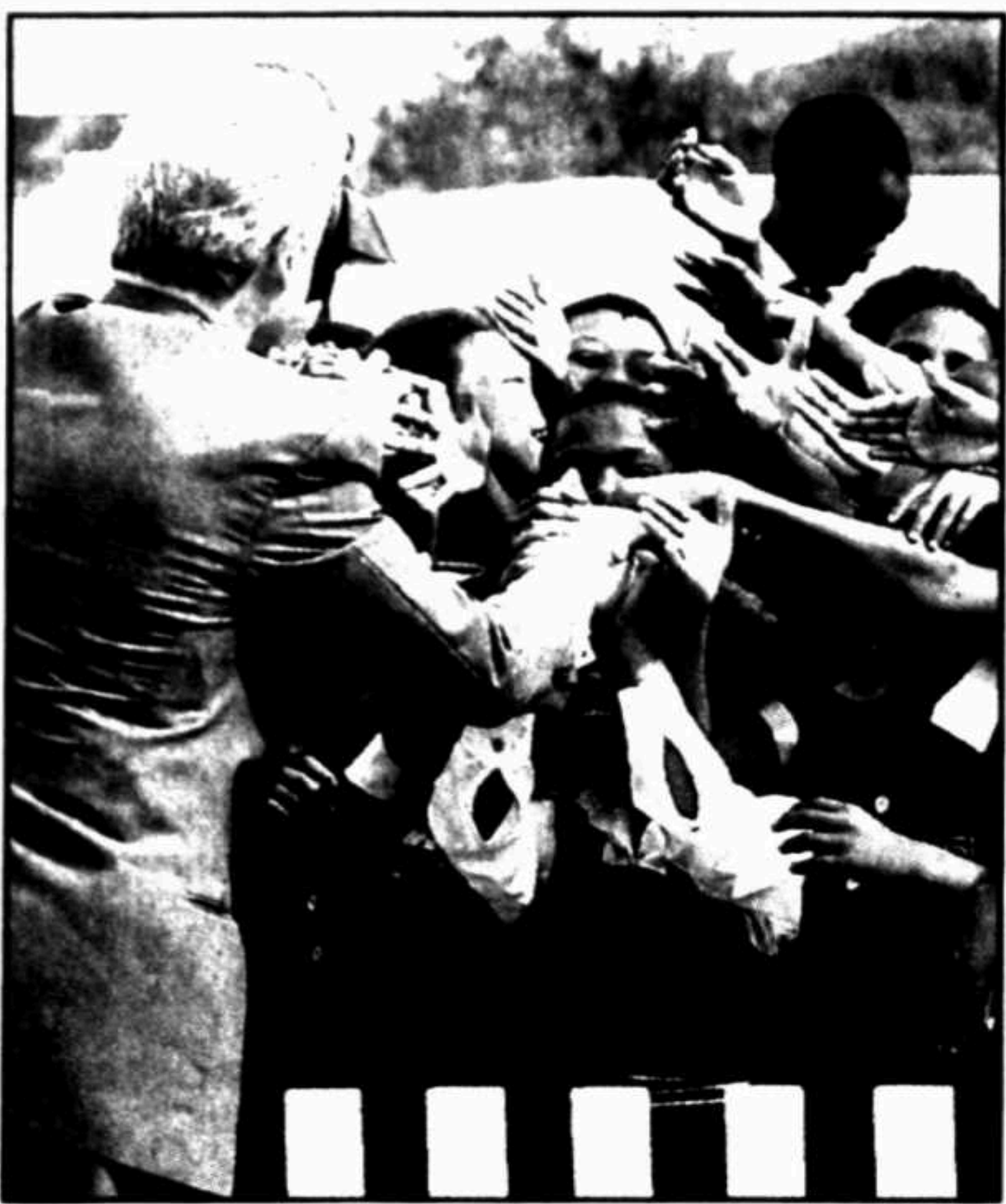
South Africa was the fourth country on Clinton's six-nation journey through Africa. "This has been a magical tour of this magnificent continent," he remarked. He promised to convene a Washington summit of African leaders "to make sure there is follow-up and this trip is not a one-shot event."

The Clintons fly to Botswana on Sunday for a safari in a game preserve. They also will stop in Senegal before flying home.

In Johannesburg, Clinton dedicated a commercial center named for Ron Brown, the secretary of commerce and Clinton friend who was killed in a 1996 plane crash. Funded by the Commerce Department, the center will help American companies doing business in the Sub-Saharan African market.

Clinton said America's emerging trade partnership should not come at the expense of U.S. development assistance. He said he would urge Congress to restore African aid to its historic high level — \$830 million a year. Currently it is \$700 million, and Clinton has requested a \$30 million increase this year.

"Trade cannot replace aid when there is still so much poverty, flooding, encroaching deserts, drought, violence, threatened food supplies, malaria, AIDS and other diseases," the president said.



U.S. President Bill Clinton shakes hands with children of the Maphenzela Primary School during a visit to Johannesburg Saturday. Clinton is on a six-nation African tour.

He outlined previously announced assistance programs, including \$500 million in U.S.-backed loan guarantees for U.S. companies building roads, airports, ports and other infrastructure in Africa. He also said he would work with allies to reduce Africa's debt.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry snapped back at Republicans critical back home of Clinton's repentant tone in Africa. Congressional Republicans are just feeling the pressure from their restive conservative wing, McCurry said. "It has more to do with the whacked-out politics of the Republican party than it does with anything involving sanity."

At various stops, Clinton has expressed regret for America's role in the slave trade, neglect of Africa and U.S. hesitation to stop genocide in Rwanda. In Washington, a Republican leader, Texas Rep. Tom DeLay, was quoted as calling Clinton a gray-haired "flower child."

"It just offends me that the president of the United States is, directly or indirectly, attacking his own country in a foreign land," DeLay said.

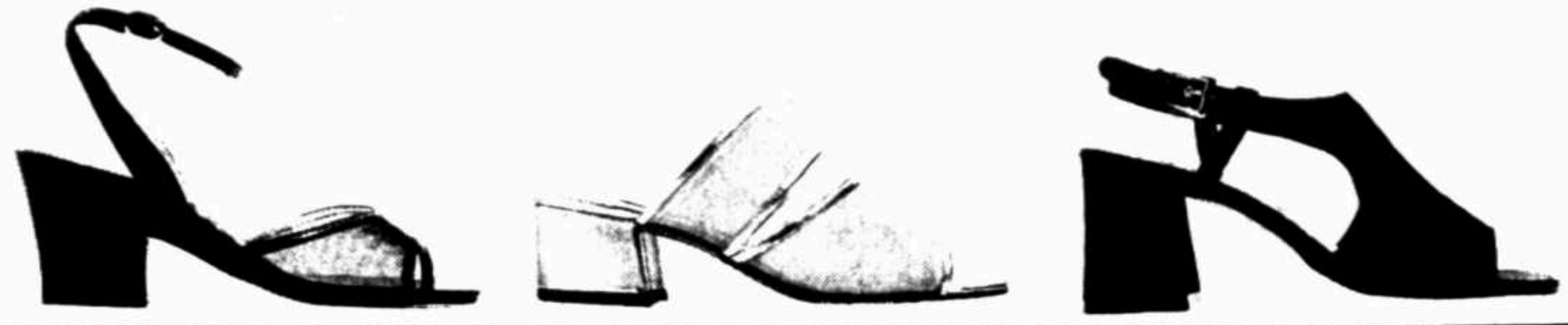
Administration officials also tried anew to clear up confusion after Clinton, at a news conference, seemed to signal a change in U.S. policy toward Nigeria. McCurry said the president "gave a truncated answer, he didn't do the entire answer."

Clinton said Friday he would not object if Nigerian military strongman Sani Abacha competes in the country's elections as a civilian. That appeared at odds with remarks two weeks ago by Clinton's top State Department aide for Africa, Susan Rice. She had said, "Nigeria needs and deserves a real transition to democracy and civilian rule, not another military regime dressed up in civilian clothes."

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Chernomyrdin to run for Russian president in 2000

MOSCOW (AP) — Ousted Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin put an end to political speculation Saturday by announcing that he is definitely running for president in 2000.

The move culminates a week of political skirmishes that began when President Boris Yeltsin suddenly fired Chernomyrdin and the rest of his Cabinet on Monday, saying they were too concerned with politics to run the country well.

At the time, Yeltsin said he was freeing up Chernomyrdin to "prepare" for the presidential election. But neither he, nor the former premier, made clear whether that meant he would be a candidate.

Chernomyrdin ended the conjecture in an interview broadcast Saturday on Russian Public Television.

"I have taken the decision to run for president," he said.

He said he had discussed his decision with Yeltsin.

"The president agreed with my position," Chernomyrdin said, without indicating whether Yeltsin would support him.

During his more than five years as prime minister, Chernomyrdin, 59, was considered a dour but dependable No. 2 to the more mercurial Yeltsin.

There is little consensus on Chernomyrdin's chances as a candidate, with some considering him an accomplished political veteran and others believing he has too little charisma with voters.

As former chairman of the natural gas monopoly Gazprom, Chernomyrdin has strong ties to industry. And in the last election, business leaders are credited with helping to turn the election in Yeltsin's favor.

But Chernomyrdin will have to compete with several strong candidates who are already in the race. Among them are former general Alexander Lebed, who came in third in 1996, and Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, who came in second.

The populist mayor of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov, is also expected to run.

Yeltsin has made contradictory statements about his own plans in 2000. But his age, his questionable health and the Russian constitution all appear to rule out a third term.

"Chernomyrdin has no alternative but to run for president if he wants to remain in the political arena," Zyuganov told the Interfax news agency, adding that he saw little chance the former prime minister would win.

Gennady Seleznyov, speaker of parliament's lower house, the State Duma, said there was no serious political power behind Chernomyrdin, and that meant his chances "are very, very poor."

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Warnings, record kidnapping rate don't deter foreigners from Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Once Louise Augustine decided to visit Colombia on a bird-watching expedition, there was no dissuading her.

Friends tried, warning the 63-year-old retired teacher and former nun about rebel and drug-related violence. She was excited, and a State Department travel advisory wasn't going to change her mind.

Ms. Augustine, from Chillicothe, Ill., spent her fifth day in captivity Saturday with three other American bird-watchers, an Italian and several Colombians. All were kidnapped by leftist guerrillas in rugged mountains south of the capital, Bogota.

"They knew the risks and they were cautioned not to go there," her brother, Jerome, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his Peoria, Ill., home. "Several birders refused to go with them."

Along with Ms. Augustine, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, abducted Peter Shen of New York City and

Tom Fiore and Todd Marks, whose hometowns were not available. The Italian, who was not with the group, was identified as Vito Candela, a Bogota business owner.

The FARC commander holding the group, Comandante Romana, told the AP that rebels were evaluating the foreigners' wealth to decide how much ransom to demand. On Friday, he had said that anyone having more than 1 billion pesos — \$735,000 — must pay a 5 percent "peace tax."

Romana, a man with a \$75,000 bounty on his head who grinned for photographers Saturday at his mountain compound near El Calvario, would not allow journalists to see the captives. He said they were being held at a site about four hours away.

The foreigners, including Ms. Augustine, were in good shape and would not be harmed, he said, but negotiations could take six months to a year.

Romana, a bearded 29-year-old wearing green military fatigues and a dark beret, also defended the killing of four people during Mon-

day's hostage-taking at a highway roadblock 35 miles south of the capital, Bogota.

"Those are four dead paramilitary fighters," he said.

He said he released nine Colombians on Friday because they were not linked to paramilitary death squads, the rebels' enemies, and were not wealthy enough to make a ransom demand worthwhile. Originally, about a dozen Colombians were kidnapped Monday.

Leftist guerrillas have been fighting the state since the 1960s and increasingly have relied on kidnapping for ransom and extortion to fund their insurgency. As a result, Colombia has the world's highest kidnapping rate, with about four abductions a day.

Colombia also has the greatest diversity of birds in the world, with some species found nowhere else on the planet.

Yet bird-watching in a known guerrilla stronghold is dangerously naive, said Juan Mesa, assistant director Pais Libre, a Bogota-based kidnapping research group. "If you come to a country in con-

flict in the middle of a civil war without really knowing what areas are dangerous ... you are really putting yourself in danger," Mesa said.

Foreigners long have been prized quarry because they fetch the highest ransoms, and Mesa said being of modest means won't make much of an impression.

"One must think like a rebel soldier who doesn't have much outside contact," said Mesa. "They have a very basic outlook on the world. To them a foreigner is a 'gringo' and has money."

Gen. Manuel Jose Bonnet, the armed forces commander, said he lacks the resources to protect intrepid tourists.

"We do what we can to safeguard foreign investments and to protect people," he said. But "we don't have enough troops to cover

the entire country and all the highways."

Ms. Augustine was at least somewhat familiar with the country — her brother said she'd spent three months in Colombia once before — and her passion for bird-watching had taken her all over the world.

She and the others apparently wandered by chance into the rebel roadblock, on a highway notorious for guerrilla activity where two weeks earlier rebels held up traffic for five hours and killed a policeman.

Last year a Brazilian construction company pulled out of a \$34 million highway-improvement contract on the same stretch of road after two of its engineers were kidnapped by rebels. The company paid \$1.8 million to free the men, who were held for seven months.

It pulled out after rebels demanded more money to let the project continue.

Rebels rarely kill their captives, with one notable exception being three American missionaries missing since their 1993 abduction and feared dead. Mesa described the rebels as tough negotiators because of their willingness to wait as long as necessary to get a high ransom.

The average kidnapping in Colombia lasts more than four months, but Jerome Augustine said he was hoping his sister would be freed sooner because of her age and a foot infection that was still mending.

"Louise could have some problems if they keep her too long," he said. "We're all worried about her, but she's a survivor."

American envoy continues push on U.S. initiative

JERUSALEM (AP) — Seeking to draw Israelis and Palestinians closer on the thorny issue of Israeli troop pullbacks from the West Bank, U.S. mediator Dennis Ross was shuttling between the two sides Saturday to press for a deal.

The American envoy, in his first visit to the region in nearly three months, has been trying to win acceptance of a U.S. proposal calling for an Israeli troop pullback from 13.1 percent of the West Bank over 12 weeks. Each gradual withdrawal would be accompanied by evidence that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is cracking down on Muslim militants.

The percentages are part of a larger U.S. initiative, the complete terms of which have not been publicly disclosed. Based on Ross' report following this trip, President Clinton will decide whether to go public with the plan — a step that widely would be seen as pressure on Israel.

Even before Saturday's planned Ross-Netanyahu meeting — their second in two days — the Israeli prime minister had rejected key elements of the U.S. proposal, saying he would not hand over more than 9 percent of the land to the Palestinians before beginning talks on final borders.

The Palestinians, too, have been cool to parts of the plan. The Palestinian Cabinet said it would not accept changes in a U.S.-backed accord reached a year ago, which Netanyahu has refused to implement.

"What I'm insisting on is an accurate and honest implementation of what has been signed and agreed upon," Arafat told reporters in Gaza Saturday after meeting with Ross. But he said the talks had been general in nature, rather than centering on the U.S. plan.

Arafat and Ross were to meet again late Saturday or early today.

Under the 1997 accord, Israel had pledged to carry out three troop pullbacks by this summer. The Palestinians interpreted that to mean that by the end of the withdrawals, they would be in control of most of the West Bank before talks on a permanent peace agreement begin.

However, Netanyahu later said he would go ahead with only one withdrawal, and only if the Palestinians met a series of security demands, such as arresting and disarming Islamic militants.

The latest U.S. plan is aimed at breaking the yearlong stalemate by proposing a withdrawal more generous than the one offered by Israel, but far less than the Palestinians had expected.

Ross said Friday that the plan was presented to both sides in mid-January and that the purpose of his trip was to "finalize the ideas."

"Both sides, I think, will be digesting some of what I have conveyed," he said.

In his initial talks with Netanyahu, Ross did not discuss the scope of a withdrawal envisioned by the United States, said the Israeli Cabinet secretary, Danny Naveh.

Netanyahu has said he was ready to sweeten a 9 percent pullback by giving the Palestinians land adjacent to already autonomous areas.

The Palestinians currently have full or partial control over 27 percent of the West Bank, most of it in scattered areas, and consolidating those autonomous areas would be a step toward statehood.

The additional 13 percent being discussed likely would come from land currently under Israeli control, and become either fully or jointly controlled by the Palestinians.

Under the U.S. proposal, the Palestinians would, among other things, pledge to outlaw incitement against Israel and provide accurate lists of all members of the Palestinian security forces. The United States would monitor compliance.

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Suspicious death reports coming from hospital that employed 'angel of mercy'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As police tried to determine whether a self-proclaimed mercy killer was a mass murderer or a fraud, people came forward Saturday to tell police their relatives died mysteriously at a hospital that employed him.

"Their loved ones seemed to be OK one day and gone the next," said Rick Young, spokesman for the Glendale Police Department, which is heading the investigation into the claims by the former respiratory therapist at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

Police were still unsure if Efrén Saldívar, who is in his 20s and lives in Los Angeles, told the truth when he admitting killing 40 to 50 terminally ill patients in the last decade.

"We must establish that a crime did in fact occur," Young said.

Saldívar hasn't been charged with a crime and remains free while police, prosecutors and medical regulators continue with their investigations. His license was suspended March 13, regulators announced Friday.

Inundated with calls from the media and relatives, the 450-bed, 1,800-employee hospital in the Los Angeles suburb distributed a letter to all of its patients Saturday to outline the allegations and explain why it suspended its entire 44-member respiratory care department.

"We want to assure you that we firmly believe there is no reason for concern regarding safety," it said. "We have taken every reasonable precaution to protect patients and we are committed to doing what ever it takes to get to the truth in this investigation."

Saldívar told a police investigator earlier this month that he was an "angel of death" who killed patients he deemed to be on the verge of dying anyway through suffocation or drug injection, state medical regulators said.

Friday's announcement, in response to media calls to the state Respiratory Care Board, caught investigators by surprise, Young said.

"We were angry to begin with, and now we are totally frustrated as it has hampered this investigation 100 times fold," said Young, who noted that some hospital employees have become reluctant to cooperate for fear their names will be revealed.

Kathleen McCoy, executive officer of the state's Respiratory Care Board, which released the documents, responded that they officially became public once an administrative law court suspended Saldívar's license for 30 days. The court placed no secrecy order on the documents.

"We did not want to hamper their investigation, but these are public documents," McCoy said.

Saldívar faces a hearing Tuesday on whether regulators may permanently suspend his license.

He was jailed earlier this month but released two days later for lack of evidence pending further investigation — a situation that legal analysts say is not uncommon.

"If they don't believe he's a flight risk, they are better off releasing him and developing a case that will actually stick than holding him on superficial charges," said Carol Chase, a law professor at Pepperdine University.

Police have been interviewing patients' relatives and reviewing hospital files, and they were strongly considering exhuming some bodies.

In a statement to the state regulatory board, Glendale police Officer William Currie described

a March 11 interview in which Saldívar waived his right to have a lawyer present.

"Saldívar talked about his anger at seeing patients kept alive as opposed to the guilt he would feel at the failure of providing lifesaving care," Currie said. A polygraph examiner "asked Saldívar if he considered himself an angel of death. Saldívar replied yes."

Gloria A. Barrios, a state deputy attorney general, wrote in court papers seeking the license suspension that "there is no reason to believe" that Saldívar would concoct the story, adding that his "statements cannot simply be discounted as the rantings of a person seeking attention."

Another question is whether Saldívar acted alone. In the statement to regulators, Currie said: "Saldívar said he felt encouraged by other therapists at (Glendale Adventist) who would sometimes give him room numbers of patients who needed lethal injections."

Saldívar could not be reached for comment Friday or Saturday. His brother, Eddie, said Friday the allegations could not be true and that his brother's life "is being torn apart by something someone said."

Currie said it was Saldívar himself who admitted killing with either lethal injections of Pavulon and succinylcholine chloride — both paralyzing medications — or by decreasing oxygen to patients relying on a ventilator.

The hospital first heard rumors about hastened patient deaths in April 1997, hospital officials have said. A two-month internal investigation revealed nothing suspicious.

The criminal investigation began after police received an anonymous phone call on March 3 from a person who said Saldívar "helped a patient die fast" about Feb. 16, Currie said.

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Andrew "Drew" Golden, 11, shown in this family photo handout, is one of two boys charged with the murder of four fellow students and a teacher at the Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Ark. Tuesday.

In Jonesboro, there is no rush to forgive those involved in ambush

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Gary Cremeens had no answers why 12-year-old Paige Ann Herring had to die. He could tell mourners only what it would take to get over the aching hurt of her loss.

"The healing cannot begin until we forgive," the minister told the sorrowful people of Jonesboro as they began burying the five dead from last week's rampage at Westside Middle School.

But forgiveness is a long way off in Jonesboro. These were chillingly calculated killings, carried out with a kind of planning and precision unexpected of boys the tender ages of 13-year-old Mitchell Johnson and 11-year-old Andrew Golden.

"I wouldn't say it's eye for an eye," said Jim Quinn, a convenience store owner who graduated from high school with the husband of slain teacher Shannon Wright. "I just don't think anybody is going to be able to forgive the killing of a mother of a 2 1/2-year-old child — all the innocent children who've been shot."

"I don't think you can find it in your heart to forgive something like that."

A measure of forgiveness came more swiftly to Michael Carneal, 14, who on Dec. 1 opened fire on a prayer group at Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky., killing three girls and paralyzing a fourth. That same day, banners went up at the school saying, "We love you Michael."

But the shootings in Jonesboro dealt a setback last week to the healing going on in West Paducah. On Thursday, an 11-year-old boy was arrested there after telling classmates he was going to get a gun and shoot people.

"It's just opened up all the old wounds, and we've just had a real bad week," said Heath Principal Bill Bond. "It's been the worst week we've had since the shooting."

White ribbons flutter everywhere in Jonesboro, a flatland Christian town of strip malls and barbecue restaurants where alcohol sales are banned and stores shun pornographic magazines. People are reaching out to each other and closing ranks not only because of the unspeakable schoolyard slaughter but also because of the unwelcome attention focused on the so-called Southern gun culture and the access some children in rural America have to weapons.

Drew's father was an officer in a local pistol club, and, under his tutelage, Drew has been handling guns for years. His grandfather, a former state game warden, said Drew admitted stealing seven of the 10 guns confiscated from the boys out of his home. Officials say three others came from Drew's father's collection.

"Teaching kids that age to use a gun, that's our biggest mistake," declared an angry Lloyd Brooks, whose daughter was wounded and whose niece was killed in the ambush.

Brooks' complaint echoes around the country as the number of schoolyard shootings mounts. But children like Drew are not uncommon in the South and other rural areas, where the gift of a rifle has been a rite of passage for generations and where teaching youngsters to hunt and fish is as natural as sending them off to movies or corner sandlot games might be in more urban settings.

"It's just these Yankee news-people who come in," Al Tomlinson, co-owner of Al's Lock & Key Co., a Jonesboro gun shop, griped

about news coverage of the killings and the guns the boys got so easily. "What would they suggest we do?"

Robin Karr-Morse, a family therapist from Portland, Ore., and author of the book, "Ghosts From the Nursery," said familiarity with guns is as irrelevant to the tragedy as is the question of whether Mitchell was angry at being dumped by a girlfriend, as has been reported.

"I think we're confusing contributing factors or catalysts with causes," she told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "It's not the finger that pulls the trigger — it's the brain."

Ms. Karr-Morse said it's probably too late to repair the damage to Mitchell's and Drew's brains. But Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said there was still hope for their souls.

"Let us pray for the injured, the grieving and, yes, even the accused, knowing full well that God is loving and just," he said Friday in his weekly radio address.

To Quinn, that's easier said than done, given the nature of the crime.

Police say Drew stole the guns the day before the shootings. Tuesday morning, Mitchell took his stepfather's gray van without permission and loaded it with ammunition and camping gear, including a tent wrapped in a green sleeping bag, a portable AM-FM radio, a machete and two bags of Lay's potato chips.

After Drew tripped a fire alarm, the camouflage-clad boys waited on a wooded hillside, peering through rifle scopes, until their quarry filed unwittingly into the courtyard kill zone.

"They said that the one shooter was a marksman, that he knew what he was doing when he aimed the gun," Quinn said. "I've heard people say that this was planned out better than most assassinations are planned out, so no, I have a hard time forgiving."

And the parents are at just as much of a loss about what to think.

At a police briefing after Friday's first funeral, attorney Val Price spoke for the parents of Drew Golden. "This is a hard time for Pat and Dennis. They express their deepest sympathy for all the families," Price said. "At this point, Mr. and Mrs. Golden simply do not have all the answers. They, too, are asking why Andrew, their 11-year-old baby, could allegedly be involved."

"I don't have an explanation for any of this," Mitchell's father, Scott Johnson, said. "Nobody does. It's not something you would expect out of your child or anybody else's child."

Dee Kernodle, who has been counseling students and victims, said some have expressed sympathy for the boys' parents. But few are ready to extend that to the boys themselves.

"They are feeling sadness for them," she said. "I'm not sure I've heard forgiveness yet."

Arle Bennett, a friend of Paige's grandparents, said Friday it would take time, but that the healing would come.

"I think in God's word it teaches us that we must forgive. Vengeance is mine, sayeth the Lord," and I think anybody that's a Christian believes that," he said.

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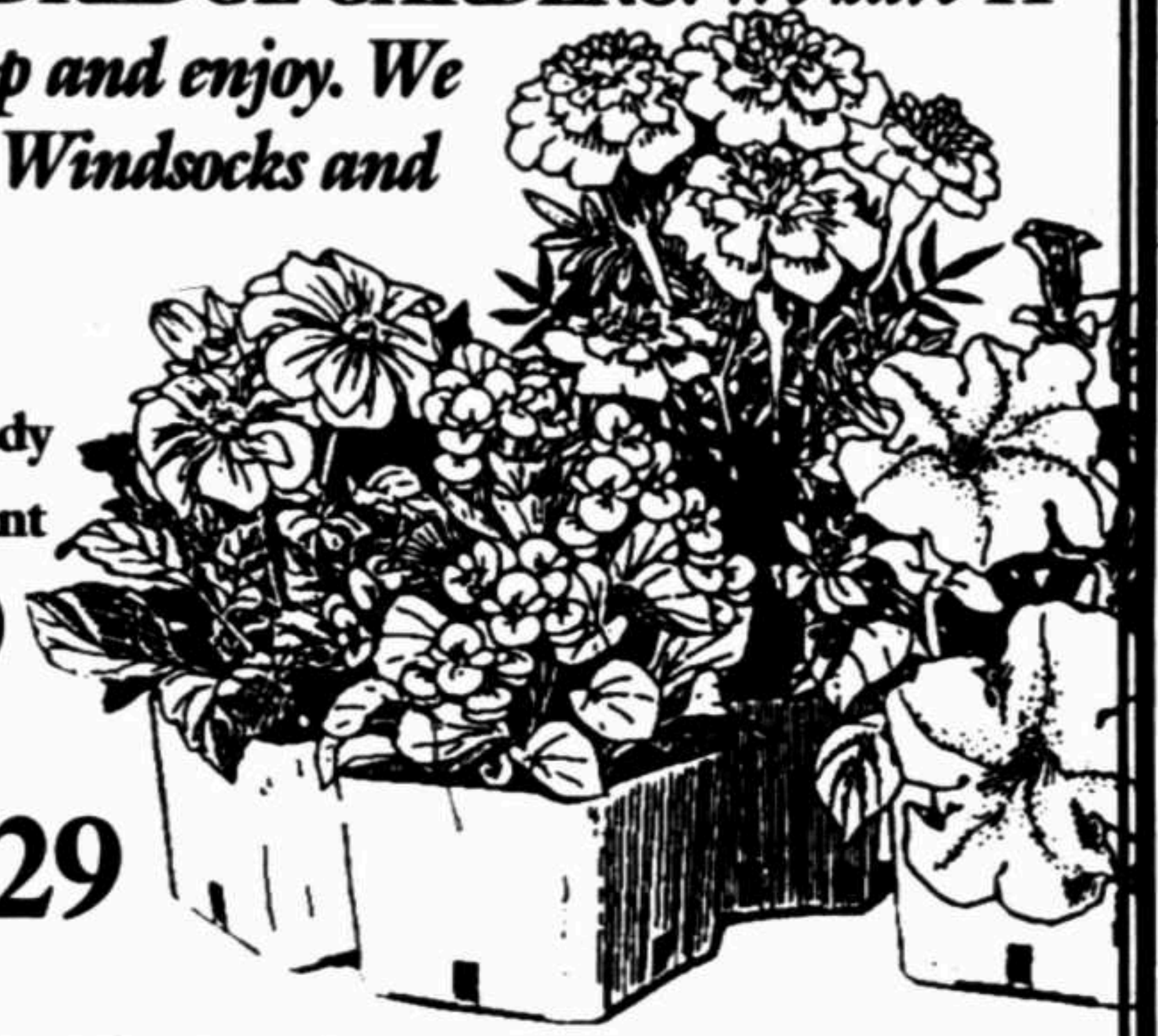
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Benetton catalog features not clothes but amity between Israelis, Arabs

WASHINGTON (AP) — At first glance it looks like a family album, filled with a dazzling kaleidoscope of happy people in colorful clothes.

Two smiling women, one with her arm around the other, their babies on their laps. Teenagers animatedly discussing magazine articles. Actors, their hands linked in a tight clasp and raised in joy. Friends sharing drinks and laughter in a bar. Musicians coaxing their different instruments to produce harmonious sounds.

On the cover, two young lovers kiss. The magazine's title is "Enemies," it's a clothing catalog, and the happy people are Arabs and Israelis whose shared history has been one of violence and enmity rather than the closeness and affection permeating its 82 pages.

Oliviero Toscani, the photographer who came up with the concept for the project,

said Benetton, the Italian clothier, wanted to display its new collection in a catalog that would be of public interest. He chose Arabs and Israelis — not models, but real people — to wear the clothes in the West Bank, in contested east Jerusalem and in Israel, because their plight "concerns the whole world."

"Probably as an individual or a group of individuals, you can reach results that politics can't," said Toscani, interviewed from Rome. "It's possible with some creativity... energy and some goodwill, but that's not the way politics works."

Taking an issue and building an advertising campaign around it has been used by several companies in recent years, such as shoeless Nike ads and Infiniti ads without cars.

"We're more interested in discovering people than in selling them dreams," Luciano Benetton, the clothier's president,

said in an introduction to the catalog. "So here is the search for real people and real stories, here is the discovery of beauty without stereotypes, here is diversity highlighted by uniqueness."

Abraham Yehoshua, an Israeli writer active in the Peace Now movement, cautioned that despite "the idealistic smiles and hugs... we have no way of knowing what lies deep down in the hearts of the people."

"Do not be mistaken by believing that... they are not capable of hurting each other," Yehoshua said in an essay about the project.

"In a place where you did not expect to find Jews and Palestinians cooperating on the most intimate levels of their lives," (Toscani) found them with his camera," he wrote. "Does this mean that they really love one another? Not necessarily. But it does appear to mean that they are in

need of each other, and who knows, perhaps even attracted to each other."

Toscani began work on the catalog in July and shot the pictures in September. He said it was not difficult getting Arabs and Israelis together but some would not be photographed because they did not want to show they were close.

The catalog is being distributed by Newsweek, its publisher, to its subscribers and in a variety of international newspapers overseas. Benetton says copies are being sent to Pope John Paul II, the Norwegian Nobel Committee in Oslo, which awards the Nobel Peace Prize, and the world's heads of state.

Save for small logos on the cover of Benetton and Newsweek, there is little indication the publication is a catalog or a commercial venture. Instead of prices, description of clothes and 1-800 numbers, there are quotes expressing the opti-

mism, confusion, divisions, anger and hope of those in the pictures.

This is not the first time Benetton has courted controversy through provocative art. Past ads for the company, whose annual worldwide sales approach \$2 billion in 7,000 company stores, have shown the blood-soaked uniform of a dead soldier, a dying AIDS victim, a black horse and a white horse mating and company president Benetton in the nude.

But does any of this sell clothes? "I don't think it'll sell product," said Joan Burton Little, with the Lowell, Mass.-based Catalog Connections, a merchandising and creative consultant company. "It'll attract attention just because it's an attention-grabber."

Toscani, the photographer, is not worried.

"We all know what a Benetton shop is," he said. "If the people like us, they go to the shop. They don't buy out of a catalog."

Allure of 'Titanic' packs passengers on cruise ships

N.Y. Times News Service

After they marry in September, Colleen Murphy of New York and John Brady of Parlin, N.J., had planned to fly to Fiji or Paris on their honeymoon. But about six weeks ago the couple — she is 27, he 32 — saw "Titanic." They quickly changed their plans and booked their first cruise, a 12-day Mediterranean trip aboard the Norwegian Cruise Line's venerable Norway.

"It was such a romantic movie," Ms. Murphy said. "It made the idea of a cruise irresistible."

Romantic? Well, yes. But at a certain point, movie fans might recall, formal dinners and ballroom dancing gave way to a cinematic Armageddon of crashing chandeliers, flooded cabins and passengers plunging into the freezing water. And of the 2,000 passengers having that grand romantic time, more than 1,500 died.

No matter. For potential cruise passengers, the fictional love story is outshining the factual 1912 tragedy. Most big cruise lines report stronger-than-usual bookings this year, and while other factors are at play — such as the strong economy and eight new cruise ships scheduled to ply the seas this year — "Titanic" has clearly given the industry a lift. Holland America said its bookings were running 15 percent ahead of last year, and the Cruise Lines International Association, the marketing arm for most North American cruise lines, is projecting a 7 percent increase for 1998.

"Friends and neighbors who never, ever asked me how the industry was doing now want to know all about cruising," said Arthur Sbarsky, executive vice president of Norwegian Cruise Line.

The average age of cruise passengers has been falling steadily — it is now 44, down from 56 a decade ago — but because of the movie, there is a surge of interest from travelers in their 20s.

Heather Costa, 25, a student at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., was undecided about where to spend spring break this year until she saw "Titanic" — then took a five-day Caribbean tour from Miami aboard the Carnival Ecstasy.

"About six of us," she said, "wanted to get to the front of the ship so we could fly" — mimicking actors Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. But "we never could get to it," a disappointed Ms. Costa said. Passengers are not permitted at the bow on most cruise ships, an area laden with ropes, winches and cranes.

Not that cruise fans are oblivious to safety. The question most often asked, said Diane Hockensmith of the Cruise Ship in Fort Wayne, Ind., is, "Are there enough lifeboats?"

While many bookings inspired by "Titanic" are to warm-weather climes, passengers seem to have no apprehension about crossing the North Atlantic, where the supposedly unsinkable Titanic had its fateful encounter with the iceberg. On the contrary, the QE2's first three crossings of the North Atlantic this year, beginning April 15, are sold out, and bookings are strong for the other 16. Peter Bates, a spokesman for Cunard, which bought the White Star Line, the Titanic's owner, in 1934, said the movie had undoubtedly enhanced the popularity of the QE2's crossings.

Today's cruise ships, of course, cannot match the opulence of the Titanic, making some industry officials worry that newcomers might be disappointed. New, ultra-modern ships do have soaring atriums, deluxe spas and theaters bigger than some on Broadway — but not the extensive rich wood, crystal, fine china and well-appointed drawing rooms of Hollywood's version.

That opulence was costly: a first-class ticket on the Titanic cost \$4,350, or \$87,000 in today's dollars, according to the American Society of Travel Agents. Third-class passengers, the ones who found gates between them and the lifeboats, paid \$30, or about \$600 in current dollars.

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Thirty years after King's murder, Memphis struggles with memory

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Just a 10-cent-an-hour raise: that's all it took, finally, to settle a strike by black sanitation workers three decades ago. In reality, though, the cost was too high to calculate.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had come to town to support the strikers, but in the flash of a rifle shot he lay mortally wounded. And from that day, April 4, 1968, Memphis would forever carry the burden of a martyr's death.

"This was a typical Southern city. Whether we realized it or not, our eyes were closed to what is now considered to be grave injustices," said Nicholas Vieron, one of a group of local clergymen who tried to settle the strike.

The eyes were opened but at a terrible cost.

In the four months before King's death, the sanitation workers' strike had led to black boycotts of downtown businesses and set off a near riot that brought the National Guard to town.

Protesters, many carrying the now famous signs saying "I Am A Man," were beaten or gassed by police as the city's white leaders stubbornly refused their demands.

Just 12 days after the assassination, the city ended the strike by recognizing the union and granting the dime-an-hour raise.

For the anniversary of King's death, many will join a "Pilgrimage to Memphis," a celebration of King's life and the accomplishments of the civil rights movement.

"New life springs up from the blood that waters the soil," said the Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles, a friend of King's and an organizer of the pilgrimage.

Kyles was present when a single rifle slug struck King, ripping into his face and neck, as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. The site was transformed seven years ago into the National Civil Rights Museum.

"The climate for his assassination was right in Memphis, no question about that," Kyles said. "But the climate was right in many cities in the nation ... I do think it was a quirk of history that it happened here."

But it did happen here, and this city, for blacks and whites alike, has never been the same.

James Earl Ray, a prison escapee from Missouri, pleaded guilty to the killing and is serving a 99-year sentence at a Nashville prison. He has long sought to retract his plea, saying others were involved, a conclusion reached by congressional investigators in 1978. No one else has ever been charged.

"Now we speak of Memphis pre-King assassination and post-King assassination," Kyles said.

Charles Crawford, a specialist in Tennessee history at the University of Memphis, said the shock of King's death made it clear that traditional patterns of white paternalism had to change.

"It was sort of a watershed that broke the Old South pattern of Memphis and began to bring — I'm not sure the proper word is cooperation — but a biracial approach to solving the city's problems," Crawford said.

Vieron, a Greek Orthodox priest who joined other white clergymen in urging negotiations with the strikers, said the hard line taken by then-Mayor Henry Loeb and his associates could not happen now.

"When you look back on it, it seems almost childish, and in a way it was," Vieron said.

It would be unthinkable now, he said, for city leaders to flatly refuse to negotiate in such a racially charged conflict.

Many other changes have occurred in Memphis since then, said W.W. Herenton, the city's first elected black mayor.

Herenton beat a popular white incumbent in 1991 and was re-elected four years later by a landslide.

"I was born in Memphis. I remember riding on the back of the bus, drinking out of 'Colored Only' water fountains, not seeing any blacks in high political offices or in corporate boardrooms. Certainly today it's vastly different," he said. "The challenge that's before us now is not one of civil rights but it's more of economic rights."

Memphis has a growing black middle class and many of its leaders are black, including the police chief, the superintendent of schools and a majority of the city council.

But blacks still make up a large portion of the city's poor. In 1970, 36 percent of black families in Memphis were below the federal poverty level. In 1990, 35 percent of the city's black residents were poor, when the overall poverty rate was 23 percent.

In 1968, Memphis' population was just under 40 percent black. Now it's more than 55 percent black.

Larry Moore, a University of Memphis business professor, said guilt over the assassination has weighed heavily on the city's black residents because King died while trying to help them.

Traditionally, Memphis attracted blacks from across the Mississippi River Delta. Beale Street was

'The climate for his assassination was right in Memphis, no question about that. But the climate was right in many cities in the nation ... I do think it was a quirk of history that it happened here.'

— the Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles, friend of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

an entertainment and commercial mecca. E.H. Crump, the political boss for half a century who died in 1954, relied on the black vote and was quick to shut down extreme racist groups like the Ku Klux Klan.

But after the assassination, many blacks were ashamed of living in Memphis and this view of their hometown "carried over to the next generation," said Moore,

who is black.

Memphis will always be remembered as the city where King died but that can be a badge of honor, not just a scar, the mayor said.

"Memphis has made tremendous progress as a Southern city that has this blemish of the assassination of Dr. King," Herenton said. "But as we approach the 21st century, we ought to focus on the legacy and the life of Dr. King."

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Woman convicted of drowning son, poisoning husband, awaits execution

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — Judy Buenoano filled 13 years on death row writing letters and crocheting blankets and baby clothes. As the clock ticks down to her execution Monday, she waits in a cell a few feet from the electric chair.

She seems a paradox: either a doting mother or a ruthless "black widow" who drowned her 19-year-old paraplegic son, poisoned her husband with arsenic and tried to kill her fiancé — first with pills, then a car bomb. She might even have been the cause of her son's paralysis, and is suspected in yet another poisoning death.

If her execution is carried out — on what would have been her son's 37th birthday — Ms. Buenoano, 54, will be the first woman executed in Florida since 1848, when a freed slave was hanged for killing her master.

Florida executed two killers on successive days last week. Ms. Buenoano's exe-

cution was to be followed by the electrocution Tuesday of Daniel Remeta, who killed a convenience store clerk in Ocala and was linked to four other killings in a 1985 rampage that reached into Texas, Arkansas and Kansas.

Pensacola prosecutor Russell Edgar, who gave Ms. Buenoano the name that has dogged her to this day, described her as a scheming, cold-blooded killer.

"She's like a black widow — she feeds off her mates and her young," Edgar said last week, repeating comments he made at her trial for her son's 1980 drowning.

She collected about \$240,000 in insurance money from the deaths of her husband, son and a boyfriend in Colorado.

"It does appear the motive was twisted greed," Edgar said.

Ms. Buenoano's husband of nine years, Air Force Sgt. James Goodyear, was 37 when he died of arsenic poisoning in 1971. That was just three months after he

returned from a year's tour in Vietnam. Her partially paralyzed son, Michael Goodyear, 19, was wearing leg and arm braces when his mother pushed him out of a canoe in the East River near Pensacola in 1980.

But suspicions weren't aroused until after a 1983 car bombing in downtown Pensacola. Her fiancé, John Gentry, survived the bombing and told detectives she had given him "vitamins" that made him sick.

She was sentenced to 12 years for the bombing, and Gentry's tale started investigators on the path that led to discovery of her other crimes.

In 1984, Ms. Buenoano was convicted of killing her son and sentenced to life. And the next year, she was convicted of killing her husband and condemned to death.

On top of those convictions, she was suspected but never charged in the 1978 arsenic death of Bobby Joe Morris, a boyfriend in Trinidad, Colo.

She continues to deny any role in the deaths of Morris and her husband. And in television interviews in the past week, Ms. Buenoano said her son's death was a terrible accident, not murder.

"I suffered over it and I feel responsible for his death. ... It was an accident," she told NBC.

Edgar said she gave four different versions of how Michael died: a snake fell into their canoe and it overturned; the canoe hit a log; he was decapitated by a boat propeller; he died as a result of Army chemical warfare.

"It wasn't an accident. The guy was paralyzed," Edgar said. "He had 15 pounds of braces on his legs without a life jacket. He was taken up the river in a canoe and basically pitched out."

Authorities also believe she was responsible for more than Michael's drowning. His crippling illness had developed after he returned home from the Army, and an

autopsy eventually found traces of arsenic.

"She put that boy through a lot before she killed him," said Pensacola detective Ted Chamberlain. "She poisoned him to make him paraplegic. And then the guy ain't home from the hospital for 24 hours before she drowns him."

Chamberlain plans to witness the execution. "A person this cruel really needs to get what she deserves," he said.

The Florida Supreme Court last week dismissed Ms. Buenoano's appeal.

"If they would allow me, I would pull the switch myself," bombing survivor Gentry told Fox News. "There are people that are so evil that they really don't need to be amongst civilized people. She preyed upon people that loved her."

But Ms. Buenoano's daughter, Kimberly Hawkins, 30, a waitress in Navarre, steadfastly believes in her innocence.

Dole sees charges catching up with Clinton like Nixon

By Richard Berke

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — After Republicans burglarized the Watergate in 1972, a hometown reporter sheepishly asked Sen. Bob Dole whether he had hidden the break-in tools in his one-bedroom apartment in the complex. (He said he had not.)

Twenty-six years later, from the same first-floor apartment, Dole again finds himself a footnote in a scandal that has overtaken the White House. From Apartment 112, his new role is as a trader of gossip about sightings of his next-door neighbor in Apartment 114, Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern who is alleged to have had a sexual relationship with President Clinton.

"I did see Monica, got a glimpse of her Saturday night," Dole reported, sparing no detail, including her forays to the swimming pool. Speaking admiringly of her newly cultivated skills of dodging the press, he added, "She had some groceries, and she found a way of getting to the Safeway and back without the press."

Dole's current platform is a far cry from that of two years ago when, as the Republican presidential nominee, he tried to convince Americans that Clinton did not have the moral fiber to deserve re-election. "Where's the outrage?" he bellowed again and again on the campaign trail.

These days, from his law offices in downtown Washington, his miniature schnauzer, Leader, a bit frail and suffering from vertigo but still yapping, the former Senate leader from Kansas says the answer has finally sunk in: There is no outrage.

"There was a survey after the election that over half the people that voted for Clinton didn't trust him," said Dole, 74. "Which didn't say much about me. That's the part I've never understood."

But last week, in his first interview since the Lewinsky scandal erupted two months ago, Dole, who as Republican Party chairman was one of President Richard Nixon's most outspoken defenders in the Watergate crisis, recalled the early days of that scandal and said it might be a matter of time before the accusations catch up to Clinton. He said the president's claim of executive privilege and reluctance to release documents could haunt Clinton, just as they did Nixon.

"It's not the sex," Dole said. "It's the pattern of all these different things: the stonewalling and all this stuff about not furnishing documents. It's a pattern that will eventually disturb people. It wasn't the burglary in the Watergate. That was our spin — a 'third-rate burglary.'"

Dole recalled that Nixon carried 49 states in the 1972 presidential election, five months after the break-in at the Democratic Party's headquarters in the Watergate office and apartment complex, and that "his numbers were pretty high" until the political tide began to turn by early 1973.

Dole and Clinton have mended relations since the election. Clinton even awarded his former rival the Presidential Medal of Freedom and dispatched him to Bosnia.

"Do you sit around and say, 'I'm going to get that guy?'" Dole asked. "Spend my next four years going after Clinton? I wasn't defeated to be America's No. 1 critic of Bill Clinton."

While Dole stopped short of calling Clinton a liar, he raised questions, through his quips and barbs, about the president's veracity.

Dole also castigated women's groups that attacked Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and former Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., as sexual predators but have remained relatively quiet about Clinton.

But Dole said he had no regrets that he did not delve even deeper into character questions in the 1996 presidential campaign. "It generally backfires when you go out and attack somebody personally," Of Clinton, he said, "People said, 'He's married to the same woman — that's more than Bob Dole can say.'"

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"I didn't have much selection in flights, and I'm not happy knowing how much they've been saving," she said.

There's a similar feeling in corporate travel offices, where a collective gag arose last year as the cost of business fares rose by close to 17 percent, based on the American Express Airfare Index.

Terry Tripler, whose "Airfare Report" tracks all major fares, said he's seen no major pricing changes in the past two months except for sales to fill leftover seats.

"The airlines are in a mode right now. 'Make as much as you can as quickly as you can,' and they are succeeding in that," Tripler said. "The airlines have their eye on Wall Street right now, and I wish they would put it back on the traveler a little bit."

David Swierenga, chief economist for the Air Transport Association, an airline trade group, concedes that fuel savings haven't been reflected in the price of airline tickets. He expects that may change soon.

"Keep in mind that labor costs are continuing to go up, as well as other costs including the cost of airplanes," he said. "But nonetheless, I am expecting that (ticket) prices will be lower in 1998 than in 1997. And that is based on the long-term relationship between costs and prices in the industry. When overall costs go down, so do fares."

There is much more to ticket pricing than the cost of jet fuel, said Joe Hopkins, a spokesman for the nation's largest carrier United Airlines.

"Airfares are driven by supply and demand and by competition," Hopkins said. "We also do make tens of thousands of changes in the



AP Photo
An employee of Ogden Aviation Services refuels a U.S. Airways plane at Washington's Reagan National Airport Wednesday. Collectively, the industry saves \$170 million every time the cost of jet fuel falls a penny.

times being experienced at the airlines. Jet fuel accounts for 15 percent to 25 percent of an airline's operating costs, so a drop in the price makes a noticeable mark on the bottom line.

At the end of 1996, the price of jet fuel hovered around 70 cents a gallon. Now it's selling in the range of 40 cents.

The price of crude oil has swung widely in recent days, as record low prices prompted oil-producing countries to announce cutbacks designed to push prices higher. Traders are skeptical, however, that producers can or will live up to recent promises to slash output by up to 2 million barrels a day.

The Air Transport Association projects the price of jet fuel will end up averaging 52 cents this year — 11 cents less than last year. That would translate into savings of almost \$1.9 billion for the industry.

Last year, the airlines posted net profits of \$5.3 billion, according to a preliminary tally by the association. That's up from \$2.8 billion in 1996, and a quantum leap from the industry's worst year, 1992.

That year, aftereffects of the Persian Gulf War, high fuel prices and a stagnant economy contributed to an industrywide net loss of \$4.7 billion. In 1998, the transport association expects net profits of up to \$6.5 billion for the industry, a swing of better than \$10 billion in six years.

airfare structure every day."

He said United spreads out its fuel purchases on the spot and future markets so ticket prices won't shoot up and down with each fuel spike.

The American Society of Travel Agents recently urged the airlines to cut their fares. Travel agents, who receive a cut of any ticket they sell, believe lower fares

would trigger more buying.

"The lower cost of jet fuel presents the airlines with a rare opportunity to reward the consumers that have been responsible for the industry's record profits," said Mike Spinelli, a Lowell, Mass., travel agent and president of the society.

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MISD takes steps to ensure students can be educated, protected on 'Net

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

In the midst of a five-year plan that will provide Internet access for every campus in town, the Midland Independent School District has a thoroughly thought-out plan to ensure the school system's students are educated — and kept safe from the dangers that are inherent with Internet usage.

Foolproof? Not much is any more, but the district's Internet Use Agreement, its telecommunications policy, a firewall to keep hackers out and a proxy server that shields students from objectionable content are four big steps that have been put in place to ensure students can be simultaneously educated and protected.

"Everyone must sign our Internet Use Agreement," said Betty Fowler, MISD's Instructional Technology Supervisor. "Our school board members even asked to be included. The telecommunications policy we have in place and the Internet Use Agreement must be signed (by students, parents and teachers) before a student can have hands-on access to the Internet."

In part, the Internet Use Agreement defines acceptable use ("to support research and education in and among academic institutions... by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work") and explains privileges, security and vandalism. The agreement also instructs users in different forms of network etiquette or "netiquette," and privacy issues, such as:

- Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
- Use appropriate language.
- Do not reveal your personal address or phone number.

- Note that electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private.

As preventive as these agreements are, what works even better is a proxy server that prohibits students from accessing Web sites that contain objectionable content.

"We pay a company to log in every night," Ms. Fowler said, "and they check their system to find out what has been blocked. The Internet is constantly changing and there are new sites coming up minute by minute."

If a student or teacher tries to go to Playboy.com, for instance, a picture of Bess The Dog comes up and says, "Bess can't go there," so that is blocked."

Ms. Fowler said that if anyone

does end up at a site that they think would be inappropriate in an educational setting, they are urged to call her, and she will add the site's address to the sites that are blocked by the district. Ms. Fowler has the capability to have the questionable site blocked immediately. She added that if there is a site that has been blocked and a teacher needs access to it, she can unblock it just as easily.

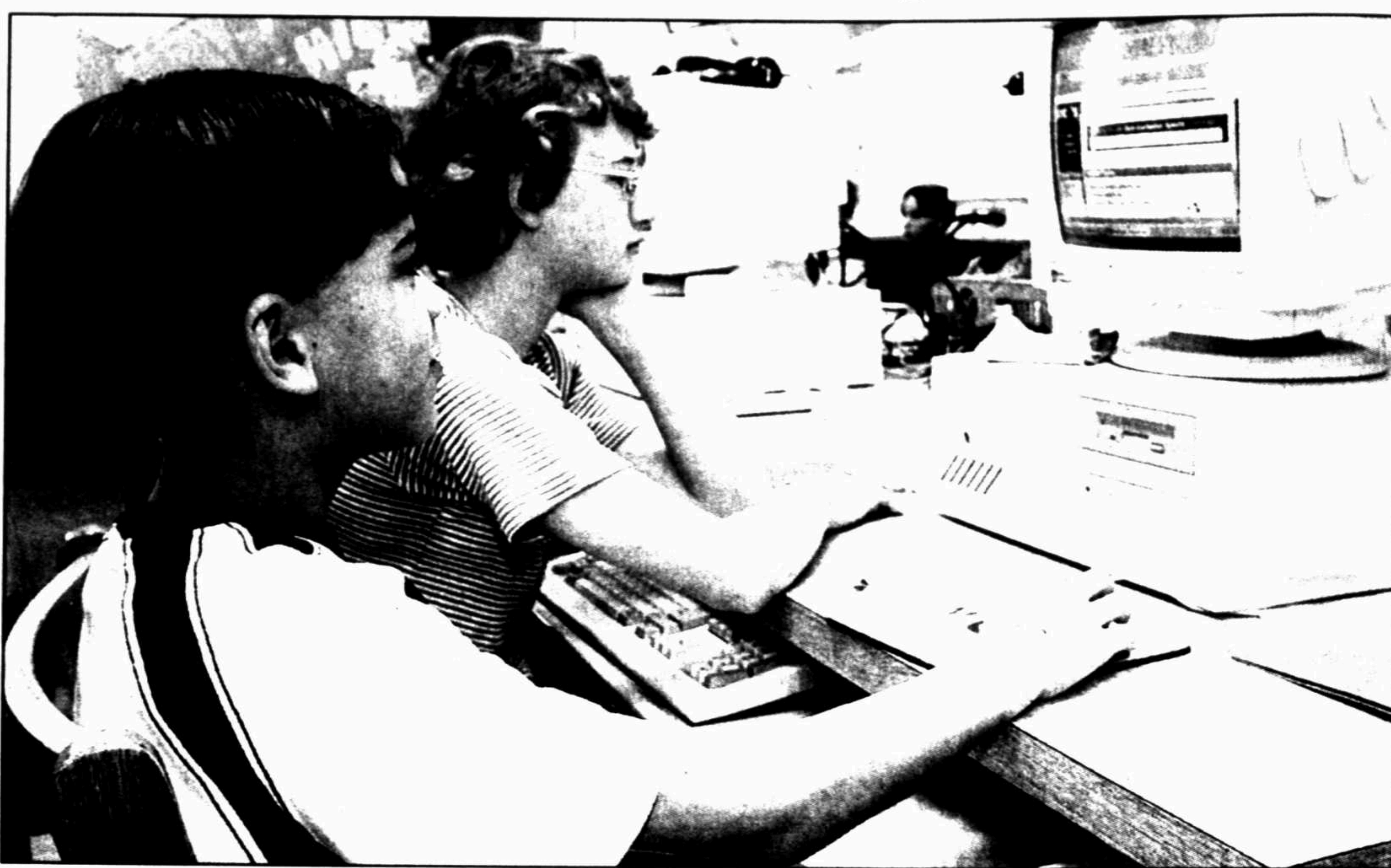
"For instance, a teacher had prepared a lesson, and when he started to use that lesson the site was blocked," she said. "The site was unblocked to that specific teacher. The site was housed on an Internet server that is more liberal in its allowance of what users put on sites. To be on the safe side, the district had blocked all pages from the specific site to ensure against future access of content on any of its sites."

"We have a firewall that gives us a report that lets us know, click by click, where people go on the Internet. The proxy server gives us a report every morning of the Top 20 sites that are blocked (where access has been attempted)... If somebody tries to go to Playboy, it tells me the Top 20 users (that tried to gain access)."

Midland's South Elementary has been at the cutting edge of Internet use in the classroom and was the first campus to be fully wired to the Internet. South even has a full-time instructional technologist, Donna Kelly, on staff. Lee High School was second to have wiring in place and currently has approximately one computer in every classroom. Midland High, Midland Freshman, San Jacinto Junior High, Travis, Burnet and Crockett elementaries all have Internet access and several on-campus computers.

As part of using the Internet, several campuses either have existing Web pages or sites that are under construction. The district's page (www.midland.k12.tx.us) is continually adding information, while Midland High, San Jacinto, Alamo Junior High, Greathouse, Scharbauer and Bush elementaries all have pages in progress, according to Ms. Fowler.

"We have a real good system," she said. "It provides the best and safest access possible. I don't know of anything else we could do. I'm very comfortable with our filter system. Teachers don't have to hover over the Internet."



Josh Solansky and Kiri Ulmschneider are studying the Middle Ages in Mrs. Chrissie Mee's sixth grade class at Crockett Elementary. The students use the Internet to look up facts about the subject and take these notes back to the classroom to add to discussion.

MISD Internet access

MISD Scheduled Dates For Installation of Internet Access By Campus

(All schools Elementary except where noted)

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Midland Lee High School (November 1997)
Midland High School (January 1998)
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Crockett (April)
Bunche Early Child Center (May)
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DeZavala (May 1999)

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Bowie (October)
Abell Junior High (December)

Goddard Junior High (January 1999)
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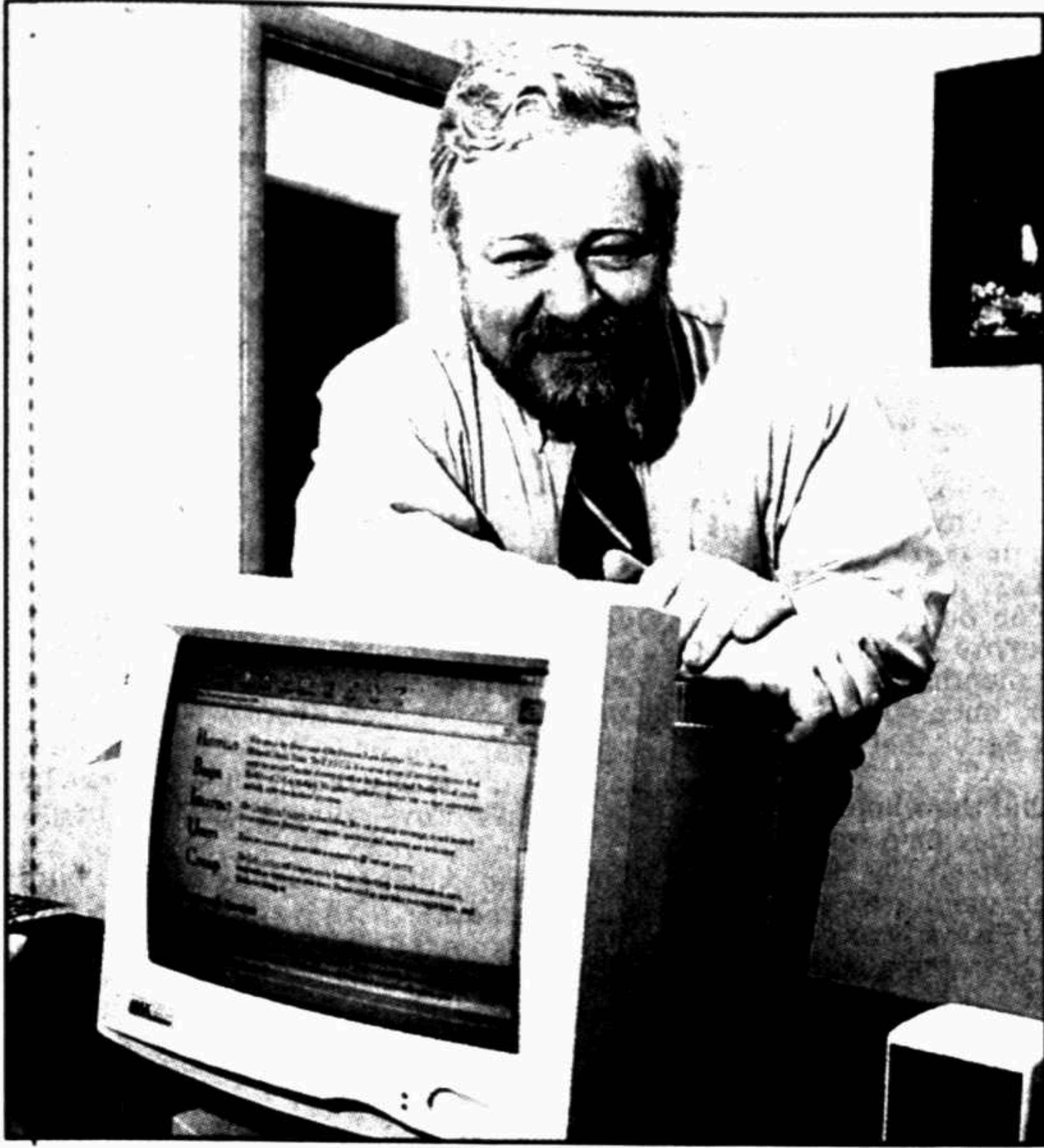
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Gene Houck, Ark Enterprises, created Internet user groups for the Permian Basin.

User group helps people find their way on superhighway

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

As the World Wide Web continues to become a greater presence in everyday life, a new group has been formed to act as a road map to the Information Superhighway.

Gene Houck and Michelle Aisner of Ark Enterprises and LX Net have formed the Permian Basin Internet Users Group, which meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

"We felt we needed to set up a vehicle — being in the Internet Service Provider business ourselves — to help the new people we saw having trouble grasping some of the concepts of the Internet," Houck explained.

The group began meeting in January.

Ms. Aisner said that at each meeting there is an average attendance of 30. She has a database of 50 people. She said there is a good mix of attendees — some who have been on the Internet less than a year and some who have been on it for a long time.

"A handful of members have been on the Internet a decade or more, but the majority are new and looking for information on how it works and how to get going," she said.

The two said that even though they are Internet providers, the meetings are non-commercial and are limited to topics pertaining solely to the Internet.

"The users decide the topic for each meeting," she said, noting that the topic at the April 7 meeting of the group will be "Setting up Your First Homepage."

The group also has an online site (www.lx.net/PBIUG) being developed that includes questions and answers on getting on and navigating the World Wide Web.

Houck said that the growing online world has given not just Americans but residents all over the world the chance to "live in a unique time, where people are just getting started on the Internet and have a chance to establish something important. There aren't that many people online right now, and it's compelling that those who are online can

(set) how it operates."

He thinks the users should determine how the Internet is used and believes users are doing a good job of policing online content and behavior.

Houck has been in the computer industry for 25 years. He founded Ark Enterprises six years ago as a computer consulting business and began LX Net a little over two years ago as an Internet Service Provider. Already, he said, the Internet has changed how business is conducted.

"A lot of our business users come online because they need email service," he noted.

Ms. Aisner added that the Internet "puts the world at our fingertips and offers the most current information available. Universities are putting their current research papers online — this is cutting-edge stuff."

"It's also an opportunity for people who are housebound. Information is available, also support groups and experts. I know of people with handicaps — I don't know their circumstances — but they can't get out of the house and this gives them human

contact."

Houck said it's nearly impossible to say what the Internet will be like five years from now, but predicted that more business will be conducted online and more immediate entertainment will be available through the Internet.

"I can see that soon you can get on the Internet and play a movie on your computer. Already you can listen to radio stations from all over the world," he said.

He predicted that there will be some compelling, congealing event happen in the future that will spin the Internet in a totally new, unexpected direction.

"Bill Gates said that the last time he saw something like this, he was 19 and developing Microsoft in his garage," Houck said. "Somewhere there's another 19-year-old in his garage developing something just as compelling."

"It seems to me that we're in the middle of a paradigm shift, like when Gutenberg invented the printing press. Now we're shifting away from printing to electronics."

Many seniors realizing possibilities of Internet

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

One of the last bastions of resistance against computers and the Internet were senior citizens, people brought up in a simpler time who did not rely on the so-called "newfangled" technology of the late 20th century.

People, by their very nature, are slow to change. Seniors have often been categorized, however fairly or unfairly, as a group that is highly resistant to adapting to the new technology. But lately, signs indicate that may not be the case now as much as it used to be.

At Midland College, one of the most popular continuing education courses offered is Computer and You For Grandparents. The course is 20 hours and can be taken either two or four days a week. The next session begins April 15.

Ivan Meissner, a former insurance agent turned computer consultant and instructor, heads up the course each session, and said seniors are adapting remarkably well to the technology they once steered clear of.

"Communication is the one thing that brings (seniors) to the Internet," said Meissner. "It provides an inexpensive way to communicate with and keep up with those people they know and love. It gives them a neat way to communicate and they do it more often than when it was done over the phone."

"Seniors pick up on computers as quickly as anyone else," Meissner hosts computer classes for all ages, and has students from 15-82, "maybe even older," he said. His Computers and You series is geared specifically for people who have never touched a computer.

"The first day we talk about the history of computers, how they work and how they think, and we give them a feel for the computer's mind. Then, we go in and give them two days on Windows, then two days on basics, two days of a spreadsheet, then two days of Quicken to give them a feel for personal finance management."

Meissner said most seniors don't show much concern over running into the dark side of the Internet.

"They don't seem to be too concerned about it for themselves," he said. "The people more concerned about the dangers of the Internet are people with young children and people who are wanting to do online financing or banking of any sort."

Sarah Hodges, 57, is one of the students in Meissner's class. Just a few weeks ago, she and her husband didn't own a computer. Now, they can't imagine life without it.

"This first is my class, and it's just an introduction and he's just hitting the highlights," Mrs. Hodges said, "but I have already signed up for another course and there are three more I'm going to take."

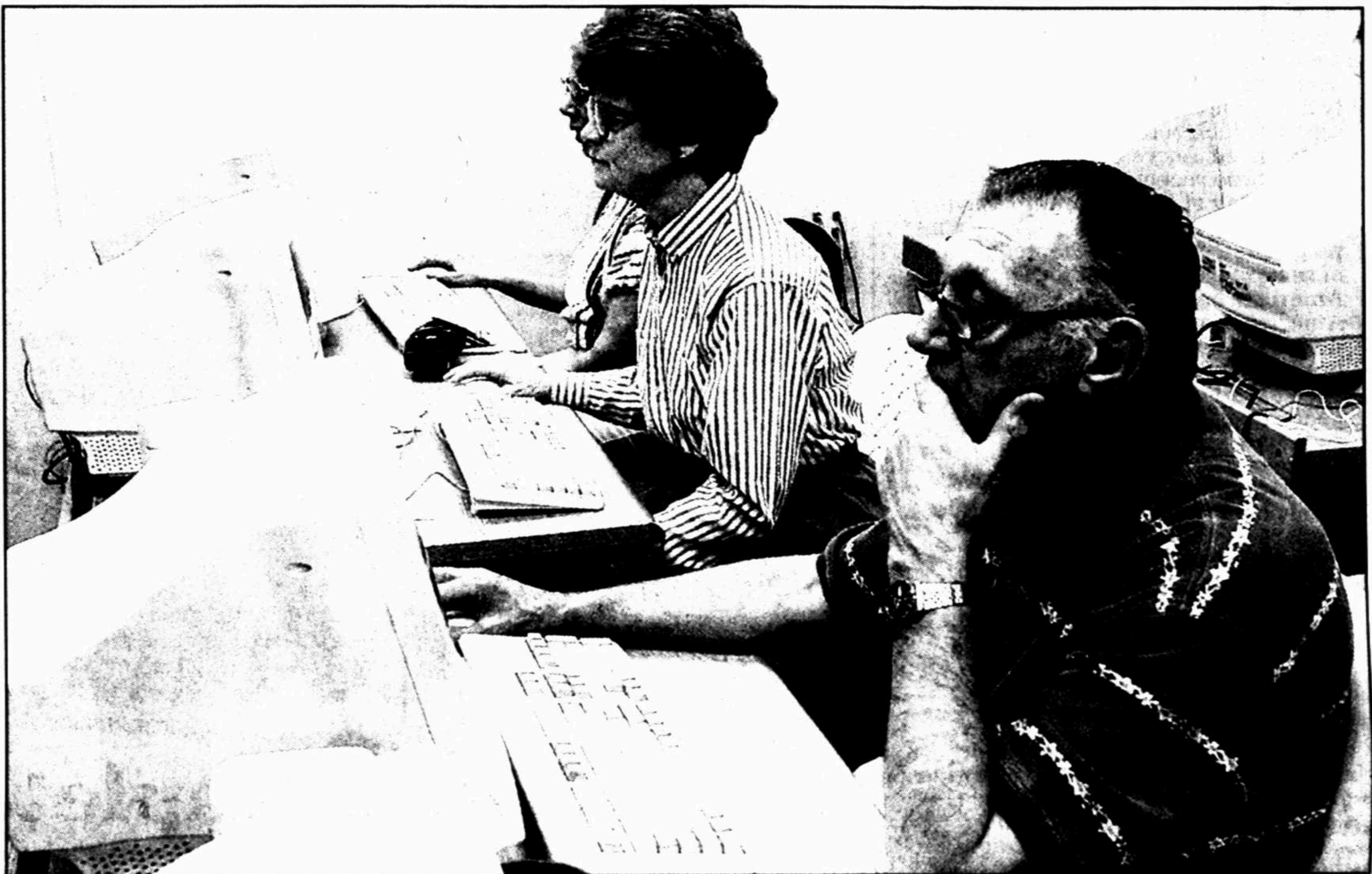
"We didn't think we'd have a need for a computer, but after a while, we've learned it's the way to go. We just came to a point where we needed one. And the time came where it came to be essential for our business."

Mrs. Hodges and her husband, Bob, 59, plan to build themselves a web page and promote Hodges' woodworking business. Already, they see "no limit to what we can sell."

Mrs. Hodges said learning how to operate a computer has been both difficult and simple.

"It's easy when I'm in class and Ivan is showing it to us, but when you get home by yourself, it's not as easy."

The Hodges also have used their new computer to begin online genealogy research, finding relatives in Colorado and other states.



ABOVE: Hank Kirk learns how to save and attach files. He is in a continuing education class that teaches people how to use computers. AT LEFT: Midland College computer instructor Ivan Meissner shows Shirley Gist how to save a file.

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INTERNET: Experts, observers say limitations, standards needed for future

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larly, up from 19 million in 1996. United States users now number 24 million, which accounts for two-thirds of the total users in the world.

According to a 1997 survey by MarketFacts, 80-87 percent of respondents are online for three purposes: to gather news and information, to send and receive email, and for research. Seventy-five percent say they use the Internet for surfing, 33 percent are online to play interactive games and 30 percent go online to chat with other users.

In the early '90s, America's love affair with computer-assisted communications took off with the advent of the online service. Prodigy, America Online and CompuServe were the major players then; now, people rely on local Internet Service Providers and access to perhaps the single greatest reference tool ever created: the Internet.

Computer users can find anything from a home page produced by Franciscan monks in New Mexico, to publicity information and video trailers for "Odd Couple II," the forthcoming Neil Simon movie with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau reprising their roles. Virtually anything sports-related can be found on the Internet, and entire

documents — from the Bible to the Ted Kaczynski's Unabomber Manifesto — can be read at one's leisure.

Will it get bigger and even more popular? Can it?

Computer experts, users and observers across the Permian Basin say in no way can the Internet be considered a passing fad any longer. It will not replace television or newspapers in our lifetime, these observers say, but the 'Net will continue to grow in its scope, use and reliability.

Instant information retrieval and email are the Internet's two most attractive byproducts. Email brings family and friends together and reacquaints old chums who may have not seen each other for decades. Families separated by miles can communicate without the concern of a mammoth phone bill at month's end.

As the end of the century has approached, people have become more and more dependent on information, and the ability to obtain it as quickly as possible. Good or bad, instant retrieval is possible on the Internet. Moments after a story breaks it can be posted on the 'Net in its most popular manifestation, the World Wide Web. CNN, itself a revolutionary television news development in the

1980s, often scoops itself on its CNN.com site, one of the Internet's most popular sites.

"No longer is knowing a lot of information important," said Dennis Sever, Midland College's Dean of Information and Technology Services. "The important thing now is to know where to find the data and how to filter the information from the data."

Midland College's Director of Media Services, Dan Buckley, who designed and produced the school's home page (<http://www.midland.c>), said the Internet is a great tool, when used with restraint.

"It's easy to waste away hours on email since it's essentially free, whereas long distance phone calls are not," Buckley said. "It's also easy to waste time surfing from one site to another losing sight of your original intent. Although I believe that the Internet is here to stay, it also seems apparent that radical changes will also be made as technology changes. The way we use and access the Internet may change completely over the next two to five years."

With progress comes problems, but as MC's public relations director Elise Coombes said, it's too late to turn back the tide that long ago rolled us over. "Technology has always out-

paced ethics," Ms. Coombes said. "Technology has always moved faster than our ability to decide how we are going to use it. But we can't stop technology. We can't turn around and go back. We have to educate people about the limits of technology. We're going to have to discuss ethics a whole lot more, but it has certainly changed the way we communicate."

Despite the profound good that comes with this giant information tool, the profane also has been made easily accessible. Pornography, hate groups and an abundance of misinformation are all readily accessible with a few key strokes.

Sever has no doubt that the technology's positives far outweigh its negatives.

"The responsibility for the negatives lies at the feet of individuals, not instruments," Sever said. "Parental concerns can usually be alleviated by simple supervision of children. When you were small, your mother watched to make sure you didn't play in a busy street. Is this information highway scenario any different? When you were old enough to understand the danger, you knew better, or possibly you got run over."

Added Ms. Coombes: "How do you turn it off? You can not have a computer in your home. You

can make the choice not to use the Internet."

Critical thinking skills are one of the essentials of surviving the overwhelming onslaught of information the Internet provides, according to Dr. Robert Bartsch, a social psychologist and professor at the University of Texas-Permian Basin.

"Educators need to be thinking about how to analyze information," Bartsch said. "With the Internet, people are going to be exposed to so much information, they'll need to be able to assess the validity of it well. There is a lot of information that is anywhere from slightly biased to outright incorrect."

Bartsch said extreme viewpoints are also a potential problem because of the Internet.

"One reason for that is due to people only getting information slanted in their direction. People can go to the Web and no matter what viewpoint they have — even if it has something to do with racial bigotry — they can find other people on the Web who have the same opinion and can feel some sort of social approval because they can go online and find even more people who have the attitudes they do."

Can the negatives be overcome? With proper supervision, education and a bit of discipline

thrown in, the answer seems a resounding yes.

"The dark elements are not new to human experience, they're simply accessible through a new medium," Buckley said. "The Internet can be used to communicate more information and ideas faster than any other means in human history, creating the potential for greater knowledge and growth."

Added Bartsch: "I think we may be able to set some limitations to lessen the negative impacts of the Internet. But it's time now to think about and develop these limitations so that we don't lose a great deal of the advantages that the Internet gives us."

Letting the negatives prohibit people from using the 'Net would be tantamount to taking the dictionary, encyclopedia, school texts and the family Bible and throwing them out with the trash because they may contain a few objectionable, undesirable, controversial or passages contrary to personal beliefs.

"The Internet is like sitting in your home and having a library available," Ms. Coombes said. "Good information makes the whole technology worthwhile."

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City will miss Best, Irelan

Midland has lost a couple of staunch "friends" during recent days — Tony Best and Robert E. "Bob" Irelan — who have accepted job assignments that will mean moving away from Midland. That is particularly a loss for the civic life of the community, in which both men have been heavily involved for years.

Best, who recently piloted the 1997 United Way of Midland campaign to a resoundingly successful year as campaign chairman, has accepted the post of senior vice president for South American operations of Arco Latin America. For five years, Best served Arco Permian as president.

Irelan, who headed the United Way campaign in Midland in 1996 and was involved in numerous other civic endeavors including March of Dimes and Christmas in April, has announced his retirement from Conoco as Permian regional manager to become executive vice president of worldwide production for Occidental Oil and Gas Corp.

While we certainly do not blame these two outstanding individuals for making career moves that will take them to other places, we will miss their valued and important contributions to Midland's civic life. For several years, their participation has shown us how much difference caring, enthusiastic individuals can make in the life of the community. That difference is staggering. Fortunately, Midland has been blessed through the years to have numerous corporate executives such as Irelan and Best who have given much to the community. It has boosted Midland's development as a well-rounded community.

We join others in wishing Best and Irelan success in their future endeavors — wherever their new jobs take them. The communities they come to call home will reap great benefit from their time there.

And just as when other civic leaders have left Midland, their absence will provide major opportunities for others to step forward and fill the gaps.

Traditionally, representatives of both independent and major oil companies have played a major role in the civic and community life of this city. We are confident that will continue.

ANOTHER VIEW

Paying U.N. debt cheaper than war

The United Nations, founded to serve the cause of peace, served it well recently when Secretary-General Kofi Annan persuaded Saddam Hussein to open his palaces to weapons inspectors.

There is no better way to express our gratitude that with a thank-you check, particularly when the payment is overdue. This country — which turned to the United Nations to keep the peace — is \$1.5 billion in arrears on its U.N. peacekeeping bills. The debt is more than what's owed by all other nations combined.

The United States has promised repeatedly to pay but Congress has refused to provide the money, despite the urgings of President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

The excuses are many, chief among them that some members don't like the U.N. peacekeeping missions. But peacekeeping is cheaper than war-making, to say nothing of the anguish that comes with losing lives on the battlefield.

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JACK ANDERSON

In 'nightmare scenario,' Kosovo is next Sarajevo

WASHINGTON — A long-held fear of international diplomats and European leaders has been that World War III would begin in a place that few Americans have ever heard of: Kosovo.

What is Kosovo? It is a province of the former Yugoslavia whose 2 million ethnic Albanians outnumber the 200,000 Serbs living there. But the Serbs run the government and the police force in a repressive manner that includes many human rights violations.

Over the last month, it has been bubbling with ethnic Albanian dissent, and the Serbs have chosen to kill more than 80 of them — including women and children — in an effort to put down nascent rebellion.

Properly outraged, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was in Bonn last week trying to get Russia to agree to an arms embargo until Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic engages in autonomy talks with ethnic Albanian leaders in Kosovo. Russia is the former Yugoslavia's chief arms supplier.

That only tells the numbers, the power situation and the current crisis.

"Kosovo is Jerusalem to the Serbs," explained one Serbian nationalist to us. "It is the holy grail. It is the place of pilgrimage. It is the place which stirs our hearts and souls."

Indeed, the province was once the cradle of ancient Serbia. And in the most celebrated battle in Serbian history, it was there, in 1389, that their grand hero Prince Lazar fell in a battle against the

Ottoman Turks, the last effort to hold back the invading army.

A huge monument to Lazar and the Serbians who fell in that battle drew a pilgrimage of 1 million Serbs in 1989, on the 600th anniversary of the battle. It was called the Battle of Kosovo Polje, the Field of Blackbirds. The losses were so great on both sides — including the leader of the Turk army — that it is said birds picked at the corpses for months. The feelings that "Remember the Alamo" once stirred in America give a mild hint of what Serbs feel about Kosovo.

In fact, it was in Kosovo Polje that the whole civil war that broke out Yugoslavia began, on a spring night in 1987 — with Milosevic himself the chief antagonist. Then a young, relatively unknown Communist politician from Belgrade, Milosevic was conducting a meeting to hear minority Serb gripes about the Albanian majority.

When many Serbs from the outside tried to cram into the packed meeting hall, Kosovo police beat several of them back. Milosevic put an end to it with the cry: "Nobody will ever beat you again!" That simple sentence, an incautious stoking of Serbian nationalism against the "repressive" Albanians, was the horse Milosevic rode to populist power.

What riles Serbs the most is that, even though they finally won Kosovo back from the decaying Ottoman Empire in the last century, the Albanian Muslims have conquered it by sheer dint of population. The ethnic Albanians are believed to have the highest birth rate in Europe, an annual population growth rate of 28 per 1,000. Serb nationalists sneer at this and call them "overbreeding defilers" of sacred land.

A former top U.N. peacekeeper was quite blunt and pessimistic about Kosovo's future. "We know that the last war in Yugoslavia will be in Kosovo," he told our associate Dale Van Atta. "There's no way

around it. We're glad it's quiet now, but it won't always be that way. It is similar to the Middle East peace talks, which leave the most contentious issue for last — Jerusalem."

In the view of U.N. and diplomatic officials, this is the "nightmare scenario" of Kosovo:

Having satiated themselves with territorial achievements in Bosnia and Croatia, the Serbs turn the attention of their armies and partisans to the 2 million ethnic Albanians in Kosovo — and it erupts into full-scale war. The Serbs have the guns, but the Albanians have the numbers and the will. Soon, however, that doesn't prove enough and they begin to lose.

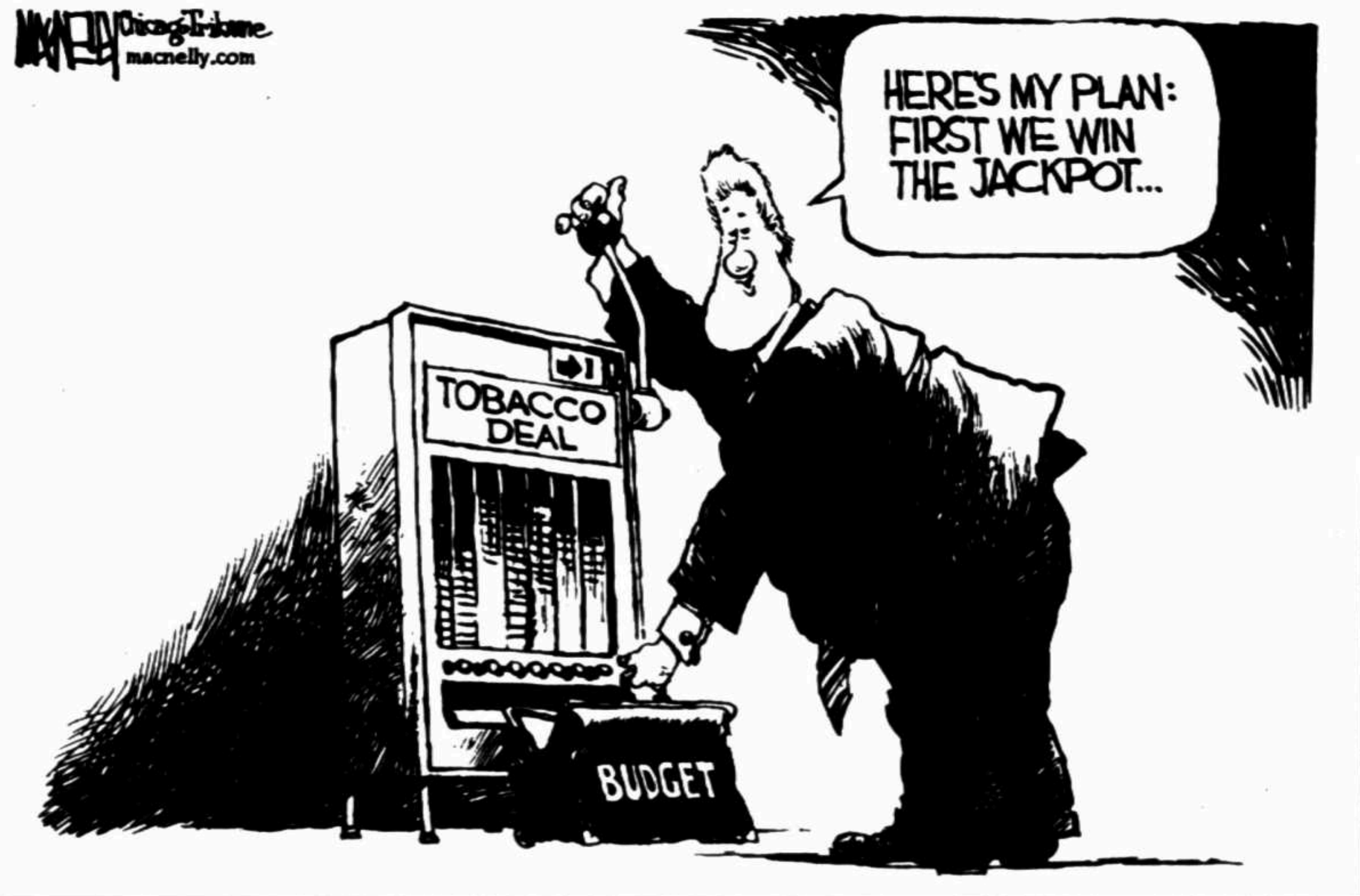
About this time, Albania, which shares a border with Kosovo, comes to the aid of their ethnic cousins. So, too, does the large ethnic Albanian community in the bordering republic of Macedonia. Serbia sees a chance to take back the independent state of Macedonia and invades. But both Bulgaria and Greece consider Macedonia their territory, so they throw into the bloody conflict.

Turkey couldn't stand idly by while Greece entered the conflict against Albanian Muslims and would probably intervene against Bulgaria and Greece. At that point, two NATO nations would be involved on opposite sides. Worse, the Russians might see it as the time to openly side with their Serbian cousins.

"It's horrible to think about," said another former U.N. peacekeeper, shaking his head in an interview. "But we must. We must head it off. Otherwise, Kosovo might be the name of the place that began World War III, just as Sarajevo was the place where World War I began."

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RUSSELL BAKER

Is dying more alluring than getting girl?

Juliet Capulet, they say, was 14 when she lost her heart to Romeo Montague. According to the 1996 movie about that affair, Romeo looked exactly like Leonardo DiCaprio, the romantic lead in "Titanic."

Hordes of modern Juliets, brand new to puberty, are so fetched by the maritime manifestation of DiCaprio that they sit through "Titanic" again and again to be with him before the cold Atlantic asserts its irresistible claim to his charms.

Friends tell me of 14-year-olds who have already seen the movie six times. Six times! I gape in wonder at the emotional chasm separating me from age 14.

"Titanic" runs well over three hours. One viewing was two hours more than enough for me. Spending over 18 hours with it would be — well, not so bad as a month on a chain gang. More like a week in high school, maybe.

The DiCaprio phenomenon is not new, however. Frank Sinatra — believe it or not, kiddies and boomers, Frank Sinatra! — once had power to reduce adolescent girls to such quivering, swooning, and cries of pagan ecstasy that Dad kept a shotgun handy at the front door for use should Sinatra ever come calling.

The Beatles had the same effect on young girls of the boomer generation. By that time, Dad, having fallen under the influence of Dr. Spock, had put the shotgun away and contented himself with asking Mom to make sure Daughter didn't go out without her pill.

Thus arrived the age of the "groupie," a polite synonym for "camp follower," connoting a very young woman available for Corybantic frenzies with stars of the performing arts, including sports.

Scanning ancient texts, I find stories of female mobs in the 1930s (ages not indicated) tearing garments off one Robert Taylor, a new movie star. Taylor, a model of 1930ish male beauty, went on to pioneer the wooden-Indian acting style later brought to perfection by Robert Stack. Maybe the women snatching his clothes were on his press agent's payroll.

In my childhood memories of selling The Saturday

Evening Post door-to-door, I still hear the voice of young Bing Crosby coming out of radios all over town every afternoon and remember that it was a bad hour for a magazine salesman to call on the woman of the house. Bing Crosby a sex object? The mind reels.

I can speak only for myself, not the male multitudes, but it would not startle me to learn that many of us would secretly like to punch these male sex objects in the nose.

Sure, it's envy at work. What heterosexual male does not want to be irresistible to women?

The desire to be irresistible to 14-year-olds, of course, declines in most men as they hit the age of 17, but even beyond the frosted age of 30 one would like to think that women of whatever age are powerless to gaze upon him without feeling disturbing internal flutterings.

But for whom do they flutter? For the DiCaprios of the world. For the Sinatras, the Crosbys, the Liszts, the Byrons.

There is no explanation for this unless — God forbid! — we drag in old Grandfather Freud. Why are 14-year-olds flocking to see "Titanic" time and again but not to see "Good Will Hunting"? With Matt Damon, "Good Will Hunting" has a leading man with a friendly 16-year-old face and a winsome smile.

He is practically interchangeable with DiCaprio, you might suppose, but it's not Matt whom the 14-year-olds pay and pay to see so they can feel that dreamy look settle into their eyes.

Is it because Matt gets the girl in the end while Leonardo succumbs to hypothermia? A New York Times editorial suggested something like this, and it's tempting to go along. An early death always tugs the romantic heartstrings more sweetly than getting the girl, provided the death isn't happening to you or somebody you know.

Still, most young male sex objects do not die, but live on until new crops of 14-year-old girls can only marvel that grandmother ever swooned over such relics. Even in their rocking chairs, of course, relics have the memories. Most of us don't.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 29, the 88th day of 1998. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. They were executed in June 1953.

On this date:

In 1790, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1847, victorious forces led by General Winfield Scott occupied the city of Veracruz after Mexican defenders capitulated.

In 1867, the British Parliament passed the North America Act to create the Dominion of Canada.

In 1943, rationing of meat, butter and cheese began

during World War II.

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering at least 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. Calley spent three years under house arrest.

In 1971, a jury in Los Angeles recommended the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders. The sentences were later commuted.

In 1974, eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. The guardsmen were later acquitted.

GEORGE WILL

Clinton continues foreign policy of creative contrition

SOUTH POLE, January 19, 2001—President Clinton today apologized to Antarctica.

Speaking to an audience composed of the traveling press, Clinton said he repented of America's "sin" of neglecting this continent except when America paid a kind of improper attention to it. He regretted that during the Cold War, U.S. policy "subordinated the true interests of Antarctica to geopolitical calculations arising from the conflict with the former Soviet Union."

Last year, Mr. Clinton apologized to Russia for U.S. policies which he said caused the collapse of communism. He said this diminished the world's political "diversity."

In words barely audible here over polar winds, Mr. Clinton expressed regret for the "insensitivity of American stereotyping." He said that "for too long American ethnocentrism and cultural chauvinism have caused us to think of Antarctica only as a cold and icy place."

Mr. Clinton praised the recent decision of San Francisco authorities to require high school students to read at least one novel from "the canon of Antarctic classics." America, he said, is "a gorgeous mosaic of multiculturalism" and should be ashamed of educational practices that "through centuries of cultural oppression, have privileged European contributions to art and literature over the contributions of others."

"We must not fear differences," Mr. Clinton said. "We have extended curriculum recognition far, but you can never extend it too far. Now it is time for inclusion of snow and ice."

Mr. Clinton, who has been traveling outside the United States every day since the middle of March 1998, came to this frozen setting to complete what he calls "this tour of tears." Aides say that Mr. Clinton, who has spoken often of his "legacy," believes that history will remember him not for pioneering new dimensions in executive privilege, but for his "foreign policy of creative contrition."

The policy was born in Uganda on March 24, 1998, when Mr. Clinton apologized to an entire continent in one fell swoop. In Uganda, which in the 1970s was governed by Gen. Idi Amin, Mr. Clinton encouraged Africans to dwell on the foreign sources of their sufferings.

He announced that slavery was "wrong" and he essentially apologized to all Africans for all the white people who bought African slaves captured by African sellers of slaves.

By telling Ugandans that "the United States has not always done the right thing by Africa," Mr. Clinton began a foreign policy built around apologies to all other peoples, nations and continents toward which American behavior has not always been perfect. In Uganda he noted that Americans were precocious sinners, having had slavery to be ashamed of "before we were even a nation." But slavery was not the worst. "Perhaps the worst sin America ever committed about Africa was the sin of neglect and ignorance."

Mr. Clinton's first post-Ugandan stop in his penitential travels was Outer Mongolia. Presidential polling revealed deep American ignorance of, and unrepentant neglect of, Outer Mongolia. Mr. Clinton told a cluster of Outer Mongolians and their horses that the United States is a nation in North America and that it would try to do better by them.

The State Department, responding to Mr. Clinton's determination to be compassionate to all victims of American neglect and ignorance and sin, has organized a Bureau of Abasement. It is headed by an Assistant Secretary of State for Regrets.

In his nearly 34 months of incessant traveling, Mr. Clinton has offered a generic apology for America being big, rich, powerful and happy. However, he also has regretted specific American "sins," such as forcing other nations to drink Coca-Cola, watch "Dallas" reruns, accept foreign aid and put up with the presence of the American troops that liberated them or kept them free.

On the last full day of his presidency, Mr. Clinton flew home from Antarctica to what one adviser noted was the only country Mr. Clinton has not apologized to.

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LETTER

Fuss will cause young people

I am so proud of our government for how it has become in the past. Suddenly they have tobacco is addictive, have asked my mother, 1929, she could have that when I started. When she found that, she told me very, some day you will never touched one of rettes), you can be to tobacco and you will time if you ever try year of 1952, I discovered.

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Pat Schneider be accessible

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Pat Schneider r well, and I would same energy and d to represent our Precinct 2.

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Harry A. Spann regional governor of Petroleum Association (IPAA).

By Harry A. Spann

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LETTERS

Fuss will cause young people to lie

I am so proud of our federal government for how educated they have become in their discoveries. Suddenly they have learned that tobacco is addictive. If they would have asked my mother in the year 1929, she could have told them so. That was when I started smoking. When she found that I was smoking, she told me very simply "Son, some day you will wish you had never touched one of those cigarettes," you can become addicted to tobacco and you will have a hard time if you ever try to stop." In the year of 1952, I discovered she was right.

With the help of the good Lord I was able to stop smoking. Until this day, I sometimes would like to have a smoke. I was not coaxed to smoke by anything but my Dad. He would roll up a Prince Albert cigarette and he always seemed to love them. He chewed tobacco and smoked a pipe. I have tried them all and still use Copenhagen and, I will admit, I enjoy it.

This big hullabaloo that we have going on over cigarettes will only cause every young person to lie, steal, and use any means to get a smoke. If you watch the news of robberies, they take beer and cigarettes. Also, it will start a black market. If the government had spent the money they did on this mess, they could control the drugs that flow so freely. They are more deadly by far.

James W. Abernathy
Big Spring

Pat Schneider will be accessible

As a councilwoman, Pat Schneider was everywhere. She participated in almost every activity that she was invited to: Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, D.A.R.E. graduations, Conventioneers, non-profit organizations, churches, women's groups, homeowners associations, etc. She was, and is, approachable. Any citizen could call her with questions or concerns and be sure she would be responsive to them. If she asked a question that she did not know the answer to, she was tenacious in finding the answer and getting back to the concerned party.

She was never too busy to read a proclamation, bestow a key to the city, or simply make an appearance, because she considers each an important and integral part of our city. In other words, Pat Schneider served us well and was truly in touch with the concerns of the people she was elected to represent. She cared, and that was shown in her every action.

Pat Schneider represented us well, and I would like to see this same energy and dedication used to represent our county for Precinct 2.

Carolyn Wallum

No nod to Irish on St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, with nary a nod from the Reporter-Telegram or the local TV station.

It is too much to honor those who settled this country, along with the English, Poles, Italians and other European nationals who built the roads, bridges, railways and canals. Yes, the Irish also met with discrimination. While others got work, they were met with signs that read "Irish need not apply." Welfare and food stamps were unheard of in those days.

We are constantly bombarded with news of other groups, sometimes on a monthly basis. The Irish celebrate St. Patrick just one day of the year. Is it too much to ask for a little recognition?

Vera B. Duffy

Article prompted mission to help

I am writing in response to the story you ran in the Local section last week on Edrina Dillard. I want to say thank you for running that

story.

I am the director of a Christian dance ministry, and part of our mission is to help others in need. I have contacted Ms. Dillard, and I am going to meet with her and her family. I am also an artist, and I am going to buy Charles the art supplies he needs, and provide him the art lessons he deserves. One of her daughters is interested in dance and I'm inviting her to join our class. In June, I plan to organize a fund-raiser at a church for the family, by having an evening of music, dance and desserts. Being able to bless this family has been a blessing to me. There are more hurting people out there in the community, and there are people like me who want to do what we can by using the gifts and talents God gave us to benefit others. If we all would pitch in and do what we can as individuals, we wouldn't have such overwhelming problems.

Sheri Lynn

Bradford showed skills of leader

I would like to encourage the voters of Midland County to support Mike Bradford for County Commissioner, Place 2. I had the privilege of working alongside Mike Bradford as a member of the special grand jury convened to investigate the gang problem in Midland County. Mike Bradford, as grand jury foreman, demonstrated the kind of skill that will make him an excellent commissioner.

Our grand jury was made up of a diverse cross-section of Midlanders and Bradford consistently demonstrated an outstanding ability to listen to the various opinions and ideas and lead us to a consensus on critical issues. His organizational skills were very evident as he delegated and provided the leadership necessary to compile a report based on a year's worth of testimony. He never shied away from asking tough questions and in the end was able to build a coalition of citizens and community agencies committed to working together to implement the solutions we proposed in our report.

What impressed me the most about Mike Bradford though, was his genuine concern for Midland and Midland County and his sincere desire to work towards making it the very best place to live and raise a family for all citizens. This is the kind of leadership Midland County needs and deserves.

Hector (Rocky) Valdes, Jr.

Pat Schneider has earned votes

We would like to write today to let the voters of Precinct 2 know that Pat Schneider deserves your vote on April 14! She has earned your vote with her untiring work on City Council and a vast knowledge of the important area in northwest Midland where the majority of residents had requested water service be extended.

Because of Pat's work, those residents will soon have city water and fire protection available to them. Not only regarding this particular project, but in many other areas of service to the residents of Midland, Pat has been and will continue to be a dedicated worker, serving the needs of the citizens of Midland County.

Frank and Maxine Hawk

Schneider commits herself to city

Midlanders are fortunate to have Pat Schneider as a Republican candidate for our county commissioner, Precinct 2. Because Pat Schneider has served on our City Council for the past five years, she already possesses the experience necessary for the job of county commissioner.

I have always found Pat Schneider to be responsive to community needs and willing to commit herself fully to the city of Midland. I know Pat will continue to work full-time as our Midland county commissioner.

Holly McDonnold

Bradford would be vital asset

With the April 14th run-off election approaching, I want to voice my support for Mike Bradford, candidate for Midland county commissioner, Precinct 2.

Mike and I served together on the TCU National Alumni Board for many years and I witnessed all the valuable contributions he made to the success of this organization. Mike's thoroughness in dealing with complex budgets would make him a vital asset to our Commissioners Court. His ability to take initiative on complicated situations and come up with positive solutions is a skill that would be invaluable.

Having served as county judge, I am well aware of the qualifications needed to be a county commissioner. Mike Bradford has those qualifications and would be an effective leader. Without reservation I encourage the citizens of Precinct 2 to join me in supporting Mike Bradford.

Michael A. Harrison

Midland will love Jobe as judge

I have interviewed and worked with many candidates locally. Statewide, we had the honor to interview Gov. Bush here and around the United States, Puerto Rico and Ethiopia. Countywide, the former Justice of the Peace Keith Jobe is the best for the job of county judge of Midland. This hard working former U.S. Marine captain gave 10 years of his life fighting for all of us to keep this great country free. The people of Midland will love him if they will only give him a chance to serve this county now.

We cannot let money control us, but we must let the word of God lead us.

The short way to tell you the truth, we need Keith Jobe for county judge. So vote on April 14 for Keith Jobe as county judge.

Dr. King Haile Selassie II (Jr.)

United Nations dues must be paid

The United States has not paid its United Nations dues in full or on time for several years. This situation must not continue. Our U.N. dues are legal treaty obligations that we are failing to honor. The Congress must see to it that we pay our U.N. arrears.

The United Nations benefits citizens of this country from every walk of life. U.N. agencies develop and monitor technical standards for trade and telecommunications, benefiting American business. Americans, who make up forty percent of international travelers, can fly safely abroad because the U.N. works with other nations to set safety standards. And unlike twenty years ago, no one has to get a small pox vaccination before leaving home because the U.N. led the effort to eradicate the disease from the planet.

Working alone, America cannot solve problems such as disease, terrorism, nuclear proliferation, drug trafficking and environmental degradation that transcend national borders. The U.N. provides an invaluable forum for collectively addressing global threats and advancing U.S. national interests. And when nations act collectively through the U.N., U.S. taxpayers are not saddled with the entire cost of addressing international crises that could affect the United States.

Our failure to pay our arrears has brought the U.N. to the brink of bankruptcy. The U.S. must meet its legal obligations to the U.N. The cost of further delay could be significant, both for the achievement of U.S. foreign policy goals and for the future of international cooperation.

Lavora S. Arizaga, President
League of Women Voters of Midland

Right of way belongs to fire truck

On March 19, around 8 a.m., I was driving westbound on W. Loop 250 from Garfield Street to attend a seminar at the Holiday Inn on W. Hwy 80. At Midkiff Road and Loop 250, I could see smoke coming from the Grassland Estates area. I watched my rearview mirror for possible units that were responding to the smoke. Pretty soon I could see strobe lights in my rearview mirror, but they were pretty far back. Traffic was fairly heavy. At Midland Drive and Loop 250, I could tell that it was a fire engine approaching. I was appalled at what I saw. A semi-tractor rig was next to the fire engine and a small pick-up truck was in front of the semi. The small pick-up truck pulled out from in front of the semi and directly in front of the fire engine. Neither moved over to let the fire engine pass. I couldn't pull over until I cleared the bridge by Midland Park Lanes. I still had time, however, as the fire engine was about 8-10 car lengths behind me.

Of course, I was watching the road in front of me, as well. As soon as I cleared the bridge, I pulled over onto the right shoulder, as did a small white car in front of me. We were the only two vehicles for almost a mile stretch that yielded to that fire engine!

Please, people, when you see an emergency vehicle approaching, pull over to the right, if possible. If that's not possible, then pull over to the left. Do something, but don't stay in front of it like that small pick-up did, and don't stay beside it like that semi-tractor rig did. Anyone with good eyes should have known where that fire engine was headed and given it room to respond. As the cliché goes, "Where there's smoke, there's fire." In other words, other emergency vehicles may be responding to the smoke, also, so be watchful! If that was your house, wouldn't you have pulled over?

Christine Montgomery

Thanks given for championship

Dear Midland High School Boys Basketball Fans:

What a tremendous year. It has been unbelievable and there are so many of you whom I need to thank that I don't really know where to begin. Well, here it goes...

First, and foremost, let me thank the wonderful parents of this fantastic group of young men. Your guidance and rearing of your sons had a great amount to do with our success. You taught them the meaning of love, hard work, and dedication to a goal, and without these, we could not have been successful.

Other organizations that played tremendous parts in our success were our Boys' Basketball Booster Club, KCRS, KMID, KOSA, KWES and the Reporter-Telegram. Let me simply say "thanks" to all of you.

Certainly, I could not write this letter without the mention of Craig Raughton, Rusty Frazier, George Reibe, Morris Williamson, and Brian Ward. I love you and want you to know we could not have done it without you.

The support of our school board, the MISD Administrative Staff, Neil Richmond and the Midland High School administration, the MISD athletic department, and our Midland High School teachers cannot be omitted from our list of "thank you's." You were there in support so many times, even behind the scenes. Let me assure you that our kids believed in themselves more every day because of the belief you had in them.

Perhaps most importantly, let me express my undying appreciation to our many fans inclusive of students and adults who were there at our games and gave us the support necessary for a state championship team. You proved you are the best basketball fans in the state of Texas and we enjoyed playing before your

tremendous adulation.

Also, we need to apologize to any of our football coaching staff, our football players, and their families I hurt because of my comment regarding Canar Jackson and our football program. In the heat of battle, sometimes words are uttered without thought to their interpretation. I certainly meant nothing negative in any regard and I realize just how significant the improvement in our football program has been in the last two years and I want each of you to know that Coach Stephenson and the MHS basketball team support and respect the job you do while representing Midland High School on the football field. You are a special group and I look forward to supporting you in the state playoffs next season.

In closing, let me express my pride that I have in our state championship but I think even more than that, I am proud of the fact that I live in what I think is the most fantastic city in the United States. To have been embraced by the city of Midland, Mayor Bobby Burns, and our city officials was a tremendous thrill. For our kids to have the opportunity to represent this great city and do what we could to help gain the recognition Midland deserves was a privilege beyond compare.

Jack Stephenson
Boys' Basketball Coach
Midland High School

Letter about SPCA was incorrect

In response to the letter from E. Zuzanna Moore concerning animal overpopulation, I would like to comment as follows:

Ms. Moore apparently is not aware of the reduced-cost spay and neuter program currently and traditionally conducted at the Midland SPCA shelter. This operation, staffed in a clean, modern facility by a veterinarian, offers just such services as those advocated in Ms. Moore's letter.

Further, Ms. Moore apparently is not aware of the active and successful pet adoption program currently and traditionally conducted at the Midland SPCA shelter. As an example of the outreach of this program, the shelter recently received some 30 calls from people seeking to adopt a pet pictured in the weekly photo feature sponsored by Dotson Nissan in the Reporter-Telegram.

Ms. Moore's letter categorized the Midland SPCA as a "substandard operation." Apparently, Ms. Moore is not aware that on March 11, the SPCA shelter received an "excellent" grade on annual inspection by the Texas Department of Health, with a special favorable comment on shelter quarantine facilities.

I am puzzled by Ms. Moore's apparent unfamiliarity with the objectives and operation of the Midland SPCA, because Ms. Moore is well acquainted with at least one of the SPCA employees. Perhaps Ms. Moore needs to visit the shelter and gain first-hand knowledge of the situation, and we welcome all reasonable discussion and suggestions.

Jeanette Probandt, President
Midland SPCA

Lions Club gives thanks for support

To Pancake Jamboree supporters of Midland Downtown Lions Club:

We the Downtown Lions Club, wish to express our thanks to the patrons for your support which has provided Midland in the past with more than 1 million dollars in to help local people. We were pleased to have welcomed you to the 42nd Annual Downtown Lions Club Pancake Jamboree last Saturday. You, our customers, have made it the longest continuous running community celebration in Midland. Your support over the past 41 years has enabled the Midland Downtown Lions Club to assist:

(1) Texas Lions Crippled Children's Camp in Kerrville (2) Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycle Center, here, which is one of sev-

en in the world. It supplies used eyeglasses to 64 centers throughout the world who fit them to needy persons. The used glasses are cleaned and calibrated for prescriptions before shipment from Midland. (3) Midland Lions School children's Eyeglass Program where over 200 needy Midland school children were supplied with glasses last year as a result of your support. (4) Fire Museum in Midland and Boys Ranch in San Angelo. (5) Lions Clubs of Midland did Photo-Screening of 1458 kindergarten/first grade youngsters for eye problems of myopia which were interpreted by local doctors with 21 percent showing need for further checking. (6) Numerous other projects that help us live up to the motto "We Serve."

I, individually, and the Lions of Midland wish to thank the many Lions, Lion Tamers, friends of Lions, who helped by assisting in preparation and serving the patrons who purchased tickets for the Pancake Jamboree last Saturday. We were pleased you as patrons were there and hope you observed the work that has been done to the Lions Center by the volunteer efforts of many to make it worthy to serve the community in many projects. If you have a need to use the building contact the center at 683-3611.

We thank you for your support and hope you enjoyed the pancakes and sausage and the entertainment provided by the many local talented performers.

W. Ray Smith
Chairman

Logic, common sense was reason

The veiled assertion made in the Reporter-Telegram editorial dated March 26, that the opposition to the Midland Hispanic Chamber's application for a temporary permit to hold a carnival in conjunction with the annual Menudo Cookoff was in some way motivated by something other than the facts is an insult to all those involved in the process. People took time to carefully weigh the issues and present them to the council. They were motivated by logic and common sense concerns.

The Reporter-Telegram set fit to editorialize without benefit of the facts. They attempt to portray an entire group as being uncooperative, unfair and concerned only with an unspoken agenda. It was stated during the meeting the use for the application was not appropriate for the downtown area, period. The suitability of the applicant was not in question.

Opposition from the business community was based on the size, scope and duration of the applied for permit. It is one thing to utilize the areas downtown that are set aside for these purposes, i.e. Celebration of the Arts, Summer in the City, and yes, the Menudo Cookoff. It is another to extend the time and extent of an event to more than double that of any other of the events held in these areas.

In the final and truthful analysis two relevant points are born out: 1. The council voted as they have in the past, not to allow the application, reasserting a long held policy position that there are areas better suited for these types of functions (the carnival). 2. That these types of annual events, (the Menudo Cookoff) should be staged within areas and within time frames so as to create the least amount of disruption to the normal course of business downtown.

The paper of record for the City of Midland should be held accountable for foisting offensive claims upon the citizens who rely on the Reporter-Telegram as a source of news and insight.

Frank Tirey

SPEAKING OUT

Adoption of royalty in-kind can save millions currently paid in administrative fees

Harry A. Spannaus of Midland is regional governor of the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA).

By Harry A. Spannaus

The United States has an opportunity to fix a broken system that is costing taxpayers millions of dollars and causing a quagmire of litigation. The system at issue deals with the collection of mineral royalties paid to the federal government by oil companies that drill oil on federal lands. Currently, royalties are paid to



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the government based on a calculation of its value. A complex and confusing system is required today to calculate those royalty payments. To do this, the U.S. Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) must maintain an army of federal bureaucrats.

All this government philanthropy is unnecessary. Instead of trying to track high volumes of oil production and the price they receive in the marketplace, the MMS could receive oil as payment. This is known as taking royalty payment "in-kind." Even the MMS consultants have said, "The only way to be absolutely certain that a fair market value is received for royalty oil is to take the oil in-kind for sale by the agency."

Not only would the government be sure it was receiving true val-

ue, it would also mean smaller and more efficient government. A royalty in-kind (RIK) program was first proposed as part of the Clinton administration's "reinventing government" proposal. That proposal targeted "big government" programs that could better serve the taxpayers by being streamlined and privatized.

Cynthia Quarterman, the MMS director, has publicly stated that the adoption of a royalty in-kind program could be "workable, revenue positive, and administratively more efficient for all parties. We are excited about the potential for RIK programs to both streamline the royalty reporting and auditing process and to enhance revenues to the U.S. Treasury," said Quarterman in a press release issued last September. "Adoption of RIK programs could

be beneficial to producers, marketers, states and, most importantly, the taxpayers." A Feb. 13, Washington Post article reiterated Quarterman's statement, "...that (the royalty payment) system has proved so complex (that) even the department has conceded it could be costing taxpayers millions of dollars a year to manage it."

It cost the MMS about \$60 million annually to administer its royalty collection program. Model programs based on RIK systems in Texas and Alberta, Canada have demonstrated major cost savings for those governments. It takes several hundred employees to oversee the MMS royalty program, compared to the 33 employees necessary to administer Alberta's RIK program. Alberta's program doesn't need hundreds of

accountants and auditors to calculate complex formulas to make sure its government receives its fair share.

In the Congressional Record, Don Olineck, the director of crude oil marketing for Alberta Energy, describes Alberta's royalty in-kind program as "simple and certain." Additional testimony describes the current MMS royalty program as flogged with uncertainty and red tape.

Even with all of the MMS employees who calculate complex formulas to assure the government is receiving its fair share, the agency still believes there is uncertainty in the process. The solution is not to write more complex rules and hire more employees, but for government to implement RIK system that would make the process simple and certain.

and make government smaller, privatize many of its functions and maximize taxpayers dollars.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has always had the right to collect royalty in-kind, but the department continues to hesitate. Why? It would mean a major reduction in the size of the Interior Department. Broad sweeping reform to make government less costly, cumbersome and frustrating doesn't come easily to those government agencies that have reigned over their domain for decades.

This concern will soon be an issue in the U.S. Congress. It would be helpful to all readers and producers who operate in federal lands, to contact their congressmen in support of royalty in-kind.

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Sen. Kay I will be the guest speaker at the opening of the Upstate Business and Women, 11:30 a.m. at the Midland Center. Each and every advance. To send checks to Business and Women, P.O. Box 38, Friday is the

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BASIN BRIEFING

Biennial dinner

The third biennial Commodore Hotel Legislative Appreciation Dinner is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Commodore Hotel. Numerous elected officials, including Rep. Tom Coadick, Sen. Ted Riffe and House Speaker Pete Laney are expected to attend. Tickets are \$150 and available at the Midland Chapter of Commerce Office. Reservation deadline is noon Monday. For more information call 933-0001.

Hoopla 98

Hoopla '98, a three-on-three basketball tournament for the benefit of Prevent Blindness Texas, is scheduled for 8 a.m.-6 p.m. April 18 at Claycocks parking lot. Registration fee is \$10 for a team of three players and an alternate. Deadline to sign up is Friday. For more information call 933-0003.

Guest speaker

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is to be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Uptown Chapter of Business and Professional Women, 11:30 a.m. April 8 at Midland Center. Tickets are \$50 each and must be purchased in advance. To make reservations, send checks to Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women, P.O. Box 3895, Midland 79702. Friday is the deadline to register.

Lecture series

Writer Prudence Mackintosh is to be the speaker for the Midland College Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series on April 30. Call 685-4526 about free tickets that are to be available beginning Wednesday.

Science fair

ODESSA — Two regional science fair winners from Midland will advance to the final International Science and Engineering Fair in Fort Worth on May 10. Peter Aldrick, a junior at Midland High School, and Cody Hansen, a Lee High School sophomore, will compete in May.

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Book review

"Run with the Horses," is the first novel by Midlander Joan Stocke Nobles. Ms. Nobles will be at the Haley Library 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday to talk about her book and sign copies. The book is written in a unique style: a long story, told on paper. It is, in fact, a story — a legend told to life. Nobles by her grandfather when she was 9 years old and quarantined with red measles.

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Ex-priest convicted

DALLAS — A former priest was convicted Saturday of sexually abusing three altar boys after a one-week trial. A jury deliberated 7 1/2 hours over two days before finding Rudolph Kos, 52, guilty of three counts of aggravated sexual assault and one of indecency with a child.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 685-8901.
11th Step Study group for people in recovery, 10:30 a.m., 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., 687-4751 or 682-1646.
Greater Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge & Novice Duplicate Bridge, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center.
Tall City Road Riders, 9 a.m., Warfield Truckstop, 682-8999 or 687-5313.
Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street, 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 689-5563.
Tall City VFW 7206 Auxiliary Bingo, 7 p.m., 1904 Rankin Highway.
(No: 1-51-0171588-4).
Alpha/Omega Group, 11 a.m., 311 S. Pecos St.
Study group, "A Search for God," 6:30 p.m., 689-9331.

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Defending champion Katie Noah, front row left, a Goddard Junior High School eighth-grader, won the regional spelling bee Saturday at Midland College. She will compete in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee May 24-30 in Washington, D.C. The other winners are, Michael Scott, second place; Stacie Moore, third; and Brandi Burns, fourth. Four students tied for fifth place: Amy Hufnagel, from left back row, Adam Houk, Jack Foster and Kristin Kahlich.

Goddard student wins spelling bee — again

By Rick López
Staff writer

Katie Noah proved Saturday that she's the Tall City's best speller — for the second year in a row. The Goddard Junior High School eighth-grader was the winner of the 11th Annual Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee held at Midland College.

She advanced to the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee — which is scheduled for May 24-30 in Washington, D.C. — with the correct spelling of pseudodoxy, which means the holding of an erroneous belief.

Michael Scott, a seventh-grader representing the Midland Association of Christian Home Educators, lost the final round after tripping on the last syllable of "onomastics." He placed second out of the 33 competitors from Midland County schools.

John Deats, Midland College learning resources director, said this year's competition was one of

the most intense he'd seen as the contest's pronouncer.

"Katie's an excellent speller," he said. "The students had to go through additional words that they didn't study before. I think they did so well. Every year, I am amazed. This was a tough match between the last four spellers. In some years, we only have two who go at it for a while."

Katie was also the champion of last year's spelling bee. Her experience in spelling bees goes back to fourth grade, when she entered the event for the first time.

"The first time I did it, I was really nervous. I'll never forget that feeling," she said, adding that she placed fifth that year.

And so her lesson in perseverance continued with her placing fourth the next year and second place the year after that.

Then she finally won her first place in the region.

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El Niño may bring stormy spring

It is springtime in West Texas — a weather season known not only for wind and dust, but also for severe thunderstorms and the hail and tornadoes they produce.

If this year's weather predictions hold true, West Texans might consider keeping a watchful eye on the skies this year. "If El Niño continues, it should be an interesting spring," said National Weather Service meteorologist, George Mathews.



Fagen

Mathews said he was expecting more hail than usual this season, and that tornadoes are always a concern.

"During spring storm season tornadoes are on everybody's mind."

Sometimes the storms produce catastrophic results. A look back at the May 22, 1987, Saragosa tornado and the 30 lives it claimed, serves as a grim reminder of nature's power.

"They (the NWS) fully expect this to be an active season," said Robert Jordan, West Texas regional coordinator for the SKYWARN network and a storm spotter since the 1970s.

Ray Fagen, meteorologist-in-charge at the National Weather Service in Midland, said that during a typical spring storm season, the Permian Basin can expect between six to eight tornadoes. It is not yet known whether this year will be typical, but the ingredients are there for a busy spring.

Since the El Niño trend began forming, the number of severe thunderstorm and tornado warnings issued by the National Weather Service has doubled. Midland County experienced nine weather warnings in 1996. That number jumped to 28 in 1997. Ector County also saw a dramatic increase — from five warnings in 1996 to 30 in 1997.

Fagen said that as long as the El Niño storms keep moving into West Texas from the Pacific coast, there will be an increase in severe storms. "More storms are taking a southward track," Fagen said.

Special

weather balloons are launched by hand twice a day from the NWS, located near the Midland International Airport. These balloons send back to local meteorologists important data about atmospheric conditions.

As early as 5 a.m., meteorologists are poring over the data returned from the balloons, along with that from other weather stations across the country to see what the day has in store. "Based on that data we make thunderstorm predictions for that day," Fagen said. The NWS office is staffed 24 hours a day.

Tornado survival tips/6B

If the day looks good for thunderstorm development, the SKYWARN spotters will be put on alert status. If storms begin to build, it will be under the watchful eye of the meteorologists manning the Doppler radar at the NWS.

The radar system, installed in 1995,

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Above: John Pendergrast of the National Weather Service launches a weather balloon into heavy winds. Weather balloons are launched twice daily and send back weather data for analysis. Inset: Doppler radar is used by the National Weather Service to track the strength and direction of thunderstorms in the Permian Basin. At left: An F-2 tornado swirls north of Midland in this May 1957 file photo. It destroyed several farm houses in Lenora. The photo was taken from the Lamar Elementary School grounds.

Story by Alice Ashmore Photos by Brian Adamcik

Removal of junk vehicles one step from becoming law

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

A second and final reading is scheduled for April 14 on a new ordinance that will allow for the removal of junk, abandoned and nuisance vehicles from the streets and even on private property.

The Midland City Council passed on first reading an ordinance streamlining the process of forcibly removing junk vehicles in public view.

Any vehicle that is obviously inoperative, such as those without engines or with flat tires, badly wrecked or partially dismantled, is considered a junked vehicle and subject to removal if the law is

passed.

Any vehicle with an out-of-date inspection sticker or registration sticker, or has been sitting for more than 45 days, is also considered an abandoned or junked vehicle, according to the ordinance.

Anyone working to restore or repair a vehicle at their home should beware if the vehicle is visible either from the street or the alley, according to city officials.

Cars that are classified as antique — more than 35 years old, according to the ordinance — or are of special interest — cars of a historic interest that have not been modified from the manufacturers' specifications — can be exempt from the law.

Those classic cars that are being restored, but meet the criteria as junked vehicles could be subject to removal, unless the owner makes other arrangements. "They better find some way to cover it or get in touch with us," said David Wayland, Midland building official.

"If the car is definitely a junker, the police will tow it — that's the purpose of the ordinance," Wayland said.

Under the proposed ordinance, a public hearing before the council is to be granted before any vehicle can be removed.

At this hearing, the owner can present any mitigating factors that might affect the decision to remove the vehicle.

Failing this, however, the Police

Department will tow away the vehicle where it could be scrapped or placed in a salvage yard. "Once we have the public hearing, they can go onto private property and tow the car," Wayland explained.

These hearings will be grouped for presentation in open council meetings, depending on the number of complaints of nuisance vehicles, Wayland said.

Written notice will be made to the owner or renter of a property at least 10 days before any action can be taken to remove the vehicle, according to the ordinance.

If passed, the new law also includes a fine of up to \$500 for those who fail to comply with the ordinance.

GARY OTT

Childhood memories of family togetherness are universal

The place was quiet and dark, like most hotel lounges tend to be. An elderly couple was sitting at a table in the corner, laughing and sipping drinks. A young man was slumped on a stool at the far end of the bar. He was fidgeting with his beer can and staring at nothing in particular. A middle-aged woman was rummaging through her purse, trying to find her keys. She wasn't having much luck.



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The clock on the wall said 10:15 p.m. It was a Friday night in East Texas.

The bartender, who appeared to be in his 60s, wiped the bar clean, greeted his new customer and took his order. It was a club soda. After he placed the drink in front of the man, he pointed to a bowl of peanuts and said, "Help yourself."

Which he did. It was another 45 minutes before the customer pointed to his glass and indicated he would have another. The bartender nodded. When he returned with the

drink he took the appropriate amount of cash from the bills that had been left on the bar.

The customer pushed an extra dollar toward him and said, "Keep it."

Which he did. The lounge had pretty much cleared out and the customer, who was now seated alone at the bar, stretched his back in an attempt to work out the kinks from his body. He wasn't successful.

As the bartender poured more peanuts into the bowl, the customer, fighting a yawn, asked him where he was from.

"Hong Kong," the bartender replied, which seemed to brighten his outlook.

"How long you been in America?"

"Since 1947."

"You ever miss Hong Kong?"

The bartender grinned broadly, which could only be taken as a resounding "yes."

The customer smiled at the reaction.

"Tell me about it."

Which he did.

He had been born in rural Hong Kong back in the 1930s. His parents were poor farmers and they worked their small plot of land with crude hand tools. It was back-breaking work that provided little or no financial rewards, but they were good

people, always quick to heap love and affection on their four children.

The bartender's eyes lit up as he talked of those days. It was a happy time in his life. That much was clear.

During his early years, he and his two brothers, along with their "baby sister", would play for hours at a time, often among the tall trees and meandering streams that surrounded the old shack the family called home.

But it wasn't all play, not by a long shot.

One by one, the four children would leave the fun and games behind and officially join their parents in the fields. The magic number was 8. Under that age, the children played. Afterward, they worked. It was the rule.

Still, the family's love abounded. A particularly special time was right after dinner, which almost always consisted of some type of fish and rice. Everyone would gather in the tiny kitchen and the father would tell stories about his childhood. They were funny stories, and everyone would laugh, even though they had heard them many times before.

The bartender smiled at the recollection.

"I still know those stories by heart," he said. And, again, he smiled.

But this time there was a hint of sadness in his eyes. Soon, the reason why became clear. His happy upbringing was about to unravel. When he was 14, his father died. Suddenly. Unexpectedly. Within a year, his mother was dead, too.

"It was of a broken heart," he said. And he meant it.

After living a short time with relatives in the slums of Hong Kong City, the four children were separated. The bartender and his sister were shipped to America to live with an uncle. They found work, manual labor, and each week turned over their earnings to the uncle to help make ends meet.

It was not a happy time.

"I wanted so much to be a little boy again," he said. "I wanted to play with my brothers and sister. I wanted to fish. I wanted to hear my father tell his stories again. I wanted us all to be together again. Even if for just one night."

Then he sighed.

The customer recalled his childhood and thought, "Yeah, me too."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

DEATH NOTICES

Bob Hubbard

IDALOU — Bob Hubbard, 69, of Buffalo Springs Lake, father of Midlander Bobleta Cleere, died Friday, March 27, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services are to be 1 p.m. Monday, March 30, at White Memorial Chapel in Idalou with the Rev. Elizabeth Abraham officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home in Idalou.

He was born Sept. 7, 1928, in Comanche, Okla.

He lived in Littlefield and Idalou before moving to Buffalo Springs Lake in 1976. He was a retired grain elevator manager. He was a lay chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and a member of Buffalo Springs Lake Community Church, Southwest Basketball Officials' Association and Idalou Jaycees.

Other survivors include his wife, Oleta (Byers) Hubbard of Buffalo Springs Lake; a son, Larry Hubbard of Bethesda of Md.; another daughter, Dusty Milanes of Amarillo; a sister, Billie Thompson of Amarillo; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock 79453.

Jorge Lopez

Jorge Lopez died Friday, March 27, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, at Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. Douglas P. Lamb officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven North under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 7, 1960, in Weslaco.

He was attending Midland College and was a former employer of Sheppard Roofing. He was actively involved in church work at Fannin Terrace Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Blandina Aguinaga and Emiliano Lopez of Odessa; his wife, Emelda (Gambao) Lopez of Midland; three daughters, Lisa Lopez, Marisa Lopez and Magdalena Lopez, all of Midland; two brothers, Emiliano Lopez Jr. and Victor Lopez, both of Odessa; three sisters, Gloria Nunez of Andrews, Reyna Barrera of Odessa and Terri Hernandez of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

Victor Lozano

Victor Lozano died Friday, March 27, at his Midland residence.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, March 30, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born March 23, 1929, in Morelos, Coahuila, Mexico. He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Adelaida Lozano of Midland; four sons, Armando Lozano and Juan Lozano of Piedras Negras, Mexico, and Victor Lozano and Tony Lozano, both of Midland; seven daughters, Hermina Lozano of Piedras Negras, Mexico, Lupita Borunda of Chihuahua, Mexico, Dolores Villa of Elkhart, Kan., Estrella Lozano, Lourdes Marquez, Danita Baeza and Mary Lozano, all of Midland; a brother, Juan Lozano of Elkhart, Kan.; three sisters, Maria Maldonado of Chicago, Lydia Martinez of Rollo, Kan., and Pura Carmona of Morelos, Coahuila, Mexico; 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Jim Collier

Midlander Jim Collier died Friday, March 27, at a local hospital.

Memorial services are to be 3 p.m. Saturday April 4, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Ellis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Dec. 16, 1945, in Miami, Okla.

He moved to Midland in 1968. He worked for Hucksby Chevrolet and Pollard Chevrolet in Big Spring, TU Electric and owned his own business, Collier Welding. He was a member of Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carrie J. and Claude Collier; a daughter, Jeanna A. Collier, and two brothers, Bob Collier and Buster Collier.

Survivors include his wife, Melissa Bilbrey Collier of Midland; two sons, James C. Collier IV and Nicholas Skidmore, both of Midland; a daughter, Jana L. Fox of San Angelo; a brother, Ed Fulcher of California; three sisters, Evelyn Hampton of Los Lunas, N.M., Janice Barnes of California and Eleanor Maxey of Midland; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Francisca Ramirez

Francisca Ramirez died Friday, March 27, in Houston.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Myrtle Cooper

Myrtle S. Cooper died Saturday, March 28, in Houston.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES



Jewel Nichols

Jewel W. Nichols was born February 23, 1907, in a Bloomburg, Texas.

He married Mamie Stanley in Atlanta, Texas, December 22, 1927. He worked as an auto mechanic all his life. He and Mrs. Nichols owned and operated Nichols Garage in Atlanta from 1942 until 1977, when he retired. They moved to Midland in 1996, to be near family. Mr. Nichols was a member of First Baptist Church in Atlanta and served as a deacon. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Atlanta.

Mr. Nichols was preceded in death by his wife, Mamie, August 25, 1997; a son, J. William "Bill" Nichols and a daughter, Virginia Ann Nichols.

He is survived by two sons, Jimmy Lewis Nichols of Mabel, Minnesota, and Ben H. Nichols of Midland; his daughter, Gwen B. Duranberger of Houston; his brothers, S.G. Nichols of Doddridge, Ark., J.B. Nichols of Oakland, Calif., and Earl H. Nichols of Houston; his sisters, Louise Owens of Pennsylvania, Ruth Wilbanks and Eleanor Phipot, both of Atlanta, Texas, and Rabie Mustian of Graham, Texas; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; 15 nieces and seven nephews.

He died at a local nursing home Friday, March 27, 1998.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Monday, March 30, at 2 p.m. in Hanner Funeral Home Chapel in Atlanta, Texas. The Rev. James H. Allridge, pastor of the Western Baptist Church of Midland will officiate. Masonic graveside services will follow in Pine Crest Cemetery in Atlanta. Local arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed Northwestern Baptist Church, 3901 Mockingbird Lane, Midland, Texas or Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2800 W. Louisiana.

Midland, Texas 79701 or First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Texas 75551.

Nancy Lowe

Nancy Ballard Lowe, wife of John B. was born January 10, 1930, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to John Ballard and Helen Shields Old. She was reared and educated in Evanston, Illinois, and southern California where she attended U.C.L.A. and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She married John B. Lowe on May 27, 1950, in Los Angeles. From 1950 to 1967, the couple lived in Lubbock, Texas, Pauls Valley and Hominy, Oklahoma, Midland and Monahans, Texas. In 1967, they returned to Midland, Texas.

From fall 1971 to January 1991, Mrs. Lowe worked for the YMCA, Permian Basin Graduate Center, and Midland College, where she retired. She was an elder at Grace Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday school and served on numerous local Presbytery and Synod committees. Mrs. Lowe belonged to Hi Sky Emmaus Community and Angels Among Us Reunion Group and supported M.A.A.S., The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Andrews Mission and Habitat for Humanity.

She is survived by her beloved husband, John of Midland; daughters, Tracey B. Dees of Midland, Kelly Holland and special son-in-law, Scott Holland of Merton; precious grandchildren, Brian Christopher Dees, Caroline Elizabeth Dees, Zachary Edward Holland and Tyler Leigh Holland.

Memorial services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday in Grace Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Bill Clark officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to Grace Presbyterian Church or Hospice of Midland Inc. in lieu of flowers.

Eldon Daylong

Carl Eldon Daylong was born July 9, 1935, in Hamilton, Texas, to Meredith Albert and Faye Chairs Daylong. He was raised in the Midland area. He was married to Joyce Hope Barr July 28, 1956, in Midland. He served in the U.S. Army. After his discharge, he returned to Midland and was employed in the petroleum industry. Mr. Daylong was employed with Shell Oil Co. for 27 years, before retiring. After his retirement, he was with Greenhill Petroleum for four years. He had owned Budget Printing since 1982.

Mr. Daylong was preceded in death by his parents, M.A. and Faye Daylong; his sisters, Estelle Roberts, Violet "Bobbie" Whitson and Frances "Sissy" Tatum. He is survived by his wife, Joyce

Daylong of Hobbs, N.M.; his son, Darrell Daylong and his wife, Lori, of Midland; his daughter, Donna Baker and her husband, Jimmy, of Lovington, N.M.; his brothers, Garland Daylong of Austin and Earnest Daylong of Midland; his sisters, Georgia Handy of Brownwood, Texas, and Eva Hamilton of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Daylong died Friday, March 27, in Hobbs, N.M.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at Ellis Chapel with Mr. Rick Denson officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Ellis Funeral Home.



Leonila Abalos

Leonila Tarango Abalos was born January 12, 1930, in Candelaria, Texas, to Alfredo Tarango and Petra Perez Tarango. She lived in Candelaria until the age of 7, when she and her family moved to Midland. She attended school here. She married Andres B. Abalos in 1949. Mrs. Abalos was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfredo and Petra Tarango; a daughter, Linda Abalos; two sisters, Otillia Hernandez and Beatrice Tarango.

Mrs. Abalos is survived by her husband, Andres B. Abalos of Midland; her sons, Andy Abalos Jr. and Joel Abalos, both of Midland; her daughter, Betty Terrell of Midland; her brothers, Elias Tarango, Alfred Tarango Jr. and Rudy Tarango, all of Midland; her sisters, Delia Menchaca, Angelina Mora, and Alicia Ochotorena, all of Midland and Hilda Saldania of Tye, Texas; her grandchildren, Andy Abalos III, Rico Enriquez, Tony

Enriquez, Andrea Abalos and Vanessa Abalos; one great-grandson, Isaiiah Leon Nathaniel Abalos; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Abalos died at a local hospital Thursday, March 26, 1998. Rosary has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday at Ellis Chapel. Funeral services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Monsignor T.J. Murphy officiating. He will be assisted by Deacon Jesse Guajardo. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Andy Abalos III, Tony Enriquez, Rico Enriquez, Justin Tarango, Belay Mora, Nove Ochotorena Jr., Robert Saldania Jr., Michael Tarango, Joe Hernandez, Tommy Tarango, and Brandon Tarango. Honorary pallbearers will be Brandon Watson, Fred Watson, Nalco Esperza, Juiquien Abalos, Ismael Branday, Marcus Abalos, Larry Abalos, Henry Abalos Jr. and Silver Haro.

The family requests memorials be directed to St. Ann's Prayer Group, 206 N. M.St., Midland, Texas 79701.

R.L. Corley

R.L. "Bob" Corley, 72, of Midland died March 25 in Midland.

Services were held Friday, March 27, at Seagraves Cemetery with Minister Clifton A. Mann officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Head Funeral Home in Seagraves.

He was born Dec. 8, 1925, in Dallas.

He was a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He had been in the oil business since 1951. He was self-employed in petroleum land management. He had lived in Lubbock for 15 years, before moving to Midland, where he had lived for the past 30 years. He was a life-long Texan. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was in the Combat Infantry division. While serving there, he was awarded the Bronze Star. He had spent many summers in Seagraves with his aunt, Mozelle Perry, who died in 1993, and with his grandparents, R.O. and Clemmie Dunaway Martin. Mr. R.O. Martin was the first superintendent of Seagraves Public Schools.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Corley of Midland; a son, Christopher B. Corley of Midland; a daughter, Cynthia Corley Lee and husband, Ryan, of Monroe, La.; brothers, Pat Corley of North Ridge, Calif., and Earl Corley of Rio Del Calif.; stepbrother, Frank Spivey of Commerce; a sister, Virginia Derrmon of Littleton, Colo.; and special friends in the Seagraves area, Penny and Judy Hayes.

BEE: Noah's strategy includes daily two-hour study session

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al competition.

Now, Katie's ready to take on her next challenge with a bit more confidence than what she had last year.

"Experience really pays off. I'm not going to be as nervous this year," Katie said. "Last year, I was out in the third round, but I was just really proud of myself for just being there at all."

Katie said she's not only seeking the ultimate thrill of being a national finalist, but she also looks forward to visiting the capital's attractions and making more friends.

"I made four or five friends last year. I talked to the guy who sat next to me for three hours during the bee because it took so long. We wrote to each other for a while after that," she said. "It was really fun."

Her strategy for success includes a daily two-hour study session with her parents — Doug and Sharon Noah — and her seventh-grade sister.

"We've really worked hard since spring break. She's participated for several years and has really placed high," her father said.

A&M to ask for permission to add legal studies classes

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents has agreed to ask state higher education officials for permission to add legal studies to its curriculum.

The decision came just days after the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board sought a legal opinion on whether the university could establish a law school without permission from the state.

In January, Texas A&M announced plans to affiliate with Houston's South Texas College of Law. But the move was criticized by some educators, who said the university had not received state authorization to offer a law program.

"Being a defending champion puts a little pressure on you."

Her mother added, "We went through the whole book and we spent many hours going over the words. It truly was a family effort."

Katie is a member of her school's honor society, band, student council and honors program.

The third place award went to Stacey Moore of Alamo Junior High and fourth place to Brandi Burns, of Trinity School. Students who tied for fifth place are Amy Hufnagel, Henderson Elementary; Adam Houk, James R. Brooks Middle School in Greenwood; Jack Foster of Hillander School; and Kristin Kahlich of Abell Junior High School.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Friday

Burglary of a vehicle: A car stereo and CD player were taken during a car break-in at 4 Industrial Ave. Victor Valdez made reported it at 12:28 p.m.

Aggravated assault: At 11:54 p.m., an aggravated assault report was made from 308 E. Pine Street.

Saturday
Assault: An assault report was made from 1315 Scharbauer Drive. It was reported at 2 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Saturday

Criminal mischief: A car window was broken at 205 E. Longview Ave. Andrea Aceves reported it at 1:17 a.m.

Forgery: Checks were stolen from 4010 S. County Road 1200. Billie Neatherlin reported at 8:34 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A storage room was vandalized at 313 S.

County Road 1223. Maria Garces Galindo reported at 11:54 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCK-UP.

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A related question that I regularly hear is, "What do I say when people ask me how many children I have?" Those in our Compassionate Friends support group for grieving parents almost unanimously tell me they answer in this fashion: "I have three children. John is eight, Jane is six, and Jerry died 10 years ago". This is a clear, honest answer that acknowledges the death of your child in a socially gentle way. And it allows you to affirm the existence of your child, who will always be an important part of your life.

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Midland woman spins yarn about perils of West Texas ranching

By Jim Blischke

(Carie McKittrick's) eyes caught sight of the bloodstained paper poking out of the pocket of her riding skirt. Slowly she pulled out the crumpled letter, unfolded it and again read the words written in her husband's hand. "Carie, love," it said, "This is to let you know that Billy Frank and I are being held captive by Chango Gomez in Rustler's Cave. This letter will be delivered to Carrasco de Monseis along with the finger they have cut from my right hand. This is a warning, Carie... round up as many of the horses as you can find and within a week's time take them to Gomez's Estancia... Each day that you delay, Senor Gomez will cut off another finger of my right hand..."

Your Will.
—from "Run With Horses" by
Joan Stocks Nobles

Gomez, himself, had given the note to Carie. And, as if to punctuate it, he had also given Carie a bloody rag, containing the finger that had once been part of her husband's right hand. She buried the finger, properly, in the soil of the Davis Mountains, and returned to the ranch she and Will had built up in the 40 years of their marriage... returned to Lea, her daughter-in-law and wife of Billy Frank and to her three grandchildren: 17-year-old Meri, Missy, aged 12, and 9-year-old Willie. Each of the children resembled, in looks and spirit, one of the adults. Meredith was becoming as beautiful and high-spirited as her mother. Missy was irascible like Carie, herself. And Willie was a miniature of his Grampa Will.

Thus the stage is set for "Run with the Horses," the first nov-

el by Midlander — and grandmother — Joan Stocks Nobles. Ms. Nobles will be at the Haley Library 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday to talk about her book and sign copies.

The book is written in a unique style: a long story, told on paper. It is, in fact, a story — a legend told to Ms. Nobles by her grandfather when she was 9 years old and quarantined with red measles.

To this day, Ms. Nobles is convinced that Grandfather Joe Stocks told her this story — over three days and three nights — to keep her alive. He knew she loved horses, and figured an adventure story would excite her, give her the will to stay alive and hear the next installment. As Joan grew, married, then became a single parent and a successful inn and restaurant manager, she never forgot her grandpa's story. She wanted to be certain it would be passed on to her children, grandchildren and future generations.

She wrote an outline and sent it to novelist Elmer Kelton with the suggestion that he turn it into a novel. He responded that this was her story, and she should write the book.

It was, indeed, her story — set in the Davis Mountains and the Apaches and the Salt Flat in the shadows of the Guadalupe. These were trails that young Joan rode at Grandpa Joe's ranch.

On about 65 sections of West Texas land — that included the intersection of Interstate 20 and Interstate 10 — Joe Stocks was a 20-year-old straw-boss for Charles Goodnight and raised cattle, sheep, goats, fruit and vegetables and the blooded horses that his granddaughter, Joan, learned to love and ride.

Sixty years before the popularity of "The Horse Whisperer" and men who, in real life, have learned to gentle-break horses, young Joan Stocks was leading 4-year-old steeds, never ridden, to a quiet back pasture "way away from the men... who always had a lot of fun tryin' to get me bucked off." There she "fooled with them, petted them, loved them, and gentled them by hand... I was the only person on the ranch who could walk out into the pasture and catch my horses."

In "Runs with the Horses," Carie and Will McKittrick, too, raised blooded horses — predecessors if not ancestors of Grandpa Joe's. Gomez and his gang told Carie they wanted a hundred of them, in one week. Carie lied, told him they had only 19, and it would take 10 days to round them up.

Ignoring Gomez's threats and the instructions of her husband, Carie McKittrick didn't plan to deliver the horses but, within that week's time, rescue her man and her son. To do this, she hatched a plan — one that would make heroes of women, children and horses — usually the bit players of Western literature. And, in another role reversal, she would need and get the help of a small band of Mescalero Apaches. To not graze too far from the traditions of the West, one Texas Ranger pitched in, along with a cavalry detachment — a few Buffalo soldiers and one white officer, ineptly heading into his first battle.

Carie's plan was to divide her forces, confuse and divert Gomez and his men, round up the horses and rendezvous at the Salt Flats where the cavalry was encamped. But there were obstacles. Missy,

assigned the task of rounding up 200 horses and then meet Carie, is discovered by a strange man. Meri, driving another smaller herd of horses, is captured by one of Gomez's men. Lea and Willie are to divert Gomez's attention, but that ruse fails.

Ms. Nobles follows each individual adventure to its conclusion. It's a riveting way to tell an exciting story. Telling the tale, Ms. Nobles gets behind the scenery into the harshness of West Texas life. She can bring to vivid life Missy's dog killing a rattler because Joan Nobles' border collie dispatched more than one in the open fields west of Midland. There is no sugar coating in the book, or in ranch life. When asked about the salty language even the children used, Ms. Nobles replied "That's the way people talked... But they were good people."

What of the story itself: fact or fiction? Or some of both? The publisher, TCU Press, describes it as "literary folklore — a true story based on the author's recollections of family stories, but here told in the style of fiction."

Elmer Kelton remembers that he has read or heard of this legend. Ms. Nobles said that her grandfather called it a yarn. Where does fact stop and story begin? "I don't know," Ms. Nobles said. Perhaps "Run with the Horses" is best described as storytelling on paper.

Reading "Run with the Horses" evokes images of a campfire — stories told by ranch hands who may have heard them on a cattle drive, told by a chuck-wagon cook or another cowboy who used to work on Davis Mountain ranches. Sto-

rytelling is as much a part of Western tradition as spurs and branding irons.

Grandpa Joe was born in 1875, about the time the story of Carie takes place. He was one of those people who straddled the eras of old-time ranching and modern life. Ms. Nobles described life on his ranch with fondness — "a wonderful life" — one that contained more of the 19th than the 20th century. Her mother and grandmother were "the epitome of ladies... and then I came along... I think there's an awful lot of me in the little girl (Missy)," Ms. Nobles said.

There was more to life than horses and cattle. There was reading and an appreciation and talent

for music that combined with the self-sufficiency and the ability to think for herself. As a single parent, Ms. Nobles moved from Midland to Van Horn, where she managed a motel and then took a similar job in San Angelo. She reopened the Limpia Hotel and Restaurant in Fort Davis because, "I couldn't stand to see it closed. I opened it back up," and turned it into the elegant inn and restaurant that has appeared in Southern Living and other travel publications.

Now living in Midland, Joan Stocks Nobles is working on a second book — set in the same Davis Mountains and West Texas country that she learned to love.

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RADAR: Storm spotters serve as eyes and ears of NWS

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has "tremendously improved our capabilities," Fagen said. Besides measuring storm intensity, Fagen said the Doppler radar also has the capability to measure wind speed and can see if rotation is forming in a storm cloud.

If storms develop, the SKYWARN volunteer storm spotters will be fanned out into the field to report conditions back to the NWS. These trained storm spotters, who are also amateur radio operators, serve as the eyes and ears of the

National Weather Service.

"I really appreciate the time these SKYWARN people put in," Fagen said. "They put in a tremendous amount of time." He said that on stormy days it is not uncommon for the volunteers to work from 4 p.m. until well after midnight.

Fagen said it is a common misconception that Midland is somehow protected by the presence of the caprock. "It can happen here," Fagen said.

Midland has not yet been struck by a major tornado, but it may just be a matter of time. "It's just pure

luck," Jordan said. "It's just the luck of the draw — nothing keeps us from having a major tornado strike us."

Jordan said it is foolish to believe that Midland is protected by the caprock or because of a depression in the land.

The NWS encourages citizens to formulate plans, and make preparations for severe weather before it hits. Fagen also implores people to heed the warnings issued by the National Weather Service. "It's just a question of if and when they are prepared," Fagen said.

Fagen said persons interested in

learning more about spotting storms can attend an upcoming SKYWARN training — one of the last of this season. The training will be offered 7 p.m. April 23 at Odessa College.

For a complete listing of SKYWARN trainings offered throughout the Permian Basin, and for additional weather information, access the Midland NWS web site at www.srh.noaa.gov/maf

Man receives 70 years in prison for pastor's slaying

HOUSTON (AP) — A man has been sentenced to 70 years in prison for killing an associate pastor who refused to get off a pay phone.

Thomas Palermo, a 59-year-old security guard, will have to serve at least 30 years before he becomes eligible for parole. Palermo also was assessed a \$10,000 fine.

Palermo was convicted of fatally shooting Walter Kyle Berry Jr., 32, in December 1996. Berry was using a pay phone when Palermo "approached him and said, 'I need to use the phone. Get off the phone.'"

Berry replied that there was another pay phone across the street that Palermo could use. Berry also said he would call the police if

Palermo did not stop harassing him.

Palermo then pulled out a .357-caliber pistol from his pants pocket and

shot Berry in the face. The woman who was talking with Berry on the telephone heard the entire altercation and called 911.

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The tickets are \$20 each for general seating. You may reserve a table of preferred seating for 8 to 10 people at \$25 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

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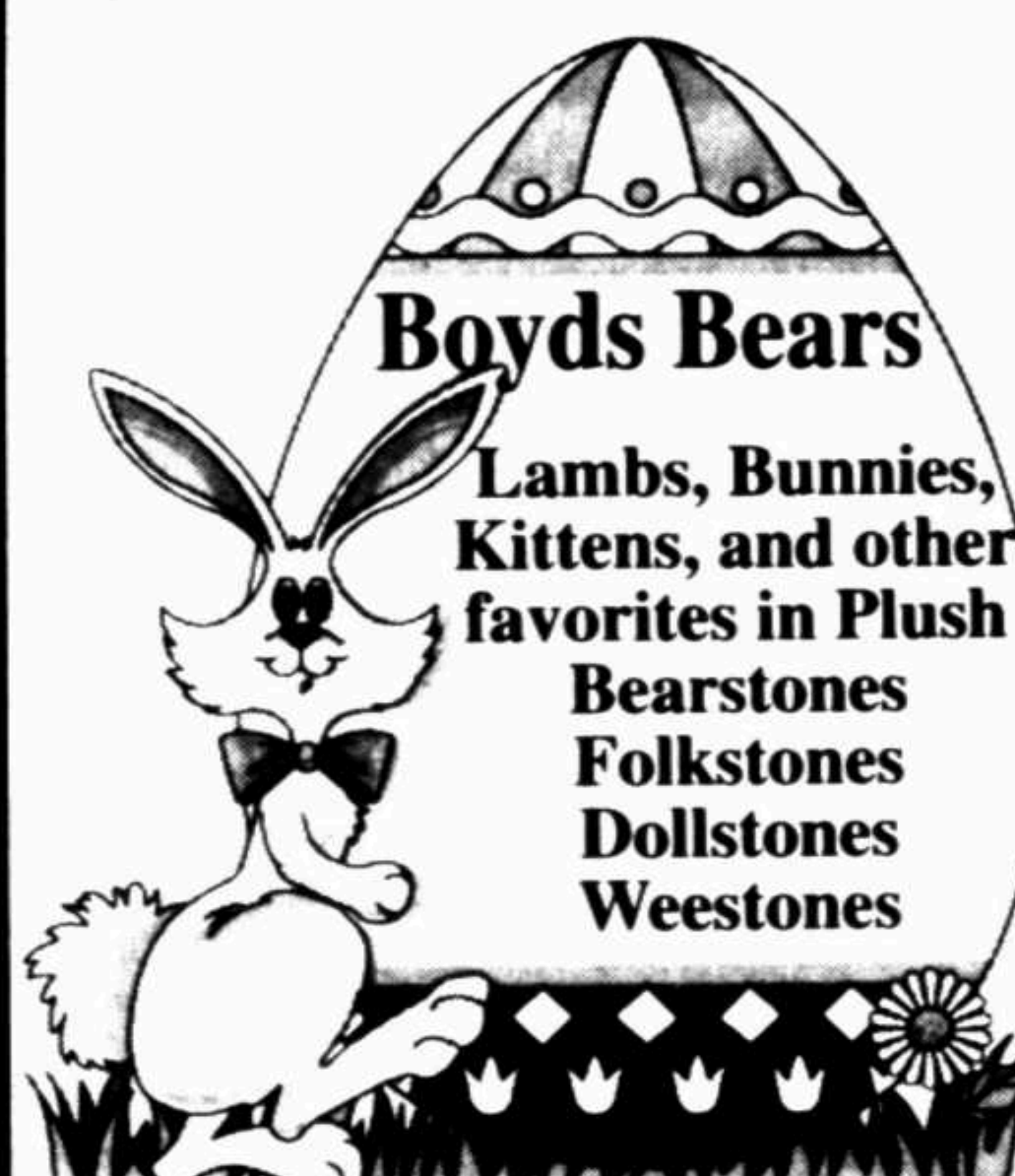
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Art classes offered

The Activities Ministry of First Baptist Church is offering art classes in oil, watercolor and mixed media Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

The classes will be taught by Virginia Whitten, whose work has been shown in galleries in Lubbock, Houston and Santa Fe. N.M. She has taught art at Howard College, Big Spring.

For more information call the Activities Building, 683-0647, or Ms. Whitten, 1-915-263-4245. The classes are for beginners and advance students.

TV program set

The Baha'is are presenting a television program entitled "The Power of Race Unity" that will be aired on the Odyssey, Channel 56, this spring.

"The Power of Race" will air six times over the last week of March and the first week of April, to serve as a catalyst for discussions of race unity throughout the Permian Basin area. The 28-minute video relays one religious community's experience in the difficult work of establishing unity among the races. It highlights members of the Baha'i Faith, who regard the unity of the entire human race as its most basic belief.

"The Baha'i experience is really like a laboratory," said Sandra Dunham of the Odessa Baha'i community. "We hope this video will encourage hundreds of families and churches and community leaders to begin a serious dialogue on race unity."

The times and dates are as follows: 4:30 p.m. today, 7 a.m. Sunday, noon Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. April 4 and noon April 8.

Registration begins

Crestview Baptist Kindergarten, Preschool and Day Care, corner of Thomas Street and Midkiff Road, is accepting registration for the school year 1998-99.

The program is for children age 3 by Sept. 1 through kindergarten. Full-day care for preschool and kindergarten, as well as morning preschool and kindergarten is available.

For more information call Jean Wolfe, 694-3942.

Occasion marked

Fifty years after the date that Israel again became a nation, Christians and Jews here will mark the occasion at 7 p.m. May 14 with a gala musical at the Holiday Inn Convention Center.

Organizers of the event, Judy and Jack Stone also produced the 40th anniversary celebration of Israel's statehood here in 1988.

"Israel Jubilee" recalls the reference in Leviticus 25:10 to the unique 50th year of freedom and restoration," said a news release from the Stones.

The singers and dancers participating in the musical are from various Christian congregations and Odessa's Temple Beth El. They will accompany Paul Wilbur, the featured artist on Integrity Music albums "Shalom Jerusalem" and "Up to Zion."

The public is invited to attend. No admission will be charged.

Registration set

First United Methodist Church is now registering children for the 1998-99 Children's Day Out and Preschool Program.

Preschool classes are available for 3 and 4 year olds. Children's Day Out classes are available for children beginning at 3 months old. After kindergarten care is available as well.

Both programs are offered Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Features of the programs include music instruction, gymnastic lessons taught by Midland

Trampoline and Tumbling. Children's Chapel, lunch, after-kindergarten pick up from selected public schools, and certified preschool teachers.

Workshop held

Second Baptist Church, 3125 Travis St., begins a new semester of the Weight Down Workshop on April 20.

The new time is from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. A free orientation is planned for 6 p.m. Monday and April 6 at the church in the Adult Ministry building.

For more information call 682-3505.

Also, the church is offering a free series of Bible studies entitled "Marriage Matters" at 6:30 p.m. Sundays in the worship pastor, the Rev. H.W. Erwin, is leading the series. Topics include "Pull Together When You Are Pulled Apart," "When You Are Married to the Wrong Person," "Fanning the Flame of Romance" and "When a Marriage Ends."

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Lenten services

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3309 Neely Ave., is holding Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The gatherings will incorporate scripture, worship, testimony and a special emphasis on prayer. A nursery will be available.

Lenten worship

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2800 W. Louisiana Ave., is offering Lenten worship at 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and at 10:55 a.m. Sundays.

The Pizza Lunch date is Tuesday. Cost is \$2. To enable the leaders to provide plenty of pizza, youth are asked to call 682-2514 to make reservations.

The Wednesday evening services are designed to be inclusive

of children, youth and adults. During Holy Week, April 5-11, the church will worship nightly.

Religious pageant

CISCO — The Kendrick religious pageant "The Life of Christ" will begin the 1998 productions April 12 with the 34th annual Easter Pageant.

The nondenominational production begins at 3:30 a.m. and lasts two hours.

Admission is a free will offering taken at the gate upon entering the pageant grounds. Free parking and clean restrooms are on the grounds. Overnight camping facilities are available with our without hookups. RV hookups are \$6 a day and advance reservations are a must.

A concession stand also is on the grounds. No alcoholic beverages or drugs are allowed on the grounds.

Also located on the grounds is Texas' only all religious diorama and museum, open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 for children 6 to 11 and \$2.50 for adults. Each tour lasts an hour and a half. On Easter weekend, the diorama will reopen at 7 p.m. and hold tours on the hour until midnight, beginning at midnight, religious and gospel groups will sing continuously until 3 a.m.

For more information call 1-254-629-8672 or write Life of Christ Pageant, Route 2, Box 46, Cisco, Texas 76437.

Lenten services

Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan Ave., continues its Lenten services Wednesdays.

This year's theme is "The Body of Christ." Prior to the service at 6 p.m. a meal will be served for a nominal amount in the Fellowship Hall. The public is invited to attend.

For more information call the church's pastor, the Rev. Glenn Kramer, 694-1373.

Support groups

ODESSA — Beyond Choice support groups are designed for those suffering post-abortion issues.

Confidential meetings for men and women are being held at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information call Dot, 683-3775, or Kathy, 580-HELP.

In-home ministry

Fourth Cross Ministry is a nondenominational evangelical Christian ministry that is available for in-home ministering to individuals and families who find themselves unable to leave their homes.

"We can provide prayer for the sick and afflicted, administering of the Lord's Supper, anointing with oil for those so inclined, hospital visitation, spiritual assistance for all life's situations and a compassionate ear and loving heart," said the Rev. Neil B. Hollis.

Interested parties are asked to call 699-0682 to schedule a visit.

Camp retreat

MERKEL — Camp Butman here will be the setting for Discover God's Call Retreat Friday through April 5. The inspirational speaker will be the Rev. Edmund W. Robb Jr.

He is the co-author of "The Betrayal of the Church: Apostasy and Renewal in the Mainline Denominations," a book that received the Golden Medallion award in the theology-doctrine category of the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association Awards.

Robb is married and the father of five children.

For more information on the retreat call Sandra Keith, 1-806-795-0621 or 1-806-832-5602, or Debra Goss, registrar, 1-806-385-4877. Cost for First Time Discov-

ers is \$135.

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A support group for widows and widowers meets at 3 p.m. Sundays at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5400 N. Big Spring St. For more information call the church office, 570-8149, or Peggy, 694-7362.

Singles ministry

The Single-Hearted Ministries, the single adult ministry at Kelview Heights Baptist Church, is studying a Bible study series entitled "Stepping Through the Scriptures."

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Two Midland Scientists

From Staff Rep

ODESSA — Two fair winners of the Science and Engineering Fair at Fort Worth on March 27, 1998, are Peter Alderks, land High School, Hansen, a Lee more, will comp

Amber Rowe School senior, is Alderks won Earth/Space Hansen won Ms. Rowe won Health.

The top three announced following Basin Regional Saturday at the Permian Basin

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Other Midland winners are: Chemistry — Chantel Dawson

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Two Midland students advance to Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Fort Worth in May

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — Two regional science fair winners from Midland will advance to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Fort Worth on May 10.

Peter Alderks, a junior at Midland High School, and Cody Hansen, a Lee High School sophomore, will compete in May.

Amber Rowe, an Andrews High School senior, is an alternate.

Alderks won first in the Earth/Space Science category, Hansen won first in Engineering, Ms. Rowe won first in Medicine and Health.

The top three winners were announced following the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair Saturday at the University of Texas at Permian Basin.

The regional competition is divided into two groups — the junior division, which includes grades three through eight, and the senior division, which includes grades nine through 12.

Other Midland senior division winners are:

Chemistry — Second place, Chantel Dawson, LHS; Third place, Thomas Millstead (homeschooled).

Group project — First, Robin Nelson and Vanessa Spencer, MHS; Second, Stephen Fly and Vinesh Patel and Kunal Patel, LHS; Third, Katie Williams and Linda Thoun, LHS.

Physics — First, Travis Vandergriff, MHS; Third, Ross Brunner, MHS.

Zoology — First, Robert Quesada, MHS; Second, Andrea Wirshing, MHS.

Midland junior division winners are:

Grade three

Life Science — Second place, Stephanie Krol, Parker Elementary; Third, Laura Peek, Lamar.

Mathematics/Physics — First, Brandi Buck, Rusk; Second, Cami Leach, Bowie; Third, Daniel Porter, Trinity School.

Grade four

Earth/Space Science — First, David Bingham, Bonham; Second, Ashley Jordan, Henderson; Third, Drew Harris, Bonham.

Life Science — First, Holly Forbes, Bonham.

Grade five

Behavioral/Social Science — Second, Michelle Kozimko, Scharbauer; Third, Emily Fortuna, Fannin.

Chemistry — First, Laura Pittinger, St. Ann's Catholic School.

Earth/Space Science — First, Kimberly Trimble, Santa Rita; Second, Kelly Stanley, Fannin.

Environmental Science — First, Kim Skopak, Santa Rita; Third, Keal Rasavage, St. Ann's.

Life Science — First, Bryne Ulmschneider, Fannin; Second, Reen Ann Downing, St. Ann's; Third, Kelsie Daniels, Santa Rita.

Mathematics/Physics — Second, Zach Peterson, Scharbauer; Third,



Abell Junior High School eighth-grader Emily Maffeo sets up a filtration system for her project for the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair Saturday morning at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. She was demonstrating a water purification system.

Paul Castillo, St. Ann's.

Grade six

Behavioral/Social Science — First, Katie Truitt, St. Ann's; Second, Ellie Reyes and Katelin Filip, Washington; Third, Kylie Lindquist, St. Ann's.

Chemistry — First, Christopher Burnett, DeZavala; Second, Amy Lawler, St. Ann's; Third, Robin Bradshaw, Trinity School.

Environmental Science — Third, Michael Heinemann, St. Ann's.

Life Science — First, Jessica Stewart, South; Third, Kiri Ulmschneider, Crockett.

Mathematics/Physics — Third, Brandon Driver, Crockett.

Grade seven

Chemistry — First, Randall Burnett, Abell Junior High; Third, Kate Johannesen, Abell.

Earth/Space Science — First, Ashley Estes, San Jacinto; Third, Angela Wolf, San Jacinto.

Environmental Science — First, Trevor Best, Abell; Second, Lauren Luskey, San Jacinto; Third, Eric Graham, Alamo.

Life Science — First, Bryce Langemeier, Abell; Second, Wes Copeland, San Jacinto; Third, Amy Smith, San Jacinto.

Mathematics/Physics — First, Lindsey Hufnagel, Abell; Second, Tyler Fields, San Jacinto; Third, Philip Robertson, Alamo.

Grade eight

Behavioral/Social Science — First, Jonathon Carrasco, Goddard; Second, Ron Hogsett, Abell; Third, David Bargas, Goddard.

Chemistry — First, Erin Wellen, Goddard; Second, Steven Gillette, Alamo; Third, Ryan Moore, Goddard.

Earth/Space Science — First, Misty Raisbeck, Abell; Second, Casey Owens, Goddard; Third, Amanda Hill, Abell; Third, Emily Maffeo, Abell.

Environmental Science — First, David Drennon, Goddard; Second, Aaron Trimble, Alamo; Third, Stephanie Horton, Goddard.

Life Science — First, Audra Hocutt, Abell; Second, Jennifer

Hendrix, Goddard; Third, James Hersberger, Alamo.

Math/Physics — First, Kyle Rigger, Goddard; Second, Robert Moore, Goddard; Third, David McCleery, Alamo.

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CHECKING OUT THE LIBRARIES

Sandra Wegner

The public is invited to attend the Friends of the Midland Library Annual Meeting 2 p.m. today at the second floor meeting room of the Main Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Jon Lindgren and his video history of Midland's Petroleum Building will be featured at the meeting.

Four long-time Friends of the Library will receive honorary life membership: Marguerite Crain, Bob Angevine and Anne and Don Wambaugh.

April is almost here and with it comes allergies and income tax day. The library can't do much about the elm and mulberry trees, but the library does have tax forms.

The Reading Room of the main library has copies of the most common forms and booklets. The Reference Department keeps a set of the lesser used forms to be photocopied. Should you have failed to file in past years, the library keeps copies of old forms back to 1991. Call the Reference Department at 688-8991 to verify that the library still has a specific old form or booklet.

Patrons may also access the IRS Web site and print forms from the Internet at the library. Photocopies and computer printouts are 10 cents a page. Patrons cannot file their return at the library via the Internet.

Parents are encouraged to get a schedule of the Children's Department events in April. Activities are set for every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday for different ages, kindergarten through elementary grades.

The main library recently received three boxes of Spanish language books from the Mexican government through the efforts of the Mexican Consulate in Midland and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

These books concentrate on areas of adult education, as well as, elementary school subjects.

Many thanks to the generous folks who brought magazines to the main library to be sold by the Friends of the Library in the foyer.

Many needed items, from children's bookmarks to computers, are purchased with the dimes earned by selling these used magazines. Ed Gorence, our Friends volunteer, says he needs more magazines to sell.

Don't forget the Friends of the Library's bookdrop at 2305 W. Michi-

gan Ave. They are there to accept your book (no magazines) donations 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Libraries will be closed for Easter Holidays, the weekend of April 10-13.

Recently new shelving was put up in several areas of the main library and at the branch library. All of the shelving was purchased by the Friends of the Library.

Since last year's book sale the Friends have spent more than \$24,000 on shelving, equipment and computers for the libraries. It is good to have a Friend!

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Sandra Wegner is director of the Midland County Public Library.



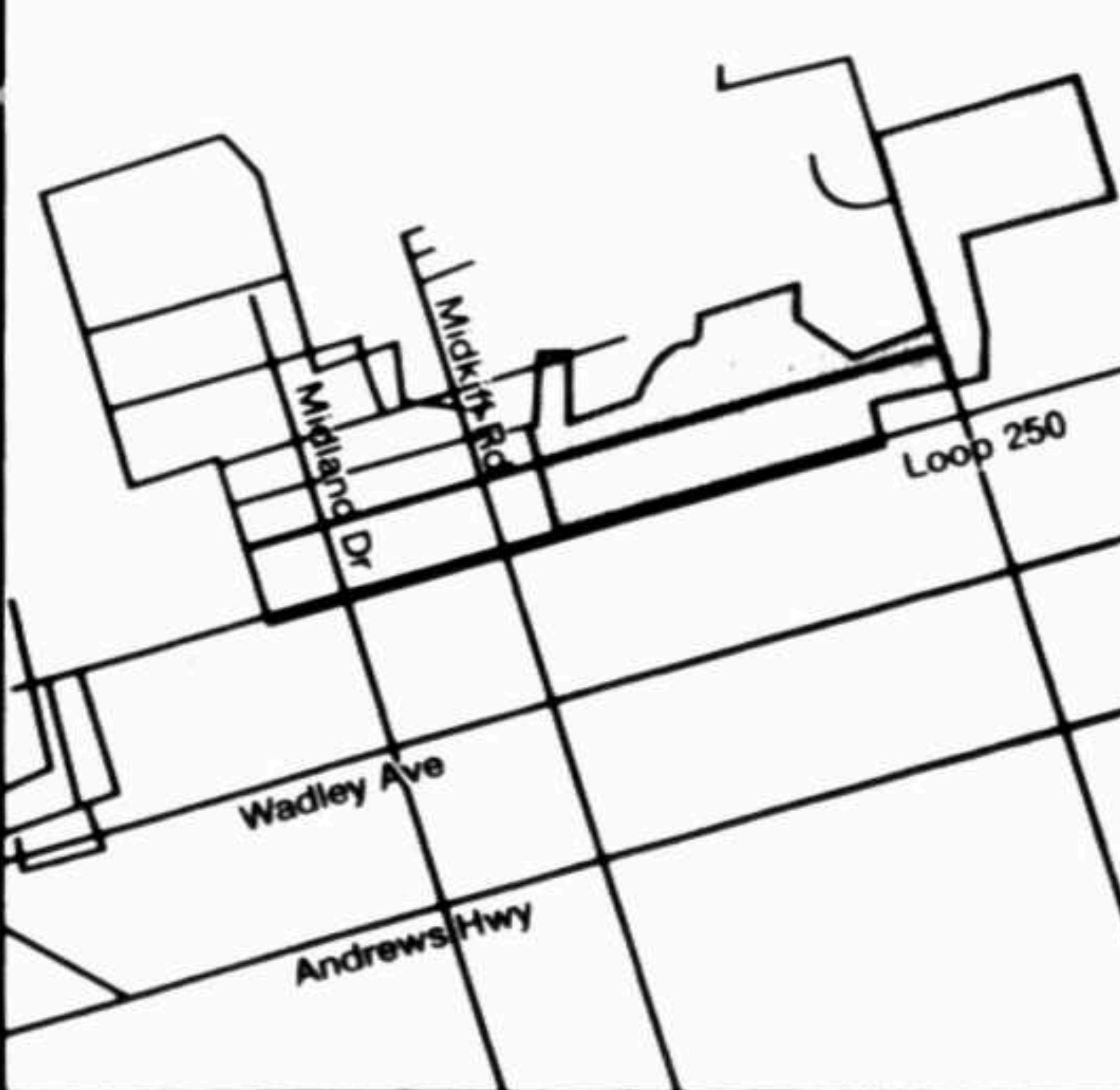
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National Weather Service says key to surviving a tornado is preparation

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

A significant anniversary date in public safety passed on March 25 without much fanfare or public notice — the 50th anniversary of the first tornado warning.

That warning came after two U.S. Air Force weather forecasters analyzed severe storm data at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City and made what was then considered to be a brazen warning.

Yet, base personnel heeded the warning and secured equipment and waited. The storm hit late that afternoon packing winds of 155 mph, but thanks to the advance notice, no one was injured, and damages were limited to \$6 million.

Thanks to modern technology, the National Weather Service has been able to double — from 10 minutes to 20 minutes — the lead time it is able to give the public during severe weather.

It is because of carefully orchestrated efforts between the National Weather Service and a group of dedicated volunteers, SKYWARN, that the warning system is possible.

The SKYWARN system of storm spotters acts as the eyes and ears of the National Weather Service out in the field.

"Better reporting has a direct effect on the health and welfare of the people at home," said Robert Jordan, the West Texas Regional

Coordinator for the SKYWARN network.

Ray Fagen, meteorologist-in-charge at the National Weather Service in Midland, said the key to surviving a tornado is preparation. If you were faced with a tornado warning would you know what to do?

Never try to outrun the storm by getting in your car, he said. "It is real dangerous to get in to your car." He noted that half of the fatalities in the 1979 Wichita Falls tornado were people in their vehicles. Forty-two people died in the twister, 25 of those were vehicle-related, according to the NWS.

Fagen said people who are caught in their cars in a tornado should leave their cars and seek protection in a depression or a ditch and should attempt to protect themselves from flying debris. Another place that could provide protection is under a highway overpass, he said.

Every household should also have a plan of action before severe weather threatens. Because basements are almost non-existent in West Texas, people should seek out an interior room, such as a closet or bathroom. Bathrooms are a good bet because they are reinforced with piping for the plumbing, Fagen said.

A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio is a good safety investment, he said. The radio alarm will go off whenever severe weather is in the area. The radio is activated when-

ever warnings are issued by the National Weather Service. They range in price from \$20 to \$80, Jordan said.

Preparing a survival box or bucket ahead of time is an easy and fun way to be prepared for severe weather, yet it could mean the difference between life and death in a severe weather situation.

The survival bucket should contain a NOAA weather radio or a transistor radio (both battery-powered), a first-aid kit, bottled water, an emergency blanket (available at outdoor stores), a flashlight and high-energy foods such as granola bars or protein bars.

The kit might also contain prescriptions, a can-opener, matches, a small container of pet food, toothbrushes, soap and a washcloth, toilet tissue, a book or a deck of cards and a stuffed animal or two for children.

Above all, don't be lulled into a false feeling of security, Jordan said.

"Talk to anyone in any city that has been ravaged by a natural disaster. They just didn't think it could happen to them. I can't impress enough upon people to get some training."

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Marine 1st Lt. Michael T. Nelms, grandson of Elijah L. Nelms of Midland, recently returned to his homebase of Camp Pendleton, Calif., after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf.

He is with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Marine Pfc. Jauier G. Almodova, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Almodova of Midland, recently completed the Motor Vehicle Operator Course at Marine Corps Detachment at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Marine Pvt. James Higgins, son of James and Patricia L. Higgins of Midland, recently reported for active duty at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C.

Marine Pvt. Pablo Rodriguez, son of Paul and Mary Rodriguez of Stanton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Rodriguez successfully completed 12 weeks of training.

Dennis E. Hodge Jr. has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Midland.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education.

Hodge will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., for basic training on July 23.

He is the son of Rachel Lights of Midland.

The 23rd annual reunion of the 351 Bomb Group Association — former members of the 351st Bomb Group that was based at Polebrook, England, during World War II — is set for June 3-7 at the Park Tucson Hotel at Tucson, Ariz.

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Austin woman opens doors and heart to neighborhood kids

By Ricardo Gandara
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A 7-year-old boy runs up to "Nanny," what the neighborhood children call Florence Ponziano, and cries that a bee nearly stung him. She tends to him while another boy storms in the back door to tattle that a third child said "stupid." Yet another boy, 6, wants a drink of water. More kids, who are on the living room floor drawing pictures, want praise.

Ponziano has time for each of them, as well as several others playing in her back yard. Her house is a safe place to be — the neighborhood's free unofficial community center, social services agency and after-school child care center. Ponziano calls it "Comfort House." The children call it home.

"This is our house," says 12-year-old Margaret, who has been coming to Comfort House almost daily for six years. "It's fun here."

For seven years, Ponziano, 53, has run Comfort House in her Montopolis neighborhood, an area bounded roughly by Town Lake on the north, U.S. 183 on the east, Texas 71 on the south and Grove Boulevard on the west. It's a place where young children hurry after school to be held, kissed, heard and comforted. As many as 20 children, 6 to 13, come and go between 3:30 and 8 p.m. weekdays. On weekends, more spend most of the day there playing and reading, generally being the center of Ponziano's attention. They relish it.

For some children, Comfort House provides a refuge from tough home lives and protection from drugs, prostitution and violence in their neighborhood.

Travis County social worker Rachel Wulbert says, "Some children in the area come from chaotic home environments where there is domestic violence and drugs. At times, they have no food. Sometimes, Mom and Dad both work, so they are alone. There are a number of issues."

It makes Ponziano's home a place they can count on. "Certainly, Florence provides stability," says Wulbert. "The kids love it there because they get positive feedback, they feel good, and they feel wanted."

To the children, Comfort House is a wonderland.

A rock garden along the front curb is filled with neatly placed, small, plastic dinosaurs. The children have poked more dinosaurs in the chain link fence. Scattered in the front yard are a Nativity scene, toy trucks, a wooden rocking horse, a tractor tire, basketballs and more toys. The sweet sound of children laughing comes from the back yard.

A large sheet of wood leans near the front door. The children have spray-painted "Comfort House" and "Drugs Destroy Families and Lives" and "Angels Protect Us" and "Love Counts" and "Hooked on Hope." In the back are swings — car tires attached to trees. A volleyball net stretches across the deep lot. A hard plastic playscape that many of the children have outgrown still gets use.

The two-bedroom cinder-block house is only 800 square feet, but it seems to expand when the children are inside.

Ponziano started the Comfort House concept after moving into the neighborhood in 1990. At the time, she was volunteering with the Travis County weatherization program that helps needy and older people fix their houses. She often noticed children playing near houses that were being repaired. She befriended some of them and even coaxed a few to pitch in with the simpler work, like cleaning yards. Soon, the children began following her home.

It evolved into daily visits. Today, younger siblings of some of the original children call Ponziano's home theirs, too.

Last year, Ponziano's work was recognized by the Washington, D.C.-based National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise. She was one of eight heroes honored with the Achievement Against the Odds award. The center singles out people in low-income areas who find solutions to problems in their neighborhoods. Along with the award, she got her picture taken with U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Next month, she is one of five people receiving KVUE Channel 24's public service award, "Five Who Care."

Companies understand her value to the Montopolis community. Austin Community College students are volunteering time to build an expansion to Ponziano's house so she can better serve the growing number of kids. ACC's Building Construction Technology department is collaborating with State Farm Insurance, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services and several other groups to make the project possible. The addition, 800 square feet, will house a library and activity center. "I've been praying for this for five years," Ponziano says.

The project, which will be completed by late spring, got a lift from State Farm, which donated \$10,000 after she received the national award in 1997.

"There is an angel looking over my shoulder every minute," Ponziano says of the good fortune.

Like the man who shows up on Saturdays to drop several loaves of Central Market bread on her doorstep. Like the man who read about her award in an article that also mentioned her severe back

problems. The reader went to a Relax the Back store to ask about a reclining lumbar chair. He was told that a green chair had been stored away because a customer dissatisfied with the color had returned it. The man bought it for \$200 and delivered it to Ponziano. "Guess what? Green is my favorite color. I sleep in the chair every night," she says.

Like the time a teen mother left a sick infant with Ponziano overnight. She called the hospital for assistance with the baby boy's high fever and was told to give him infant aspirin. She gathered up the kids who had come to her house that Saturday and asked them to empty their pockets. She was collecting change to buy the medicine when the doorbell rang. UPS was delivering a large box. Inside was an ample supply of baby and children's vitamins and aspirin from Bayer. The company had learned of her work when she received the award.

Miracles occur often. One day, she and several children were picking up litter in a vacant lot. That day, she had little food in the fridge. She was worrying about what the children would have for lunch when she bent over and found a rolled-up \$100 bill. "God keeps me and the house filled all the time," she says. "It's why I don't worry about what I don't have. Something always happens."

Recently, Morrison Homes, an Austin builder, put a new roof on her house and gave her a new stove. The house has a new coat of frost-white paint because a man who owns a small painting company insisted the weathered house needed a face lift. "I never asked for a paint job. He insisted and got a company to donate the paint. This is an example of what keeps Comfort House running," says Ponziano.

Still, Ponziano's needs are plenty. Her \$460-a-month disability check does not go far. She struggles to pay for cable television, which she says is essential because of the Disney and Discovery channels for the kids. She's constantly hunting for books at garage sales for her dream library and for supplies to keep children busy. Clothes, detergent, diapers and toys are always in demand. With the number of children who visit her daily, she struggles to keep enough food in the house.

It is Thursday afternoon and 9-year-old Vanessa is mopping the bathroom floor. "Nanny can't bend over to clean under the tub," she says. In the living room, 7-year-old twins Randall and Roderick are dusting furniture and knickknacks. They finish and Randall asks, "Now dishes?" Gloria, 10, comes in the back door and wants to show Ponziano that she's done raking leaves. Way back in the yard another boy cuts grass with a push mower.

"They mess this place up; they clean it up," says Ponziano.

The children don't mind. To watch them work with nary a complaint is to see their stake in Comfort House. It also speaks volumes for the responsibility they are learning.

Improving their environment is just one of the rules at Comfort House. Ponziano often takes the children to San Jose Cemetery on Montopolis Drive to pick up litter. They also clean senior citizens' yards.

Swearing, hitting or being mean are not allowed. Sharing, caring and watching out for each other are what the children live by. Last year, one child was hit by a car and recovered from the injuries. Now, that boy helps other children cross the street.

"Life skills. That's what the children are learning from Florence," says Marilyn Elrod, who has been teaching for 33 years at nearby Allison Elementary School. "Caring, sharing and responsibility. These are skills that help them in school."

One middle school student, Margaret, adds: "She teaches us to respect all adults, get good grades and always have good manners."

Ponziano reinforces good behavior and positive language. She is most proud that the children watch out for each other.

She rides them hard, too, especially about homework. Often, they do it on the back porch, and Ponziano checks the work, encourages them and gives out praise by the armload.

Her workday picks up when the school bell rings and often ends at 8 or 9 p.m. when the last child walks home or is picked up by a family member. She tends to every need that comes up, whether it's filling an empty tummy, giving a bath or washing a child's dirty clothes. Usually, however, the children want TLC.

"The love part is easy. I love every one of these children," she says.

And the kids love her. Randall, 7, says, "I love Florence. She's like a momma. She is nice to me, hugs me and cares about me and gives me stuff like toys and candy."

"She's like our godmother," says another boy.

Ten-year-old D'Anna, who usually spends five hours daily at Comfort House, says, "Nanny is fun. She makes every day a fun day."

Tramayne, 10, says Comfort House is a happy place. "I always feel good here. This is where I learned to read."

Wulbert, the county social worker, says Ponziano is effective with the children because she lives in the middle of their neighborhood. "It's not like she comes in on weekends driving a Cadillac. She lives there. She is one of them. She helps them cope with their lives," she says.

It's not just the kids who value Ponziano.

"She is unbelievable," says Bobbie Clear, a spokeswoman for State Farm Insurance, the company that helped make the expansion project a reality. "She takes the opportunity to influence the kids and head them down the right path."

Donita Haden, the construction manager for Austin Habitat for Humanity, met Ponziano several years ago when she helped the organization identify needy people in the neighborhood. "She is so important to that community. She does mom stuff — reading to the kids, hosting parties, caring for them."

Ann Daugherty, a real estate agent who met Ponziano when her company was looking to refurbish houses in the area, says one has to observe the kids to realize her impact. "They completely trust her and are so protective of her. She gives them unconditional love and acceptance," she says.

Bill Blackman, the neighborhood police officer, says Ponziano is involved in other neighborhood issues that are just as important.

"You see Florence at the Montopolis Area Improvement Council meetings. She's a member of the neighborhood advisory board. We don't have a whole lot of involvement by people, so she really stands out," he says.

Rosalie Oliveri, principal at Allison Elementary, hasn't known Ponziano long, but she's already given her some children's books that were donated to the school. "I'm also trying to find a benefactor to help her," says Oliveri.

Ponziano, the mother of four grown children, had a rough childhood. She was raised in the slums of Chicago. Her mother, now deceased, was an alcoholic. She never knew her father. When Ponziano was 2 months old, her mother allowed a neighbor couple to take her in. Gladys and Charles Gossner had unofficial custody of Ponziano until she was 7, when her mother decided to "take me back," says Ponziano.

"That was the hardest day of my life," she says. "Uncle Charles and Aunt Gladys, that's what I called them, had raised me. I knew them as my parents."

People often ask her why she does what she does without pay. "They think I'm crazy, but, you know, the

blessings come from the kids. When one comes to show me a report card or some picture they drew, they just

want someone to acknowledge them. I'm blessed to be there. I know that I'm doing the right thing."



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'Godspell' staged

ODESSA — Good news rocks the Permian Playhouse as the theater stages a '90s adaptation of the musical "Godspell."

"The set of the stage is a post rock concert auditorium," said guest director Christy Flynn. "We are the roadies from a concert. We are the tech crew, and we're the groupies and the lights people and the sound people who have to clean up after the show. And Jesus and Judas come out of that group. Everybody relates to each other as that character, and they relate in the play to the characters they play, so they relate on several different levels."

Remaining performances are April 3-5 and 10-11.

Tickets are priced at \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. A Church Group Night with special discounts, \$8 tickets, is set for March 26 and a Youth Group

Night, \$6 for tickets, is planned for April 1.

For reservations call 550-5456 or 1-915-362-2329 between noon and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Hispanic variety

ODESSA — The Odessa Barrio Lions Club will present "The Noche de Estrellas Hispanic Variety Show" at the Globe of the Great Southwest, Odessa College campus, May 15-17.

Show times are 7 p.m. May 15 and 16 and 3 p.m. May 17. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students. For more information call 1-915-332-1586 or 1-915-333-1227.

Jazz party

ODESSA — The 32nd annual Odessa Jazz Party is set for 8 p.m. to midnight May 21-23 at the Odessa Radisson.

Invited musicians include Mark Shane and Ralph Sutton, piano; Ketter Betts and Jack Lesberg, bass; Joe Ascione and Frank Capp, drums; Marty Grosz, guitar; Ed Polcer, Randy Reinhart and Randy Sandke, cornet and trumpet; Harry Allen and Ron Hockett, reeds; and George Maso and Randy Reinhart, trombone.

The party is dedicated to Milt and Mona Hinton for their lifelong contributions to jazz. Admittance buttons may be picked up at the Radisson May 21.

The Odessa Jazz Association is a non-profit corporation. Tickets for all sets are \$175 per seat. Make checks payable to the Odessa Jazz Association, 6417 Desoto Drive, Odessa, Texas 79762.

Photo exhibit

ODESSA — An exhibit featuring

photographs by Steve Goff is on display at Proteus Gallery and Salon, 112 W. 5th, through May 2.

Viewing hours for "Someone in the Garden" are 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call 580-4244.

Lenten concert

The annual Lenten Luncheon Concert Series at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., continues Wednesday with the Lee High Chorale directed by Paula Edwards.

There is no charge for the 30-minute recitals, which begin at 12:05 p.m. Lunch is available for \$4 in Lynn Hall a half-hour before and after each concert. Nursery care is available with advance reservations by calling 684-7821, Ext. 37.

The final performance features violinist Luigi Peracchia and

pianist Shari Santorelli, April 8. The public is invited to attend. For more information call Ms. Sawyer, 684-7821.

Live broadcast

Verdi's "Stiffelio" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House at 12:30 p.m. Saturday over the Texaco-Metropolitan International Radio Network. It will be heard locally over radio station KCRS.

Placido Domingo will be heard in the title role with Sharon Sweet as his wife, Lina, Haijing Fu as her father, Stankar, and Paul Plishka as the pastor, Jorg. James Levine will conduct.

The announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

"Opera News" on the Air, heard during the first intermission, will feature two segments. Nimet Habachy, host of WQXR's New York at Night, will begin with a

discussion entitled "Verdi and Life in the Po Valley." William Weaver, who was the translator for the English-language edition of the Verdi-Boito correspondence published by the University of Chicago Press, will follow with a talk about "Stiffelio."

Panelists on "Texaco's Opera Quiz" during the second intermission will be Johanna Fiedler, who is working on a book on the Met from 1966 to the present; Francis Rizzo, a writer of Met titles as well as subtitles for the Lyric Opera of Chicago; and Weaver. The moderator will be artists' manager Thor Eckert Jr.

More information relating to the radio broadcasts can be obtained during the season by visiting the Texaco web site at <http://www.texaco.com> or the Met web site at <http://www.met-opera.org>.

Remains of Mexican heroes on display in new burial vaults

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Miguel Hidalgo's skull appears frankly surprised at the attention it's getting: the lower jaw has fallen from the cranium.

But then, the head of Hidalgo — a parish priest and Mexico's equivalent of George Washington — already had been separated from his body and hung on public display in a cage by the Spanish during the 1810-1821 Independence War.

Perhaps more than any other country, Mexico displays the remains of its heroes — publicly.

On Saturday, Mexico City officials opened burial vaults under the Independence Monument to the public for the first time, offering visitors a glimpse at the remains of the country's founding fathers, up close and under glass.

The skulls of three other founding fathers lie next to Hidalgo's on a red velvet cushion in a glass case in the dimly lit crypt. The first three schoolchildren to tour the crypt were fascinated.

"These are the bodies of our heroes. It was neat," said Jorge Paz Perez, a serious, soft-spoken 12-year-old.

The remains of heroes "are part of our history. We have to take this information out of the textbooks and give it to the people," said Jorge Legorreta, head of Mexico City's Cuauhtemoc precinct, the central neighborhood that is home to the angel-topped Independence Monument.

Even pieces of war heroes are treated as honored relics in Mexico.

The severed arm of a general in Mexico's 1910-1917 revolution is preserved under glass at another monument. Gen. Alvaro Obregon lost his arm in a 1914 battle explosion and later became president.

A marble tower was built in the 1930s to house the arm, which floats in a yellow liquid still

clothed in a uniform sleeve.

The amputated leg of much-hated President Antonio Lopez Santa Anna — blamed by modern Mexicans for the loss of half their territory to the United States in 1848 — had its own mausoleum in Mexico City. Santa Anna lost the leg to a cannon ball fired during a French invasion in 1838. It was buried with full military honors.

But like Santa Anna's reputation, the leg also met an unsavory end: A mob angry over Santa Anna's repeated betrayals broke into the leg's elaborate tomb in the 1840s, dragged it through the streets and tore it to pieces.

Mexico displays its dead in a way that might be considered macabre in other countries. In a 1970s referendum, Cubans voted not to build a special mausoleum for the severed hands of Che Guevara, which were buried together with his skeleton in 1997.

Even Russians debate whether they should finally bury the remains of Vladimir Lenin, whose waxy, embalmed body has lain in a glass case in Moscow for decades.

Yet the members of the heroic dead displayed in Mexico are visibly, graphically, proudly mutilated.

"There has always been a morbid interest in seeing dead heroes and villains. ... There are mystic and religious reasons, and political ones, as well," historian Jorge Hernandez said.

Aztec Indians displayed huge piles of skulls from the warriors they sacrificed, according to accounts from appalled Spanish conquerors who arrived in Mexico City in 1519.

Some of the more unlucky conquistadors — and their horses — were killed, their skins tanned and displayed by the Aztecs, who eventually were defeated in 1521.

Ex-priest convicted in altar boy molestation case

DALLAS (AP) — A former priest was convicted Saturday of sexually abusing three altar boys after a one-week trial — far briefer than a related 11-month civil trial last summer that devastated the Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

A jury deliberated 7 1/2 hours over two days before finding Rudolph Kos, 52, guilty of three counts of aggravated sexual assault and one of indecency with a child.

The jury acquitted Kos of one indecency count involving the alleged molestation of one altar boy.

The victims and their families greeted the verdicts with smiles and hugs.

"We spent a lot of time on this case, and we talked to a lot of other victims. You can't imagine the courage it has taken each and every

one of them," said Richard Pawlik, father of victim Michael Pawlik, 18, who agreed to be identified.

"He should be put away for life," he said before his son's wife burst into tears and embraced him.

From Kos, there was no visible reaction as he turned and looked at the jury as it was polled on each count.

The punishment phase is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Monday. The aggravated sexual assault convictions are punishable by up to life in prison; the indecency counts are punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Kos had pleaded guilty earlier in the week to one count of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child.

The eight-count indictment

alleged sexual abuse involving four former altar boys who said they were molested a total of about 1,350 times.

"I believe the not-guilty verdict goes to show this was a very fair jury," prosecutor Howard Blackmon said. "He's going to have a lot to answer to next week."

Kos' attorney, Brad Lollar of Dallas, said he and his client were not surprised by the verdict and are prepared to proceed with the sentencing phase.

"The jury closely examined the issues we raised," Lollar said. "We

are now ready to go into the second phase of the trial, a phase we knew was coming."

"We'll live with it," he said of the verdict.

Lollar described his next step. "Certainly, you'll be hearing something about his remorse in the punishment phase," he said.

The former clergyman entered guilty pleas as his trial opened Tuesday to one count of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child. All are second-degree felonies punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

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By Jennifer B. McKim

Associated Press

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People enjoy riding California's 'Party Train'

By Jennifer B. McKim
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's 5:37 p.m. at Union Station, and commuters are loosening their ties, unbuttoning suit jackets and pulling snacks out of briefcases and purses.

Some ready-to-relax professionals are dealing out cards and dominoes, surreptitiously sipping wine or taking shots of beer from papers cups like teen-agers on a school-sponsored ski trip.

It's the "Party Train" on the Metrolink — the second-to-last rail ride heading south on Fridays, and many commuters are starting their weekends early as they roll and vibrate home with their "Train Gang" or "La Familia."

"It's like a bubble bath on wheels," said Arlene Martin, 43, a law firm administrator and 12-year veteran of the commuter train. She loves the unpressured gap between work and her home in San Juan Capistrano. "It's like an hour of having fun."

This Friday night phenomenon is part of a growing train culture on the Metrolink, where many commuters head to the same seat and car each morning and evening,

forming longtime friendships with people from different towns, ages and lifestyles.

While some still sneak to a quiet place to nap or read, many celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and job promotions, bringing in cakes and putting up streamers for the 87.2-mile ride along 11 stops from Los Angeles to Oceanside.

They plan parties or dinners outside the train. Some of the lucky ones have found their lifelong mate riding the rails along with them.

"I met my wife on the train," said John Simon, 33, a transportation consultant from Yorba Linda, who invited 15 train gang members to his wedding. "I don't think we are the only ones."

While the party train is not as rowdy as it was during its heyday — when Amtrak ran the lines and liquor flowed freely — the guest list is definitely larger and more diverse since Metrolink took over in 1994.

The Orange County line is a mobile, dynamic community that has multiplied to 5,000 this year from 864 riders in 1994. The groups that congregate also wax and wane as the double-decker train hurtles past nine stations, seven in Orange

County.

Metrolink surveys show the ridership also has evolved from a small high-wage professional crowd to a crew more diverse in age, sex, salary and ethnicity. Thirty-nine percent of riders are Hispanic, African-American or Asian, a 1995 study showed.

Unlike riders on longer-standing commuter trains and subways in other parts of the country — most of whom use the downtime to read or sleep — Californians seem to get a kick out of riding the rails, making more friends and finding more reasons to celebrate. Some say it's the novelty of the ride, while others attribute it to the character of Golden State people.

"I lived back East and it was a very different mentality," Amtrak spokeswoman Dawn Soper said. "It may very well be the geography and the personality."

Some Northern California commuters hold Monday Night Football parties, bringing in televisions, Soper said.

Train riders are the second-happiest commuters after bike riders, despite their long-distance travel, a recent Southern California Rideshare survey showed.

Many commuters say they would rather quit their jobs than battle rush-hour traffic. And even then, many would miss the commute.

"I love hanging out with my train buddies," said Brent Carey, 26, a gregarious account executive who lives on Newport Island. "I'm not kidding. Everyone is so ready to be comical when they come out of work."

While Metrolink does not permit alcohol, officials are not required to search the train for the occasional sneaky drinker, Metrolink officials said. While each car is different, so are the lines — the Orange County line being one of the most affluent.

"There is definitely a Metrolink family and a Metrolink lifestyle," Metrolink spokesman Peter Hidalgo said.

On the second-to-last train on a recent Friday, the code word was "Disney" for friends to warn others that the conductor was coming, so they should stash the bottle of wine passing from seat to seat. They said several riders had dated, while they laughed and talked and waved goodbye to friends who headed out before the train doors closed.

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Exhibit reveals sacred arts of Haitian Voodoo

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Outside the Caribbean, no place on Earth has the reputation for Vodou belief and practice that New Orleans does, so it stands to reason that no place would celebrate a voodoo exhibit quite like the Crescent City.

It's called Vodou, not voodoo, in Haiti. And New Orleans is considered north, not south.

The powerful cultural and spiritual tradition of Vodou moved from Africa to the Caribbean to the U.S. The New Orleans Museum of Art is celebrating the mystic connection with an exhibit called Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou. It's on display through April 11.

The museum has partnered with music venue House of Blues to present a series of programs highlighting the art, culture and music of Haiti.

"It's not just an exhibit, it's more like an experience," said William Fagaly, assistant director of the

museum.

The exhibit was organized by the Fowler Museum of Cultural History at the University of California at Los Angeles. It traveled to several museums around the country before coming to rest in its natural habitat, the Big Easy, where Vodou is spelled voodoo in the Creole language.

To the Vodou world, New Orleans is the northern anchor of a fabled spiritual tradition that moves from West and Central Africa to the Caribbean to St. Louis cemetery, where Marie Laveau rests in a tomb scratched with Kongo cosmographs.

Viewers can see more than 500 colorful objects, the "tools of the religion." The exhibit entrance is a blue-mirrored space that sets the mood for things to follow.

"That really signifies that you are entering the spirit world, going under water. Toward the end you

experience going into the Vodou temple," Fagaly said. "By the time you emerge from the exhibit you will feel like you have been in the voodoo world."

The temple mimics a temple in Port-au-Prince. The floor walls and ceiling were reproduced by ritual experts from Haiti. The temple's three moving altars represent three nations of the spirit world.

The exhibit is organized by presenting objects through their theme, then reassembling them in the temple.

Bright sequined flags, sacred pots and bottles, beaded rattles and medicine packets, dolls, cosmographs, musical instruments and paintings abound through the exhibit. Each object has a special significance in the practice of Vodou, a word that means "sacred."

Influences from many countries and many religions are shown.

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Small town in New Mexico baffled by cattle mutilations

By Rebecca Rowling
Associated Press

ARROYO HONDO, N.M. — Rancher Jessie Gonzales was tending his cattle under a pre-dawn sky when he stumbled on a frightening sight.

There in the pasture, one of his prime bulls lay mutilated. A large, neat hole had been cut in the flank and the animal's anus had been cored out. The scene was odd, though, for no blood poured from the massive wounds and there were no tracks from predators.

Another rancher, Tony Trujillo, found an eerily similar scene last spring. "The funny thing is, that you don't see the dogs or the birds. They don't get near it," Trujillo said.

For decades years, seemingly healthy cattle have turned up dead in northern New Mexico, bearing mysterious holes, severed ears and missing tongues and sex organs. There is never a sign of struggle.

Some blame the mutilations on space aliens, others credit the government, satan worshippers or drunken teen-agers. Skeptical investigators argue the animals simply died naturally and were attacked by hungry predators.

But townspeople in this small northern New Mexico ranching community where pickup trucks outnumber cars refuse to accept the mutilations as a natural phenomenon. Unlike another mythical, alien-like creature dubbed "chupacabra" — or "goatsucker" in Spanish — the cattle deaths are serious business.

"People who raise animals don't cry wolf," Gonzales said. "When

you have mysterious deaths like these, you have questions."

A prosecutor for Taos, Colfax and Union counties says he wants answers too. The investigation stems from concerns, frustration and lost money among constituents, District Attorney John Paternoster said.

His office has teamed with the Las Vegas, Nev.-based National Institute for Discovery Science in a tissue-testing investigation. The private lab is funded by Robert Bigelow, a wealthy real estate mogul who once donated \$3.7 million to the University of Nevada to create a department for students to study parapsychology.

NIDS describes itself as a nascent research organization that studies a variety of unconventional scientific theories.

Six strange animal attacks were reported last year, though there may have been many more that went unreported, Paternoster said.

"The farmers and ranchers have been reluctant to report cattle mutilations, they don't want to be painted ... as being crackpots and ufologists," Paternoster said.

Paul Velasquez, a rancher in Blanco, says two of his bulls were mutilated more than a year ago, costing him \$2,000. The animals' intestines were cut, the right ears sliced off, the tongues removed and precise holes were punched on the animals' rectums.

Velasquez suspects UFOs are responsible. He scoffs at a suggestion that birds picked at the cattle after they died of natural causes.

"What kind of birds do we have that would cut a hole with a sharp

object? We don't have those kind of birds," he said.

Once a mutilated cow is discovered, an investigator from the district attorney's office collects evidence from the scene, Paternoster said.

The lab also sends a veterinarian to collect tissue samples from the animal and a series of laboratory tests are conducted, including toxicology and bacterial exams to determine the cause of death, research scientist Colm Kelleher said.

The lab has tested 10 animals since it began studying the animals just over a year ago and wants to investigate at least a dozen mutilations before it speculates on a cause of the attacks, Kelleher said.

It already has determined that some of the animals died of natural causes, he said.

Both Paternoster and Kelleher say they are open-minded about the cause. "I really want to have to a scientific, intellectual line of inquiry and not taint our discovery

by any preconceived notions," Paternoster said.

In the late 1970s, New Mexico spent \$50,000 investigating cattle mutilation reports. A chief investigator, retired FBI agent Kenneth Rommel, said then that the mutilations were the result of predators and bloating.

Paternoster scoffs at those findings. "I was not satisfied that there was sufficiently comprehensive proof that animals were being attacked," he said.

A New Mexico Livestock Board

investigation into the mutilations conducted several years ago concluded that there was "possible involvement of clandestine Satanic groups."

With a combination of scientific research and cooperation from the district attorney's office, Kelleher said he is optimistic that an answer will be found.

And how long will the search continue?

"Until we find an answer," he said.

Arkansas woman travels long road to follow unusual calling

By John V. Pennington
Associated Press

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Imagine everything you wanted to be when you grew up — doctor, lawyer, anything at all. Odds are that embalmer did not rank high on the list.

For Ann Loy, it was a perfect match.

"I'm not the most religious person, but it was like a calling from God," she said.

Mrs. Loy, 35, had to overcome a number of trials and tribulations before finding the promised land, however.

She began her work with the dead on Halloween 1991, when she observed her first embalming session at Hot Springs Funeral Home. Awe-struck over the experience, she came back the next day, and the next day and the next.

"I was totally and completely in awe about the whole thing," she said. "I found myself down here everyday."

That fascination caught the eye of Boyd Heath, state inspector of the Arkansas Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, who told Mrs. Loy she should pursue an apprenticeship and turn her curiosity into a career. The funeral home agreed, allowing her to work part-time to gain experience towards her funeral director certification.

She worked the first year for free.

In July 1995, three months after having her third child, Kendall, Mrs. Loy was told that Arkansas' first mortuary school would be opening in August at Red River Technical College in Hope.

The next two years would truly test her determination.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, she was up before daybreak, getting herself and the kids ready, dropping the kids at day care, and driving an hour and 45 minutes to make her 8 a.m. class in Hope.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Mrs. Loy was taking a night class each semester at Garland County Community College and working full-time at the funeral home.

It was a hectic pace, but Mrs. Loy said she could see the light at the end of tunnel. In September 1995, one of the brightest lights in her life went out.

At the age of 54, Mrs. Loy's mother died in her sleep.

"That really knocked me back for a big loop," she said.

Three weeks later, during her mind-numbing trek to Hope, Mrs. Loy flipped her Toyota 4-Runner, rolling 168 feet to a stop. Fortunately, she walked away from the crash with a couple of minor scratches.

The day of the accident and the Thursday after her mother died were the only days of school she missed.

That same year, her husband's construction business filed for bankruptcy. Things were not looking good.

"Nineteen-ninety-five was not a good year," she said. "It was the worst year of my life thus far."

The next year was not much easier.

To finish her degree in two years, Mrs. Loy had to take Anatomy and Physiology and Organic Chemistry in summer school at Henderson State University in 1996. She was told by her anatomy professor that taking such difficult courses in 10 weeks was a "foolish" choice. Foolish or not, she couldn't go to school over two years, she said.

"That just wasn't in me," she said.

All the while she was working full-time at the funeral home, never missing a paycheck, she said. Her work and studies did not leave much time for anything else.

"I was eating Doritos and Mountain Dew for breakfast and French fries for dinner," she said.

The pace almost got the best of her during summer school, she said. She often found herself wanting to admit herself into the hospital and be fed intravenously, she said.

"I was too tired to swallow," she said.

Regardless of the sacrifice to herself and to her family, she was determined to reach her goal, she said.

In May 1997, after almost six years of agony, Mrs. Loy graduated with a 4.0 grade-point average at the top of her class.

Legally Speaking

by Alan G. Moravcik
Attorney at Law

WRONGFUL DEATH

Families of accident victims who die of their injuries may file wrongful death actions to recover losses. These losses may include the present value of the deceased's future earnings, the value of the deceased's personal services, medical bills, and funeral expenses. The chief element of the damages for a husband and father is the present value of earnings that he could have contributed to the family during the period of his life expectancy. Average yearly income and the mortality and interest tables are used to determine this amount. If the deceased were a wife and mother, the damages would be the value of her services at home.

Wrongful death suits are always difficult for survivors because we must place monetary value on human life; to a loved one, no amount of money can adequately compensate for the loss. Since the court can neither restore the dead to life nor impose sentences on those who are found responsible in civil suits, all one can gain is monetary compensation. Being practical, a family that has lost its source of income likely needs that compensation desperately.

HINT: If a lawsuit is being brought for wrongful death, the clock on the statute of limitations begins ticking when the individual dies.

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Texas Scores

APRIL 1 — San Jose State 4, Dallas Stars 1.

Sports Today

APRIL 1 — Midland College vs. Oklahoma City Stampede, 11 a.m.
 Midland College vs. Oklahoma City Stampede, 2 p.m.

4-5A Baseball

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Smith leaves camp

HAINES CITY, Fla. — Lee Smith, who holds the major league record for saves with 475, has left the Kansas City Royals camp after getting caught up in a numbers crunch and refusing a Triple-A assignment. Royals manager Tony Muser had wanted to keep Smith, who was making a comeback after announcing his retirement from Montreal last July. But in Jim Pittsley and Brian Burt's Royals have two younger relievers who are out of options.

They would have to be exposed to the waiver wire before the Royals could send them to the minors. Muser asked Smith on Friday if he would accept assignment to Triple-A Omaha. Smith declined out of his locker on Saturday night and did not report to practice on Sunday.

Muser was not alone on Saturday that Smith had decided to leave. Smith, 40, compiled his save record with eight different teams, establishing himself as a closer with the Chicago Cubs from 1980-1987. He saved 180 games for the Cubs, led the NL with 28 saves in 1983, and had back-to-back seasons of 30 saves in 1984 and 1985.

Smith, a hard thrower who lost his velocity, moved to Boston and then to the St. Louis Cardinals, where he led the league in 1991 with 47 saves and again in 1992 with 43 saves.

Smith, known for his size and deliberate walk out of the bullpen, pitched briefly for the Yankees in 1994 before coming back to lead the AL with 38 saves for Baltimore in 1994.

He saved 37 games for California in 1994 before drifting to California, Cincinnati and Montreal and then announcing his retirement.

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Jones not interested in Lamar

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland College women's head basketball coach Ron Jones told the Reporter-Telegram Saturday that he is not interested in the head women's basketball position at Lamar University in Beaumont.

It was learned Friday that Jones' name was among the list of applicants for the Lamar post that was vacated recently by David McKee.

"I was not really going after the job," Jones said Saturday. "I did send a letter of interest and talked with their AD (athletic director) about 30 minutes three weeks ago. I've not heard back from them since then."

"After talking on the phone, I determined early on that they might not be committed to doing what is needed to have a good program. I decided early on that I wasn't interested in that position. I never really pursued the job. They (Lamar) have some major problems there."

Lamar is a Division I basketball school which would naturally draw the interest of many coaches across the country.

However, Jones is quick to point out, "Lamar is Division I, but the job at Midland College is a lot better than many of the Division I schools."

Jones is the only women's basketball coach Midland College has ever had. In four seasons at MC, Jones owns a 100-28 record. His teams have earned a Region V berth in all four seasons he has been at the school and his teams have won two consecutive Western Junior College Athletic Conference titles.

This past season, Jones' Lady Chaparrals gained the finals of the Region V tournament, hosted this month at Chaparral Center. The Lady Chaps lost to Howard College, a team that ended up third in the national women's JUCO tournament in Salina, Kan.

Lewis retains title, stopping Briggs in fifth

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Boxing Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Lennox Lewis had a mixed reaction to his vanquished opponent Saturday night, first praising Shannon Briggs, then totally dismissing him.

Of course, Lewis has Evander Holyfield on his mind instead of the likes of Briggs.

"Shannon Briggs came to fight," said Lewis, and the crowd cheered the challenger mostly for his effort Saturday.

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STEWART DOREN

OHS coach Quisenberry should take money and run

I've got one piece of advice for Odessa High football coach Randy Quisenberry — if North Mesquite offers. Take the job.

That's what I would do.

There are many factors why Quisenberry should take the job if offered.

One: The Broncos rose up the state football ladder, making it to the state quarterfinals, and people noticed the job done by Quisenberry. Combine that with being the first coach to get that on-the-field win against Permian, and Quisenberry's stock is as high as it will ever be, short of winning a state title. Even Quisenberry has to find it hard to outdo what the Broncos did last year. So if you want to leave, leave now. Who knows what tomorrow will bring?

Two: No matter what ground was covered by the Broncos in 1997, our Petroplex neighbor is still a one football-team town and Permian is that team. Mojo still owns Odessa. The Panthers have the tradition, have the state titles and are (31-1-1 on the field) against the Broncos since 1964.



Doren

Lady Bulldogs scratch out 1-0 victory, knock Lady Rebels out of first in 4-5A

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Well, what did you expect, anyway? After all, it was a Midland High vs. Midland Lee softball game. It was another one-run game, just like the first, but only the uniforms of the victors changed as Midland High punched out a 1-0 verdict over the Lady Rebels Saturday afternoon at the Lee diamond.

It also changed the landscape of the District 4-5A softball race which seems to get crazier with each passing game date. Abilene High (6-1) took over sole possession of first place with a 9-8 win over Abilene Cooper. Lee and MHS are now tied for second place

at 5-2. San Angelo (4-2), idle Saturday, fell to third place with the MHS victory.

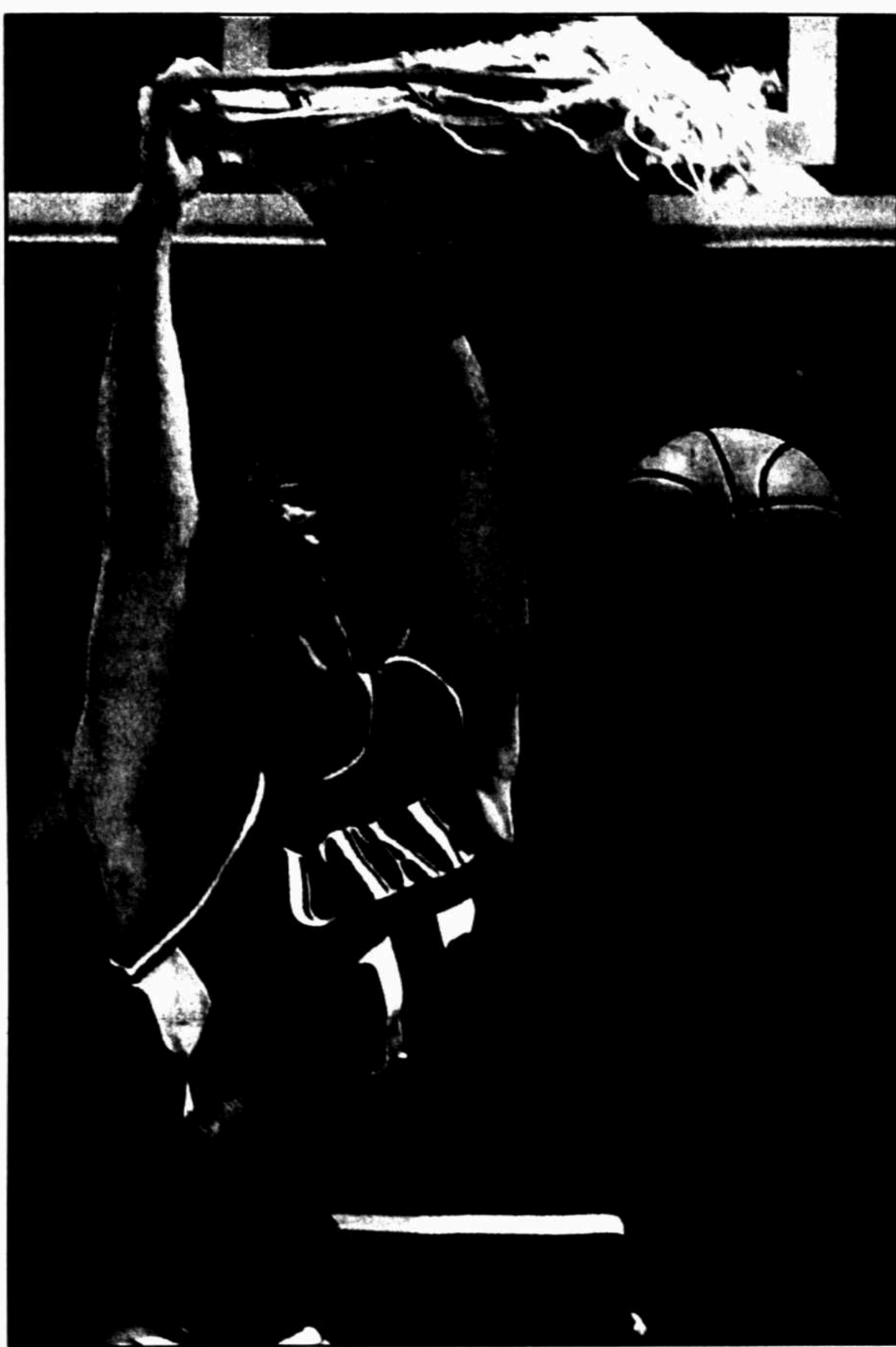
Odessa High (2-5) won for the second consecutive district outing with a 5-2 win over slumping Odessa Permian (1-6), a team many figured would be in the playoff hunt.

Lady Bulldog Francesca Salcido, who got Midland High's only RBI in a 2-1 first half loss to Lee, again came up with a key two-out run scoring single in the fifth inning, the same inning that she produced a key hit against Lee in the first game. Crystal Shelton, who had reached on a single, moved into scoring position with a stolen base.

With first base open and two outs, Lee pitched to the hard hitting Salcido, who signed to play with Midland College next year on Wednesday. Salcido got the hit off Lee's starting pitcher Andrea Rodriguez, who also signed with

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FINAL FOUR



Utah's Hanno Mottola (13) hangs on to the rim after dunking during the Utes' 65-59 semifinal win over North Carolina Saturday at the Final Four San Antonio.

Utes use old man-to-man to take care of Tar Heels

By Jim O'Connell
AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO — A gimmick defense got the Utes a trip to the Final Four. Good, old-fashioned man-to-man put them in the championship game.

A week after a 25-point laughter over defending national champion Arizona, Utah held on for a 65-59 upset of top-ranked North Carolina on Saturday and advanced to the national championship game for only the second time in school history.

On Monday night, Utah will face Kentucky, which beat Stanford 86-85 in overtime in the other semifinal. Kentucky knocked Utah out of the tournament the last two seasons and also in 1993.

"It is another chance at them," said Michael Doleac, who had 16 points for Utah. "You work the whole season to get here. We never knew how far we could come but now we have a shot."

Against Arizona last Saturday in the West Regional final, Utah coach Rick Majerus went with a triangle-and-2 defense and held the Wildcats to 28 percent shooting.

Against North Carolina, the nation's top shooting team at 52 percent, the Utes went straight man-to-man and lived up to their title as the No. 2 field goal defensive team in the country. The Tar Heels shot just 39 percent (27-for-69), including 3-for-23 from 3-point range.

"I'm so proud of our defensive effort," said Majerus, taking Utah to its first championship game since it won

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Kentucky survives Stanford in OT

By Steve Wilstein
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — A year ago, Jeff Sheppard merely watched Kentucky go to the Final Four championship game. This time, he put the Wildcats there.

The sweet-shooting senior with the unpretentious crewcut saved Kentucky from a second-half blowout, nailed one big shot after another down the stretch, and carried the Wildcats to an 86-85 overtime victory Saturday over a Stanford team that wouldn't quit.

"I red-shirted because I had two lottery picks in front of me," said Sheppard, who would have had to fight for time last year with Ron Mercer and Derek Anderson. "I learned a lot and had a great time. This year has been an awesome experience."

For his decision to sit out last year, the Kentucky coaches gave Sheppard the team's "Sacrifice Award."

In this game, Sheppard was awesome, going 9-for-15 from



the field, including four 3-pointers, in a 27-point effort. He also notched six rebounds and four assists.

As a result, the Wildcats moved within one victory of their seventh national title. In Monday night's final they will play Utah, which upset North Carolina 65-59.

A week after enduring Duke — the Cats trailed by 17 with 9 1/2 minutes left in the South Regional final — Kentucky took all the elbows and jolts Stanford could muster and struggled out of another big hole.

Champions two years ago and runners-up in overtime to Arizona last year under Rick Pitino, the Wildcats' return to the title game came with a team that Tubby Smith inherited but shaped into his own.

More than a collection of thoroughbreds racing up and down the court, this Kentucky squad coped cleverly with

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Williams rallies by Kournikova for Lipton title

Associated Press

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. — Venus Williams can use those beads in her hair to keep track of tournament titles. She's at two, and counting.

Tennis Roundup

Kournikova 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 in an all-teen final Saturday at the Lipton Championships.

The much-anticipated high-noon showdown fizzled from an artistic standpoint, with ragged performances by both players.

But the 17-year-old Williams, who won her first career title at Oklahoma City four weeks ago, continued her rapid rise in the rankings. She'll be a career-high 10th next week.

"I'm coming," she said. "Don't rush me." Holding the championship trophy, Williams posed for photographers, then waved Kournikova into the picture. They'll both likely remain in the picture for years to come.

Kournikova, 16, won four consecutive matches this week against top-10 players, a feat unprecedented on the women's tour. But her path to the final took a toll, and the young Russian wilted in the sunny, 82-degree weather.

She didn't earn any points for being a graceful loser in her first match against Williams.

"I got a little tired," Kournikova said. "But it's good. She didn't beat me. I lost. That means I'm better a little than her."

That's debatable, but there's no question teen-agers dominated the women's draw. Williams' 16-year-old sister, Serena, reached the quarterfinals. Venus beat top-ranked Martina Hingis, 17, in the semifinals.

"It's a good sign for the future," Williams said. "Everyone was exposed to the new girls."

There could be a shakeup on the men's side Sunday, when Andre Agassi seeks his fourth Lipton title against Chilean Marcelo Rios. If Rios wins, he'll become the first No. 1 player from South America, ending Pete Sampras' streak of 102 consecutive weeks atop the rankings.

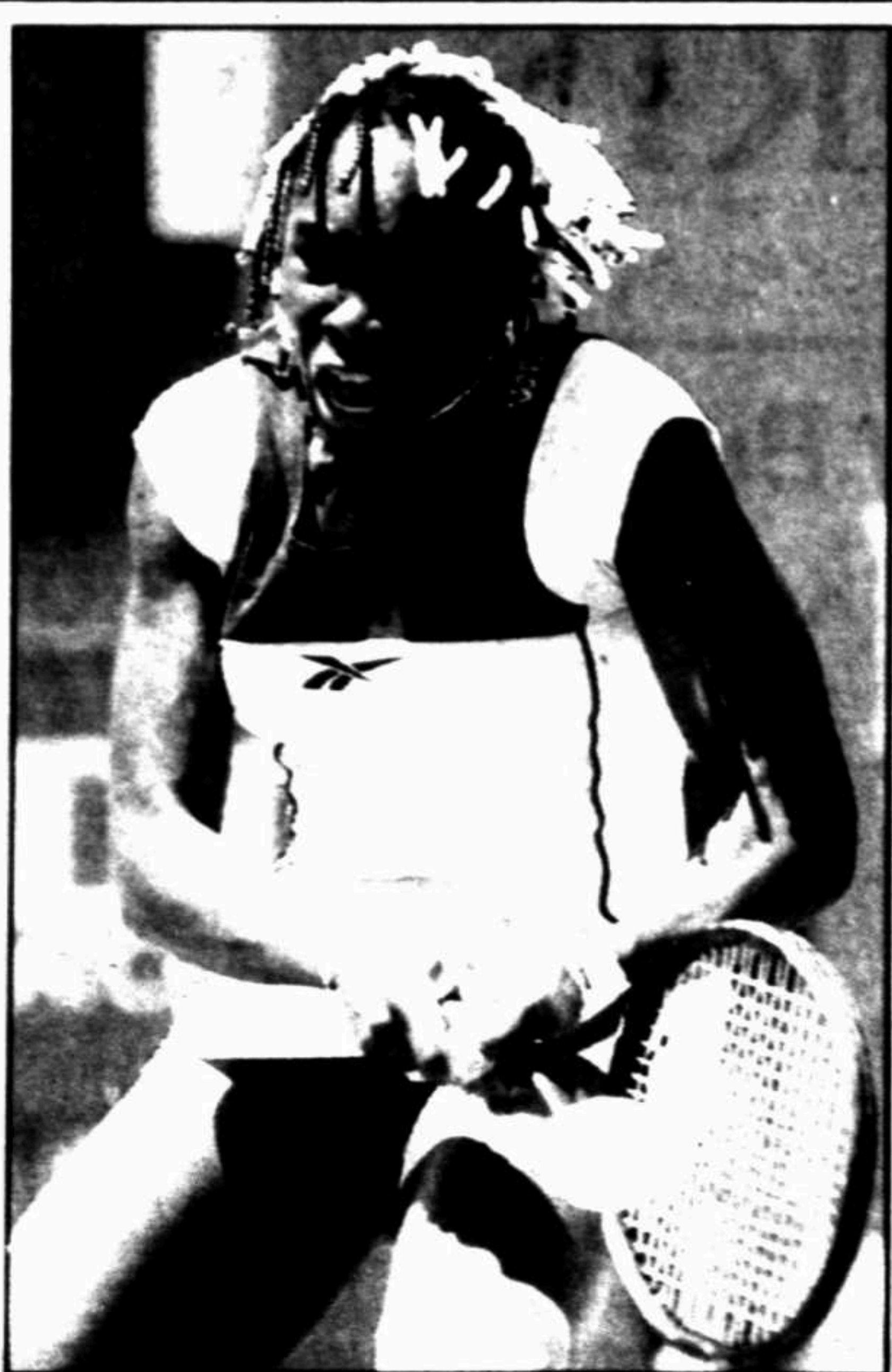
Kournikova will break into the top-20 for the first time next week at No. 16, and she looked like a No. 1 player in the opening set Saturday. Her tricky slice groundstrokes had Williams so off-balance that the long-legged Floridian seemed to stagger at times, beads clacking as she chased shots into the corners.

Williams' father, Richard, who scribbled signs for the crowd throughout the final two rounds, held up one that said: "About now Venus needs Lipton tea."

"I wasn't ready to play at all," Venus said. "Anna really came out there with a plan to win the Lipton. But slowly I adjusted to it. ... Sometimes people get on fire, and you have to extinguish that."

Kournikova outlasted Williams on a 27-stroke point and broke serve to lead 2-1 in the second set. Then Kournikova's shots suddenly began to land long or in the net.

Williams, who overpowered Hingis, settled for a more cautious approach this time, wisely avoiding mistakes. She totaled only six winners, and 53 of her



Venus Williams returns a shot to Anna Kournikova during women's finals at the Lipton Championships Saturday in Key Biscayne, Fla. Williams defeated Kournikova, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

77 points came on unforced errors by Kournikova. "If I was tired, it wasn't important, because I had time to be tired after the match was over," Williams said. "She looked very tired, so I felt that I should just keep the ball in play."

Williams won 12 of 13 points during one stretch. She raised her fist to the sky when she closed out the second set, then raced to a 5-0 lead in the third.

Richard Williams held up another sign: "Go Venus." His daughter smashed a service winner on match point, then broke into a dance, happily waved her index finger and climbed 10 rows into the stands to exchange hugs with her family, including Serena.

Venus was still smiling an hour later when informed that she had earned \$235,000.

"I'm going to buy my dogs a collar," she said.

Smashnova, Wagner reach final
THE WOODLANDS — Israel's Anna Smashnova advanced Saturday into the title match of the \$25,000 USTA Women's Pro Tennis Challenger of The Woodlands by defeating Jolene Watanabe of Glendora, Calif., 6-0, 6-2.

The 21-year-old Israeli will meet fourth-seeded Elena Wagner of Germany in Sunday's final. Wagner quickly got past Britain's Samantha Smith 6-1, 6-3.

Gaudenzi and Calatrava reach final in Morocco
CASABLANCA, Morocco — In an eight-year career on the WTA Tour, Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi has lost five finals and never won a title. His wait could soon be over.

The Monte-Carlo-based Gaudenzi gave himself a sixth chance to earn a championship by beating French qualifier Sebastian Grosjean 6-4, 6-4 Saturday in a semifinal of the Grand Prix Hassan II tournament.

Midland High's Hickey runs away with 200-meter title in San Angelo

Staff Report

ODESSA — Midland High's Raji Hickey took top honors in the Division I 200-meter dash Saturday at the 40th Annual San Angelo Relays.

Hickey, who owns the school record in the event with a 21.4, blistered the field with a time of 21.60 seconds. Hickey also ran with the MHS 400 meter relay which took second. The Bulldogs' 42.60 is the top District 4-5A time this season and was second to Killen Ellison's 42.15.

Midland High placed seventh in the meet with 40 points. Lee was ninth with 22.

Other notable finishers included MHS' Weldon Cooks, who placed second in the 100. Lee's Gerardo Diaz looks to be continuing the tradition of Lee hurdlers, taking second in the 300 hurdles and fifth in the 110 hurdles. Also, Lee's T.J. Glover was fourth in the triple jump. The Lee 1600 relay also finished fourth.

In other divisions, Greenwood's Phil Morrison won the Division III 400 after racing around the track in a time of 51.45. He was the lone Ranger to score points this weekend.

Stanton placed third in the fourth division falling to Springlake Earth by three points. The Buffaloes had eight top-6 finishes, including Tyron Davis' first place in the 200.

Also, Rankin's Frankie Rodriguez, a state qualifier in 1997, placed second in the 300 hurdles and sixth in the 110 hurdles.

Results from the 40th Annual San Angelo Relays held this weekend. Top 3 finishers and 4-5A performers listed for Division I:

Division I
Team Standings: 1. Killen Ellison 1921; 2. Converse 1920; 3. Amarillo 1920; 4. San Angelo 1920; 5. Odessa 1920; 6. El Paso 1920; 7. Midland 1920; 8. Lubbock 1920; 9. Midland 1920; 10. Amarillo 1920.

Division I Finals
Triple Jump: Brian Arrant, El Paso, 46 feet 10.1 inches; 2. Bryan Ward, Central, 46 feet 1.3 inches; 3. Jeff Callis, El Paso, 45 feet 0.0 inches; 4. T.J. Glover, Lee, 42 feet 8.0 inches; 5. Brock Hennrich, Converse, 42 feet 3.4 inches.

Shot Put: 1. Joe Graves, Tascosa, 57 feet 3.4 inches; 2. Brady Barron, Amarillo High, 52 feet 0.0 inches; 3. Nathan Jones, El Paso, 52 feet 0.0 inches; 4. Rich Coffey, Central, 51 feet 0.0 inches; 5. Rocky Danvers, El Paso, 50 feet 0.0 inches; 6. Bobby Strick, Permian, 49 feet 0.0 inches.

300-meter relay: 1. El Paso 3:24.34; 2. Converse 3:24.34; 3. Converse 3:24.34; 4. Converse 3:24.34; 5. Converse 3:24.34; 6. Converse 3:24.34; 7. Converse 3:24.34; 8. Converse 3:24.34; 9. Converse 3:24.34; 10. Converse 3:24.34.

400-meter relay: 1. El Paso 4:25.12; 2. Midland High 42.60; 3. Stanton 42.91; 4. Central 43.31; 5. El Paso 43.31; 6. El Paso 43.31; 7. El Paso 43.31; 8. El Paso 43.31; 9. El Paso 43.31; 10. El Paso 43.31.

800-meter relay: 1. El Paso 8:02.20; 2. El Paso 8:02.20; 3. El Paso 8:02.20; 4. El Paso 8:02.20; 5. El Paso 8:02.20; 6. El Paso 8:02.20; 7. El Paso 8:02.20; 8. El Paso 8:02.20; 9. El Paso 8:02.20; 10. El Paso 8:02.20.

1100-meter relay: 1. El Paso 11:00.00; 2. El Paso 11:00.00; 3. El Paso 11:00.00; 4. El Paso 11:00.00; 5. El Paso 11:00.00; 6. El Paso 11:00.00; 7. El Paso 11:00.00; 8. El Paso 11:00.00; 9. El Paso 11:00.00; 10. El Paso 11:00.00.

1600-meter relay: 1. El Paso 16:00.00; 2. El Paso 16:00.00; 3. El Paso 16:00.00; 4. El Paso 16:00.00; 5. El Paso 16:00.00; 6. El Paso 16:00.00; 7. El Paso 16:00.00; 8. El Paso 16:00.00; 9. El Paso 16:00.00; 10. El Paso 16:00.00.

3000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 30:00.00; 2. El Paso 30:00.00; 3. El Paso 30:00.00; 4. El Paso 30:00.00; 5. El Paso 30:00.00; 6. El Paso 30:00.00; 7. El Paso 30:00.00; 8. El Paso 30:00.00; 9. El Paso 30:00.00; 10. El Paso 30:00.00.

4000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 40:00.00; 2. El Paso 40:00.00; 3. El Paso 40:00.00; 4. El Paso 40:00.00; 5. El Paso 40:00.00; 6. El Paso 40:00.00; 7. El Paso 40:00.00; 8. El Paso 40:00.00; 9. El Paso 40:00.00; 10. El Paso 40:00.00.

5000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 50:00.00; 2. El Paso 50:00.00; 3. El Paso 50:00.00; 4. El Paso 50:00.00; 5. El Paso 50:00.00; 6. El Paso 50:00.00; 7. El Paso 50:00.00; 8. El Paso 50:00.00; 9. El Paso 50:00.00; 10. El Paso 50:00.00.

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7000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 70:00.00; 2. El Paso 70:00.00; 3. El Paso 70:00.00; 4. El Paso 70:00.00; 5. El Paso 70:00.00; 6. El Paso 70:00.00; 7. El Paso 70:00.00; 8. El Paso 70:00.00; 9. El Paso 70:00.00; 10. El Paso 70:00.00.

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9000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 90:00.00; 2. El Paso 90:00.00; 3. El Paso 90:00.00; 4. El Paso 90:00.00; 5. El Paso 90:00.00; 6. El Paso 90:00.00; 7. El Paso 90:00.00; 8. El Paso 90:00.00; 9. El Paso 90:00.00; 10. El Paso 90:00.00.

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15000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 150:00.00; 2. El Paso 150:00.00; 3. El Paso 150:00.00; 4. El Paso 150:00.00; 5. El Paso 150:00.00; 6. El Paso 150:00.00; 7. El Paso 150:00.00; 8. El Paso 150:00.00; 9. El Paso 150:00.00; 10. El Paso 150:00.00.

16000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 160:00.00; 2. El Paso 160:00.00; 3. El Paso 160:00.00; 4. El Paso 160:00.00; 5. El Paso 160:00.00; 6. El Paso 160:00.00; 7. El Paso 160:00.00; 8. El Paso 160:00.00; 9. El Paso 160:00.00; 10. El Paso 160:00.00.

17000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 170:00.00; 2. El Paso 170:00.00; 3. El Paso 170:00.00; 4. El Paso 170:00.00; 5. El Paso 170:00.00; 6. El Paso 170:00.00; 7. El Paso 170:00.00; 8. El Paso 170:00.00; 9. El Paso 170:00.00; 10. El Paso 170:00.00.

18000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 180:00.00; 2. El Paso 180:00.00; 3. El Paso 180:00.00; 4. El Paso 180:00.00; 5. El Paso 180:00.00; 6. El Paso 180:00.00; 7. El Paso 180:00.00; 8. El Paso 180:00.00; 9. El Paso 180:00.00; 10. El Paso 180:00.00.

19000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 190:00.00; 2. El Paso 190:00.00; 3. El Paso 190:00.00; 4. El Paso 190:00.00; 5. El Paso 190:00.00; 6. El Paso 190:00.00; 7. El Paso 190:00.00; 8. El Paso 190:00.00; 9. El Paso 190:00.00; 10. El Paso 190:00.00.

20000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 200:00.00; 2. El Paso 200:00.00; 3. El Paso 200:00.00; 4. El Paso 200:00.00; 5. El Paso 200:00.00; 6. El Paso 200:00.00; 7. El Paso 200:00.00; 8. El Paso 200:00.00; 9. El Paso 200:00.00; 10. El Paso 200:00.00.

21000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 210:00.00; 2. El Paso 210:00.00; 3. El Paso 210:00.00; 4. El Paso 210:00.00; 5. El Paso 210:00.00; 6. El Paso 210:00.00; 7. El Paso 210:00.00; 8. El Paso 210:00.00; 9. El Paso 210:00.00; 10. El Paso 210:00.00.

22000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 220:00.00; 2. El Paso 220:00.00; 3. El Paso 220:00.00; 4. El Paso 220:00.00; 5. El Paso 220:00.00; 6. El Paso 220:00.00; 7. El Paso 220:00.00; 8. El Paso 220:00.00; 9. El Paso 220:00.00; 10. El Paso 220:00.00.

23000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 230:00.00; 2. El Paso 230:00.00; 3. El Paso 230:00.00; 4. El Paso 230:00.00; 5. El Paso 230:00.00; 6. El Paso 230:00.00; 7. El Paso 230:00.00; 8. El Paso 230:00.00; 9. El Paso 230:00.00; 10. El Paso 230:00.00.

24000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 240:00.00; 2. El Paso 240:00.00; 3. El Paso 240:00.00; 4. El Paso 240:00.00; 5. El Paso 240:00.00; 6. El Paso 240:00.00; 7. El Paso 240:00.00; 8. El Paso 240:00.00; 9. El Paso 240:00.00; 10. El Paso 240:00.00.

25000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 250:00.00; 2. El Paso 250:00.00; 3. El Paso 250:00.00; 4. El Paso 250:00.00; 5. El Paso 250:00.00; 6. El Paso 250:00.00; 7. El Paso 250:00.00; 8. El Paso 250:00.00; 9. El Paso 250:00.00; 10. El Paso 250:00.00.

26000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 260:00.00; 2. El Paso 260:00.00; 3. El Paso 260:00.00; 4. El Paso 260:00.00; 5. El Paso 260:00.00; 6. El Paso 260:00.00; 7. El Paso 260:00.00; 8. El Paso 260:00.00; 9. El Paso 260:00.00; 10. El Paso 260:00.00.

27000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 270:00.00; 2. El Paso 270:00.00; 3. El Paso 270:00.00; 4. El Paso 270:00.00; 5. El Paso 270:00.00; 6. El Paso 270:00.00; 7. El Paso 270:00.00; 8. El Paso 270:00.00; 9. El Paso 270:00.00; 10. El Paso 270:00.00.

28000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 280:00.00; 2. El Paso 280:00.00; 3. El Paso 280:00.00; 4. El Paso 280:00.00; 5. El Paso 280:00.00; 6. El Paso 280:00.00; 7. El Paso 280:00.00; 8. El Paso 280:00.00; 9. El Paso 280:00.00; 10. El Paso 280:00.00.

29000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 290:00.00; 2. El Paso 290:00.00; 3. El Paso 290:00.00; 4. El Paso 290:00.00; 5. El Paso 290:00.00; 6. El Paso 290:00.00; 7. El Paso 290:00.00; 8. El Paso 290:00.00; 9. El Paso 290:00.00; 10. El Paso 290:00.00.

30000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 300:00.00; 2. El Paso 300:00.00; 3. El Paso 300:00.00; 4. El Paso 300:00.00; 5. El Paso 300:00.00; 6. El Paso 300:00.00; 7. El Paso 300:00.00; 8. El Paso 300:00.00; 9. El Paso 300:00.00; 10. El Paso 300:00.00.

31000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 310:00.00; 2. El Paso 310:00.00; 3. El Paso 310:00.00; 4. El Paso 310:00.00; 5. El Paso 310:00.00; 6. El Paso 310:00.00; 7. El Paso 310:00.00; 8. El Paso 310:00.00; 9. El Paso 310:00.00; 10. El Paso 310:00.00.

32000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 320:00.00; 2. El Paso 320:00.00; 3. El Paso 320:00.00; 4. El Paso 320:00.00; 5. El Paso 320:00.00; 6. El Paso 320:00.00; 7. El Paso 320:00.00; 8. El Paso 320:00.00; 9. El Paso 320:00.00; 10. El Paso 320:00.00.

33000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 330:00.00; 2. El Paso 330:00.00; 3. El Paso 330:00.00; 4. El Paso 330:00.00; 5. El Paso 330:00.00; 6. El Paso 330:00.00; 7. El Paso 330:00.00; 8. El Paso 330:00.00; 9. El Paso 330:00.00; 10. El Paso 330:00.00.

34000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 340:00.00; 2. El Paso 340:00.00; 3. El Paso 340:00.00; 4. El Paso 340:00.00; 5. El Paso 340:00.00; 6. El Paso 340:00.00; 7. El Paso 340:00.00; 8. El Paso 340:00.00; 9. El Paso 340:00.00; 10. El Paso 340:00.00.

35000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 350:00.00; 2. El Paso 350:00.00; 3. El Paso 350:00.00; 4. El Paso 350:00.00; 5. El Paso 350:00.00; 6. El Paso 350:00.00; 7. El Paso 350:00.00; 8. El Paso 350:00.00; 9. El Paso 350:00.00; 10. El Paso 350:00.00.

36000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 360:00.00; 2. El Paso 360:00.00; 3. El Paso 360:00.00; 4. El Paso 360:00.00; 5. El Paso 360:00.00; 6. El Paso 360:00.00; 7. El Paso 360:00.00; 8. El Paso 360:00.00; 9. El Paso 360:00.00; 10. El Paso 360:00.00.

37000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 370:00.00; 2. El Paso 370:00.00; 3. El Paso 370:00.00; 4. El Paso 370:00.00; 5. El Paso 370:00.00; 6. El Paso 370:00.00; 7. El Paso 370:00.00; 8. El Paso 370:00.00; 9. El Paso 370:00.00; 10. El Paso 370:00.00.

38000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 380:00.00; 2. El Paso 380:00.00; 3. El Paso 380:00.00; 4. El Paso 380:00.00; 5. El Paso 380:00.00; 6. El Paso 380:00.00; 7. El Paso 380:00.00; 8. El Paso 380:00.00; 9. El Paso 380:00.00; 10. El Paso 380:00.00.

39000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 390:00.00; 2. El Paso 390:00.00; 3. El Paso 390:00.00; 4. El Paso 390:00.00; 5. El Paso 390:00.00; 6. El Paso 390:00.00; 7. El Paso 390:00.00; 8. El Paso 390:00.00; 9. El Paso 390:00.00; 10. El Paso 390:00.00.

40000-meter relay: 1. El Paso 400:00.00; 2. El Paso 400:00.00; 3. El Paso 400:00.00; 4. El Paso 400:00.00; 5. El Paso 400:00.00; 6. El Paso 400:00.00; 7. El Paso 400:00.00; 8. El Paso 400:00.00; 9. El Paso 400:00.00; 10. El Paso 400:00.00.

Local Track

1600: 1. Josh Vickers, Permian, 4:36.84; 2. Gabe Salazar, EP Austin, 4:38.29; 3. Troy Barnes, EP Austin, 4:44.02; 4. Donan Martinez, Central, 4:48.72; 5. Thomas Rocha, Permian, 4:50.51.

1600 Relay:

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Region Soccer

Region I-5A Soccer Tournament played this weekend at Pennington Field in Bedford.

Boys	
Arlington Martin 1, El Paso Hawks 0	
Saturday's Final	
Arlington Martin 1, El Paso Hawks 0	
Girls	
Arlington Martin 1, Lubbock Hawk 0	
Duncanville 1, El Paso Franklin 0	
Saturday's Final	
Arlington Martin 1, Lubbock Hawk 0	

NBA Results

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	50	21	704
New York	48	21	753
New Jersey	36	35	507
Orlando	36	35	507
Washington	36	35	507
Charlotte	31	40	511
Philadelphia	25	45	527

CENTRAL DIVISION

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	49	21	704
x-Indiana	49	21	704
Charlotte	45	25	643
Atlanta	41	29	584
Cleveland	39	31	557
Detroit	34	37	479
Milwaukee	30	40	423
Golden State	15	55	111

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	48	21	704
x-San Antonio	48	21	704
x-Houston	37	32	529
x-Minnesota	37	32	529
Dallas	38	31	535
Vancouver	16	54	229
Denver	16	54	229

PACIFIC DIVISION

W	L	Pct	GB
x-Lakers	50	21	704
x-Phoenix	49	21	704
x-Portland	39	31	557
Sacramento	26	46	361
L.A. Clippers	15	55	214
Golden State	15	55	214

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NHL Results

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	24	11	93	107
Washington	32	21	57	187
N.Y. Rangers	22	31	62	181
N.Y. Islanders	24	37	58	182
Florida	20	31	52	170
Tampa Bay	16	46	91	139

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	36	20	16	207
Montreal	34	29	7	212
Boston	36	24	17	186
St. Louis	31	25	17	181
Buffalo	31	25	17	181
Ottawa	28	31	16	178
Calgary	28	31	16	178

CENTRAL DIVISION

W	L	T	Pct	GB
St. Louis	31	25	17	181
St. Louis	31	25	17	181
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SUNDAY'S GAMES

W	L	T	Pct	GB
St. Louis	31	25	17	181
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College Baseball

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SOUTHWEST

W	L	Pct	GB
Hardin-Simmons	5-6	16	107
Lamar	1-1	1	1
Lamar	1-1	1	1
Lamar	1-1	1	1
Lamar	1-1	1	1
Lamar	1-1	1	1

PACIFIC

W	L	Pct	GB
Hardin-Simmons	5-6	16	107
Lamar	1-1	1	1
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PACIFIC

Boston	at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.	A	
New York Mets	at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.		
Houston	at Texas, 2:35 p.m.		
Seattle	at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.		
San Francisco	at Oakland at 3:05 p.m.	5	
New York Yankees	at San Diego, 3:55 p.m.	0	
Anaheim	at Los Angeles, 4:05 p.m.		
Milwaukee	vs. Cleveland at Las Vegas, 6:05 p.m.		
Chicago White Sox	at Arizona, 7:05 p.m.		
Monday's Games			8
Omaha	vs. Kansas City at Haines		

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster Club will meet each Thursday during the baseball season at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School Library.

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club meeting for April has been changed to March 30 in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. for election of officers for next year.

The Midland High Boys Basketball Booster Club will hold a meeting on April 2 at 6 p.m. in the boys locker room at the MHS gym.

Golf...

The Ladies Golf League is being conducted April 9 through June 25 at Hogan Park Golf Course, with nine holes being played each Thursday evening. There will be one tournament each month with a fee of \$36 for the full three months or by paying \$8.50 for each Thursday played. Registration can be made by calling 685-7360 or faxing 686-1624 by 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

The Andrews Country Club will hold a 3-man scramble/lowball event April 25-26. Cost is \$55 per man with cart extra. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Call Alan Pursley's Golf Shop at 1-915-524-1462 for information.

The Martin County Country Club in Stanton will host the following golf tournaments: May 16-17, 3-person scramble; June 6, parent-child scramble; June 27-28, 2-person scramble; July 25-26, 2-person scramble; Aug. 22-23, 4-person scramble; Sept. 19-20, 4-person scramble; and Oct. 17-18, couples scramble. Call 1-915-756-2556 or 756-2314 for information.

Hogan Park Ladies Golf Clinics are April 14-16 from 6-8 p.m. Clinics will be \$60 per person and are for anyone interested in learning about golf. For information call Hogan Park at 685-7360.

Green Tree Country Club will host the Rally for a Cure golf tournament on April 29 with registration at 8 a.m. and shotgun start at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$50 per person and includes cart and lunch. April 24 is entry deadline. Proceeds benefit Susan B. Komen Cancer Foundation and the Allison Cancer Center. Format is ABCD players per team with computerized pairings. Call for information at 689-4907 or 694-2215.

The next Midland Chicano Golf Association tournament is April 5 at Wolfcreek Golf Links in Colorado City. Registration at 9 a.m. and first tee time 11 a.m. For information call 684-8481 or 699-6316. The March 15 tournament has been rescheduled for June 28 at Hogan Park.

Masters Golf is offering Ladies Golf Clinics in both April and May. Two sessions every week, beginning April 7, 6-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$44 for a two-day session and new class begins every week. Sign up at the pro shop.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school exercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving program also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528.

The Alamo YMCA is offering water aerobics. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of

eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

The YMCA is taking registration for an adult volleyball league. Divisions are co-ed, women and men. The league begins April 8 and deadline to register is March 31. The program costs \$125 per team. For more information, call 682-2551.

Basketball...

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start this month. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A \$15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call one of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily - Half Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050; NE/YMCA Unit, 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

The Midland Lee Youth Center is holding midnight basketball for boys and girls in grades 4-12 this summer June 23-August 1, Monday-Friday from 6-11 p.m. The entry fee for the program, sponsored by the City of Midland, is \$100 for college age players forming their own teams, free for everybody else. For more information, call Barbara Phillip at 689-1175.

Mid America Youth Basketball is conducting 22 tournaments this spring and summer with over 500 teams participating. There will be boys and girls divisions for grades 5-12. Registration deadline is April 30. For more information, call (316) 284-0354.

Softball...

The West Texas Heat 11 and under girls fastpitch team is holding spring tryouts this month to fill openings for the upcoming season. The team will be participating in the B division during the upcoming season and playing in the competitive division of the Midland Odessa Competitive League. For more information, call Murray Hambrick at 570-7914 or 687-4018.

MUGS is looking for fast-pitch umpires for league play, which begins in April. Anyone wishing to umpire should contact Mack Gipsen at 520-5961 or come to a meeting in the umpire building inside the Bill Williams Complex at Hogan Park each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The YMCA is taking registration for youth softball for boys and girls in grades K-6. The league begins April 16 and deadline to register is April 4. The program costs \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Quick Silver Softball Tournament is April 17-19 at the Statton softball park. The men's tournament is double elimination with 3-homer limit. Entry fee is \$110 with an April 16 deadline. Call 1-915-756-3823 or 756-3031 for information.

The Midland Softball Association is holding the Umpires Tournament April 3-5. Competition will be in Men's A-B and C-D divisions and for women. The entry fee is \$110 with the deadline at 7

p.m. April 2. For more information, call 683-8741.

Tennis...

The Tennis Association of Midland is holding a Junior Circuit Doubles Feed-In Tournament April 4-5 at the Midland College Tennis Center. You must be a TAM member to enter. Entry fee is \$20 per team with a March 30 deadline. For more information, call Lance Armstrong at 682-2255.

Midland College will host an Open Tennis Tournament on April 4 to benefit the Samaritan Counseling Center. Men's and Women's doubles will be played all day. Fee is \$45 per player and registration forms are available at all tennis centers or call 563-4144. On April 3, from 5-8 p.m., pro exhibitions will feature USPTA 1997 Player of the Year Scott Stewart of the Racquet Club as well as pros from Mission Dorado, Midland CC, Green Tree CC and Midland College. There will also be a Balloon Tennis event for children on April 3. You may sign up at Gate 1 of Chap Center or call 689-2237.

Midland Tennis Club's 1998 Tournament Schedule is as follows: April 1, Men's doubles and women's singles; May 2-3, Men's Singles; May 16-17, Women's Doubles; May 23-24, Mixed Doubles; June 6-7, Men's Singles; June 13-14, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles (Adult with Junior); June 27-28, Mixed Doubles (Adult with Junior); July 18-19, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles (34-under/35-over); July 25-26, Mixed Doubles; Aug. 1-2, Men's Singles; Aug. 8-9, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles; Aug. 15-16, Men's Singles and Women's Singles; Aug. 29-30, Mixed Doubles; Sept. 19-20, Men's Singles and Women's Singles (Championship); Sept. 26-27, Men's Doubles and Women's Singles (Championship); Oct. 3-4, Mixed Doubles (Championship).

There will be a USTA Rating Clinic on March 30 at Odessa College. There is a \$5 rating fee. For information call Lance Armstrong at 687-4046.

Junior Tennis Clinics for beginners, K-2, 3-6 and 7-9, begin April 13 for \$4 per day. Entry deadline is April 12. Advanced groups also start April 13. For information call 689-2237 or 683-5360.

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning a trip to New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1.

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 Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teams and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528.

The 1998 West Texas Christian Track Meet is May 9 at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium. All proceeds benefit St. John's Episcopal School. Entry fee is \$5 and entry deadline is April 17. Events are long jump, softball throw, dashes 50 through 800 and 400, 1500 and 1600 relays. Spectator admission is free. Call 362-5168 or 332-2290 for information.

The West Texas Dirt Track Booster Club in Lubbock has the following events slated: March 29: Play Day at West Texas Speedway, pit gates open at noon and practice begins at 2 p.m., pit pass is \$5 and free general admission; April 3, First Night of Racing, 8:30 p.m., pit pass \$15, general admission \$5, children (6-over) \$1. For more information call Joe Scott at 1-806-745-7817.

O's head to Baltimore feeling good about upcoming season

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Baltimore Orioles headed north Saturday, having accomplished virtually all the goals they set for themselves upon arriving in Florida six weeks ago.

The Orioles closed out the Grapefruit League portion of the exhibition season in relative good health and with a 17-9 record after their 4-0 loss to the New York Mets.

"The main thing you want to do here is to keep from getting hurt, and we did that," outfielder Joe Carter said. "You also want to establish a winning attitude and win the close games, and we did that, too."

Baltimore was 4-1 in one-run games and scored at least nine runs on seven occasions.

Center fielder Brady Anderson, who has a bone chip in his left hand, did not play Saturday and will likely sit out Sunday's exhibition finale against the Mets at Camden Yards. But he's expected to start Tuesday when the Orioles open the regular season against the Kansas City Royals.

"I'd say I'll play," he said, standing in the middle of the clubhouse with an ice pack wrapped to his hand. "I feel obligated to give you a story for opening day."

Last year, Anderson played in the opener with a cracked rib after refusing to go on the 15-day disabled list. This injury isn't nearly as serious.

"It's just a matter of soreness when he grips the bat. He can't do any more damage to it," Orioles trainer Richie Bancellis said. "It's

Spring Training

fortunate for him that it's his top hand on the bat — and that throwing is no problem."

Ray Miller, in his first spring training as manager of the Orioles, was delighted with his team's progress.

"The efficiency rating has been very, very high for this camp. What we wanted to get done, we got done," Miller said. "That's a credit to the staff — they've done all the work."

Mets 4, Orioles 0
At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Al Leiter pitched five shutout innings and Tim Lincecum pitched four as the Mets beat Baltimore.

Leiter (2-0) allowed four hits and one walk in lowering his ERA this spring to 0.60. He struck out four and allowed only two runners past first base.

Astros 11, Marlins 1
At Melbourne, Fla., Dave Clark hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, leading Houston over Florida.

Clark's slam came in the first inning against Rafael Medina. A pair of walks and a single by Derek Bell set up the home run.

Clark hit a two-run double during a four-run fourth inning that made it 9-1.

Rangers 14, Cubs 10
At Arlington, Texas, Juan Gonzalez and Mark McLemore homered as Texas tagged Cubs starter Terry Mulholland during an 11-run first inning.

Mulholland retired his first batter, then gave up 10 consecutive hits. McLemore began the binge with a home run and Gonzalez capped it with a three-run homer off Marc Piscoff for his second hit of the inning.

Indians 4, Braves 3
At Atlanta, Brian Giles hit a two-out homer in the ninth inning and five Cleveland pitchers combined for a two-hitter and 16 strikeouts in a win at Atlanta.

Chipper Jones hit a three-run homer in

Rangers, Astros, Angels Previews/8C

the first inning, but that was Atlanta's only hit until two outs in the ninth.

Rockies 6, Mariners 6
At Denver, Dante Bichette homered twice and drove in three runs as Colorado out-slugged Seattle in a weekend series at Coors Field that will conclude spring training.

In a game matching the top two home-hitting teams in the majors last season, Colorado unloaded four compared to Seattle's two.

Vinny Castilla and Todd Helton also homered for the Rockies. Rick Wilkins and Jay Buhner homered for Seattle.

Expos 2, Cardinals (ss) 1
At Jupiter, Fla., Montreal starter Dustin Hermanson gave up a home run to Brent Butler on the first pitch, but the Expos allowed little else against a St. Louis split squad.

Pirates 3, Reds 1
At Bradenton, Fla., Jason Schmidt pitched out of a spring-long slump, allowing one run on two hits in six innings in Pittsburgh's victory over Cincinnati.

Schmidt was 0-4 with a 7.88 ERA in five exhibition starts until allowing only two singles, striking out six and walking two.

Phillies 7, Blue Jays 6
At Dunedin, Fla., Dave Francia, brought over from Philadelphia's minor league camp for the game, hit a two-run single in the eighth inning to beat Toronto.

Mike Stanley homered twice and drove in three runs for Toronto. Shawn Green homered, doubled and singled.

Tigers 8, Royals 4
At Lakeland, Fla., Tim Worrell improved to 5-0 this spring, pitching five innings in Detroit's win over Kansas City.

Worrell, acquired in an off-season trade with the San Diego Padres, finished the spring with a 3.60 ERA. He was 4-8 last year.

Red Sox 10, Twins 5
At Fort Myers, Fla., Tim Wakefield pitched six scoreless innings and Jason Varitek hit a three-run homer, leading Boston past Minnesota.

Red Raiders trip OSU with eight-run rally

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Texas Tech scored eight runs in the eighth and ninth innings to erase a four-run deficit and take a 10-6 Big 12 Conference victory over Oklahoma State Saturday.

Keith Ginter hit the lead off home run in the first inning and the Red Raiders (22-10, 6-4) added a run in the third inning.

The Cowboys (17-10, 4-5) exploded for four runs, with a Josh Holliday three-run homer and a Marc

Fournier single in the fourth inning.

Holliday hit another homer in the sixth inning and Kevin Lucas hit a triple to boost OSU's score to 6-2.

Cowboy starting pitcher Matt Smith went seven innings before he was relieved. Brandon Buckley and Ginter both doubled in a couple of runs in the eighth, and Jason Huth blasted a three-run homer that clinched the victory.

The teams conclude their series Sunday.

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Silver Dubai

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — In a dramatic final Derby and Preakness, Silver Charm nosed Swain to win the \$4 million World Cup Saturday.

Ridden by Hall of Fame jockey Steve Cavanagh, Silver Charm, the 4-year-old, \$2.4 million first-year colt, won the race by a nose over previous earnings of \$1 million.

Silver Charm, the favorite, first repulse challenges from Fra

Sauvage and Malek, ner of the Santa Anita.

Then, Swain can briefly grabbed the stretch. As the toward the finish, Charm fought back edged in front.

"I knew it was going to be a close race," said Silver Charm's trainer, Steve Cavanagh.

"He's the greatest I've ever trained," said Cavanagh.

"I knew I had a good horse," said Cavanagh. "I knew I had a horse that was going to give me a lot of trouble."

Bob Lewis, who trained Silver Charm along with Cavanagh, said the experience was "a half-hour lifetime."

He said the race of Silver Charm's history, where he narrowly won.

Bristol

By Joe Macenka

AP Sports Writer

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The track at Bristol Motor Speedway is a place where the past meets the present. What happens on the track is a reflection of the past.

In the 14 months since the track was repaved, it has become a place where the past meets the present. What happens on the track is a reflection of the past.

Speedway Motorsports' 71,000 seats and the track's history have been demonstrated in what is being called the most enjoyable track in the Cup circuit.

When the Food City 500 race on the track was held, it was a race that was a reflection of the past. The track's history has been demonstrated in what is being called the most enjoyable track in the Cup circuit.

By the end of the race, the track's history has been demonstrated in what is being called the most enjoyable track in the Cup circuit.

Judging from the track's history, the investment race is sold out, and the track's history has been demonstrated in what is being called the most enjoyable track in the Cup circuit.

Next Winston Cup race is a reflection of the past. The track's history has been demonstrated in what is being called the most enjoyable track in the Cup circuit.

"This is a home race for me," said Cavanagh.

Sadler took the lead on the pole, finished 10 car-lengths behind the pole, finished 10 car-lengths behind the pole, finished 10 car-lengths behind the pole.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. on the pole, finished 10 car-lengths behind the pole, finished 10 car-lengths behind the pole, finished 10 car-lengths behind the pole.

"What an incredible great win for the team," said Sadler.

third and stayed near the front of the pack.

Fernandez for flag

Silver Charm takes Dubai Cup by nose

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — In a dramatic finish, Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Silver Charm nosed out Dubai's Swain to win the \$4 million Dubai World Cup Saturday and double his career earnings.

Ridden by Hall of Famer Gary Stevens, the 4-year-old earned the \$2.4 million first prize with a courageous rally. Silver Charm's previous earnings had totaled \$2.2 million.

Silver Charm, the prohibitive favorite, first repulsed strong challenges from France's Loup Sauvage and Malek, surprise winner of the Santa Anita Handicap. Then, Swain came up and briefly grabbed the lead in the stretch. As the two pounded toward the finish line, Silver Charm fought back and barely edged in front.

"I knew it was going to be a competitive race. I knew it was going to be close," said Stevens, who rode Silver Charm shortly after guiding Dubai's Annus Mirabilis to victory in the \$500,000 Dubai Duty Free race.

"He's the greatest horse I've ridden."

"I knew I had a great chance, but I knew they weren't going to give it away," Bob Baffert, Silver Charm's trainer, said.

"To run a race like this is an unbelievable experience. I feel like \$2.4 million."

Bob Lewis, who owns Silver Charm along with his wife Beverly, said the experience of the race was "a half-hour that's worth a lifetime."

He said the race reminded him of Silver Charm's Preakness victory, where he narrowly beat Free House.

Horse Racing

"He's always involved in finishes like that, that's why I've got white hair," Baffert said. "In the last 100 yards he was all heart, that's what he does. He has so much courage that it makes up for my training."

Silver Charm broke second from the gate and stayed behind another U.S. horse, Behrens, until the top of the stretch. He then took the lead, only to be challenged by Loup Sauvage and Malek.

After putting them away, he faced the challenge of the hard-charging Swain. But Silver Charm prevailed in 2:09 2-5 for 1 1/4 miles.

Loup Sauvage finished third, with Malek fourth.

Malek's trainer, Richard Mandella, said he wasn't happy with the way his horse broke.

"He missed the break a little, but I am not using that as an excuse. He ran well but not quite good enough," said Mandella, whose Soul of the Matter was second in the inaugural '96 race, won by the great Cigar, and his entry of Siphon and Sandpit finished 2-3 in last year's World Cup, behind Songspiel.

Behrens' trainer, Jim Bond, was happy with the way his horse ran, although he finished fifth.

"Behrens ran well. I was very pleased, but we were beaten by a better horse," said Bond, whose L'Carriere was third in 1996.

Behrens' jockey, Jerry Bailey, rode the first two Dubai World Cup winners.

Completing the order of finish after Behrens were Kyoto City, Luso, Borgia and Predappio.

Germany's Oxalagu was a late



Silver Charm gets a cool shower of water from jockey Gary Stevens after they won the Dubai World Cup Saturday in the United Arab Emirates.

scratch because of a foot injury.

Baffert said he would give his winner some time off.

"We're going to take it easy," Baffert said. "I'm going to give him a month off, maybe more."

Baffert said he was happy racing in the United States, ruling out another meeting with Swain at Ascot.

"I'll take him on again but only in the U.S., because my passport is only good for a year," said Baffert, on his first trip outside North America.

Baffert took the solid gold World Cup from Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, crown prince of Dubai and owner of Predappio, and jokingly tried to balance it on his head.

When he did the same at the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, he was criticized for reducing the sport to a circus.

But Saturday, Lewis and Sheikh Mohammed helped Baffert lift the cup to his head for his unusual bal-

ancing act.

"The sheik is a real sport," Baffert said.

Turfway Park goes dark on its biggest day of the year

FLORENCE, Ky. — Turfway Park was dark and quiet Saturday on what should have been its busiest day of the year.

More than 20,000 people were expected for the \$600,000 Jim Beam Stakes, the weekend's top Kentucky Derby prep. But Turfway's entire program had to be postponed until Sunday when high winds toppled three poles that brought the main power line to the track.

"We're getting total dedication from everybody involved," Turfway owner Jerry Carroll said. "Everybody wants to salvage this and run the race. There's just too much money at stake."

The power poles went down about 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot, damaging three cars. No one was injured.

Bristol remains one of racing's best tracks

By Joe Macenka

AP Sports Writer

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Everything around the track at Bristol Motor Speedway keeps changing. What happens on it stays the same.

In the 14 months since the track was sold to Speedway Motorsports Inc., most of the facility's 71,000 seats and all three of its luxury boxes have been demolished. In their place has risen what is being widely hailed as one of the most enjoyable tracks to visit on the Winston Cup circuit.

When the Food City 500 is run Sunday, the drivers will race on a track that is completely encircled by 129,700 grandstand seats. Perched atop the main seating bowl, 95 luxury boxes form a line that starts at the end of the backstretch and winds all the way around to the middle of the first turn.

By the end of the year, the amount of money SMI will have put into the refurbishment is expected to reach \$59 million, a figure that also includes substantial improvements to parking, concessions and restrooms.

Judging from the reaction of fans and drivers, the investment was worth it. Sunday's race is sold out, and a crowd of 135,000 is expected. Neither are there tickets available for the next Winston Cup race at Bristol in August.

"This is a home run," Rusty Wallace, Sun-

day's pole-sitter, said. "I wish they had more places like this."

Aside from all the creature comforts, what makes Bristol so attractive is the only thing to survive the wrecker's ball: the track.

In an era where promoters are scurrying to build huge new superspeedways, Bristol's 533-mile oval continues to enjoy a reputation for providing what many longtime fans of the sport consider racing at its best.

Carburetor restrictor plates and down force, always key factors at the circuit's big tracks, take a back seat at Bristol to the ability to survive several hours of banging, braking and battered nerves.

"It's great to be back on the short tracks," Terry Labonte said. "I was thinking just the other day that I wish we still ran at North Wilkesboro. I like the short tracks. It's fun to run on 'em. It's a little different, a welcome change of pace."

Labonte isn't alone.

"I don't know what that says about my mentality, liking this place, but I do enjoy it," Dale Jarrett said. "It's just a great place. The fans enjoy the racing ... good short-track racing."

"The secret to winning the race is keeping the fenders on the thing so you can race at the end," The main cause of all the problems is Bristol's 36-degree banked turns, the most severe on the circuit. The high banks help create

unusually high speeds for a short track, and they also severely restrict a driver's field of vision. For example, when a driver goes into the first turn, he can't see into the second turn because the front left portion of his car's roof is in the way.

Even with a good spotter to quickly alert a driver to trouble ahead, he often is going too fast to avoid it.

"It's not hard to figure out why so many fans like going to the place," Jeremy Mayfield said. "So much can happen in such a short period of time. A car spinning behind you can easily be spinning in front of you quickly. You don't see a lot of single-car deals at Bristol. It's easy to get caught up in somebody else's problems, and it's easy to get somebody else caught up in your problems."

The key, Mayfield said, is to try and be patient and control your temper during what are typically 15-second laps, because the odds are that there's trouble ahead somewhere and that you'll find it.

"If Darlington is the 'Lady in Black,' then Bristol would be the 'Mean Little Sister' — you know, the one who hides behind the couch when you're on a date as a teen-ager and yells, 'Boo.' At the worst possible times," he said. "The place is so fast and things happen so quickly, it's like racing in a phone booth."

Sadler wins wreck-filled Busch race at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Elliott Sadler took the lead on a fast pit stop with 99 laps left and went on to win the crash-filled Moore's Snacks 250 Saturday, his fourth NASCAR Busch Grand National victory in 10 months.

Sadler avoided three wrecks over the final 80 laps and was pulling away at the finish on Bristol Motor Speedway's .533-mile, high-banked oval.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who started on the pole, finished second, about 10 car-lengths behind Sadler.

"What an incredible day. This is a great win for the team. The car ran great and the crew was even better," said Sadler, who started third and stayed near the front of

the pack all day en route to winning \$31,335.

Sadler was running third behind Buckshot Jones and Earnhardt when all the leaders pitted under caution for fuel and four new tires on lap 151. Sadler beat everyone out of the pits and spent the rest of the race dodging crashes in his Chevrolet and pulling away from his pursuers between caution flags.

"Just an awesome stop. We had great pit stops all day," Sadler said.

Wrecks were responsible for nine caution flags that slowed the 250-lap race for 59 laps. There were no injuries, but in typical Bristol fashion, damaged cars and bruised egos were plentiful.

The last caution flag came out for a 12-car pileup on lap 219, prompting NASCAR officials to red-flag the race to clean up the mess at the entrance to the backstretch.

Jones appeared to cause the wreck when his Pontiac suddenly shot up into the Chevrolet of two-time defending series champion Randy LaJoie.

"I just hope it wasn't intentional," LaJoie said, "because we've got a long season to go."

Jones said the accident was the result of a blown right front tire on his car, but LaJoie seemed unconvinced.

"Was that before or after he hit me?" LaJoie said.

Jones started second and dominated early, leading twice for 122

laps before running into trouble on lap 170. Jones, running fourth, tried to get inside position on Stewart's car as the two came out of the second turn. The contact sent Jones into a spin, and in the short time it took him to recover and get his car pointed back in the right direction, he had fallen one lap off the pace, ending his chances to contend.

The afternoon's eighth caution was caused by a wreck involving Mike Dillon and Michael Waltrip, who later angrily exchanged words in the pits.

Dillon said he was unfairly accused by Waltrip of trying to wreck him.

"He was mad about it," Dillon said, "and he came by and let it be known."

Janzen holds off some of golf's big names at Players Championship

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The big names made their run at Lee Janzen in The Players Championship.

First Nick Faldo. Then Ernie Els. Even John Daly.

Other very intimidating names — Phil Mickelson, Tom Lehman and Fred Couples — crept up the leaderboard.

But no one could handle the back nine of the Stadium Course like Janzen, who took a three-stroke lead into the final round.

"The guys who went out early in the morning were the ones who had a chance to do it," Janzen said Saturday after he shot a 69 on the firm and fast course to finish 54 holes at 10-under-par 206, with Glen Day at 209 and Justin Leonard at 211.

For a while it looked like those early guys would catch Janzen.

Faldo made birdies on four of the first six holes and went out in 33. But the best he could do on the back nine was a 37.

Els shot a 31 on the front side, then came back in 39.

It was Janzen's ability to own the back nine this week — with the dangerous closing stretch of Nos. 16, 17 and 18 wrapping around the water — that put him in the lead. Janzen has played those nine holes 10 under par in three rounds and has yet to make a bogey.

He lengthened his lead and separated himself from the field when he played the last 10 holes three under par, rolling in birdie putts on Nos. 9, 14 and 16.

The 69 by Janzen was especially impressive because no one shot below 68 and there were only six rounds in the 60s.

"The other guys will have to shoot at the pins and that makes it tougher," Janzen said about the final round. "I can't do anything to let them catch up. As long as I make pars that will help me."

But the hard, fast conditions still make for a scary Sunday.

"It's not as much of a lead if the course were soft," Day said, implying that Janzen could stumble. "Three shots lead here ... you never knows what's going to happen."

Even Janzen seemed to agree. "Disaster is waiting on every hole," he said.

Janzen, whose one-stroke victory here in 1995 was the only winning margin in the tournament fewer than four strokes since 1991, has always played his best when the courses are at their toughest.

The course played very much like at a U.S. Open, the tournament Janzen won at Baltusrol in 1993 when the winning score was eight under par, or even the way the Stadium Course played in 1995 when Janzen won at five under par.

Those scores are a far cry from the 16 under par score Steve Elkington shot while winning on a much softer and more receptive Stadium Course last year. Or the record 24 under par by Greg Norman in 1994.

The steady round by Janzen made Sunday's hurdle a lot higher for an impressive group of players. Lehman, Mickelson, Mark Calcavecchia and Scott Hoch were at 212 — still a doable six strokes back — with Nick Price, Els, Couples, Billy Mayfair and Lee Westwood among those at 213.

Daly, who got a coin at an alcohol support group before the round marking one year of sobriety, made two early bogeys, but fought his way back to three under par for the tournament.

But he finished with shots in the water on the island-green 17th hole and No. 18 and shot a 76 to be at 217, 11 strokes behind.

Leonard, who like Janzen fares

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well when birdies are hard to come by, shot a 70 in the third round with 12 one-putt greens.

"It seemed like all day I was either making a 12-footer for birdie or a 6-footer for par," Leonard said.

Twice last year, including in the British Open, Leonard came from five strokes back in the final round to win.

"The more difficult the golf course the more advantage I have," Leonard said.

Els made the biggest move of the day, but missed several fairways by less than a yard on the back side and squandered a great opportunity.

"I had a chance today and I just didn't take advantage of it," Els said. "I missed too many fairways on the back nine and the greens are so firm if you miss the fairway, the greens are not going to hold the ball."

Faldo pulled within two strokes with consecutive birdies on Nos. 11 and 12. But he went bogey, double bogey — duffing a chip and then three-putting — and fell back.

Hurst clings to lead despite weird weather

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Pat Hurst, playing through chilly rain and gusty winds, kept hitting fairways and sinking putts to cling to the lead Saturday in the Nabisco Dinah Shore.

Hurst shot a 2-under-par 70 to go to 6-under for the tournament, one stroke in front of Liselotte Neumann. Coming off a win last weekend at Phoenix, Neumann stayed close with a 71 on a day of weird weather at Mission Hills Country Club.

Karrie Webb and Helen Alfredsson both had 70s and were three shots behind Hurst. Donna Andrews shot a 71 and was another stroke back, while a group at 1-under included Nancy Lopez, with a 73, and Laura Davies, with a 70.

Hurst, a former NCAA champion at San Jose State, is the only American player in the top four after three rounds of the tournament, the LPGA's first major of the year. Neumann and Alfredsson are Swedish and Webb is Australian.

There were early morning storms at the desert course, with chilly drizzles and swirling winds afterward. Then suddenly the dark clouds drifted away, the sun broke through and the wind stilled. Just as abruptly, the rain began anew and the wind gusted again. Then there was more sunshine. At times, the sun was shining through rain showers.

Dickson takes one-stroke lead at Dominion

SAN ANTONIO — Bob Dickson shot a 5-under-par 67 to take a one-stroke lead into the final round at the Southwestern Bell Dominion PGA Senior Tour tournament.

Dickson, who tied for second at the 1996 Dominion event, had seven birdies Saturday for a two-day total of 7-under 137 at the par-72, 6,835-yard course.

"The last two days I putted well," said Dickson, ranked No. 41 on the Senior Tour money list this year. "I played well today even with a bogey on the last hole. I like this course. I feel comfortable with the layout."

Dickson, who started the day at 2-under, was tied with San Antonio teaching pro Jim Barker for the lead at 7-under when he birdied the par-4, 436-yard 16th hole. Dickson went to 8-under by hitting a 5-iron and then sinking an 18-foot putt at the 17th hole. His second bogey came on the par-5, 545-yard 18th hole when he missed an 8-foot putt.

Fernandez fights off Unser for flag in Budweiser 500

MOTEGI, Japan (AP) — Adrian Fernandez had to win two very different battles to earn the second Indy-car triumph of his career.

First, he had to overcome a bout with the flu the night before the race. Then, the 32-year-old Mexican had to hold off Al Unser Jr. in a sprint to the finish of the Budweiser 500 Saturday.

"The car felt so good that it just gave me the adrenaline to keep going," said Fernandez, who moved to the top of the point list in the CART FedEx Championship Series.

Fernandez led 102 of the 201 laps in his Reynard-Ford, and spent much of his time out front fending off Unser's Penske-Mercedes. Unser led the race twice for a total of 26 laps, the first time he's been out front since 1996 at Road America in Wisconsin.

"Al was very strong from mid-race on," Fernandez said. "I knew he was going to be strong all the way."

After a pit stop with 42 laps remaining, Fernandez took the lead 30 laps from the finish.

He was holding his advantage over Unser at more than a second

when Bobby Rahal hit the wall on lap 186, bringing out the last of three caution flags.

Rahal was not hurt in the crash, but by the time debris from his badly battered Reynard-Ford was removed from track, only six laps remained.

With a restart coming so late, Unser described the finish as "a good old Saturday-night sprint car race."

Fernandez was able to keep Unser several car-lengths back and won the 500-kilometer (311-mile) event by 1.086 seconds with an average speed of 159.393 mph. "Once I got out in front of him on turn four, I knew the race was ours," Fernandez said. "This was the win I was looking for."

The race was the second of 19 in the CART series and the first on the new 1.549 mile Twin Ring Motegi superspeedway, which drivers praised as fast, smooth and wide.

Just how fast was seen in the average top speed through the first 100 laps of 199.066 mph.

"It was an extremely fast pace," Unser said. "Every lap at the beginning of the race was as fast as we could possibly go."

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Kentucky's Wayne Turner, right, and Scott Padgett (34) surround Stanford guard Michael McDonald during Kentucky's 86-85 overtime victory in Saturday's NCAA semifinal in San Antonio.

KENTUCKY: 'Cats make 3rd straight Monday finale

(From 1C)

Stanford and overcame the absence of a superstar by playing with slick teamwork.

Down by as many as 10 points in the second half, Kentucky stepped up the defensive pressure with Smith screaming on the sideline and rode the outside shooting of Sheppard and the inside muscle of Nazr Mohammed to victory.

"We kept our composure throughout and hung in there when things weren't going well for us," said Smith, the first black basketball coach at a school where Adolph Rupp built an all-white dynasty with 876 wins and four NCAA titles. Sheppard scored six of his points in overtime, and Mohammed bounced back from foul trouble and a scoreless first half to score 18 points.

Arthur Lee, the hero of Stanford's victory over Rhode Island in the Midwest Regional final, led the Cardinal with 26 points, while backcourt teammate Kris Weems scored 17. Lee hit five of eight 3-pointers and did a superb job of controlling the tempo for the Cardinal.

"It definitely hurts," Lee said. "I told coach and a couple of players when the buzzer sounded, I couldn't believe that we lost."

Still, Stanford, an 8-point underdog, could walk away proud.

"I don't think you saw any of the desperate body language or anything like that because we've had a great season," said Stanford forward Mark Madsen, who had 11 points and 16 rebounds. "In a lot of people's expectations, we've overachieved."

Kentucky (34-4) trailed most of the game but scored the first five points in overtime, all by Mohammed and Sheppard, to jump to a 78-73 lead. Stanford never recovered.

In its first Final Four since winning the title in 1942, Stanford (30-5) got within a point three times down the stretch but saw its chance of an upset fade when Peter Sauer missed a long heave at the buzzer.

Stanford turned the ball over only twice in the first half, but Kentucky's pressure in the second half and overtime forced the Cardinal to make 13 turnovers.

"We had to put pressure on them," Sheppard said. "Those guards broke the pressure all night long. There were big turnovers, and they threw it out of bounds. As the game progresses, you get tired. But they were breaking the press every time."

Weems, Stanford's leading scorer most of the season but averaging only five points in the NCAA tournament going into this game, had the green light to keep shooting and sank three of 11 shots, all 3-pointers, in the first half. But he

was just 6-for-23 overall.

"I don't know what more I could ask of these kids," Stanford coach Mike Montgomery said. "It was an unbelievable season. If anybody anywhere had any doubts about this team, they were answered by these kids."

"We made some critical errors. Maybe it was fatigue, maybe it was youth. But we answered the call every time we were down."

Stanford took a 13-3 lead in the first five minutes of the game, and led throughout the half despite one five-minute stretch when it couldn't get off a shot and Kentucky came back to 18-17.

Staying in a man-to-man defense and keeping Kentucky's fast break contained with good position under the boards, Stanford rode 3-pointers by Weems and Lee for a 37-32 halftime lead.

Mohammed picked up two fouls in the first few minutes, sat out most of the rest of the first half, and went scoreless until hitting three inside shots in a row early in the second half.

But Stanford kept answering Kentucky's inside shooting with 3-pointers, including one by Sauer that gave the Cardinal its biggest lead of the second half, 46-36, and another by Lee that made it 49-40.

The Wildcats fought back to 49-48 on a basket by Mohammed, a 3-pointer by Allen Edwards and a steal, drive and foul shot by Sheppard.

Kentucky stayed close but couldn't grab the lead until Scott Padgett sank two free throws to put the Wildcats ahead for the first time, 54-53, with 10:04 left.

A 10-foot hook by Mohammed made it 56-53, but Stanford regained the lead with two straight baskets before a pair of free throws by Mohammed, on Tim Young's fourth foul, put Kentucky ahead again with 7:23 to go.

With the 7-foot-1 Young going to the bench, Stanford lost a big presence in the middle who had accounted for 10 points and seven rebounds.

That meant Madsen had to step up even more, and he responded with an offensive rebound, layup and free throw that put Stanford ahead once more, 68-66, with 3:04 left in regulation.

Kentucky made it 72-66 on two 3-pointers by Sheppard, but another offensive rebound and layup by Madsen, and a 3-pointer by Lee with 26 seconds left after a Kentucky free throw tied the game 73-73.

With three seconds to go in regulation, Turner missed a short bank, and Madsen rebounded to give Stanford a chance to win the game with 1.1 seconds left. But a 40-foot heave by Weems under pressure fell well short and the game went into overtime.

Kentucky fans revel in Blue mania

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The streets were packed Saturday night, and this was just a warmup for what Kentucky fans — and police — plan to see.

During the final minutes of the Wildcats' 86-85 overtime win against Stanford in the NCAA tournament semifinals, more than 100 Lexington police officers in full riot gear lined the inter-

section of Woodland and Euclid avenues — the scene of \$40,000 in damage during postgame celebrations after Kentucky's championship win in 1996.

"It's scary — all these police," said Brian Curing, a University of Kentucky senior from Lexington, prior to the win. "It looks like they're just waiting for something bad to happen."

Miller saves Utah from blowing lead

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

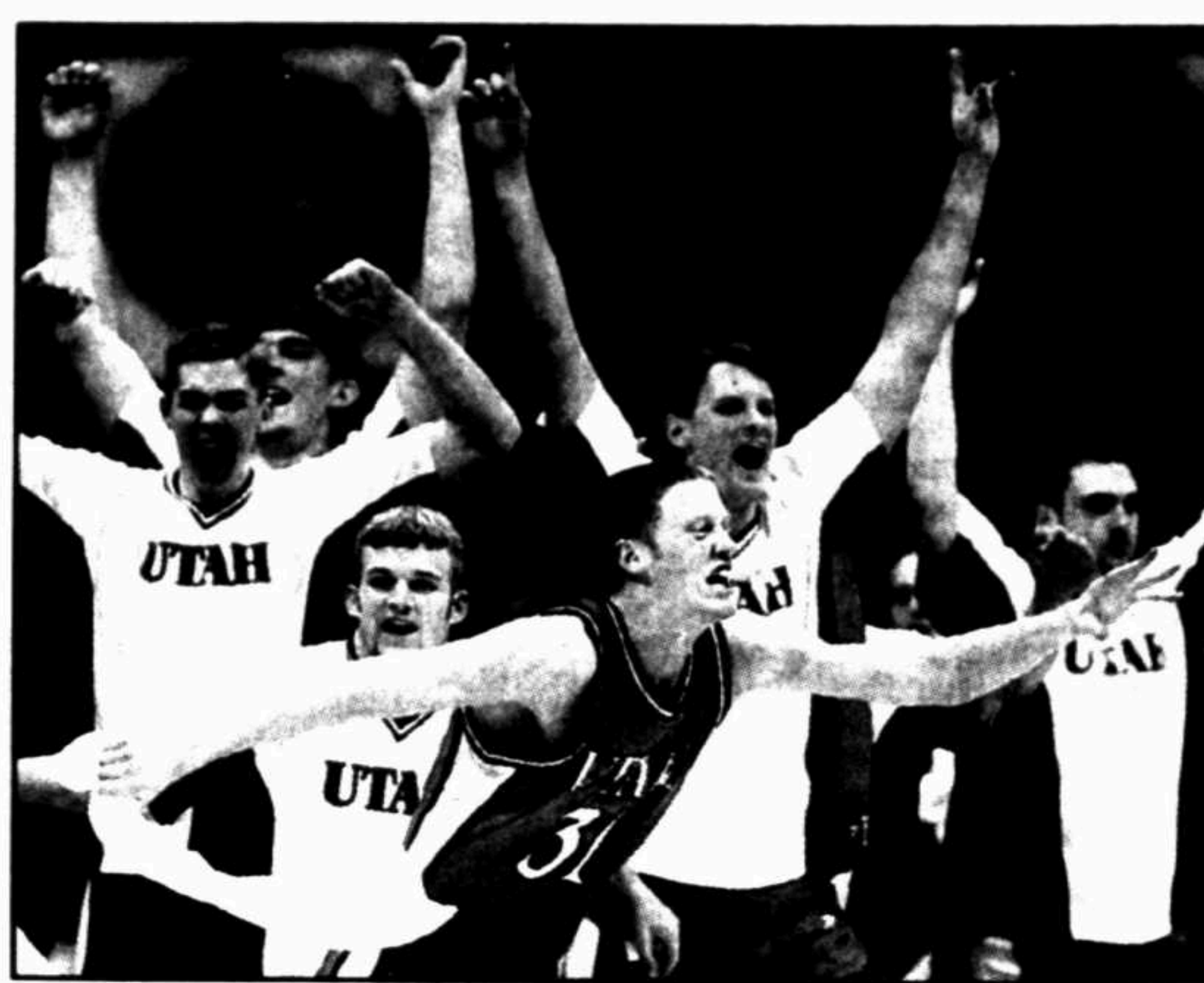
SAN ANTONIO — Andre Miller promised Utah wouldn't roll over for No. 1 seed North Carolina, and just when it seemed the Utes were about to do exactly that Saturday night, he made sure they didn't.

Utah's 15-point halftime lead had dwindled to just two with 1:57 left in the NCAA semifinal and all the momentum belonged to the Tar Heels. With each North Carolina basket, the Utes seemed to be looking around, frantically searching for somebody to come up with an answer.

Miller turned out to be the guy. The gritty point guard from the tough side of Los Angeles took an inbound pass and went from one end of the court to the other for a clutch basket that restored the lead to four points and gave Utah some needed breathing room.

He finished with 16 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists as the Utes charged into Monday night's championship game against Kentucky. It was almost a carbon copy of the triple-double he came up with as the Utes ousted defending national champion Arizona to reach the Final Four.

In that game, Miller had 18 points, 14 rebounds and 13 assists for what was believed to be the



The Utah bench celebrates the Utes' 65-59 victory over North Carolina in Saturday's semifinal at the Final Four in San Antonio. In front, Utah's Britton Johnson (31) does an odd dance.

first triple-double in school history. At 6-foot-2, he is the shortest starter for Utah. What's a little guy like him doing with all those rebounds?

"I just try to go where the ball goes," he said. "I like to go to the

boards and help out the other guys."

He does a lot more than that for the Utes.

North Carolina's Vince Carter was impressed by what Miller did to the Tar Heels.

UTAH: Utes knock off No. 1 North Carolina

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the title in 1944. "We got the great start early and got confidence. Then they gave a great effort and we countered. It was really a wonderful game."

The Tar Heels lost for the second straight year in the semifinal; they were knocked out by Arizona in Indianapolis. And the loss ended the great rookie season of 60-year-old Bill Guthridge, who replaced Dean Smith after sitting beside him for 30 years.

Guthridge took the Tar Heels (34-4) back to the Final Four, just the seventh time a first-year coach got his team to the semifinals. He also set the record for victories by a first-year coach, but it wasn't enough to get the Tar Heels to their eighth national championship game.

"I thought we were ready to play. Maybe we were too ready. I think we were probably too tight," Guthridge said. "I'm sorry I didn't read that better."

Andre Miller, who had the first triple-double in Utah history against Arizona, scored 16 points and added 14 rebounds and six assists.

"I basically try to rebound all the time," Miller said. "They take a lot of long jump shots and that means a lot of long rebounds. I try to be wherever the ball goes. I had 14 rebounds against Arizona and the big guys were playing great defense, why not help them out and get some rebounds."

North Carolina's Vince Carter said he did more than that.

"He did a great job to get his team here," Carter said. "He plays hard and refuses to lose. How many point guards get 14 rebounds and still get six assists? He did it all tonight."

Carter scored 21 points for the Tar Heels on 10-for-16 shooting, the only Carolina player to shoot better than 50 percent, while Antawn

Jamison had 14 points on 7-for-19 shooting.

Before Jamison left the floor, he bent down and kissed it.

"I may never get the opportunity to get back to the Final Four," said the junior forward, whose string of double-doubles was snapped at five games. "I don't think it was a sign of this being my last ball game whatsoever, but it was at a time, whatever I felt, that I had to show I was grateful for the opportunity."

Shammond Williams, who was 1-for-13 in last season's 66-58 Final Four loss, went 2-for-12 this year, finishing with seven points.

It seemed like North Carolina was going to end its season as Arizona had — at the wrong end of a big score against Utah. The Tar Heels, however, had a different ending planned and almost got it.

Trailing by 15 points six times in the second half, North Carolina used an 8-2 run to get within 50-41 with 11:15 to play, the first time it was within single digits since the 11:35 mark of the first half.

Utah (30-3) started to struggle and the Tar Heels chipped away.

A 3-pointer by Carter made it 56-50 with 4:25 left; a 3 by Ademola Okulaja made it 57-53 with 3:24 to play; and a driving basket by Ed Cota had the Tar Heels within 57-55 with 2:02 left.

A layup by Miller gave Utah back a four-point lead with 1:51 left and the Utes made six of 10 free throws over the final 49 seconds to seal the victory.

"I said to them at halftime, 'Look, the first five minutes of the second half are the most important. Everyone in the game knows that,'" Majerus said. "We had to make sure we maintained our discipline to our shot structure and I was upset with a couple of shots, but not many."

North Carolina knew the early deficit was too

much to overcome.

"It took us a long time to get going and we probably had a chance there at the end, but we just couldn't get over the hump," Guthridge said.

Utah has won 10 of 11 games and the latest win was more like its first three in the NCAA tournament — close. The Utes won the first three games by an average of 8.6 points before blowing out Arizona.

North Carolina, on the other hand, had won its four tournament games by an average of 18 points in advancing to its fifth Final Four of the '90s.

The 13-point halftime deficit was North Carolina's biggest of the season. The Tar Heels trailed Wake Forest 48-36 after 20 minutes and rallied for a 79-73 victory.

The Tar Heels' shooting woes started right away and didn't disappear. They missed eight of their first nine shots and 15 of their first 21, finishing the first half at 11-for-36, a very un-Carolina effort, especially since they missed all eight of their 3-point attempts.

The Utah defense, however, played a large part, as it had all year.

North Carolina wasn't even able to take advantage of a brief offensive slump by Utah in the first half. The Utes managed just two points over the final four minutes of the half, but the Tar Heels had only two field goals over that span, both dunks, and they trimmed a 33-18 deficit to 35-22 at halftime.

Carter, with 10, and Jamison had all but four of North Carolina's first-half points.

"I think we looked at the Final Four and everybody was there and we were trying to do too much at the beginning," Jamison said. "Utah did a tremendous job. They were ripping and running and hitting the shots. You can't ask for a better game on their behalf and we struggled offensively and defensively."

Police crack down on Final Four scalpers

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Police, enforcing the city's anti-peddling ordinance, made it difficult Saturday on Final Four ticket scalpers.

There were 28 empty seats in the Alamodome because police confiscated those tickets from scalpers, who also lost \$19,000 in cash.

Under the ordinance, nothing can be sold — including marked-up tickets — without a vendor's license. It's also illegal to sell tickets on the grounds of the Alamodome.

Scalpers in hotels were asking as much as \$4,000 for a \$100 ticket on

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the lower level.

No counterfeiting incidents were reported, said deputy chief Manuel Longoria.

LEE PERFECT: Stanford guard Arthur Lee made all nine of his free-throw attempts in the 86-85 overtime loss to Kentucky, leaving him a perfect 35-for-35 for the NCAA tournament.

KENTUCKY DOES HAVE A STAR: Scott Padgett says it's a myth that Kentucky doesn't have a star.

His offering is Jeff Sheppard, who scored a career-high 27 points against Stanford.

"People say we don't have a marquee player," Padgett said. "When he gets hot we just keep going to him."

MADSEN MAKING PITCH: Stanford forward Mark Madsen will throw out the first pitch of the Oakland A's season opener on April 1.

Madsen will throw the ball to Stanford alumnus A.J. Hinch — Oakland's starting catcher.

STANFORD CHAMPIONS REPRESENTED: Bill Cowden, the last surviving starter on the 1942 NCAA championship team, was in the Alamodome for Stanford's loss to Kentucky.

Cowden scored five points in the 53-38 victory over Dartmouth — the only national basketball championship for the Cardinal. Saturday was the 56th anniversary of that title.

ALAMODOME INSPIRATION: The North Carolina Tar Heels had unique inspiration for their run to

the Alamodome.

Taped to the back of each player's locker was a picture of the building.

"It was something to always look at," guard Ed Cota said. "Since we're here, I put my picture away. I actually threw it away. I'm here, so now I don't have to worry about it anymore."

THIRD TEXAS FINAL FOUR: This is the third time the Final Four has come to Texas and the first time for the Alamodome.

Houston hosted the NCAA tournament championship in 1971, when UCLA defeating Villanova and Howard Porter 68-62.

In 1986, the Final Four came to Dallas with Louisville beating Duke 72-69 in Reunion Arena.

T-SHIRT MOTTO: Kentucky players wore T-shirts under their game jerseys that said: 64-32-16-8-Final 4.

It's a reminder of their road to the Final Four.

Providence's Gillen accepts Virginia's head coaching job

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Pete Gillen has left Providence to sign a seven-year deal to become Virginia's new basketball coach.

Virginia athletic director Terry Holland confirmed Gillen's selection Friday night from San Antonio, where he is attending this weekend's NCAA Final Four. Holland would not divulge financial terms of the contract but it is expected that Gillen's total compensation package will exceed \$500,000 a year.

Gillen replaces Jeff Jones, who resigned March 15 after eight seasons. An official news conference will be held Thursday.

"Pete has a lot of things we liked and a lot of things we needed," Holland said. "Maturity, a strong

track record, he has won at two schools (Xavier and Providence). He has taken both schools to the Final Eight. Those are all good measures of a coach."

"He has an upbeat style, a little sizzle," Holland said. "He's naturally funny, and he can coach. He's a good fit for the University of Virginia."

Gillen takes over a Virginia team that was 11-19 this year, the worst record in more than three decades, and loses its top two scorers — Norman Nolan and Curtis Staples.

Final details of the contract were ironed out Friday night, only a week after Virginia officials first talked to him. The seven-year contract matches the existing deal that Gillen had at Providence.

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MHS jumps on Central early, wins

Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — The Midland High baseball team has finally appeared to hit on a successful formula in District 4-5A: Score big early.

For the second straight game, the Bulldogs enjoyed a huge early inning, scoring five runs in the top of the first for all the scoring they needed en route to a 7-4 victory over San Angelo Central which evened their record in the district.

Earlier in the week, Midland High exploded with six runs in the second inning against Abilene High to grab the momentum in a 12-5 win. The Bulldogs (13-8 overall) pulled off a similar trick and have now won two district games in a row for the first time in second-year coach Barry Russell's tenure, and have equaled last year's win total in district.

How the Bulldogs will figure into what should be a mad district scramble for the three playoff spots remains to be seen, but they are in considerably better shape now coming off two straight wins after losing two to open district.

"We played very well," said Russell of his team's performance against Central. "We're playing with a lot of confidence. We're playing loose and having fun, and that's the difference between now and the first week of district."

Midland High wasted no time having fun against the Bobcats. A bases-loaded single by Ralph Romero in the first inning drove in two runs and Lee Martin drove in a run on a sacrifice fly. Aaron Pullin capped the outburst with a two-run home run to make it 5-0.

A big early lead like that has "nothing but benefits as far as Russell is concerned."

"It sure takes the pressure off us," Russell said. "It makes it easier to pitch and play defense."

MHS needed the big outburst early since starting pitcher Laynce Nix couldn't get out of the third inning, in which Central (8-6, 1-2) cut the lead to 5-3. Martin came on in relief and stemmed the uprising, pitching the final 4 1/3 innings and picking up the win to improve to 2-1.

Martin escaped a bases loaded jam by giving up only one run in the fourth and retired the final 10 batters he faced.

"I felt very good with Lee because he pitched very well against (the Bobcats) the second time we faced them last year," Russell said. "He did a great job."

Midland High got some insurance when it scored two runs in the top of the fourth. Pullin, who had two hits, got the inning started with a double.

Central won the junior varsity game 10-6. The Bulldogs trailed 7-0 but scored all of their runs in the top of the fifth before their huge rally was stymied. Clay Gikerson had a triple for Midland High.

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Malone moves into fourth on scoring list as Jazz rip Lakers

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 31 points on a milestone night and John Stockton added 13 points and nine assists as the Utah Jazz defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 106-91 Saturday despite 31 points by Shaquille O'Neal.

Malone moved into fourth place on the NBA's all-time scoring list ahead of Moses Malone. He hit two free throws with 11:16 left in the first period to go ahead of Malone and finished the game with 27.440 points. He now trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Wilt Chamberlain and Michael Jordan on the all-time list.

Jeff Hornacek added 11 points and Greg Foster and Bryon Russell had 10 each as the Jazz won their fifth straight and improved to 14-1 for the month of March.

Nick Van Exel, coming off the bench but playing 35 minutes, added 15 points for Los Angeles as the Lakers' five-game winning streak came to an end. It was the first time in three games this season that the Jazz beat the Lakers.

SuperSonics 104, Knicks 78
 SEATTLE — In the only other NBA game played Friday night, Vin Baker scored 17 points and Gary Payton added 16, including four 3-pointers, to help the Seattle SuperSonics beat a tired New York Knicks team.

The Knicks played their fourth road game in five nights after winning in overtime in Vancouver on Friday night. The 26-point defeat was New York's worst loss of the season.

The Sonics, losers of three of their previous five games, improved their record to 53-18, second best in the West to Utah's 53-20 mark and third best in the NBA behind Chicago's 54-17.

LOCAL SPORTS

Midland Christian doubles in semis

The doubles team of Kelly Gaddis and Tenille McDonald reached the quarterfinals of the Lubbock Invitational for the Midland Christian tennis team Saturday. Two other doubles teams of Marisa Hollander and Elizabeth Johnson and Kristi Cosner and Jenny Porter both made the quarter finals while Morgan Hillis made the quarterfinals in girls singles.

In the SWOTT Invitational Saturday, Midland Christian's Matthew Daugherty made the semifinals of the boys seventh grade singles.

Omission

In Saturday's item in Local

Sports concerning the Midland Lee basketball banquet, there was an inadvertent omission of an award. Jake Lacy was given the boys award for being the most academic, and Tamika Thurman was given the girls award for academics. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the omission.

Lee JV beats Frenship

Midland Lee JV beat Wolf-Forth Frenship varsity, 10-0. Amber Robertson was 5-5 with a double, Lupita Castellon was 3-5 with a double, and Debbie Morrin was 3-4.

Whitney Livingston was the winning pitcher with seven strikeouts and no walks. Lee JV improves to 11-6.

Stars fail to figure out Sharks' backup goalie

DALLAS (AP) — Kelly Hrudey hasn't done much winning this season, but the San Jose Sharks' backup goalie still knows how to beat the Dallas Stars.

Hrudey stopped 36 shots and registered his first win since December as the Sharks moved closer to a playoff berth with a 4-1 victory over Dallas on Saturday.

"It was a one-man show out there and Kelly put it on," said Sharks defenseman Al Iafate. "He always says that's what the goalie is for."

Tony Granato scored twice and Jeff Friesen and Shawn Burr added goals to help the Sharks move within a point of eighth-place Edmonton in the race for the final Western Conference playoff spot.

Dallas' Guy Carbonneau scored his sixth goal with 8:17 to play to cut San Jose's lead to 3-1 and end Hrudey's shutout bid. Carbonneau's goal stopped Dallas' scoreless streak at 183 minutes, 16 seconds.

Hrudey's record is only 4-14-2 this season, but over his career he is 13-6-5 against the Minnesota-Dallas franchise, 5-2-0 vs. the Stars while a member of the Sharks.

"I knew this was an important game because of where we are in the standings," said Hrudey, whose last victory came on Dec. 12, a 1-0 win over the Stars in Dallas. "It was important to me that I contribute in some way."

The injury-depleted Stars had been shut out in their two previous games and they continued to struggle for offense minus five injured

regulars, including top scorer Mike Modano. Before the recent scoring drought, the Stars were leading the league in goals per game.

Asked why he plays well against the Stars, Hrudey said, "I can't explain it. I don't get that deep. They're a great team so I get motivated to play them. Sometimes it's hard to explain. Tonight the puck would hit a bunch of bodies and bounce out of harm's way. In other games, it'll bounce off a stick and be in the net."

Dallas held a 37-12 shots-on-goal advantage, but failed to score during a two-man advantage for 1:16 of the second period. San Jose's penalty killers shut down Dallas on all seven power-play chances.

"We had good chances but it's no secret that Hrudey always plays well against us," Stars center Joe Nieuwendyk said. "We figure if we stick with it, we'll break out of this slump. We ran into a real hot goaltender today."

Friesen's 27th goal while the Sharks were on a power play was the only score of the first period, coming with 1:20 left.

Granato's goal with 2:41 remaining in the second period on a centering pass from Iafate gave San Jose a 2-0 lead.

San Jose boosted its lead to 3-0 at 6:09 of the third period on Burr's rebound goal, his fifth goal. Granato added his 16th goal of the season and second of the game with 3:21 left for the final margin.

BOXING: Lennox keeps belt

(From 1C)

day night — in marked contrast to his victory over George Foreman in which Briggs was booed.

Lewis, however, had too much power and retained the WBC heavyweight championship by knocking Briggs down three times and stopping him at 1:45 of the fifth round.

"He was braver than I expected," Lewis said. "He did a lot of talking during the week and had to back it up. That's why he got off the canvas three times."

But Lewis also claimed Briggs had no business being in the ring with him.

"Shannon really couldn't take my pace after I started hitting him with my jab," Lewis said. "He realized his jab was not as good."

"He is basically a frontrunner. I just wanted to take his head off."

Holyfield's trainer thinks his man would do that to Lewis.

Asked what would happen should Lewis fight WBA-IBF champion Holyfield, Don Turner said of Lewis, "He gets knocked out, probably."

Did Turner learn anything watching Lewis?

"Yeah, he is easier than I thought."

Briggs not only earned the crowd's praise for his gameness, he had the 9,173 fans at Convention Hall roaring in the first two rounds, when he hurt Lewis — especially in the first round, when he sent the champion reeling across the ring with a barrage of punches.

Lewis' chin almost betrayed him in the first two rounds, but then his power came to his rescue in the fourth and fifth rounds.

Lewis was a 12-1 favorite, but certainly didn't look like one in the first two rounds.

Briggs, who won a controversial decision over Foreman last Nov. 22, hurt Lewis with a big left hook and a flurry of punches in the last 30 seconds of the first round.

Briggs hurt Lewis again with a leaping left hook and a couple more head punches in the second round.

The challenger said hurting Lewis early in the fight led him from his game plan.

"I should have stuck to my plan," he said. "My plan was to be a little more steady. I went into a frenzy after I hurt him."

From then on, it was all Lewis until the fight was stopped. Lewis was ahead on all three judges' cards after four rounds.

Briggs blamed the media reaction to his controversial win over Foreman as adversely affecting him during the beginning of his

training for the title bid.

Briggs was held up to ridicule by fans and media who thought Foreman had won easily.

Foreman was at ringside as an HBO commentator.

"He's a better fighter than he looked tonight," Foreman said of Briggs.

After Briggs was knocked down in the fifth round for the third time, he took some more punishment from Lewis and then fell face down after missing with a wild left hook. Referee Frank Cappuccino immediately signaled the fight was over.

"He was overcome by exhaustion," Cappuccino said. "When a fighter is like that he's vulnerable to getting hurt. This way, he can come back to fight another day."

After the fight was stopped, the doctor looked at the weary and battered Briggs, who told the physician, "I feel great, man."

He didn't look so good in the last two rounds.

Lewis had a big third round in which he landed several hard jabs and short rights to the head. Then, in the fourth, he hurt Briggs at 2:28 with a left hook. Lewis hurt him again with a right hand and then knocked him down with an overhand right that landed on Briggs' ear.

Briggs got up at 6 and Lewis went back to the attack, putting him down with a left-right for an 8-count.

In the fifth round, the men went toe-to-toe at the beginning, with Lewis holding an edge. Lewis then landed a right, a hook and then another right and a hook and knocked Briggs down with a left-right. Briggs staggered up at 7 and, after taking some more punishment, threw the left hook that missed and fell face down.

Lewis had said before the fight he didn't even want to fight Briggs. He said he wanted to fight Holyfield, because the public wanted to see him fight the best.

But Lewis now is faced with a mandatory defense against Zeljko Mavrovic of Croatia, ranked No. 1 by the WBC. Holyfield is scheduled to make a mandatory defense of the WBA title against top-ranked Henry Akinwande of Nigeria on June 6 at Madison Square Garden.

"Lennox didn't hit as hard as George," the 26-year-old Briggs, of Brooklyn, N.Y., said. That baffled a lot of reporters who saw Briggs' controversial decision over Foreman. Foreman had been unable to knock down Briggs.

The victory for Lewis, who got about \$4 million, raised his record to 33-1 (27 knockouts). Briggs, now 30-2 with 24 knockouts, earned \$1.75 million, by far the biggest

Dynasties of Different Eras

Summitt must find way to beat Louisiana Tech, on which she patterned her Tennessee program

By on Lesko

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — In the mid-1980s, when Pat Summitt was losing sleep over her inability to push Tennessee to the top of women's college basketball, she would lie awake at night stewing about Louisiana Tech.

How can we do what they do?

"Louisiana Tech was a team that, certainly early on, had the dominant inside play, and they had terrific speed and quickness," Summitt said Saturday. "I think their athletes certainly were better than our athletes in a lot of situations."

"And what happens, you look at them and as you go out to assess high school talent you think, 'Will this player help us beat Louisiana Tech?'"

Summitt proved to be a quick study.

Building on the formula that made the Lady Techsters the most dominant program in the early years of the NCAA women's tournament, Summitt won five national titles in 11 seasons, beginning with a victory over Louisiana Tech in the 1987 championship game.

On Sunday night, Summitt will go for her sixth title — and an unprecedented third straight — and the opponent once again will be the Lady Techsters.

Only now, there is a new measuring stick in women's hoops.

"When I beat her — and we have had some success through the years — it's one of those rushes you don't get from (beating) other people," said Tech coach Leon Barmore, whose eighth Final Four leaves him second only to Summitt's 11. "It's the high in the coaching profession that you've beaten the best."

The championship game will match two teams with similar traditions and similar styles. Tennessee (756 victories) and Tech (677) are the two winningest teams in women's history, and they also employ the same relentless full-court style predicated on speed.

The Lady Volunteers (38-0) are led by national player of the year Chamique Holdseclaw and an awesome freshman class featuring guard Semeka Randall and forward Tamika Catchings.

They harassed Arkansas into 28 turnovers and 31 percent shooting in Friday night's 86-58 win. When they beat Tech 75-61 on Nov. 21, the Lady Vols forced 20 turnovers and held the Lady Techsters to 36 percent shooting.

"Tennessee is a quick team, but we're quick, too," said Tech guard LaQuan Stallworth. "Our whole



starting five can run the floor. If Tennessee can defend that, good."

While the Lady Vols have cruised through the season as a team most observers are ready to anoint as the greatest ever, the Lady Techsters (31-3) quietly have won 16 in a row and 26 of 27 since an 88-65 loss to Old Dominion on Dec. 7.

They're in the title game for the sixth time, and the performance of quicksilver guards Stallworth and Tamika Jackson seems to give the Lady Techsters an excellent chance of handling Tennessee's trademark defensive pressure.

Tech's full-bore style is reminiscent of North Carolina, which nearly knocked off the Lady Vols in the Midwest Regional final Monday.

"We're certainly concerned about their quickness, but it's not going to influence our commitment to pressure," Summitt said. "We've been pressing and running through 38 games, and we're not going to change for No. 39."

And after listening to the hype surrounding the Lady Vols build throughout the season, Tech has added motivation of finally getting its chance to prove there is more than one prominent women's team.

"I'm sick of hearing all this stuff about Tennessee," Amanda Wilson said. "I'm just ready to play the basketball game, do whatever, and see what happens."

While Tennessee has risen in the past decade as the most respected program in the nation, Tech is trying to regain the status it enjoyed in the 1980s.

Beginning with their championship in the first NCAA tournament in 1982 — they beat Tennessee by 25 points in the national semifinals — the Lady Techsters made it to the Final Four seven times in nine years. They won a second title in 1988, once again beating Tennessee in the national semifinals, but now are playing in only their second Final Four since 1990.

Tech came a split second from winning its third NCAA title in 1994 — when Charlotte Smith's buzzer-beating 3-pointer gave North Carolina a stunning 60-59 victory — and returning his program to the level Summitt has achieved clearly motivates Barmore.

He was an assistant coach when the Lady Techsters won the last AIAW championship in 1981 and the first NCAA title, then led them to the '88 crown.

"Like I told the kids when we got here: We have a banner. They can't take that away from us," Barmore said. "It's a Final Four banner. White is getting here, red is second place and blue is for winning it. That's how we hang them at Tech. What color do they want? I want the fourth blue."

Lady Techster coach worried about refs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —

Louisiana Tech coach Leon Barmore seemed to be stirring up controversy on the eve of his showdown against Tennessee in the NCAA title game.

During his news conference Saturday, Barmore said that all three officials working the championship game would be from the Southeastern Conference, the

Lady Vols' league.

"If (Tennessee coach) Pat Summitt was sitting here knowing that three Sun Belt officials would call the game, I wonder what she'd be thinking," said Barmore, whose team plays in the Sun Belt Conference.

"I'm sitting here knowing that three Southeastern Conference officials will call the game. I don't

know how they're selected, don't have a clue about it. But it does make me have an eerie feeling."

Actually, the three officials have worked games in several conferences this year, NCAA said, including the Big Ten, the Atlantic 10 and the Atlantic Coast and Colonial Athletic Association as well as the Southeastern Conference.



Meet Rick Lopez, Crime Reporter

One in a series about the people who make the news.

Growing up in South Texas, Rick Lopez spent most of his life in Laredo. This is where he got his appreciation of different types of people. A natural interest for a future journalist.

Lopez was recruited to work at the Laredo Morning Times by their managing editor, after she judged a UIL journalism meet. After a few years in college studying Sociology, he was offered a job as the Crime/Court Reporter for the Morning Times. A very busy beat as he was covering both sides of the border — Laredo and Nuevo Laredo.

Transferring to the Reporter-Telegram in June 1997, Lopez has stayed with the same beat — Crime Reporter. Rick says, "I moved to Midland to explore another side of the Heart of Texas." One thing he has learned about being here is to enjoy having enough time to write feature stories as well as the hard crime news and to take the time to get to know the people with whom he deals on a regular basis. Lopez also finds the cultural differences between Laredo and Midland interesting, a diverse area like the border cities and an oil industry city like Midland. He still covers two cities — Midland and Odessa — crime is still crime, but life is different in Midland.

Lopez keeps busy by updating the Web Page and writing his Friday column, "Each day I contact the local and area law enforcement agencies to see what major crimes have occurred. I also report on the MPD's and sheriff's office efforts to deter crime."

A few of the things that make this Texas journalist smile are listening to his CD collection and checking out publications telling him about what's up with Generation X. He has not left his inner child behind either as evidenced by his love of anything Looney Tunes, especially Pepe le Pew!

Rick Lopez, with his intelligent, easy going demeanor and ready smile has been a welcome addition to the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

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Rangers finally get Gonzalez healthy; now pitchers injured

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — The Texas Rangers finally got Juan Gonzalez and Will Clark off the disabled list.



This spring, the Rangers have different problems.

The injury concern has shifted to the pitching staff, where relievers Danny Patterson and Xavier Hernandez will open the season on the sidelines.

"We're hoping Danny Patterson will be ready in a couple of weeks, and we knew that Xavier wouldn't be with us at the start," general manager Doug Melvin said.

The Rangers' rotation starts with a better-conditioned John Burkett and Aaron Sele, acquired from the Boston Red Sox. After that, manager Johnny Oates isn't sure how he'll align his pitchers.

Darren Oliver has the fourth spot, but Oates hasn't decided on Nos. 3 and 5.

He's got three starters to fit into two positions, Bobby Witt, Rick Helling and Roger Pavlik, with one going to the bullpen.

"We've got guys coming back and hopeful-

ly remaining healthy so we're going to give the opportunity now to the guys we have," Melvin said.

The bullpen is anchored by closer John Wetteland but the other spots are a bit unsettled. "Scott Bailes, Wetteland and Eric Gundersen have pitched well," Melvin said. "and although (Tim) Crabtree hasn't been real effective, he's got a good arm and we hope he'll come around."

The Rangers have a solid lineup with Ivan Rodriguez aiming for his seventh catching Gold Glove, Clark at first, Mark McLemore at second, Fernando Tatis at third and Kevin Elster at shortstop.

Rusty Greer will be in left field, Tom Goodwin in center and Gonzalez in right. Texas will be able to atone for its mistake in allowing Elster to get away to the Pittsburgh Pirates after he had a career year with the Rangers in 1996. Elster is back after spending most of last season injured.

Melvin also worked hard to give the Rangers a strong and flexible bench by signing catcher Bill Haselman to back up Rodriguez, second baseman Luis Alicea and outfielder Roberto Kelly.

"The bench has performed well this spring," Melvin said. "A guy like Alicea helps a lot. It means McLemore doesn't have to play every day and he will probably get 25, 30 starts for Tatis at third and he can play the outfield."



Roger Pavlik is one of several Rangers pitchers who are having injury problems. Pavlik made his first spring appearance Friday against the Twins.

Oates likely will give Clark more DH duty to keep him healthy the full season. Regular DH Lee Stevens was a capable defensive replacement for Clark last season.

"The big thing for me is I've been having pretty solid years here lately but I haven't been able to finish them off," Clark said. "I need to stay healthy and stay on the field."

Goodwin has stolen more bases (166) than anyone in the major leagues over the past three seasons and Gonzalez got in 133 games last season and still hit 42 homers, third in the AL, and drove in 131 runs.

"If we stay healthy, we're going to score a hell of a lot of runs and we have a good defense," Elster said. "I know we can run. Goodwin can more than Darrell (Hamilton) and Rusty may be running more so we can manufacture runs that way too."

The Rangers want Goodwin to lead off and use his speed, but he'll have to increase his on-base percentage, which was .314 last season.

Astros leave spring training with many pitching questions

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros are leaving spring training with more pitching questions than they brought with them.

The defending NL Central champions lost Darryl Kile and gained Moises Alou in the offseason. Alou can hit but he can't pitch, and that's where the Astros are hurting as they move toward the season with them.

Manager Larry Dierker thought his main decision this spring would be finding a fifth starter to numerically replace Kile, who had a career year with the Astros last season but left to sign a \$24 million, three-year contract with the Colorado Rockies.

Chris Holt, who had off season rotator cuff surgery, isn't expected to be ready until May, and Ramon Garcia is recovering from a stretched ligament in his right elbow. Closer Mike Wagner is coming off groin injury.

"Pitching is a problem for us right now," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "We are definitely not as strong in that area as we were last year."

Kile was 19-7 with a 2.57 ERA, 205 strikeouts and 94 walks in 255 2-3 innings. His departure leaves a gaping hole.

"I see April as a transition month for us," Hunsicker said. "We have created an opportunity for some people in our starting rotation and our bullpen to step up and make a move. If they fail, we have others ready to step in."

The Astros have a solid start to their rotation, with Shane Reynolds as the opening-day pitcher followed by Mike Hampton, who had an outstanding second half last season.

After that, Dierker is likely to go with rookie John Halama, former middle reliever Jose Lima and Sean Bergman. Wagner is a solid choice as closer.

Pete Schourek, the 1995 NL Cy Young Award runnerup, could be in the mix if he can fight back from elbow surgery in July 1996. He appeared in 18 games for the Cincinnati Reds last season.

"I could see that by May 1, we could have Chris Holt and Pete Schourek in our starting rotation," Hunsicker said. "I try not to get too



optimistic, because Pete is a guy coming back from significant physical problems. But he's made great progress."

Reynolds, whose knee surgery slowed him last season, doesn't expect to match Kile's numbers.

"You don't know what will happen this year," Reynolds said. "Last year, everyone expected that kind of year from Kile, but they didn't know when. So you can't say 'Shane, you've got to get five, six more wins and another 50, 60 innings.' That's the worst thing you could do."

Alou will open in left field with Richard Hidalgo expected to get the opening-day start in center and Derek Bell settled in right field after a failed experiment last season in center.

The Astros are solid in the infield with catcher Brad Ausmus, first baseman Jeff Bagwell, second baseman Craig Biggio and third baseman Sean Berry. Dierker likely will platoon shortstops Tim Bogar and Ricky Gutierrez.

Alou, while not quite a Killer B alphabetically, certainly can add power to the lineup.

"There is a small group of players in the game that can make an impact on a club, and I believe Moises is one of those," Hunsicker said. "He's made an immediate impact on our club. Like, Bagwell and Biggio, he is one who leads by example."

Alou hit .292 with a career high 23 homer for the Florida Marlins last season and was picked as the World Series MVP by some after hitting three homers with nine RBIs.

Hidalgo thought he was going to stick with the Astros last season but spent most of the year at Class Triple-A New Orleans.

"He had a great attitude," bench coach Matt Galante said. "He went down and did his work and got better and he never worried about who was getting called up before him."

Angels get ready for run at AL West title

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Terry Collins seems overdue to finish first.

In his four seasons as a major league manager, Collins' teams have finished second in their division four times — the first three years when he was at Houston, then last year with Anaheim.

The Angels, who finally appear to have pitching to go along with their offense, may just be ready to end their skipper's string of second-place finishes and their own title drought.

They will be playing in a fancy, remodeled home as they try to win a division crown for the first time since 1986. Anaheim Stadium has been modernized and transformed back to a baseball-only facility by the team owner, the Walt Disney Co., and the city of Anaheim, to the tune of about \$100 million.

On the field, meanwhile, Collins hopes the 1998 Angels are both good and lucky.

"A lot of things have got to go right for you to win it," he said. "You've got to stay healthy.

There's no other way to do it. I look back at the years I've managed and we've had injuries to some key people at the wrong time that kept us from getting to the next level."

"Hopefully, our everyday guys in the lineup will be out there 150 times this season."

The Angels were tied with Seattle for the division lead last Aug. 19, but then ace Chuck Finley and catcher Todd Greene broke wrists a day apart and Anaheim finished six games back of the Mariners.

This year's team again features one of the league's best outfielders, Tim Salmon, Jim Edmonds and Garret Anderson combined to drive in 301 runs last year, including 33 homers and 129 RBIs by Salmon.

Collins believes Cecil Fielder, signed during the winter, can add even more power to what already was a powerful lineup.

"Cecil had a bad year with his thumb injury, but he's healthy again, is in great shape and still has plenty of bat speed," Collins said.

"We think having him in the middle of our lineup is really going to help us," Collins said. "If he gets off to a great start, Salmon (in the

spot before Fielder) has a good chance to get some great pitches."

Fielder also can be expected to see some duty at first base, where Darin Erstad was switched from the outfield last year. Erstad made a quick adjustment to the new position, although he had some arm problems, and he also had a solid year at the plate, hitting .299 with 16 homers and 77 RBIs. He will be the leadoff hitter this year.

"If Darin, who has been an outfielder his whole life, has his elbow flare up because of throwing at the different angles, we're protected with Cecil over there," Collins said.

In addition to Fielder, the Angels added another big-name player who had been pretty well given up, pitcher Jack McDowell. The 1993 AL Cy Young Award winner with the Chicago White Sox, McDowell had arthroscopic surgery last May, developed a bone bruise during rehabilitation, and was let go by the Cleveland Indians after the season.

McDowell, 32, showed signs this spring that he had regained much of the form that had carried him to 20 victories in 1992 and 22 in 1993.

"His stuff looks fine, and his velocity is good," Angels pitching

coach Marcel Lachemann said.

Edmonds said of McDowell, "Just maybe he's the missing link we've been looking for."

Collins likes his staff.

"We think our rotation is pretty solid. Jason Dickson had a tremendous year, Allen Watson had the best year, and they're our fourth and fifth guys," the manager said. "Kenny Hill had a great spring, has pitched outstanding."

Closer Troy Percival, who had a bout of shoulder trouble last season, is throwing as well as ever.

"Percy's had a good spring, and we have (Rich) DeLucia, (Mike) James and (Mike) Holtz before they get to him," Collins said.

The Angels will begin the season without the services of two projected starters: Greene and Randy Velarde both have hit snags in coming back from surgery.

"We had counted on Randy and Todd to be healthy," Collins said, adding that he was uncertain when either of them would be able to play.

Norberto Martin will start at second, with Matt Walbeck and Phil Nevin expected to share the duty behind the plate.



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PARADE of HOMES

Staff Reports

Beauty takes many forms in this year's 29th Annual Parade of Homes tour. Midland Junior Women's Club will present four houses for viewing 1-5 p.m. April 5 as a fundraiser.

For \$10, persons can participate in the afternoon tour of homes with decor ranging from the elegant

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The two-story home of Craig and Donna Winborn has an abundance of windows, Belgian tapestries and columns blend in a neo-Classical look.



This girl's room at the D.R. and Marta Lindsey home features a four-poster bed. It is painted with words to describe their daughter's personality. Entertaining, however, is the hallmark of the home.



Vibrant with color, this contemporary dining room is an example of the exciting metropolitan tastes of Mitch and Kathy Clark. Decorated with the assistance of James Van Stavern, skilled Broadway scenery carpenters also worked on the house.



A love for Scottish and English design is evident by the extensive collection of military and heraldic object d'art in the home of Gary and Pamela Foist

Photos by CURT Wilcott



Georgia O'Keeffe's early years in Texas

'I couldn't believe Texas was real. When I arrived out there, there wasn't a blade of green grass or a leaf to be seen, but I was absolutely crazy about it. There wasn't a tree six inches in diameter at the time. For me, Texas is the same big wonderful thing that the oceans and the highest mountains are.'

— Georgia O'Keeffe, 1960

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The big sky, wild lightning and barren terrain of West Texas fascinated young artist Georgia O'Keeffe when she lived in the Lone Star State at the turn of the century.

Though she went on to achieve fame in New York and is forever linked to her beloved New Mexico, O'Keeffe spoke fondly of Texas and even called the state "my spiritual home."

Her attraction to the canyons and plains of the Panhandle — and how the light and landscape of Texas helped shape her career — are examined in the exhibit "O'Keeffe and Texas." The exhibit arrived in late January and is open through April 5 at the Marion Koogler McNay Art Museum in San Antonio, 6000 N. New Braunfels.

"Everybody always thinks of O'Keeffe in New Mexico," said Bill Chiego, director of the McNay and organizing curator of the show. "The early Texas years were ... not forgotten completely, but not given much attention."

The McNay exhibition aims to change that. It features 50 of Ms. O'Keeffe's works. It includes pieces the famous artist painted while teaching art in Amarillo and Canyon public schools in 1912-18.

"She became fascinated by just the vastness of the space out here, and it seemed to trigger inspiration for her," Chiego said. "The ideas that she developed here she kept using, you might say, and

they became sort of building blocks for lots of compositions."

Those concepts emerged in Ms. O'Keeffe's well-known paintings of flowers, clouds, animal bones and other aspects of nature, Chiego said.

He said the McNay exhibit highlights five composition ideas in her work: light, line, landforms, geometrics, solids and voids.

The artist's time in Texas marked a turning point in her career, said Sharyn Udall, who teaches art history at the University of New Mexico at Santa Fe.

"In Texas, she grasped the notion for the first time that she might be able to paint full time," said Ms. Udall, who has extensively studied letters Ms. O'Keeffe wrote to friends and family.

The artist had her first exhibition at the influential Alfred Stieglitz gallery "291" in New York City while she was teaching art in Texas.

She later moved to New York and married Stieglitz.

In her free time in Texas, Ms. O'Keeffe loved to walk for miles at Palo Duro Canyon. She enjoyed the plains, and was said to have marveled at the stars and the moon, at thunderstorms and even at the sights and sounds of cattle.

She went on to have her watercolors displayed in galleries across the country.

The artist died at age 98 in Santa Fe.

For museum tickets (all are timed and dated) call (210) 930-4419.

Georgia O'Keeffe's watercolor "Evening Star V," left, was painted in 1917 and inspired by Texas' skies. It is on display in San Antonio's McNay Art Museum through April 5. Ms. O'Keeffe, below, world-renowned watercolorist, is pictured in 1916 or 1917 in Canyon. She died at age 98 in New Mexico. Often linked with New Mexico, Ms. O'Keeffe called Texas "my spiritual home." She also supervised art in Amarillo public schools in 1912-14.



Ms. O'Keeffe's "Leaf Motif #2" is an oil on canvas painted in 1924. Her earliest years as an artist, a woman in her 20s, were spent in Texas teaching art in Amarillo and Canyon public schools.

Photos courtesy of the McNay Art Museum

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Lone Star State offers pet-loving license plates

HOUSTON — Car owners across the state now have a chance to show off their love for animals with the newly released "Animal Friendly" license plates. The Fund for Animals, and other animal protection agencies, produced the plate which was approved by the 75th Legislative Session.

Revenue from the plates will provide funding for free and low-cost dog and cat sterilization programs across the state.

The special license plate fee is \$25 with \$20 allocated to a special animal sterilization fund. The remaining \$5 is used in costs to produce the plate.

Applications for plates are available from animal protection agencies or by calling the Fund for Animals at (713) 863-0010.

The Fund for Animals pioneered the Spay-Neuter Assistance Program of mobile clinics in Texas.

The mobile clinics operated in low-income neighborhoods to provide free spaying, neutering and vaccinations. Fund representatives said they are "dedicated to speak for those who can't — our pets."



TEXAS
I CARE
ANIMAL FRIENDLY

Photo courtesy of The Fund for Animals

New Texas Animal Friendly plates have just been unveiled. When purchased, much of the license fee will fund animal sterilization. The Fund for Animals is trying to raise \$500,000 by September 2001.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

St. Patrick's Day generates a slew of local celebrations

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Approximately 800 persons turned out for the first annual Gourmet Gala to benefit Meals-on-Wheels. Held at Midland Center last weekend, the event included dancing to the music of Showdown and sampling delicious cuisine from more than 20 area restaurants.



McKnight-Harrison

Proceeds from sponsorships and ticket sales will help the Community and Senior Services-sponsored program continue to provide nutritious meals to the homebound elderly.

A silent auction featuring such items as cakes and cheesecakes created and donated by Midland CPA Bill Branson; Dalhart Windberg prints from Folger Galleries; and beautiful floral arrangements from H-E-B Food Stores, added to the fun.

Door prizes included gift certificates from various restaurants, and the grand prize, a Santa Fe vacation, which was won by Linda (Mrs. Robert) Bomar.

Prizes were awarded in various categories to the participating restaurants by a panel of judges composed of CSS board members and their spouses. Bob and Ann Irelan, LuAnn and Charlie Morgan, Barbara (Mrs. Mark) Reed and Charlie Spence.

And the winners were — Gerardo's Casita for Best Appetizer; Chili's, Best Dessert; Jamburrito and to Santa Fe Grill, Best Display, and H-E-B, Best Entree.

Among those spotted in the throng were Carolyn Roden, Susie and Preston Chancellor, Kim and Frank Cremer, Carole and Rick Strange, Lisa and Al Escamilla and Sheryll and Orland Purcell.

Rick Darling served as volunteer chairman for the event.

TO HONOR Dr. Dorothy Lowery upon her retirement, a reception was held last weekend at the Racquet Club.

Host couples were Cindy and Dr. Brad Brock, Kim and Dr. Scott Lancaster, Dr. Julie and Scott Ohlman, Shannon and Dr. Chip Klunick, Linda and Dr. Pete Carter, Drs. Nirmala and Raj Reddy, and Jeannette and Dr. Joseph Oei.

During the cocktail party, Dr. Lowery was presented a beautiful crystal bowl to add to her Waterford collection. Among the guests were Dr. John Young, Dr. Jim Welsh, Mary and Dr. Ed Mickle, Teresa and Dr. Ron Ingram, Sara and Dr. Norman Fry, Dr. Shelton Viney, Gire and Dr. Mike Dragan and Dr. John Staub.

Dr. Lowery, an anesthesiologist in Midland for 24 years, will be moving to St. Simon's Island off the coast of Georgia. She is originally from Connecticut.

JOINING FORCES once again for a repeat of their annual St. Patrick's Day party were Sam Guyton and Ginny Glenn. The event, which alternates between the two homes, was held at Sam's this year.

Along with green beer, guests enjoyed popcorn, pretzels, cheeses and an assortment of crackers and dips. The decor included shamrocks, leprechauns and green and white balloons.

Sam tells us the party originated in the late '60s, when they actually had to dye the beer themselves. "We're glad it now comes from the supplier that way," she said.

"We've had every kind of weather imaginable over the years. There have been sandstorms, bitter cold, high winds, and even snow flurries, but this is the first time we've had rain," Sam said.

Among those joining the cele-

bration were Mitzi and Byrne O'Neill, Renee and Louis Beique, Lola Igou, Pat and Jack Elam, Kay and Mike Jobe, Linda Carter, Carol and Jim O'Brian, Shirley Raimor, Foy Boyd, Vic Brockman and Joan and Ted Noel.

FIVE GENERATIONS were present when Virginia Keaton of Stanton was honored recently on her 99th birthday with a luncheon. Thirty-four family members and friends gathered at the Midland home of her son, Bernie Keaton, to join in the celebration. In keeping with Virginia's St. Patrick's Day birthday, the green-draped tables were decorated with leprechauns and blooming spring plants.

Mrs. Keaton was born in Almyra, Ark., on March 17, 1899, and moved to Stanton in 1953.

The birthday celebrant, who has been a homemaker all her life, continues with her hobby of making braided rugs for her friends and relatives. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanton.

THE MIDLAND Knights of Columbus Council No. 3071, a fraternal organization for Catholic men, celebrated St. Patrick's Day early this year with a dinner dance at its newly open facility (the former T-Shop Convenience Store located on Farm to Market Road 1788 and County Road 60).

The members have spent much TLC and lots of hard work and elbow grease in renovating the store for their use. According to Jim Buccini, dance chairman, nothing motivates like a deadline, and the men put in lots of long hours, particularly as the event loomed near, to ready the building. "For the last two weeks, we have had members working out there until midnight, and on the day of the event, we were there until about four hours before the dance," he said. "Everyone is so pleased with the results."

To make the evening more special, the Knights raised over \$3,000, with proceeds earmarked for the Caley Cargile Organ Transplant Fund. The four-year-old girl from Bartlett, Tenn., is the niece of K.C. member Rick Cargile. Although her parents were unable to be present, her grandparents, Pauline and Clayton Cargile, and her aunt, Sheri Carter, came in from Cordova, Tenn., for the occasion.

Approximately 200 persons attended the affair. Music was provided by "The Music Machine" featuring "Jerry and Anita Live." Their repertoire included Big Band, Country and Western and Rock 'n Roll Oldies.

A karaoke machine also provided entertainment. Chris Willis broke the ice with his rendition of Elvis Presley's "Jailhouse Rock," and from then, the partygoers were lined up to perform.

A traditional Irish dinner was catered by Aramark Caterer of Memorial Hospital & Medical Center's Food and Nutrition Services. It consisted of corned beef, Irish potatoes, steamed cabbage and a cake decorated in a St. Patrick's Day motif.

Greg and Debbie Frerich were the top bidders for the evening's auction item, a year's membership at the health club, T-STAR. P.C. A number of door prizes and raffle items were donated by local businesses and organizations, including an Odessa Jackalopes jacket and an autographed baseball from the Midland Angels. With his unusual "Luck of the Irish," Father Jim Bridges of St. Stephen's Catholic Church won a \$120 bottle of aged, imported cognac.

Besides Jim Buccini and his wife, Monica, others serving on the dance committee were John and Janet Chirico, Bob and LeAnn Weidner, Chris and Ann Willis, Rick and Maria Cargile and David Willis.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Oscar neglects awarding hairstyles

N.Y. Times News Service.

All right, the winners have all basked in the limelight, and enough time has elapsed that we can really talk about hair performance at the Oscars. Here's the awards we would have liked to have seen, compiled by the hair stylists nationwide:

Most Fantastic Do/Style for a Female: Kim Basinger
Most Fantastic Do/Style for a Male: Michael Douglas
Most Fantastic Hair Performance, Female: Helen Hunt
Most Fantastic Hair Performance, Male: Robin Williams
Most Fantastic Bangs, Female: Drew Barrymore
Most Fantastic Bangs, Male: Matt Damon
Most Fantastic Hair Color, Female: Holly Hunter
Most Fantastic Hair Color, Male: Rick Baker
Most Fantastic Haircut, Female: Sharon Stone

Most Fantastic Haircut, Male: Michael Bolton
Most Classic Hair Style, Female: Julie Christie
Most Classic Hair Style, Male: Sean Connery
Coolest Hair, Female: Whoopi Goldberg
Coolest Hair, Male: Jack Nicholson
Funniest Hair Performance: Billy Crystal
Most Outrageous Hair: Cher
Sexiest Lack of Hair (Bald): Billy Zane

Nearly 13,000 Fantastic Sams salon stylists, managers and trainers around the world were surveyed to select the most fantastic Academy Award winning hair styles of the evening in the above categories. With corporate offices based in Anaheim, Calif., and nearly 1,300 salons throughout the United States and Canada, Fantastic Sams is the largest hair-care franchise in the world.

Animal Kingdom pushes theme park envelope

By Jenny Staletovich
N.Y. Times News Service

At the heart of Walt Disney's newest attraction, a park touted as the entertainment empire's daring departure from the realm of make-believe into the world of the living and breathing, stands a colossal hunk of engineering called the Tree of Life.

The 14-story tree is, obviously, fake, constructed like an oil rig and carved with creatures already cast in an upcoming feature film.

But inhabiting its giant roots, a maze that divides pools and meadows and hides a 430-seat amphitheatre, are real animals: otters, red kangaroos, lemurs and storks. Pushing the theme-park envelope, Disney has created an attraction — set to open in a few weeks — that combines not only imagined and real, but entertainment and science, commercialism and philanthropy.

And therein lies a rift that has set leading conservationists to bickering about what could become a new breed of zoo and Disney's first new attraction in a decade.

To the purists, Disney's bottom-line drive and commitment to consumerism can lead only to animal exploitation. For the less punctilious, lured by the power of its name and deep pockets, the project is an opportunity for conservation, education and science.

"Having now actually visited and talked to a number of staff, I've completely changed my mind," said Dr. Benjamin Beck, associate director for biological programs at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., which lent Disney a group of gorillas. "We've never seen a zoo on this scale, either in terms of the number of employees or capital investment. It's a huge event."

But an insincere and dishonest one, critics counter.

"What gives me pause is the tremendous amounts of money going toward ersatz feel-good efforts," said Dr. Mary Pearl, executive director of the international arm of England's prestigious Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust.

Nearly \$3 million in Disney dollars are "very strategic grants used in buying good will," she said. "They collected this group of advisors from key institutions that could give them credibility, or by the same token, embarrass them."

At 500 acres, the attraction is Disney's largest, 100 less than Lion Country Safari. It features typical Disney fare: A thrill ride on dwindling species called Countdown to Extinction and a safari ride with a mock attack on elephant poachers. But don't look for animatronics. Instead, Disney has taken a serious turn, including endangered black rhinos, cheetahs and elephants and more than a thousand other animals. An exhibit called the Conservation Station will convey Disney's "global commitment to wildlife."

"We are an entertainment company, so... I don't want to say our mission is conservation," said spokeswoman Diane Lederer. "We really are being advocates of science."

The animal park first came up a decade ago when CEO Michael Eisner approached engineer Joe Rohde, a former high school dra-

ma teacher.

A year earlier, Rohde had been designing a 40-acre Disney shopping center, entertainment and office complex in Burbank, Calif. Based on a movie backlot theme, Rohde's family had a tradition of theater. His father was a cinematographer on, among others, Planet of the Apes.

"Joe has been with the company for about 17 years and takes on the projects nobody else wanted," said Animal Director Rick Barongi, former curator of mammals at the San Diego Zoo and an alum of Miami's MetroZoo, initially worked as a consultant before being hired in 1993. Rohde was not available for questions.

DURING THE NEXT eight years, Rohde, Barongi and a team of six developed the park, working with market focus groups in New York, Cleveland and Chicago and traveling the world for inspiration,

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— Dr. Benjamin Beck,
National Zoo, Washington, D.C.

Barongi said.

"We started with basic questions like how big the moat is so the lions don't jump out."

In 1992, Barongi urged Rohde to bring in other consultants to widen the circle of expertise and two years later hand-picked a panel to act as formal advisors.

"I didn't pick them for political reasons. I picked them because I respected them," he said.

A master plan also was completed in 1994 and formally unveiled a year later.

The park is divided into four sections: the Oasis, the entrance and staging area, Safari Village, and DinoLand U.S.A. The Kilimanjaro Safaris, which cross the 100-acre animal park, include the mock elephant poaching and end at the gorilla exhibit. The Wildlife Express Train and boats traveling the Discovery River carry visitors to different areas.

NO NATIVE FLORIDA exhibits are planned, an omission that frustrates environmentalists. And in place of the Central Florida landscape, Disney has created a 100-acre African savannah. In the past two years, four million plants have been planted by hand: an exotic array that includes flowering cactuses from southeast Asia, Brazilian purple princess flowers and Mexican flaming vine, said principal landscape architect Paul Comstock.

Early on, the park drew criticism after word leaked that Disney planned on obtaining endangered elephants from Africa.

Conservationists have long attacked the capture of wild animals and federal regulations prohibit the use of endangered and threatened animals for all but scientific or educational purposes. Disney eventually obtained elephants from a zoo in Washington.

Barongi declined to say how much the animals cost, but said all came through organizations accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, the

nation's largest association of zoo professionals.

Disney, which has been licensed to display wild animals since 1977, also has a few blemishes on its record: In 1984 and 1987, the company angered dolphin activists by obtaining permits to capture 16 wild dolphins. (Eventually they took six.) In 1989, to rid Discovery Island of invading birds, employees beat to death several turkey vultures, shot at falcons and took eggs from the nests of egrets and ibises, resulting in state and federal fines. That same year, Disney's attempts to save the Dusky sparrow failed, making it the first bird to become extinct since the endangered species list was created in 1966. While well-intentioned, the failure made some conservationists leery of Disney's ability to care for delicate wildlife.

In addition, an endangered 6-year-old black rhino became ill in September and died. A necropsy

Joe Taksel, director of the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida.

"I can't say I'm impressed that these grants were for wildlife," Ms. Pearl said.

"They didn't publicize these and I'm out there trolling because I have a nonprofit organization," she said.

Taksel's group and the Virginia-based Doris Day Foundation have tried to persuade Disney to take animals from shelters rather than breeders or other zoos, but so far have failed.

"The environment is big business and I'm glad it is," said Holly Hazard of the Doris Day Foundation. "The alternative is Ferris wheels and trashing the environment and animal freak shows. My concern is what the cost is to individual animals to bring that message."

Taking animals from shelters is not always practical. MetroZoo Communications Director Ron Magill said many have had fangs and claws removed and can't live with other animals.

RATHER THAN CRITICIZE aggressive marketing, Magill suggests zoos follow the lead.

"If I get the public to come into MetroZoo by seeing a fake animatronic unicorn, I don't care," he said.

Like Disney, the MetroZoo or National Zoo might create a Panda character to sell in their gift shops, Beck said. But while money raised by the nonprofit National Zoo pays for Panda research, Disney earnings go into coffers that this year totaled \$22 billion.

In addition to concerns of animal husbandry, environmentalists question the wisdom of collecting exotic plants from around the world.

Florida has long battled exotic plants like the melaleuca and Brazilian pepper.

Disney has planted a giant reed called Arundo donax from the Mediterranean that California officials have labeled a "primary threat" to streams and waterways of the western United States.

Comstock contends the giant reed, which already grows in Florida, is not a problem and that Disney has taken care not to introduce invasive exotics and indeed has tried to use native plants. For example, imported acacias have been supplemented with Florida live oaks proven to look like the towering savannah tree.

"They're (Disney) very clever and very professional 'marketeers,' probably the best in the world. This is a way to keep the market shares," said Scott Berman, a tourism analyst for the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand.

"Keep in mind too that other theme parks are opening around them and they need to stay competitive," he said.

THEME PARKS GENERATE 26 percent of the revenues in Disney's vast empire and while Disney won't comment on projected attendance at Animal Kingdom, one estimate puts it at 10 million. (Last year, the Magic Kingdom drew 17 million.)

Disney also declined to comment on the project's cost, but last year alone invested \$177 million in theme parks and resorts, most going toward Animal Kingdom and two California resorts.

HOMES: Decor ranges from traditional to European flair

(From 1D)

THE FEIST HOME

This house has more of a traditional design but with some eclectic touches. Gary and Pamela Feist's love for Scottish and English trappings is evident in their extensive collection of military items, uniforms and heraldic object d'art. Unique items include antique fashion mannequins dressed in 19th and early 20th century Scottish kilts, a museum-like study displaying the couple's European and Scottish treasures and aviation antiques. The decor, coordinated with designer James Van Stavern, offers a bit of European tradition in West Texas.

THE LINDSEY HOME

In decorating their home, D.R. and Marta Lindsey used durable fabrics and surfaces. Interesting items include a plate rack made from an antique bed, an old carved corner cabinet and a Jacobean carved chest. A patio and pool serve as an outdoor room, and expands areas for entertaining. The son's room has a rough cedar wall with a memorabilia alcove high above in the vaulted ceiling. The collection included antique books and gadgets.

THE WINBORN HOME

Craig and Donna Winborn's home is a two-story house made with Austin stone. The front drive is constructed of pavers. Inside, large crown molding, Belgian

tapestry, and columns give the rooms a neo-Classic look.

Ms. Winborn, along with her friend Sylvia Brown, created and Old World impression in the den by using the faux painting technique. The garden room gives an illusion of bringing the outdoors into the home.

Parade of Homes benefactor is Sierra Engineering, Inc. Sponsors include Chevron USA, Kahler Construction Company, Petroplex Pipe & Construction Company, Weatherford, Gary and Beverly Martin, and Victor and Sharla Sirgo.

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The 1998 Parade of Homes Committee includes Kathy Kapp, chairman; Paula Albertson, co-chairman; Melissa Gore, sponsorship chairman; Manessa Smith, co-chairman; Vicki Home, ticket chairman; and Denise Smith, president.

No children under 12 will be admitted to homes. Tickets may be purchased from Domain, Expressions, The Ivy Cottage and the Gazebo.

For more information call 699-6949, 570-9408 or 689-9549.



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AROUND TOWN

Athletes, especially tennis players, are invited to the Silver Samaritan Spring Swing 5-8 p.m. April 3 at Chaparral Center. The event will explore the latest conditioning techniques and sports injury treatments. It will also feature tennis lessons for children taught by Luis Valdez of Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Center, and a tennis exhibition.

Scott Stewart, USPTA 1997 Texas Player of the Year, will begin the exhibition with a fast set of singles. Certified trainers, a dietitian, and various therapists will be on hand from Midland Memorial Hospital.

The event is part of the tennis tournament benefitting Samaritan Counseling Center. It is sponsored by SportsCare, a service of Midland Memorial Hospital. The sports clinic is open to the public for a donation at Gate 1. For more information call 563-4144.

...FRIENDS OF the library's annual meeting will be 2 p.m. today at the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library. Jon Lindgren will present a program on the history of Midland in general and the Petroleum Building in particular.

The Friends' bookdrop is open 9 a.m.-noon every Wednesday and Saturday at 2305 Michigan, for donations of books for the organization's annual book sale. Magazine donations are welcome at the main library.

Students needing Texas Scholar and Abell-Hanger community service hours are welcome to help.

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7 p.m. April 6 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2975.

...ISRAEL JUBILEE, celebrating 50 years since Israel became a nation again, will be 7 p.m. May 14 at Holiday Inn Convention Center in Midland. Singers and dancers from different Christian congregations and from Temple Beth El in Odessa will perform. The public is invited to attend.

...WOMEN'S MINISTRY of Crestview Baptist Church will have its annual Ladies Retreat April 17-18 at the Holiday Inn Center in Odessa. Amy Baker of Birmingham, Ala., will be keynote speaker. Phyllis Mason of Midland will provide music. Special interest conferences will be presented April 18. Cost for the weekend, including lodging, conference fee and two meals, will be \$45 for three people per room, \$50 for four people per room, and \$60 for two people per room. Registration will continue through March 20. After March 20, a \$5 late fee will be added. All interested women are invited to attend. For reservations call 694-7701.

...HOSPICE OF Midland will present a volunteer training course April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30 at Hospice House, 911 W. Texas St. Persons taking the course may attend classes at either 9 a.m.-noon or 7-10 p.m. Persons taking the course are not obliged to become volunteers for Hospice. For more information or to register call 682-2855.

...ST. JOHN'S Episcopal School will have its 1998 West Texas Christian Track Meet 8 a.m. May 9 at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Opening ceremonies will begin 7:45 a.m. Events will include the running long jump, softball throw, meter dashes (50, 100, 200, 400 and 800 meters), and relays (400, 1500 and 1600 meters). Entry fee is \$5. Medals will be awarded to first place winners in each event. Ribbons will be awarded to second through eighth place winners. All proceeds will benefit the school.

...TUMBLEWEED CHAPTER, Smocking Arts Guild of America, will present a display of doll clothing, made by guild members, at the Centennial Branch of Midland County Public Library at Midland Park Mall. The 18-inch dolls wearing the clothing will be on display until April 8.

The guild will host sewing classes for 18-inch dolls with Joan Hinds of Fancynwork and Fashion of Duluth, Minn. Classes will include pattern drafting for dolls, Sleeping Beauty gown, making doll accessories and silken elegance.

Classes, funded in part by Arts Assembly of Midland and Texas Commission on the Arts, will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 16, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 17 and 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. April 18 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Attendance at all classes is not required. Registration deadline is April 8. For more information call 687-0320 or 689-6932.



Kiss a pig for worthy cause

Left photo, "Pigs" were part of the entertainment at the American Diabetes Association's "Kiss-a-Pig" fundraiser March 21 at Gerardo's Casita. About 150 people attended the event which included dinner and entertainment by mariachis. Event chairman was Freddy Rios. Event sponsors included Permian Basin Distributing, and Standard Sales. Bottom left photo, the 1998 "Kiss-a-Pig" corporate sponsors included, left to right (flanking pigs), Sergio Rendon of Standard Sales and his wife, Joelle Rendon. Sponsor not pictured is Tony Valdez of Permian Distributing. Bottom right photo, some of the 1998 "Kiss-a-Pig" candidates were, left to right, Joe Iwa and Debra Collins of Channel 2, and Melissa Sanchez and her husband, Steve Sanchez of Bank One.



Who is managing managed care?

Navigating seas of data generated by program can be difficult

By Diane Lore and Andy Miller
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — When you shop for a car, you know whether you're buying a Geo Metro or a Cadillac.

You can check out the car's performance in magazine ratings. You can compare safety records and see how much the options and extras cost by looking at a tally on the window sticker.

But if you're shopping for heart surgery, you have no idea what you're paying for. You don't know whether the surgeon or hospital you're going to is any better than another across town. And if your heart surgery doesn't work, you can't just trade it in.

While the health care industry is enjoying an explosion of information generated by managed care, patients generally have been handed the leftovers — a smattering of data that is often outdated, outmoded or simply not useful for meaningful comparisons.

NATIONALLY, momentum is building to get consumers the information they need to shop health plans.

Connecticut-based Xerox Corp. now routinely mails workers a report card on plans it offers, rating them on member satisfaction, waiting time for urgent care and other factors.

The Buyers Health Care Action Group, a coalition of Minneapolis employers, has produced a brochure, using stars to rate plans like a movie review, on such measures as patient ease in seeing doctors and the amount of time a doctor spends with a member.

Other states, such as Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Florida, are producing meaningful data, with government agencies demanding public disclosure from doctors, hospitals and insurance plans on costs, treatments and outcomes.

In Georgia, the efforts often stop at the state line.

"The fact that one can't get information (in Georgia) that is found fairly easily elsewhere would strongly suggest the state is behind the curve," said Mark Epstein, executive director of the National Association of Data Organizations, a coalition of state agencies that track public information.

In Georgia, the best the average resident can glean is whether a medical professional has been disciplined, the average costs of some hospital procedures and how insurance plans are faring financially.

A patient can't compare how the medical players stack up against one another. And they won't be able to see doctors' and hospitals' track records treating similar patients — the very information managed care plans and employers are demanding and getting.

The same held true under the old fee-for-service system, where patients went to any doctor any time.

But there is a difference now, consumer advocates say. Under managed care, members are often locked within a network of health professionals they didn't pick.

"A majority of patients are getting their insurance through a

Patients have right to appeal medical decisions

By Diane Lore
N.Y. Times News Service

Patients need to learn how to prepare an appeal or grievance to fully exert their rights in medical care. Experts say the key is precision, clarity and organization. Some tips:

■ At the first sign of trouble, start keeping notes. Carefully document every meeting with your doctor or administrators, noting the date, what was said and by whom.

■ If you disagree with your doctor, ask him to clearly document in your record that you and he disagree. This is critical, because your medical record is the official document recording what happens. If he refuses, write him a letter documenting your side of the issue and deliver it to his office to be placed in your file.

■ Ask your physician for a copy of your medical record, which should include lab results, reports from specialists and other information.

■ Write a letter to your insurance plan officials outlining the problem. Send the letter by certified or registered mail.

■ Within seven to 10 days, contact the plan officials to find out who is handling your complaint. Follow up on its status.

■ If your complaint has to do with the insurance

plan, ask your primary-care physician to help — and submit his own letter in support of yours. Make sure you get a copy.

■ Ask your insurer to outline in writing your appeal options.

■ When plan officials complete their review, insist on being given a written decision. Do not accept a verbal decision as the resolution of your complaint.

■ If you are appealing an earlier decision made by individual insurance administrators, demand they not take part in the appeal process. For example, if a medical director denied your right to surgery, he should not be involved in your appeal process. Ask for a list of the people reviewing your complaint, and request that any with a conflict of interest be removed.

■ Take your complaint back to your employer if your care is administered through a self-insured plan (which is exempt from state law) or your state regulatory offices, such as the insurance commissioner's office or the attorney general's office. Make copies of your letters to these agencies and send them to your doctor and insurance company.

Source: *Managed Care Made Easy: a People's Medical Society publication*

business, and usually they have no choice about the plan they get," said Paul Ginsburg, president of the Center for Studying Health System Change. "That means it's become very important that the plan be good."

That's because patients are depending on a smaller circle of health care professionals to get the best care they can. Where a brain cancer patient could have jetted across the country to see a top specialist a decade ago, such a choice would probably be denied under his HMO today.

But because the field of medical data collection is still in its infancy, some say it might do more harm than good to release a flood of information the general public might not understand.

"Yes, we are behind when it comes to public report cards," said Vi Naylor, executive vice president of the Georgia Hospital Association. "But I believe it would be irresponsible to release a lot of information at this time for public consumption. There's still too many instances of apples-to-oranges comparisons, and there's no reason to cause fear in consumers when it's not necessary."

"What is the point of disseminating bad data?" she said. And even if the system finally opens the door to consumers, there's no guarantee the final result will actually help patients make better health care choices, some say.

"Even if patients get their hands on good data, most of it's going to be Greek to them," said Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA, a Washington-based health care advocacy group. "Merely having the written word is not good enough."

ATLANTA-BASED Delta Air Lines is attempting to close the gap by using a new measurement tool offered by J.D. Power and Associates; Medstat, a health care information firm; and the New England Medical Center.

The data, though, haven't been

released to workers.

"I'm not ready to give that to Delta employees, because now it will confuse them more than help them," said Dr. Cris Bisgard, director of Delta's health benefits.

But other employers have plunged ahead, translating the data into report cards on health plans. Workers evaluate measures such as fellow employees' satisfaction rates with HMOs. "It's pretty basic information — we're not giving people mortality statistics," said Sally Coberly, director of the Washington Business Group on Health, representing 160 large employers. "People want this information."

EVEN WITHOUT these report cards, consumers can take steps to be more informed about health choices.

They can tap into the insurance commissioner's office, which is

expanding its hours in an effort to help citizens negotiate the labyrinth of managed care.

Senior citizens can call the American Association of Retired Persons for assistance.

But consumer advocates in Georgia say such options are pretty slim pickings — and not likely to grow any time soon.

"The collection and dissemination of ... information has never been a priority in this state," said Linda Lowe, an Atlanta health care consumer advocate. "And when there has been an attempt to make it a priority, it is met with heavy resistance."

'Sprouts' take up gardening

N.Y. Times News Service

Yes, kids can grow something other than boredom. Gardening programs aimed specifically at children have sprouted in recent years, giving urban and suburban youngsters a chance to get their hands dirty for plants' sake.

One example: Fort Worth Botanic Garden sponsors a children's vegetable garden, maintained by students from Kirkpatrick Elementary School.

Another: The Arlington Men's Garden Club has a partnership gardening program with Children's University school in Arlington, Texas. Students garden one morning a week, whatever the season.

Elbert Seal, president of the garden club and the retired grandfather of 12, gets a kick out of his weekly interaction with the students. To design the program, he worked closely with his friend and Children's University owner, Lynn Kenner. "When I had her pull a carrot in my garden and she said, 'I've never actually pulled a carrot before,' I figured she needed some help after that," he said.

Seal's young charges do much more than sprout a sweet potato in a jar. The school has its own greenhouse, a big gardening area, raised beds and a composting area. They have planted pansies, and relocated beloved bluebonnets from a patch out back where a school construction project will be undertaken soon.

They have grown 13-inch diameter sunflowers as part of a national contest, and sold the onions they harvested last year.

They have planted two kinds of rice, cotton, 20 varieties of tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, radishes, cauliflower, squash, cucumbers, Irish potatoes, artichokes, corn — even dipper gourds, which are drying in the attic for future craft projects.

Seal has seen the children's skepticism replaced with belief in the power of nature. Once he had them make hibiscus cuttings, explaining that the small stem sections would in time become new plants, with roots and leaves of their own. "I could just see them saying, 'Uh huh, sure,'" he recalled. Within days, tiny white roots became visible.

The children's favorite activity, though, occurs below ground. "One thing they'd do every time if they could is pet the worms," Seal said. "We have two flats of brown-nose worms, and they like to dig down and find one and hold it, watch it wiggle."

EASY-TO-GROW PLANTS

There's nothing more discouraging to a would-be gardener than a seed that won't sprout or a leaf that droops at the slightest cold snap. So choose easy-to-grow plants for children's gardening projects. The hot garden colors this year are ones kids will love: bright oranges, yellows, reds, chartreuse.

Indoors

Ivies, especially extra-durable pothos and hederas.

Philodendrons, especially heart-leaf, fiddle-leaf, and the huge showy sallow.

Ferns of the less-fussy types, especially the indoor-outdoor asparagus or sprenger fern.

Herbs, especially dill, peppermint, spearmint and oregano. Basil or thyme are easiest to harvest: just snip and freeze the unwashed stems and leaves in a plastic bag.

Outdoors

Vegetables, either in containers or in-ground, especially Sweet 100 tomatoes to be eaten out of hand, or any of the edible peppers (be careful with younger kids and spicy peppers, though).

Flowers, especially begonias and marigolds for all-summer blooms. Once marigold blooms fade, have the child pick them off, dry them in the sun, then harvest the seeds from the flower head for planting next spring.

Bulbs, particularly caladiums or elephant ears if the yard is shady.

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ENGAGEMENTS

CREDICOTT-WORSHAM

Mitzi D. Credicott of Midland and Chris M. Worsham of Odessa are planning to be married 7 p.m. May 2 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Credicott of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Robert and Dianne Worsham of Brownwood.

Miss Credicott is a 1988 graduate of Lee High School and a 1992 graduate of Hardin Simmons University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in speech pathology. In 1995 she graduated from Texas Woman's University with a master's degree in speech pathology. She is a speech-language pathologist at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring. Her fiancé graduated from Irvin High School in El Paso and attended the University of Texas at El Paso. He is a firefighter with the Odessa Fire Department.



Mitzi D. Credicott and
Chris M. Worsham

BRYANT-LIVINGSTON

Caroline Bryant of Waco and William Lytle Livingston Jr. of Dallas are planning to be married 7 p.m. June 13 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are former Midlanders Dr. and Mrs. Loren E. Bryant of Lubbock. The future bridegroom is the son of Jane and Harvey Jarrell of Dallas and Karen and William L. Livingston of Houston.

Miss Bryant is a 1994 graduate of Lee High School and a student at Baylor University, where she is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, Golden Key National Honor Society and Gamma Sigma Alpha honor society. Her fiancé graduated from Richardson High School in 1992 and from Baylor in 1996. He is a member of the Baylor Chamber of



Caroline Bryant and
William Lytle Livingston Jr.

Commerce and the Confederate Air Force. He is employed with Monarch Air in Dallas.

ARNOLD-FORREST

Jennifer Jeanene Arnold and Aaron Ward Forrest, both of Stillwater, Okla., are planning to be married 2 p.m. May 30 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Randy and Donna Arnold of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Wayne and Jeanie Forrest of Castle Rock, Colo.

Miss Arnold is a 1994 graduate of Stockdale High School in Bakersfield, Calif. Her fiancé graduated from Kingwood High School in Houston. Both are seniors at Oklahoma State University.



Jennifer Jeanene Arnold and
Aaron Ward Forrest

WRIGHT-SHANDS

Michelle Lusignan Wright of Stanton and Tommy Lee Shands Jr. are planning a 5 p.m. June 27 wedding at Hosanna Christian Fellowship in Stanton. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Robert George Lusignan of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carl Ogg of Laredo. Parents of the future bridegroom are Patricia Shands of Odessa and the late Tommy Lee Shands.

Ms. Wright graduated from Midland High School in 1988 and attended Sul Ross State University and Midland College. She is employed with First Presbyterian Child Development Center. Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Permian High School and a 1991 graduate of Southwest Texas State University. He is employed with Hughes Christensen.



Michelle Lusignan Wright and
Tommy Lee Shands Jr.

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

The Reporter-Telegram publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.

Deadline to get an announcement in the Sunday paper — including wedding and engagement announcements — is 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, information should be received two days before it is to be published.

There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements are accepted to appear in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements are accepted up to six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners are published for teenage and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 25 years or more, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or photos of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

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.

JACKSON-RANGEL

Robyn Raye Jackson and David Rafael Rangel, both of Midland, are planning a 7 p.m. May 8 wedding at Crown Royal Club in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Clayton and Carolyn Jackson of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Catalina Rangel of Midland and the late Pedro Rangel.

Miss Jackson is a 1992 graduate of Midland High School and a 1996 graduate of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is employed with Ector County Independent School District at Gale Pond/Alamo Elementary Magnet School. Her fiancé, a 1991 graduate of Lee High School and a 1997 graduate of Odessa College Law Enforcement Academy, is a student at Midland College. He is employed with La Mision Restaurant.



Robyn Raye Jackson and
David Rafael Rangel

BARNHART-PHILLIPS

Stacy Louise Barnhart and Kenneth Earl Phillips, both of Dallas, are planning to be married in April at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas. The bride-elect is the daughter of Janice Barnhart of Garland and Mike Barnhart of Yukon, Okla. Parents of the future bridegroom are Ardella Phillips of Midland and the late J.C. Phillips.

Miss Barnhart attended W.W. Samuell High School in Dallas and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. She is employed with Southwestern Financial Services. Her fiancé attended Midland High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University in 1997. He is employed with Southwestern Bell Wireless.



Stacy Louise Barnhart and
Kenneth Earl Phillips

ENRIQUEZ-MARTINEZ

Patricia Enriquez and Carlos Martinez, both of Midland, are planning to be married 11 a.m. July 25 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Parents of the bride-to-be are George and Angela Enriquez of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Maria Martinez of Midland and the late Charlie Martinez.

Miss Enriquez is employed with Mario's Spanish Inn. Her fiancé is employed with new car make ready at Roger's Ford.



Patricia Enriquez and
Carlos Martinez

KAUFMAN-PAYNE

Sheryl Jean Kaufman of Midland and Robert Floyd Payne of Henrietta are planning a 5:30 p.m. June 6 wedding at First Baptist Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaufman of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Payne of Henrietta.

Miss Kaufman is a 1994 honors graduate of Midland High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University, where she earned a degree in marketing and international business certificate. She is a member of Chi Omega, HOSTS student mentoring program and Aggie Hostess. She is a retail consultant with Bath and Body Works. Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Henrietta High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M, where he earned a degree in agricultural development. He is enrolled in graduate school at Texas Tech University, and is a member of Delta Sigma Phi.



Sheryl Jean Kaufman and
Robert Floyd Payne

Alpha Zeta Honor Society and the Golden Key National Honor Society. He is a graduate assistant at Texas Tech.

Early tomatoes taste of summer

By Amanda Hesser
N.Y. Times News Service

Produce snobs alert: There is a tomato on the market, in March, that actually tastes like a tomato. And, ahem, more painful news: It comes in a plastic net sack.

It is a vine-ripened cherry tomato, grown on a ranch just north of Culiacan, in west central Mexico. James K. Wilson Produce Co. in Arizona has been selling the tomatoes since last year. But the fruit variety and how it is grown are apparently confidential. "It's a very competitive business," explained Eric Meyer, a sales associate for the company.

Though the tomatoes, called Wilson's Bamoa Cluster Cherry Tomatoes, do not appear beaming and ready to burst, like real summer cherry tomatoes, they are sweet little orbs just the same — astonishingly full-flavored with a gentle acidic bite. The cherry tomatoes are also much cheaper than inferior-tasting hothouse tomatoes from Holland.

Once you get past the plastic sack, these tomatoes are charmers — you may want to pick up some mozzarella and basil while you are at it. They are in surprisingly good shape, too, with little breakage or bruising. Just tender tomatoes, ranging in size from marbles to golf balls, ready to be popped into the mouth.

ADAMS-ROBERTSON

Joy Lynn Adams of San Angelo and Rodney R. Robertson of Big Spring are planning to be married 7 p.m. May 30 at Stanton Church of Christ. Parents of the bride-elect are Michael and Leatrice Adams of Stanton. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.V. Glaze and Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Adams of Stanton. Parents of the future bridegroom are Donna Simer and Rodney Robertson of Big Spring. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Simer of Big Spring.

Miss Adams is a 1994 graduate of Stanton High School. She is scheduled for May graduation from Angelo State University, with a bachelor of science degree in biology. Her fiancé attended Forsan High School and is employed with Morris Robertson's Body Shop in Big Spring.



Joy Lynn Adams and
Rodney R. Robertson

KLAUS-HOPKINS

Kayla DeLayne Klaus and David Robert Hopkins, both of West, are planning to be married 1:30 p.m. April 25 at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption in West. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Eddie and Charlotte Klaus of West. Parents of the future bridegroom are Stephen and Karen Hopkins of Midland and Linda Hopkins of Lubbock.

Miss Klaus is a 1990 graduate of West High School. She attended Texas Tech University and is a medical transcriptionist with Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco. Her fiancé graduated from Lee High School in 1988 and from Methodist Hospital School of Radiology. He is a radiologic technologist with Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco.

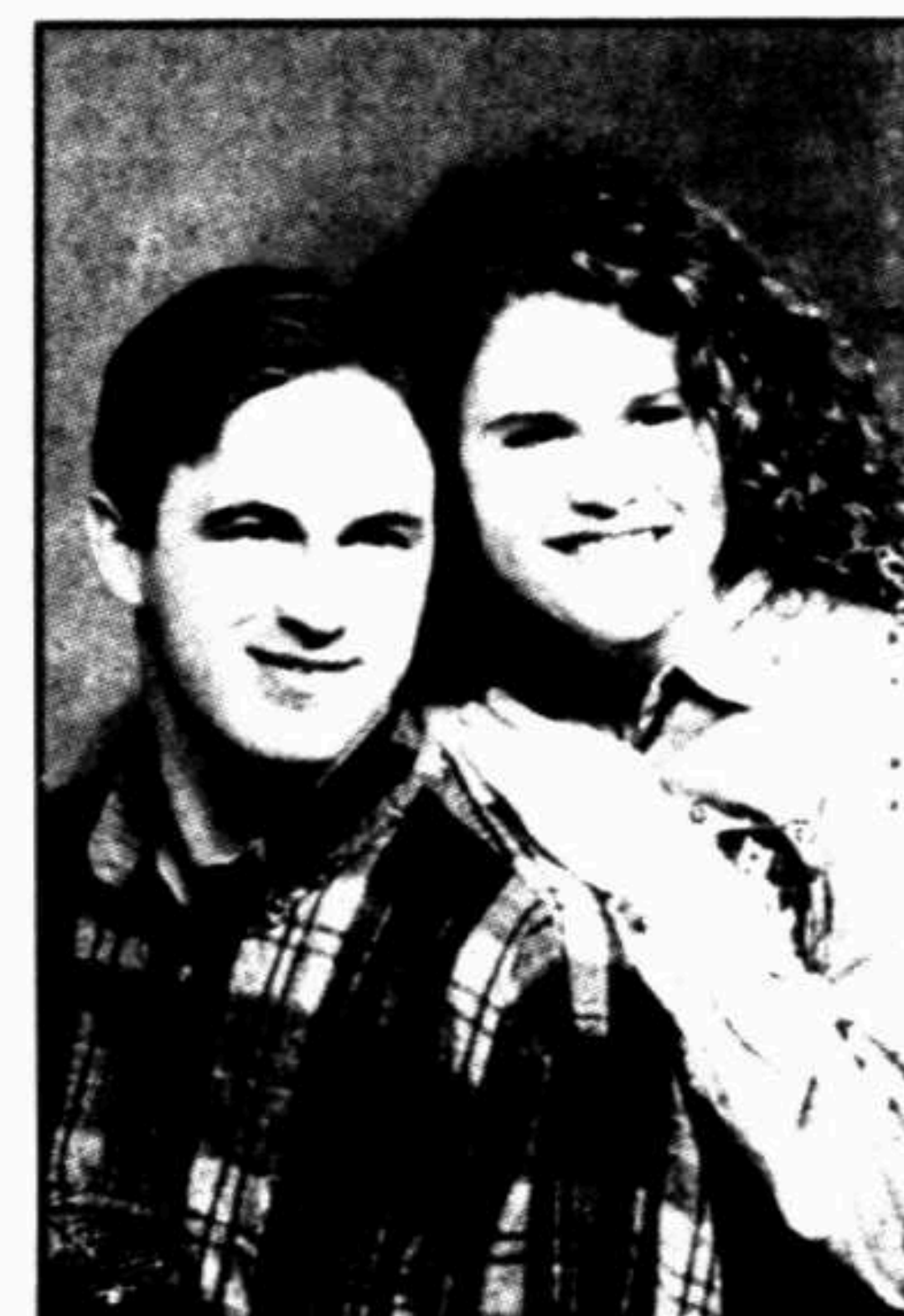


Kayla DeLayne Klaus and
David Robert Hopkins

WASSENBERG-LOFTIS

Kattie Nicole Wassenberg of Austin will become the bride of Michael Patrick Loftis of Georgetown 3 p.m. May 30 in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Dr. David and Sharon Wassenberg of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Vince and Gail Loftis of Midland.

Miss Wassenberg attended Lee High School and Midland College, and is a student at the University of Texas at Austin. Her fiancé, who also attended LHS, is a student at Southwestern University in Georgetown.



Kattie Nicole Wassenberg and
Michael Patrick Loftis

For spring fashions, think pink

Associated Press

Spring's new makeup palette is coming up pink, from pale to Pepto. Fashion-forward faces might try "soft pink and bright pink, with more pink blush on the cheeks, and shimmer on the lips and eyes," says makeup artist Bobbi Brown in New York. "It is definitely pretty — and very romantic."

Just don't O.D. on the confectionery color, cautions Brown, author of "Bobbi Brown Beauty" (HarperCollins), written with Annemarie Iverson.

Go for "something a little more natural," says Brown, who recommends blowing excess color off brushes before applying makeup. "It keeps color from falling on the face," she says.

Above all, don't take your cue solely from the catwalk. "Most things on the runway are fantasy," says Brown. "It's basically theater, not reality, for the clothes or the makeup."

Speaking of reality testing, when you try foundation at a department store, look at it in daylight, even if it means stepping outside. "Department stores don't always have the best light, so just bring your own mirror or borrow one from the counter," Brown says. "You need daylight to make sure the makeup is the same exact color as your skin."

Don't be intimidated by department store counters. "It was my experience years ago," says Brown, "if you walked into a cosmetics department, ladies who looked like drag queens would make you feel you looked so ugly. They'd say you have circles under your eyes or your skin is too yellow. They'd gunk stuff on your face and pressure you to buy things. You'd spend \$200 and go home with this bag of junk. I'm sure that still exists in a lot of places."

WE

KIMBROUGH

LAS VEGAS White Chapel setting for the wedding of Hel Odessa, Tex. O'Neal of Midland.

The bride: Mrs. Obel Har and Mrs. O'Neal of Midland. The bridegroom: a San Jose, Calif. The bride's college and earned degree from Texas of the Permian State University with Permian husband after a bachelor of Abilene Christian employed with department of Student School Division. After a h Vegas, the couple live.

WEST-WIN

Juanita F. bride of Warren March 14 in Midland. The officiant: Pam Strickland. The bridegroom: Debby Brey. The bride's mother: Justin Brewster and Shauna. The bride's father: After a h the couple live.

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WEDDINGS

KIMBROUGH-O'NEAL

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Little White Chapel in Las Vegas was the setting for the 2 p.m. Feb. 14 wedding of Helen Kimbrough of Odessa, Texas, and Stanley O'Neal of Midland, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Obel Hamilton of Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal, parents of the bridegroom, are from Midland and San Jose, Calif.

The bride attended Odessa College and earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and a master's degree from Sul Ross State University. She is employed with Permian High School. Her husband attended OC and earned a bachelor of science degree from Abilene Christian University. He is employed with the electronic department of Midland Independent School District.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple lives in Midland.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley O'Neal

BRIGGS-THOMPSON

DALLAS — Amy Briggs of Houston became the bride of Ryan Thompson, also of Houston, 7 p.m. March 28 at Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas. Vic Kollman officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Dottie Briggs of Carrollton. Parents of the bridegroom are Jack and Judy Le Bus of Midland and Billy Thompson of Carlsbad, N.M.

Jessica Smartt of Austin was honor attendant for the bride. Her other attendants were Vicki Prescott of Denver, Allyson Mancini of Deerfield Beach, Fla., and Kristi Jackson of Lewisville. Flower girl was Sandra Jackson of Comanche, niece of the bride.

Kris Doan of Austin was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by Matt Smith of Abilene, Greg Garner of Cincinnati and Cliff Angelo of Austin. Ushers were Wes Wehman and Guy Wehman of Austin, and Paul Briggs of Comanche, brother of the



Mrs. Ryan Thompson

bride. Colton Baird of Krum was ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to Nassau in the Bahamas, the couple will live in Houston.

LANDREAUX-CAHOON

AUSTIN — Christie Marie Landreaux and Joseph Dillingham Cahoon were married 7:30 p.m. March 21 at Saint David's Episcopal Church in Austin. The Rev. T. James Bethell officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Patrick Landreaux of Texarkana, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick Landreaux of Houston and the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth LeRoy Satterfield.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kell Cahoon of Midland, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilbur Cahoon and the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren Powers.

Lindy Ann Landreaux was honor attendant for her sister. Other bride's attendants were Sara Kell Bowers and Elizabeth Garvey Bowers, nieces of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom's honor attendant was his brother, Frank Kell Cahoon Jr. Ushers were John Patrick Landreaux, brother of the bride, and Steven Michael Bowers. Charles Hayden Bowers, nephew of the bridegroom, was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned a bachelor of



Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Winslett



Mrs. Joseph Dillingham Cahoon

arts degree in government. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She is a student at the University of Texas School of Law.

Her husband is a graduate of UT-Austin with a bachelor of arts degree, Plan II. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, and is a master's candidate in American studies at UT-Austin.

The couple lives in Austin.

WEST-WINSLETT

Juanita F. West became the bride of Warren C. Winslett 2 p.m. March 14 in Midland. Robert Frazier officiated.

Pam Stricker of Garland was honor attendant for her mother. Debby Brewster of Midland, daughter of the bride, also attended her mother. The bridegroom was attended by Darrell Brewster, Justin Brewster, Burl Stricker and Shauna Stricker, grandchildren of the bride.

After a honeymoon in Canada, the couple lives in Midland.

ANNIVERSARY Family gathers to celebrate

Jack and Betty Noyes of Midland had a private family celebration this week in honor of their golden anniversary.

Noyes and the former Betty Davis were married March 25, 1948, in Lubbock. They have two daughters — Patti Speer of Las Vegas and Debbie Bryant of Midland — and one grandchild.

The couple lived in Arlington, Selma, Ala., and Wichita, Kan., before moving to Midland. Noyes is a retired aeronautical weights engineer with Bell Helicopter and Beechcraft. His wife is a homemaker. They are members of the Methodist church.



Jack and Betty Noyes

Texan wins '97-98 title of international chili champion

Associated Press

Glenn Dickey of Arlington was named international chili champion for 1997-1998 at the Chili Appreciation Society International Cookoff in Terlingua.

The event was sponsored by the Rival Co., maker of the Crock-Pot slow cooker.

This is the winning recipe.

GLENN'S GOTTA-HAVE-A-SECOND-BOWL CHILI

3-1/2 to 4 pounds coarse ground beef
3 tablespoons finely chopped onion
14-1/2-ounce can beef broth
8-ounce can tomato sauce
4 tablespoons chili powder
2 tablespoons paprika
1 tablespoon cumin
3 teaspoons instant beef bouillon granules, divided
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon instant chicken bouillon granules
1/2 teaspoon lime juice
Cook beef in a large skillet over

medium heat, stirring to crumble until brown, then drain.

Place cooked beef in a 3-1/2-quart slow-cooker crock pot, and add the chopped onion, beef broth, tomato sauce, chili powder, paprika, cumin, 2 teaspoons beef bouillon, garlic powder, cayenne and pepper.

Cover and cook on low for 3 hours.

Stir in remaining beef bouillon, onion powder, salt, sugar, garlic salt, chicken bouillon and lime juice.

Cover and cook on low 1 more hour, then serve.
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Pair discovers 'secret' of 8-Ball

By Tommy Cummings
N.Y. Times News Service

Turn over a Magic 8 Ball and ask it if Heath Hunnicutt and Dan Egnor of Seattle put their schooling to good use.

The probable answer: "Very Doubtful."

The two California Institute of Technology graduates, apparently letting curiosity get the best of them, dissected a Magic 8 Ball and detailed the operation at their site: The Unofficial Magic 8 Ball Page (ofb.net/8ball).

Hunnicutt and Egnor's site is not the first dedicated to the fortune-telling ball made famous by Tyco Toys. Other sites pore over the oracle's psychic powers. But Hunnicutt and Egnor's is the only known site that has gotten to the core of the matter: finding out exactly what is inside the creepy black-plastic ball.

They came up with the idea a year ago when they found one of the balls in a break room at Microsoft Corp., where they work.

On their image-intensive disassembly page, Hunnicutt and Egnor take visitors through the step-by-step operation as if it were a delicate medical procedure.

It seems that the 8-Ball surgeons were in quest of knowledge about the mysterious fluid that causes the random-answer device to float, and turn, inside the ball.

Hunnicutt and Egnor first drilled holes in the ball to drain the fluid. When that move came up dry, they used a rotary tool to perform a craniotomy on the ball. Eventually, they found the answer device and the fluid cylinder deep within the ball.

Their page also covers other Magic 8-Ball minutiae. Egnor rates and reviews 38 sites about the Magic 8 Ball or some form of it. He also answers queries and posts the answers — in 8-Ball style — online.

Although the site has some variety, even Hunnicutt admits they can't top the dissection page.

"Everybody keeps suggesting that Dan and I dissect an Etch-A-Sketch next, but that seems less interesting than an 8-Ball," Hunnicutt said.

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New toasters have 'sports utility' look

By Phil Patton
N.Y. Times News Service

Rugged, retro, British and expensive, the Dualit professional toaster has a bulldog look. Essentially unchanged for a half century, the Dualit (\$359 for the four-slot model, \$269 for two slots) resembles a Land Rover — the original 1948 Land Rover, the one on which Joy Adamson's lions draped themselves. There's the same combination of curves and lines, the same rugged metal surface (though the toaster comes in colors like sea green, yellow and blue as well as chrome) and the same utilitarian shape — the same look right down to the slotted grill.

Rough country bread is for these toasters what rough country roads are to sport utility vehicles. "I call it the SUT — the sport utility toaster," said Steve Holt of Frogdesign, a Silicon Valley company that styles toasters for Sunbeam. "You get the same exaggeration of features."

Why would anyone need such an appliance? Americans have ventured beyond the regulation two thin slices of Sunbeam bread in their Sunbeam toasters. Now, American toasting has moved to three and four wide slots at a time. While couples in the '40s and '50s used to toast at the breakfast table — the toaster being a tamed version of the hearth — they now park their toasters on their kitchen counters and eat breakfast there, if they eat breakfast at all. The toast itself includes not only Pop-Tarts but also thick English muffins, wide bagels and great hunks of peasant bread. And when it comes to toast slices, two is never enough.

The Dualit is only the high end of the new generation of high-testosterone, wide-slot toasters. Big chrome Cuisinart four-slicers cost \$80, brag of electronic sensors, and protrude from those counter-top kitchen "appliance garages" the way Chevy Suburbans protrude from real garages. Krups offers a wide-slot model, the \$50 Sensatoast Deluxe — the equivalent of the sleek Mercedes M-Class sport utility vehicle. Brenda Cooper, a sales associate at Broadway Panhandler, says that a British model, the Russell Hobbs, \$74, has sold well recently. It appeals, she said, to those who like rough-cut slices of fresh bread and bagels.

A decade ago, toaster sales fell. "A toaster oven was the hot new item to have," said Carolyn Scott, an economist and partner in McCoy, Scott & Co., a consulting firm that follows the small-appliance market. "Now," she said, "it might be the three-or-more-slot toaster."

The toasters rated best by Consumer Guide magazine — the Krups, Cuisinart and Kitchenaid (\$120) — get points for offering seven different settings, perhaps a few more than absolutely necessary. The Krups and the Cuisinart have microprocessors to control doneness. Some toasters boast higher "pop up"; others tout the superiority of their removable crumb trays. All of them toast the toast.

The toaster emerged in the '20s as a symbol of American prosperity and modern domestic life. The design historian Russell Flinchum has said that because toaster technology was largely mature by 1930, the way to distinguish toasters is through looks. So toaster design has been fiddled with almost as much as car design — and it's hard to come up with anything new. Frogdesign's Sunbeam toaster, which has a little window allowing a peek at the toast, echoes Henry Dreyfuss's "look while you cook" Birtman toaster of 1932.

The prestige of the Dualit is that it conveys an air of European expertise. Just as professional stoves like the Garland became status symbols in the late 70s, Dualits are (more affordable) status symbols today.

But what's the difference between a Dualit (offered exclusively in the United States by Williams-Sonoma) and, say, the \$15 Proctor-Silex?

The Dualit is pure utility, and looks it. It comes with a sandwich basket for lowering complex bread constructions into the wide slots. It uses a mechanical timer, and it does not even pop the toast up automatically. Instead, the heating element switches off and the toast remains inside. To release the toast, you flip down a sturdy knob-and-rod device that lifts its toasted cargo with a solid "chunk," reminiscent of the sound of a siege catapult.

A rugged toaster like the Dualit announces that its owner has stepped beyond the vagaries of mere toaster styling. "It looks like the toaster for the ages," Flinchum said. "The implication is this is the last toaster you'll ever buy."

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Greenie the Clown placed fourth in Make Up and Costume, and fourth in Paradeability at the recent Clowns of America International Convention in St. Louis.



Midlander places in competition for 'just clowning around'

Staff Reports

Greenie the Clown (Linda Greene of Midland) represented Midland in the "wearing o' the green" at the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 14 in St. Louis. The event, the fourth largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the world, had 5,000 participants "parading" before 300,000 spectators.

Greenie was in St. Louis to participate in the Clowns of America International Convention, the largest clown competition in the U.S. Clowns from all over the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico attended.

Greenie placed fourth in Make Up and Costume, and fourth in Paradeability with her "Irish Setter" routine. The top 10 winners (considered a major accomplishment at the international level) all receive recognition.

Child abuse prevention agencies may qualify for trust fund grants

Staff Reports

Organizations and agencies that have programs to prevent child abuse and neglect may be eligible for grants from the Children's Trust Fund of Texas Council (CTF).

Midland County is one of the 50 sites in Texas selected by the fund to continue its funding initiative, known as Family PRIDE (Pride stands for the values of Principles, Responsibility, Integrity, Discipline and Education.) A Family Pride Council, comprised of local citizens, has been established.

Midland County will be eligible for funds beginning Sept. 1. Funds may be used only for prevention of child abuse and neglect, not for treatment.

Any legally constituted entity (other than a state agency) may apply for a grant. Requests For Proposal (RFP) packages began being available March 16. To request a package call (512) 370-9561.

The CTF Family PRIDE Council of Midland County will conduct a respondent's conference 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 6 at the Midland County Extension Office, located at 2445 E. Business Loop 20 (old Highway 80).

For more information about the conference call Linda Ladd at (409) 845-1877.

Deadline to submit proposals to fund prevention programs is May 29. The CTF Family PRIDE Council will be involved in the review process for local proposals. The state council will award the grants. For the first fiscal year, each funded program will be required to provide a local match of 10 percent of the CTF contract amount. Programs will be able to apply for renewals for an additional two years.

Revenues for the funds primarily come from marriage license fees. The CTF goal is for Texas children to grow to be responsible and productive adults, free of threats to their dignity, physical safety, and emotional well-being.

Boston museum receives gift

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The Museum of Fine Arts announced that it had received a \$5.5 million donation from a Florida couple, former Boston residents.

The money is from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation and will go toward restoring the museum's upper rotunda, colonnade and murals painted by John Singer Sargent, said Malcolm Rogers, executive director of the museum.

"The upper rotunda and the colonnade are the centerpieces of the MFA, truly architectural jewels that lead visitors to the MFA's treasures," Rogers said Thursday.

"This gift will enable the MFA to rejuvenate these magnificent spaces."

The museum's rotunda and colonnade were unveiled in 1921. The Sargent murals were completed in 1925.

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Experts: Friendship skills important to learn

By Charlene C. Giannetti and Margaret Sagarese
Associated Press

When our sons and daughters reach double-digit ages — 10, 11, 12 and so on — it's time to begin the separation process.

Struggling (or galloping) toward independence, moving away from parents, they grasp onto peers for support. Insecure and inexperienced in the social whirl of adolescence, many young teens have trouble with friends, schoolmates, boyfriends and girlfriends.

Friendship isn't a subject that's taught in sixth grade; you have to do it at home. To teach the course, keep in mind the following words of wisdom. They are surprisingly easy to remember, and with a little lesson attached, parents can effectively teach a teen what she/he needs to know about friendship.

■ I cannot tell a lie. A good

friend is trustworthy. He can keep a secret. She will not spread a rumor. When we surveyed students, parents and teachers for our book, "The Roller Coaster Years: Raising Your Child Through the Maddening Yet Magical Middle School Years," we found that lies and rumors are like currency in middle school, scribbled on notes and traded all day long. Teach your child not to get sucked into the rumor mill. Trust is the cornerstone of friendship.

■ If you can't say something nice about a person, don't say anything at all. There is research that indicates harassment is most potent and damaging in middle school. Young teens, in the midst of an awkward growth spurt, all have physical flaws, and they all know it. Teach your not to push that hot button with cruel remarks.

■ Never a borrower or a lender be. Students confessed that homework and test-taking were triggers that set off many feuds among

classmates. Smarter students are pressured to let an unprepared student cheat off his or her work. Many students pester another to borrow the homework to copy all the math equations. A teen who avoids the fray, keeps friendships and integrity intact.

■ No man (or woman) is an island. Bad things happen to good teens. Getting shunned, teased or bullied comes with the territory. These are secrets kids keep and shouldn't. Let your teen know it's not wimpy to talk about upsetting peer situations. You can help him and her work through the hurt and learn from social disasters.

■ Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. The golden rule is the ultimate mantra to teach your young adolescent. If you want your child to exhibit kind-

ness, compassion, sharing and helpfulness, state these values loudly and often. Tell your child: if you want to have a friend, be a friend. In our research we found young teens trust you and your judgments. (According to our survey, 52 percent said they always trust their parents; only one-third said they always trust their friends.)

Lastly, encourage your child to find positive, productive and playful friends, because you know the old saying — "birds of a feather flock together."

Charlene C. Giannetti and Margaret Sagarese are co-authors of "The Roller Coaster Years: Raising Your Child Through the Maddening Yet Magical Middle School Years" (Broadway Books, \$15).

To make perfect omelets, practice, practice, practice

By Pete Watters

N.Y. Times News Service

How do you make the perfect omelet? It's like getting to Carnegie Hall: You've got to practice, practice, practice.

Luckily, an omelet tastes wonderful no matter what it looks like, so those first few attempts that don't look like they belong on the cover of "Bon Appetit" shouldn't go completely to waste.

Use a stainless-steel or non-stick pan that's 6 to 8 inches in diameter and that has a nice curve from the bottom to the sides. Using too big a pan will give you too thin an omelet.

Purists will say that once you've chosen an omelet pan, you should use it for nothing else and that if you've chosen a stainless steel pan, you should never wash it in water and clean it only with coarse salt and a paper towel. Of course, purists should get a life.

Never cook an omelet with more than three eggs; you're asking too much of a small pan if you do. Beat the eggs lightly with a large pinch of salt and a tablespoon of cream or half-and-half just before you're going to make the omelet. Don't let them stand beaten in the bowl for too long. Unlike any other way of fixing eggs, omelets are cooked at fairly high heat (medium high, for you electric-range types).

Try to start with eggs at room temperature, rather than straight from the refrigerator, so the pan won't be cooled so much that your eggs stick to it.

Swirl a tablespoon of butter in your heated pan all around the edges and the bottom. The butter

should be sizzling but not scorching.

Immediately add the beaten egg mixture. If the pan is not hot enough, the eggs should cook without sticking, so the omelet-to-be will slide across the pan bottom if you rock the pan from side to side. Take a fork and, with the tines parallel to the pan bottom, swirl the egg mixture in one direction while shaking the pan in the opposite direction. It's kind of like rubbing your tummy while you pat your head, but it fluffs up the omelet nicely and keeps the bottom from getting too tough. Don't let the fork poke through the bottom of the omelet.

In less than a minute, your omelet should be ready for filling and folding. Don't try to put too much stuff in your omelet; about a third of a cup of filling is fine. Have your filling on the side, ready to go: grated cheese, sauteed onions, peppers and mushrooms, chopped ham, diced tomatoes, whatever you like. Add the filling to one half of the omelet in preparation of the fold.

This is the part that separates the newbies from the pros. If you want, you can use a spatula or the fork and carefully fold one side of the omelet over the half with your filling. We won't tell. Then use the spatula to push it neatly onto your plate.

The pros will slide the omelet directly from pan to plate, making the fold with the fork in one neat movement as they turn the pan nearly upside down.

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Children, too, can march to different drummer

By Barbara F. Meltz
N.Y. Times News Service

An adult who is an original thinker is often admired and valued. If she seems a little spacey or eccentric, sometimes off in her own world, we say she marches to a different drummer, call her a nonconformist, and marvel at her creativity.

In a child, these traits are more problematic. Parents worry if a child is forgetful, disorganized and easily sidetracked. If she's creative in ways unfamiliar to us, we're somehow uncomfortable. If she memorizes books or spends hours at the computer writing stories, but can't sit still for homework and brings home papers that are messy and full of "didn't follow directions" notations, we wonder if there's a learning disability or attention deficit disorder.

Perhaps, instead, this child is a dreamer, someone professionals call a "divergent" learner. The way she takes in material is out of the ordinary. As a result, we may not know what to do with her.

"We're talking about a child who's full of imagery but can't be bothered with the details of spelling correctly," says psychologist Lucy Jo Palladino. "Who's always focused on something but maybe not what you or the teacher or the rest of the class is focused on. Who's happy and well-liked but easily distracted. When you ask her to do something, it's not that she doesn't hear you, or can't absorb it, or forgets. Something else simply captured her attention and became more important."

Parents who describe these children as frustrating are being kind. The words Palladino is more likely to hear are defiant and inconsiderate. Teachers typically see them as creative and interesting but also disruptive and uncooperative.

In worst-case scenarios, these kids start to go downhill as early as first grade, certainly by third or fourth, according to Marian Diamond, an integrative biologist at the University of California at Berkeley who studies how the brain works. Here's what might happen:

In reading, the dreamer doesn't keep up with the group; the story isn't as interesting as the one in his head. His mind wanders. Despite the great stories in his head, his writing is spartan because that's safer. He doesn't want to be criticized or put down, which is how he perceives a teacher's comments. In math, he may not try if rote memorization is what's required. For a dreamer who typically connects to material through the senses, memorization is tedious. In situations like this, says Diamond, "A child begins to feel there isn't a place for him here. He withdraws."

The withdrawal, the lack of effort, and sometimes behaviors themselves are what can lead to mistaken diagnoses of a learning disability or attention deficit disorder. Sometimes the distinction is difficult to recognize.

Suggestions for parents:

■ Engage a dreamer in schoolwork by asking her to teach you something, or to tutor another student.

■ Because dreamers have such vivid imaginations, it's not unusual for them to go through periods of nighttime fears.

■ Keep directions to a dreamer brief, specific, clear, and logical. That will keep "what-if" scenarios to a minimum.

■ If it's hard to communicate with your dreamer, try using a pet as an intermediary: "I wonder what Spot thinks about this." If your child answers for Spot, she's probably speaking about herself.

■ Although dreamers need to have consequences and limits like any other child, an angry punitive response from a parent tends to push them further into their imagination. Be proactive whenever you can: "What can we do to help you remember not to forget?"

■ When she tells you, "I don't know what happened," she means it. She was probably distracted and not paying attention.

While some dreamers have ADD, developmental pediatrician Jack P. Shonkoff says it's not a given. Neither is daydreaming automatically a sign of a creative, imaginative kid. "Dreaming can be an escape mechanism," he says. "It can mask a problem."

In ruling out ADD or other problems, Shonkoff urges looking at all aspects

of a child's life, not just the moments when she can't focus. The dreamer who has ADD will also have hard-to-manage behavior, difficulty in relationships, minimal self-control. While she may have bursts of creativity and be extremely smart, her general demeanor tends to be full of anxiety, irritability, and volatility while the dreamer without ADD will look emotionally robust and well-adjusted in other ways. One tip-off: "If he's caught up in a creative fantasy and you approach him at the right time, would he be

delighted to share or more likely to withdraw?" Shonkoff asks.

Helping this child starts by identifying her strengths and feeding into them. "You have to connect and build on the successes she can see," says developmental educator Nina Senatore, a professor at Simmons College whose specialty is divergent thinkers. "Let's say a strength is that she's visual, she remembers colors and images. A weakness is that she's forgetful, as in always forgetting the right book for homework."

She suggests a color-coded chart for each day of the week pasted on the inside of her locker, and corresponding colored covers on the books: blue for Monday, green for Tuesday, etc.

"The more visual reminders a child has, the more she's likely to be able to take responsibility for herself and the less you can be in her face," she says. "If you have days where you feel all you do is shriek at her, you can be sure she feels that way, too."

Not only does that hurt your relationship, it also hurts her self-esteem. "She gets the sense that it's wrong to be herself. That the way she thinks isn't a good way," says Senatore.

She tells parents not to deny to a child that the way she thinks is different from peers. The challenge and the ultimate goal is to help her see this as a positive and to help her take responsibility for disciplining it.

Of course, all the support at home will be undermined if a child feels unsuccessful at school. Diamond tells parents not to hesitate to ask for a transfer out of a classroom if a teacher is not willing to work with a child's strengths.

Energy bars confuse fitness fans

By Lillian Lee Kim
N.Y. Times News Service

Choosing an energy bar isn't quite as simple as trying to decide between Mounds and Almond Joy.

Whether you realize it or not, when you select an energy bar from the vast array available, you are making a statement about your personal nutritional regimen. You are taking a stand in the ongoing energy bar battle: crunchy versus chewy, more protein versus more carbohydrates, snack versus meal replacement.

At least one thing has been resolved: Energy bars have incontrovertibly proven that coating something with chocolate won't automatically make it taste good.

Yet the dubious taste of energy bars apparently haven't stymied their popularity among athletes and fitness enthusiasts. While nutritionists caution sports supplements shouldn't replace a regular, well-balanced meal, energy bars are undeniably convenient as an on-the-go snack.

As for their mediocre flavor and texture, perhaps people think they're like medicine. They taste funny, so they must be good for you.

"People don't like the taste of PowerBars, they're too chewy," said Wil Anderson, who works at the General Nutrition Center at Midtown's Rio Mall. "Some people force it, but they know they really don't like them."

Allergy season off to early start

By Jane E. Brody
N.Y. Times News Service

For some 40 million Americans with nasal allergies, the legacy of El Nino is expected to last well beyond the mild temperatures that graced the North and the torrential rains that afflicted the South and West this winter.

In the Northeast, many people allergic to tree pollen are already plagued with their annual torment of sneezes, itchy eyes and stuffy or runny noses. And in places like California, Florida and Alabama, where winter rains broke records and caused flooding, abundant vegetation will join a bumper crop of mold spores to produce an allergenic arsenal.

When nasal allergies are ignored, possible consequences include sinusitis, ear infections, nasal polyps and a worsening of asthma. Getting the upper hand on airborne allergens is especially important for people with asthma, who can suffer a potentially fatal respiratory crisis touched off by an allergen overload.

To minimize symptoms:

■ **Keep windows closed:** Both in the car and at home, use the air-conditioner (on "recirculate" if you have that setting) and have it serviced regularly to remove accumulated molds and dust.

■ **Reschedule outdoor activities:** To minimize exposure to pollen, the best time to be out is during the night. Alternatively, try to do outdoor activities just before or at daybreak.

■ **Exercise wisely:** Avoid exercise locations loaded with pollen or pollutants like fields of weeds and grasses and heavily trafficked areas. Consider wearing goggles or wrap-around glasses and a pollen-filtering nasal mask during the activity.

■ **Avoid irritants:** Inhalants like tobacco smoke, hair sprays, air fresheners, potpourris, perfumes, colognes and scented lotions, soaps and laundry detergents can aggravate nasal allergy symptoms.

■ **Control molds and dust:** If you cannot avoid exposure to molds, wear a face mask. Avoid decorating with knickknacks and other dust collectors, use dustproof covers on mattresses and pillows, cover windows with blinds or shades instead of curtains and clean often and well.

Nonetheless, PowerBar is among the most popular energy bars. PowerBar recently unveiled a new line of bars, PowerBar Harvest, that more closely approximate chewy granola bars in taste and texture.

Energy bars are basically two types: high-carbohydrate or high-protein. The dispute over which type is better extends beyond sports supplements into general nutrition and weight-loss plans, with proponents of each side armed with convincing arguments.

Two of the most popular brands, Balance and PRBar, fall into the high-protein category. Of the total calories in their bars, 40 percent come from carbohydrates, 30 percent from protein and 30 percent from fat — popularly referred to as the "40-30-30" plan.

Other top sellers such as PowerBar and Clif contain less protein and fat but more carbohydrates — and, consequently, more sugar.

Which kind you should choose depends on your particular dietary needs, says dietitian Page Love Johnson.

"Most Americans who are eating meat and drinking milk get enough protein," said Love Johnson, who has a master's degree in sports nutrition and works with many recreational and professional athletes in metro Atlanta.

"I usually suggest the high-carbohydrate bars because they need

those extra calories, and carbohydrates is the preferred fuel," she said. "The body can't store extra protein."

She only recommends high-protein bars for vegetarians and others whose regular diets don't include enough protein.

"I tend to discourage high-protein bars," Love Johnson said. "Some of these body-building types are going to do it anyway, so I try to show them how they can fit it into their entire day."

She said excess protein can overstress kidneys. Conversely, heavy carbohydrate consumption can lead to fluctuating blood sugar levels.

For that reason, Love Johnson advises checking the amount of sugar listed on the nutritional label. A good rule of thumb is to make sure the number of grams of sugar is no more than half the number of total grams of carbohydrates, she said.

Lastly, don't neglect to keep cost in mind. If filling up on carbohydrates is your goal, a large bagel can provide just as much, for less money.

Energy bars range in price from about 80 cents to \$3.50 each, although they can be purchased in bulk for a discount.

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Travel books are wild ride, just for the joy of it

By Richard P. Carpenter
N.Y. Times News Service

Some travel books are, well, ponderous. The authors spend so much time contemplating the meaning of life as they scale the Rocks of Petra, or whatever, that they seem to have forgotten about the joy of travel. But that's certainly not the case with Simon Mayle and "The Burial Brothers: From New York to Rio in a '73 Cadillac Hearse" (Ballantine, \$10.95, paperback).

It was early January 1993 when the author left New York City, his job, and his less than heavenly love life for the jaunt in a raven-black hearse to get there in time for Carnival, which, of course, is one big party. "Carnival," writes Mayle, "was the other side of fifteen thousand miles, thirteen frontiers, two or three war zones, two tropics, the equator, and the mighty Andes. All of it to get through. In about six weeks. In an old hearse. I did not anticipate any problems with this."

Right. After all, he did have two companions, and they could always pass themselves off as traveling morticians. So off they went, cruising through South America in the sweltering heat, encountering corrupt border guards, narco-thugs, a Nicaraguan house of ill fame, and several hearse breakdowns. But, after all, there was a party at stake.

Lawrence Millman likewise eschews the deep philosophical questions in "An Evening Among Headhunters: & Other Reports from Roads Less Traveled" (Lumen Editions, \$15.95, paperback). Millman travels to the kind of places that most of us will never get to (or might not want to, if we could), from the South Pacific to the Canadian Arctic. In this collection of essays, he drinks Tongan home brew and pronounces it "like a blend of liquefied mud and muddy rainwater with a dollop of dental anesthesia thrown in." He does battle with "war ticks" in Honduras, scratching all the while. He is invited by an Inuit family to dine on seal eye — raw, of course. And he has a certain portion of his anatomy mocked by Ecuador's Jivaro Indians. Good thing he has a sense of humor.

GUIDEBOOKS

Mobil's guides to various regions of the United States are among the most reliable and informative. This year, a couple of new editions have been added: "Florida" and "Southern California" (Fodor's \$12 each). These are excerpted from the guides encompassing wider areas, so you will find the same kind of no-nonsense listings and ratings of hotels and restaurants, as well as a summary of attractions. You'll also find some money-saving coupons.

This is the cyber age — or so they say. I suspect the Internet and related wonders are approximately where radio was in the 1920s or TV was in the 1950s. Nonetheless, more people are turning to computers, even when traveling. So here comes "Cybercafes: A World-Wide Guide for Travelers" by cyberkath@traveltales.com (Wandering Traveler Inc., \$9.95). The book tells where in the world you can log on to read and send e-mail and check the Net while having a cup of java or a bite of strudel. Prices and addresses are given, along with a couple of words (sometimes literally a couple of words) about nearby places to visit.

Our candidate for the most unusual travel book of the decade is "The Travellers' Guide to Mars" (Cadogan, \$6.95). Laid out in the same style as Cadogan's other fine (and more realistic) travel books, this guide provides, history, facts, and touring information about the Red Planet, which, the book says, boasts everything from "a switched-on rock scene" to the fact that "there's something going on 687 days a year." Wonder if you can get there in a '73 Cadillac hearse.

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Houston-based cruises improving

By Harry Shattuck
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — Houston's fledgling passenger cruise industry appears to be sailing toward smoother waters.

Among positive developments: Norwegian Cruise Line will replace its 25-year-old Norwegian Star with a newer, larger ship on weekly cruises to the Caribbean sailing from the Port of Houston beginning in December.

Following a succession of ill-fated cruises late last year, the Star is receiving accolades from more recent passengers.

Before bowing out of the Houston market in October, the Star will host four specialty sailings, including NCL's annual Sports Aloft cruises featuring professional basketball and hockey players.

First, the new ship: The Norwegian Sea will carry a maximum 1,534 passengers, almost double the Star's capacity, on seven-day sailings beginning Dec. 13 to Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico, and to Roatan in the Honduran Bay Islands. Cancun will replace Calica, also on the Yucatan Peninsula, as a port call.

The Sea, launched in 1988, has more on-board amenities and a more reliable track record than the 800-passenger Star, which had mechanical problems in November and December.

Previously known as the Seaward and currently used on seven-day itineraries in the southern Caribbean, the Norwegian Sea features two swimming pools; a spa and fitness center; four restaurants and cafes; eight bars

and lounges; a casino; a card room/library; and a 770-seat showroom for scaled-down Broadway-style productions.

The ship underwent a major refurbishment in 1995.

Pricing in 16 stateroom categories is undetermined, but the Sea currently carries higher average tariffs than the Star.

Ship reviews are mixed: "Fielding's Worldwide Cruises '98," the 18th edition of the industry's best-known guide, gave the Sea only three stars, the lowest rating among nine NCL vessels surveyed. (The Norwegian Star earned four stars.)

Authors Shirley Slater and Harry Basch criticized the ship's "cool, almost darkish interiors and upper decks, acres of painted metal and indoor/outdoor carpeting instead of teak."

But in "The Unofficial Guide to Cruises," winner of the prestigious Lowell Thomas Award as best new travel guidebook a year ago, authors Kay Showker and Bob Sehlinger called the Sea "a classy ship with wide appeal for all ages"; lauded its "contemporary, glamorous look"; and pronounced it ideal "for passengers who want the facilities of a superliner but in a warm, inviting ambience."

NCL's decision to upgrade its product demonstrates continued confidence in the Houston market. Despite a slight dropoff in January and February, the Star has averaged about 90 percent passenger capacity since its introduction last May.

Though NCL chairman Kristian Siem said earlier this month that the Texaribbean venture has yet to

provide the company an "adequate return" on its investment, he placed blame on the Star's low price structure.

Other factors affecting NCL's balance sheet no doubt include the extensive repairs required on the Star; the decision to cancel a sold-out New Year's cruise while the repairs were made; and costs associated with ongoing litigation filed by passengers on problem-plagued cruises.

Port of Houston Authority chairman Ned Holmes has pronounced NCL's presence a communitywide success that generates an estimated \$1 million per month for the local economy. Many passengers

arriving from outside Houston spend time here before or after a cruise, and the impact could increase significantly with the arrival of a larger ship.

The Norwegian Star is seeing brighter days, too.

Several passengers have written to applaud recent sailings. "Like other people, we read and heard report after report of the problems that occurred," wrote Reesa Gillette of Kemah. "At that time, we had booked and placed a deposit. After much consideration we decided to pay in full and take our chances. Our trip (Feb. 8-15) was the finest holiday I have ever taken."

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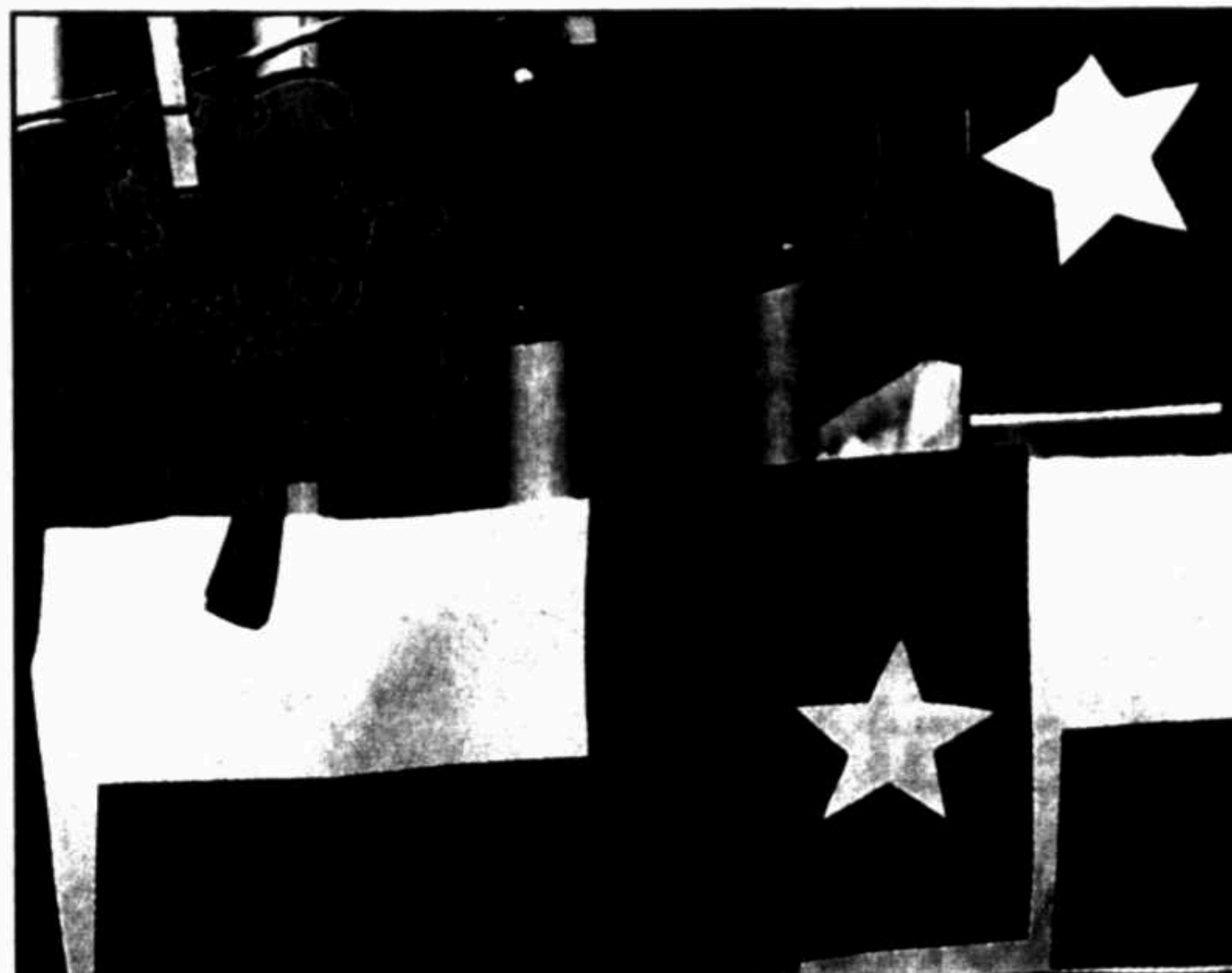


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EDUCATION



Midland Independent School District Head Start programs are at West and Bunche early education centers.

West student Joel Martinez dozes.



West student Ebone McAfee works with arts and crafts.

HEAD START helps children set A STEP AHEAD

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Head Start continues to brighten the school careers of young children.

Head Start is a federally funded program for low-income children ages 4 and up. Head Start has a home at two Midland Independent School District campuses, Bunche and West early childhood centers.

MISD is currently taking applications from parents for the next school year.

Head Start is a prekindergarten program that gives small children pre-reading, thinking and socialization skills before entering elementary schools.

The program has served more than 15 million children across the nation since its inception in 1965.

Barbara Trube and Patricia Stevens, principals of the Head Start programs at Bunche and West, respectively, said the \$1.3 million, 323-student program in Midland has put many children in difficult situations on the road to success.

Ms. Trube said Head Start provides an avenue of success for children with a variety of hands-on education activities, nutrition and health concepts.

"It gives them an opportunity to be in a quality environment," she said. "We don't talk about discipline. We talk about guidance. We focus on health and self-concepts."

Ms. Stevens said Head Start goes beyond education of the young children. It also can provide social and health services for the children and their families.

"It's to help them help themselves," Ms. Stevens said. "It's not just a giveaway."

Head Start was modeled after observations of educators of children in prekindergarten, she said.

"One of the reasons it was started was that many of the middle-class parents would put their children in preschool," she said. "Those children were getting even further ahead in terms of starting school (kindergarten)."

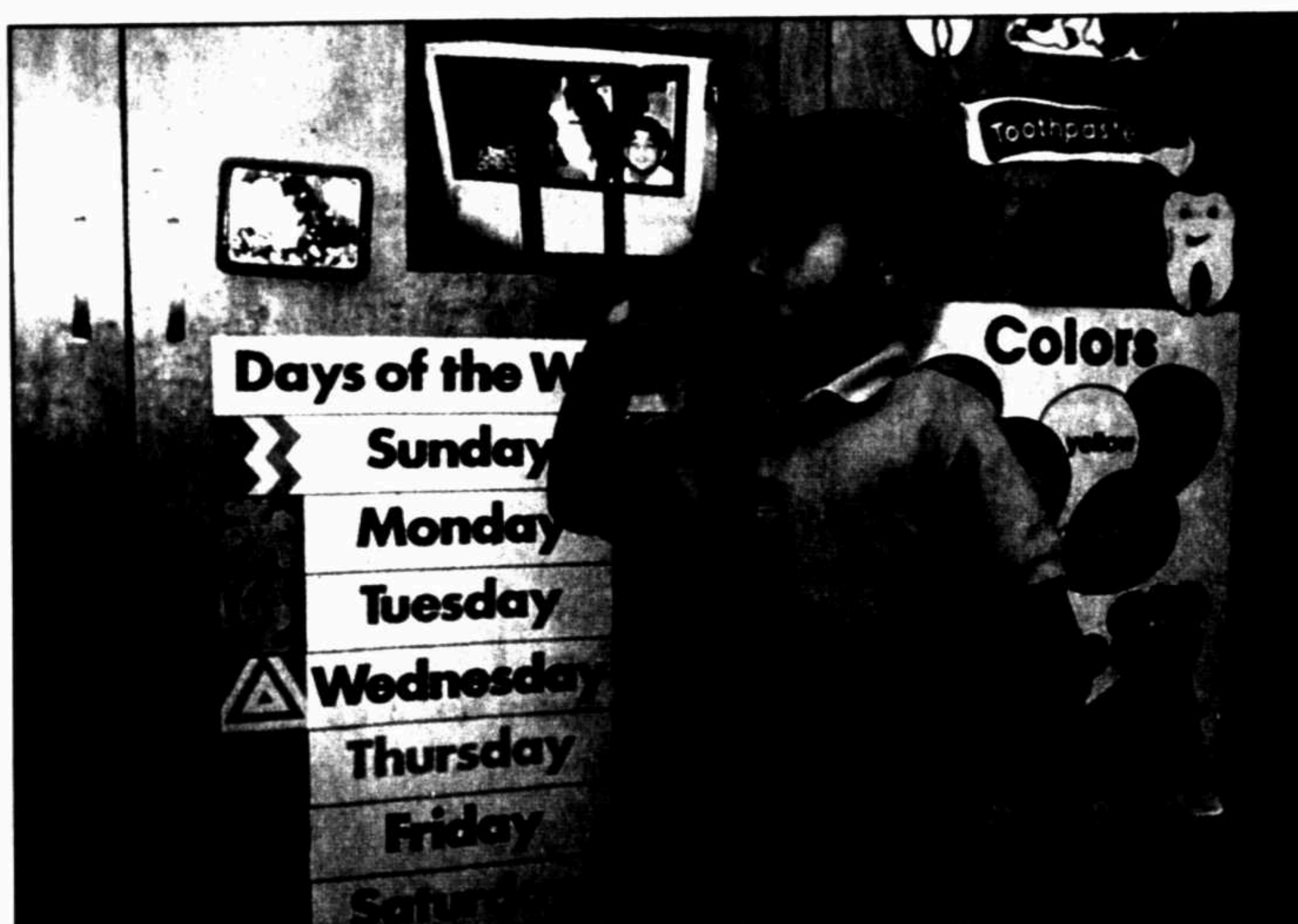
While there is plenty of socialization and social programs built into Head Start, it is designed to prepare the children for kindergarten and the later years. Ms. Stevens said early childhood-Head Start can help children meet Gov. George Bush's reading on grade level initiative.

"Many of these children do not have materials at home to read," she said. "When you're in poverty you don't buy books."

The federal program attempts to develop the children's language and vocabulary skills.

"Head Start tries to provide as many experiences for these children as possible," Ms. Stevens said. "One of the things that brain research is finding out is that children have to be actively involved to be learning. They don't learn by being

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT Bunche student Gabriel Rios gallops on a stick horse. Bunche student Emilio Cano brushes his teeth as part of a personal hygiene lesson. Bunche students Jose Martinez, left, and Ramon Villa ride a makeshift horse.

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Samaritan events at MC

A free workshop for parents of children with Attention Deficit Disorder as well as for adults with the behavioral condition is being offered at Midland College 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 4.

Co-Sponsored by MC, Samaritan Counseling Center and Shir Richwood, Inc., the workshop faculty have experience working with patients using behavior modifications as well as medicines.

Co-Presenters will be Dr. Ron Meyer of Samaritan Counseling Center and Prerak Doctor, M.D., P.A. of Midland.

CEUs will be available through the college for a fee of \$10 for the following professionals: LPCs, LCDCS, social workers, nurses and LMFTs. The workshop will be in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. For more information call 563-4144.

And, registration deadline is Tuesday, March 31 for the "Silver Samaritan Swing" adult doubles tennis tournament at Midland College.

For a tax-deductible fee of \$45, players can enter the round-robin pro set event that will be played all day Saturday, April 4.

Perks include free admission to Friday evening's pro exhibition and sports injury clinic 5-8 p.m. at Chap Center and the awards reception at La Bodega Restaurant. Children can get a lesson in balloon tennis from tennis pro Luis Valdez.

The tennis events will benefit Samaritan Counseling Center as it celebrates 25 years of service to the Permian Basin. Registration forms are available at all tennis centers. Or to register by phone, call Samaritan at 563-4144.

Geotech series continues

Midland College's Distinguished Speaker Series, sponsored by Midland College's Advanced Petroleum Geotechnical Training program, continues March 30 with Wardell Lisk of Austral Oil Company speaking on Nuclear Fracturing of an Oil Well. Additional sessions will be each Monday at noon, through April 4, in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium of the Allison Fine Arts Building. For more information call Woody Woodside, 687-1965.

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MC student government wins state presidency

The Midland College Student Government Association (MCSGA) was elected state president of the Texas Junior College Student Government Association for 1998-99 year.

Midland College was selected at the 23rd Annual Texas Junior College Student Government Association Convention (TJCSGA) March 19-22 in San Antonio.

Also, Trey Morris, Midland College's TJCSGA executive board representative, was named Student of the Year.

"This year we worked extremely hard to improve the organization of the association," Morris said.

"Even though the convention was during spring break, there were more schools and more delegates than ever before because we went to regional conventions and got people excited about attending the convention and about being a part of TJCSGA," he said.

MCSGA adviser Jan Reed said that Morris received the award because of his hard work and commitment to the student government and to the community.

Morris was largely responsible for organizing the Academic Challenge, an academic contest for area high school students sponsored by MC, Odessa College, Howard College and UTPB, Reed said.

Also, Morris helped to rewrite TJCSGA constitution to make it more effective in serving the member colleges and their communities, she said. Morris also was responsible for creating the Student Uniformity Book, which



Above: Among the Midland College students attending the TJCSGA convention were (left to right, top row) Mykal Van Stavern, Amber Lemley, Bill Costanzo, Alisse Bradberry, Sarah Leurhing and Debi Oknefski, and (bottom row, left to right), Staci Stevenson, Bryan Williams, Rebecca Buchanan, Jamie Bragg and Michael Lattibaudiere. Right: Midland College student Trey Morris was named TJCSGA student of the year at the organization's state convention in San Antonio.

includes the constitution, roster, bylaws, competition guidelines for TJCSGA.

The new format is helping to make TJCSGA more organized and a more effective group, Reed said. The success of the convention marks a new chapter in the organization, Morris said.

"We've pulled ourselves together as an association and now we're ready to use the resources and the influence of TJCSGA to improve the lives of junior college students in Texas," he said.

"We will work very hard to ensure that student concerns on issues ranging from student loan interest rates to discrimination to Social Security and Medicare are heard by the Texas legislature."

Morris, who also served on the executive



board as state parliamentarian, Debi Oknefski, MCSGA vice-president, and Staci Stevenson, MCSGA secretary, conducted four of the 21 workshops held at the convention. Morris' workshop helped students with parliamentary procedure. Oknefski's and Stevenson's workshops dealt with creative programming, fund-raising and publicizing events.

Midland College was represented by 23 student delegates and two advisers. MC received awards for bringing the largest delegation, and a third place for theme song and a second place for essay. Midland College was among 46 delegations from across Texas to attend the convention.

Businesses sign up for Job Fair '98

Midland College's annual Job Fair has become an important means of networking between people who are looking for jobs and employers looking for employees, according to Connie Beversdorf, MC Job Placement coordinator.

This year, more than 60 employers have already registered to participate in Job Fair '98. Last year the event drew some 1,000 job seekers from around the Permian Basin.

Job Fair '98 is set for 1-4 p.m., Thursday, April 2 in Midland College's Chaparral Center. Representatives from businesses will be on hand to talk about entering the job market as well as to discuss specific job vacancies available.

"Potential employees should be sure to bring several copies of their resumes to distribute to company representatives," Beversdorf said.

"The goal is for this to be the best Job Fair in West Texas and to become an event the public looks forward to attending," she said.

The MC Job Fair '98 is free and open to the public. For more information about how your business can participate or for more information about attending the Job Fair, contact Beversdorf at 685-4716.

Business and schools scheduled to be at Job Fair '98 are:

Arco Permian, Camp Fire Boys & Girls, Complete Care Services, Cornell Corrections, Bobby Cox Companies (Rosa's Café, Taco Villa, Grillz, Texas Burger, Blockbuster), City of Midland, Domino's Pizza, Dowell Schlumberger and DP Personnel.

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2nd Orientation session set

Prospective Midland College students have an opportunity to get answers to questions about enrolling at Midland College.

The Midland College Student Service personnel are offering an Student Orientation class for students who want more information about attending Midland College.

The session will be 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 6, in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer

Student Center.

Topics covered will include information on registration, choosing a major, transferring to a four-year university, financial aid, student activities, TASP and placement testing.

Counselors, administrators and student services personnel will be on hand to assist students. For more information, call the Student Services office, 685-4501.

Continuing Education

The following continuing education class are being offered. For registration information, call 685-4518. For information about the three-week truck driving course taught by MTA Schools through Midland College, call 1-800-391-0777.

Flyfishing, Beginning will be 6-8:30 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays, April 6 through April 20. John Sheffield is the instructor.

Bridge II will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 7 through May 26. Jerry Crocker is the instructor.

Quicken will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, April 4. Kim Payne is the instructor.

Mackintosh to be next Davidson speaker

Prudence Mackintosh, author and contributing editor to *Texas Monthly*, will be the next speaker for the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series at Midland College.

She is scheduled to speak 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 20 at Chaparral Center.

She has been a contributing editor for *Texas Monthly* since its inception 1973. Since then

she gained an enthusiastic following with her witty essays on Texas rites of passage as well as her amusing observations on rearing three sons.

Her work has appeared in many magazines and newspapers around the country including *McCall's*, *Redbook* and the *Dallas Morning News*. She is the author of *Thundering Sneakers* (1981) and *Retreads* (1985). In the fall of 1996 the University of Texas Press published a collection of her writing about women in Texas, *Just As We Were: A Narrow Slice of Texas Womanhood*. She is at work on her third book, *No Strongs*.

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Campus winner

Keep Midland Beautiful has named Emerson Elementary School as the March campus award winner. Students and staff members planted seasonal flowers in the inner courtyard. Posing with members of Jenny Klatt's kindergarten class are Mary Anne Dingus, from left, KMB board member; groundskeepers Nathan Lewis, Gilbert Ortega and Gilbert Barela; and Dalia Benavides, administrative intern.

MAKING THE GRADE

The Midland West Rotary Club named **Sonahia Toro** as their student of the week.

Ms. Toro, daughter of Porfirio and Lourdes Toro of Midland, attends Midland Lee High School.

Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, All-American Scholar, National Leadership and Service Award and National Science Award.

She plans to attend Midland College and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin to prepare for medical school.

DALLAS — Stephen Meyer Houghton, a first-year student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll.

Houghton is the son of John C. Houghton of Midland and Jayne Houghton of Ruidosa, N.M.

The Midland West Rotary Club named **Katy McClane** as their student of the week.

Ms. McClane is the daughter of Tonya McClane of Midland and attends Midland Lee High School.

Her honors and activities include Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America.

Ms. McClane plans to attend UTPB then go on to Texas Tech University and major in accounting.

The Midland Downtown Lion's Club named **John Simmons**, **Amanda Urquidez** and **Dani Morris** as the Junior Lions for the week.

Simmons, son of Barre Walton and Jackie Lee, attends Midland High School.

His honors and activities include Student Council, National Honor

Society, National Merit Finalist, Rotary Club, Who's Who Among American High School Students and Texas Scholars.

He plans to attend Texas A&M and major in biomedical engineering.

Ms. Urquidez, daughter of Mary Urquidez, attends Lee High School.

Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, D-FY-IT, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Texas Scholar.

She plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and major in business.

Ms. Morris, daughter of Robert and Michelle Morris of Midland, attends Lee High School.

Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Texas Scholars, D-FY-IT, Regional Competition Diving and National Organization of Graduate Women.

She plans to attend BYU this fall and major in early childhood development and elementary education.

The Midland Rotary Club named **Wendy Michele Bowen** and **Scott Alan Reed** as their students of the week.

Ms. Bowen, daughter of John and Dawn Bowen of Greenwood, attends Greenwood High School.

Her honors and activities include Outstanding Colorguard, First Chair Flute, Uniform Officer and Woodwind Officer.

She plans to attend Midland College for two years and then attend ASU.

Reed, son of Sammy and Susan Reed of Greenwood, attends Greenwood High School.

His honors and activities include D-FY-IT, National Honor Society, English Merit Award, Academic



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He plans to attend Midland college and then attend Texas A&M University.

Whitney Lanier, daughter of Bob and Karen Lanier and a junior at Baylor University, was named to the Dean's Academic Honors List for the Fall Semester, 1997.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Midland High School student **Brenna Byerlotzer** has been accepted by Youth For Understanding International Exchange to spend time in The Netherlands.

In addition to the American Overseas Program, YFU offers American families the opportunity to host an international student.

For more information about YFU programs, please call 1-800-833-6243.

Petrolia Independent School District is planning a student reunion June 12-13.

Visitation is set for 6:30-9 p.m. June 12 and beginning June 13 9 a.m. at the high school gym. Lunch will be at noon.

For more information or to make reservations call Wanda Helm at 1-940-524-3555.

Former teachers are also urged to attend.

Forty-five students from France are to spend four weeks this summer with families throughout Texas. The students, ages 13-18, want to live the ordinary

life of their host families, speak English, and gain a better understanding of American ways.

The students are from all parts of France and are sponsored by Nacel Open Door, a non-profit organization specializing in one-month summer homestays for European and American students.

The homestay dates are July 1-28 and July 8 - Aug. 4. For more information contact Leslie Prastile at (915) 557-0008 or fax (915) 699-4154.

American Intercultural Student Exchange is currently accepting applications from families across the nation who are interested in hosting a foreign exchange student for the upcoming school year.

Host families provide students with a room and meals.

For further information on hosting an AISE student in your home please call 1-800-SIBLING.

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Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes and syrup or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Pepperoni or sausage pizza or fettuccine alfredo, green beans, pear salad, bread sticks, fruit drink, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Blueberry coffee cake or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Country steak or lasagna, tiny new potatoes, spinach, tossed salad, french bread, fruit drink, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Waffles and syrup or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger, cheeseburger or baked ham, crispy potato cubes, blackeyed peas, lettuce and tomatoes, peaches, fruit drink, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Turkey fajitas or nacho grande, refried beans, lettuce and tomatoes, pineapple, fruit drink, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito or assort-

ed cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Chili dog, hot dog or bean and cheese chalupa, golden corn, raw veggies with dip, cornbread, fruit, fruit drink, milk.

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Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Salmon patties, macaroni and cheese, English peas, hot rolls, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Pop tarts, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, chilled peaches, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Bacon and eggs, biscuits and jelly, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, hot sauce-cheese cups, Jello with fruit, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cereal, sausage, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Hoagie sandwich with cheese, chips, lettuce-tomato-pickles, chilled pears, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad with pickles, ranger cake, milk.

AHEAD: Program emphasizes health, self-esteem

(From 1E)

told." Head Start teachers at both West and Bunche said the program is a means to success for their children.

At Bunche, Evangelina Enriquez said her classroom provides plenty of educational games and creative activities for her children.

"We're promoting and developing their fine motor skills and their thinking and reasoning, and being able to just use their imagination and be creative," she said.

Parents are involved in the program as well, and are encouraged to visit the classrooms. Ms. Enriquez became involved with Head Start as a parent of two daughters. Ms. Trube pointed out.

"Parents are a big part of the program," Ms. Trube said. "Mrs. Enriquez is certainly one of the most valuable teachers we have. She knows it as a parent."

Ms. Enriquez's classroom includes a pair of multimedia computers with programs to teach children eye and hand coordination and real-world skills. Ramiro Rodriguez was "building" images out of wood on the computer using point and click tools.

"I like to build stuff," Ramiro said.

Next to Ramiro, Rebecca Ramirez was playing the card game "Concentration" on the computer.

"I like to learn that game," Rebecca said.

The teacher recently had a "Wild West" theme for her class. She had a wooden horse and pretend covered wagon for her children. Jose Martinez was among those who rocked back on the horse, imagining that he was a cowboy.

"I just like it," he said. "I was

going to the ranch. I'm going to go eat at the ranch. I'm going to get all the cows together and put them up. I'm going to give them a bath."

It may look like play but it has a purpose, Ms. Enriquez said.

Head Start teachers do themes throughout the year.

"This is coinciding with their ability to pretend and act out," she said. "When we do space (themes), I put up my props for space for them to understand what it's like."

At West, Estella Galindo's students wrote thank you letters to Barnes & Noble Booksellers for treating them to story time. Head Start classes take field trips to museums, city hall and other places around town.

Ms. Galindo said the program gives the small children exposure to the real world and to school.

"They know what school is like and they're ready," Ms. Galindo said. "I have spoken with many kindergarten teachers and they've said that children who are in Head Start seem to be better prepared."

The children in Ms. Galindo's class paused for snack time. Head Start provides nutritious meals and snacks. Mariela Hernandez gulped down her raisins.

Mariela said she was surprised that Barnes & Noble had toys.

"I like all the books and toys," Mariela said. "I liked Clifford, A Pocket for Corduroy."

Carlos Daniel said he liked the bookstore, too.

"I like the dinosaur books, when they fought," he said.

Down the hall in West, Nina Green had her students match pairs of colored clothes pins with different colored horse cut-outs.

"It's how we develop pincer grasp control... and color matching," she said.

Ebone McAfee said she enjoyed matching the horses.

"I like matching them, because it's toys," she said. "(I used) my eyes to match them."

For Ms. Enriquez at Bunche, there's no doubt in her mind that Head Start works. Her two daughters, 18-year-old Amy and 20-year-old Selena, both were in Head Start. Both attend Midland College now and have bright futures.

"Both of my daughters have graduated with honors from high school," she said. "The oldest is going to be an R.N. The 18-year-old wants to be an optometrist."

That success awaits many other Head Start children, she said.

"I've seen it with my children and I've also seen it with a lot of ex-students. Some are in gifted and talented programs."

Head Start tries to do the same for parents by providing them with job training and ways for them to obtain GEDs, Ms. Stevens said.

West and Bunche will take applications again in April and May. For more information parents can call Bunche at 689-1410 and West at 689-1580.

MISD For every child.		April 1998 Calendar of Events	
Monthly Meetings		Child Abuse Prevention Month Keep America Beautiful Month Mathematics Education Month	
School Board	April 14 & 27	2	International Children's Book Day
Board Briefing	12:00 p.m. Rm. 624	4	ACT Testing
Admin. Bldg.		5	Daylight Savings Time
April 14 & 28		8	End of 5th Six Weeks
Reg. Meeting	4:00 p.m.	9	Snow Day
MISD Board Room		10	Student Holiday, Good Friday
City Council PTA	April 6 - 12:15 p.m.	12	Easter
April 6 - 12:15 p.m.		13	Snow Day
South Elementary		13-20	Public School Volunteer Week
City Council PTA Board	April 27 - 12:15 p.m.	19-24	Reading Is Fun Week
April 27 - 12:15 p.m.			Library Week
Rm. 420 Admin. Bldg.			Student Leadership Week
Teacher Comm. Ctee.	April 16 - 4:15 p.m.	22-28	Week of the Young Child
April 16 - 4:15 p.m.			TV-Turnoff Week
Rm. 101 Admin. Bldg.			Waiver Day - Bunche, West ECCs
DEIC	April 20 - 4:00 p.m.	27	Volunteer Awards Luncheon, 11:30
April 20 - 4:00 p.m.		28	TAAS Math, Grades 3-8
Rm. 420 Admin. Bldg.			TAAS Math, Spanish, Grades 3-6
Mtg. followed by			TAAS Writing, Exit level
Dinner w/ Board.		29	TAAS Reading, Grades 3-8
.....			TAAS Reading, Spanish, Grades 3-6
For more information,			TAAS Math, Exit level
call MISD		30	Retiree Dinner, 7 p.m.
Community Relations			TAAS Social Studies, Grade 8
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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Concert planned

The West Texas Jazz Society presents pianist and singer Lennie Bluet with bassist Mark Lowe and drummer Neal Goates April 18 in the Midland Hilton ballroom.

Bluet has performed in some of the top hotels and nightclubs from Morocco to Sweden and cruised the seas from Russia to South America on the Royal Viking Cruise Line.

He has been in films with such names as Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy, Mary Martin, Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable, Vivian Leigh, and tested for the role of Sam in "Casablanca." He recently returned to the United States after a three-year period of appearances at two 5-star hotels in Casablanca, Morocco.

Admission is free to members, \$15 for non-members and \$5 for students. Reserved seating is an additional \$10.

Book signing

The Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., is hosting a book signing of "Run with the Horses," a novel from Joan Stocks Nobles on Thursday.

The author will be available from 2:30 to 6 p.m. to personalize purchases. The public is invited to come by.

Works selected

Several works by Midland photographer Sam Hurt have been selected to be included in juried shows.

His photograph "Homage to Weston" was accepted into the Bosque County Conservatory of Fine Arts Viewpoint '98 show which continues through April 18 in Clifton. Judging the show was Steve Goff, chairman of the Mass Communications Department and head of the Photography Program at Odessa College.

In addition, Hurt's work was accepted into the New Mexico Photographer's National Competition at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales. The works will remain on view through April 10.

Juror John Cacciatore, director and curator of Dartmouth Street Gallery, Albuquerque, chose 36 works for inclusion in the exhibit at Rannels Gallery at the University and for publication in the summer issue of New Mexico Photographer Magazine, which will be published in May.

Midlander's work

Womanmade Gallery in Chicago, Ill., will include work by Mid-

land artist Jan Foust Hurt. A sculpture by Mrs. Hurt was accepted in the national competition "It's My Doll and I Do What I Want To."

The exhibition opens May 1 and continues through May 28. Mrs. Hurt's works is exhibited locally in Midland Art Association's Spring Juried Show at the Museum of the Southwest, and the Odessa Art Association Show at the Ellen Noel Art Museum.

Writers invited

All writers, whether expert or novice, for fun or for profit, are encouraged to attend the next meeting of the West Texas Writers, according to a news release from W.H. "Hank" Kirk.

The meeting is set for 2 p.m. April 4 in the second floor meeting room at Midland Public County Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Humorist Cy DeBoer will present the program. To illustrate her sense of humor, the following definitions are from her book "Take a Woman's Word for It": Luxury, being alone in the bathroom; active, man who doesn't use the remote; hyper-active, man who gets his own beer; and lagoon, la husband's best friend.

Ms. DeBoer will tell about her experiences developing the book, getting started writing and her plans for future books. Writers are encouraged to arrive early and visit with the speaker and other writers at the meeting.

Copies of her book will be available for those interested in purchasing a copy.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Artists, illustrators and photographers also are invited. For more information call John Comeaux, president, 682-5370.

Ballet performs

LUBBOCK — The Bolshoi Ballet performs April 25 at Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

Lubbock is one of only 23 cities that will be visited on this U.S. tour, said Stacey Monk, cultural events program assistant for University Center Activities, Texas Tech University. "This is the first American tour sanctioned by the Bolshoi Ballet in over 30 years."

The program, which features 24 dancers from Moscow's Bolshoi and a live chamber orchestra, will include excerpts of several major classical ballets, including "Don Quixote," "Swan Lake," "La Bayadere," "Nutcracker" and others.

Tickets go on sale April 6 at the University Center Ticket Booth, 1-806-742-3610. Groups of 10 or more

can purchase by advance mail order. For details call Ms. Monk, 1-806-742-3621.

Lunches to resume

Brown Bag Lunch programs at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., resume April 1 with the video series "American Visions." The video will be shown at noon on successive Wednesdays through May 20 in the Turner Mansion Library.

The series explores the history of American art and architecture with Time magazine art critic Robert Hughes as guide and commentator.

Participants are invited to bring a lunch. Drinks will be provided. Danny Holeva, the museum's curator of collections and exhibitions, or another staff member will introduce each segment. Questions and comments will be welcomed as the video examines 200 years of America's visual culture and the messages art conveys about the nation.

Oils displayed

Original oils by Midland artist Sharon V. Ross Jackson will be on display April 1 through May 18 at Midland Country Club.

Ms. Jackson is a portrait artist, juried member of Oil Painters of America and the American Society of Portrait Artists.

Play to close

The Pickwick Players' production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," closes with a 2 p.m. show today at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Production team members include Tracy Goodwin, director; Justin Evans, assistant director; Jeremy Wood, stage manager; Sharon Goetz, costumes; Edward W. Taylor, light and sound; Paul Fiorella, set; Greg Alexander, construction; and Tracy Alexander, makeup.

Cast members include Justin Tate, John Schneiderwind, Matt Lambdin, Morgan Merritt, Ryan Britt, Kathryn Yarbrough, Kobi Nix, Becky James, Jessica Blake, Brooke Shannon, Kelli Barrow and Sarah Hobby. Stage musician is Susan Hochman.

The Pickwick Players, Midland Community Theatre's youth performing troupe, will perform for the fifth graders of Midland Independent School District Monday and Tuesday.

Tickets for today's show are \$5 with group rates for 15 or more in a group. For reservations call the box office, 682-4111.

Instead of a gala to support the

troupe, the students and director are asking MCT's patrons to bring a piece of children's clothing, new or like new, to the box office when buying tickets and receive \$1 off the ticket price. This discount does not apply to Pickwick Player coupons. The children's clothing will be donated to Casa de Amigos.

In the gallery at Cole Theatre, Peggy Catlett's oils of the Southwest and historically correct Native American subjects are on display through the run of "The Shadow Box," set to close April 11.

Concert set

Bryan White and Leann Rimes will play Ector County Coliseum April 28. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at Endless Horizons, Odessa; CD Warehouse, Midland; Sound Decision, Big Spring; and Dan's Music and Video, Pecos. They may also be purchased by calling 1-800-462-7979. Price is \$22.50 or \$27.50. Both have a \$2.50 service charge.

Performances set

LUBBOCK — Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" comes to the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium for three performance April 7-9.

The production is sponsored by Celebrity Attractions and Civic Lubbock, Inc. Tickets will be purchased through Select-A-Seat, 1-806-770-2000. Groups of 20 or more may purchase tickets at a discount by calling 1-800-869-1451.

Open Show set

Gallery 1114 has announced its '98 Open Show set for April 4-26 at the gallery, 1114 N. Big Spring St.

The Open Show is open to anyone in West Texas. Each year the show draws an eclectic range of entries: furniture, music, poetry, paintings, photography, sculpture and more. Entries are \$6 each. Age categories are youth, 13-18, kid, 12 and under, and all others.

All 2-D work must be wired for hanging and framed or finished with an appropriate edge. All performance pieces must be submitted during regular delivery times and will be performed at 7 p.m. April 4 at the opening reception.

Deliver art to 1114 N. Big Spring St. today or April 2-3. Work must be picked up May 2-3, 7-10 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Judges are Kitt Beck, Carl Kullman and Mark Swindler. Prizes plus gift awards will be announced at 8 p.m. April 4.

The show's focus is creativity. The work may be viewed Thursday through Sunday April 5-26 or by appointment. For more informa-

tion call 685-9944. The opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. April 4 is open to the public.

Opree on stage

ODESSA — Odessa's Brand New Opree will be on stage at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa College campus, beginning at 7 p.m. April 4.

The evening starts with gospel music featuring First Jubilation then moves to country featuring Eric Andrews and Friends.

An early bird special will be presented at 6:30 p.m. by Ben Evans. Pre-sale tickets are \$3 for open seating. A the door, tickets are \$4 for open seating and \$6 reserved. For reservations call 1-915-332-1586.

Works displayed

Works by Arizona-based artist Mark McDowell are on display in the Here and Now Gallery at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through April 26.

The Pennsylvania-born artist, primarily a painter in oils, has experimented with a variety of media and subject matter. He documents objects of today in a form of contemporary still life often creating visual puns and metaphors. His subjects have included artificial hearts, microwave ovens, race cars, mobile home trailers and flowers.

Public viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

Exhibition to close

ODESSA — The Odessa Art Association's 40th annual Permian Basin Art Exhibition closes today at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University.

The juror for this year's exhibition was Xiang Zhang. Zhang graduated from Central Academy of Drama in Beijing and Tulane University in New Orleans with bachelor and master's of fine arts degrees. He is a member of the Oil Painters of America and is a Knickerbocker Artist.

Best of Show went to "Domo, Florence" by Midland artist Doris Spire.

The Grumbacher Gold Medal Award went to "Chinese Back Pack" by Carol Galenbeck; the Dick Blick Award went to "Antiques, Ect" by Kay Smith; and the Swartz Framing Award went to "Pow Wow Time" by Ann Lane.

Other winners included: Oil category, first, "Cochiti County" by Buff Cooke; second, "Cotton Wood Creek" by Dan Haller; third, "Ducal Palace,

Venice 1995" by Phil Prudhomme; and honorable mentions, "Tucson Rock Cat" by Jo Inabnet and "Cat-tails" by Mary Evelyn Jones.

Watercolor category, first, "Sun Colored Aloe" by Janet Haney; second, "Seymouria Baylorensis" by Rene Wojcik; third, "Wildlife" by Bozema Kaczan; and honorable mentions to "Forth Worth Spudger" by Patrick White, and "Coeur" and "Catch of the Day," both by Janet Haney.

Pastels category, first, "Favorite Scarf" by Ann Lane; second, "Don't Be Scared" by Mary Kay Gwinn; third, "Native Threads" by Carol Galenbeck; and honorable mentions to "Two Beauties" by Reba Bailey, "Lion on a Ledge" by Jo Inabnet and "Jazz Singer" by Chris Scott.

Mixed media/graphics category, first, "Self Portrait II" by Ronda Mareschal; second, "Portals II" by Katie Heck; third, "Union" by Jan F. Hurt; and honorable mention to "Leave the Light On" by Tacey Perillo.

Photography, first, "Fountain of Youth" by Sam Hurt; second, "Arches of Venice" by Nancy Dye; third, "Truck, Stanley, N.M." by Ravada Bowers; and honorable mentions to "Up From the Tomb" by Mary Evelyn Jones and "Morning Spender" by Jane Stevenson.

And sculpture/pottery category, first "Untitled II" by De' Ann Erwin; second, "Pumpkin Face" by Kitt Blair Beck; and third, "Glimpse of Europe" by Nancy Dye, who also received an honorable mention for "Texas Wildflowers."

The exhibition, sponsored by the Odessa Cultural Council, consists of a range of mediums, from oil paintings and pastel drawings to three-dimensional sculptures. Hours are 2 to 5 p.m. today.

Applications taken

ROSWELL, N.M. — Applications are now being accepted for ARTFAIRE '98 to be held April 25-26 in the Commercial Building at Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds here.

The show, Roswell's largest, is in its 10th year and will again feature arts and crafts items for sale by artists and craftsmen from across the United States. Persons wishing to participate or desiring more information regarding participation need to contact the show promoters at 1-505-622-0985 or write to: ARTFAIRE '98, 1310 W. Bonita, Roswell, N.M. 88201.

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and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin are presenting "The Shadow Box" in Mabey Theatre II at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Michael Cristofor's play, winner of the 1977 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, centers around the denial, fear and rage familiar to those who have lost a loved one to a lengthy illness. The sometimes funny and often ironic drama provides an insightful account of the way in which these families find dignity and courage in the face of tragedy.

For ticket information call MCT's Box Office, 682-4111. Co-producer is NationsBank. The drama is recommended for adults.

Cast members include Michael Fields, Christina Little, Zachery Dickinson, Kirk Lammert, Matt Dennis, Cindy Oglesby, Jo Hayes, Leslie Cook and Tracy Alexander as the interviewer.

Dr. Shawn Watson, the chair of the Department of Humanities and Fine Arts at UTPB, is directing. Deb Morton is the stage manager. Others involved in the production include Paul Fiorella, set; Greg Alexander, technical; Edward W. Taylor, lighting and sound; and Sharon Goetz, costumer.

Recently, Midland Community Theatre, Inc., signed an agreement with Midland College and UTPB to form a partnership in order to establish a bachelor's program in theater. "The Shadow Box" continues the theater's tradition of working with UTPB and its students.

In the gallery at Theatre Midland, ACT IX is exhibiting oil paintings by Peggy Catlett during the run of the play. The works may be seen during working hours and on production evenings.

Exhibit shown

AUSTIN — Wild About Music, Inc. is showing an exclusive exhibit of the original artwork of Texas musician Joe Ely.

The exhibit, "Another Sanity," continues until May 17, just after the U.S. release of Ely's new CD, his 15th. Featured visual works include "The Jail Series," "The Chippy Series," "Italian Fences," "Western Real Estate," "Letters to Laredo," "SXSW," "The Texas Parole Board," "Pig of Good Luck," sketches from years spent riding freight trains and hitchhiking the world, plus a rare look at and listen to Ely's radically experimental 1984 "Hi-Res" record album (MCT) including the actual Apple II-Plus computer that helped create it, from cover art and liner notes to explorations within the music itself.

The gallery, an art and gift gallery dedicated to music-themed works, is at 721 Congress Ave. For more information call 1-512-708-1700.

Painting displayed

A landscape painting by Fay Grissett of a scene near Santa Fe, N.M., remains on display through Tuesday at Bank One, 2301 W. Wall Ave.

Mrs. Grissett is a former art teacher in the Midland Independent School District, a member of The Palette Club, Midland Arts Association and other professional organizations. Her paintings have been shown throughout the

Permian Basin.

Festival planned

ODESSA — The second annual Festival of the Arts showcasing the talents of Odessa College students and faculty is scheduled to run April 4-May 8 on the OC campus.

The festival will begin with a musical revue of favorite songs from the last 100 years performed by the Odessa College Vocal Ensemble and Choir beginning at 7:30 p.m. April 4 in Deaderick Auditorium. Cost to attend "100 Years of Broadway" is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children. OC employees and students with OC ID may attend free.

The photography and art departments will have an open house catered by culinary arts at 6 p.m. April 16 in Sedate Hall. Demonstrations will be given on computer graphics and "How to Make Copies of Slides of Your Art Work." Visitors may tour the photography facilities and attend a pottery sale.

The OC Concert Band will present a concert at 8 p.m. April 17 in Deaderick Auditorium. The program, "All American All the Time," will celebrate the history of music in America and feature many different styles of American music. The concert will end on a patriotic note.

Participating in the concert will be solo trumpeter Staff Sgt. Susan Rider, U.S. Marine Corps band, a former member of the OC Concert Band and past Midland-Odessa Symphony principal trumpeter.

"An Evening of Radio Theater and Literature" will begin at 7:30 p.m. April 18 in Deaderick Auditorium. OC students will have parts in two contemporary radio plays, "Buck Nelson's Space Convention," written by Dan Coffee, Public radio's Dr. Science, and "Cowtipping."

OC English faculty Beverly Forsyth, Ivan Reytez and David Mulry will read works they have written.

Student art awards will be presented at a reception April 23. The reception will be from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center. The awards will be given at 7:30 p.m.

The OC Choir's spring concert will be presented at 2 p.m. April 26 in Deaderick Auditorium. The choir will be accompanied by members of the Midland-Odessa Symphony. The program will include spirituals, Mozart vespers and Howard Hanson's "Song of Democracy."

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children. OC employees and students with OC ID may attend free.

The OC Jazz band will perform at 8 p.m. May 8 in Deaderick Auditorium. The band will present a mix of jazz, swing and rock featuring soloists from the band. Admission is \$5 and free for all students and OC employees.

Display to close

A display of oils by Aimee Bourque Sanchez closes Tuesday in the Midland American Bank.

Ms. Sanchez also has one of her works on display at the Creative Edge, a new art gallery. She is a member of the Midland Art Association and the Midland Palette Club.

Quartet performs

The Sausalito String Quartet performs at 8 p.m. April 18 in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium at Midland College.

The program is repeated in Odessa at 2 p.m. April 19 at First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Lee St.

Guest artist is pianist Rob Hunt, who is the conductor of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale. The Quartet is a performing ensemble of the MOSC. For tickets and more information call the symphony, 563-0921.

Clothing displayed

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America is presenting a display of doll clothing made by guild members for the 18-inch doll at the Centennial Branch of the Midland County Public Library at Midland Park Mall.

The dolls will be on display until April 8.

The guild also is hosting sewing classes for 18-inch dolls with Joan Hinds of Fancywork and Fashion, Duluth, Minn., April 16-18. Registration deadline is April 8. For information call 687-0320 or 699-6932.

Ms. Hinds also will bring a trunk show of her doll fashions and a market of her patterns, books and doll accessories not readily available here.

The classes are being funded in part by the Arts Assembly of Midland and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Festival set

AUSTIN — The Old Settlers Music Festival featuring bluegrass, acoustic music and the Austin sound is set for April 3-4. Festival grounds are 10 miles north of Austin.

The music will continue rain or shine. Free primitive camping will be in the bluebonnet field surrounding the festival grounds. The camping area will open to the public at noon Friday. You must have a weekend pass. Those attending may bring lawn chairs and blankets and coolers, but no alcohol. No recording devices allowed on the grounds.

For tickets information and location call 1-512-469-SHOW, 1-512-469-7469 or 1-800-966-7469. A weekend pass is \$50 to \$56. Cost for Friday is \$28 to \$32 and for Saturday, \$33 to \$37.

Toys displayed

ODESSA — A traveling exhibition that features Mexican folk toys will be on display at White-Pool House, 112 E. Murphy St., May 9-June 30.

No admission will be charged. The hundreds of brightly colored and decorated folk objects in the exhibit are made of paper mache, ceramic, wood and tin. The accompanying text panels tell stories of the Mexican folk culture, the toy makers and the toys themselves.

The exhibit is made possible through a grant from the Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities, formerly Odessa Cultural Council. For more information call 1-915-333-4072.

Exhibit remains

ODESSA — The exhibition "Cielito Lindo Beautiful Heaven" remains in the Third Floor Gallery at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin through April 3.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Odessa Cultural Council for the Arts and Humanities and the UTPB Program Board.

Museum hosts event

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee St., is hosting the third annual American Heritage Days April 17-18.

"American Heritage Days" was instituted to provide an interdisciplinary educational opportunity for area educators, students and families where the multicultural legacy of the country and the community might be experienced.

The event is supported by the Odessa Cultural Council for the Arts and Humanities, formerly Odessa Cultural Council, and the Permian Basin area Foundation. For more information call 1-915-332-7123.

Celebrations set

ODESSA — "Celebrate Texas" and Cinco de Mayo celebrations are planned for May 1-3 at Odessa Basin Lions Park, South Monahans Street.

Festivities include a parade, Mexican folkloric dances, mariachi music, food booths and games, cultural costumes and exhibits and all day entertainment. For more information call LULAC, 1-915-332-0500, or the Odessa Basin Lions, 1-915-332-4246, beeper number, 560-7199.

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ART: Judges easily agree on Best of Show for MAA's Spring Show

(From 8E)

modern side of treatment, a really fine piece, needs to be given a fair hearing before the public. I think, in spite of the fact that much of the public might respond much more to a traditional painting than to the more contemporary approach. You are faced with that kind of decision in judging, which should come into the awards categories.

They easily agreed on Charles Pruitt's "Father Glory" as Best of Show.

"There's generally one piece so head and shoulders ahead of everything else — it could be a sculpture, an oil, a watercolor, figurative painting or landscape — it's usually not much of a chore arriving at a conclusion of best piece," Hines said. "There you're not considering media at all. You're looking at total quality and execution of medium and total concept."

Selecting the other winners was not as simple.

"I found the categories a very difficult task to cope with, didn't you, Jack?" Ms. Zemsky said.

"Yes," Hines agreed. "Hypothetical-

ly, supposing that you wind up with, on your awards list, seven really marvelous oil paintings. And there's a group of watercolor paintings maybe there's two that have merit. You're forced then, because of the first, second and third categories and even looking for honorable mentions, to give an award to a piece of art that doesn't measure up to the seventh in quality in the oil group. So someone who has really done a much more deserving work of art is left out because you're jumping across that media line. And we think that's sad."

"We think it's wonderful for judges to walk through the show and chose the five, 10, 15 or 20 paintings in the show," Ms. Zemsky added. "And whether it's one medium or the other, a gorgeous painting is a gorgeous painting."

The idea is not revolutionary, Hines said. "As a matter of fact, we instituted this in a group Jessica and I were instrumental in founding up here (Montana). Merit award regardless of media, which I think is fairer."

Both judges cautioned artists to remember that the works selected for a particular show reflect the personal tastes of the judges.

"Generally, artists are much more pleased with the results when the judges are artists themselves and especially if they are respected people," said Ms. Zemsky, who is the author of two books — "Capturing the Magic of Children in Your Painting" and "Kid Stuff."

Ms. Zemsky moved to Montana from her hometown of New York City in 1971. She shares her cabin studio in the Bear Tooth Mountains with Hines, her husband and fellow artist. The couple are founding members of the Northwest Rendezvous Group and run the Pro Art Workshops.

She is a member of the Pastel Society of America and received her education at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y., and the Art Students League in New York City.

He received his education at the Art Center College of Design and the Chomard Art Institute, both in Los Angeles, Calif. Hines, a native of Omaha, Neb., also studied at the Art Students League. He is a member of the New York Society of Illustrators and is the author of "The Creative Process" column that ran in Southwest Art Magazine for more than a decade.

After several walks through the work in the show, the artists were ready to select the winners.

"We agreed pretty well down the whole line, and we're very different," Ms. Zemsky said. "First of all, gender and background and all of that. But the quality seems to do the job. If the piece was lovely, we both felt it. No arguments and no hair pulling. It was pretty clear cut."

Their selections were as follows:

Awards in the watercolor category went to: first, "Irises" by Dorothy Baird; second, "Paths of Glory" by Katie Heck; third, "Color - Late Afternoon" by Merle Taylor; and honorable mentions to "Drying Chili" by Merle Taylor and "Alaskan Midnight" by Doris Brumble.

Awards in the oil category went to: first, "Silver Goblet" by Mary Rasmussen; second, "Upper Canyon Road" by Doris Spire; third, "Wash Day" by Don Parks; and honorable mentions to "Sidewalk Cafe" by Doris Spire and "Debra's Day" by Helen Pogue.

Awards in the mixed media category went to: first, "Back Road" by Lavoe Peeler; second, "Reflections of Mondrian" by Marie Mayfield; third, "Be

Careful" by Joyce Howell; and honorable mentions to "High Road to China" by Lavoe Peeler, "Soda Fire Teapot" by Janet Whitman, "Small Shot of Bourbon" by Sam Hunt, "Chado Garden" by Kent Moss, "A Look into the Past" by Monroe Jackson and "The Gauntlet" by Charlotte Seay.

"I really have to say that the experience with the people involved with the museum and the character of the museum and its level of activity is so excellent," Hines said.

The show, which is partially funded by the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Arts Assembly of Midland, remains at the museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through April 5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"I felt that the show was so gracefully and beautifully hung," Ms. Zemsky said. "First-class stuff. That too surprises you when you're in a place you don't know, but it's a lovely surprise."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

MUSIC: MOSC to salute Texas in upcoming pops concert

(From 8E)

wood's idea of the romantic Old West and really music that shows off the symphonic sound."

The music for "The Alamo" and "Rio Bravo" was scored by Dimitri Tiomkin, whom Hunt called "one of Hollywood's greatest composers. Tiomkin also scored 'The Big Sky' and 'Red River,' and he enjoyed a long personal friendship with John Wayne."

A representative Lone Star performer on the venue is Miss Texas, Reagan Hughes, who will sing "Hero" by Mariah Carey and "Via Dolorosa." The concert also features singer and composer Will Hadden, an Odessa attorney, singing the world premiere of his composition "Big Ranch," a tall tale set to music and accompanied by the symphony and Pops Chorus.

"It's a humorous, novelty piece, kind of a saga of a beautiful ranch with 'all its graces,' and he uses all the resources of the symphony orchestra to depict this glorious ranch," Hunt said. "The ranch is imperiled when its owner takes out a loan from the government, and, alas, is lost to foreclosure."

"The story takes a happier turn when the Feds are unable to run the place, put it up for auc-

tion, and the original owner is able to buy it back. So, it's a very charming, humorous piece, which deals with a theme that is surely part of Texas lore."

Complementing the program will be Suzuki students from Midland and Odessa elementary schools performing a hoedown written by Hunt and accompanied by the orchestra. The Midland students are directed by Virginia Huchton, and the Odessa students are directed by Daria Boyd.

"I know our audience will be very appreciative of what these kids have accomplished," Hunt said.

Sponsors for the event include Arco Permian, Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson P.C., Mary Frances "Chan" Driscoll, Dr. and Mrs. William L. McGavran III and Village Lincoln Mercury Dodge Hyundai. Tickets are \$30 for conductor circle seating, \$20 for general admission. For reservations or more information call the symphony office, 563-0921.

The Light Crust Doughboys, who were nominated by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences for a Grammy Award this year, have been an institution in Texas and the country since they began playing with Bob Wills in the 1930s.

"I could think of no better

group to participate in a salute to Texas than the Light Crust Dough Boys," said Hunt, noting that he has long known the group's bass player and manager, Art Greenhaw. "They will be doing seven songs, including a gospel medley, which is made up of songs included in their Grammy-nominated album."

Both Greenhaw and Hunt are from Dallas. "He's a childhood acquaintance of mine. He and I studied with the same piano teacher at SMU (Southern Methodist University) in the music preparatory division when we were both just in our early teens. It will be fun to work with Art again after all these years."

Music isn't the only fare on the program. "We have all kinds of things going on in this event; it's a three-ring circus."

The evening includes film footage of the Light Crust Doughboys.

"We're showing some film clips of the old original Light Crust Doughboys with W. Lee O'Daniel when he was running for governor and before. The group worked for him when he was the president of this flour company, and their relationship actually was quite stormy because he was a really quite arrogant and sometimes insensitive boss. Yet, they had this years-long relationship culminating in his election as the governor of Texas."

The evening promises variety, Hunt said, "and quite a few pieces representing the many facets of the Texas experience. We'll represent the wide-open spaces and the fierce independence that Texans have shown from the very beginning of our state. A celebration of the land

and its people and its struggle to remain Texas as we know it."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Nothing will stop you, except you. You have free will. Think through another's request. There is more going on here that meets the eye. Honor desires, and allow humor to emerge. Fun happens, once you let go. You don't need to be everyone's savior. Tonight: Lead the party.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Take a back seat, and let others make decisions. Think through a recent course of action. You are confused about a trip or possible venture. Plans could change, creating a lull in activity. Take a walk, or do something just for yourself. Tonight: Listen to favorite music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Aim for what you want. Someone feels put out or upset, and adds an element of chaos to your life. You'll be happy if you remain focused. Join up with friends in a fun project. Flow with the moment. Meet new people, and go in a new direction. Tonight: Where the fun is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Another is an expert at creating a haze in your life. Bring friends together, and take better care of yourself. Don't let another rain on your parade. Check in with a parent or an older relative; he will appreciate your attention. Tonight: A Sunday adventure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Accept an exotic invitation. Try to see things from another's perspective. Experimenting seems to be the way to get out of the doldrums. Stay on track with long-term needs. Honesty is effective with a key friend. Eliminate red tape. Tonight: Enjoy some jazz.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** A child or loved one is perplexed, and in turn, baffles you. Relating to an important partner helps anchor you, and you need that. Don't worry about being defensive. Newfound caring emerges from this bonding. Share feelings. Tonight: Pull the shades.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** A family member does a number on your mind, or fogs up your thinking. Others make demands on you. You need to create boundaries and protect yourself from this energy. Make decisions that work for you. Pick and choose your company. Tonight: Keep calm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Stay connected with your goals, especially physically and emotionally. Start an exercise program, take up a stress-reducing hobby. A conversation leaves you wondering what was meant. It is just as confusing for the other party! Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You are full of life, vivacity and a real sense of happiness. Be more in touch with your financial needs. Money matters feel somewhat unstable for now. Understand what you want from a relationship. Allow more play into your day-to-day life. Tonight: The fun goes on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** You are at loose ends over a domestic matter. Try to avoid making final or conclusive decisions; they are subject to change when the fog vanishes. Get together with family and friends. Invite others over, and entertain. Spontaneity adds to your humor. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Communications are active, and you hear a lot that makes you want to shake your head. Romance leaves a haze over your creative processes. Enjoy being this light and airy. Visit with friends, and browse through a fair or flea market. Make fun plans. Tonight: Swap jokes.

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Opening lead: King of ♥

Students of the game know that, when holding 11 cards of a suit in the combined hands, odds on a 1-1 break of the missing cards are 52 percent and 2-0 only 48 percent. But declarer knew he could guarantee the contract by playing for the latter.

West tried hard to get a squeak out of partner, to no avail. North's jump to four diamonds was preemptive.

Note that East-West would have been severely punished had East elected to bid over four diamonds doubled.

Declarer elected to let West's king of hearts win the first trick, and West shifted to the king of clubs, pinning dummy's queen. Declarer won in hand, finessed the jack of hearts and cashed the ace for a club discard. A heart was ruffed in the closed in hand and a club ruff in dummy eliminated that suit as well from the combined holding. Now declarer led a trump and, when East followed with the four, declarer finessed the queen. When that held, declarer was happy to cash the ace and surrender two spade tricks to West to land the doubled contract.

Why did declarer choose to go against the odds? Because if the diamond finesse lost to the king, West would be endplayed. A spade return would be up to South's king, and a club would permit declarer to ruff in hand while discarding a spade from the board. Either way, the defense would score only one spade trick to go with the heart and the trump already in the bank.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 29

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at <http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html>, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m., call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Film Series: Let Us Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II. Free showing every other Saturday at 1 p.m., moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION, through March 29, 40th Annual Exhibition of the Odessa Art Association. 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., CLASSES: Adventures In Art, Drawing Through Observation Class for children in art appreciation, art history and creative studio art. 2:30-4:30 p.m., 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811, Free.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBITION: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 683-2882, Free.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: Through March 29, Homage to Our Mentors including painting, ceramics, photography and mixed-media. OPEN SHOW: Entries accepted through April 3 between 1-5 p.m. Opening April 4. Entry fee charged. 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5 p.m., 685-9944, Free admission.

HEB Wine Department: EXHIBITION: The Works of Sam Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: EXHIBITION, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4500, Free.

Midland Community Theatre: CHILDREN'S PLAY: "Emperor's New Clothes." Pickwick Players production. 2 p.m., Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111. Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITION: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., Admission free, call 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midland's oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931, Admission free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Audubon's Texas Animals, through July 26, EXHIBIT: Eclectic Visions, Contemporary Artists Series featuring Mark McDowell, through April 26, EXHIBIT: In the Third Dimension: Sculpture from the Museum's Collection, through Jan. 15, 1999, EXHIBIT: April 2-May 31, Out of the Woods: Turned Wood by American Craftsmen EXHIBIT: April 2-May 31, iJeff Broski: Relief Sculpture, i April 30: TALK: Joe Schenk, director of the Mobile, Alabama Museum of Art, 7 p.m. EXHIBITION: Midland Arts Association Spring Show, through April 5, 694-1078 or national: STYLE SHOW: Annual Celebrity Style Show, 11:30 a.m. Ranchland Country Club, 682-1375, Admission charged.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: The Dongying Sister City Cultural Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy, SUNDAY RIG TOURS: tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500

W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

The Presidential Museum: EXHIBIT: A Closer Look at the George Bush Presidential Library Center, through April 4. Artifacts of the Bush Family and the President. 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 800 862-7123, Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: UTPB Gallery, through April 3: Steve Teeters and Tina Fuentes, iCielito Lindo/Beautiful Heaven," mixed media altars and constructions, UTPB Gallery, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E. Murphy St., Tues. 12 p.m.-3 p.m., Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.-5 p.m., call 1-333-4072, Free.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Community Concerts: PERFORMANCE: "White Cliffs of Dover," Lainie Nelson and Brian Lane Green, 7:30 p.m., Midland High School Auditorium, 682-1375.

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Saddles from pioneer area families, permanent collection of western and Southwestern art. Artifacts including bit and spur collections, original mission bell from Alamo in San Antonio, 30,000 volumes of books on the history of range settlement and cattle industry. Collections include J. Evetts Haley, Robert N. Mullin, Clayton W. Williams, Sr., Dan L. Thrapp. Open Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Free.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Voices for Children: WORKSHOP: Community Involvement in Court Improvement: Enhancing Court Performance on Behalf of Abused and Neglected Children, 1:30-3 p.m. MISD, 615 W. Missouri Ave, Room 400, 4th floor. Register by calling 570-1084, Free.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Lenten Luncheon: CONCERT SERIES: iMusic for Choral Ensemble, i The Lee High School Choral, Paula Edwards, director, 12:05-12:35 p.m. Lunch available in Lynn Hall one-half hour before and after each performance. Childcare available with reservation by Monday of each week, call Nursery Coordinator 684-7821 extension 37. First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas, 684-7871, Free.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Midland Angels: BASEBALL: at home April 2-11, 18-22: Christensen Stadium, 683-4251. Admission charged.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Midland Community Theatre: PLAY: The Shadow Box, 8 p.m. Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111. Admission charged.

Permian

Montana artists Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines were strangers to Midland when they agreed to juror the Midland Arts Association Spring Show. What they found in the show, now hanging at the Museum of the Southwest, impressed them both.

"First of all, we were pleased with what we were seeing when we did the initial jurying from slides, which was during the winter," Hines said. "When you're making a judgment from slides, you're stuck with a lack of knowledge about the size and surface textures and a lot of esoteric factors that make up art decisions as a judge."

They weren't disappointed when they saw the works the slides they had selected represented.

"As we walked through in the first two or three walk-arounds we were so totally impressed with the overall quality which seemed to us to go far beyond what we anticipated from looking at the slides," Hines said.

Ms. Zemsky, who along with Hines has judged numerous shows, agreed, saying, "I thought the quality was the best we've ever judged for a small group that we didn't know anything about. These were people we had never met or worked with and seen."

"It (MAA) is a small organization. Some of these things are nationwide or statewide. The quality for a local show was lovely. The museum is such a beautiful place. Midland's not the typical small place like you have in Montana where nothing much is going on."

The artists, who live in Big Timber, also spoke favorably about the varied subject matter and mediums represented.

"Jurying as varied a show as that really becomes a matter of trying to give a fair shake to varying styles that are represented in the show," Hines said. "In other words, something extremely to the contemporary."

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Midland Arts Association Spring Show

Montana artists Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines judged the show and were impressed with the overall quality of the work now hanging in the Museum of the Southwest.



AT TOP: "Father's Glory" won Best of Show in Midland Arts Association Spring Show. The work is an oil painting by Charles Pruitt, shown above. ABOVE RIGHT: Some of the winners in the Spring Show: seated from left, Merle B. Taylor and Joyce Howell; standing from left, Katie Heck, Don Parks, Laude Peeler, Mary Rasmussen and Doris Spire. AT RIGHT: Doris Spire won an honorable mention for her oil painting "Sidewalk Cafe, Italy." AT LEFT: Dorothy Baird won first place in watercolor for "Irises."



Pops Concert

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale plans a tribute to the state of Texas and its musical traditions featuring the Light Crust Doughboys.



The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale hails the state of Texas during its final pops concert April 4 at the Confederate Air Force Museum Hangar.

"It's a tribute to our great state of Texas and its musical traditions, featuring the Light Crust Doughboys, who are certainly an indispensable part of Texas lore," said conductor Rob Hunt. "And we'll be singing and playing the old beloved songs of Texas, such as 'The Yellow Rose of Texas,' and 'San Antonio Rose,' and, of course, 'Texas Our Texas,' which people my age had to learn in elementary school."

"The Houston symphony orchestra was kind enough to loan us their medley of Texas songs they do every year. It's a sing-along, very beautifully crafted and effective in its presentation."

The "Lone Star Salute" swings into the spirit by opening with music from films that have Texas themes, such as "The Alamo" with John Wayne and "Rio Bravo," starring Wayne and Dean Martin.

"This is all beautifully scored rather romantic music," Hunt said. "Holly

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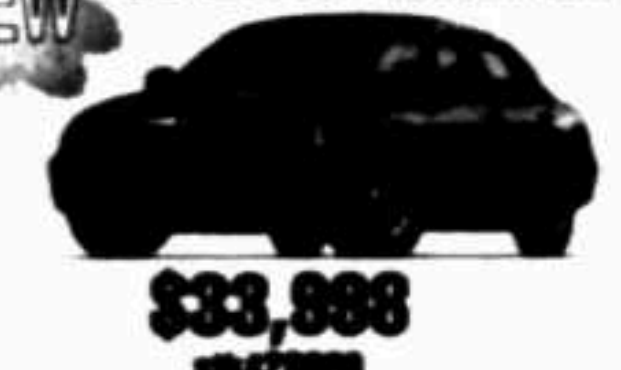
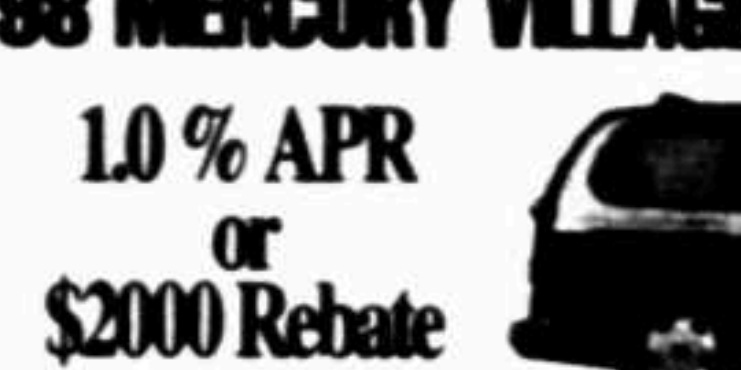
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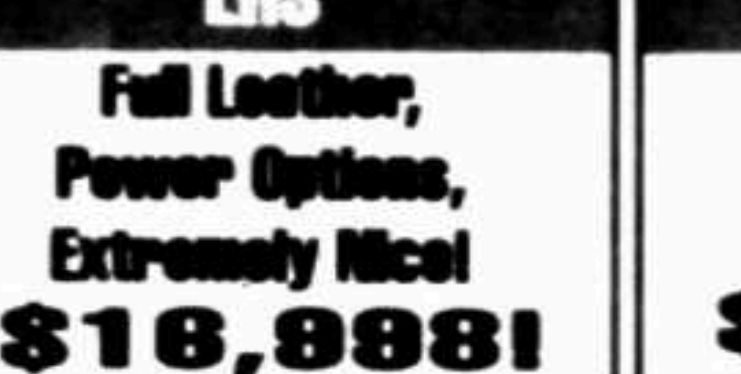
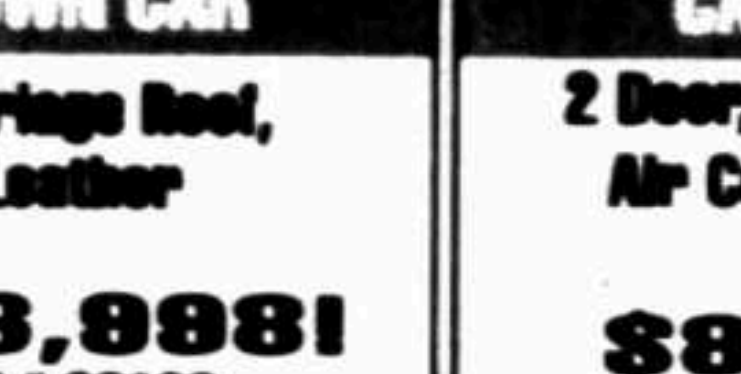
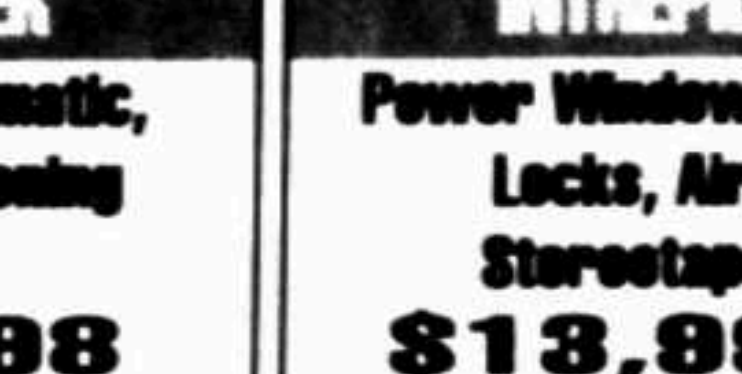
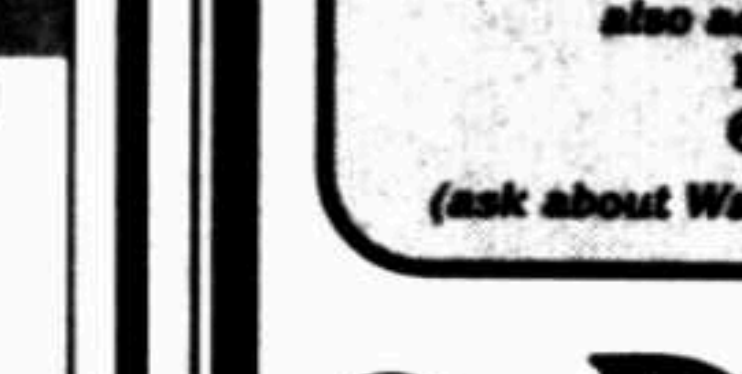
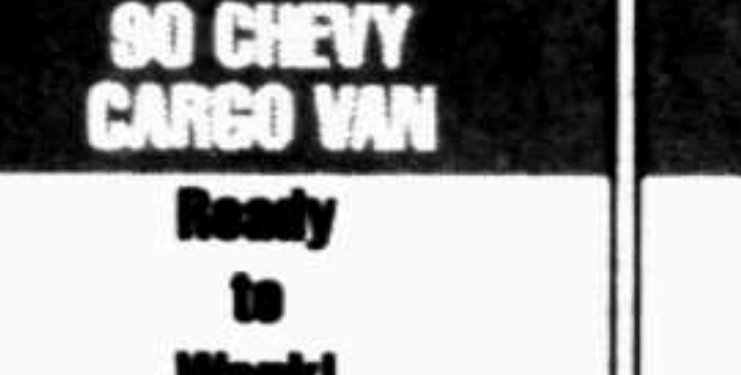
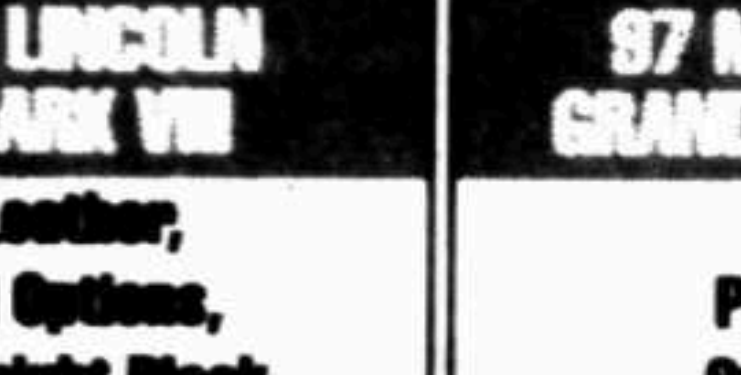
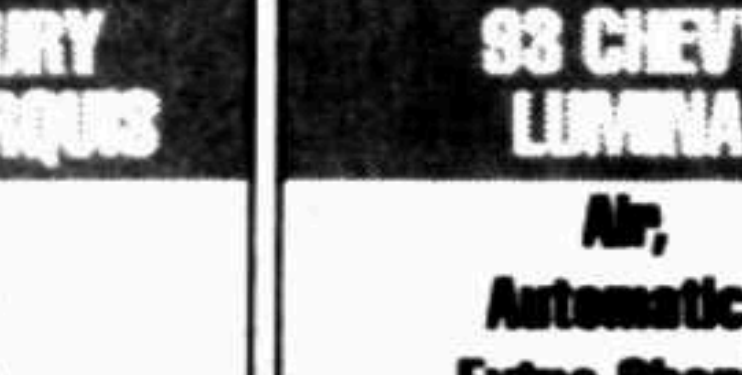
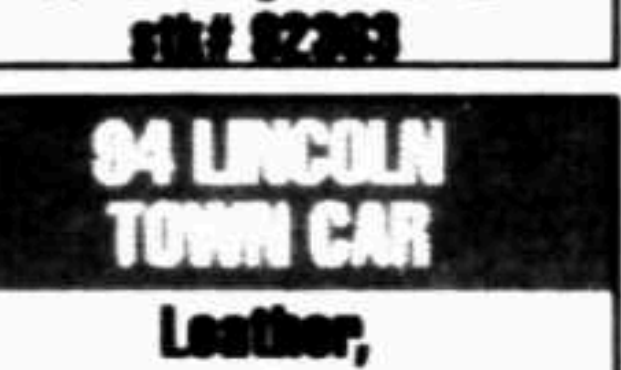
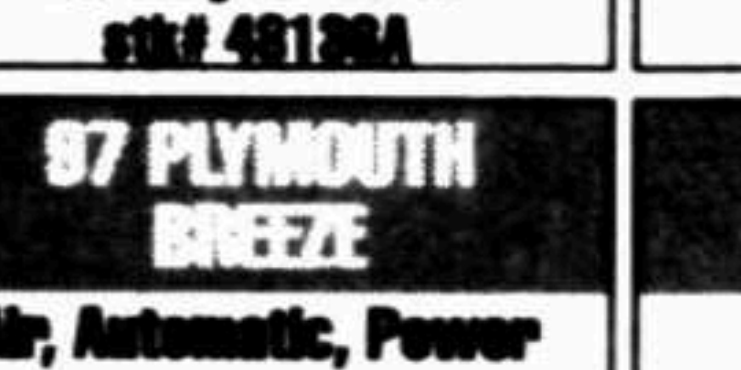
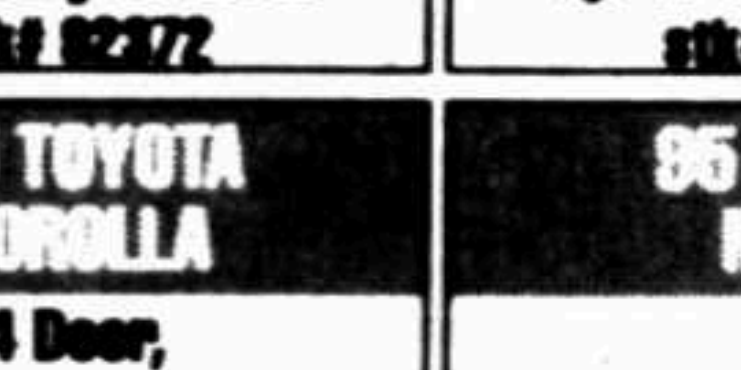
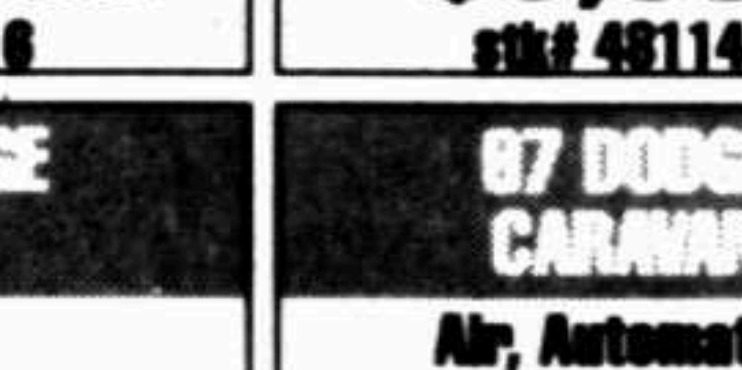
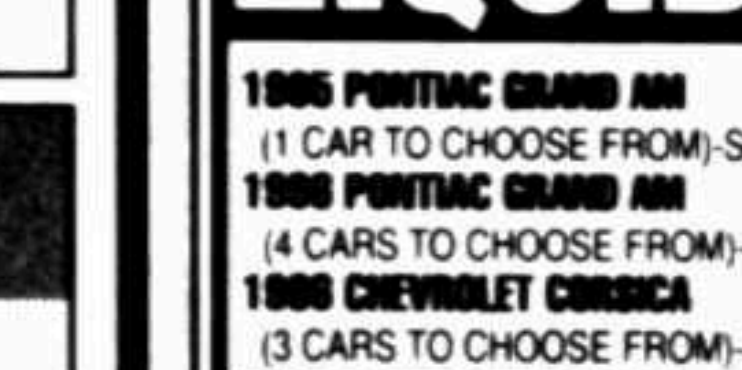
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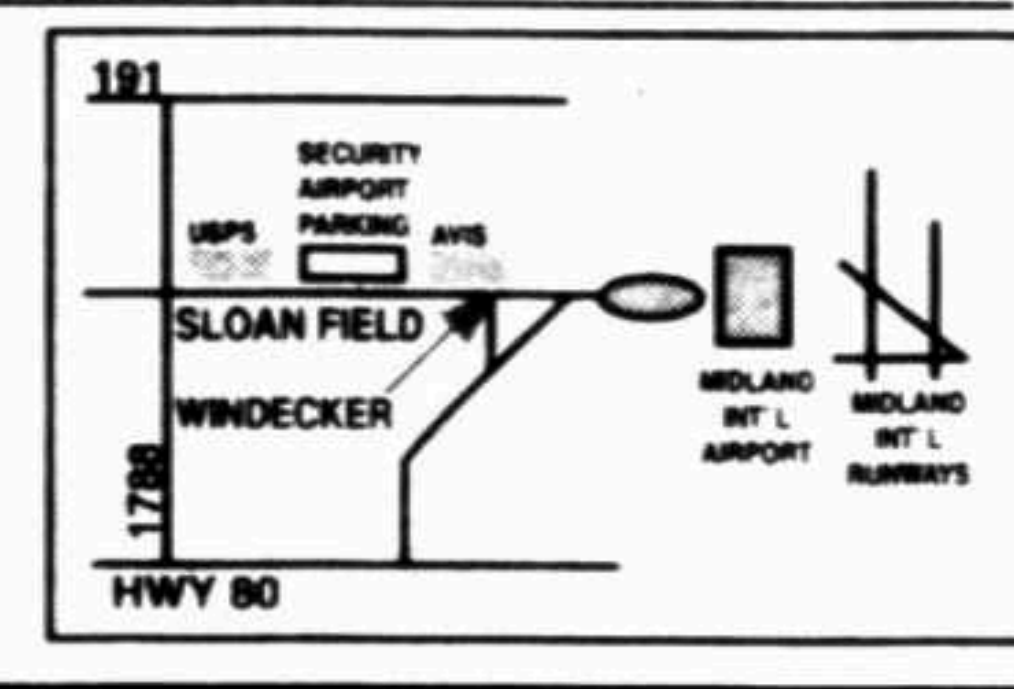
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ditches; while this is a non-supervisory position this
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inmates. Qualifications: must be high school
graduate (or GED) plus at least four years of
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J. Rick Brown
Director of Human Resources

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New & growing company in Midland seeks person with good communication & organizational skills. Literacy in Microsoft office. Please send resume & salary requirements to:
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312 Professional Help Wanted

WESTERN NATIONAL Bank, a well capitalized independent bank, is seeking a Credit Analyst. Must have a Bachelors degree in Business Administration. Submit resume and salary

318 Management Help Wanted

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330 Employment Wanted

JOB WANTED: looking for part-time bookkeeping or data entry job for evenings and weekends. 684-8867, leave message.

335 Adult Care Needed

NEED Responsible Care giver- dependable, patient, follow explicit instructions, heavy lifting. Nights/weekends. Call 697-6154.

336 Adult Care Providers

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ADULT CARE in your home. Day or night. Call 520-8596 for more information.

LVN desires full time private duty position in home. 26 years experience. Dependable, good communication skills, and excellent references provided. Call Liz at 520-4736.

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IN NEED of responsible, experienced, Christian caregiver for 2 children in our home part time. Must have own transportation. References required. 522-7883.

RESPONSIBLE loving child care needed for two children, 3 and 6. Monday thru Friday 7:30-5:30. Need non smoker with own transportation. Call Christy at 694-1140.

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341 Child Care Providers

TWO FULL time openings available Monday-Friday 7:30 to 5:30. Registered with TDPSS. 689-0774.

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329 Skilled Trades



TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR

Qualifications:

- Must have Exceptional people skills to handle multiple personalities in a training environment
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- Must be capable of compiling lesson plans from technical manuals
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We offer an excellent compensation package with a full range of benefits. For consideration please mail or fax resume to:

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P.O. Box 60760
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FAX: (915) 563-1402
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- Licensed Journeyman with service & residential experience
- Helper with a minimum of 2 yrs. experience

Good benefits with excellent pay potential.

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Basin Electric Co.
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Midland, TX 79702

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Midland, TX 79710-1931

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Rapidly growing oilfield service company with great cash flow.

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Excellent routes available locally. Huge money maker. Turnkey. Investment required. Free Call 1-888-800-7321

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Automotive repair business for sale in Lubbock. Equipment & inventory. Very profitable. 8 Bay Service Center & Full Automotive Repair. \$150,000. Call Gary, (806)792-8995 or (806)789-1843.

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Many benefits! Owner will train. Currently has experienced employees. \$250,000.

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Cash flow for buyer. \$200,000 approximately. Owner will train or stay and manage. \$500,000.

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Owner will train. Great opportunity. \$450,000.

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Over 300 repeat customers. Van with mounted Prochem plus other equipment and computer. 1997 netted \$59,000. Estimate for 1998 to be \$100,000. Owner will train and finance half - selling for \$80,000.

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******* OWNER *******
SACRIFICING upscale health food store and established clientele. All equipment & stock included. Located at 2509 W. Ohio St. \$7,500 or best offer. Call Cathy, 686-0945.

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Owner financing.
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One person business. Unique, Fun! Full or Part Time. Only \$9,900. (Includes complete training).
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Some Antiques, Furniture, Appliances, Clothing, Collectibles, Lots of Variety!

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The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.
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400 AUCTIONS

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1998 - 10:00 A.M.
AT 6923 E. HWY. 80 - ODESSA, TEXAS

Restaurant Equip., Answering Service, Videographics, Equip., Office Equip., Vehicles, Surplus Equip., Heavy Equip. and More!
Preview: Friday, April 3, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT 10:00 A.M. SHARP
VEHICLES: '91 Mazda Protege, '93 Olds Cutlass, '91 Mitsubishi Eclipse GS, '93 Pontiac Grand Am SE Coupe, '93 Chevy Ext. Cab, '34 Ton Pickup, '94 Lincoln Town Car, '82 Olds 98, '90 Pontiac Sunbird, '93 Nissan Altima, '95 Suzuki Savage 650, '94 Nissan Maxima, '93 Chevy Chevelle Pickup, '92 Plymouth Duster ES, '94 Ford Taurus, '95 Chevy Beretta, '92 Ford F150 Pickup, '95 Chevy Corsica, '88 Mercury Sable Wagon LS, '89 Pontiac Lemans, '90 Subaru Legacy, '94 Eagle Vision, '90 Ford Aerostar, '93 Plymouth Laser, '84 GMC 1-Ton w/Flatbed (One Owner), '85 Mazda RX-7, '83 Cadillac Seville, '95 Ford 1/2 Ton SuperCab.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT: '76 GMC 9-Yd. Tandem Axle Dump Truck, w/761 Detroit and 10-Speed R.R. (New D.O.T. Sticker), Toyota FG 20, 4000-Lb. Forklift, KD3526T 6000-Lb. Forklift, Lerol 125 GPM Air Compressor.

VIDEOGRAPHICS EQUIPMENT: Condensed description: please call if more detail is needed.
Hardware: Pentium PC/Dual 100 MHz w/Chip Fan, 65 MB Ram, Microsoft Split Keyboard, Toshiba Internal 36011 QuadSpeed, Soundblaster 16 Sound Card, Seagate Barracuda 2L2P1 BG Hard Drive, DPS Personal Animation Record/Playback w/Dedicated Corner CFA1275A 1.2 GB EIDE HDD, Full Tower Case, w/Monitors and Phaser Color Inkjet Printer. Software: Raptor Professional Editing Software for Targa 2000 & DPS PVR Board, 3D Studio R4-3D Package, KAIS Power Tools Gradient Designer FX, Texture Mapping and Background Design, Vibrant Graphics - Liquid Speed for 3D Studio R4, 3D Express - 3D Models, Development, Windows NT 4.0, Windows 3.1, Microsoft DOS 6.22.

RESTAURANT & SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Servend Ice Machine, 400-Lb. Cube Ice Machine, (2) 5-Gal. Shop Vacs, 40-Lb. Commercial Counter Top Self Dispenser Ice Machine, Chest Type Coke Box, Electric Oven, 8-Ft. Alum. Step Ladder, Bunn-O-Matic Commercial Coffee Maker, 15 KW Commercial Food Warmer, 1/2 HP Small 115v Air Compressor, Skil Saws, Homelite Chain Saw, V.O.M. Elec. Motors, Hand Tools, Misc. Refrigeration and A/C Parts, Meat Grinder Heads, Misc. Taps, Dies, Crescent Wrenches, Elec. Filings, Makita Drill, 1/8" Impact Wrench, (2) Frozen Drink Machines, Fryolator, Microchips, Stainless Steel Meat Air Elec. Oven, Commercial Popcorn Machine, Whirlpool Washer & Dryer, 32-Ft. Alum. Extension Ladder, 8-Ft. Fiberglass Step Ladder, 20 KW Elec. Furnace, Singer Vacuum Cleaner, Pipe Wrenches Thru 24", Misc. Elec. Drills, Small Elec. Motors, 2" Rigid Pipe Cutters, Circuit Breakers, Brass Fittings, Impact Wrench, Sheet Metal Hand Tools, Bolt Cutters, Circuit Breakers, Brass Fittings, Impact Wrench, Sheet Metal Hand Tools, Bolt Cutters, Flex Duct, Makita Sabre Saw, Grill, Freezer, Misc. Paper Goods (Napkins, Cups, Etc.).

OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT: Office Chairs, Credenzas, Executive Desk, Portable Color TV Bookcases, Toshiba Copier, HP Deskjet Printer, 8-Ft. Conference Table & Chairs, Drafting Tables & Stools, Desks, 8+ Computer Systems, Computer Desks, Bookcase Credenza, Xerox Copier, (2) HP Laserjet Printer, (2) Telephone Systems, Telephone Switchboard.

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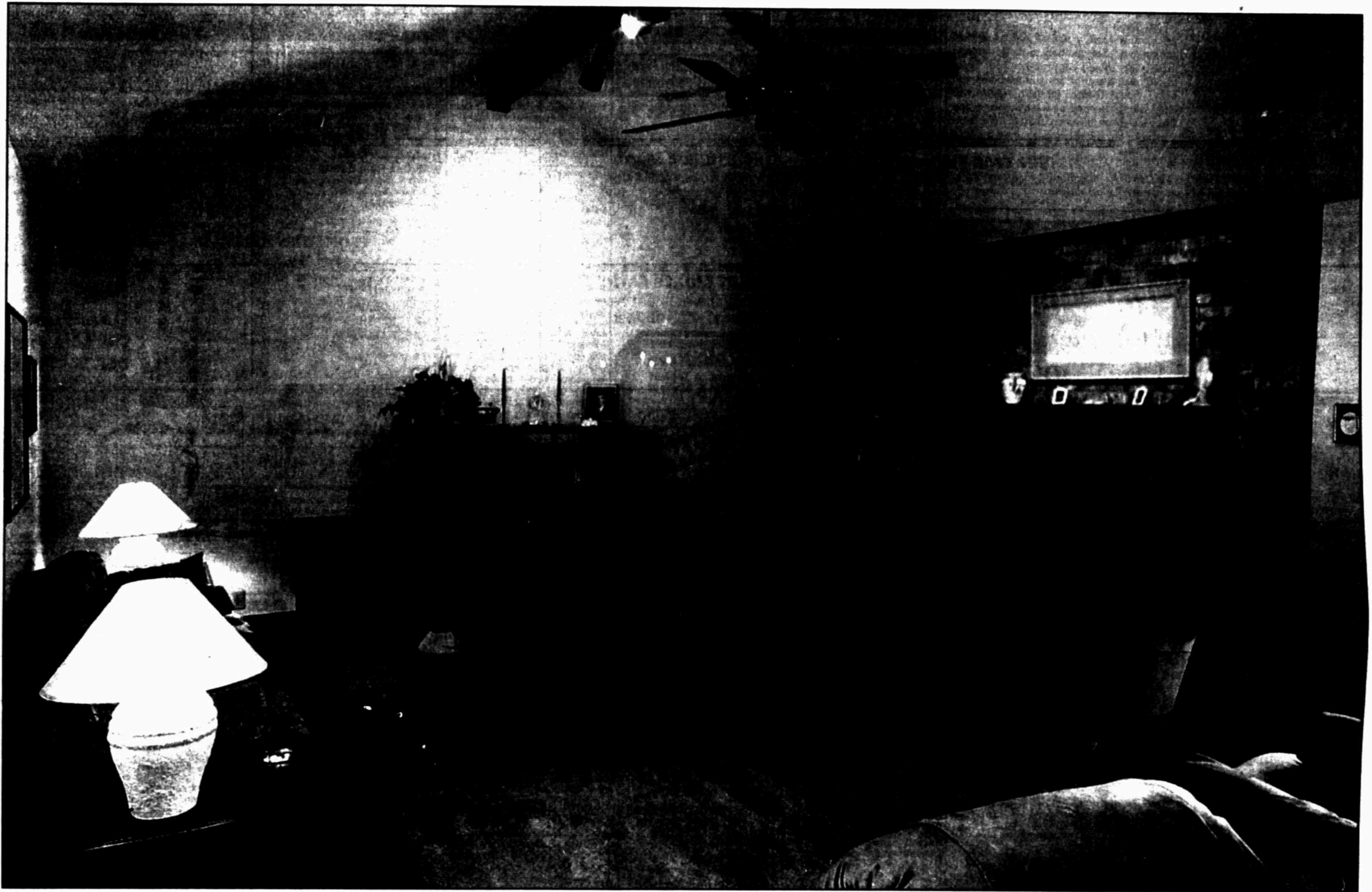
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MORGAN (915) 563-1860. 570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682-1546. Super Seller II 15 words, 7 days, \$5 Advertise your household item (priced under \$150) with this Classified special! Call 682-6222 for details. Information for Vendors, Proposal Forms, Specifications, and General conditions for proposals may be obtained from M.I.S.D. Benefits Office Midland Independent School District	580 Legal Notices NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Midland Independent School District is requesting bids on Asphalt Paving, Dirtwork and Concrete Construction at Lee Senior High School, Bid #BM-0025 addressed to Mr. James Riggan, AIA, Director of School Plant Service, es/District Architect, 801 S. Moran St. Building #1, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, April 2, 1998 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1505. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for IMMUNOCHEMISTRY ANALYZER. Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Monday, March 23, 1998. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "RFP #323-031798 ENCLOSED" UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1998. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL AUGUST 16, 1998. ALL PROPOSALS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE. ACCORDING TO THE POLICY/PROCEDURE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS, TO WAIVE FORMALITIES. DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT MEDICAL CENTER 2200 WEST ILLINOIS MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701 LEGAL NOTICE Proposals will be received until 3:00 pm, Friday, April 17, 1998, in the Benefits Office of M.I.S.D., 615 W. Missouri, Midland, TX 79701, for the following Accident Insurance. 1. Voluntary School Insurance, 24 hour, and/or Dental 2. Athletics (7-12) 3. All other UIL Activities 4. Catastrophic Information for Vendors, Proposal Forms, Specifications, and General conditions for proposals may be obtained from M.I.S.D. Benefits Office Midland Independent School District	580 Legal Notices NOTICE TO BIDDERS The City of Midland Independent School District is requesting bids on Partial Re-Roofing at Lee Senior High School, Bid #BM-0024 addressed to Mr. James Riggan, AIA, Director of School Plant Service, es/District Architect, 801 S. Moran St. Building #1, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, April 2, 1998 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1500. NOTICE TO BIDDERS Bids on Vending Machine Service for the Independent School District. Bid #8-0015 addressed to Mr. Leon Harter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, April 15, 1998. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1752. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted a Universal Service Order implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This Order ensures that all eligible schools have affordable access to modern telecommunications services. Funds are available annually to provide eligible schools with discounts, referred to as the "E-Rate", for authorized services beginning January 1, 1998. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Region 18 Education Service Center is issuing the Request for Proposal for Internet Access Service. Proposal #98-03-0001, addressed to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580 or 2811 LaForce Boulevard/ Air Terminal, Midland, Texas 79711-0580, will be received at the above address until 3:00 p.m., April 6, 1998. Vendors who respond to this Proposal must be qualified and willing to participate in the Universal Service Order. The purchase of the proposed services by Region 18 Education Service Center is contingent upon approval of Region 18 Education Service Center's "E-Rate" application by the Schools and Libraries Corporation. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning, March 23, 1998 by calling Mr. Gary Bond, Purchasing Assistant, at (915) 567-3258. NOTICE OF SALE Region 18 Education Service Center is accepting bids for the SALE of Office Partitions Sealed bids for Partitions. Bid No. #98-03-0003, addressed to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580 or 2811 LaForce Boulevard/ Air Terminal, Midland, Texas 79711-0580, will be received at the above address until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 31, 1998. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained beginning, Monday, March 23, 1998 by calling Mr. Gary Bond, Purchasing Assistant, at (915) 567-3258.	580 Legal Notices NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION/RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS The City of Midland Community Development Office proposes to make Single Family Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program assistance to the owner occupants of the properties located at 105 E. Culbert, 1305 E. Davis, 504 S. Marshall, and 407 S. Webster for the purpose of demolishing the existing structures and constructing some replacement dwellings. Reconstruction is being considered because the existing dwellings have been found unfeasible to rehabilitate. Affordability of the replacement structures is guaranteed by low interest mortgage payments and historically low house values of the surrounding neighborhoods. Optional temporary displacement assistance will be offered to the affected households. Comments regarding this notice should be directed to: City of Midland Community Development Office P.O. Box 1152 Midland, Texas 79702 915-685-7472 NOTICE OF SALE Region 18 Education Service Center is accepting bids for the SALE OF MINI VAN. Region 18 Education Service Center is selling the following vehicle from the vehicle fleet: one (1) 1992 Plymouth Mini Van. Sealed bids for the Sale of Mini Van, Bid No. #98-03-004, addressed to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580 or 2811 LaForce Boulevard/ Air Terminal, Midland, Texas 79711-0580, will be received at the above address until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 31, 1998. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained beginning, Monday, March 23, 1998 by calling Mr. Gary Bond, Purchasing Assistant, at (915) 567-3258. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Region 18 Education Service Center is issuing this Request for Proposal for Long Distance Telephone Service. Proposal #98-03-0002, addressed to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580 or 2811 LaForce Boulevard/ Air Terminal, Midland, Texas 79711-0580, will be received at the above address until 3:00 p.m., April 6, 1998. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning, March 23, 1998 by calling Mr. Gary Bond, Purchasing Assistant, at (915) 567-3258.	580 Legal Notices NOTICE The City of Midland finds that the properties located at the following locations & Addresses: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Street Address</th> <th>Last Known Owner and Address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4902 BROWNWOOD DR. ADDN: BROWNWOOD PARK BLK. 006 LOT. 004</td> <td>CANNON, JERED 12009 W. COUNTY RD. 56 MIDLAND, TX 79707</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4900 BROWNWOOD DR. ADDN: BROWNWOOD PARK BLK. 006 LOT. 003</td> <td>CANNON, JERED 12009 W. COUNTY RD. 56 MIDLAND, TX 79707</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> in the City of Midland, Texas, have become a public nuisance and health hazard in as much as they have become overgrown with weeds, tall grass and brush, become strewn with litter, or become a collection point for stagnant water. The owner of the above named properties are hereby ordered to abate the nuisance within ten (10) days and notify the City of Midland Property Code Administration of the same. Otherwise, the City of Midland will then enter the property, abate the nuisance thereon, and charge the cost of so doing as a lien against the property. You may appeal the decision of the City of Midland to enter our property and assess a lien against it by contacting the City Manager's office at 300 North Lorraine, Midland, Texas 79701, phone number 685-7200 within nine (9) days of this notice. 580 Legal Notices NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed bids will be received by the Infrastructure Division, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, until 2:00 p.m., APRIL 28, 1998, for Project Number 527-022, San Angelo Regional Office, Tom Green County, Texas. Bid opening will be conducted in the Infrastructure Conference Room. Project includes: Removal of existing asbestos-containing material (building interior and roof) and construction of new roofing system. Estimated Cost Range: \$70,000 to \$90,000. Technical information may be obtained from Project Manager, Dr. Mark Doerr, (512) 382-4748, Project Architect is John Swint, (512) 389-4933. Project Consultant is L.L. Wieting, Jr., FE & K Environmental Company, 16801 Greenspoint Park Dr., Ste. 350, Houston, Texas 77060, (281) 539-2523. Structural Engineer is William Robert King, the King Engineering Group, Inc., 5926 Highland Hills Drive, Austin, Texas 78731, (512) 450-0877. Drawings and Specifications are available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Infrastructure Division, Attention Mike Miller, 512-389-4442, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. No plan deposit required. PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for ASBESTOS ABATEMENT of the former surgery area of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Monday, March 23, 1998. There will be a mandatory pre bid walkthru of the project on March 25, 1998 at 10:00 AM. All bidders must attend. Prospective contractors should arrive no later than assigned time at the MHMC. 580 Legal Notices Engineering offices, Midland, Texas. ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID #324-031998 ENCLOSED" UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED BIDS FROM BIDDERS BE ACCEPTED. ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1998 AT WHICH TIME BIDS WILL BE CLOSED. Bid opening will be at 2:00 PM at the Laboratory Conference Room, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, on Tuesday, April 7, 1998. ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL AUGUST 7, 1998 ALL BIDS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE BIDS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE. ACCORDING TO THE POLICY/PROCEDURE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS TO WAIVE FORMALITIES. 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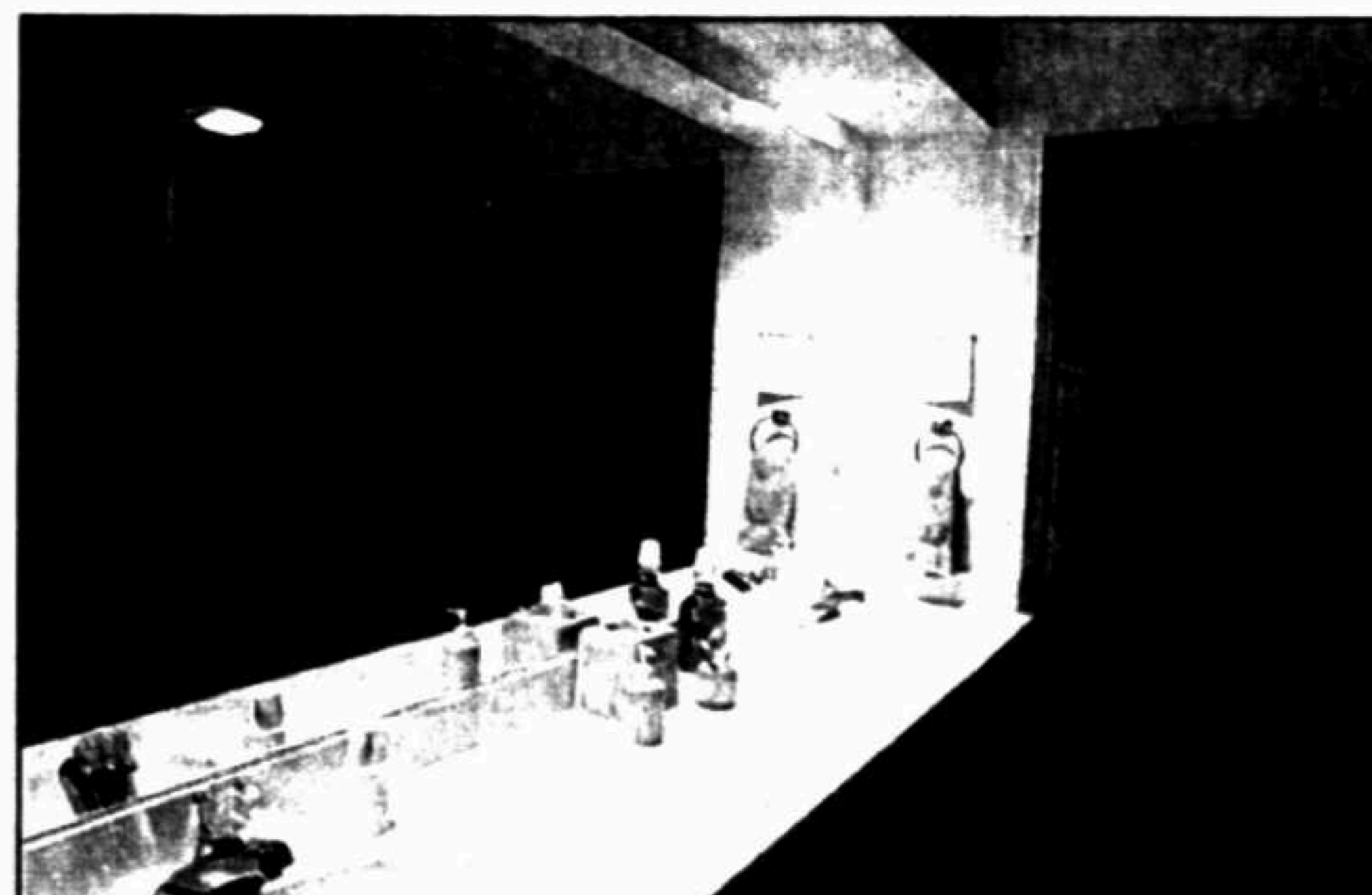
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Spectacular sights and scenes



Photographs by Kes Gilhome



Story By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

This lovely three-bedroom, two-bath home is located in an established northwest Midland neighborhood with lots of mature landscaping.

An inviting tile entryway welcomes visitors into the home. Built in a one-living-area design, this gracious home is packed with quality features.

The vaulted ceiling in the living room adds a sense of open spaciousness. The room is warmed by a brick fireplace and accented by built-in bookshelves. It also features a wet bar that is perfect for entertaining.

The living room opens into the formal dining area, giving the home great "flow" for entertaining guests. An atrium graced with tropical plants that adjoins the dining area lends a delightful view to diners.

The nicely proportioned U-shaped kitchen features up-to-date appliances, including cooktop, self-cleaning oven, dishwasher and disposal. A double pantry provides lots of kitchen storage.

The adjoining breakfast area is bright and sunny thanks to glass doors overlooking the back garden area. Skylights

throughout the house add an abundance of light and cheer to the home.

The sequestered master bedroom is large enough to accommodate king-sized furniture with room to spare. The bathroom in the master suite is perfectly suited to a working couple with its double vanity and two walk-in closets. A step-up bath and shower adds a special air of luxury to the spacious bathroom.

All of the bedrooms are large, and afford plenty of closet space. A second hallway bathroom is arranged to also serve as a guest bath.

The home also boasts a water softener, an automatic sprinkler system and an oversized 2-car rear-entry garage with keypad opener. The garage features a built-in workbench for the mechanic or avid hobbyist.

Nearby schools make the home convenient to Goddard Jr. High, Lee High School and Parker Elementary School.

Offered by Ruth Young of ReMax of Midland, this special home is located at 4010 W. Godfrey. Listed for \$93,000 the house will be open for viewing between three and five o'clock this afternoon. For more information about this property contact the listing agent at 682-8820.



Why renters should own

Renters want the same thing homeowners have -- a good place to live, stability, security...and money down the road when they sell their homes. Renters may have some of those things now, but even after years of renting, they'll still have nothing to show for their housing payments except rent receipts.

In addition to the pride that comes with ownership, there are some major financial advantages that owners enjoy:

* House payments don't increase, but even a small annual rent increase pushes rents much higher over the years.

* Homeowners can deduct their interest on up to \$1 million worth of their homes' acquisition indebtedness, and all their property taxes. Renters indirectly pay all their landlords' principal, interest, taxes, and other costs -- but the renter gets no such tax deductions.

* Renters don't profit from leverage. Owners gain appreciation on the entire value of their home, even though they may have very little of their own cash invested in it.

* The equity in a home returns to owners when they sell. Renters get no equity from the homes they live in.

One of the main reasons renters give for not buying is that they lack enough savings for the down payment on a home. If you're a renter, you should know there are programs available now to enable you to buy a home with a down payment of just 5% or even less! With interest rates the way they are now, chances are you can own a fine home.

(Submitted by Danny Norwood, GRI, A Multi-Million Dollar Producer For Langston Realtors)



Norwood

SMART "HOUSE HUNTING"

Buying a home should be exciting and fun, however this can become a very stressful time if you are working without a plan of action.

One way to limit the feeling of being overwhelmed is to ensure that you are seeing only those homes that fit your needs. In the beginning of a house hunting trip, buyers may have the notion that they want to see all the houses available in their price range at this given time. This soon turns out to be confusing and disheartening, and the buyers are wearing themselves out going in and out of

homes they would not consider for their family. Know your goals and priorities and have your Realtor prepare a well-planned course of action for you. Ask for a schedule of appointments that will commit your agent as well as yourself to keeping this time for serious house-hunting and won't waste time for either one of you. If you are concerned you will miss "the house" ask your Realtor to provide a list of all the houses in your price range and a list of the properties chosen to be seen and how the selection was made. This should confirm that your agent has in mind the priorities you have and will help you stay focused on them. Also it will eliminate the feeling of wasted energy and time lot of enthusiasm that comes from looking at dozens of homes that just don't fit your needs.

(This article submitted by Norma Pine, owner of Chaparral Realtors.)



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WELLINGTON - Hold onto your hats - this 4BR in Polo Park is terrific!	170,900	HARVARD - Patio style 4/3/2 plus 2-garage, shop w/overhead door & covered parking for 4-5 cars.	129,900	HIGHSKY - Pretty pool, spacious rooms, loads of new in great area.	115,000
COUNTRY CLUB - Old Midland 5BR/4BA with pool cabana, remodeled in 1994. A must see.	170,000	PINE MEADOW - 4BR/2.5BA/2LA in Meadowpark. Spacious room and double-sided fireplace.	129,900	MAXWELL - Pool at this price! Plus 4 big bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths close to everything.	114,900
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TEAKWOOD TRACE - Immaculate, "On the Course", gourmet kitchen, luxurious master, 4BR/3BA/2LA.	161,500	"B" ST. - Simply stunning! Completely updated, tons of living area, great guest house 127,500.	127,500	CRESTGATE - Cozy & inviting, 4BR/2.5BA, great open kitchen, spacious family room.	108,900
SUNDANCE CT - Grasslands - TH, 4BR/3BA + study + 2LA. Versatile floor plan.	159,900	KING RICHARDS ROW - Great 4BR/2.5BA located on oversized lot near Green Tree. Don't miss all the extras.	127,500	PRINCETON - Fabulous Old Midland home w/huge rooms! Three living areas.	108,000
THAMES CT - Reduced! Traditional in Polo Park! 4BR/3BA, open kitchen/breakfast, tall ceilings.	154,900	NORWOOD - Large home is close to mall. 4BR/2 1/2BA w/master sequestered. Circle drive in front.	126,800	PRINCETON - Country living in the city! Spacious home on 3.19 acres, over 600 sq workshop.	107,500
SPARTAN - Need 5 garages? 3+ yr. old TH/patio style 4/3/1, low maintenance, metal siding.	151,000			ARROWHEAD - Smashing, immaculate, totally updated 4BR home - you'll love it.	107,000
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BRIGHTON PL. - Super 3BR plus an office with fabulous master bedroom, courtyard and more.	96,900	LANHAM - Spacious TH with new paint, tile & carpet. 2BR/2A.	76,000	GOLF COURSE - Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is.	60,000
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WESTERN - Immaculate, much updating, 3/2 w/2LA plus office and wonderful WORKSHOP.	90,000	CHON COVE - Secluded yet convenient Wyndwood beauty on quiet cul-de-sac.	74,000	MARIANA - Great home near hospital and shopping.	53,000
LOCKHEED - Great home in desirable "Old Midland" area. 2LA super arrangement price to sell.	89,900	OXFORD - 3/2/2, FP new paint, extra nice carpeting, wonderful location. Sprinklers. Hurry.	72,900	WILSHIRE - 3/2 with garage. Tons of updating. Beautiful home and yard!	49,900
ST ANDREWS - Charming 3BR/2BA/2-garage. Sprinkler sys. Lg. mstr BR & BA, large open kitchen.	89,900	GOLF COURSE - 4BR/3LA or 2BR/2BA/2LA w an office to boot with either. Neat house!	72,900	PLEASANT - Spacious 3BR in SW Midland, vaulted ceiling, hardwood in dining area. Cute.	49,500
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MICHIGAN - Charming "Old Midland", large, sunny rooms w/retent updating. Lots of parking area!	88,500	BRAZOS - Light & bright 3BR/2BA, large master w/lin closets, spacious kitchen & pantry.	70,000	STORREY - Great rental property, 2BR/2BA, FP & guest house.	39,900
CANADIAN - Beautiful home in Northgate. 4BR/2BA w/great yard. Lots of extras.	87,500	BELTON - Great home on quiet cul-de-sac. 3/2 with nice LA and backyard for play.	69,900	CUNNINGHAM - Adorable & Affordable! Beautifully maintained.	39,000
SHANDON - Beautifully maintained 3/2/2 home in area close to schools and shopping.	85,900	ROCKYLAKE - Great 4BR/2BA home with large game room.	69,900	WAVELEY - Reduced. Great little property 3BR/2BA/2-car garage, corner lot, workshop.	36,700
TERRACE - Lots of space, new flooring & bonus room make this a super buy that won't last long!	83,900	SAN ANTONIO - Nice 3BR/2BA on corner lot in Northgate. Won't last long.	69,900	CENTURY - Great home on the corner.	34,500
FAIRBANKS - Pretty, livable 3/2 w/formal dining, large BRs w/walk-in closets, many extras.	83,900	WADLEY #66 - Spacious, low maintenance condo. 2LA, 2BR 2 1/2 BA, very low maintenance.	68,500	A-Charming "Old Midland" vintage home. Centrally located.	34,000
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MARK LANE - Very nice 3BR on quiet cul-de-sac. Good condition w/large yard.	80,000	STEWART - Precious 3BR/2BA/2LA, large sunroom with yard.	64,900	BRUNSON - Great property on 3 lots. House 4BR/1BA with 1BR rental.	32,500
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S. CO. RD. 1210 - South Midkiff, large 3BR w/3.78 acres. Hardwood floors and a rental home also.	79,000
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S. CO. RD. 1185 - Comfortable home on 1.6 acres. 3 yr old roof, new appliances in kitchen. A good buy.	67,000
W. CO. RD. 130 - 4BR/3BA w/4.25 acres, pipe fencing, trees, huge den & master bedroom.	61,500
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BLUEBIRD - 12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided.	146,520
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CARDINAL LN - Two 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available.	64,000
MOCKINGBIRD LANE - 4 acre lot. Perfect for country living in the city.	64,000
BLACKBERRY - Prestige lot in Mission Properties. Central cul-de-sac location.	55,000
CUTHBERT - Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot!	49,900 ea.
MIDKIFF - 2 acres, great location on North Midkiff.	40,000
"L" STREET - Rare lot in museum district.	37,500
RUSTIC TRAIL - Large lots in area of new construction in Green Tree North.	35,000 each
SADDLE CLUB ESTATES - Prestigious - only a few remaining.	33,000-45,000
OAK - 300 ft on Oak 127 ft on Main/financing available.	30,000
TATTEHAM CORNER - Beautiful urban/suburban lots in quiet cul-de-sac.	27,500 each
ELM ST. & LAMESA RD. - Lot could be commercial location.	22,500
CROCKETT - 5 lots sold separately or as a package.	6,000 each
GASTON - Lot in Permian Estates.	3,000
VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES - Call for more details.	2,850-35,000

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FM 1788 - Two 1.69 acre residential tracts to be sold together.	20,000
CO. RD. 1195S - 3.10 acres.	17,100
HIGHWAY 349-RIDGE HEIGHTS - 3 acre tract-Ridge Heights with water well.	15,000
CO. RD. 52W - 3.02 prime acreage, possible owner finance.	15,000
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ANDREWS HWY-Large 14.5 acre tract of land and 3 rent houses. Zoned commercial.	\$2 per sq
RANKIN HWY-Established business for sale.	125,000
ILLINOIS-2250 tile bldg - club or restaurant, one blk. to MMH. REDUCED.	70,000
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WALL-Excellent location. Property for many uses. High traffic.	55,000
MISSOURI-Good close to downtown location for small business or office.	49,500
MAIN-Small office building, near downtown, 1392 sq.	42,500
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2. Debbie Brookins, Leonora Slusher

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1. Betty Reeves, Gloria Crites
2. Linda Warden, Marian Sims

FLIGHT C:
1. Marian Sims, Linda Warden
2. Ricki Perry, Ann Servatius
3. B.J. Filley, Herb Wales
4. Ruth Fahrig, James Simpson

TUESDAY

1. Betty Sheeler, Sue Gardiner
2. Sally Whiteley, Betty Reeves
3. Mildred Stuart, Corrinne Recer

WEDNESDAY

1. Buf Slay, Jerry Crooker
2. B.J. Filley, Ann Servatius
3. and 4. Tie: Marianne Slay, Jimmie Branch, Betty Reeves, Gloria Crites

THURSDAY

1. Helen Owen, Mildred Stuart
2. Dorothy Lloyd, Betty Moudy
3. Betty Marlow, Eleanor Kimberlin
4. Bitsy Loewenstein, Debbie Kemp

FRIDAY

FLIGHT A:
1. Flo Curry, Betty Sheeler
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3. Wyoma Whitlow, Jean Banks
4. Sandra Rhodes, Charlie Grimes

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2. Guida Dunn, Sally Whiteley
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1. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
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3. Betty Reeves, Gloria Crites
4. Linda Warden, Marian Sims

FLIGHT B:

1. Marian Sims, Linda Warden
2. Ricki Perry, Ann Servatius
3. B.J. Filley, Herb Wales
4. Ruth Fahrig, James Simpson

TUESDAY

1. Betty Sheeler, Sue Gardiner
2. Sally Whiteley, Betty Reeves
3. Mildred Stuart, Corrinne Recer

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2. B.J. Filley, Ann Servatius
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THURSDAY

1. Helen Owen, Mildred Stuart
2. Dorothy Lloyd, Betty Moudy
3. Betty Marlow, Eleanor Kimberlin
4. Bitsy Loewenstein, Debbie Kemp

FRIDAY

FLIGHT A:

1. Flo Curry, Betty Sheeler
2. Gloria Crites, Linda Warden
3. Wyoma Whitlow, Jean Banks
4. Sandra Rhodes, Charlie Grimes

FLIGHT B:

1. Wyoma Whitlow, Jean Banks
2. Nancy Harris, Helen Wise
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By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: A column you published in 1977 saved my life. I was 4 years old and having dinner with my family. My father, sitting across from me, noticed that I was turning blue. My mother realized I was choking on a piece of potato. Just the week before, having read about it in your column, she had learned how to do the Heimlich maneuver. She performed the maneuver on me and successfully dislodged the potato.

Abby, please urge everyone to learn this technique. You never know whose life you may save. — INGRID, WILTON, CONN.



Van Buren

your American Red Cross and ask for a schedule of classes or demonstrations. Remember to learn the variation for infants and children as well as the standard adult procedure. (Fees/donations for classes vary by location.)

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Examining Life in Ohio," who seemed to have a solid marriage, but didn't think she had married her "soul mate."

I am 60 years old and have had two husbands and six gentleman friends throughout the years. I have never felt the giddy, swept-away feeling of being "in love," and I've decided that's OK by me.

Too many young women marry someone who "turns them on" only to find out some years later after the passion wanes (and it does) that they've married someone who lacks the qualities to sustain a long-standing, loving relationship. Far too many women pass up perfectly good potential mates while waiting for "Mr. Right" to come along and light their fire.

I've talked to other women who also have never been "in love," so I know there are many of us out

there. One of the things we seem to have in common is a logical, rather analytical way of thinking. — DONE EXAMINING, WHITTIER, CALIF.

DEAR DONE EXAMINING: I have received a flurry of letters from readers who agree that a flaming passion is not the most important ingredient for a solid marriage. Read on for some input from the clergy:

DEAR ABBY: I am a pastor and have been involved in marital and premarital counseling during my 10 years of ministry. My experience has taught me that happiness and passion in marriages do not come from finding the "right" partner, but in BEING the right partner.

Once heard about a woman who was unhappy in her marriage and angry at her husband. When she went to her lawyer to begin divorce proceedings, she asked his advice on what she could do to really hurt her lousy husband. The lawyer thought for a moment, and suggested that for the next couple of months she love him and romance him with every ounce of her being, and once he was happy

and fulfilled, she serve him with the divorce papers. "It will rip his heart out," the lawyer promised.

The woman followed his advice. Several months later she returned to the lawyer's office. He handed her the divorce papers to examine before serving them to her husband, and the woman replied, "I won't be needing them now. We're getting ready to leave on our second honeymoon." — THE REV. SCOTT WOODDELL, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEAR REV. WOODDELL: There is much wisdom in your letter. The secret to a successful marriage is two people willing to work and sacrifice for the happiness of each other.

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For fall: Long, lean skirts grace runways

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

PARIS — Trend-spotting at the fall collections in Milan and Paris made one thing perfectly clear. Dresses and skirts have almost totally eclipsed pants. Most hemlines fall well below the knee, some daytime skirts even scraping the floor.

The skirts are narrow, with a slight flare or pleats for movement, and are shown with short-fitted jackets or sweaters.

The sweaters may be long and lean in chunky knits, or lightweight and layered.

Long cardigan sweaters, anywhere from fingertip to floor length, are often shown with the long skirts for both day and evening.

Leather is another major trend, in color as well as in black, but it doesn't look tough. It simply looks sleek. Fur is also important, as trimming or as a full-length coat.

As for color, gray prevails, even for evening, though it may be softened with a bit of pink or pale blue.

Black is forever, of course, and there are shots of bright red or blue.

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Long, lean art...

How to fill that rectangle of wall above the sofa

By Deborah Solomon
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Hmmm ... What should we hang over the couch? It used to be easy to answer that question. You hung up a painting — and then congratulated yourself for having the taste to choose a work that was more adventurous than the moonlit landscape selected by your next-door neighbor.

Yet, traditions beg to be broken, and the proverbial painting-over-the-couch has fallen out of favor. Once a symbol of refinement, it is now an annoying cliché, redolent of bourgeois blandness.

At a time when artists are enlarging the scale of their work, owning a major painting requires one to have a wall that is roughly proportionate to the Great Wall of China.

So, where does one go to find that perfect little jenne-sais-quoi for the blank spot over the sofa? Shhhh! You mustn't ask, at least not in public, lest you be branded a cultural boob second only to Homer Simpson.

Take the advice of Matthew Marks, the owner of two galleries in the Chelsea section of Manhattan. "If I have a collector who's thinking about putting a painting above the sofa," Marks said, "he wouldn't dare mention it to me. It's the ultimate sin. It's about decorating and not about art."

TO DISPARAGE the over-the-couch painting is to assault a long and lofty tradition. There is no single space in our homes that says as much about our cultural ambitions as the rectangle of wall over the sofa. The object that fills it is purely symbolic. Couch paintings cut across class and have taken a wide range of forms, from the French masterpiece purchased at Sotheby's to the tacky velvet landscape whose frame is worth more than the picture.

Yet, even in their most elegant forms, couch paintings smack of the absurd. They seem to suggest that Van Gogh cut off his ear only so that his starry skies could end up accentuating the blue stripes of some millionaire's chintz sofa. To hang a painting over a couch is to draw attention to one's taste while ironically making the painting less visible.

Does anyone even look at couch paintings? Sitting on your couch, you can see your television set, but you cannot see the painting behind you. Couch paintings make us literally turn our backs on art.

How did we ever get involved with them, anyway? To understand the origins of couch paintings one must go back to the 17th century, when art began slipping out of palaces and into the homes of the middle class. Dutch merchants and their families would pass their time on hardwood chairs pulled up to the fireplace, the site where cultural self-display first began. Over-the-mantel paintings flourished.

"The mantel was where you advertised your status," said Simon Schama, the art critic and Columbia University historian, "and it served as a kind of secular altarpiece."

THE RISE of the couch painting had to await a climactic thermal development: the advent of central heating, which allowed people to sit far away from their fireplaces. Then again, while sofas were born in the mid-19th century, it's not certain that anyone sat on them. The Victorian horsehair Belter sofa was so unyielding that children would literally slide off it. It wasn't until the hedonistic 1920s, when comfort became an American craze, that every self-respecting home acquired an upholstered sofa — and a painting to go above it.

The painting was supposed to be as neutral as possible, said Karal Ann Marling, a professor of art history at the University of Minnesota and the author of several books on popular culture. "The idea was that if you could find a painting that was inoffensive and matched the colors of your couch, you had made an esthetic statement."

Certain subjects were guaranteed to win approval. Landscapes were ideal, as they tend to be horizontal. So, too, were reproductions of semi-famous works of art. Professor Marling's admittedly haphazard research into flea market castoffs has led her to determine that "scenes of fountains enlivened by moonlight" enjoyed a vogue in prewar America.

These days, however, fashions in interior design have sent couches flying away from the wall and into the middle of the living room. In general, yuppies don't like boxy little rooms, which hark back to an era when moms wore aprons. Now, couches spread and meander through space, an apt metaphor for our newly open-ended lives, leaving no place for couch paintings.

It might seem surprising, if not impossible, that couch paintings have met their end in the age of the couch potato. If Americans are spending more time on couches, wouldn't they be more likely to hang a picture in the vicinity?

"The truth about couch potatoes is that they tend to sit on reclining chairs," said Thomas Hine, a writer on design and architecture and the author of "Populuxe" (Knopf, 1986). "A chair is more personalized and proprietary. You can't say 'My couch,' but you can say, 'My chair.'"

Artists, in the meantime, have mounted their own assault on the old standards of decor and decorum. Consider James Rosenquist's "Swimmer in the Econo-mist" (1997), a three-part painting that stands 11-1/2 feet high and stretches on for 158 feet — long enough to provide a stylish backdrop for 27 leather couches placed end to end, with potted plants in between.



Cy DeBoer

West Texas Writers meeting scheduled

Staff Reports

West Texas Writers will meet 2 p.m. April 4 in the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Cy DeBoer, author of "Take a Woman's Word For It," will be guest speaker.

Meetings of West Texas Writers are free and open to the public. Artists, illustrators and photographers also are invited to attend. For more information call 682-5370.

Composer studied in Paris

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Composer and music critic Virgil Thomson, born here in 1896, graduated from Harvard and studied in Paris during the early 1920s.

A music critic in New York from 1940 to 1954, Thomson wrote operas, ballet suites and chamber music.

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Book Review Unit of Midland Woman's Club will meet for luncheon and program April 6 in the clubhouse at Hogan Park. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow at noon.

Jane Roberts Wood, a third-generation Texan and author of "Train to Estelina," "A Place Called Sweet Shrub" and "Dance A Little Longer," will be guest speaker.

Ms. Wood earned a bachelor's degree in foreign languages from Texas Tech in Lubbock.

In 1969 she earned a master's degree in British literature from Texas Christian University.

She has studied at several universities, including Yale and the University of London.

A 1992 Fellow of the National Endowment for the Arts and a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, until recently she has been a member of the English faculty at Brookhaven College in Dallas. She now writes fulltime.

The public is invited to attend the event. Cost of the luncheon and program is \$12 per person. Reservations must be made by April 2. Call 694-5583 or 694-6771.

Promontory has varied history

Associated Press

STONY POINT, N.Y. — A rocky promontory jutting into the Hudson River about 38 miles north of New York City gives this place its name.

In July, 1779 during the American Revolution, a strongly fortified British post here was stormed and captured by Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne's American troops.

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Advance planning helps family reunions run more smoothly

By Christi Mays
Associated Press

WACO — Ernest Bezdek felt his extended family was beginning to "forget who they were," so several years ago he took out pen and paper and began planning a family reunion.

"Some cousins really haven't visited each other in years," the 69-year-old West resident said. "It gave them the opportunity to get together."

Getting a family reunion off the ground without a hitch can be tricky.

Not only is there a lot of preparation and planning involved, but also some research.

"I had to do a lot of research to figure out who's part of the family," he said. "I did a lot of telephone calling to get names and addresses."

But in the end, all of his efforts paid off. His family reunion averages about 150 family members each year.

WHEN IT COMES to planning a reunion, besides establishing a guest list, there are several essential elements to decide upon, including location, date, entertainment and activities and food.

Instead of planning the entire reunion himself, Bezdek said each year a different family group is appointed to host the reunion.

Bezdek's family always holds the reunion at the same location and same time each year to avoid confusion. They have a standing reservation at the SPJST building in West each year to secure the location.

Some families, like the Bezdeks, opt to have an informal timeline of events at their reunions. Others stick to a strict schedule of events.

"Some of the men play a Czech card game called tarock while the ladies visit and play cards and dominoes," he said of the all-day affair.

The children usually migrate outdoors for a game of football or horseshoes.

Activities for all age groups are important. Jeannie Roger's Reunion Planning Guide at [http://www.getnet.com/\(tild\)jeannie/reunions/reunion.html](http://www.getnet.com/(tild)jeannie/reunions/reunion.html) features tips and tricks to planning the perfect family reunion. On her Web site, she suggests having hay rides, hiring a band, hosting a talent show or skits or a family trivia contest.

Coming from a family that is musically inclined, Bezdek said various members of his family provide entertainment, singing and playing instruments.

A time can be set aside during the reunion to announce any developments in family history that have taken place since the year before, including deaths, marriages and births.

SINCE IT'S IMPORTANT to keep track of family history, Bezdek says it's not a bad idea to share family history.

His family brings old photographs and memorabilia to the family reunions, and he shares his research from his genealogy work, which he's traced back several centuries.

For those serious about documenting family history, they might video record the reunions, interviewing various family members. Make tapes available at a minimal cost to other family members.

Giveaways always are a fun part of a reunion.

Dressing makes do deliciously

By Ann Heller
N.Y. Times News Service

A case can be made that I am in a rut when it comes to salad dressing. It is almost always the same.

I start with good extra virgin olive oil and red wine vinegar. Sometimes balsamic vinegar or champagne vinegar, but more often I automatically reach for the red wine vinegar. Other than salt and pepper, all I add is a bit of Dijon mustard. No sugar. Only occasionally a clove of garlic.

It is purist's dressing, and I love it with an exotic mixture of greens.

But last year, when I was staying at a friend's cabin in the Kentucky woods, we started to make a salad and discovered she had no olive oil for the dressing.

Still, I'm not one to resort to bottled dressings. So we rooted around in the pantry and came up with vegetable oil and some rice wine vinegar. The cupboard included ingredients that could be the makings of an Asian-style dressing. Here's a re-do of that dressing.

CAVE RUN DRESSING

Makes 4 to 6 servings

2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
4 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon sesame oil

Blend the vinegar, soy sauce, sugar and hot sauce, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Whisk in the vegetable oil and sesame oil.

Approximate nutritional analysis per serving: 88 calories, 9.3 g fat, 0 cholesterol, 92 mg sodium.

Bezdek says the hosts of the family reunions purchase gifts to give as door prizes. Special gifts, like a gallon of gas, might be awarded to the person who drove the farthest to the reunion.

To help raise funds to cover reunion costs, some families charge a nominal admission. Bezdek said family members donate items, such as handmade quilts for a silent auction, which helps cover costs.

To save on costs, instead of catering an entire meal, family members might have the meat catered and assign different families to bring side dishes. Some families opt to cut out the caterers completely and host a potluck dinner where each family brings several dishes.

Some reunion planners decide on certain themes for their yearly get-togethers. This calls for a little imagination to create the perfect carnival, casino, masked ball, luau or rodeo setting.

Here's some additional tips

from Jeannie Roger's Reunion Planning Guide on preparing for a family reunion:

■ Keep a running list of everything that needs to be done and the date by which each item needs to be accomplished.

■ Announce the reunion well in advance, send out eye-catching invitations and e-mail family members with computers.

■ Make sure there are plenty of activities and games available to keep children occupied. Also, provide child care if necessary.

■ Decide if the group will prefer subdued activities, more active events or a combination of both. Make sure they are aware of the activities available.

■ Establish beforehand what types of decorations are appropriate for the occasion and how much money will be budgeted for this.

■ A back-up plan will come in handy in the event of bad weather, medical emergencies and no-show entertainers.

Georgia, named for George III, was one of original 13 colonies

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia (named for King George II) became a royal colony in 1754 and was one of America's original 13 states. It was the first Southern state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. Georgia's chief agricultural products

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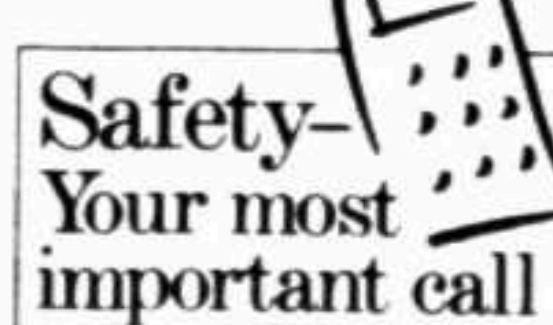
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Seemingly frozen in mid-air, a block makes its trip up the derrick. This week's rig count dropped slightly to 137.

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Gas well blowout

The Permian Basin's largest natural gas blowout in almost a decade caught fire Thursday, according to Gary McGregor, senior vice president for UMC Petroleum Corp. of Denver, operator of the well.

The well, Carlisle State Com. No. 1, five miles east of Lovington in Lea County, New Mexico, encountered an uncontrollable blowout in the Morrow formation last Friday and has been blowing gas and condensate at the rate of 8-10 million cubic feet per day, until it caught fire Friday.

McGregor said Boot and Coots were in the process of a normal capping operation which includes removing the rig and other equipment from around the wellhead, blowing out the fire, installing a new blowout preventer, and pumping downhole mud to control the blowout. UMC Petroleum Corp. is a wholly owned subsidiary of United Meridian Corp.

Joint meeting

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Will Faubel, president of Hughes Christensen, will speak on "Contributions of Drill Bit Technology to Drilling Performance."

Social hour begins at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$20. Reservations should be called to Rebecca Edwards at 915/682-9401 by noon on March 30.

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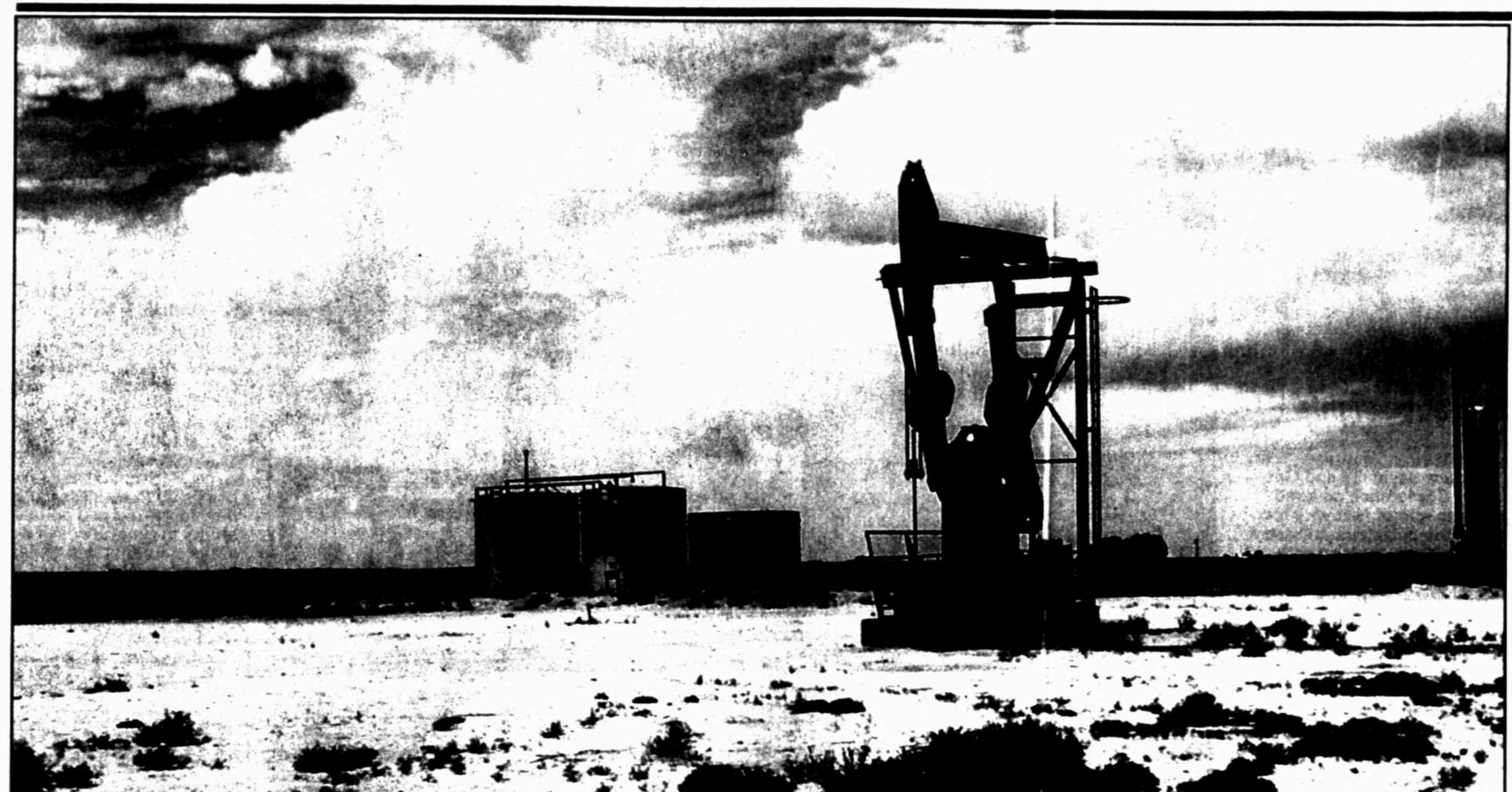


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A Titan Resources well pumps away on the Breedlove lease. A group of executives at the Permian Basin Oil and Gas Recovery Conference held this week agreed that the

Permian Basin still offers many opportunities for oil and gas operators to add value and make money. New technologies such as 3-D seismic, CO2 recovery and hori-

zontal drilling were listed as some of the reasons behind the all-out search for opportunity in the Basin.

Panel: Lots of opportunity in Permian Basin

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

The Permian Basin may be ripe for harvest, but it is also ripe with opportunity according to a panel of top oil and gas executives. "About the time we think we have exhausted all opportunity in the Basin, along comes new technology and we find a new opportunity," said Rick Schneider, Manager Texaco Permian Basin Business Unit.

"With new opportunities, the Permian Basin continues to grow and reinvent itself," said Ted Collins, President Collins & Ware, a Midland-based independent oil company.

Said John Whitehead, vice president of operations for Arco Permian: "The Permian Basin is a great place to make money. In terms of proven reserves it is the largest productive basin in the U.S. — a world-class Basin. Arco Permian plans to grow and to have greater success than imagined. It's not over yet."

That view was conveyed again and again at the recent Permian Basin Oil & Gas Recovery Conference by a panel of executives discussing the theme of the Conference, sponsored by SPE and UTPB, which was Permian Basin: Where Technology Meets Opportunity.

Members of the Business and Management Panel were: Ted Collins, president Collins & Ware; Harry Hufft, vice president New Resource Capture for Altura; Hunter Malson, vice president

operations for Burlington Resources; Rick Schneider, Permian Basin Business Unit manager for Texaco, and John Whitehead, vice president operations for Arco Permian.

The panel which provided an overview of projects, performance, technology and attitudes of select oil companies in the Permian Basin was one of the highlights of the conference. This year members unanimously concluded that there were still countless opportunities available for oil companies and the technologies making the most difference were 3-D seismic, CO2 recovery projects and horizontal drilling.

Altura, the largest producer in Texas with all its production in the Permian Basin, has identified CO2 as the technology most likely to make the most difference over the next few years. With production of 155,000 bopd and 222 mmcf of gas, Altura has allocated 25 percent of its budget to CO2 projects.

"CO2 can be a major growth opportunity. We now operate 15 projects and plan to do about three per year," said Harry Hufft, Altura vice president for new resource capture. He said the company now had a backlog of five years' work on CO2 recovery projects.

Hufft pointed to the recent trade with Apache, wherein Altura swapped New Mexico properties for Apache's 86-percent interest in Cogdell unit of Scurry

County. Now down to 1,500 bopd, the unit is expected to reach 10,000 bopd once Altura installs a CO2 flood. Hufft said Altura was the largest owner of CO2 assets in the world and had the expertise to install and operate such a project.

Altura also has the cash flow to initiate such large-scale projects. Drilling is expected to exceed \$10 million, with facilities accounting for another \$25 million and CO2 purchases approximately \$100 million. "This project presented a great opportunity for our expertise and we will look for other similar opportunities," said Hufft.

Rick Schneider, Texaco Permian Business Unit Manager, noted that Texaco was also sold on CO2 enhanced oil recovery as a means for growth. He said Texaco operated three CO2 projects and had an interest in another nine, and noted that CO2 had increased Texaco production in the Basin by 5,000 bopd.

Schneider said that the Permian Basin may be a mature basin but it still provides opportunity for substantial production gains. "The Basin accounts for 75 percent of all the oil produced in Texas and 18 percent of the oil produced in the U.S."

Other factors creating opportunity, said Schneider, are a well developed infrastructure that allows wells to be put on stream in short time, a vigorous

acquisition and divestiture culture, and ample space for exploration.

Schneider said opportunity in the Basin is driven by people, assets and financial commitment. Texaco's financial commitment to the Basin continues to increase. It was \$187 million in 1995, \$209 million in 1996 and \$272 million in 1997.

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Nuclear fracing Oilpatch Series discussion topic

By Staff

In the 1950's Reservoir Engineer Wardel Liske used an atomic bomb to frac an oil shale well in the Rocky Mountains.

The explosion was part of a United States Government attempt to find peaceful uses for atomic weapons. The results of the test have been classified for the past 30 years.

However, on Monday, March 30, Liske will discuss "Nuclear Fracing of an Oil Well" as part of the Oilpatch Speaker Series at Midland College. The discussion will include a 15-minute video produced by the government.

Liske became a reservoir engineer with Texaco after a pro-football career in the 1930's. After Texaco he moved to Austral (Southern) Oil Company and in 1978 orchestrated the sale of Austral to Superior Oil.

"Nuclear Fracing of an Oil Well" will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium of the Allison Fine Arts Building on the campus of Midland College. Liske will actually begin speaking at noon.

Boxed lunches will be provided. Reservations should be made by calling Corene Wylie at 685-4620. Cost of the session will be \$25 per person. Proceeds from the event will help fund a new lab for the Geotechnical Training Program at Midland College.

Abilene's oilfield training school to reopen

LUBBOCK, Texas — Despite some of the lowest oil prices in a decade, Abilene's oilfield roughneck school will reopen after a four-year hiatus and plans to train up to 1,000 rig hands over the next two years, officials said.

Using a \$266,000 start-up grant by the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Engineering Extension Service has been busily preparing its practice rig and other equipment for the first class of future roughnecks.

"I was getting ready to retire next year, but now they won't let me," said Wayne Davis, who oversees the school that first opened during the early 1980s boom, closed in the 1986 bust, reopened with the Persian Gulf crisis in 1990 and shut down again three years later.

The industry's 1997 resurgence prompted Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews to work with the

Texas A&M extension service, to find funding for the school. The effort began

'Most folks in the oil business today are in it for the long haul.'

Charles Matthews, Railroad Commission

last summer, when oil prices were running above \$20 a barrel.

As long as the current \$13-a-barrel slump doesn't persist, officials say they're confident graduates will find oilfield jobs, which pay \$20,000 or

more.

"It may have some effect on some companies' drilling programs, but most folks in the oil business today are in it for the long haul," Matthews said.

"They will continue to drill."

Matthews also spoke about the school's re-opening this past week in Midland. The TWC grant should cover about 100 students. Among them will be an undetermined number of pre-screened parolees whom the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will encourage to attend.

"We're vigorously going to promote this program," said Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice. "It's a high priority for the department, particularly for the parole division."

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JOHN PAUL PITTS

Railroad Commission facing change, serious business

Things are changing at the Texas Railroad Commission, and Charles Matthews, is already beginning to pine for that "old gang of mine."

Come November, Barry Williamson will be gone, and most likely Carole Rylander will be gone, leaving only Matthews as the seasoned veteran on the Commission. And, when his term is up in two years Matthews has pledged to run again to provide a continuum of experience on the Commission.

Tony Garza has won the seat vacated by Barry Williamson, but it is uncertain at this point who will be appointed by the Governor to take

Rylander's position. At any rate it is bound to impact the cohesion and level of expertise level at the Commission.

"Remember, it only takes two votes to swing some pretty powerful issues," said Matthews.

Matthews, Williamson and Rylander have had some differences, as might be expected when you have a group of three. They

have also had different pet projects and often bickered. "But when it came to doing what was right for Texas or slapping hands that needed to be slapped in the regulatory process the three usually vote unanimously," said one operator. Matthews agrees: "It went smoothly and important things got done."

That has not always been the case. When Kent Hance and Barry Williamson were lone Republicans on the Commission, vital issues were often resolved in head-to-head, two-to-one confrontations. Not only did Texas not win, it often suffered.

Case in point is the deregulation of

the trucking industry. That single event took Texas out of the dark ages of transportation and made it competitive with the rest of the nation. It was the greatest regulatory event in 50 years, bringing more benefit and jobs to the state than even dreamed. Yet deregulation was blocked year after year by Democrat Jim Nugent, who was once thought unbeatable, and any new Democrat who came on board was put into the position of yielding to the senior Democrat. Today, when Matthews is introduced as the man who beat Jim Nugent, he is often greeted with resounding applause.

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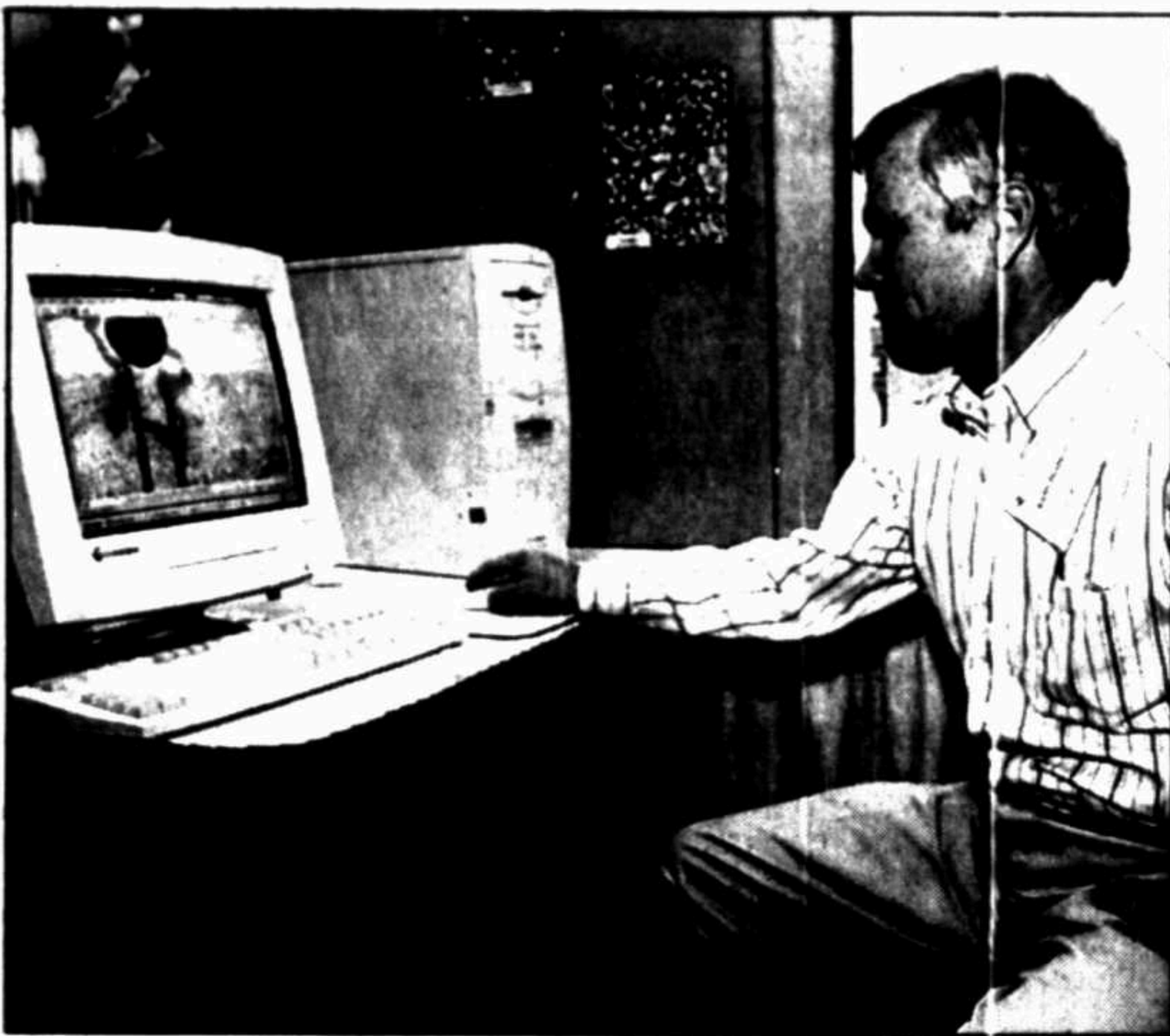


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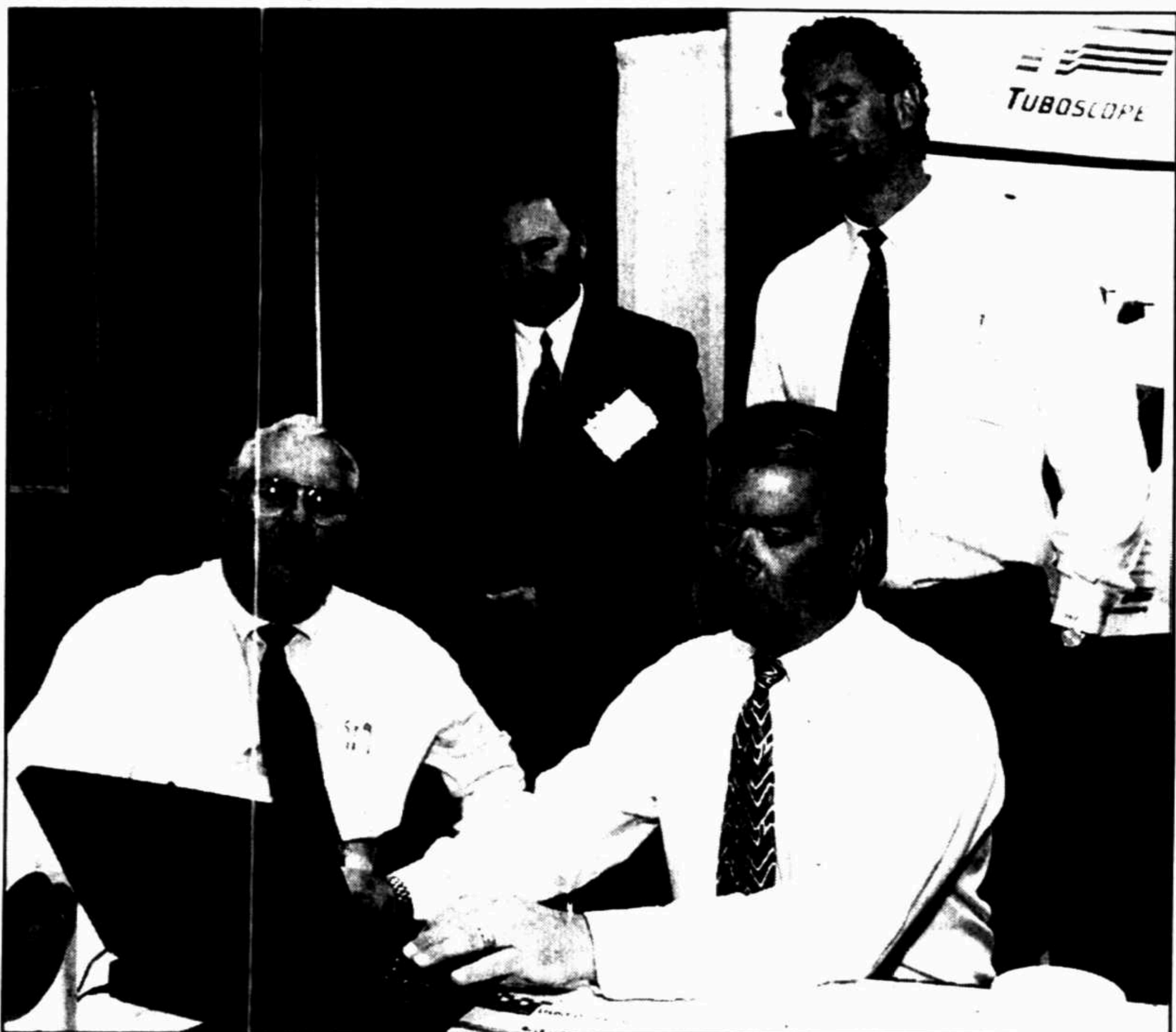
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Conference sights

The Permian Basin Oil and Gas Recovery Conference covered various aspects of recovery techniques in the petroleum industry. Above left, Keith Hudson with Reservoirs Inc. works with one of his digital image captures of rock formation material. Above right, Mike Teaff and Dennis Yeager, both with Dowdco, talk at the Midland Center. Below, Tuboscope Associates Rick Smith and Carter Ness, standing, and Johnny Treat and Billy Wheeler look over a computer program.

Photos by Tim Fischer



Goodyear to exit oil transportation

AKRON, Ohio — Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. said it is getting out of the oil transportation business with the \$420 million sale of its pipeline company and two other businesses to a subsidiary of Plains Resources Inc. of Houston.

Goodyear said that it has entered into a stock purchase agreement to sell All American Pipeline Co., Celeron Gathering Corp. and Celeron Trading & Transportation Co. to Houston-based Plains All American Inc.

Greg L. Armstrong, president of Plains Resources, said the transaction is expected to be completed this summer.

The sale of the companies will improve the Akron-based Goodyear's financial flexibility, said Samir Gibara, Goodyear's chairman, chief executive officer and president.

He said the company would record an approximately \$35 million after-tax loss on the transaction, partially offsetting a \$38 million gain in the first quarter on the sale of Goodyear's carpet latex business in Calhoun, Ga.

The All American Pipeline Co. owns and operates the All American Pipeline, a 1,233-mile pipeline that carries crude oil from the California coast to refineries in California and through other connections to refineries in Texas and the Midwest.

Celeron Gathering operates a 45-mile crude oil gathering system in California's San Joaquin Valley.

'Sale of the companies will improve Goodyear's flexibility.'

Sam Gibara, Chairman

School: Need for workers expected to remain strong

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Polunsky added that minority parolees will be particularly urged to join the program to add racial diversity to an occupation that "historically has been very much Anglo."

Matthews said he'll pursue funding to keep the school running, while TEEEX assistant director Bob Prock said there should be enough money available for at least two years.

At 66, Davis said he'd be willing to stick around as long as the school remains open and his health remains intact.

"It's one of the most gratifying experiences I've ever had," said Davis, a veteran oilman who, along with his four instructors, have a combined 225 years in the drilling industry. "I was very selective in who we picked for this, because it takes a lot of patience. I think the youngest guy I've got is 50 years old."

Their confidence flies in the face of a market hampered by foreign overproduction and seasonal factors.

"There hasn't been a huge drop in drilling activity yet," said Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association in Midland. "It always takes about six months for (drilling activity) to react to price."

If the prices don't rebound fairly quickly, there probably won't be very good job prospects."

Burns added that if prices can bounce back up by early summer, the employment picture for field hands won't be damaged too seriously.

The state Railroad Commission estimated there was a shortage of 5,000 oilfield workers last year. Matthews admitted that number is probably lower now, but the industry still needs qualified personnel to drill and repair wells.

The continuing offshore boom should brighten prospects, too, officials said.

Davis said workers from his school will be qualified to work offshore as roustabouts, though the focus of their training is land-based drilling.

Most of his students will take an extensive four-week course that costs about \$2,700 a head. For more basic training or for workers with prior experience, a one-week program is available for \$995.

Davis said he received about 80 phone calls, mostly from the Houston area, when word first got out last summer that the school might restart. Applicants looked down Abilene's phone system when the school first opened in 1981, though interest isn't as expected to be quite so fanatical this time.

while Celeron Trading & Transportation sells and purchases crude oil.

Celeron and All American Pipeline are based in Bakersfield, Calif.

The areas serviced by the pipeline and gathering system produce more than 700,000 barrels of crude oil per day, or about 15 percent of the total oil production in

the continental United States, Plains said in a statement released Monday.

Plains Resources is an independent energy company involved in exploration, acquisition and development of crude oil and natural gas. The company also handles marketing, transportation and storage of crude oil.

PITTS: Commissioner wields power in Texas

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The point is: Whomever sits on the Texas Railroad Commission wields tremendous power for good and bad. "In terms of doing good for Texas, to be a Texas Railroad Commissioner is about as powerful as you can get," said Matthews, "because the TRC regulates, promotes and oversees an industry responsible for a large portion of the \$500 billion Texas GNP." Matthews says he had often chided his colleagues Williamson and Rylander for seeking higher offices. "This is the job I wanted, and the job I will do."

As the Commission faces some real challenges over the next few years, it needs people who recognize the power and have a true passion for the job of Texas Railroad Commissioner.

The Commission is now in the process of reviewing and examining all its regulations to see if they are needed or if they fit the situation. Some will survive, many, no doubt, will face demise. The Commission is also in the process of upgrading its data and putting it on computer, in order to

give the industry better information upon which to make critical exploration and development decisions. Matthews calls the data a treasure. At the same time, there is the constant threat from the radical environmental faction to strip regulatory power from Texas and put it in federal hands at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Says Matthews, who heads the IOGCC Environmental Committee: "The environmental battle is ongoing. They will try each year to have Texas oil and gas classified as a toxic substance."

With so many challenges at hand, one can only hope that the new commissioners will realize the power at their command and the gravity of business facing the Texas Railroad Commission. If Carole Rylander wins in the Comptrollers race, George Bush would do well to appoint in her place an individual with more passion for the job at hand than the job ahead.

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram

PANEL: Members outline opportunities

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From a company that created and sold prospects, Ted Collins, president of Collins & Ware, says his company now has 65 employees, 450 operated wells and 650 non-operated properties. He said the company had done "a little bit of everything" since it was founded in 1988. The company has become involved in 3-D seismic and horizontal drilling, and is becoming aggressive in acquisitions and divestitures.

"We are not finding any more big fields with 3-D seismic," said Collins, "but we are finding a lot of smaller fields." Collins said it was the decision at Collins & Ware to stay a private company so that it could act faster and be more flexible.

A major oil company that has redesigned itself as an independent oil company for much the same reason is Arco Permian. Since reorganizing as an opportunity-hunting machine, Arco Permian has cut costs 29 percent, increased production 8 percent, added 122 mmbbl to reserves, increased net income 46 percent and improved the safety margin by almost 70 percent.

John Whitehead, Vice President Arco Permian, said low drilling prices, high success rates, a well-developed infrastructure and the ability to generate cash were some of the elements that generate a lot of opportunity in the Permian Basin. "The Permian Basin gen-

erates \$4.5 billion in net cash income each year."

He also noted that a robust acquisition market that averages 20-30 deals a year and intense competition helped in the search for opportunity. "There are 1,800 operators in the Permian Basin. They create a competitive edge and make it easier for the Basin to compete for capital."

For Burlington Resources the search for opportunity has taken some unusual turns such as drilling horizontal laterals in Edwards County, where there have been only two commercial wells out of 100 drilled. The opportunity search also includes the purchase — not installation — of an active CO2 project and installation of a waterflood in one of the oldest fields in the Basin. The 70-year-old McCamey field has never had water injected into its reservoir and when completed will be the largest waterflood completed in the past 20 years and is expected to have tremendous productive potential. Burlington also believes that there is still opportunity for aggressive exploration in the Basin.

Says Hunter Malson, vice president of Operations: "When you look at the front page of the Wall Street Journal it may look like it is all covered with type, but take a closer look and you will see it is mostly white space. That is like the Permian Basin. It may look fully explored, but there is still plenty of white space in the Basin."

Tom Brown completes Frenchie Draw well

By Staff

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Tom Brown also has tested the Graham Unit #32 at rates of 9.5 mmcf and an undetermined amount of condensate per day with 1,500 psi flowing tubing pressure. This is a 1,600-foot offset to the #37 well. This well should be on production within two weeks. A third well, the Graham Unit #36, is being tested and is awaiting fracture stimulation in the upper sands of the Land Formation.

Tom Brown Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Donald L. Evans said, "These wells are significant for Tom Brown, Inc.'s effort in the Wind River Basin and substantiate our ongoing confidence in the exceptional opportunities in this underexplored and underexploited gas prone basin."

Auction to feature 750 Permian Basin properties

By Staff

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Notable properties up for bid include the Black Dog Field, Andrews County; Venteam Field of Ector County; Howard Glasscock and Howard Glasscock Gloria fields in Howard County; Sullivan & Jess Burner Field, Reeves County; Jo Nell (Canyon) & Vineragorone (Strawn) fields in Sutton and Val Verde counties; Orla Southwest and King Mountain fields in Reeves and Upton counties; Knowles, North Field in Lea County, New Mexico; Bluit Field in Roosevelt County; Jordan West Field in Crane County; Jordan Field in Crane and Ector counties; Foster Field in Ector County; Headlee North Field in Ector County; Goldsmith West Field in Ector County, and Johnson Field in Ector County.

Data rooms opened March 16, with complete data packages available for review in Tulsa, Denver, Midland, Dallas and Oklahoma City. Data packages can also be ordered from The Clearinghouse.

Ken Olive with The Clearinghouse said, "We have an excellent although relatively small sale by our standards, but it has good quality properties. We have some excellent sellers that will be there."

"This is our third auction in conjunction with the Executive Oil Conference. Every year we have had a very good sale with some excellent sellers, and some excellent buyers for that matter. We really enjoy going to Midland. We like the city and we certainly like the Permian Basin properties that draw a great deal of interest and generally receive excellent values due to the longevity and the overall quality and appeal to the marketplace."

The auction will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Midland Center on April 15. The Executive Oil Conference, of which The Clearinghouse is a sponsor, will open April 16, also at the Midland Center.

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Queen Sand Resources makes \$150-million acquisition

DALLAS -- Queen Sand Resources Inc., announced Monday that it has signed a definitive purchase and sale agreement to acquire non-operated royalty and net profits overriding royalty interests from two Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York commingled pension trust funds for which Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is Trustee.

The purchase price is \$150 million in cash subject to standard closing adjustments for net production revenues since Oct. 1, 1997 and capital expenditures incurred since that date. The company made a non-refundable deposit of \$15 million upon signing the Agreement. The effective date of the transaction is Oct. 1, 1997 with an anticipated closing on or before April 22, 1998. Bank of Montreal and affiliates of Enron Corp. have provided a total commitment for \$156 million in bridge financing to be funded on closing, subject to customary conditions.

The acquisition encompasses interests in over 530 wells in approximately 40 different fields located primarily in East Texas, South Texas and the Mid-continent area. The company's independent petroleum engineers, Ryder Scott, estimate that total proved reserves consist of approximately 127.7 billion cubic feet (bcf) of natural gas and 3.7 million barrels of oil. The reserves are approximately 85% natural gas, having an estimated reserve-to-production ratio of over 10 years, and 80% are classified by Ryder Scott as proved developed producing. The non-operated royalty and net profits overriding royalty interests in the various properties range from 2% to 80%.

Upon closing of this acquisition, management estimates that the company will have net production averaging 35 million cubic feet of natural gas per day and 1,850 barrels of oil per day. Queen Sand Resources has purchased an option to enter into a swap, hedging the natural gas production of the company over the next 5 years at \$2.15 per mmbtu. The company expects to replace this option with a comprehensive hedging strategy prior to the expiry of the option on May 1, 1998.

"This is a significant acquisition for Queen Sand and a cornerstone of our ongoing acquisition and development strategy," said Ted Munden, president and chief executive officer of Queen Sand Resources. "This acquisition greatly increases our resource base with proved developed producing reserves and also provides additional development upside. The increased monthly cashflow will contribute to Queen Sand's ability to self finance capital expenditures. This will enhance our ongoing strategy of acquiring new producing and

developmental oil and gas properties. We thank the Bank of Montreal and Enron for their ongoing financial support in providing the bridge financing that has made this acquisition possible."

Queen Sand Resources is an independent domestic oil and gas company established in 1994 to acquire, develop, operate and enhance oil and gas properties using conventional recovery programs.

INDUSTRY BRIEFS

GulfWest acquires West Texas properties

DALLAS -- GulfWest Oil Co. announced its purchase of 27 wells in Pecos County, Texas for \$2.8 million. In conjunction with this acquisition, the company refinanced its outstanding senior debt of approximately \$7.4 million with Chase of Texas, N.A. for a total of \$10.2 million.

Marshall A. Smith, president and chief executive officer of GulfWest commented: "This acquisition is another step towards achieving our growth objectives, while the financing improves our ability to continue to enhance and develop our proved undeveloped reserves."

Dawson Production buys Patterson Well Service

SAN ANTONIO -- Dawson Production Services Inc. announced that it has acquired the assets of Patterson Well Service Inc., headquartered in Victoria, Texas.

Patterson specializes in oil and gas well servicing and has annual revenues of approximately \$2.1 million. No terms were disclosed.

"This acquisition adds six workover rigs to our fleet in the Gulf Coast Region, bringing our company-wide total to 519 workover rigs," stated Michael E. Little, chairman, president and chief executive officer.

Dawson Production Services Inc. is a San Antonio-based diversified energy services company providing workover rig services, liquid services, and production services to oil and gas operators.

Costilla's Lavaca County well adds to reserves

Costilla Energy, Inc. announced that the company's previously-announced Migl-Mitchell #2 has identified 274 net feet of productive Wilcox sands through 15,846 feet of drilled hole. This well adds 30 to 40 billion cubic feet to the company's natural gas reserves. The Migl-Mitchell #2 has been drilled to a separate fault block from the previously-announced Migl-Mitchell #1, which is currently producing at approximately 10 million cubic feet per day. Initial production is expected in early April.

Costilla owns a 100 percent working interest, 80 percent net revenue interest in the Migl-Mitchell #2, located on the company's Southwest Speaks property. The company has 7,865 acres under lease in the Lavaca County prospect.

Costilla also reported that production has been increased from the Scott & Hopper GU 1-5 to approximately 2.2 million cubic feet of gas plus 40 barrels of condensate per day on flowing tubing pressure of 2,500 pounds.

Pioneer Natural Resources announces acquisition

DALLAS -- Pioneer Natural Resources Company announces that it has entered into an agreement with Mariner Energy, Inc. to acquire a 25% working interest in Mississippi Canyon Block 305 located in the Central Gulf of Mexico, pending award of the lease by the U.S. Minerals Management Service (MMS).

A bidding group comprised of Elf Exploration, Inc. (Operator) and Mariner Energy, Inc. was the apparent successful bidder on the block at the OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 169, which was held on March 18, 1998. If a lease is awarded by the MMS, the resulting ownership will be Elf Exploration, Inc. (50%), Mariner Energy, Inc. (25%) and Pioneer (25%).

The potential acquisition of Mississippi Canyon Block 305, located in approximately 7,000 feet of water, will mark Pioneer's initial investment in the deep water Gulf of Mexico. Scott Sheffield, Pioneer's President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "This is a high quality 3-D seismic prospect with reserve impacting potential."



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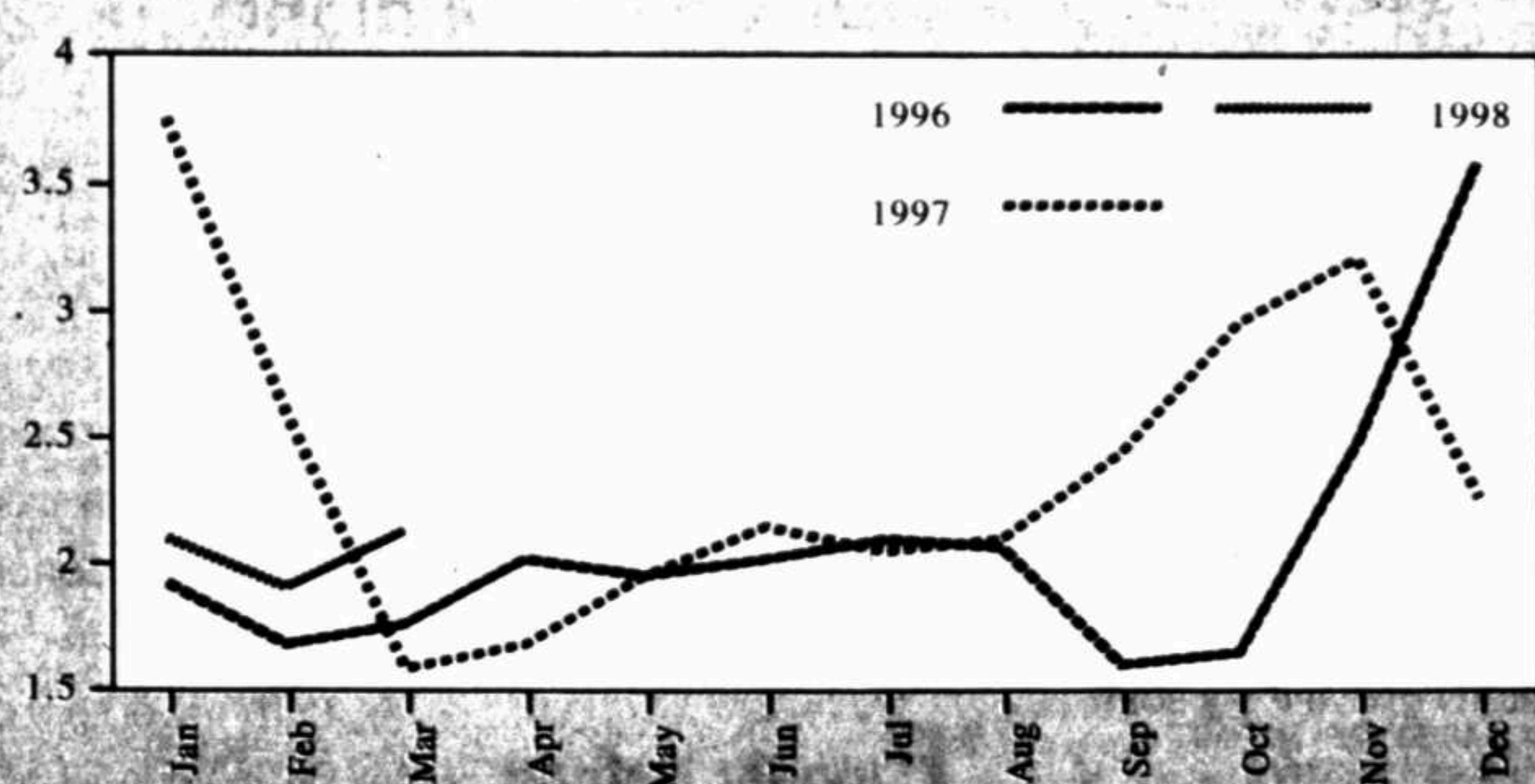
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Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County
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Waha Averages

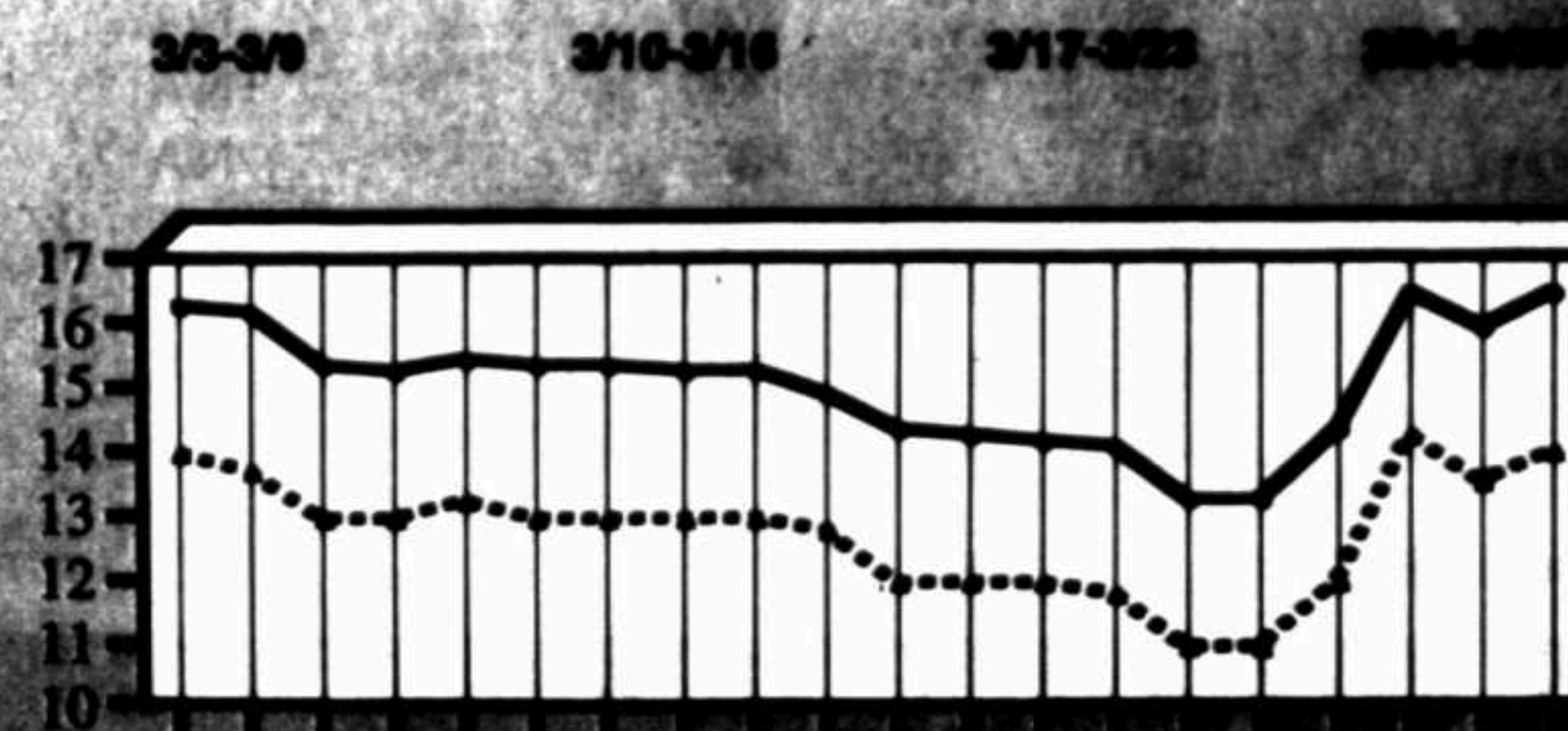
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SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

CHAVES COUNTY

MCKAY OIL CORP
SO FOUR MILE DRAW B FED #2
WEST PECOS SLOPE; T6S, R22E, SEC
24; 1470 FSL 1760 FWL; 24 MILES NW
OF ROSWELL; ROT 3000 ABO; API #
30-005-63167

EDDY COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
BARCLAY FEDERAL #14
60 LIVINGSTON RIDGE; T23S, R31E,
SEC 1; 1980 FNL 660 FWL; 15 MILES S
OF HALFWAY; ROT 8450 DELAWARE;
API # 30-015-30065
ARCO PERMIAN
BARCLAY FEDERAL #15
60 LIVINGSTON RIDGE; T23S, R31E,
SEC 1; 660 FSL 660 FWL; 15 MILES S
OF HALFWAY; ROT 8450 DELAWARE;

API # 30-015-30066

ARCO PERMIAN
BARCLAY FEDERAL #16
60 LIVINGSTON RIDGE; T23S, R31E,
SEC 1; 660 FNL 660 FWL; 15 MILES S
OF HALFWAY; ROT 8450 DELAWARE;
API # 30-015-30067
ARCO PERMIAN
BARCLAY FEDERAL #11
60 LIVINGSTON RIDGE; T23S, R31E,
SEC 12; 760 FNL 660 FWL; 16 MILES S
OF HALFWAY; ROT 8450 DELAWARE;
API # 30-015-30063

LEA COUNTY

CHEVRON USA INC
MONUMENT 23 ST #19
NO MONUMENT; T19S, R35E, SEC 23;
753 FSL 637 FWL; 3.5 MILES NW OF
MONUMENT; ROT 8000 ABO; API # 30-
025-34323
READ & STEVENS INC
TURMAN 5 FED #1

NE LEA; T20S, R34E, SEC 5; 990 FSL
660 FEL; 10 MILES NE OF HALFWAY;
ROT 8400 DELAWARE; API # 30-025-
34319

READ & STEVENS INC
TURMAN 9 FED #1
NE LEA; T20S, R34E, SEC 9; 660 FNL
2310 FEL; 10.5 MILES NE OF
HALFWAY; ROT 8400 DELAWARE; API
30-025-34320

MARATHON OIL CO
BERTHA BARBER #18-Y
MONUMENT; T20S, R37E, SEC 5; 1766
FSL 663 FWL; 2 MILES S OF MONU-
MENT; ROT 7800 ABO; API # 30-025-
34327

CONOCO INC
SEMUR PERMIAN #129
SKAGGS; T20S, R37E, SEC 13; 1310
FSL 1170 FEL; 5 MILES SE OF MONU-
MENT; ROT 7000 DRINKARD; API # 30-
025-34314
CONOCO INC
SEMUR PERMIAN #128

SKAGGS; T20S, R37E, SEC 24; 2490
FSL 1310 FEL; 5 MILES NW OF OIL
CENTER; ROT 7000 DRINKARD; API #
30-025-34313

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CROCKETT COUNTY

CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COM-
PANY
HENDERSON 23 #5
OZONA-D; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-2122,
BLK M, SEC 23; 1777 FSL 660
FEL OF LSE; 1777 FSL 660 FEL OF
SUR; 14 MILES SW OF OZONA; OBJ:
9000 (CANYON SAND); PERMIT #
473725; API # 42-105-38051
CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COM-
PANY
H&H DRILLING #6
ANGUS-D; TCRR CO SUR, A-3449, BLK
I, SEC 39; 600 FNL 1500 FWL OF LSE;
600 FNL 1500 FWL OF SUR; 11 MILES

SE OF OZONA; OBJ: 9100 (STRAWN);
PERMIT # 473158; API # 42-105-38032
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES COM-
PANY
COUCH 21-22 #1H
HUNT-BAGGETT, W-D; HORIZONTAL
WELL; HE&WT RR CO SUR, A-2691,
BLK QR, SEC 21; 978 FSL 1512
FEL OF LSE; 978 FSL 1512 FEL OF
SUR; 9.2 MILES SW OF OZONA; OBJ:
1000 (STRAWN); PERMIT # 474029;
API # 42-105-38088

REAGAN COUNTY

ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY
GRIERSON STATE #2
GRIERSON SPRING-D; G RR CO #2/F,
B. KING SUR, A-946; 1841 FSL 2474
FNL OF LSE; 1841 FSL 2474 FNL OF
SUR; 6 MILES SE OF BEST; OBJ: 9500
(STRAWN); PERMIT # 474472; API #
42-383-34928

SUTTON COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS
CORP
MAYFIELD 46 #10
FAWCETT-D; GC&SF RR CO/T. B.
ADAMS SUR, A-1641, BLK D, SEC 46;
1980 FNL 2080 FWL OF LSE; 1980 FNL
2080 FWL OF SUR; 8.7 MILES W OF
SONORA; OBJ: 8450 (WOLFCAMP);
PERMIT # 474081; API # 42-435-34801
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS
CORP
MAYFIELD 46 #11
FAWCETT-D; GC&SF RR CO/T. B.
ADAMS SUR, A-1641, BLK D, SEC 46;
660 FSL 1980 FWL OF LSE; 660 FSL
1980 FWL OF SUR; 8.7 MILES W OF
SONORA; OBJ: 8450 (WOLFCAMP);
PERMIT # 474083; API # 42-435-34807
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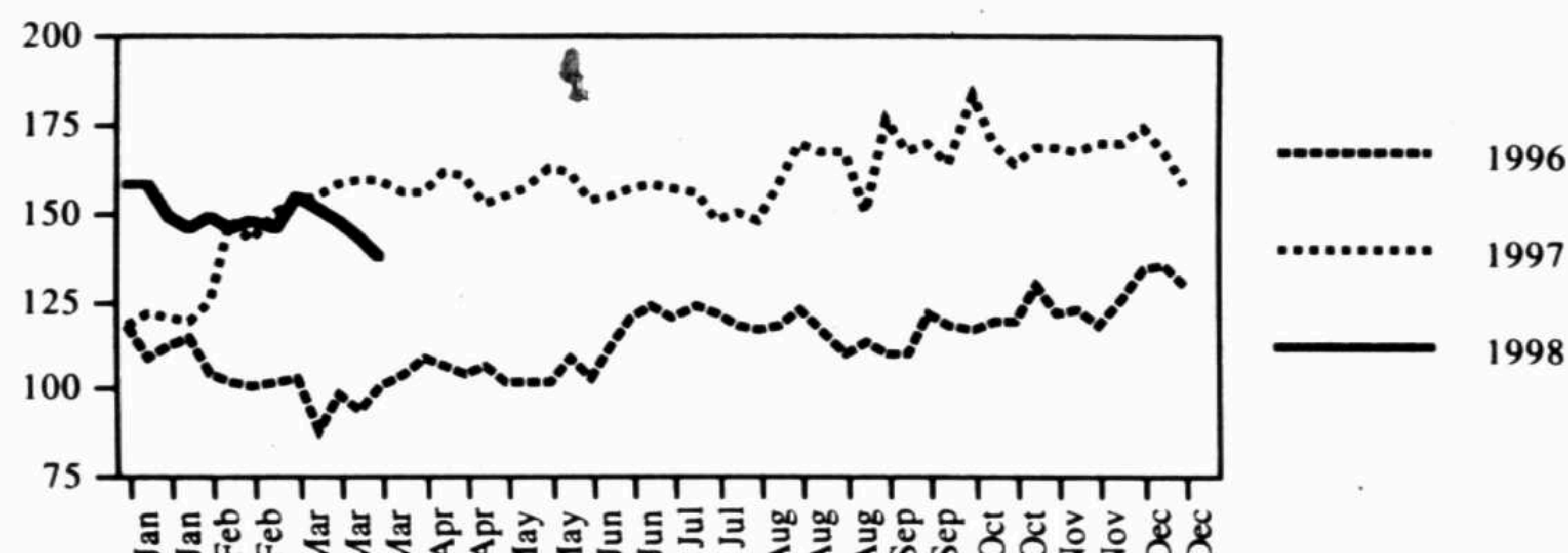
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PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNT PROFILE



Conoco CEO calls on petroleum industry to correct problems with United States, Middle East trade policy

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, — Conoco's chief executive officer urged petroleum industry colleagues to work as a team to correct the distorted view of the Middle East held by policy makers in Washington.

Archie W. Dunham told a meeting of the Middle East Petroleum and Gas Conference that the U.S. government's commitment to addressing problems in the Middle East has deteriorated in recent years. "For the most part, the U.S. government has placed a lower priority on the Middle East than on other issues such as U.S.-China relations, NATO enlargement and global free trade," he said. "In my view, this must change."

Dunham said that Washington's view of the Middle East is a distorted one — an image of a region where instability is the norm and political minefields place global oil supplies, and therefore global economic growth, in continuous jeopardy.

"That's not the image of the region that I have, nor is it the image that most of you share," he said. "You are not at this conference because you believe the future of the region is dark. You're here because you can see a future of great promise."

"It's up to us to share that vision with Washington," Dunham invited colleagues from the Middle East to work as a team with U.S. industry leaders to talk to Washington policy makers about the Middle East's tremendous potential to promote stability and global integration through economic growth.

For Conoco's part, Dunham said the company remains committed to doing business in the region, including Iran, when allowed to do so.

The Houston-based executive said U.S. policy makers should understand the unique position the Middle East occupies in world affairs and place a high priority on relationships in the region.

"One policy that needs to change, of course, is the use of unilateral sanctions as a foreign policy tool," Dunham said. "The U.S. is increasingly isolated in the world community due to its overuse of sanctions." He said that while the goals of such actions might be laudable, they simply have not worked.

"In the Middle East, Iran has been the primary focus of Washington's use of unilateral economic sanctions," Dunham said. "But other countries, including traditional allies of the U.S., have also been threatened by proposed

sanctions. "Fortunately, the tide of public opinion in the U.S. with regard to

Washington's use of such sanctions should be reconsidered."

He said that while Washington should take steps to promote economic growth in the region, nations of the Middle East can help by being more open to foreign investment in energy sectors.

"To be frank, as the leader of a global company eager to invest in the region, I feel a certain frustration about the difficulty of entering some markets here," Dunham said. "Too often, the

doors are closed to new investors."

He said increased foreign investment would improve the efficiency and competitiveness of companies operating in the Middle East.

"I believe all Middle Eastern countries would benefit if they opened their energy sector to greater participation by dynamic, innovative companies from the U.S., Europe and Asia," Dunham said.

'For the most part, the U.S. government has placed a lower priority on the Middle East than on other issues - China relations, NATO enlargement and global free trade.'

Archie W. Dunham, Chief Executive Officer

unilateral sanctions is turning. There is growing recognition that



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NATIONAL ENERGY GROUP INC. GOLDSMITH ADOBE UNIT #4209 GOLDSMITH (5600); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 49, T1S, SEC 39; 1363 FSL 1380 FWL OF UNIT; 11 MILES SW OF GOLDSMITH; EL: 3239 GR; CONTR: CAPSTAR; SPUD 9/27/97; COMP 10/12/97; TD 6100, PBTD 8060; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5376 TO 5822; IPP 91 BOPD, 88 MCFD, 305 BWPD; PERMIT # 467069; API # 42-135-37536
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP TXL NORTH UNIT #835 TXL (TUBB); T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 9; 3927 FNL 2706 FWL OF UNIT; 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; EL: 3292 GR; CONTR: BRW; SPUD 7/16/97; COMP 7/26/97; TD 6665, PBTD 6620; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 5596 TO 6544; IPP 148 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 148 BWPD; PERMIT # 462293; API # 42-135-37443

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1115A SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 21; 17873 FSL 26921 FWL OF UNIT; 9 MILES SW OF ST. LAWRENCE; EL: 2700 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 9/15/97; COMP 9/24/97; TD 8415, PBTD 8361; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6673 TO 8241; IPP 46 BOPD, 33 MCFD, 137 BWPD; PERMIT # 467218; API # 42-173-32815
DYAD PETROLEUM COMPANY ALTON HILLGER #1 COBRA (WOLF CAMP); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 35, T3S, SEC 12; 887 FSL 1099 FSL OF UNIT; EL: 2549 GL; CONTR: PATTERSON; SPUD 12/30/97; COMP 2/16/98; TD 7870, PBTD 7794; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7590 TO 7794; IPP 242 BOPD, 347 MCFD, 2 BWPD; PERMIT # 466946; API # 42-173-32812

HOWARD COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP J. W. DAVIS "B" #3A IATAN, EAST HOWARD; T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 30, T1S, SEC 2; 924 FNL 337 FWL OF UNIT; 6 MILES E OF COAHOMA; EL: 2655 GR; CONTR: LEGACY; SPUD 5/25/97; COMP 5/30/97; TD 2955, PBTD 2905; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 2655 TO 2829; IPP 51 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 26 BWPD; PERMIT # 459929; API # 42-227-35169
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP G. M. DODGE ESTATE #12A IATAN, EAST HOWARD; T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 30, T1S, SEC 11; 404 FSL 2379 FWL OF UNIT; 16 MILES E OF BIG SPRING; EL: 2227 GR; CONTR: DEL MAR; SPUD 9/5/97; COMP 9/10/97; TD 2950, PBTD 2905; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 2386 TO 2868; IPP 9 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 50 BWPD; PERMIT # 466885; API # 42-227-35241
MIDLAND COUNTY ARCO PERMIAN DAVIDSON "34" #4

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 40, T4S, SEC 34; 660 FSL 1980 FWL OF UNIT; 24 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; EL: 2828 GR; CONTR: JSM; SPUD 8/8/97; COMP 8/23/97; TD 10106, PBTD 10065; IPP 70 BOPD, 94 MCFD, 100 BWPD; PERMIT # 465404; API # 42-329-33832

MARTIN COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA DOVE "E" #3 SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); LGE 735, LAB 10; 660 FSL 660 FWL OF UNIT; 5.9 MILES W OF TARZAN; EL: 2827 GL; CONTR: TMBR SHARP; SPUD 7/31/97; COMP 8/16/97; TD 9670, PBTD 9612; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7924 TO 9560; IPP 28 BOPD, 25 MCFD, 60 BWPD; PERMIT # 464625; API # 42-317-34110
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA

'Pioneer Natural Resources Warwink University 18-34 "A" #4
IPF 323 BOPD, 234 MCFD.'

Ward County

SCHARBAUER "W" #3 SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); LAB 11, LGE 324; 560 FNL 660 FWL OF UNIT; 8.9 MILES SW OF TARZAN; EL: 2831 GL; CONTR: TMBR SHARP; SPUD 8/18/97; COMP 9/3/97; TD 9750, PBTD 9676; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8039 TO 9553; IPP 15 BOPD, 11 MCFD, 122 BWPD; PERMIT # 464626; API # 42-317-34111

MIDLAND COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #511A SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 9; 2670 FNL 5970 FWL OF UNIT; 3.78 MILES NE OF MIDKIFF; EL: 2711 GL; CONTR: HURT; SPUD 5/22/97; COMP 6/8/97; TD 8725, PBTD 8663; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7025 TO 8605; IPP 52 BOPD, 34 MCFD, 154 BWPD; PERMIT # 462476; API # 42-329-33756

MITCHELL COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA MARY FOSTER #412 IATAN, EAST HOWARD; T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 10; 254 FNL 571 FSL OF UNIT; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; EL: 2251 KB; CONTR: LEGACY DRILG; SPUD 5/8/97; COMP 5/11/97; TD 3400, PBTD 3383; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2457 TO 3260; IPP 6 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 235 BWPD; PERMIT # 459034; API # 42-335-33922

PECOS COUNTY

VALLEY RESOURCES

J. S. OATES #58 OATES, T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 3, A-7891, BLK 3, SEC 204; 1150 FWL 2235 FNL OF UNIT; 1.5 MILES N OF CHANCELLOR; CONTR: TRIPLE T DRILG; SPUD 12/14/96; COMP 12/19/96; TD 921, PBTD 895; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 895 TO 921; IPP 15 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 0 BWPD; PERMIT # 455382; API # 42-371-36655
VALLEY RESOURCES J. S. OATES #34 OATES, T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 3, SEC 204; 1873 FSL 1994 FWL OF UNIT; 1.5 MILES N OF CHANCELLOR; EL: 3565 GR; CONTR: TRIPLE T DRILG; SPUD 3/18/97; COMP 3/24/97; TD 849, PBTD 849; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 844 TO 849; IPP 65 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 0 BWPD; PERMIT # 458176; API # 42-371-36677
VALLEY RESOURCES INC J. S. OATES #54 OATES, T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 3, A-7891, SEC 204; 900 FWL 2410 FSL OF UNIT; 1.5 MILES N OF CHANCELLOR; EL: 3605 GR; CONTR: TRIPLE T DRILG; SPUD 1/11/97; COMP 1/18/97; TD 881, PBTD 875; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 875 TO 881; IPP 6 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 0 BWPD; PERMIT # 455384; API # 42-371-36657

REEVES COUNTY

PITTS ENERGY CO SAMS #3 SCOTT (CHERRY CANYON); H&GN RR CO SUR, BLK 6, SEC 46; 660 FWL 660 FSL OF UNIT; 9 MILES SE OF PECOS; EL: 2587 GR; CONTR: ZENITH WELL; SPUD 11/1/97; COMP 1/14/97; TD 6999, PBTD 5950; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5851 TO 5876; IPP 30 BOPD, 50 MCFD, 220 BWPD; PERMIT # 473435; API # 42-389-32106

STERLING COUNTY

LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY REYNOLDS 3A #9 CONGER (PENNY); J. G. SOULARD #3, 3800 FWL 1000 FSL OF UNIT; 11 MILES FROM STERLING CITY; EL: 2666; CONTR: CLINT HURT; SPUD 12/12/97; COMP 12/9/98; TD 8100, PBTD 8040; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7458 TO 7724; IPP 4 BOPD, 298 MCFD, 13 BWPD; PERMIT # 468676; API # 42-431-32893

UPTON COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1017A SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 21; 660 FSL 7337 FWL OF UNIT; 3.4 MILES NE OF MIDKIFF; EL: 2722 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 9/12/97; COMP 9/22/97; TD 8710, PBTD 8663; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7157 TO 8524; IPP 55 BOPD, 38 MCFD, 115 BWPD; PERMIT # 466528; API # 42-461-33835

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WALLACE 76 #4
 FAWCETT-RECOMP: TWANG RR CO/W.
 W. SMITH SUR, A-1412, BLK 14, SEC 7;
 76; 933 FSL 933 FWL OF LSE; 933 FSL
 933 FWL OF SUR; 12 MILES SE OF
 SONORA; OBJ: 4100 (WOLFCAMP);
 PERMIT # 474452; API # 42-435-32164

UPTON COUNTY

MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM INC
PEGASUS FIELD UNIT #3 4002
 PEGASUS-RECOMP: T&P RR CO SUR,
 A-449, BLK 40, T4S, SEC 43; 6100 FSL
 7550 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 660 FWL
 OF SUR; 18 MILES SE OF ODESSA;
 OBJ: 12800 (DEVONIAN); PERMIT #
 474468; API # 42-461-03340

TEXAS RRCD 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

CODA ENERGY INC
SHAFER LAKE SAN ANDRES UNIT
#457
 SHAFER LAKE-D; PSL/B. F. NYSE-
 WANDER JR SUR, A-2354, BLK A36,
 SEC 22; 1350 FWL 6580 FNL OF LSE;
 1300 FNL 1350 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES
 NW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 5000 (SAN
 ANDRES); PERMIT # 474305; API # 42-
 003-38330

CRANE COUNTY

D. B. BAXTER INC
ANADARKO "47" #2
 MCLEOD-D; UL SUR, BLK 30, SEC 47;
 330 FWL 990 FNL OF LSE; 2315
 FEL 990 FNL OF SUR; 4 MILES NE OF
 CRANE; OBJ: 4300 (GLORIETTA, BAX-
 TER); PERMIT # 472269; API # 42-103-
 45458

ECTOR COUNTY

CHEVRON USA INC
GOLDSMITH, C. A. ETAL #652W
 GOLDSMITH-RECOMP: T&P RR CO SUR,
 A-277, BLK 44, T1S, SEC 15;
 15285 FNL 4725 FNL OF LSE; 555
 FSL 555 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES S OF
 GOLDSMITH; OBJ: 9850 (5600); PER-
 MIT # 473321; API # 42-135-01030

WILDCATS

CROCKETT COUNTY

SONAT EXPLORATION CO
BAGGETT 1L #5
 WILDCAT-D; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-
 2384, BLK L, SEC 1; 1400 FNL 200 FWL
 OF LSE; 1400 FNL 200 FWL OF SUR;
 11 MILES SSE OF OZONA; OBJ: 9600;
 PERMIT # 474258; API # 42-105-38100

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ECTOR COUNTY

ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY
HOLT #601
 WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO/H. W. LENOX
 SUR, A-599, BLK 43, T1N, SEC 6; 1382
 FSL 2232 FWL OF LSE; 1383 FSL 2232
 FWL OF SUR; 26 MILES SE OF
 ANDREWS; OBJ: 13300; PERMIT #
 474153; API # 42-135-37645

MARTIN COUNTY

LYNX ENERGY COMPANY INC
HUDGEONS "39" #2
 WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-32,
 BLK 34, T3N, SEC 39; 467 FSL 1863
 FWL OF LSE; 467 FSL 1863 FWL OF
 SUR; 4.5 MILES SLY OF ACKERLY;
 OBJ: 11100; PERMIT # 474160; API #
 42-317-34172

PECOS COUNTY

MARATHON OIL COMPANY
CHAMPLIN CITIES SERVICE #5
 WILDCAT-RECOMP: H&GN RR CO SUR,
 A-433, BLK H, SEC 123; 467 FSL
 1860 FSL OF LSE; 467 FSL 1860 FSL
 OF SUR; 8 MILES S OF GIRVIN; OBJ:
 5400; PERMIT # 455550; API # 42-371-
 33734

PATTERSON PETROLEUM INC
WOODWARD #1
 WILDCAT-D; A&N RR CO SUR, A-

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #882
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO/E. R. THOMAS
 SUR, A-1284, T1S, BLK 45, SEC 32;
 4008 FSL 8617 FWL OF LSE; 1329 FNL
 724 FWL OF SUR; 22 MILES W OF
 ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT #
 474148; API # 42-135-37643

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #853
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, T1S, A-373,
 BLK 45, SEC 33; 4081 FSL 4556 FEL
 OF LSE; 1252 FNL 1888 FEL OF SUR;
 21 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474170; API # 42-
 135-37642

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #888
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, T1S, A-373,
 BLK 45, SEC 33; 2583 FSL 3286 FEL
 OF LSE; 2583 FSL 3118 FEL OF SUR; 21
 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474171; API # 42-
 135-37641

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #885
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, T1S, A-373,
 BLK 45, SEC 33; 1363 FSL 8213 FEL
 OF LSE; 1363 FSL 1792 FWL OF SUR;
 21 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474172; API # 42-
 135-37640

TEXACO E&P INC
ECTOR "77" MILE #3H
 HARPER-D; HORIZONTAL WELL; T&P
 RR CO SUR, A-317, BLK 44, T2S, SEC
 47; 660 FSL 1595 FWL OF LSE; 660
 FSL 1595 FWL OF SUR; 4 MILES NE
 OF PENWELL; OBJ: 10300 (DEVON-
 IAN); PERMIT # 474125; API # 42-135-
 37639

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #888
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO/J. R. DUBLIN SUR,
 A-706, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 34; 1295 FSL
 2032 FEL OF LSE; 1295 FSL 635 FWL
 OF SUR; 20 MILES W OF ODESSA;
 OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474223;
 API # 42-135-37646

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #855
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO/J. R. DUBLIN SUR,
 A-706, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 34; 3956 FSL
 1982 FEL OF LSE; 1375 FNL 686 FWL
 OF SUR; 20 MILES W OF ODESSA;
 OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474222;
 API # 42-135-37647

TITAN RESOURCES INC
J. L. JOHNSON "O" #10
 JOHNSON-D; T&P RR CO/W. N. WAD-
 DELL SUR, A-688, BLK 42, T1S, SEC
 42; 639 FWL 2085 FNL OF LSE; 639
 FWL 2085 FNL OF SUR; 7 MILES NW
 OF ODESSA; OBJ: 5400; PERMIT #
 474235; API # 42-135-37649

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #847
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-373, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 33; 5215 FSL 5946 FEL
 OF LSE; 119 FNL 2062 FWL OF SUR;
 21 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474285; API # 42-
 135-37661

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #841
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO/E. R. THOMAS
 SUR, A-1282, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 28;
 5467 FSL 3338 FEL OF LSE; 136 FSL
 670 FEL OF SUR; 21 MILES W OF
 ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT #
 474286; API # 42-135-37660

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #856
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO/E. R. THOMAS
 SUR, A-1284, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 32;
 2585 FSL 3648 FEL OF LSE; 2585 FSL
 642 FEL OF SUR; 22 MILES W OF
 ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT #
 474289; API # 42-135-37658

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #857
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-373, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 33; 2612 FSL 7501 FEL
 OF LSE; 2612 FSL 505 FWL OF SUR;
 21 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474290; API # 42-
 135-37657

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #873
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-371, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 29; 3864 FNL 2534 FWL
 OF LSE; 1200 FNL 1200 FWL OF SUR;
 22 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474292; API # 42-
 135-37655

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #874
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 7862 FNL 2754 FEL
 OF LSE; 113 FSL 2591 FWL OF SUR; 22
 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474293; API # 42-
 135-37654

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #875
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 6559 FNL 2775 FEL
 OF LSE; 1416 FSL 2570 FWL OF SUR; 22
 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474294; API # 42-
 135-37653

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #876
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474295; API # 42-
 135-37652

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #877
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474296; API # 42-
 135-37651

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #878
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474297; API # 42-
 135-37650

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #879
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474298; API # 42-
 135-37649

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #880
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474299; API # 42-
 135-37648

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #881
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474300; API # 42-
 135-37647

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #882
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474301; API # 42-
 135-37646

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #883
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474302; API # 42-
 135-37645

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #884
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474303; API # 42-
 135-37644

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #885
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474304; API # 42-
 135-37643

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #886
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474305; API # 42-
 135-37642

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #887
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474306; API # 42-
 135-37641

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #888
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474307; API # 42-
 135-37640

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #889
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474308; API # 42-
 135-37639

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #890
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474309; API # 42-
 135-37638

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #891
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474310; API # 42-
 135-37637

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #892
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474311; API # 42-
 135-37636

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #893
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474312; API # 42-
 135-37635

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #894
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474313; API # 42-
 135-37634

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #895
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474314; API # 42-
 135-37633

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #896
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474315; API # 42-
 135-37632

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #897
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474316; API # 42-
 135-37631

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #898
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474317; API # 42-
 135-37630

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #899
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474318; API # 42-
 135-37629

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #900
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474319; API # 42-
 135-37628

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #901
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474320; API # 42-
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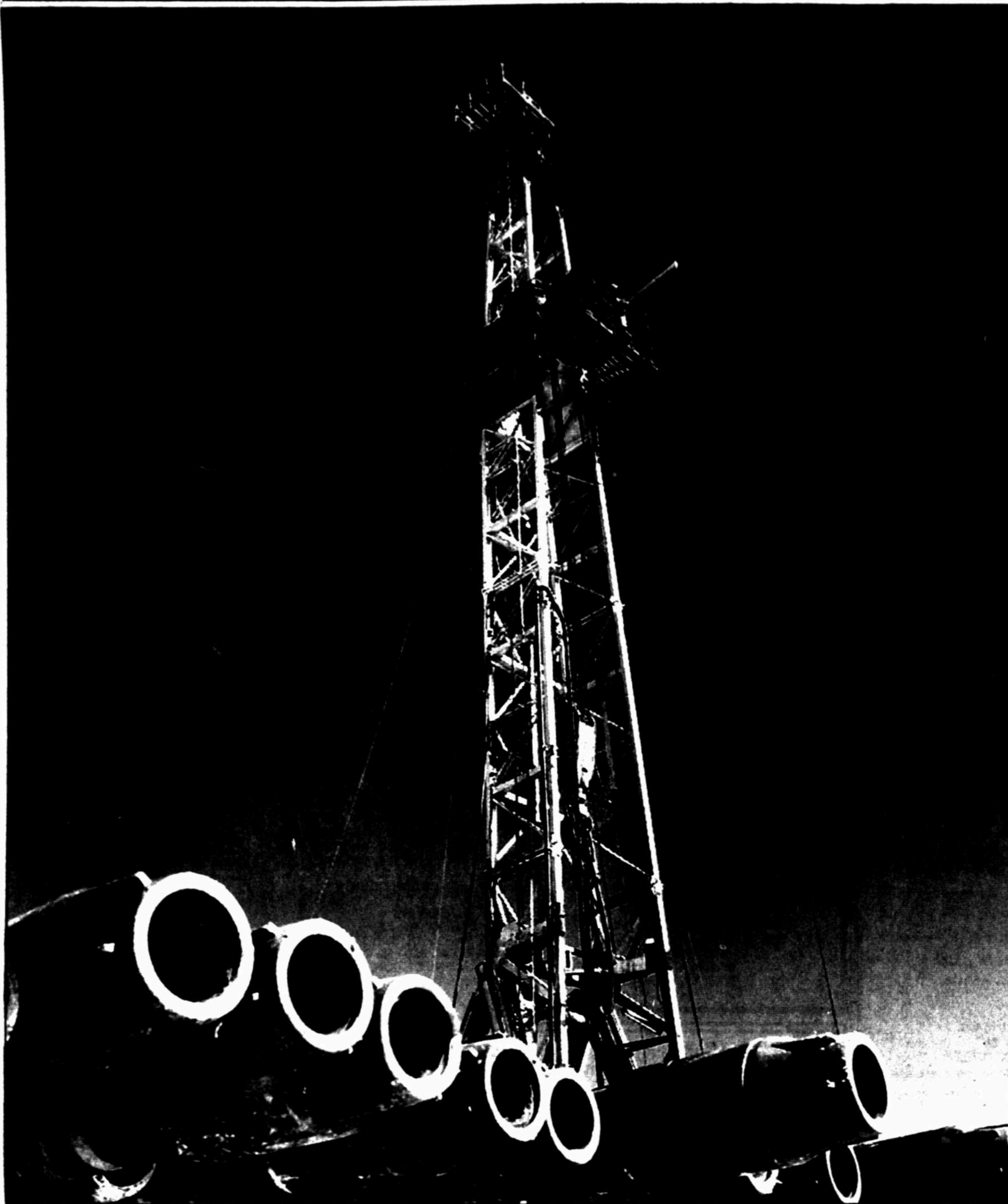
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 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474321; API # 42-
 135-37626

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #903
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474322; API # 42-
 135-37625

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #904
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474323; API # 42-
 135-37624

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #905
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000
 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474324; API # 42-
 135-37623

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL NORTH UNIT #906
 TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-361, BLK
 45, T1S, SEC 9; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL
 OF LSE; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL OF SUR;
 22 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 700



Drill pipe is racked and ready to make hole on this Permian Basin well in Midland County. Before the oil price drop, the Texas rig count aver-

aged 368, one of the highest in years. The high rig count created a shortage of nearly 5,000 qualified workers.

COMPLETIONS

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WAR-WINK (WOLFCAMP); UL SUR, BLK 18, SEC 34; 660 FNL 663 FEL OF UNIT; 15 MILES NW OF PYOTE; EL: 2822 KB; CONTR: TMBR/SHARP; DRLG: SPUD 11/6/97; COMP 12/22/97; TD 11626; PBTD 11587; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 11392 TO 11520; IP: 323 BOPD, 34 MCFD, 55 BWPD; PERMIT # 468299; API # 42-475-34520.

DEVON ENERGY CORP J. V. WILSON #5
RHODA WALKER (CANYON); H&TC RRA, HILL SUR, BLK 34, SEC 146; 1980 FNLW 1980 FSWL OF UNIT; 7 MILES WLY OF PYOTE; EL: 2661; CONTR: WES-TEX; SPUD 5/19/97; COMP 6/13/97; TD 7500; PBTD 7330; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6656 TO 7201; IPP 33 BOPD, 35 MCFD, 370 BWPD; PERMIT # 457526; API # 42-475-34442.

CHEVRON USA INC ANDERSON ETAL 175 #1
QUITO (DELAWARE SAND); H&TC RR CO SUR, BLK 35, SEC 175; 660 FSL 990 FEL OF UNIT; 8 MILES W OF PYOTE; EL: 2744 GL; SPUD 4/25/85; COMP 7/3/85; TD 17675; PBTD 5630; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5336 TO 5530; IP: SWD; PERMIT # 42-475-30644.

PENNZOIL EXPLORATION & PROD W. E. BAIRD #1874C
KEYSTONE (CLEARFORK); PSL SUR, BLK B3, SEC 18; 330 FSL 3300 FNL OF UNIT; 3 MILES N OF KERMIT; EL: 2909 GL; CONTR: BANDERA; SPUD 10/26/97; COMP 11/5/97; TD 5600; PBTD 5489; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5194 TO 5485; IPP 32 BOPD, 65 MCFD, 30 BWPD; PERMIT # 468543; API # 42-495-32705.

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GAINES COUNTY

TEXLAND-RECTOR & SCHUMACHER HOLLER, DONNA #2
COLDSTREAM (SAN ANDRES); CCSD & RGNG RR CO/A J. GRAHAM SUR, BLK G, SEC 442; 805 FNL 2254 FNL OF UNIT; 4 MILES W OF SEMINOLE; EL: 3494 GR; CONTR: CAPSTAR; SPUD 9/17/97; COMP 10/1/97; TD 4885 TO 4830; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4758 TO 4840; IPP 5 BOPD, 2 MCFD, 17 BWPD; PERMIT # 462713; API # 42-165-35178.

MARALO INC HAMMOND #2
SALISURY (L. LEONARD SD); PSL/A DAVIS SUR, BLK A-8, SEC 21; 990 FSL 550 FEL OF UNIT; 20 MILES NW

OF SEMINOLE; EL: 3569; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; SPUD 11/25/97; COMP 12/13/97; TD 7810; PBTD 7769; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7587 TO 7669; IPP 127 BOPD, 22 MCFD, 89 BWPD; PERMIT # 468151; API # 42-165-35279.

HOCKLEY COUNTY

TEXACO E&P INC TEXACO SLAUGHTER ESTATE #8
TSTAR (ABO); ZAVALLA SUR, LGE 37, LBR 23; 5302 FSL 800 FNL OF UNIT; 2 MILES SE OF SUNDOWN; EL: 3525 GL; CONTR: NABORS; SPUD 8/4/97; COMP 9/11/97; TD 10500; PBTD 9184; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7582 TO 8020; IPP 228 BOPD, 105 MCFD, 41 BWPD; PERMIT # 465463; API # 42-219-36352.

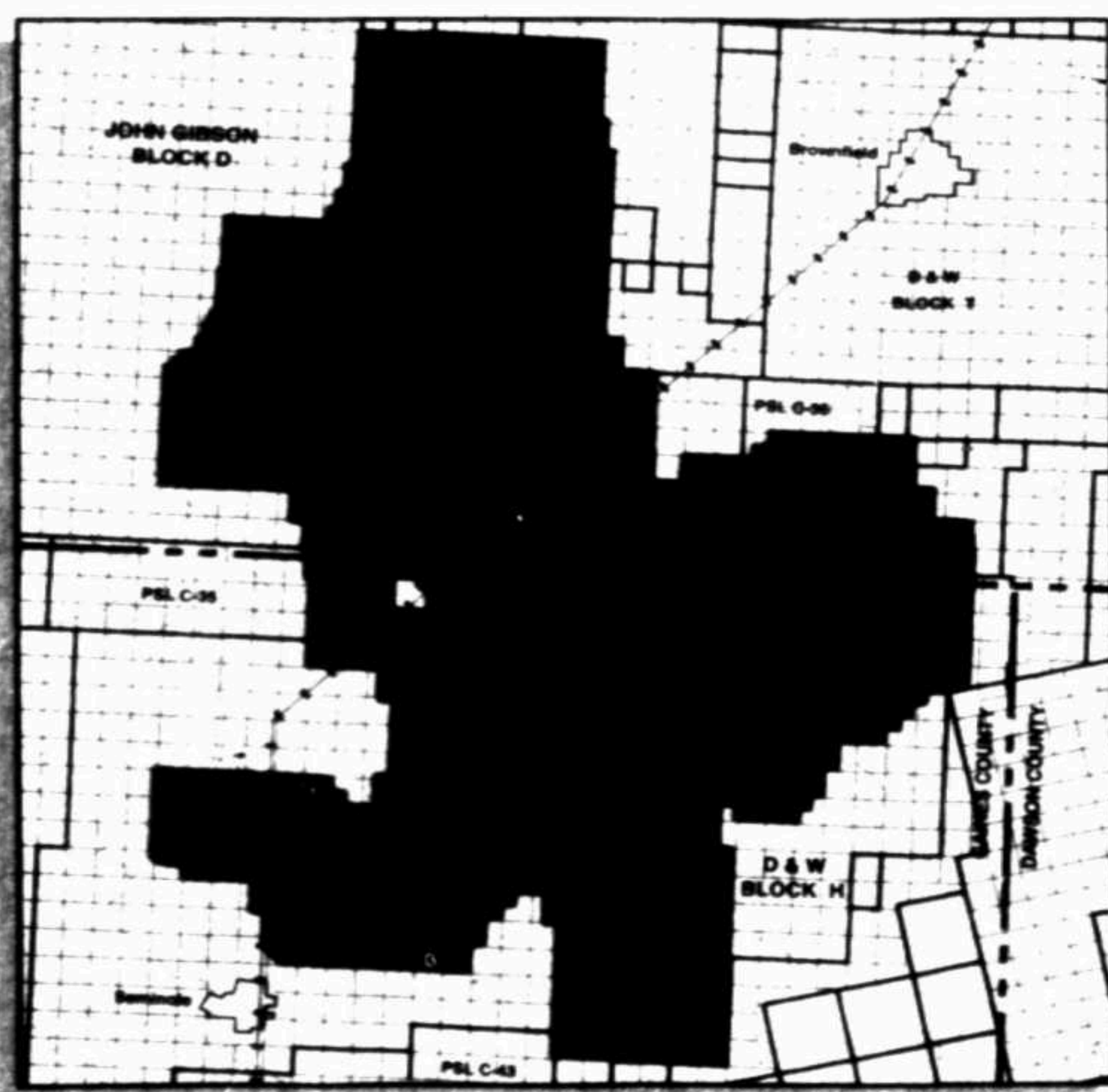
WHEELER OPERATING COMPANY ARNWIN #3
HAMILTON (WOLFCAMP); LAMAR CSL, LGE 26, LBR 12; 672 FNL 1515 FNL OF UNIT; 3 MILES SE OF LEVEL-LAND; EL: 3490 GR; CONTR: KEY ENERGY DRLG; SPUD 1/12/98; COMP 2/2/98; TD 7986; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7800 TO 7986; IPP 74 BOPD, 1 MCFD, 215 BWPD; PERMIT # 470397; API # 42-219-36381.

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

(From 7)

(TUBB); PERMIT # 474295; API # 42-135-37652.

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP TXL NORTH UNIT #877
TXL-D; T&P RR CO/R. W. DESTER SUR, A-704, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 4; 2603 FNL 1369 FEL OF LSE; 54 FSL 2641 FNL OF SUR; 23 MILES NW OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474296; API # 42-135-37651.

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP TXL NORTH UNIT #8445
TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-371, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 29; 5366 FSL 3485 FNL OF LSE; 28 FSL 1854 FEL OF SUR; 22 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474070; API # 42-135-37624.

ARCO PERMIAN CORRIGAN COWDEN UNIT #209
COWDEN, NORTH-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-171, BLK 43, T1N, SEC 25; 533 FEL 2425 FNL OF LSE; 533 FEL 2425 FNL OF SUR; 7.6 MILES NE OF GOLD-SMITH; OBJ: 4700; PERMIT # 474309; API # 42-135-37662.

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP TXL NORTH UNIT #862
TXL-D; T&P RR CO/E. R. THOMAS SUR, A-1284, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 32; 1269 FSL 7368 FNL OF LSE; 1269 FSL 1973 FEL OF SUR; 22 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474063; API # 42-135-37631.

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP TXL NORTH UNIT #843
TXL-D; T&P RR CO/E. R. THOMAS SUR, A-1284, T1S, BLK 45, SEC 32; 5310 FSL 6099 FNL OF LSE; 28 FNL 2097 FNL OF SUR; 22 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474168; API # 42-135-37644.

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP TXL NORTH UNIT #870
TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-373, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 33; 50 FSL 7344 FEL OF LSE; 50 FSL 60 FNL OF SUR; 21 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474056; API # 42-135-37636.

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP TXL NORTH UNIT #872
TXL-D; T&P RR CO/E. R. THOMAS SUR, A-1824, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 32; 1320 FSL 5321 FNL OF LSE; 1320 FSL 1320 FNL OF SUR; 22 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474058; API # 42-135-37635.

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP TXL NORTH UNIT #867

TXL-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-373, BLK 45, T1S, SEC 33; 1196 FSL 3386 FEL OF LSE; 1196 FSL 720 FEL OF SUR; 21 MILES W OF ODESSA; OBJ: 7000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 474059; API # 42-135-37634.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #911A
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO/R. E. OVERTON SUR, A-1111, BLK 35, T5S, SEC 18; 1981 FNL 5987 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 660 FSL OF SUR; 5 MILES W OF ST. LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8900 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 474110; API # 42-173-32867.

MIDLAND COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN TXL "N" #1
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-215, BLK 39, T3S, SEC 41; 660 FEL 681 FSL OF LSE 660 FEL 1980 FNL OF SUR; 17 MILES SSW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 10150 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 473631; API # 42-329-34056.

ARCO PERMIAN TXL "N" #35-2
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-290, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 35; 660 FEL 660 FSL OF LSE; 660 FEL 660 FSL OF SUR; 16 MILES SSW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 10150 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 473632; API # 42-329-34067.

PECOS COUNTY

BILL J. GRAHAM OIL & GAS CORP IOWA REALTY TRUST "B" #1
PECOS VALLEY-RECOMP; H&GN RR CO SUR, A-479, BLK 10, SEC 21; 467 FNL 467 FNLW OF LSE; 467 FNL 1787 FNLW OF SUR; 7 MILES SW OF IMPERIAL; OBJ: 5400 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 474220; API # 42-371-33973.

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TEXACO E&P INC R. A. COX #1
D.E.B.-RECOMP; HORIZONTAL WELL; SIDETRACK; PSL/J. H. RAMAGE SUR, A-1381, BLK C45, SEC 12; 660 FNL 972 FEL OF LSE; 660 FNL 972 FEL OF SUR; 14 MILES SW OF SEMINOLE; OBJ: 9400 (WOLFCAMP); PERMIT # 474547; API # 42-165-03051.

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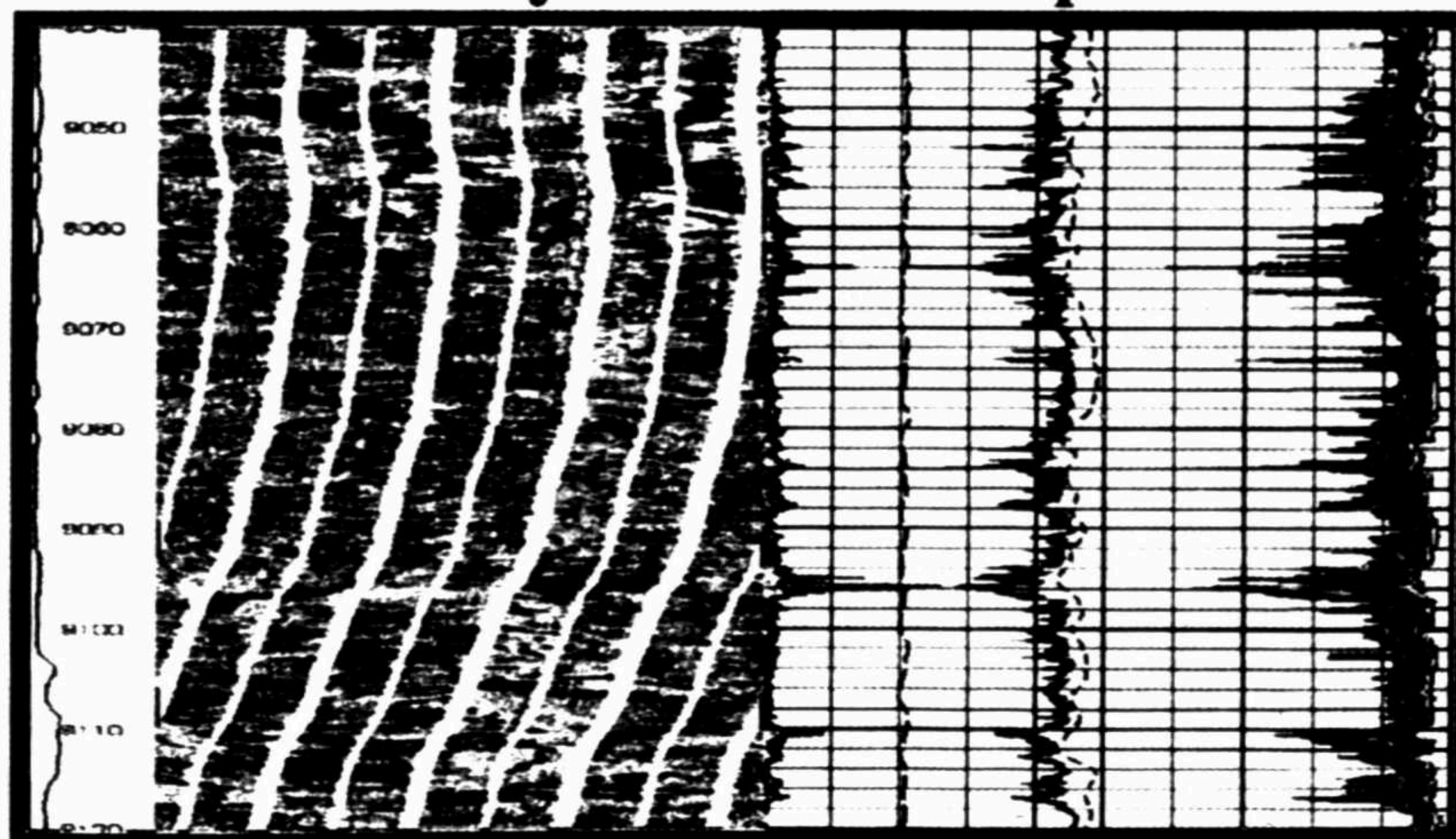
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