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Top 10 stories of 2000

Hometown boy makes good is No. 1

By Gary Ott
City Editor

For Midland, the year 2000 will be one long remembered ... both by local citizens and by those from around the world, many of whom learned about the Tall City for the first time while watching the National Republican Convention on television.

Not since a little girl named Jessica McClure fell into a backyard well had Midland been so famous to so many people.

But that's what happens when a former resident runs for president of the United States.

Suddenly, everyone wants to know more about the place George W. Bush has called home for much of his life. He has often credited Midland with helping to form the core of his morality and character, and has not been bashful about sharing those views.

Indeed, it was at the convention, which also prominently spotlighted his wife, Midland native Laura Welch Bush, that he recalled his years in Midland and specifically the town's old slogan, "the sky is the limit."

As the presidential campaign unfolded, Midlanders watched with great anticipation as national polls alternately showed their favorite son leading Al Gore, the Democratic nominee, by a few percentage points and then falling behind.

Back and forth the race went. Never was it a runaway.

It was obvious to all that it was going to go right down to the wire. But little did anyone know that it would be THAT close. In fact, no one in America could have dreamed it would be 36 days after Election Day before a winner would be declared.

But that's what happened.

On Wednesday night — Dec. 13 — Al Gore went on national television and made it official.

He conceded, saying it was time for America to unite behind the man who would become the next president ... George W. Bush of Midland.

And that is the Reporter-Telegram's No. 1 story of the year.

But almost as exciting for Midlanders was the national — and in some cases, international — attention focused on their hometown.

Indeed, it could be very heady stuff.

During the months leading up to the election, Midland was spotlighted in just about every major publication in America, including The New York Times, the Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal. In addition, television crews spent considerable time here filming the city and interviewing many of the citizens who had known Bush — and his wife, Laura — when they lived here.

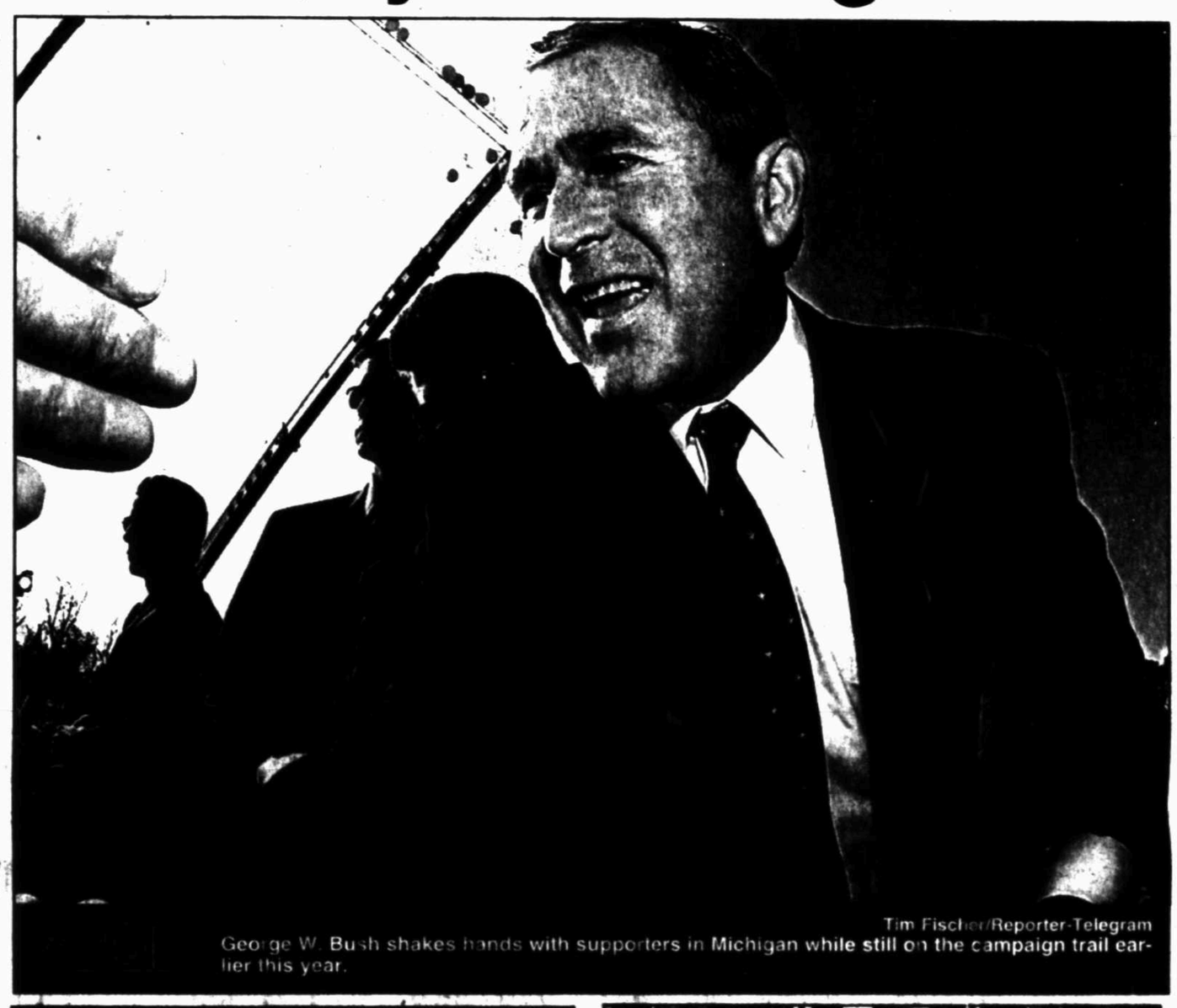
But there was even more.

There is already talk that some Midlanders could find themselves a part of the new Bush Administration. His longtime Midland buddy — Don Evans, chief executive officer of Tom Brown Inc. — earlier this month was introduced as Bush's choice to be commerce secretary.

Although it is unlikely any other Midlander will receive that kind of high-profile appointment, it is possible that some could fit into lower level positions.

Only time will tell.

But one thing is certain: for at least four more years, Midland will bask in the spotlight as the place the president called home.



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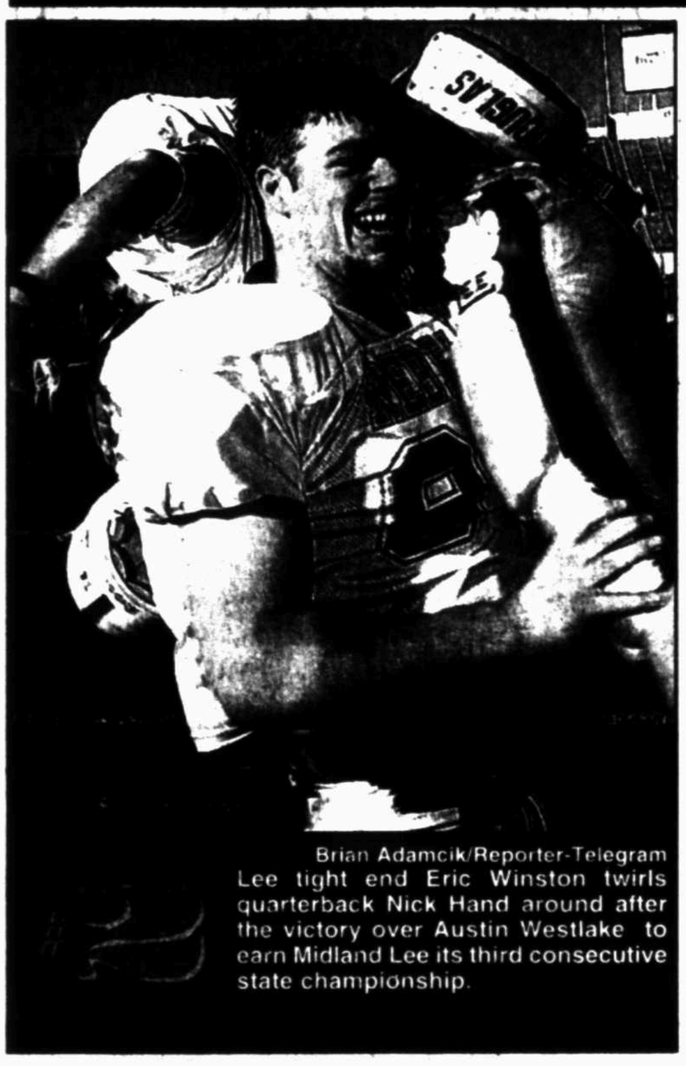
George W. Bush shakes hands with supporters in Michigan while still on the campaign trail earlier this year.



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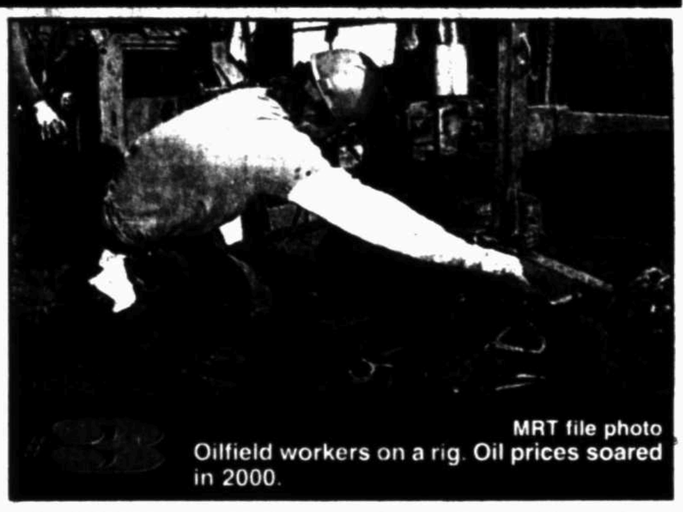
Lee tight end Eric Winston twirls quarterback Nick Hand around after the victory over Austin Westlake to earn Midland Lee its third consecutive state championship.



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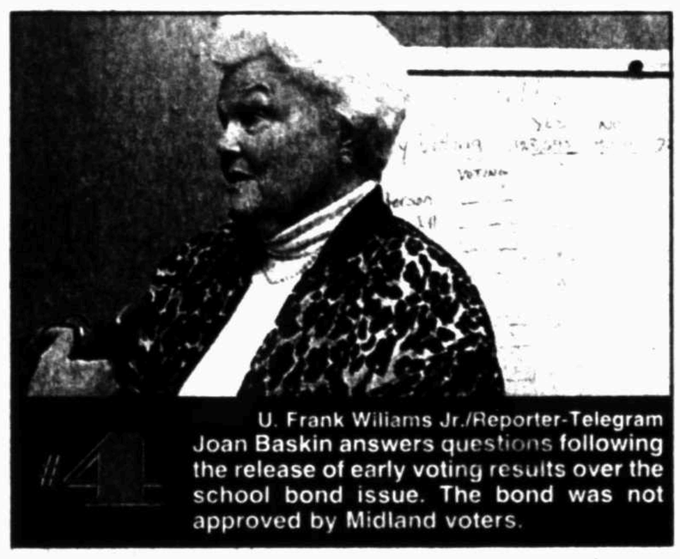
Oilfield workers on a rig. Oil prices soared in 2000.



U. Frank Wiliams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
Joan Baskin answers questions following the release of early voting results over the school bond issue. The bond was not approved by Midland voters.

NO. 2: REBELS THREE-PEAT

It is hard to believe that prior to 1998, the Midland Lee Rebels had never won a state high school football championship.

Now, they have won three ... as in three in a row.

That's right. They were the 1998 state champions.

They were the 1999 state champions.

And now they are the 2000 state champions.

Midland could get used to this.

The city of champions. It has a nice ring.

The most recent title game took place on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Royal-Memorial Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas. The Rebels were squaring off with No. 1 ranked Austin Westlake in front of some 35,000 fans, thousands of whom had made their way from Midland.

Excitement filled the air.

And the fans' anticipation was rewarded with a terrific game.

The first half was an old-fashioned shootout.

Westlake scored first. Lee responded with a touchdown of its own.

Westlake scored again. And Lee responded.

Westlake scored a third time. And as before, Lee responded with a Cedric Benson touchdown run to tie the score at 21 as the first half ended.

The Lee defense stepped to the plate in the second half, shutting out the high-powered Westlake offense.

Lee scored 12 more points and when all was said and done the final score was: Midland Lee 33, Austin Westlake 21.

The Rebels were state champions.

Again.

NO. 3: OIL PRICES REMAIN STRONG

When it came to energy prices, the year 2000 was eerily similar to 1973, when Arab countries angry at U.S support of Israel cut off oil supplies to the United States, followed by 1979 when the Shah of Iran was overthrown. The energy shocks caused by both events sent energy prices sharply higher and had consumers crying in financial pain.

Oil prices, which had begun

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Seasoned veterans head up Bush Cabinet

By Joseph Kahn
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — President-elect George W. Bush's choices for top posts in his administration signal that he intends to run a government by Cabinet, delegating more authority than usual to seasoned executives whose reputations were made years before Bush first ran for office.

■ News analysis

With their golden resumes, long years of public service, strong personalities and close ties to Bush, Vice President-elect Dick Cheney and the Republican establishment-in-waiting, the men and women of the emerging Cabinet can be expected to exert just as much influence over the administration as the staff in the White House exerts, if not more.

Officials inside the Bush camp and outside experts on the presidency agree that this might be one of the most notable changes from the Clinton administration, but there are others: The average age of Cabinet members is increasing, the Cabinet has far more corporate chiefs than have joined recent administrations, and among the domestic policy agencies it leans more heavily on governors and others who tend to be skeptical of Washington's regulatory role and partial to sharing powers with the states.

The selections for 12 of 15 Cabinet members and critical White House staff positions that will affect the personality and the policy inclinations of the new administration seem to fulfill Bush's vow in the campaign to assemble a star-studded cast of advisers. He made that pledge implicitly to address the criticism that he was a Washington naif with limited experience in national politics and foreign affairs. And like Clinton's Cabinet, Bush's is diverse, with women and members of minorities.

"He has made sure that he has a high-powered team around him to make up for any deficiencies, though I'm not saying he has big deficiencies," said Robert H. Michel, the former Republican leader in the House. "To his credit, he's showing that there are some major people who are happy to join his administration."

Bush has recruited at least a dozen people who worked in previous Republican administrations, dating to the late 1960s. The Cabinet and his top staff set a record for the number of corporate chief executives — four, three of them from Standard & Poor's 500 companies. Bush also chose two governors, both of whom were elected before he became governor of Texas, and a general.

Among the core of Cabinet and White House positions, often seen as having the most authority, only Bush is a tenderfoot. It will take the bulk of Bush's term before he has spent as much time in the White House as Dick Cheney, the vice president-elect; Paul O'Neill, Bush's choice for Treasury secretary; Gen. Colin Powell, selected for secretary of state; or Donald Rumsfeld, the choice for defense, all former White House staff members.

With the notable exception of John Ashcroft, the outgoing Missouri senator and former gov-

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Record snowstorm chokes travel in Northeast

By Roger Petterson
Associated Press

A record snowstorm, the Northeast's first major nor'easter in five years, dumped more than two feet of snow in central New Jersey, canceling hundreds of flights and slowing motorists to a crawl.

Philadelphia declared a snow emergency, and New York sent National Guard troops to the southeast corner of the state. All of the New York City area's major airports were closed.

"It's too dangerous, people's lives are at stake," bus driver James McCain said after a harrowing trip into New York City from Montclair, N.J. He got stuck behind another skidding bus on the ramp into the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan and his 11 passengers got out and hoofed it.

Others chose to see the brighter side.

"You don't hear a sound in the world," said Jeffrey Greene, 56, of Merion, Pa., as he walked a mile to his synagogue. "There's nothing quite like a walk in the morning with a new snow. The world seems so pure, so beautiful."

In many ways, it was a day best enjoyed by children. Seventy-five youngsters flocked to a small hill in Linwood, N.J., to fly down on sleds and toboggans.

"Even though it's not that big of a hill, it's still pretty slippery-slidey," said 14-year-old Lisa Grossman.

AP Photo

Chuck Conrad of East Windsor, N.J. cleans off his car windows before entering the New Jersey Turnpike in Cranbury, N.J. Saturday. Conrad said he had to get to work to take care of an emergency. The holiday weekend snowstorm is forecast to dump as much as a foot of snow in some areas, and high wind created the possibility of blizzard conditions.

As much as 25 inches of snow had fallen by mid-afternoon at Randolph in central New Jersey's Morris County, and more than a half-foot accumulated in parts of eastern Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

New York City's Central Park had 12 inches by early afternoon, a record for the date, before the snowfall eased and started turning to slush. North of the city, suburban White Plains reported 14 inches. Newark, N.J., also collected a record with 13.7 inches and Bridgeport, Conn., had a record 9 inches.

The region's last big storm was on Jan. 7, 1996, when 19 inches of snow fell on New York City. Last winter, the city got a mere 13 inches for the whole season.

The central East Coast escaped the expected brunt of Saturday's storm because it developed farther north and east than forecast. The morning sky was clear in Washington and Harrisburg, Pa., while snow extended from southern New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania to the southern tip of Maine.

Kara Grossman took a train from Watertown, Mass., to Newark. "It was kind of scary looking out the windows," she said. "You couldn't see anything. It was all white. We thought we were in a cloud."

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani discounted any speculation that the weather might cancel the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square. "Although it's cold, it's not unbearable," he told reporters.

Philadelphia Mayor John Street declared a snow emergency, meaning only emergency vehicles were allowed downtown.

New York Gov. George Pataki activated 180 National Guard troops with 26 vehicles to help in southeastern New York.

"You can't see any of the runways, it's completely white," would-be traveler Kristin Foschi said from a terminal at New York's LaGuardia airport. "By the time a plow completes a circle, it's covered again. It's really quite entertaining."

Newlyweds Tim and Tracy Scanlon of Morris Plains, N.J., were stuck at Newark International Airport because the snow grounded their flight to the Cayman Islands for their 10-day honeymoon.

"All the airport hotels are sold out. And I can't even get a limo here to pick me up," Tim Scanlon said.

Philadelphia's airports stayed open but airlines there reported delays and cancellations. Amtrak canceled Metroliner service between New York and Washington although most other trains kept running. New Jersey Transit suspended bus service in several counties and bus service in and out of the Port Authority in Manhattan was suspended.

"This is a grand adventure," Dale Livingston of Montclair, N.J., said as his bus skidded sideways up a hill in Bloomfield, N.J.

Residents had plenty of warning that the storm would be formed by the combination of one weather system that had plastered the upper Midwest with snow and another that spread ice across the south-central states.

Highway and street crews were ready with hundreds of trucks and plows and people jammed stores as they stocked up on supplies.

"We've been buried here. It's unbelievable," said Don Ackerman, sales manager at Don's Power Equipment Co. in Westbrook, Maine. He expected to sell up to 35 snow blowers ranging from $399 to $2,500 apiece.

Ed Todd

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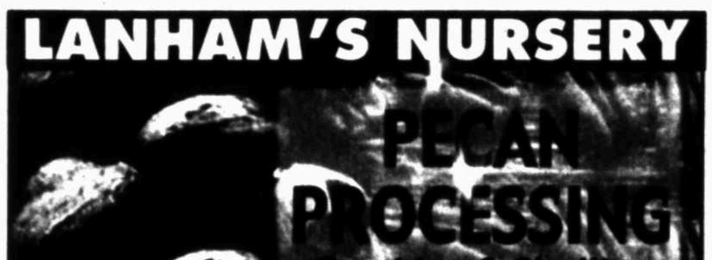

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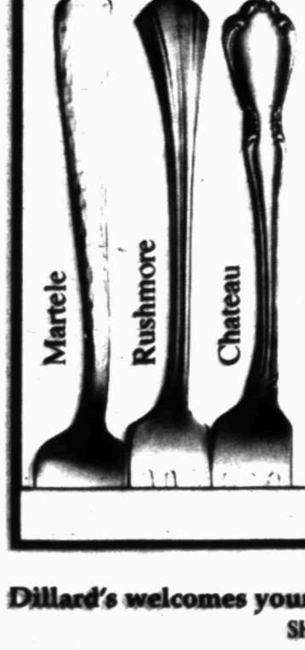

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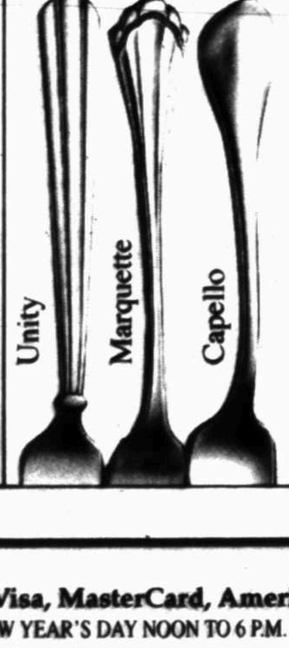

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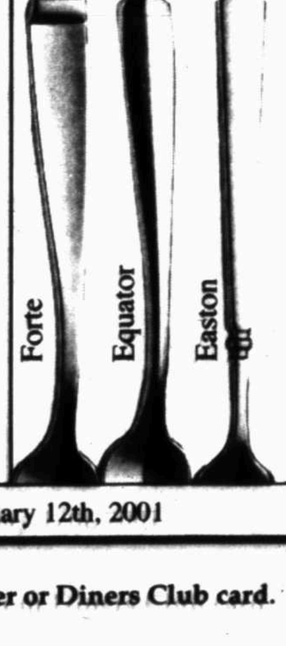

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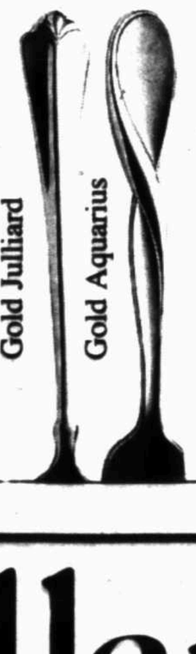

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State challenges doctor over drug detoxification method

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press

MERCHANTVILLE, N.J. — Dr. Lance L. Gooberman has devoted his medical practice to perfecting "rapid opiate detoxification," designed to reduce the agony of drug withdrawal and get more addicts into recovery.

Himself a recovering addict long drug-free, Gooberman says his practice — which unlike similar rapid detox programs doesn't require a hospital stay — has successfully detoxified about 2,350 patients over seven years and guided them into long-term recovery programs.

But over four years, seven of his patients died within days of the procedure. Gooberman says they had undetected heart problems or took cocaine, triggering a heart attack.

In a civil trial beginning Wednesday, state regulators will try to strip the medical licenses of Gooberman and his former employee, Dr. David Bradway.

"We just want to make sure these 'cutting-edge treatments' aren't cutting off life," says Mark Herr, director of New Jersey's Division of Consumer Affairs, which oversees the state board regulating physicians.

Gooberman and his attorney, John Sitzler, have lined up medical experts to testify that accepted medical standards were followed and Gooberman's procedure was not the cause of any patient's death.

Sitzler says their patients' death rate was just 0.3 percent, lower than for many surgical procedures, and that outpatient procedures involving anesthesia are commonly performed in physicians' offices.

Gooberman's program U.S. Detox Inc. uses medications to rapidly flush the opiate drugs — heroin, morphine, methadone and prescription painkillers — out of addicts' bodies to ease withdrawal symptoms such as diarrhea and tremors. The patients are anesthetized during the approximately four-hour procedure in his office.

He then implants a pellet of medicine in the abdomen that prevents patients from "getting high" if they take opiate drugs during the crucial first two months of recovery.

"I'm just trying to come up with a better way to do detox," Gooberman says.

Gooberman, 49, for years was addicted to the stimulant methamphetamine but says he has been drug-free for 14 years after a six-week stay in a hospital psychiatric unit triggered by a drug binge.

Rapid opiate detoxification was first performed in the late 1980s in Europe. Gooberman and other doctors who pioneered it in this country have appeared on television talk shows and magazine programs praising the method. The procedure also has been depicted on TV medical dramas.

At least a dozen other U.S. physicians perform variations on rapid detox, but in a hospital and with an overnight stay required.

Some have published articles in medical journals indicating many more patients were drug-free after six months than with traditional detoxification programs. And a handful of insurance plans have begun paying for the procedure.

AP Photo

Dr. Lance Gooberman begins to implant a inch-long pellet of naltrexone in the belly of a patient, months after performing a procedure he calls "Rapid Opiate Detoxification," in his Merchantville, N.J., clinic Sept. 19. Gooberman continues to treat former detoxification patients with Naltrexone, which helps block the effects of heroin and other opium-derived drugs by binding to the same receptors in the brain that illegal drugs would. That prevent patients from "getting high" if they use drugs over the next two months, when the temptation usually is greatest.

But even doctors who perform rapid detoxification say it severely stresses addicts' ravaged bodies, and at least a dozen of the thousands of American and European patients who underwent the procedure in a hospital also died. The slower, traditional detoxification and initiating methadone maintenance therapy both have been documented to kill some patients as well.

New Jersey's lawyers are expected to stress that Gooberman and Bradway are the only doctors known to perform detoxification as an outpatient procedure.

The state alleges, among other things, that the doctors did not have sufficiently trained support staff and adequate emergency equipment, warn patients enough about the method's risks or properly instruct the caregiver taking the patient home. The doctors deny all of that.

Rapid opiate detoxification has been approved by the professional organization for doctors in their specialty, the American Society for Addiction Medicine, as long as it's "performed by adequately trained staff with access to appropriate medical equipment," according to the society's executive vice president, James F. Callahan.

Former society president Dr. David E. Smith, a San Francisco addiction specialist, says he regards Gooberman's program as the best in the country.

"There is no evidence of a cause-and-effect relationship between the procedure and any of the deaths in question," Smith wrote in a report for Gooberman's defense.

Several patients treated by Gooberman and Bradway have promised to testify on the doctors' behalf.

One four-year heroin addict said she was well enough to tour the Grand Canyon three days after the procedure. Danielle, 19, says Gooberman gave her and her parents extensive information about the procedure's risks and aftermath.

"My parents and I pretty much think we owe my life to that procedure because I had tried rehab eight different times," says Danielle, who says she has been drug-free for 19 months.

Bennett Oppenheim, a psychologist who once oversaw treatment at several U.S. rapid detox centers run by a for-profit company, says he now believes the procedure should be done in hospitals, not for-profit centers.

"It cannot be an assembly line," says Oppenheim, whose company offers the procedure at a northern New Jersey hospital.

The chief medical officer of Oppenheim's company, Dr. Clifford Gevirtz of Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, is expected to testify against Gooberman. Gevirtz says he expects the procedure eventually will gain wide acceptance.

"If it's done properly, it brings people a humane, safe approach to detox," Gevirtz says.

The experts do agree on one thing: More research is needed. Under a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the first national trial comparing rapid detox with two forms of slow detoxification began in September and is to last three years.

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 45	High 41	High 54
Low 28	Low 27	Low 23

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 45 with southerly winds at 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a low near 20.

Monday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high at 40 to 45.

Monday night's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the lower 20s.

Saturday's high was 50, compared to the record high of 82 set in 1951. The low was 26, compared to the record low of 12 in 1983.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.58 in.
Total for year	9.90 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.95 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	50
Low	26
Normal high	56
Normal low	29

Sunrise ... 7:49 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:55 p.m.

Bankruptcies climb in 2000

By Leslie Burleson
Staff Writer

For the year 2000, Midland bankruptcies are up to a total of 1,037, compared to the 1999 total of 953.

C. Ray Allen, a attorney who practices bankruptcy law, said his bankruptcy practice has been steady. "Mine has stayed about the same," he said. He added that Midland has several new attorneys who also do bankruptcy work, so that could account for the lack of change.

"It's too much credit card debt," Allen said of much of his practice. "They got in bad shape in the bust."

Attorney Sydney Weaver, who has an extensive bankruptcy practice, has had many clients who are victims of economic downsizing. "I had a man who was making $85,000 (a year) who was 59 years old who lost his job," she said. "He wasn't living beyond his means. Every major closing in the Permian Basin affects a number of individuals."

Another possible reason for the increase, Ms. Weaver said, is the decline in the stigma attached to bankruptcy. "It is a perfectly legal option for people who find themselves in a situation they can't handle," she said.

Ms. Weaver said she's worked on several hundred bankruptcies in the last year. "I would say both 13s and 7s have increased," she said.

Consumer bankruptcies are divided into Chapter 7, a liquidation of debts, and Chapter 13, debt consolidation. "Congress is trying to change it to force consumers to file Chapter 13," Allen said. "The politicians got a bunch of contributions from credit card companies."

John Hardy, a legal clerk at the U.S. Trustee's Office in San Antonio, whose district includes Midland, said that the bill had been vetoed by President Clinton. "It'll have to be taken up by the new Congress," he added.

Local marriages take a plunge

By Leslie Burleson
Staff Writer

The institution may be thriving, but Midland marriage numbers are down. There were 884 marriages this year, with 937 marriages recorded in 1999.

Divorces are also down in the year 2000, according to county records. Through October, the last month records were complete, there were 641 divorces, compared to 661 during a similar period in 1999. The 1999 total was 751.

The downturn in marriages has affected the wedding industry in Midland, with the owner of Weddings By Design reporting a 40 percent drop. "This has been the worst year we've ever had, and we haven't had a bad year till now," said owner Vickie Branum, who has been in business since 1994.

"We've cut back tremendously, and cut back employees," she said. "People are afraid to let go of the money." Ms. Branum said that several factors could affect the drop in marriage rates, including fear of an economic downturn and bad weather.

"We haven't done as many weddings, so we don't do as many flowers," said Ron Branum, Vickie's husband and owner of Flowers By Design.

"I guess from years past, ours is down, that's for sure," said manager Beth Shock at Houck's Jewelry of the company's ring business.

"Marriages don't seem to last the way they used to," said Michael Hughes, son of the owner of Ken's Rent-It Center. The company rents supplies for a variety of occasions, not just weddings. "If we could put together divorce party packages ...," he said, trailing off.

One advantage of the divorce rate is the rise in second marriages. "It's better for us," Hughes said of the repeat marriage business. "They know exactly what they want."

Pick 3 Texas

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

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Lotto Texas

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

3-13-14-16-31-48

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $27 million.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $33 million.

NEWS: Lab fire, weather among top 10 stories

(From 1A)

1999 just below $10, began this year at about $24 and remained well above the $20 level all year, climbing as high as $37 a barrel on the futures market in late summer amid concerns about crude supplies and the ability of OPEC to pump enough to meet the nation's strong demand for energy.

Even more amazing were natural gas prices, which were averaging $6 per Mcf by winter and reached $10 on the futures market, even approaching $30 on the spot market in California, which was beset by soaring electric costs — when their electric generating plants were able to generate enough electricity to meet demand.

Still, local oilmen were hardly jumping for joy at prices that were at 12-year highs. Cries of "Big Oil," "Price gouging" and even "Obscene oil profits" had them racing to leave the spotlight.

Heeding the bumper sticker that cropped up around Midland during the "Oil Bust" of the late 1980s that read "God, give me one more boom and I promise not to blow it," local oilmen were restrained both in optimism and in activity.

Few oilmen believe prices will remain at their current high levels and all agree with OPEC's desire to keep prices at around the $25 level, calling such a price both preferable and realistic.

Drilling and service companies were stymied in their ability to meet the growing demand for their services by lack of experienced crews. This crew shortage was caused both by the tight labor market experienced around the country and by the industry's inability to win back workers tired of the ups and downs of the industry.

By year's end, though, it was obvious that Midland's economy, which had been so badly affected by low oil prices, was feeling the benefits of the higher oil prices.

NO. 4: MISD BOND ELECTION FAILS

In the end, it wasn't even close.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, Midlanders swarmed to the polls in record numbers to overwhelmingly reject Midland Independent School District's $72.2 million proposal to build a new Midland High School and to greatly renovate Lee High School.

When all was said and done, more than 70 percent of the voters had issued a resounding "NO WAY!" to the proposal. And it wasn't just one group, either. Midlanders of all ages and all economic backgrounds joined forces to defeat the bond issue.

Some said they were against the proposed location of the new school, which was in extreme northeast Midland. Others said they didn't trust MISD with that kind of money. Still others said their taxes were already too high and they weren't going to vote themselves another increase.

And they didn't.

The campaign became very emotional, with tempers flaring at times among both supporters and opponents. "Letters to the editor" poured into the newspaper. Callers to radio talk shows argued about little else. And even in day-to-day activities around town, ordinary citizens had opinions on the subject.

And they were quite vocal in expressing them.

Then they backed up those comments on Election Day ... much to the chagrin of MISD officials.

NO. 5: THREE INJURED IN LAB FIRE

It was any teacher's worst nightmare ... an accident in the classroom that leaves students seriously injured.

In this case, it was in a chemistry class at Lee High School on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 10.

The teacher was conducting an experiment for the members of the class who had gathered around her desk to get a close-up view.

Then it happened.

A fire erupted, burning three of the students.

Assistant Fire Marshal Jeff Meiner explained what happened.

"There was some alcohol on the table that got underneath one of the petri dishes. When the alcohol ignited, it forced the dish up into the air, shattered the dish and ignited the alcohol in the dish."

The explosion sent glass flying all over the room. Alcohol from the dish landed on the three students — Teran Nix, David Dutchover and Brooke Bagley — setting their clothes and bodies on fire.

Miss Nix and Dutchover were immediately sent to University Medical Center in Lubbock for emergency treatment.

But like with almost any tragedy, heroic deeds do emerge, often from unexpected sources.

In this case, it was David Dutchover, one of the three victims.

Once the fire erupted, Dutchover immediately sprang into action ... taking an emergency fire blanket and smothering the flames engulfing the body of Miss Nix, probably saving her life.

What made his actions even more amazing, however: he did them before extinguishing the flames on his own body.

NO. 6: SPORTS COMPLEX TURNS CONTROVERSIAL

It was a story most people thought had peaked a year earlier.

After all, on Nov. 2, 1999 Midland voters had overwhelmingly approved a $35 million sports complex.

All that was left to do was build it.

At least, that was the plan. And in the end, it will happen.

But there turned out to be several bumps along the way ... the biggest of which was the ultimate price tag.

The beginning of the controversy can be traced to Feb. 9 of this year. It was on that day the Reporter-Telegram published a story that indicated city documents now estimated total costs to be $46.3 millions.

Howls of protest erupted ... both inside and outside city hall.

Two council members — Jose Cuevas and Juluis Brooks — said the new, more expensive, pricetag was news to them.

A host of Midlanders agreed.

A petition drive opposing the issuance of the bonds was launched.

It failed, but the city's credibility was damaged. At a March 7 city council meeting, Mayor Bobby Burns acknowledged as much.

"One of the most sad things that's happened in my life, other than losing some loved ones, is knowing we've lost some credibility out there."

He was right.

The community's support of the sports complex never seemed to rebound.

And many observers suggested the public's distrust of the city's handling of the issue ultimately helped defeat the school bond.

NO. 7: CRAZY WEATHER COMES AND GOES

To paraphrase an old line, "This is West Texas. If you don't like the weather, wait a few minutes. It'll change."

That was certainly the case in Midland in 2000.

There was a drought, for example, which still continues today. And no end is in sight.

Total precipitation for the year was a mere 9.90 inches, well below the city's average of 14.94 inches.

Farmers and ranchers, alike, could only shake their heads in dismay, especially as the summer months creeped toward autumn. Everywhere they looked, there was nothing but hot and brutally dry conditions.

September, normally one of Midland's wettest months, came and went without a drop of rain falling.

But it was also a year of different kinds of weather extremes.

There was the bizarre night of Tuesday, Oct. 24, for example.

Local television stations warned viewers that heavy rains, large hail, high winds and possibly even tornadoes were likely that evening.

And were they ever on target.

By 9 p.m., much of northwest Midland — like most of the Permian Basin — was under water, as underpasses along Loop 250 flooded at various times during the night. Hail damage was reported and several tree limbs were knocked to the ground as the worst of the storm ripped through town.

An unconfirmed tornado was even reported north of Midland International Airport.

Then there was the ice storm that more or less shut down Midland on the day after Christmas.

Icy streets had local residents staying indoors on Dec. 26, avoiding the normal post-Christmas traditions such as returning gifts and making that long, out-of-town drive home.

And for those who did venture out in the wintry conditions — over a three-day period — many wished they hadn't.

There were a total of 115 accidents — mostly minor fender-benders — reported in Midland County.

NO. 8: UNITED WAY SOARS PAST GOAL

During the course of any year, there are special times when the residents of any town can — and should — take great pride in a community-wide accomplishment.

One such opportunity for Midlanders this year was Tuesday, Oct. 31, when United Way of Midland officials announced the annual campaign fund drive had soared past the $3 million mark.

Then, less than two weeks later, there was more good news. Those same United Way officials announced that Occidental Petroleum had given another $100,000 to the campaign, pushing the new total to $3.1 million, making it the most successful campaign in Midland's history.

The previous record was $3.056 million, which was raised in 1997.

When the official total was announced at a citywide victory celebration, former city councilman Jose Cuevas, who served as campaign chairman, praised the efforts of everyone involved.

"For 10 years I sat on the political side of issues to strengthen our community and to make it better. This is my first venture into the non-profit side of caring for individuals who for happenstance have come to crossroads in their lives. All of these individuals need a hand up, not a hand out."

Thanks to the United Way of Midland, many will get just that.

NO. 9: CITY COUNCIL GETS NEW LOOK

It seemingly was an election everyone wanted to be a part of. And we're not talking about just going to the polls and voting.

No, in this case, getting involved meant running for office.

And that's exactly what 14 Midlanders did when city elections were announced for May 7.

There were four openings: Two at-large council spots and the District 1 and District 2 seats.

Seven people filed for the two at-large positions while four Midlanders campaigned for the District 1 and three for the District 2 seat.

The campaigns were cordial and there was little or no trashing of opponents, but it didn't stop the debate from being lively ... and topical.

Three issues that repeatedly rose to the surface included the need for economic diversification, better communication between city hall and the general public, and an acknowledgement that city officials had erred — probably unintentionally — when telling voters the actual cost of the sports complex, which was quickly becoming a hot controversy with many Midlanders, who viewed it as an example of government not being upfront with the public.

When all was said and done, Midland had four new council members: Mike Canon, Bill Dingus, LuAnn Morgan and James Bradford.

Only one incumbent — Dale Brown — was on the ballot.

He finished fourth in the field of seven for the two at-large council seats.

NO. 10: A BIZARRE MURDER/SUICIDE

The front page headline in the Tuesday, Dec. 19, edition of the Reporter-Telegram read as follows: "Local oilman dies in bizarre shooting."

The key word was bizarre.

It happened at about 7:15 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, on Louisiana Avenue at Big Spring Street just outside a popular doughnut shop near downtown Midland.

The details of what exactly happened are sketchy, but according to a witness at the scene, two men — John Seay, the oilman, and Christopher Macha — had been driving trucks that collided. Almost immediately, Macha fired seven shots at Seay, killing him, before turning the gun on himself and firing a fatal shot to his own head.

Initially, police speculated the shooting might have been the result of road rage.

However, within 24 hours, police released a statement indicating that Macha apparently held a fatal grudge, involving his father, against Seay.

But like with so many tragedies like this, no one will ever really know what Macha was thinking when the shooting began.

But the grieving continues just the same.

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CABINET: Expert compares group to baseball team with all home run hitters

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ernor who is Bush's choice for attorney general, and to an extent Gale Norton, the Coloradan selected as interior secretary, Bush has shunned champions of conservative causes. Instead, he has favored can-do managers with low-key styles, many of whom have spent at least some time proving their mettle in the private sector.

It is a lineup for an administration that intends to submerge ideology in the name of efficiency. By and large, Bush's choices are pragmatic conservatives in economic and foreign policy.

"I don't think you can label these guys very easily," said Jack Kemp, a conservative standard-bearer who was Sen. Bob Dole's running mate in 1996. "Is Colin Powell a conservative? I don't know. Rumsfeld is probably a conservative, but he's also a progressive — he was a key supporter of civil rights in the 1960s."

Kemp added that he considered the Bush team "outstanding."

One indication of the team's pragmatic bent: Rumsfeld, O'Neill and Lawrence B. Lindsey, the man Bush is expected to name as his chief economic adviser, are leaders at the policy study groups Rand and the American Enterprise Institute, organizations with mildly conservative slants that often dissect government programs and national security issues and take stands that sometimes defy easy partisan labels.

Bush's Cabinet differs markedly from that of President Clinton, who like Bush was a governor who had not worked in the nation's capital before becoming president. Although he also chose some former governors, Clinton relied more heavily on lawyers, legislators and academics who were known for their policy expertise or campaign skills. Clinton kept a great deal of executive responsibility for himself.

Bush emphasized in the campaign that he intended to delegate authority to competent aides and advisers, not to micromanage the government. The people he has selected are clearly qualified to lead large government departments without day-to-day orders from the White House. But some analysts say that Bush has concentrated so much power in the Cabinet departments that he has exposed himself to the risk of damaging internal conflicts.

Paul C. Light, a transition expert at the Brookings Institution, compared the new Cabinet to an all-star baseball club with the equivalent of nine home run hitters and no outfielders.

"There are inevitable clashes in every administration, and the key test of this one is how they work out the conflicts," Light said. "It's very difficult to imagine people as strong as Colin Powell or Don Rumsfeld or Paul O'Neill sitting around and waiting for orders from some staff guy in the White House. You're going to have a lot of power in the Cabinet departments."

Not to mention the vice president's office. Though Al Gore had an unusually hands-on policy role during the Clinton administration, few vice presidents enjoyed the power Cheney had during the Bush campaign and in the preparations for office. Bush put Cheney in charge of his transition, and Cheney helped select people who at least partly mirror his experience in government.

"Cheney clearly was the right man, right time for Bush," Kemp said. Asked if he would have had as much sway as Cheney had Dole had been elected four years ago, Kemp said, "No way."

Like Cheney, Rumsfeld, O'Neill and Powell all held significant posts in the Ford administration a quarter-century ago. Rumsfeld, who was also secretary of defense in the Ford administration, actually recruited Cheney for an executive branch post in the Nixon administration and later made him deputy chief of staff under President Gerald Ford.

All the men seem to share Cheney's penchant for offering no-nonsense policy advice and keeping disputes private. Also like Cheney, O'Neill and Rumsfeld left government for careers in the private sector, where they earned tens of millions of dollars as chief executives. O'Neill led the aluminum giant Alcoa; Rumsfeld was a top executive at the pharmaceutical manufacturer G.D. Searle & Co. and two high-technology companies; Cheney held the reins at Halliburton, an energy services company.

No other modern administration has had as many chief executives in senior posts, though Dwight D. Eisenhower came close when he recruited the heads of General Motors and Procter & Gamble to serve in his Cabinet.

One early test of how much power Bush intends to distribute to the various departments will come with the selection of crucial deputies, expected in the coming weeks.

Powell has already signaled that he wants a top deputy at the State Department who can manage the bureaucracy rather than set broad policy direction, a description that makes the deputy job less appealing to several Bush loyalists who were once considered leading contenders for it, several people involved with the Bush transition said.

Likewise, Rumsfeld and O'Neill, both of whom have worked in the White House and know how positions there can be used to control executive branch operations, are expected to seek to name their own deputies.

Welfare trailblazer to head Health and Human Services

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tommy Thompson led Wisconsin on the nation's boldest — and some say riskiest — welfare experiment, dramatically driving down caseloads by insisting everyone should work, and building a national reputation on one of the nation's hottest but thorniest issues.

Now the 14-year effort has landed the Republican governor as President-elect Bush's choice for secretary of Health and Human Services, where he is poised to oversee national welfare policy.

"For 10 years he's been a leader in welfare policy," said Judy Gearon, president of Manpower Demonstration Research Corp., a leading welfare research firm. "He's an out-of-the-box thinker."

More than any other state, Thompson's Wisconsin fundamentally changed the way government aids its poorest citizens — writing and strictly enforcing rules that make it tough to qualify for and keep welfare.

And while some Republicans talked about welfare reform as a way to save tax dollars, Thompson emphasized the need to spend more to eliminate barriers to single moms coming off the rolls. That meant more for child care, health coverage and even transportation.

Wisconsin is not alone. Nationwide, there's been a sea change in welfare policy. Education, training and a guarantee that the poorest Americans get at least a small government check have been replaced with work requirements and a limit on how long anyone stays on the rolls.

But Wisconsin experimented earlier, imposed stricter rules and saw its welfare caseloads fall faster than almost anyone thought possible.

It has advocates for the poor worried. They report anecdotal evidence of increased homelessness and demand at food pantries and worry about what will happen when the economy sours. And they fear some people have such entrenched problems — mental illness, a sick relative, drug addiction — they may never be able to support themselves.

"There really is no safety net in place for those people who end up failing in the work world," said Bob Jacobson of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families.

But they don't dispute the numbers. When Thompson first ran for governor in 1986 — campaigning on welfare — there were more than 98,000 families on assistance. Now there's just over 16,000, a drop of 83 percent.

Thompson's campaign message in 1986 was simple — Wisconsin had become a "welfare magnet" with benefits so high it was attracting poor from other states.

His ideas got bolder after he won, as he embarked on a series of small-scale experiments that began eating away at the notion of welfare as entitlement.

"Learnfare" reduced checks of parents whose children skipped school. "Children First" required fathers to participate in a work program if they failed to pay child support. "Bridefare" tried to get teen parents to marry, paying them extra if they tied the knot.

A two-tier payment system discouraged those "welfare magnets" by paying new residents what they would have gotten in their former states.

And he forced county governments to compete with private corporations to run welfare programs.

"Every year he would roll out a new imaginative approach," said Jason Turner, Thompson's top welfare policy aide in the mid-1990s. "They built on one another, one change after the next."

The caseloads began dropping, though analysis found the booming economy deserved virtually all of the credit, said John Pawasarat of the University of Wisconsin, who has studied the state's welfare reforms.

"We call it symbolic legislation," Pawasarat said.

But Thompson proved welfare could be a political winner, both within Wisconsin, where he was re-

AP Photo

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson speaks after being nominated Secretary of Health and Human Services by President-elect Bush during a news conference at the Bush-Cheney Transition Headquarters in Washington, Friday.

elected an unprecedented three times, and on the national stage, where he built a reputation as a reformer.

"Thompson was the first governor to prove in a convincing manner that you could win on this issue," said Larry Mead, a New York University political scientist who is finishing a book on welfare reform in Wisconsin.

And his innovations — and the public support they enjoyed — helped keep liberal opponents off balance.

In 1993, three years before President Clinton would sign a national overhaul, Thompson proposed his biggest experiment yet. "Two years and you're out!" was his mantra. Participants would be required to work from the start.

Thompson suggested experimenting in two small, rural counties. Frustrated Democrats upped the ante, approving legislation that eliminated welfare altogether — without suggesting a replacement.

Some hoped to embarrass Thompson into a veto. A top welfare official dismissed the legislation and predicted it would be vetoed.

Thompson surprised them all, and signed the bill.

"The governor correctly perceived it as an opportunity that would never come his way again — to radically reshape welfare," Turner said.

Dramatic change soon took hold, even before the new program, called Wisconsin Works, launched.

The state prodded counties to strictly enforce rules that had been on the books for a decade. Participants had to attend orientation sessions, prove they were looking for work and attend monthly reviews with caseworkers.

The effect was to discourage massive numbers of people who sought welfare but figured it was too much trouble, Pawasarat said. "If you have to jump through hoops for 30 to 35 hours per week for a lousy check, you can make more than that with a part-time job."

By the time the program began in September 1997, the state's caseload already had been cut in half.

Under the initiative, caseworkers push almost everyone to get a job. The state offers bus passes and child care vouchers, while discouraging applicants from taking a governm. t check.

Those who fail are offered community service jobs, with benefits docked if they don't show up. And those who cannot work at all are required to participate in alcohol or drug treatment, literacy training or other programs.

Participants may remain in each part of the program for only two years.

The caseloads have continued to fall, though more slowly, and Thompson has repeatedly declared success.

Critics aren't so sure. And they complain Wisconsin has shown little interest in evaluating its programs or tracking former welfare recipients.

"It's just all spun so heavily, largely because Wisconsin has taken such pride in its welfare reform success," Jacobson said. "It's difficult to separate out what's really happening."

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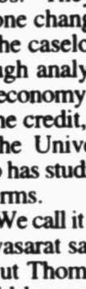

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Insanity plea could figure into Wakefield slaying defense

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON — From depression to treatment for an undisclosed psychiatric condition, the details that have emerged about the man accused of killing seven co-workers have some speculating his lawyers may use an insanity defense.

But defense lawyers say it's a long-shot legal strategy.

It's extremely difficult to convince juries that because a defendant has a mental illness, that person couldn't understand or control what he or she did, said attorney Andrew D'Angelo.

"The fact that he has already been diagnosed with some kind of mental illness certainly helps that kind of defense," D'Angelo said. "In no way does that mean that the mental illness or insanity defense will be successful."

"It's always been looked at skeptically. Insanity is the last refuge of desperate defense attorneys," said Boston lawyer Joseph S. Oteri.

Kevin Reddington, Michael M. McDermott's defense attorney, did not return calls seeking comment.

However, at an arraignment Wednesday, Reddington disclosed that his client — who is charged with seven counts of murder — had been undergoing treatment and taking medications for an undisclosed psychiatric condition.

The 42-year-old software engineer allegedly gunned down seven co-workers at Edgewater Technology Inc. in Wakefield, then sat in the office lobby until police arrived. Prosecutors said McDermott may have been angry over a demand by the Internal Revenue Service to garnish his wages for back taxes.

The woman who survived the attack heard Paul Marceau beg for his life before he was shot three times, according to her father. She heard co-worker Rose Manfredi get shot three times — twice in the legs, then in the head.

All the while, McDermott said nothing, according to the woman's account of the attack. The woman's name has not been released, and her father spoke to Boston media outlets Friday on the condition that neither he nor his daughter would be identified.

He said his daughter crawled under her desk during the attack and pulled her coat over her chair.

"She saw some terrible things," her father said.

"She closed her eyes and held her breath and waited for her turn. She said it was as if she blacked out," he said.

Oteri said he has little doubt McDermott's lawyer will use an insanity defense.

"How else do you explain this?" he said. "The IRS put the pressure on him, they garnish the wages, and they push the kid over the edge. He's a sick man. He marches to a different drummer than we do, and everyone's his enemy."

One Edgewater employee told the Boston Herald that McDermott had joked about dodging taxes, saying he would change his name to beat the IRS. It was unclear whether McDermott had tried to evade taxes by changing his name before from his birth name, Michael McDermod Martinez.

It was also unclear why McDermott was in financial trouble. The Boston Globe reported that McDermott told friends he would be getting a $10,000 raise to work at Edgewater, bringing his salary to $55,000 a year. He also got a $20,000 severance package from Duracell Inc., where he had worked as a battery tester.

But McDermott's car was about to be repossessed and his salary garnisheed to pay back taxes, even though his rent was less than $840 a month.

About 1 percent of criminal cases use the insanity defense. Of those, about 1 percent are successful, according to Alexandria, Va., lawyer Lisa B. Kemler, citing data from the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Kemler successfully used the insanity defense during the trial of Lorena Bobbitt, who in 1993 cut off her husband's penis because she said he was abusive.

"I do think that people are skeptical," Kemler said. "You have to demonstrate a strong causal relation between the illness and the crime."

Cassini makes flyby of Jupiter

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's $3.4 billion Cassini spacecraft passed Jupiter at the closest point of its trip Saturday, using gravity from the solar system's largest planet to swing it toward Saturn.

While passing Jupiter over the next few months, Cassini will team up with the Galileo spacecraft to make dual observations of the planet and its surroundings.

Scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory steered Cassini to within 6 million miles of Jupiter early Saturday to give the spacecraft a gravity boost as it heads for a rendezvous with Saturn in July 2004.

Galileo, which was launched in 1989 and began orbiting Jupiter in 1995, will also test Cassini's instruments for Saturn.

The Cassini spacecraft was launched in 1997 on an 11-year mission. While near Jupiter, it will help with studies of the planet's atmosphere, moons, faint rings and magnetosphere, the massive magnetic field surrounding the planet.

The Galileo spacecraft, which has been hampered by a high-gain antenna that never fully deployed, already sits deep within the Jovian magnetosphere, while Cassini just entered it early Thursday, said Dr. Stamatios Krimigis, principal investigator for Cassini's magnetospheric imaging instrument.

The unique vantage points offered by the two spacecraft should help solve some riddles about the magnetosphere and its relationship to the solar wind — the protons, electrons and ionized hydrogen particles that erupt from the sun and spread throughout the solar system.

Scientists already have learned that the magnetosphere has doubled in size from when the Voyager spacecraft made observations in 1979, Krimigis said. It is believed that a drop in solar wind pressure has allowed the magnetosphere to expand, he said.

The Cassini spacecraft in November recorded ion acoustic waves emanating from the magnetosphere, which sound "sort of like whales in ecstasy," said Dr. Jay Bergstralh, NASA' acting director of solar system exploration and Cassini program scientist.

A communications problem with a companion probe remains unresolved, Bergstralh said. That problem involves the European Space Agency's Huygens probe, which will detach from Cassini and parachute to Saturn's moon Titan in 2004

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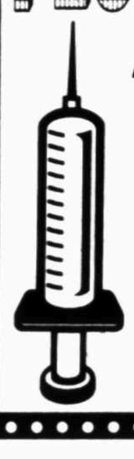
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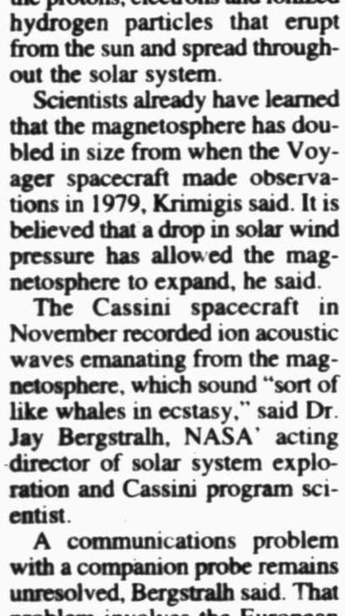

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Philippine government warns of more terror after five bombings

By Adam Brown
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine government warned of more terror attacks after five powerful bombs tore through the capital Saturday, killing at least 14 people, injuring as many as 100 others and unleashing a nationwide climate of fear, blame and suspicion.

There were no credible claims of responsibility for the attacks in Manila, but plenty of theories. Police hinted that Muslim rebels could be involved. A presidential spokesman implicated communist rebels. And the powerful political opposition hinted at unidentified forces who want to distract the population from President Joseph Estrada's impeachment trial on corruption charges.

The embattled president, in a brief televised address five hours after the bombings, tried to calm nerves.

"I assure you we will use all the forces of our law enforcers to halt this violence," Estrada said. "I have directed the chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines to mobilize its intelligence agencies."

The first four blasts — on a train and a bus and at an airport and a park — happened nearly simultaneously, sending thousands of panicked residents rushing from buildings in fear of more bombings.

The explosion on the train was the most destructive: It blew the light railway transport train's front coach apart as it pulled into Manila's Blumentritt Station at noon. At least nine people died and scores were hurt.

Shattered holiday gifts and lunch baskets were strewn for yards around at the busy station. In the coach, emergency workers stepped among bloody newspapers and mangled seats as they covered up corpses.

"The train was approaching when I heard the explosion in the front coach," said Mari Vicpaglan, a ticket clerk at the railway station. "It was so loud. I tried to help them. I felt dizzy because of the number of people pleading for help."

Elsewhere, a bomb exploded in a bus inside the main bus terminal in Quezon city, in the greater Manila area. At least one person died, 15 were hurt and the terminal was severely damaged.

A third blast came near a large aviation fuel depot at Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport. At least six people were hurt, said an airport official, but the fuel depot did not explode.

The fourth bomb exploded on a bench in a park near the U.S. Embassy, wounding at least nine, blasting a two-foot crater in the ground and damaging buildings some 650 feet from the embassy. The bomb apparently was not directed at the embassy itself.

Later in the day, police found a fifth bomb at a gas station near the posh Dusit hotel. They tried to defuse it, but it exploded as they worked, killing one bomb expert immediately. Another died in hospital later.

It was not immediately clear which bombs killed the 13th and 14th victims reported by emergency services.

The attacks left many Manila residents jittery and police swamped with reports of suspicious packages. Several commercial centers were evacuated after false alarms.

Witnesses said a suspicious package on a counter in a shopping mall sparked a stampede as people fled the building. Police bomb experts found mangoes in the package.

The areas hit by the explosions were cordoned off, holding back masses of onlookers, and television stations urged people to stay away from the blast scenes.

The attacks further darkened a political atmosphere that was already tense as Estrada's future teeters on the outcome of his impeachment trial, which resumes Tuesday in the Senate. He is accused of massive corruption.

Estrada's press undersecretary, Mike Toledo, denied claims by opposition politicians Saturday that Estrada would declare a state of emergency or martial law.

Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado said police arrested one man who was carrying wires and acting suspiciously around one of the bomb sites. They have not revealed his identity.

Police suggested that the Abu Sayyaf, the smaller of two separatist Muslim groups in the southern Philippines, were to blame. The blasts came a day after Manila-area police were put on alert for holiday bombing attacks by the rebel group.

But presidential spokesman Ernesto Maceda implicated communist rebels who have been fighting the government for more than 30 years. He said intelligence reports show the communist New People's Army were planning numerous weekend attacks on rural power lines and stations.

The New People's Army is the major left wing guerrilla group in the Philippines. It has had only informal communication with the Muslim groups.

The Philippines has long grappled with a multitude of religious and political conflicts as well as rising crime. In the south, two Muslim separatist guerrilla groups have been fighting for a separate Islamic nation.

The larger group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, has been blamed for bombings in Manila in the past. But Eid Kabalu, a MILF spokesman, denied it carried out the bombings. He told DZRN radio in Manila that his group didn't have the physical capacity to attack on the scale seen Saturday.

The Abu Sayyaf is the more radical of the two groups. On Thursday, police arrested Abu Sayyaf spokesman Hector Janjalani in Manila. They said he had several grenades and sketches of potential targets in the city.

The government has been fighting the Abu Sayyaf rebels for 10 years, but the battle intensified this summer when the guerrillas captured scores of Western hostages in a southern area they control.

The rebels reportedly used the large ransom payments to rearm themselves. The military then launched a fierce assault on the rebels, who are still holding an American and a Filipino hostage.

AP Photo

Police investigators shift through the debris after a bomb exploded inside a train Saturday in Manila. At least four bombs attacks hit the city, ripping apart a bus, a train and hitting an airport and a park near the U.S. embassy and killing at least six bystanders.

Evidence links guerrillas to killing of Colombian lawmaker

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — President Andres Pastrana said there was "serious evidence" linking leftist guerrillas to the assassination of a congressman who led a peace committee. He warned Saturday that the peace process was at risk.

Rep. Diego Turbay, his mother, brother-in-law, and four others were killed Friday when gunmen stopped their vehicle on a highway near Doncello in southern Colombia, forced them to lie on the road and then shot them in the head, police said.

Turbay, 40, presided over the peace committee of the House of Representatives. He was a relative of former President Cesar Turbay, who governed Colombia from 1978-82.

The area where the killings took place in Caqueta state is a stronghold of the country's largest leftist guerrilla group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. Since January 1999, the group has been engaged in sputtering peace talks with Pastrana aimed at ending the South American country's 36-year conflict.

Rival rightist paramilitary groups also operate in the area, which is a major cocaine-producing region where Colombian counternarcotics battalions are being trained by U.S. Special Forces troops under a $1.3 billion aid package.

There was evidence FARC was behind Friday's killings, Pastrana said in remarks broadcast Saturday on the radio. "If it is demonstrated that it was the FARC, logically it puts in danger the peace process," he said.

Pastrana did not provide details about the evidence or a possible motive.

There was no immediate denial or claim of responsibility from the 15,000-strong rebel group. Colombia's leading newspaper, El Tiempo, reported Saturday that FARC spokesman Raul Reyes, interviewed shortly after the slaughter, said he knew nothing about the attack.

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Y2K, politics gave us plenty to worry about

As we close the book on 2000, we can look back on a year full of twists and turns. The year started with fears of a Y2K computer catastrophe but either careful planning or good luck can be credited for ushering in a smooth start to the new year.

Here in Midland, spring elections swept some new faces onto the local political scene with Mike Canon, Luann Morgan, James Bradford and Bill Dingus joining the Midland City Council and Charles Tighe, Linda Foster and Dale Strauss taking seats on the Midland School Board. Throughout the remaining months of the year, these new leaders started rebuilding some of the trust in government which had been lost under their predecessors.

Later in the year, two new members were elected to the Midland County Commissioners' Court — Josie Ramirez replacing long-serving Democrat Louisa Valencia and Jimmy Smith stepping in for the ailing Henry Goulet.

On the national political stage, our own George W. Bush won a long, tough, bitter contest against Democratic warhorse Al Gore. After the Nov. 7 balloting, our nation endured a controversial though educational "field trip" through the highest courts of Florida and the United States. Through it all Bush remained above-the-fray and looked forward to launching his new administration.

Also at the tailend of this year, fresh U.S. Census data showed that the state of Texas continues to grow at a rapid pace. Our state will pick up two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives thanks to our continuing population surge. The Census data also revealed that Texas has now surpassed New York and thus gains the title of second-most-populous state in the country.

In other words, it's been a good year for Texas.

As we look ahead to 2001, we know that we will face many challenges over the next 12 months.

There are signs that our robust, rampaging economy is ready to take a little breather. Many Americans are understandably worried, particularly since the word "recession" is being used more and more frequently.

On the local scene, we know our city will be choosing a new mayor this year and we are aware that even though we turned down a $72.2 million bond issue, our public high schools are still woefully in need of renovation.

As the new year dawns we remain optimistic. We know our future is bright. And we know we are a willing, capable nation of men and women unified in our desire to build a better tomorrow.

ANOTHER VIEW

Gov. Perry faces the hard part

Governor Rick Perry, says he will focus on transportation and higher education when the Legislature convenes in January. That's consistent with the interim studies he requested after the end of the last session, and these are indeed important issues that must be addressed.

But Perry knows there is much more to be done. He may just be one of the most knowledgeable politicians to ever move into the governor's job because of his five years in the House, seven years as agriculture commissioner and the past several years in heading the Senate and filling in for President-elect George W. Bush.

Perry already has talked about the situation in the colonias along the Mexican border, and the need to improve sanitation, water and the standards of living. There is a huge need to improve immunizations and other health care services in the poorer parts of the state. He also recognizes that a stronger effort should be made to enroll every eligible child in the Children's Health Insurance Program.

The new governor also knows that he faces major environmental issues such as clean air and water. A major water plan will be considered during his tenure as governor.

He also must act to keep economic development healthy and unemployment low. His emphasis on education will help in that arena.

Texas' diverse population requires a leader who can reach out to all people. Perry has signaled that he will be inclusive. That, too, is important to our states future.

Over the past decade, the Longview News-Journals editorial board has had many opportunities to meet and talk with Gov. Perry about issues affecting Texas. We think he'll do fine in leading Texas forward, building on successes of the past and advancing our state's quality of life.

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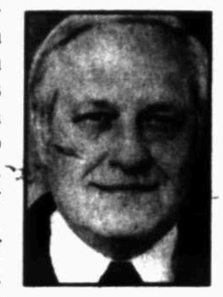
JACK ANDERSON

Marijuana goes on 'privacy' front burner

WASHINGTON — Perhaps the greatest impediment in the quest for a constitutionally mandated right to privacy is the issue of drugs, and that issue is now on the front burner. Marijuana has become the primary test.

The debate over marijuana focuses not only on legalization but also on medical benefits. In this past election, the ballot in Alaska had a petition to legalize the "possession, cultivation, distribution or consumption" of marijuana. For many proponents of legalization, it is more a question of privacy than anything else. Al Anders, chairman of the Free Hemp in Alaska group, considers it "a states-rights issue. It's a right to privacy and the right to privacy is not being respected by the federal government."



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At the end of November, the United States Supreme Court agreed to hear the case of U.S. vs. Oakland Cannabis Buyer's Cooperative. The case centers around the cooperative's desire to "provide seriously ill patients with safe access to necessary medicine so that these individuals do not have to resort to the streets." Under a law passed in the state of California in 1996, it is legal to possess and use marijuana for medicinal purposes when it is recommended by a doctor. Eight other states have similar laws on their books, including Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Maine, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Colorado.

The United States brought suit against the Oakland group in 1998 citing violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act, which makes the production and distribution of marijuana illegal. Specifically, the government sought to ban the group from distributing the drug. Department of Justice lawyers argued that Congress determined that marijuana has "no currently accepted medical use" and that allowing the Oakland group to distribute the drug "threatens the government's ability to enforce the federal drug laws." They also claim that more than two dozen groups are currently distributing marijuana for medicinal purposes in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington.

Judge Charles Breyer, brother of Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, ruled in favor of the government in 1998. His decision was reversed, however, by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that said the government had not discredited the group's claim that marijuana was "the only effective treatment for a large group of seriously ill individuals."

The medical aspects to the case make it more palatable. But the reality is that it is about privacy, not medicine. Non-medical drug use is bad. So is alcohol and so is smoking. So are diets high in saturated fats.

People often do things that are bad for them, and it is the government's obligation to warn them of the dangers inherent in these self-destructive activities. But there is a huge gulf between warning and criminalizing, between filling rehab centers and filling jails.

The argument is made that drug use is more than a private matter. It impacts insurance rates, Medicaid and Medicare costs and, more important, rips at the soul of the nation. This is all true, and we should rail against it. But criminalizing drug use has costs too, and the first of these is personal liberty. Then there are the enormous costs associated with prosecution and incarceration, not to mention the overwhelming burden placed on law enforcement agencies to track down private users. Clearly, there are costs whichever way we go, but if going after and punishing drug users is such a good idea, then the same argument should hold for those other, more costly, harmful activities. Drinkers, smokers and fat people beware.

Jack Anderson's and Doug Cohn's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.

DAVE MCNEELY

Ratliff boggled to gain Senate vote for Lt. Gov.

In the end, the victor was the senator most likely to be picked as the answer to the fairy story question: "Who's the fairest of them all?"

Bill Ratliff, the Republican engineer from Mount Pleasant, who didn't vigorously campaign for the job of replacement lieutenant governor until after a vacancy actually occurred, got the job.

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The man he beat was his close friend, Republican David Sibley of Waco, who had been the most vociferous campaigner for the job of presiding over the Senate and becoming governor if something happens to Rick Perry.

At the end, the choice narrowed to Ratliff, whose nickname in the Senate is Obe Wan Kenobe after the wise old man in the "Star Wars Movie," and Sibley. When Sibley and Ratliff were called to the podium and told who won, Sibley returned to his desk and asked the Senate to elect Ratliff by acclamation.

"I think the Senate's made a good decision," Sibley said later, after the Senate adjourned. "Bill Ratliff will have no more loyal soldier than I in trying to take care of the business of the state of Texas."

When the vote narrowed to four of the 31 senators, and vote totals began to be announced, Sibley and Ratliff were tied at 11 each. Buster Brown, R-Lake Jackson, had five, and Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo at four.

But Ratliff picked up two of Zaffirini's backers, while Sibley and Brown — who many had speculated might get the quiet support of Democrats because he wouldn't seek re-election in 2002 — each got one.

On the next ballot, there seemed a sense in the Senate chamber that Ratliff would win. And he did.

Sibley's problem, some senators said, was while some of them thought he had great vision for Texas, and is considered very bright, others felt that he and particularly some of his team, like Republicans Steve Ogden of Bryan and Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, are too partisan.

There was surprise that dark horse Zaffirini was the last-standing Democrat. There were suspicions her supporters included the Senate's four women — Republicans Jane Nelson of Flower Mound and Florence Shapiro of Plano, Democrat Leticia van de Putte and Zaffirini herself — who stuck together.

The Democrat who fell just before her was Ken Armbrister of Victoria.

Armbrister had been considered the most likely Democrat to win the job.

But he peaked at three votes.

Some speculated his participation defending Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush at places like the Democratic National Convention last summer soured his chances with several of the Senate's 14 other Democrats.

Interestingly, once the senators began their balloting process, there seemed to be little logrolling or deal-making between ballots. Senators quietly voted their preferences on each successive ballot as the choices narrowed.

Finally it came down to Sibley and Ratliff. One Democratic senator said he had thought for a couple days that Ratliff would win, because of the strong reinforcement of his reputation for fairness when he appeared before the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Unlike Sibley, who had said he would seek election in 2002 to lieutenant governor, Ratliff, who is 64, continued even after the vote to say he would decide that later.

He had no prepared remarks, he said upon winning. And he had laid out no major agenda.

The reason, he told reporters at a brief press conference afterwards was, "I guess I never thought that it would come down to this, way down deep."

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GEORGE WILL

In America, misery is relative

WASHINGTON — Regarding the economy, this is a time — like, come to think about it, all other times, regarding everything — to remember this: "There are knowns, known unknowns, and unknown unknowns." That axiom (whose author is unknown) is pertinent to the problem of understanding the economy's trajectory, or at least not misunderstanding it too harmfully.

Will

Amid anxiety about a coming recession, unemployment has crept up one-tenth of 1 percent to ... 4 percent, a full percentage point below what was, until recently, defined as full employment. The Nasdaq has just had its worst year in its 29-year history ... and is still 16 percent above where it was two years ago. In America, misery is relative.

Unless you think the economy can, should and will grow at 5 percent forever, it is odd to regret evidence that the economy is on a glide path to 2.5 percent to 3.5 percent growth next year. And for the president-elect, the slowdown is serendipitous, given his advocacy of an across-the-board tax cut. He can now advocate the cut as a stimulative, countercyclical measure as well as a conservative response to a substantial surplus.

Stock market volatility is not serendipitous for George W. Bush, who hopes to persuade Congress, and the country, to adopt partial privatization of Social Security. Critics will ask: Will the government-approved funds in which individuals will invest portions of their Social Security taxes be more secure investments than, say, AT&T?

Once synonymous with blue chip reliability, AT&T's stock has plunged from $61 to $17 (as of Wednesday) in nine months. Lucent Technologies, the once-mighty equipment firm spun off from AT&T, has issued five profit warnings this year. Peter Goodman of The Washington Post says that this year the market erased $380 billion of worth from Lucent and AT&T shareholders.

The broadening demographics of stock ownership, which now includes more than half of all households, is desirable, not least because it broadens the constituency for policies of economic prudence and growth. Yet as participation in the stock market increases, so does the potential for economically destabilizing mood swings in the public.

That is, some analysts, including Alan Greenspan, believe there is a "wealth effect" — that consumption increases as rising portfolio values cause consumers to feel more prosperous on paper, thereby producing irrational exuberance among consumers. It is irrational if based on the assumption that paper wealth is permanent.

Greenspan's formula is that every extra dollar of stock market wealth prompts a 3 percent to 5 percent increase in consumption. And it would seem to follow that in a society of broad stock ownership, there can be a negative wealth effect — declining portfolio values cause mutually reinforcing retrenchments that drive the economy down further and faster than underlying realities warrant.

However, Kevin Hassett, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, notes that individuals who are at least moderately wealthy own most stocks: "The top 1 percent of equity owners hold about 50 percent of all corporate stock. The top 5 percent own about 80 percent of all stock." But these individuals account for a small share — perhaps as little as 12 percent — of society's aggregate consumption. Therefore, Hassett says, it is mathematically implausible to argue that positive wealth effect drove the economy to its heights. Whether a negative wealth effect can of itself cause a downward cascade of effects that result in a recession is a known unknown.

In October, Nokia, the Finnish telecommunications firm, estimated that 400 million cell phones would be sold in 2000, that "in the region of 550 million" more would be sold in 2001, and that sometime during 2002 there would be 1 billion cell phones in use. If so, one in six people on the planet will have such phones. Whether that will come to pass is as yet unknown.

The world's sixth-largest economy, California's, already rocked by the implosion of the dot-com sector, is now running short of electricity. This is because of badly administered and half-hearted deregulation, and badly underestimated demand for electricity. The effects of California's woes on the national economy are as yet unknown.

The known unknowns are less worrisome than the unknown sort. But, then, 20 years ago the Internet was an unknown unknown.

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LETTERS

Good deed gives man new outlook

There must be a Santa because I met some of his helpers at the post office last week.

Friday night some of my friends (some of you don't think I have any friends) were having dinner at Dona Anita's Restaurant (where President-elect George Bush eats when in town). I told them my story about my lost $200, so, they insisted that I tell my true tale.

Tuesday I addressed a dozen Christmas cards and put them in the front seat of my car to take to the post office. On the way, I cashed a $200 check at the drive in window. The cash was in a small bank envelope that I put in the car seat. I stopped by the post office and dropped the letters in the mail chute. I ran some more errands before coming home.

My car usually has various letters, books and etc. in the seat. (My wife calls it trash). My money was not in the car. My wife looked on the "bright side" and said someone would have a good Christmas.

I have a habit of trying to solve problems after I go to bed and my lost money was my number one problem. Just maybe I mailed it with the letters. Wednesday morning I stopped by the Graves station on Wadley, and visited with Opal about lost and found. She called the station at the terminal and described the bank envelope and gave my name and phone number. I received a call Friday saying the "lost" had been "found."

I picked up my money and tried to pay a reward. However, the postal workers do not take rewards for doing their jobs.

I gave her a big thanks and left.

I will be more appreciative of postal workers in the future.

Bob Riek

Girl returns purse to overjoyed woman

Most of the time our young people get a bad rap, mainly because we only hear and read about the gangs, the shootings, and the bad things that happen among our youth. There are many good young people with good parents who teach their children good moral values. This is the story of one such young lady who deserves to be recognized for her honesty, thoughtfulness, and good judgment and of her proud mother whose guidance was rewarded.

I unthinkingly left my purse in a shopping cart outside the service center at Wal-Mart. When I had gone less than a mile, I realized what I had done, returned to the spot where I had parked the cart, and found that it was gone. I reported the stolen purse to Officer Gray who was sympathetic and tried to be reassuring. Harold, a wonderfully considerate young man who works with me, went back to the store to do a more thorough search. Each was trying to console me, but, of course, to no avail.

Although Harold and Officer Gray were willing to go the extra mile to help me, a very special young lady, Kimberly Dunham, deserves to be honored for her honesty, her caring and her wonderfully sweet spirit. She spotted my purse in the cart and wanted to be sure it would be returned to its rightful owner. Kimberly and her mother found my address, came to my house, and waited outside until I came home. Donna, her mother, jokingly remarked the neighbors probably thought she was "casing" the place, however, patience and not wanting to chance their missing me, rightfully assuming I was probably frantic, they waited. Donna was thinking I might come through the garage, they decided to park outside and wait until I returned. What a wonderful, appreciative and grateful surprise I received when the doorbell rang and I opened the door to see Kimberly and her mother standing there with my purse in hand!

Happy holidays, Kimberly. You represent "good will toward men" and "joy to the world."

Marilyn Irving

Student service at Fannin impressive

Thank you for your recent article about our public school students participating in public service.

I know that public service is alive and well at Fannin Elementary. On the recent trip to the VA Hospital at Big Spring, I was able to watch 36 students as they sang carols, delivered hand made Christmas cards, and gave away coupon booklets for the canteen to the patients. Each student was well-behaved and I was touched by their caring and demeanor in a hospital setting.

Thank you, Mr. Van Stavern, Fannin principal, and Mrs. Rowely and Mrs. Jones, Student Council sponsors, for helping our children become the caring adults and public servants of tomorrow.

Mary Aldridge

Cheer applauded by Saddleridge resident

I would like to thank all the wonderful children, teenagers and adults who took time from their busy schedules to come by and spread some Christmas cheer. All of us here at Saddleridge enjoyed the singing and dancing.

So, to all the churches, schools, Girl Scouts, Brownies and dancing groups, thank you! Please don't wait until next Christmas to come and see us again.

God bless you. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a happy, healthy, safe New Year!

Luanne Martin

MISD busing system deserves apology

The school bus system at Midland schools deserves an apology. I do not know Mr. Willie Tarleton but, from his appearance in the picture with his head sticking from the bus, he appears to be able to do his job very well. The remarks made by Carla Horkey are very rude and it appears she is a busybody and a trouble maker.

It would be wise for her to visit the bus barn, keep her mouth closed and observe the hassle that goes with keeping so many busses operating uniformly. I am sure Tarleton has nothing to do but to answer the telephone and listen to all the busybodies who think no one has any smarts about them. Mrs. Horkey should learn.

'When a person is talking, they throw their ears out of gear and can learn nothing'.

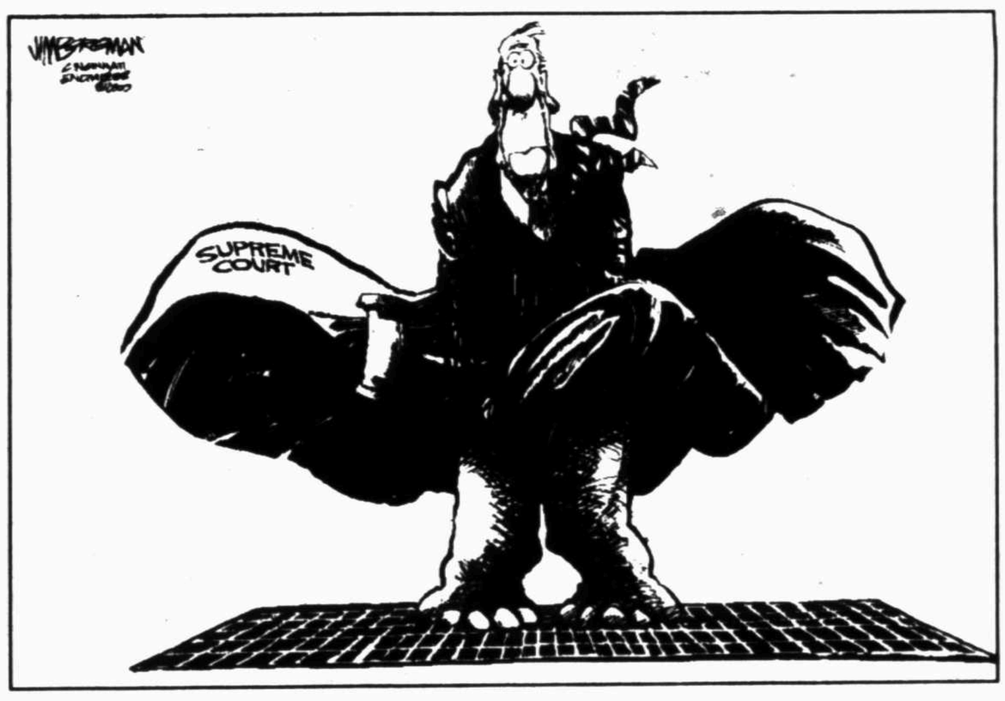
School bus drivers are a rare breed and it takes someone with their ability to keep their cool and their right mind to drive seventy two rowdy kids to and from school. The drivers are not a bunch of misfits but are highly trained professional people. I am sure none of them would harm even the meanest kid on the bus.

It has been proven that 98 percent of accidents that happen on the bus are caused by the children. I have driven a school bus myself and went through the training. I assure you as long as a school bus driver lives, they will never drive the same. They will always be careful even in their car. They will never fail to see a railroad crossing. Their minds will always be on the safety of their passengers.

Tarleton has enough to occupy his mind without listening to those 'cacklings' with their ill advice.

James W. Abernathy

Post-election punditry



SPEAKING OUT

Maximizing domestic resources key to U.S. energy security

Bill Hammond is CEO and president of the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce.

By Bill Hammond

Rising costs for the energy resources that fuel the Texas economy have led to increased concerns among business leaders about the long-term economic consequences of an unbalanced national energy policy.

Hammond

Signs of trouble are everywhere: Prices at the gas pump continue to rise, natural gas bills have doubled in the last twelve months, and concerns are escalating about what price Texans will pay for electricity this winter — projected to be the coldest in recent memory. The electricity market is in turmoil too. Predictions of mandatory rolling blackouts are increasingly commonplace, and in some parts of the country electric bills tripled this past summer.

Recent meetings of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, better known as OPEC, have reminded us again of the inherent dangers of America's over reliance on Asia, Africa, and the Middle East for critical energy resources.

One strategy for minimizing these risks is to more fully capitalize on our country's available domestic energy supplies, including our most abundant and affordable source of electricity — coal.

What has generally been overlooked in the energy debate is the fact pressure from some quarters to eliminate the use of coal to generate electricity is one of the reasons natural gas prices have skyrocketed. These anti-coal efforts have led to an increased use of natural gas to fuel electric generating plants. As a result, natural gas supplies are lower than normal for this time of year — hence, the dire forecasts for the coming winter.

This is both unfortunate and unnecessary because electricity from coal is essential, affordable and increasingly clean. Coal provides more of America's electricity than all other energy sources combined. Fifty-six percent of the electricity consumed in the United States comes from coal. Even here in Texas, the number is 45 percent. With an estimated four trillion tons of coal reserves, we have about a 250-year supply of domestic coal based on current usage levels.

That's important because thanks to our increasingly digital economy and the growing use of electro-technologies in all sectors of business and industry, electricity usage is on the rise. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, electricity consumption more than doubled between 1970 and 1998, and is projected to grow an additional 34 percent by 2000.

The comparatively low cost of producing electricity form coal has played a major role in keeping Texas business and industry competitive. On average, electricity from coal costs about half as much as electricity from other fossil fuels, and is less expensive and more reliable than intermittent energy sources such as wind and solar. In the past 20 years, the price of coal has increased just four percent, compared to a 211 percent increase in the price of natural gas and a 51 percent increase in the price of crude oil.

Some studies predict that if we had to replace our coal-based power plants with alternative sources of electricity generation, prices for this essential commodity could double. The impact on businesses and consumers alike would be devastating.

While the concerns of the anti-coal forces may be well-intentioned, they seem reluctant to acknowledge scientific data showing our air is actually getting clearer.

America's coal-based electricity industry has invested more than $50 billion in new technologies that have significantly reduced emissions from coal-based generating plants in the last 30 years. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, overall emissions of pollutants defined by the Clean Air Act as being harmful to human health are down 31 percent nationally, and are down 48 percent in Texas, since 1970 — a time during which consumption of coal-based electricity nearly tripled. A group called Americans for Balanced Energy Choices (ABEC) believes this kind of date clearly show that it is possible to have both affordable electricity and cleaner air, and coal is key to striking that balance. As a charter member of ABEC here in Texas, I have joined community leaders from across the country to promote a dialogue with American citizens about the need for a balanced national energy policy that includes all domestic energy sources.

Continued reliance on abundant, inexpensive coal-based electricity would enhance our nation's energy security while continuing to power the economic growth and prosperity we all desire.

With positions hardening on peace plans, Fatah urges intensified attacks

By Dina Kraft
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — With Israel and the Palestinians appearing deadlocked over terms of a U.S. peace plan, Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction called Saturday for an intensification of a three-month-long outbreak of violence.

On Israel's tense northern frontier, Israeli troops shot and killed a Lebanese protester they said was trying to scale a border fence amid a volley of stone-throwing.

In a statement, Arafat's Fatah movement spoke of Palestinians' "utter rejection" of peace proposals by President Clinton. It urged its followers and fighters "to make the next two weeks days of struggle against Israeli soldiers and settlers."

"The continuation of the intefadeh is the only way, the only method, of achieving independence," Fatah declared.

The near-daily violence since September has killed nearly 350 people, almost all of them Palestinians.

While Arafat is under international pressure to accept Clinton's proposals as the basis for a final peace deal, he faces broad demands at home to stay with the popular uprising.

Arafat traveled to Tunisia for talks Sunday with Tunisian President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali, his latest bid to gauge Arab support for peace on Clinton's terms. A key test will come next week, when Arab foreign ministers are to weigh in on the peace plan.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami spoke Saturday with the foreign ministers of Egypt and Jordan and updated them on Israel's stance. He told them Israel accepts the basic guidelines of Clinton's proposals but with some reservations, Ben-Ami's office said.

Making a final peace push in his last three weeks in office, Clinton is asking the two sides for a trade-off: Israel would concede Arab parts of Jerusalem, including control of Judaism's most revered holy site.

In turn, Palestinians would scale back demands on the "right of return" for millions of Palestinian refugees and their descendants.

Both sides have signaled unwillingness to compromise on those crucial points, although Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has not explicitly ruled out international sovereignty over the disputed holy site, known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as Haram as-Sharif, the Noble Sanctuary.

Palestinian officials said Saturday that recent days had seen back-channel negotiations in New York with Palestinian and Israeli officials and U.S. mediators — but said the meetings had ended in deadlock.

Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said he called U.S. mediator Dennis Ross on Saturday to insist his side needed more details on the terms of Clinton's plan before it could respond to his invitation to peace talks.

"We can't make a decision on the U.S. proposals since issues like Jerusalem, the border, security and settlements and refugees are not clear," Erekat told The Associated Press.

A leader of Israel's dovish Meretz party urged compromise, saying one side would have to give ground if the other did: Palestinians on refugees, and then Israel on the sovereignty of the Temple Mount.

"If the leaders don't take the responsibility to do this, this historic chance, which is the greatest opportunity in the history of both nations, will be missed," lawmaker Yossi Sarid said.

Clashes Saturday moved to Israel's northern frontier, scene of Israeli-Lebanese violence earlier this week. Israeli security forces said their troops shot a man among a crowd of Lebanese stone-throwers when he threw a ladder against a border fence and tried to climb over. The man died of his wounds.

Spurred by the earlier border violence, Iranian Defense Minister Ali Shamkhani was quoted as warning in Saturday's Kuwaiti Al-Watan newspaper that Iran would not leave its "strategic ally Syria" or Lebanon to face Israel alone.

Iran's state-run Islamic Republic News Agency later carried a Defense Ministry statement denying that Shamkhani had made similar comments to a Lebanese daily newspaper, Al-Mustaqbal. The statement said the minister had not granted the Lebanese newspaper any interview.

Iranian Defense Ministry officials could not be reached late Saturday, and it was not clear whether the ministry was denying only the Al-Mustaqbal interview or the substance of the report.

Israel has threatened to take action against Syria if the violence along its northern frontier continues. Syria is the main power broker in Lebanon, where it stations some 30,000 troops, and Iran is the principal backer of Lebanon's Hezbollah guerrillas.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, 2,000 Palestinians turned out for a rally organized by the militant Islamic group Hamas to pay tribute to a suicide bomber who blew himself up in an Israeli cafe last week. Three Israeli soldiers were injured.

In the Gaza Strip, the army said soldiers foiled a bomb attempt along an Israeli-controlled road. The soldiers confronted a group of people setting the explosive, injuring one of the suspects, an army spokesman said.

In Austria, meanwhile, a Defense Ministry official confirmed that Austrian authorities were mediating in an attempt at a prisoner exchange between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah militia. Media reports have said the efforts, under way since early November, seek the return of three Israeli soldiers and one reserve officer captured in October in exchange for 19 Lebanese imprisoned in Israel.

AP Photo
Masked Palestinian Hamas activists hold Hamas flags during a rally to honor a suicide bomber who blew himself up in an Israeli cafe last week, in the West Bank town of Nablus, Saturday. The march was organized by the radical Islamic group Hamas. More than a dozen organizers, their faces wrapped in black masks, called the rally a celebration of martyrdom, and handed out sweets to symbolize joy.

Relatives say inmates abused in Turkish prisons

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Relatives of prisoners transferred from wards to cells after deadly clashes with government troops said Saturday that inmates were being beaten and denied medical treatment.

Some inmates are beaten twice a day with truncheons during roll call, and many have not received treatment for bullet wounds and other injuries, relatives said after visiting the prisons.

The Justice Ministry denied the mistreatment but said it opened an investigation into the claims.

Over the past 10 days, more than 1,000 prisoners, mostly from militant leftist groups, have been transferred from large, dormitory-style wards to new prisons with small cells. Hundreds of inmates had staged a 2-month-long hunger strike to protest the transfers to cells, which they said would make them more vulnerable to abuse.

Troops stormed prisons nationwide to break up the strike, resulting in four days of clashes. Two soldiers were killed and 29 inmates died, many from setting themselves on fire.

Huseyin Diri said his brother, imprisoned near the northwestern Turkish city of Izmit, told of being beaten every morning for refusing to sing the national anthem.

Yusuf Saglam said his 32-year-old son, on trial for being a member of an armed leftist group, couldn't use an arm because of a bullet wound sustained during the clashes.

New York-based Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International said they were sending delegations to Turkey to investigate the claims.

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Putin cut wide swath in first year, but much remains undone

MOSCOW (AP) — Charging through his first year at Russia's helm, Vladimir Putin rarely stepped on the brakes, ramming through measure after measure to consolidate his grip on power. But as he enters 2001, the tasks still look enormous: a seemingly endless war in Chechnya and a populace demoralized by years of crime, poverty and corruption.

"I hope that with time, Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin will turn from the problems he knows to the real problems plaguing society," said Vladimir Rimskiy, an analyst with the Information for Democracy Foundation.

Boris Yeltsin shocked the nation and the world when he abruptly stepped down Dec. 31, 1999, and named his prime minister acting president. But Russians were pleased with the choice, and they delivered Putin a resounding victory in the March 26 presidential election.

Putin quickly moved to remake the relationship between Moscow and the regions, pushed through tax reform and a long-stalled arms control treaty, and toured the world to underline that Russia was still a power to be reckoned with. He said his policies were oriented toward a common goal: priming Russia for reform to reverse the nation's decline.

The economy was buoyed by high world prices for oil, one of Russia's major export earners, but it was widely expected to decline in 2001 as oil prices fall. Putin warned this week that economic growth, which reached some 7 percent in 2000, was already sagging, and that unemployment seemed to be rising.

The popularity he won through raising pensions and salaries — bringing real income up by 7 percent — could fade fast if the economy sinks. Putin told Russian reporters this week that he was torn between the need to institute far-reaching reforms and to ease social pressures.

"I always keep in mind that despite all the positive tendencies, a huge number of our citizens endure extreme hardship and live in poverty," Putin told Russian journalists this week. "I would not say that this feeling helps to make pragmatic or even technocratic decisions in the economic sphere ... . But this feeling helps me to make more balanced decisions and it is by no means harmful for a leader of such a country."

Putin's other big, haunting problem is the Chechen war.

In spite of his vows to crush separatist rebels, the conflict has ground into its 16th month. Putin has shown no sign that he would try to negotiate an end to the war next year — and rebels have demonstrated time and again that they can inflict daily casualties on federal forces.

The explosion and sinking of the nuclear submarine Kursk underlined the decay in the Russian armed forces and the pressing need for long-delayed military reform. Putin said this week that Russia's long-term goal must be a professional army to replace the mandatory draft — but he said that would take years.

Aging infrastructure and frequently flouted safety regulations also took their toll in 2000. The fire that ravaged the Ostankino television tower pointed up the disastrous neglect that put Russian lives at risk every day. Yet Putin has not indicated that he'll devote scarce resources to cleaning up the mess.

Russians' chief hope was that the new president would reverse the nation's decades-long decline, which accelerated following the 1991 Soviet breakup.

They saw in Putin everything that his predecessor Boris Yeltsin lacked: energy, sobriety, pragmatism and a knack for forging consensus.

Putin, a 16-year veteran of the Soviet KGB, proved to be a talented political operator. His team combined liberal economists and old-style security operatives, and he pushed Russia to acknowledge its contradictory heritage by adopting symbols including the czarist, double-headed eagle and the Soviet anthem.

He deftly disarmed almost all opposition, either by coopting dissenting politicians, cowing them or simply pushing them out. The lower house of parliament, the State Duma, acceded to his every request, from cutting the powers of regional governors to passing the nation's first balanced budget. Most of the media fell in lockstep behind him.

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American: Prayers made him rush to cockpit of airliner

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Clarke Bynum awoke on a British Airways jumbo jet headed to Nairobi to the howl of engines and screams for help as the airliner took a nosedive.

Despite being sure he was about to die, he leaped from his business class seat and rushed into the cockpit to find a tall Kenyan man trying to crash the plane and the pilots trying in vain to stop him. Bynum, a former Clemson University basketball player, used his 6-foot-7-inch frame to grab the Kenyan and wrestle him to the floor.

"There were literally hundreds of people back home praying for us, knowing we were going on this (church) mission trip (to Uganda). There was this strength within that made me get up and go. It came from God," the 39-year-old South Carolina resident told The Associated Press on Saturday from his hotel in Nairobi.

There were also hundreds of people praying Friday on Flight 2069 from London to Nairobi — 379 passengers and 19 crew to be precise.

"As we awoke, the plane within seconds was in a violent drop," said Bynum, who was traveling with his friend Gifford Shaw. "I looked at Giff and said, 'We're gonna die.' He said, 'You're right.'

A 27-year-old Kenyan man, whom police and airline officials have described as deranged, had rushed into the cockpit, grabbed the controls and was pushing the Boeing 747-400 into a series of nosedives as he struggled with First Officer Phil Watson for control of the plane.

"We could hear hollering and banging (in the cockpit)," Bynum said. "I said to Giff, 'We have to do something.' I looked out the window and could see we were going straight down. So I went to the cockpit."

Bynum — who was on the flight only because weather in London caused him to miss a connection to Entebbe, Uganda — said his mind was whirling with what he might find: A hijacker with a gun or a knife. Or maybe there was more than one attacker?

"As I opened the door, the assailant had the co-pilot, basically wrestling with the co-pilot," the 210-pound Bynum said. "The pilot that ran in ahead of me was a smaller man, about 5-foot-7, and he was trying to get him away."

During the struggle for the flight controls, the plane was diving and climbing, only to dive again, Bynum and other passengers said.

Amid passengers' screams, the intruder bit the captain's ear and finger during the two-minute struggle, the airline said.

"Fortunately, I was able to get my arms around his (the Kenyan's) neck and shoulders and get him to the ground. By this time, a couple of others had come in and helped get him out," said Bynum, who has four children and lives in Sumter, S.C.

Watson then pulled the plane level. Later, the pilots told Bynum that the plane had plummeted 19,000 feet from its cruising altitude of 30,000 feet.

Zanne Augur, a graduate student at the University of South Carolina, saw Bynum and another man rush to the cockpit. She had never met Bynum before.

"There was this awful lurching, it felt like turbulence, but with this horrible noise, it was like a roller coaster, when the pit of your stomach drops out," said the 32-year-old Augur, who was on her way to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

"The next thing you know bedlam breaks out. All we could see was the (intruder's) feet as they came out of the door," she said. "They got him out and held him down on the ground."

As Bynum held the man, flight attendants handcuffed him. A breathless Capt. William Hagan came on the intercom and informed the passengers that "a madman tried to take control of the plane and bring it down to commit a suicide," said Todd Engstrom, a 41-year-old doctor for Portland, Ore.

Bynum said the assailant did not respond to questions and kept mumbling about having a companion, even though he was traveling alone.

The plane landed safely two hours later in Nairobi at 10:10 a.m. local time. Four passengers and a female crew member sustained minor injuries, the airline said.

British Airways officials said Friday that the cockpit door is normally locked during take off and landing, but kept open during the flight.

Paul Parry, a spokesman for British Airways in London, said as part of the investigation the airline will be looking at "whether our current procedures are adequate."

The intruder, described as a suspected mental patient, was taken to Nairobi Hospital. Kenyan police spokesman Dola Indidis said the man should not be treated like a criminal.

Bynum said he was not physically hurt, but is still trying to come to grips with his experience.

"We're in fact going to head on to Entebbe, Uganda later (Saturday)," Bynum said. "We're going to go on and we're going to take it day by day."

Albanians, Serbs agree to dismantle roadblocks

BUJANOVAC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia's deputy prime minister encountered hostility from ethnic Albanian rebels along a disputed road Saturday, hours after a verbal agreement to open the artery to traffic on both sides.

The deal, brokered overnight by NATO-led peacekeepers, aims to defuse tensions in the three-mile buffer zone along Serbia's boundary with Kosovo province, where ethnic Albanian rebels had taken control of the main road, preventing Serbs from traveling freely.

Hours after agreeing to the deal, deputy prime minister Nebojsa Covic tried to pass through the rebel-controlled village of Veliki Trnovac.

"Who allowed you to come here?" shouted a heavily armed guerrilla commander, identified only as Lesi. "You will face consequences for coming here without my permission!"

Covic, who was traveling with an escort of NATO-led peacekeepers, cited the deal under which rebels from the Liberation Army of Presevo, Medvedja and Bujanovac agreed to reopen the road link for Serb civilians commuting between enclaves inside Kosovo and Serbia proper.

The convoy of some 30 Serb civilians was then allowed to pass through the village. Covic met with some local civilians before returning to the capital. The encounter showed how far apart the two sides remain on the issue of control of the zone. The fact that neither side would sign the document — insisting the agreement was only verbal — also reflects the volatility of the situation.

The only people to sign were Shawn Sullivan, a political adviser to the Kosovo peacekeeping force, and Col. Serge Labbe, the deputy head of a liaison unit for the NATO-led peace force's contacts with the Serbs.

As the rebels removed their roadblock, Serbs replaced their sandbagged checkpoint just a few hundred yards away with a lighter version manned by traffic police.

"The deal is a step toward easing tensions but we are still very far from a final or a stable solution for the crisis," said Stojanca Arsic, Serb mayor of the nearby town of Bujanovac, next to the contested territory.

The international peacekeepers for Kosovo do not have a mandate to operate in the buffer zone, which is also off-limits to the Yugoslav army. Only Serbian police are allowed in.

The rebels seized much of the buffer zone in a series of attacks in November that left four Serb policemen dead.

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2000...A PHOTOGRAPHER'S ODYSSEY

ABOVE: A teenage girl is transported to Midland Memorial Hospital following a two-car accident, while her family and friends look on in the background.
Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

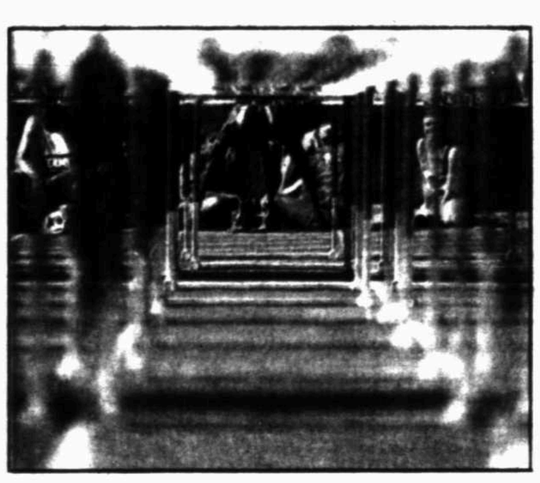
ABOVE CENTER: Midland High's Matt Lazano, left, leaps to contest a pass against two players from El Paso Del Valle during an area-round playoff game on March 25. The Bulldogs lost 4-1.
Photo by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

CENTER RIGHT: Michael Williams, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, and Midland graduate, address the 2000 Republican State Convention in Houston.
Photo by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Bush supporters packed the grounds surrounding the capitol building in Austin election night. The mood swings were as severe as the thunderstorms in Austin election night as election results changed by the hour.
Photo by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

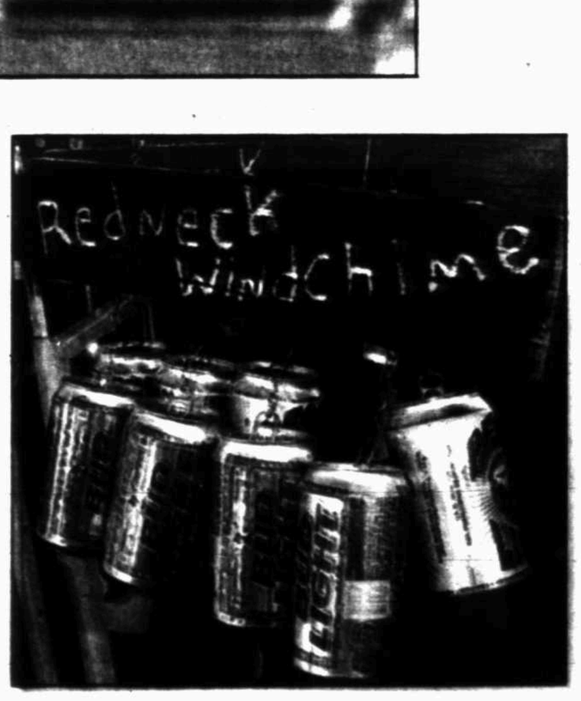
BELOW: A boy admires the spectacle of the wall of flames at the Trinity School's bonfire held the week of their homecoming game this fall.
Photo by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

AT RIGHT: Midland Lee's T.J. Glover gets off to a fast start in the 110 meter hurdles at the West Texas Relays. Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram



BELOW: A tug on the jersey of 12-year-old Sydney Froistad reminds her that practice hasn't ended yet and she'll have to wait to get a drink. The girls, members of the Midland Mirage 88 girls soccer team, were practicing at San Jacinto Junior High one hot evening in May when the school's sprinklers on the athletic fields came on unexpectedly, dousing the girls and disrupting their practice.
Photo by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Midland firefighters work on putting out a fire in the county that completely destroyed a storage structure. No one was injured in the late afternoon fire.
Photo by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



AT LEFT: These "windchimes" were one of the many arts and crafts items sold at Stanton's 'Old Sorehead Trading Days.'
Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

OBITUARIES

Ola Chadwick

Ola Chadwick, age 92, of Midland, Texas, died Wednesday, December 27, in her home.

She was born six miles south of Paducah, Texas, on the family farm March 4, 1908. She and her family moved to Midland, Texas, in 1958 from Altus, Oklahoma.

In Altus, she was employed by Woolworth Variety Store for seven years, and while in Midland, she worked as a cashier for Levine's Department Store and The Treasure Shop until the stores closed.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's "Nana".

She loved the Lord, evidenced by her loyal support to various church related activities in the First Baptist Church in Altus, Oklahoma, and here in Midland. She was an active member of the Samuel Department and Rebecca Sunday School Class, as well as a member of the Sanctuary Choir.

Ola was a woman of strong faith and supported her family and friends with God-like love and availability.

Ola married H.B. Chadwick on August 16, 1936 in Altus, Oklahoma. He died in 1985.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park in the Garden of Love, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ola was preceded in death by her parents, Emma and Roscoe C. Martin; and her three sisters. She is survived by her son, Daryl Chadwick and his wife, Deanie, of Midland; three brothers, Paul Martin and Roy C. Martin, both of Amarillo, and Burlie Martin of Babbitt, Minn.; one sister, Margaret Goodson of La Marada, Calif.; her grandsons, Bruce Chadwick of Fort Worth, Brent Chadwick and his wife, Jeri, of Midland, and Billy Buck Chadwick of Rockwell; one granddaughter, Tracy, of Waco; her seven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Circy Fly Jr.

Circy Lee Fly, Jr. was born September 30, 1922 in Denton, Texas. He was reared in Denton and De Leon. He graduated from De Leon High School. He attended North Texas State for two semesters before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He received numerous decorations and was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. He served in Africa and Europe and was a participant in D-Day, making numerous missions. He was discharged in 1945 and returned to De Leon, where he worked as an auto broker. In the late 1940s, he moved to Odessa and joined Phillips Petroleum as a Senior Drilling Clerk. He worked for Ada Oil Company for a short time, then joined Monsanto Oil Company as a procurement manager. He retired in 1984. He was a member of the American Legion, Woods Lynch Post 19, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a past member of Memorial Christian Church, where he served as a deacon and church treasurer.

Survivors include a son, Joseph Spencer Fly and his wife, Maria, of Houston; three daughters, Cynthia Lee Click and her husband, Philip, Nannette Sullivan, and Terry Lynn Mansell and her husband, Monty, all of Midland; a brother, George Foster Christie; nine grandchildren, George Foster Christie of Fort Worth, Kim Click, Steve Click, Clebern Warford, Leigh Ann Carlisle, Charlotte Burcham, Andrea Mansell, Aschley Mansell and Sarah Fly; and seven great-grandchildren, Tanner Coffman, Seth Coffman, Morgan Carlisle, Spencer Bounds, Abigail Burcham, Jacob Burcham and Alexis Knighton.

Mr. Fly died Friday, December 29, 2000, in a Midland retirement home.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2001, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Bryan Briley of Main Street Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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

Jeff Bowden

Jeff Benney Bowden, 85, of Odessa, Texas, former owner of Ramco Fishing Tools and Astro Well Service, went to be with his Lord on Thursday, December 28, 2000, at Parks Methodist Nursing Home.

He was respected throughout the oil field industry. He was a fisherman. He was well-known through his work with Red Adair, Blow Out Fires, Inc. After the out of control fires were snuffed, Jeff would go in and fish the oil pipes out of the hole.

Jeff Bowden was loved and will be enormously missed by his family. He had a great sense of humor and was known for being a tremendous salesman. He could explain a complicated financial deal on a napkin.

Services will be at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 2, 2001. Dr. Earnest Easley, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Odessa, Texas, and Paul Cole, Pastor of Hope Community Church in Southlake, Texas, will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to the Gideons International, Odessa Gideons Camp, P.O. Box 11227, Odessa, TX 79760, after January 2, 2001, in his name.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

Jeff Bowden was born in Franklin County on October 18, 1915. He lived in Odessa from 1939 to the present. He was a member of First Baptist Church. Jeff was married to Anna Marie Bowden on July 25, 1969.

His wife, Anna, preceded him in death on July 14, 2000.

Survivors include his sons, Joe Bowden and wife, Noilene, of Odessa, and Bill Bowden and wife, Kathy, of Odessa; a daughter, Lynn Barrington of Dallas; a brother, Roscoe Bowden and wife, Marie, of Mount Pleasant, Texas; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Bowden is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Mary Combs

Mary Combs passed away at Midland Memorial Hospital on Friday, December 29, 2000. Funeral services have been scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church with Father Jon Stasney officiating. Interment will follow in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas, on Wednesday, January 3, 2001 at 3:00 p.m.; officiated by the Reverend James M. Collie. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mary is survived by Max Eugene Combs of Midland, her husband of thirty years; her daughter, Dianne Jones Yeomans of Houston; and her stepson, Steve Combs of Bedford. She is also survived by her nieces and nephew, Maynon Benson of Amarillo, Ann Hart of Harlingen and Tom Martin of Harlingen. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Harry and Melvin Martin; her sister, Thelma Lasley; and her first husband, William Nolan Jones.

Mary Combs was born November 16, 1917 in Amarillo, Texas, to Harry and Minnie Martin. She graduated from Panhandle High School and attended Rice University. She has been a Midland resident since 1958. Mary was a member of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, and was a longtime volunteer at Trinity Towers.

Serving as pallbearers will be Foy Cox, Jim McCord, Frank Petro, Wayne Potter, Jim Rhotenberry and John Young. Honorary pallbearers are Joe Keffler, John Q. Nobles, Jr., and Charle F. Sharp.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 2900 Princeton, Midland, Texas 79705; or the charity of one's choice.

DEATH NOTICES

Betty Banister

Betty Carol Banister, 58, died Thursday, Dec. 28, at an Odessa hospital.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Danny Willis officiating. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born July 21, 1942 in Winters.

She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Glasscock.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Banister of Odessa; three daughters, Detra Pugh and Dianne Banister, both of Midland, and Dana Banister of Odessa; her mother, Katherine Jobe Glasscock Newsom of Winters; three sisters, Monetta Faulkner of Winters, Phyllis Merworth of Arkansas, and Sondra Perkins of Franklin; a brother, Fred T. Glasscock of Oklahoma; and five grandchildren.

Jessie Carrasco Sr.

Jessie Perez Carrasco Sr., 60, died Thursday, Dec. 28, at his residence.

Funeral Mass was Saturday, Dec. 30, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Jerome Burnet officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Rosary was Friday, Dec. 29, in the Reyes-Garcia Chapel.

He was born Dec. 8, 1940 in Midland. He was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, and a member of the Chicano Golf Association. He worked for Second Baptist Church of Midland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Francisca Carrasco; and a brother, Guadalupe Carrasco.

Treva Green

Treva Jewell Green, 67, died Friday, Dec. 29, in Midland.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Edward Alonzo and Richard Friday officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

She was born May 6, 1933 in Eastland County.

She was a member of The Salvation Army Church for 25 years, and the Ladies Home League.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jessie Green in 1995; a son, Tommy Green; her mother, Maggie Hamilton Snider; a brother, Tommy Snider; a sister, Marie Smith; and a granddaughter, Tina Green.

Survivors include two sons, Curtis Green of Midland and David L. Green of Booneville, Ark.; three daughters, Debby Vincent of Houston, Patricia Biver of Midland, and Paula Lee of Big Spring; her mother, Maggie Hamilton Snider; her father, Jewell Snider of Gorman; two brothers, Larry Snider of Gorman and Kenneth Snider of Rosebud, Ark.; three sisters, Maudie Husband and Peggy Ingram, both of Cisco, and Diana Snider of Gorman; 18 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Samuel Dominguez Sr.

Samuel V. Dominguez Sr., 63, died Friday, Dec. 29, in Idalou.

Funeral Mass will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with the Rev. Cornelio Ramirez officiating. Burial will be at City of Lubbock Cemetery. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today and Monday at Guajardo Funeral Chapels in Lubbock.

He was born Feb. 24, 1937 in Karnes City.

Survivors include his wife, Lupe S. Dominguez of Midland; five sons, Samuel Dominguez Jr. of Plains, Raul Dominguez of Idalou, and Rene Dominguez, Randy Dominguez and Adam Dominguez, all of Lubbock; three daughters, Norma Trevino, Eva Torres and Lisa Dominguez, all of Lubbock; a stepson, Hector Granado; and a stepdaughter, Norma Granado, both of Midland; four brothers, Ramon Dominguez, Frank Dominguez, and Jose Dominguez, all of Runge, and Roberto Dominguez of Three Rivers; five sisters, Anita Gonzalez of Plains, Maria Majia of Nixon, Jesusa Gonzales of Cornelius, Ore., Oralia Rosas of Modesto, Calif. and Ester Martinez of Lubbock; 24 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Bill Emfinger II

ODESSA — B.R. Emfinger II, 47, died Thursday, Dec. 14, at his home.

Memorial services will be held at a later date under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

He was born July 18, 1953 in Kermit.

He moved to Odessa in 1972. He was an employee of Delta Tech.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1994.

Survivors include a son, Billy R. Emfinger III of Albuquerque, N.M.; his mother, Della Bishop of Charleston, S.C.; two sisters, Vicki Kallestad of Odessa and Melanie Jordan of Charleston; two brothers, W.C. Emfinger and Royce Gaskins, both of Charleston; four nieces and three nephews.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice of Odessa.

Natividad Diaz

BIG SPRING — Natividad S. Diaz, 86, died Saturday, Dec. 30, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 1, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today, Dec. 31, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born Dec. 10, 1914 in Colorado City. She lived in Big Spring for more than 50 years. She worked for Hall-Bennett Hospital for more than 38 years. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pedro Diaz, on Aug. 28, 1998.

Survivors include a son, Enez Diaz of San Antonio; seven daughters, Natalia de la Garza of Weatherford, Margie Smith of Jourdanton, Virginia Flores of Abilene, and Evelyn Flores, Petra Rios-Rios, Mary Arispe and Elvira Marin, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Goyeta Rodarte and Elvira Martinez, both of El Paso; 25 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Mary Merrill

DURANT, Okla. — Mary Geneva Merrill, 79, mother of Midlander Kerry S. Watkins, died Thursday, Dec. 28, at her residence.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. today, Dec. 31, at Greenhill Cemetery in Davis, Okla. with the Rev. Carrell Hooper officiating. Burial will be at Greenhill Cemetery under the direction of Brown's Funeral Service of Durant.

She was born Oct. 23, 1921 in Durant, Okla.

She as a homemaker and of the Baptist faith. She returned to Durant in 1984.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Ray Merrill, on Nov. 1, 2000; and a sister, Dora Dawson.

Survivors include a daughter, Kerry S. Watkins of Midland; a son, Charles D. Merrill of Pomona, Calif.; two brothers, Arthur Ridings of Durant and Grady Ridings of Austin; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Vera Duffy

Vera Duffy died Saturday, Dec. 30, at her residence.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Coast Guard suspends search for one of two missing helicopters

By The Associated Press

While suspending the search for one of two helicopters that disappeared this week in the Gulf of Mexico, Coast Guard officials continued looking for the second helicopter Saturday.

In the four days since 58-year-old Bruce Brown disappeared, the Coast Guard scanned 7,400 square miles for the missing pilot.

Brown was the only person onboard the helicopter flying out to an oil rig late Tuesday night from Patterson, La.

The helicopter Brown was flying was owned by Tarlton Helicopters. It originally took off from Houston and stopped in Patterson to refuel, said company president Dudley Tarlton.

Helicopter traffic is heavy along coastal areas of Louisiana and Texas, which are dotted with offshore oil rigs.

Officials continued searching for Jeffery Gallegos, 38, of DeRidder.

On Friday morning, Petroleum Helicopters Inc. reported the aircraft missing. Gallegos was the only person onboard the helicopter en route from Cameron to Galveston, Texas, said Coast Guard Petty Officer James Dillard.

Gary Ott

Tuesdays and Sundays in the Midland Reporter-Telegram

KOURTNEY RENEA CATES

In our time of grief, your outpouring of love and sympathy were so great it was simply overwhelming to us all. Although we try in many ways to say thank you, we know we will miss some, just because there were so many. So if we missed you please accept this note with our most sincere love and appreciation. Whether you sent cards or flowers. Whether you came to say I'm sorry or were part of the host of friends who came to be with us and hear the wonderful words said over our little princess. Your thoughts and prayers were, and still are so greatly appreciated.

The love and mercies of God are the only things that will bring us past this time of grief, and take us on to the fullness of what He has for us.

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We spent the first part of Christmas week taking care of families who had preregistered with us. By Thursday evening our toy supply was getting pretty low. Friday morning was set aside for emergency cases - those families who for one reason or another were unable to register with us, but who were in need of help.

When we opened our doors on Friday morning, there were at least 150 families waiting for assistance. Silver Creek Apartments and the U.S. Marine Corps came through to save the day! With the surplus toys from the Marine's Toys for Tots drive and the toys collected by Silver Creek Apartments we were able to accommodate all of the families standing on our doorstep.

Then, on Saturday, Home Depot called with toys that they had collected. While it was too late for this year, we now have a running start on next year's toys for the needy.

We appreciate all that these organizations have done for us, and for the needy of Midland. It's groups like these that help make our community such a wonderful place to live.

And, as always, special thanks to all of our donors and volunteers who keep us up and running throughout the year. May you all have a joyous and blessed New Year!

ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

Holidays can put students between a rock and a hard place

By R. Eric Setzler

While Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year, I also realize it is a time of stress for many people. Bad holiday experiences have made some cynical and depressed. Others just do not have the resources to make the Yuletide happen for their families. Other religions and belief systems have difficulty handling the overwhelming participation in Christmas, which is still a Christian holiday in spite of the strong commercial overtones.

Setzler

Therefore, the holidays can be a bad time for many people.

The situation is not helped by the fact Christmas decorations start going up in stores before Halloween. People could actually wear Santa Claus costumes for the last three months of the year and get away with it. Imagine children wandering from door to door saying, "Trick or treat. Please just fill our Christmas stockings with orange and black candy corn or pour eggnog into our plastic pumpkins."

When they got home after a busy evening of caroling, they could carve a Jack O' Santa out of a big Thanksgiving Day acorn squash, fill it up with alcoholic eggnog and set the whole thing on fire on New Year's Eve.

Afterwards, families could gather for a meal of turkey stuffed with candy cane dressing.

The point of this silly scenario is the meaning of the holiday is diminished as the holidays become more commercialized.

Of course, the Christmas season also affects people in schools. In secondary education, we celebrate the end of the semester, the completion of final exams, and beginning of a break to allow students to recover from the academic rigor of the previous months. Believe me, students need and deserve a break if they have been educationally challenged. Otherwise, they may not be recharged for the challenges of the next semester. Teachers are also drained and need a break.

Schools provide a focus for community outreaches such as food, toy and clothing drives for the less fortunate. At Abell Junior High School, I offered my students the opportunity to give me a haircut to the person who brought the most cans. From this experience, I discovered a valuable lesson. Even the sweetest, most responsible student can develop maniac-like qualities with a pair of scissors and a head full of teacher's hair to practice on. Afterwards, my head looked like a tragic Weed-eater accident.

Oh well, it was for a good cause.

Everyone hopes the students have a warm and caring home to spend the break.

Sadly, this is not always true. Many troubled children live in households that cannot provide for all their needs. School provides a free breakfast and lunch for children that might not get regular meals otherwise.

Naturally, some students may not get anything for Christmas unless they get it from the school. When I taught at Goddard Junior High, several teachers devised a clever plan to put together care packages to slip into a handful of student lockers. Using money out of our own pockets, we would shop for small toys, neat shirts, wild socks, hair bands, perfume or cologne, calculators and other school supplies. After transferring to Abell Junior High, I introduced the idea in an 8th grade teachers' meeting. To their credit, Abell teachers expanded the program that first year and contributed enough for 15 to 20 7th and 8th grade students. In a new twist, Abell counselors invited these deserving students to the office to give packages as "prizes" for good attendance, great attitude or just being in the right place at the right time. Four years later, the program is still going strong.

In return, many teachers are given Christmas presents from students and parents. Every year, I receive funny ties, gag gifts, neat props for my room, gift certificates, and food from the students on my academic team, the student clubs I sponsor and kids I meet though my open door policy to my classroom. I treasure this outpouring of affection, but appreciate all of my students whether I receive a gift or not.

My wife, Vicki, received a very sweet and unforgettable Christmas gift several years ago. A small boy in the third grade named Philip noticed her desk only had one present on it — a small plate of fudge. Since it was the last day of school before the holiday, he could not go home and get any gifts even if he had any to offer. With his mind in a quandary, Phillip went out onto the playground and picked up a small white piece of caliche rock to give her.

This sweet gesture nearly brought her to tears. As an important lesson to all who see it, a little rock sits on my wife's desk to remind that a gift's value has greater value when it is from the heart and not from the store. While not a gemstone or a piece of gold jewelry, everyone thought the rock was special. Everyone was right.

After all, it is the thought that counts, right?

Surprisingly, I read a similar story in a book several years later. At first, I was concerned that someone had "borrowed" my wife's story. Finally, I reached the conclusion that there must be many kids without resources to show their teachers that they love them. Perhaps many rocks from our playgrounds grace teachers' desks and hearts across our country.

Eric Setzler is science department liason at Abell Junior High.

CHECKING OUT THE LIBRARIES

ART PRINTS

Charles N. Pruitt has given the Midland County Public Library one of his paintings to be added to our permanent collection. This is a particularly special gift because Pruitt's works are well known throughout the United States.

Pruitt is a native of West Texas. In fact, his art was selected to represent West Texas at an art show in the U. S. Capitol Building. His works have been shown at the "Arts for the Park" and the "Allied Artists of America." His artwork was juried into the prestigious Charles M. Russell Art auction. The newest addition to the library's permanent collection is an untitled work by Charles Pruitt. It is truly a masterpiece. It was framed with funding from the Arts Association of Midland.

Now that the hectic holiday season is over, you'll want to come to the library to see this work.

CHILDREN'S EVENT

The next, and last, Texaco Super Science Day will be Monday, January 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Library staff and volunteers from Texaco will be on hand to help children in grade three through six to select and plan their science projects. This program is limited to 200 students and the session will be in both English and Spanish. Science Fair project boards will be given to each child who completes this workshop.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

When I think of China many images come to mind: the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Terra Cotta Army of Qin, Jade jewelry and items, Tai Chi, karate, and, of course Chinese food! January 24 is the Chinese New Year. The library is fortunate to have two staff members who have traveled to China. They have brought several items into the building for our January display. This month the library is celebrating Chinese New Year with a display including books, CDs videos and works from the art collection.

China is much more than those few things that came to my mind. We have information about Chinese landscape painting, kite making, Chinese dog breeds, and fireworks displays.

Chinese New Year is celebrated with parades of dragons and fireworks. Everyone adds a year to his or her age on Chinese New Year. Red and orange scrolls wish "health," "luck," "long life," "prosperity," and "happiness."

Start the year off right by resolving to visit the public library often and have a Happy New Year — Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Longtime Harris County DA ends legendary law career

HOUSTON (AP) — There were no going-away parties or fond farewells for longtime Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. on his last day of work.

Instead Holmes spent Friday unceremoniously packing up his office and answering the phones.

"I'll probably do nothing for a while. I haven't started to adjust to it. It's not going to be easy to leave this place," Holmes told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday editions.

Holmes, 60, has been with the Harris County District Attorney's office for 32 years, with 21 of those years as its top gun. His time as district attorney was an era marked by strict legal interpretations and an aggressive pro-death penalty stance that garnered national attention.

At his request, Holmes' staff did not throw him any going-away parties. He said his send-off has taken place since last year, when he announced he wouldn't be running for re-election.

"You want to leave a job when people are sorry to see you going, not when they're saying, 'Whew! I'm glad he's getting outta here!'" he said. "With all the letters and cards I've been getting you'd think I'd died!"

Holmes was well-respected by many, including his opponents.

"As a defense attorney, Johnny and I are natural enemies," said Kent Schaffer, former president of the Texas Criminal Lawyers Association. "But I couldn't have had a better opponent through the years. I could always trust him to be honest and ethical. He's the type you liked to have in political life, because there's so few you can trust. He's the last of a dying breed — like an old cowboy."

Holmes said he and his wife, Diane, plan to divide their time between their home in Houston and at their ranch in Austin County, where they raise longhorn cattle.

He will be succeeded by Chuck Rosenthal, a longtime Harris County prosecutor.

Cargill Foods to layoff employees in wake of poultry recall

WACO (AP) — Stung by a national poultry recall, Waco's Cargill Foods plant will lay off 120 employees permanently and another 72 temporarily, a company spokesman said Friday.

Cargill this month announced it would recall 16.7 million pounds of ready-to-eat turkey and chicken products it had shipped nationwide from its Waco plant.

Federal officials have said they believe the contaminated poultry that killed four people and made 29 ill came from the Waco plant, which employs about 1,300.

"We tried to avoid (laying people off), but unfortunately, it's the way we had to go," Cargill spokesman Mark Klein said in Saturday's editions of the Waco Herald-Tribune. "With the combination of filling spots caused by turnover and the good economy in the Waco area, we're hoping the effects will be minimal."

Cargill has quit making products included in the recall while it continues to search for the source of the listeria bacteria that sickened consumers in several states, though apparently not in Texas.

That pursuit has involved "engineers from our Waco plant, from Springdale, Ark., and from our red-meat processing arm, as well as food scientists from all over, including Minneapolis," Klein said.

Based in Minnesota, Cargill grows and processes food around the world, and its poultry operation is based in Springdale. The company bought out family-owned Plantation Foods of Waco two years ago.

Klein said Cargill continues to slaughter turkeys at the Waco plant. It also is producing products not covered by the recall, including uncooked, netted turkey breasts and tray packs of turkey legs.

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Freshman lawmakers gear up for first legislative session

The hazing ritual takes place the first time a freshman member steps up to the front podium to present a bill. Senior members flock to the back podium, eager to pelt the jittery freshman with a tireless torrent of questions.

AUSTIN (AP) —Nine newly elected lawmakers are about to relive the freshman experience, this time without the acne and adolescent mood swings.

The rookie members of the 77th Texas House of Representatives have been shown around campus at the Capitol; they've been immersed in the quirks of Texas government during freshman orientation. In the days before they're sworn in on Jan. 9, they're doing their homework to prepare for their first session of lawmaking.

"It's definitely intimidating," says Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham. "You only have to be a freshman once, and that's a good thing."

Kolkhorst drew the highest-numbered Pingpong ball among the freshman, sticking her with the lowest rank among 150 House members.

"I had a negative thought that popped into my mind right before I went up there," Kolkhorst said, adding that she originally picked another ball but threw it back in. "Never second guess your first choice."

Seniority is key in landing the best office space or the most convenient parking spot.

"There are not many people who can say they're 150," said Kolkhorst, trying to make the best of her bad luck. "I mean, what is 142? That has no distinction."

Kolkhorst may be a freshman, but she has faced adversity before.

On the campaign trail, Kolkhorst, who owns a small petroleum business with her husband, was touting her candidacy at the only cafe in the tiny community of New Ulm when she met some resistance from the owner.

She was trying to establish common ground with the owner, based on their mutual interest in small business. But the owner had had enough.

"If you don't quit talking, I won't have time to make my meatballs and I won't have a small business anymore," the woman snapped. Kolkhorst left.

Elizabeth Ames Jones, R-San Antonio, handles constituents gracefully. In her hose and heels, the stay-at-home mom was paying a visit to a constituent when she was approached by a churlish Chihuahua whose palate was partial to politicians. The pet bit Jones' ankle as she struggled, successfully, to keep the owner from noticing.

Charlie Geren's political history is a little less green than the rest, giving the Fort Worth Republican a leg up on colleagues who are just trying to find their way around the Capitol.

"I know where the bathrooms are," Geren says. He's spent plenty of time at the Capitol in his years on the Texas Water Development Board. Still, when he's not running his barbecue business, Geren spends several hours every night studying up on state issues and legislative rules.

Chuck Hopson, 60, said he's too old to be intimidated by Austin politics, but that doesn't mean the East Texas pharmacist isn't awe-struck by his position.

"I felt like a country dog who had come to town," says Hopson, D-Jacksonville, quoting from the movie "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

"Everybody down here knows more than me," Hopson said. When he wanted to pre-file a bill, his staff explained that he had to be sworn in first. When he asked where his office would be, he was told, "Way over there and way down deep."

A local politician for 25 years, Hopson still gets "cold chill bumps" when he enters the Texas Capitol. "When I can walk through the rotunda without looking up, I think it will be time for me to go home," he says.

Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, is getting antsy to cut his teeth on Texas politics.

"The one thing I did not expect is the frustration of having to wait so long from the election to actually start working," said Menendez, elected on March 14.

The legislative process is slow and cumbersome, the former city councilman says.

"It seems to be set up more to stop legislation from passing rather than encourage it," he said, observing one of the keystones of Texas' citizen Legislature: The less government, the better.

Menendez has been studying the formal rules of the House, and the not-so-formal rules.

"I've been told about some of the shenanigans," he said, referring to ritual hazing of new members by the old.

In one popular prank, all the red lights on the electronic voting board come on to indicate that members voted against a freshman's bill. Another trick is considered ego-control for a particularly proud new member, who is sent looking for a reporter waiting to interview the new "freshman of the year."

"All the other members know (it's a joke), and they kind of start laughing," Menendez explained.

But do senior members really think there's a reason for freshman to be nervous?

"Yeah, I sure do," chuckles Tom Uher, D-Bay City, the longest-serving member of the House.

The hazing ritual takes place the first time a freshman member steps up to the front podium to present a bill. Senior members flock to the back podium, eager to pelt the jittery freshman with a tireless torrent of questions.

"How much is this bill going to cost taxpayers?"

"Why are you trying to create big government?"

"Does your mom know you're carrying this piece of legislation that speaks out against motherhood?"

Baptism by heckling, which has grown into a tradition in the last decade, teaches a lesson, Uher said.

"When you're presenting a bill, you have to be alert to what your bill does," he said.

Freshman members — who've just suffered through crash courses in parliamentary procedure and the peculiarities of Texas politics — are always good for a few slip-ups.

"They may miss a procedural step," said Uher, a House member since 1967. "Often times, they'll start speaking without being recognized by the speaker."

Speaker Pete Laney gently corrects such mistakes, Uher said. But other displays aren't as easily forgivable.

"There are some that are in love with their voice," Uher said. "They get up and ask a whole host of questions and a lot of times they're not making a lot of sense... Sometimes, it's just pure ego."

Those who missed out on Y2K plan to party this year like it's 1999

By Susan Parrott
Associated Press

DALLAS — Mike Cox's millennium dinner came from his favorite restaurant — in a take-out box.

Like thousands of other workers, he rang in last New Year at work, awaiting fallout from the Y2K computer glitch that threatened to wreak havoc, but didn't.

"I had my entire staff at work," said Cox, who was then spokesman for the Texas Department of Safety. "Threadgill's sent over chicken fried steak and we had fake champagne. Then we just sat by waiting on problems. It was probably the safest New Year's Eve ever."

Don't call Cox this Dec. 31. For him and others who missed the fun last year, this holiday will be an excuse to party like it's 1999.

Cox said he'll celebrate the "real millennium" in style — the food will be the same, but he'll eat at the restaurant.

Under the widely used Gregorian calendar, which started with the year 1, the third millennium doesn't begin until Jan. 1, 2001.

Weather permitting, organizers of some public celebrations expect a bigger turnout this year than last. Some events last year drew weaker-than-expected attendance because people feared big crowds or problems from the Y2K computer bug — glitches caused by computers reading "00" as 1900 instead of 2000.

In Denver, Sunday night's celebration is expected to attract nearly 100,000 people after a weak turnout last year.

"It will be better this year than if they had it last year because people can just concentrate on celebrating rather than being caught up in the overall sense of impending doom," said Lashley Pulsipher, a 25-year-old Denver resident.

Randall Horton of Dallas is content just to celebrate with friends and family instead of staring at a computer screen. As Y2K project manager for Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Horton spent the rollover to 2000 in a command post monitoring the transition at hospitals around the world.

"This year, I expect I'll monitor the millennial transition with equal interest, albeit from home, with family, and with real champagne instead of grape juice and soda water from a plastic cup."

But some people looking for a chance to party have been disappointed by scaled-back millennial celebrations.

Frank Guarino of Memphis, Tenn., a telecommunications manager, has had little luck finding a "true millennium" celebration. Guarino wanted something special after working last year to help First Tennessee Bank make a trouble-free transition to Y2K.

"I'm astounded that no big hotels are really pumping this thing to celebrate the real millennium," he said. "It disappoints me because I was looking forward to a big hoorah."

Bad weather could be this year's glitch; ice, snow and unusually cold weather have buffeted many parts of the country.

In New York City where 11 inches of snow had fallen by midday, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani remained confident that the New Year's Eve bash in Times Square would go on.

"Although it's cold, it's not unbearable," Giuliani said.

Others were less confident.

"I don't know if we're going to be off," said Don Rogers, spokesman for the Texas Division of Emergency Management, which rang in 2000 at work. "It's going to totally depend on the weather."

If Mother Nature cooperates, Rogers will be a happy man.

"At least I'll be able to give my wife a kiss at midnight and not at 4 a.m.," he said with a chuckle.

AP Photo

Former Texas Department of Public Safety information director Mike Cox, left, makes a sparkling cider toast to the coming new year with his wife, Linda, and 6-year old daughter Hallie at their Austin home Friday. Preparations for Y2K kept Cox from enjoying last year's holiday celebrations, but his current job with the Texas Press Association allows him to enjoy current festivities.

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Experts describe escapee as scary, smart with obsession for firearms

By Jennifer Shubinski
El Paso Times

EL PASO — The El Paso man who police believe is leading a group of escaped Texas convicts is a career criminal who is fascinated by weapons and has no remorse for his actions, according to a prosecutor and a psychiatrist who testified at his trial.

El Pasoan George Rivas, 30, was serving a 99-year sentence for the May 1993 aggravated kidnapping and robbery of the West Side Toys "R" Us.

"He's so fascinated with guns that his dogs are named Ruger and Beretta," prosecutor John Williams told the jury during closing arguments of Rivas' 1994 trial, according to court transcripts.

Rivas and six other men escaped from the Connally Unit in Kenedy on Dec. 13 and are believed to have killed an Irving police officer Dec. 24 during the robbery of an Oshman's Sporting Goods store.

"(Rivas) is cunning. He's smart. He's conniving, and he shows absolutely no remorse," Dr. Richard E. Coons, a psychiatrist, testified at Rivas' trial, according to court transcripts.

Though Rivas has been described as one of the most dangerous men in Texas, his background shows little insight into the man he is today.

Rivas graduated from Ysleta High School in 1988 and was raised by his grandmother after his parents divorced in the early 1970s, according to court records. His grandfather worked for the city as a firefighter. Rivas has family ties in Michigan, Texas and California, according to court records.

In 1992 he married Laurie Ann Vasquez and lived with her family in West El Paso. The childless couple divorced in 1999.

During his bond-reduction hearing in 1993, Rivas said he was studying civil engineering at the University of Texas at El Paso and had accumulated 30 credit-hours toward his degree.

Family members testified that Rivas told them that along with his studies he was an investigator and worked for the El Paso County Sheriff's Department.

"We are a very close-knit family, and George has been accepted into our family and I love him as my son," Rosa Vasquez, Laurie Ann Vasquez's mother, testified.

Rivas had been implicated in more than a dozen aggravated robberies since 1987 in West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, according to court records. Police said Rivas was heavily armed during each alleged heist.

While on probation for burglary of a home, Rivas participated in an April 1993 gang robbery of an El Paso Oshman's Sporting Goods store, court records say. During that robbery, in which Rivas and two men used walkie-talkies to communicate, employees were handcuffed while the men robbed the store of guns and money, according to court records.

"He went in there with weapons, and what is it that he did at Oshman's? He stole guns. Guns that were later used in a subsequent robbery," Williams said during the trial.

One month later, Rivas and the same two men tried to rob the West Side Toys "R" Us using guns stolen from the El Paso Oshman's store. The men again used walkie-talkies, and police scanners, to communicate and monitor activity outside the store, according to court records.

"He used the Oshman's weapons that were stolen at Oshman's to commit acts of violence against other people," Williams said during closing arguments of the 1994 trial.

The method used to rob the Oshman's in Irving this month was similar to the method in both El Paso robberies, police said.

After a three-hour standoff at the Toys "R" Us, police found Rivas hiding on the roof of the store. Three of the guns recovered after the botched robbery in 1993 were stolen from the El Paso Oshman's store. An additional 45 stolen Oshman's guns were at Rivas' home, according to court records.

'He's so fascinated with guns that his dogs are named Ruger and Beretta.'
— prosecuter John Williams

Among the seven men who broke out of prison this month is another El Pasoan, Larry James Harper, 37, an ex-soldier and confessed serial rapist. He was serving 50 years for the aggravated sexual assault of an El Paso woman.

"As I said during the trial, he is a sick puppy," El Paso psychologist Karen Gold said. She was an expert witness for the defense during Harper's 1996 trial.

"He has a lot of serious mental problems. Jailing him was not serving his best interests."

Harper, a UTEP student studying political science before he was convicted of aggravated sexual assault, described to Gold his proudest accomplishment.

"The zenith of his life was military airborne school," Gold said.

Harper was in the Army ROTC, was commissioned as a second lieutenant and served nine years in the Army Reserve. He participated in a 17-week infantry course and was stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., Gold said.

"He was serving his country and thought it was a worthwhile endeavor. He was following in his father's footsteps," she said.

Harper's father, Harold Harper Sr., was a highly decorated military man who served in Vietnam.

His son's "survival training may or may not have helped; we don't know if they (the escapees) are in an urban or rural setting," said Larry Todd, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

He said authorities are sure someone is helping the seven men evade officers.

"We know they have help in the free world, and they had help right after the escape," Todd said.

Though authorities say they do not know which direction the fugitives are traveling, local authorities have been notified, as have Mexican law-enforcement agencies, Todd said.

"We are certainly concerned that they could come here, and we are on the lookout for them," said Sgt. Al Velarde, El Paso police spokesman.

Two calls reported that Rivas had been seen in El Paso, but neither account could be verified, Velarde said.

"These men are very dangerous; do not attempt to apprehend them," Velarde warned the public. "Get as much detail as possible about what they are wearing and vehicle information."

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   James Bradley
6. **The Mark**
   Tim LaHaye & Jerry Jenkins
7. **Journey**
   Danielle Steel
8. **The Last Precinct**
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10. **The Bear & The Dragon**
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7. **Irresistible Forces**
   Danielle Steel
8. **Power Plays Bio Strike**
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Fiction

1. **Roses Are Red**
   James Patterson
2. **The Mark**
   Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye
3. **Deck the Halls**
   Carol Higgins Clark and Mary Higgins Clark
4. **Prodigal Summer**
   Barbara Kingsolver
5. **The Bear and the Dragon**
   Tom Clancy
6. **Code Zero**
   Ken Follett
7. **The Last Precinct**
   Patricia Cornwell
8. **Winter's Heart**
   Robert Jordan
9. **Dr. Death**
   Jonathan Kellerman
10. **The Prometheus Deception**
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   Spencer Johnson
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3. **The O'Reilly Factor**
   Bill O'Reilly
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    Richard Ben Cramer

'White Death' is an arctic masterpiece

IN THE LAND OF WHITE DEATH: AN EPIC STORY OF SURVIVAL IN THE SIBERIAN ARTIC
By VALERIAN ALBANOV
(Random House, 2000, 205 pages, $21.95)

Review by Ellen Clegg
Boston Globe

In 1912, a tough Russian navigator set sail from Murmansk, bound for Arctic icepack. In some ways, his journey didn't end until 1997, when his haunting diary resurfaced.

Published in French in 1928, Valerian Albanov's story of the heroic trek he made from his stranded ship to the Franz Josef Archipelago languished at Harvard's Widener Library for more than 68 years. Not a single reader checked it out. Acting on a tip, David Roberts, author of more than a dozen books on mountaineering, unearthed the slim volume he calls "one of the rare masterpieces of polar literature.

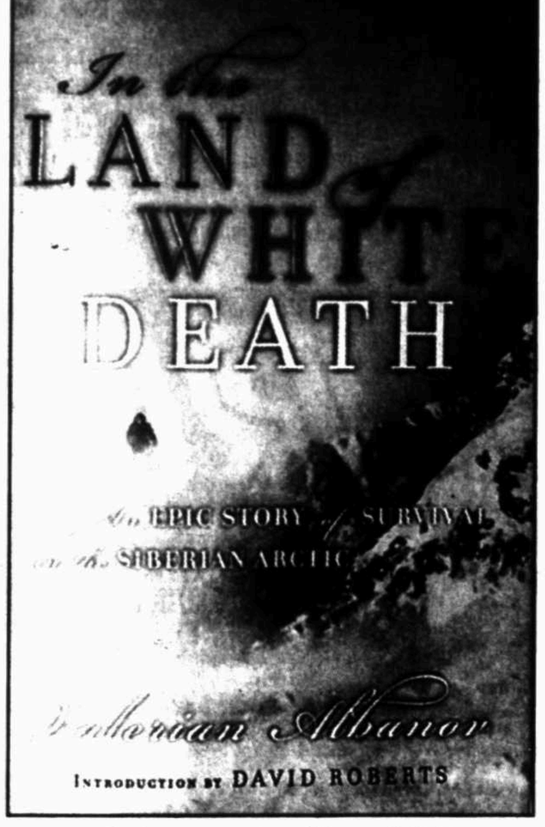
"I read Albanov with a sense of awe laced with a growing excitement," Roberts writes in the introduction, "for it is a stunning revelation to discover a great work in a field of writing in which one thinks one knows all the canonic books."

The literature of voyage, test, and survival sometimes seems like a product of a modern, coddled age. Relegated to adventures mediated by tour guides or television, readers sop up books like "Endurance," the story of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated expedition to Antarctica. But Albanov offers something authentic: a firsthand account of raw will and howling wind, accomplished before the era of Gore-Tex and Power Bars.

Albanov's diary begins with a stark decision: He breaks with his captain and leaves his ship after it becomes icebound in the Kara Sea (south of the Arctic Ocean.)

The Saint Anna, commanded by Georgiy Brusilov, was on its way from Murmansk to Vladivostok, in search of new hunting grounds for walrus, seal, polar bears, and whales. By all description, it seemed like a ship of fools, hobbled by overconfidence and outdated maps. In January 1914, the crew realized the Saint Anna would never break free.

On April 10, 1914, Albanov and 13 crewmen headed south across the ice. They pulled sleds and kayaks that they had painstakingly built from wood, metal,



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and canvas scavenged from the ship. Those who opted to stay aboard, including three members of Albanov's party who returned, were never heard from again.

In the wrong hands, a diary can be a tedious read, sinking under its freight of quotidian detail. But Albanov's narrative is vivid and, at times, poetic. His white world has its own terrifying beauty: fierce whiskered walruses, blue glaciers, and ice porridge. Progress is excruciatingly slow. "May 19. We have not made a move all day. We lashed all our belongings onto the four sledges — I fell through the ice twice during our investigations. For 19 days I have been unable to take a proper sun sight, or calculate our position, or—most important of all —ascertain our progress toward the south." The men are beset by plagues of biblical proportion. They suffer from scurvy, lice, and snow-blindness. They run low on supplies and eat anything they can find, capturing ducks and eating them raw — with a little salt.

Albanov hallucinates. "It feels like a torrid southern summer. . . . I can see a port: People are strolling in the shade of the high harbor walls. Shop doors are open wide. . . . Peaches, oranges, apricots, raisins, cloves and pepper all give off their wonderful scents. The asphalt steams after being sprayed with water."

Albanov commands his crew like a man possessed. He rants and screams that his comrades are "no better than children," lazy souls who make bad decisions and lose valuable supplies. Yet he stands vigil for those who get lost, and he grows introspective when a weakened team member dies. "No one wept for this man who had accompanied us for months, sharing all our dangers, fatigue, and hardships. It seems we have become totally insensitive; we have seen death so often, it has been our unfailing companion and cannot frighten us anymore."

In June 1914, they reach land, and Albanov marvels at the interplay of sight, sound, and smell. "We had land beneath our feet, not shifting, drifting ice. Light and sound danced around us; we saw dappled sunbeams, and marvelous melodies fell on our ears. We often stumbled over stones, sank into swampy ground, or trod across soft and luxuriant moss. We hear the calls of countless birds winging their way overhead. . . . It was a profound chorus, the hymn of life and the hymn of existence."

They come upon an abandoned camp, and rejoice at the wooden huts and cache of ship's biscuits. On July 20, Albanov spots a mast and smokestack and paddles his kayak through the fog to hail a Russian vessel, the Saint Foka.

The ship proffers a rescue, and some news: A world war is raging. Albanov's final diary entry records the grim tally. "Of all the companions who left St. Petersburg on July 28, 1912, on board the Saint Anna, only two of us had returned."

Other polar expeditions are better known. Robert has more than earned his place.

Collection of Oscar Wilde memos includes newly found letters

"THE COMPLETE LETTERS OF OSCAR WILDE"
Edited by Merlin Holland and Rupert Hart-Davis
(Henry Holt, 2000, $45, 1,270 pages)

Review by Richarad Bernstein
N.Y. Times News Service

What could be more enjoyable or more illustrative of the ways in which character is tragedy than the letters of Oscar Wilde? This definitive edition of Wilde's voluminous correspondence is timed to the 100th anniversary of his death, on Nov. 30, 1900. It is a handsome, fully annotated volume that adds about 300 letters to the 1,098 that were reproduced in the volume of letters edited by Rupert Hart-Davis and published in 1962.

The editor of this new edition, Merlin Holland, is an English journalist and Wilde's grandson. He writes in an Introduction that he has found full texts to some letters that were published before only in fragments, and that to complete the historical record he has added "trivial letters" omitted from the Hart-Davis editions.

The Oscar Wilde who emerges in these more than 1,200 pages of missives to friends, protests to newspaper editors, instructions to theatrical producers, actors and actresses, and, of course, letters to the love of his life and the cause of his downfall, Lord Alfred Douglas, is a serious, learned and civilized man, not just a famously witty and clever one.

Here, for example, is Wilde, expressing to the manager of Casell's publishing firm his ideas on its magazine The Lady's World, which Wilde was to edit:

"It seems to me that, at present, it is too feminine, and not sufficiently womanly. We should take a wider range, as well as a high standpoint, and deal not merely with what women wear, but with what they think, and what they feel. The Lady's World should be made the recognized organ for the expression of women's opinions on all subjects of literature, art, and modern life, and yet it should be a magazine that men could read with pleasure."

Some of the most illuminating passages in the present volume have to do not with the best-known episodes of Wilde's life, especially his trial and imprisonment for sodomy in the case of the manipulative Douglas, but the Wilde of many moods and many different situations.

There is, for example, the Wilde who expresses unbounded admiration for others. "There is no one in this wide great world of America whom I love and honor so much," he writes to Walt Whitman during his lecture tour of North America in 1882.

Or the Wilde who dictates rules of sensible style: "The modern, high-heeled boot is, in fact, merely the clog of the time of Henry VI, with the front prop left out, and its inevitable effect is to throw the body forward, to shorten the steps, and consequently to produce that want of grace which always follows want of freedom."

Or the Wilde who, in response to a critic, begins a formulation of literary modernism: "A thing in Nature becomes much lovelier if it reminds us of a thing in Art, but a thing in Art gains no real beauty through reminding us of a thing in Nature. The primary aesthetic impression of a work of art borrows nothing from recognition or resemblance."

Or the Wilde who is simply charming in the recognizably Wildean way, wryly using the example of his own victimless hypocrisy to illustrate the foibles of human nature: "I myself have always felt that there is much to be learned from the candid opinions of others, provided of course that they are complimentary."

More than 1,000 pages is a lot of letters, and many of these certainly do qualify, as Holland says, as trivial — invitations accepted, invitations declined, thank-you notes for books received and countless brief, businesslike notes.

This edition also shows the hazards of simply reprinting a book in the United States that was prepared for publication in Britain. The notes explain that "gummy" was slang for sweaty at Oxford, but the American reader won't get any help figuring out what a viva voce was or, for that matter, what it meant to get a first in Classical Moderations.

Wilde is brave as well as caustic. He is no saint, but he is always a model of literary cultivation. Reading the letters to and about Douglas is to feel not just sympathy for Wilde as a wronged man but esteem as well for a remarkable intelligence that was never to be fully exercised again in the literary arena he loved.

'Wicked Witch' had traumatic childhood

WICKED: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST
By Gregory Maguire
(HarperCollins, 1995, 406 pages, $14)

Review by Randy Ham

You think you know the story of Oz. You have read all of L. Frank Baum's books. You have seen the movie once a year for your whole life. You cry every time July Garland sings *Over the Rainbow*.

You don't know it all.

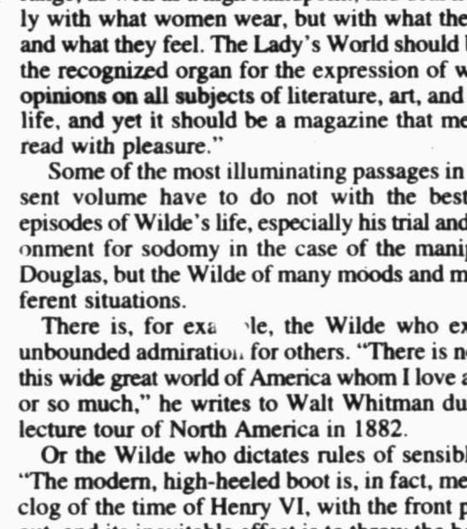
Gregory Maguire makes Oz fresh with his novel "Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West."

Starting with the premise that point of view makes all the difference, Maguire tells the story of Elphaba, destined to become the Witch of the West. Elphaba is the daughter of a Munchkin minister and his wife. (I bet you didn't know she was a Munchkin.) Elphaba is shunned by the other children because of her green tinted skin. She becomes withdrawn and antisocial. Her sister, Nessarose, however, is doted upon even though she suffers a disfigurement as well. This creates a resentment between the siblings that permeates the book.

Elphaba grows up and goes to college rooming with a young woman, Glenda. Even there her sister soon overshadows her.

Glenda ironically becomes one of Elphaba's closest friends. After leaving college Elphaba joins an underground resistance bent on overthrowing the Wizard. She has a brief affair with a nobleman and after his death retreats to his castle where she resides when Dorothy of Kansas unexpectedly drops into the picture and forever seals her destiny.

Through all of this, Maguire sprinkles the book with allusions and representations of our own history. The Wizard is a maniacal despot with a royal guard that whiffs of Nazi SS troops. Some animals in Oz have the ability to speak and are struggling for equal rights in a mirror of 1960's America. Many social taboos and struggles are represented in this book, if you know where to look. But the overriding theme is: What is the nature of Evil? Is anyone truly evil, or does it depend on your point of view?



Elphaba comes across more as a political crusader than a witch bent on destruction. As someone who is constantly shunned, she is trying to find a place in this world.

No one in the Oz stories will ever look the same after reading this book. I viewed that movie a couple of days after finishing it and came away with a whole new appreciation for Elphaba, and a new take on Dorothy.

By the way, did you know the Yellow Brick Road was a failed construction project?

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Troubled district has high hopes for new superintendent

By Susan Parrott
Associated Press

DALLAS — When Dallas school trustees started their superintendent search — the fifth in four years — they said they were looking for a leader who was "absolutely bulletproof."

Mike Moses — the board's unanimous choice — may not be made of Kevlar but former associates say he has the political savvy and professional record to deflect the controversy that has crippled previous leaders of the troubled 163,000-student district.

Bill Rojas, the last superintendent, was fired after 11 months for failing to maintain "good rapport" with the long-embattled school board. He was hired to replace Yvonne Gonzalez, who went to federal prison for embezzling funds to buy personal furniture.

Moses, a former state education commissioner who spent the last year as a deputy chancellor at Texas Tech University, is regarded as a back-to-basics educator dedicated to student achievement.

His five-year Dallas contract, which starts Wednesday, awards him a base salary of $280,000 — reportedly the highest in the nation. He's eligible for another $80,000 in other incentives.

He said he was attracted to the job in the nation's 10th-largest school district because he wanted to return to public schools. He has been superintendent of schools in Lubbock, La Marque and Tatum.

AP Photo
Dallas Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Mike Moses poses at the Administration Office in Dallas, earlier this month. Moses officially reports for work Jan. 3, 2001.

"I'm not arrogant enough to think I have the magic answers," he said during a recent trip to Dallas. "But I hope my work ethic, my commitment to boys and girls, as well as my candor and empathy, help me to be successful."

He said improved test scores top his priorities list, which also includes maintaining peace with the school board and assuring student safety.

"We need to work toward good decorum," Moses said. "If there's chaos in the boardroom, you'll have chaos in the classroom."

A former colleague from the Texas Education Agency said Moses can unite the district.

"He sets high standards and high expectations and does a good job of positively encouraging people to meet and exceed those standards," said TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliff.

"Dr. Moses is extremely politically savvy," she said. "He already knows the issues and many of the players and power brokers. He absolutely will hit the ground running."

The leader of the Texas Association of School Boards said Moses will succeed if he is "thick-skinned" and can cope with inevitable criticism.

"He's absolutely the most effective administrator I've ever known," said TASB executive director James Crow. "He's clearly a consensus leader."

Moses has spent much of the past few weeks in Dallas meeting with district employees and community groups.

"What I've learned from teachers is they want stability," he said. "They don't want a moving target. They want to know what's expected."

The expectations will be high.

Dallas trustees have stumbled from one crisis to another. Board meetings have erupted into chaos charged by racial tension. When Gonzalez, who is Hispanic, was hired, some in the black community viewed it as another example of powerful whites and Hispanics shutting blacks out of power.

Rojas was fired after months of sparring with trustees, who lamented his communication skills and questioned his spending.

Teachers, long frustrated by the revolving door of superintendents, recently threatened a walkout to protest a sharp spike in health insurance premiums. The increase was blamed, in part, on an administrator's failure to seek new bids.

Moses said he will work with educators to raise lagging test scores through teacher training and a strong curriculum focusing on the core subjects of reading, writing and arithmetic. The Dallas district scored lower than any other urban district in last year's Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, he said.

"Student performance and student results define how we will be regarded," he said. "People will say, 'Moses is teaching the test.' If what the tests ask children to do is worth teaching, we should be doing this."

The TAAS program tests students annually from the third through the eighth grades, then again in the 10th grade.

One-fifth of state's low-performing public schools are in the Dallas district. The number of low-performing schools in Dallas has doubled in the last year to 42.

District officials attribute most of the increase to changes in standardized testing rules, notably a requirement that thousands of students with limited English proficiency be tested this year for the first time.

Moses was appointed state education commissioner in 1995 by Gov. George W. Bush. His four-year tenure spanned the massive school reform law of 1995, the adoption of a more rigorous schools curriculum and the opening of the state's first independent charter schools.

At Texas Tech, he has been responsible for government relations, publicity and fund raising. He is credited with helping raise more than $400 million for the system since 1997.

Moses said his 25 years' experience in education has prepared him to work with elected officials and develop strong policy.

"My hope is that I will be here for some time," he said.

Moses said his teen-age sons, a freshman and a senior, would finish the school year in Lubbock, and then the youngest would transfer to the Dallas school district.

Roy Kemble, executive director of Classroom Teachers of Dallas, a union representing about 2,200 teachers, said Moses is seen as a capable leader.

"He's willing to outline his program and the agenda he wants to follow," Kemble said. "He also understands educational politics in Texas a lot better than anyone we've had in this position the last 15 years."

Sixth-grade math teacher Richard Hobbs said he hopes Moses will work to improve student discipline and recruit outstanding teachers through improved pay and benefits.

"We've been in the trenches and we really want somebody to come in and clean everything up," Hobbs said. "We need someone who'll be steady and firm."

Former school board president Bill Keever said it won't be easy to meet the myriad demands, but Moses is up to the task.

"I like Mike. He's a great guy," Keever said. "But the Dallas public school system is shark-infested water."

Planning can keep children entertained, grandparents from being worn out on trips

By Stephanie Allmon
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — When grandparents and grandchildren travel together, they create a special bond that can't be formed at home.

That's something Preston Dyer said he has learned not only as professor and chairman of the Baylor University school of social work, but also as a grandpa. He and his wife, Genie, have been traveling with their grandchildren for nearly a decade.

"Just having those periods of time together traveling — by plane or car — and just spending those times together (on a trip) helps develop the relationship," he said.

According to an AARP survey that came out earlier this year, grandparents are spending more time with and money on grandkids than ever before. Traveling ranked seventh among the main activities grandparents reported doing with or for their grandchildren in the past year. Eighteen percent of grandparents surveyed said they had taken their grandchildren on a trip of 100 miles or more during that time period.

Where are they going together?

Anywhere that's entertaining and educational for children and grandparents alike, said Helena Koenig, founder and president of Grandtravel, a Maryland-based company that arranges inter-generational trips. The most popular trips are those to a natural setting or to places of historical interest, she said. The most popular tour this year is one to Kenya, Africa. And even though the company books tours all over the world, Washington, D.C., is usually one of the first tours to get filled, she said.

Walt Disney World is still among the best-loved family vacations, said Bambi Eskew, manager of House of Travel in Waco. And more families are taking cruises together or traveling to entertainment hubs like New York and Las Vegas, she said.

In response to the high volume of family traveling, many of these places are becoming more family friendly, she said. Some cruises give children and adults pagers so they can easily communicate about their whereabouts. Families can rent walkie-talkies at some amusement and water parks. And some hotels now have family suites with kid-friendly rooms, complete with Nintendo games and large-screen TVs, she said.

But grandparents don't have to spend a lot of money on tours or cruises to have a good time with grandkids, Eskew said.

"We forget about the places around us," she said.

Texas and surrounding areas are full of family friendly vacation spots, she said. She suggested a weekend trip to San Antonio, where old and young alike can enjoy the Riverwalk, Sea World, Fiesta Texas and the history of the Alamo. New Braunfels, with its rich German heritage and world-famous waterpark, Schlitterbahn, is also fun for families, she said. New Mexico's American Indian culture can be intriguing for people of all ages, she said. And vacationing on Texas beaches can be fun, relaxing and relatively inexpensive.

"Kids are not going to appreciate you spending $2,000 vs. $200," Eskew said. "What they'll appreciate is what they learn, the quality time they h[illegible] with you and the experience they receive."

Sometimes, the journey is more memorable than the destination, Dyer said. He has driven to Atlanta and Tucson several times with his grandkids to visit relatives. Each time, he enjoys talking with and being entertained by the children, he said.

"We did a cruise when our two older granddaughters were 3 (years old)," he said. "But those are not the memorable times. The memorable times are times in an airplane or in an automobile. It's said that when couples travel together, they're forced to talk to each other. The same thing happens with grandchildren and grandchildren. It's an issue of being there together."

Eskew suggested grandparents keep children involved in planning the trips. Surprise trips can be fun but can backfire if the children are bored or not interested in the place they're going, she said. And, when possible, take each grandchild on a separate trip to allow them to have ample attention and time with grandparents, she said.

The biggest mistake grandparents make is trying to entertain their grandkids all the time, Eskew said. That can overwhelm children and tire out grandparents. Instead, they should schedule some separate activities or let children have playtime while the grandparents relax, she said.

Dyer said he's learned that planning is important, but so is flexibility.

"I think you've got to be really flexible, and the younger the child, the more flexible you have to be," he said. "Don't get things so structured and try to do so much that the schedule becomes more important than having time to relate to each other."

Eskew said parents should support grandparents' efforts to bond with their grandchildren by taking them on trips.

"(Parents) need to respect the fact that grandparents need time with the kids," she said. "They shouldn't take a 'Don't leave Mommy' attitude."

Then parents should aid in their kids' preparation by helping them save their money and reminding them of their manners, she said.

Some parents like their children to help pay for trip expenses, while others don't mind grandparents picking up the whole tab. One of the greatest advantages of grandparents and grandchildren traveling together is that they can often take advantage of both seniors' and children's discounts, Eskew said. She suggested consulting a travel agent or contacting AARP about travel discounts.

Finally, take lots of pictures or video to preserve the memories. Dyer said he has a library full of trip videos and photo albums that he pulls out to show his grandkids when they visit.

That way, he said, they don't forget the trips because they have videos and photos as reminders of their special times together.

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Unclogging Texas roads priority for Legislature

By Lisa Falkenberg
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Touting transportation as a priority for Texans, officials are scouring state coffers for funds that can be directed to highway budgets to pay for new construction.

"We desperately need more money for transportation projects," said Clyde Alexander, House Transportation Committee chairman. "It should be right at the top of our agenda."

New Gov. Rick Perry has encouraged the Texas Transportation Commission to produce innovative plans to help lawmakers attack the problem. The commission, appointed by the governor, oversees the Department of Transportation and recommends legislation.

Texas highways are trying to swallow growing volumes of traffic fed by the state's economic growth and the North American Free Trade Agreement. Nearly 80 percent of all U.S.-Mexico truck traffic crosses through Texas, Perry said.

Troubled corridors such as Interstates 35 and 10 have attracted particular attention because of their size and traffic volume.

Building more roads would seem the likely solution. But there simply isn't enough money, says Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Randall Dillard.

Most of the $5.2 billion highway fund comes from motor fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees and federal funding. The rest comes from state taxes on lubricants, title fees, interest and other reimbursements. But about 17 percent of the budget covers items other than highway projects, including $354 million to the Department of Public Safety.

Currently, the state can afford to fund only about 36 percent of needed transportation projects, Dillard said.

"Just adding money doesn't mean we're going to solve everything," Dillard said.

But increasing funding for highway projects and allowing the commission more flexibility in using existing funds would help streamline the process to build roads and tackle traffic, he said.

New funding methods such as Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle bonds used by cities and counties failed last session but will be considered again by lawmakers this spring. GARVEE bonds leverage future federal highway dollars to build roads and highways sooner rather than later.

"The pay-as-you-go system has worked well up until now," Dillard said. "But it might be worth it to issue bonds to accelerate some of the projects we need to get done."

A coalition of local government officials known as Transportation Excellence for the 21st Century, or TEX-21, has suggested to legislators ways to fix some of the transportation problems.

The group calls for the state to address safety concerns and road damage caused by overweight trucks. It also wants the state to monitor and analyze congestion maintenance of international trade corridors and create a new transportation "revolving fund" to support bonded indebtedness for infrastructure spending.

The Texas turnpike authorities issue bonds for construction projects. The transportation commission cannot put state highway dollars into transportation projects but can loan money to a turnpike authority. The process leads to the rejection of many projects and the delay of others, officials say.

Transportation commissioners are urging lawmakers to make it easier to build toll roads in Texas, suggesting an amendment to the Texas Constitution allowing state funds to help pay for them.

The constitution requires toll projects to be funded completely by tolls, but those proceeds don't always cover the bill, officials say. Toll roads can be built by cities, private investors and the Texas Turnpike Authority.

Legislators are expected to address several other matters related to the state's highways:

■ The plan to boost the speed limit from 70 mph to 75 mph on state highways is back after it failed to become law last session. The bill by Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, would follow the lead of at least 10 other Western states that have increased speed limits to shorten commute times through mostly flat, sparsely populated areas.

"It's not only a question of convenience, but it helps the regional economy here and I think all over the state... it will get people to travel a little more," Gallego said.

■ Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, is proposing legislation to beef up laws on open containers and repeat drunken driving.

"It's not just a matter of saving lives. It's also a matter of saving dollars," she said. "We are losing desperately needed federal transportation dollars in this state that could be spent on highways."

In 2001, Texas will be forced to funnel $48 million in federal highway funds into safety programs because its drunken driving laws don't meet federal requirements. That amount increases to $96 million in 2003.

Nelson's bill would make open containers illegal in passenger areas of cars on public roads. Under current law, a driver cannot be charged with an open container offense unless he or she is seen consuming its contents.

Nelson's repeat offender legislation calls for an automatic, one-year driver's license suspension on the second drunken driving conviction.

■ Transportation Commissioner Robert Nichols is backing a plan to let the state buy rail lines in danger of being abandoned by railroad companies and lease them to short-line operators.

Nichols contends that thousands of miles of railroad tracks have been peeled from the Texas landscape in the past decade, increasing the volume of goods hauled by trucks on highways. Rail could be an alternative to trucks, which damage fragile roads.

"As rail lines get abandoned, they're lost forever, and we would like to have the opportunity to save those options," Nichols said.

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Law enforcement officials hopeful that leads will result in capture

DALLAS (AP) — Law enforcement officers are hoping a potential $100,000 payout will shake loose some useful information on the whereabouts of seven convicts accused of gunning down a police officer after their escape more than two weeks ago from a South Texas prison.

"We hope the high reward money will entice those people who have been assisting them in traveling and hiding," prison spokesman Larry Todd said Saturday. "We believe these are the same people who helped them make good on the escape."

Leads on the whereabouts of the men are flooding in from all over the state — even from out of state — but most have gone nowhere, law enforcement officials say. But Todd said he's optimistic.

"We have high hopes that a couple of them will pan out," he said.

About $100,000 in total reward money is being offered through the Irving police department for the arrest and indictment of the inmates on capital murder warrants in the Dec. 24 shooting death of policeman Aubrey Hawkins.

That crime followed the Dec. 15 robbery of a Radio Shack in Pearland, a Houston suburb, allegedly committed by two of the inmates. Pearland police said aggravated robbery charges were filed Friday in Brazoria County against George Rivas, 30, and Donald Keith Newbury, 38, identified by victims in photo lineups as the armed men who walked into the electronics store about 10 p.m. The robbers ordered employees and customers to the rear of the store and tied their wrists and ankles with cord before looting the store and emptying the pockets of the victims.

The gang of convicts has been on the run since their escape Dec. 13 from the Connally Unit near Kenedy. They are suspected of gunning down Hawkins 11 days later during a robbery at an Oshman's sporting goods store.

Todd said a report on the escape will be finished around the middle of January.

The subsequent manhunt has frustrated law officers from the several federal, state and local agencies involved.

"We've had spottings all over the state. The leads did not prove fruitful," Todd said.

Employees at a Chick-Fil-A restaurant in The Colony, a suburb 20 miles north of Dallas, told police they recognized five men eating there from photos they had seen in newspapers, Gloria Carver, a police dispatcher, said Saturday.

The employees called police after the group ate and left the parking lot in a dark sports utility vehicle. They were shown a photo lineup by police and "positively identified" five of the escaped inmates, Carver said. Police did not reveal the names of the inmates the employees said they saw.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that a former cellmate of Rivas told authorities the seven had access to an apartment in Tarrant County, where Fort Worth is the largest city. But after two days of surveillance at the apartment, investigators had seen no sign of anyone coming or going, The News reported.

Law officers pleaded with the public for detailed information.

"The tips that are coming in are sketchy at best," said Robert White, a trooper with the Department of Public Safety. "If you are calling in, be more specific: license plate numbers, clothing, when, where, so they can follow up."

Anyone with information about the escapees is asked to call (214) 861-2386 or 1-800-737-8143.

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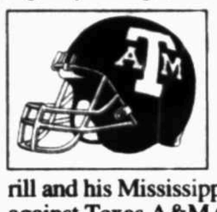
Sherrill's past, present collide at Independence

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press Writer

SHREVEPORT, La. — For the first time since his return to coaching 10 years ago, Jackie Sherrill's present will converge with his past.



Sunday night's Independence Bowl matches Sherrill and his Mississippi State Bulldogs against Texas A&M (7-4), a program that still bares his stamp more than a decade after his tumultuous seven-year tenure at College Station ended.

Since coming to Starkville in 1991, Sherrill has turned Mississippi State (7-4) from Southeastern Conference cellar dwellers to perennial contenders and regular bowl participants.

The Independence Bowl will mark the Bulldogs' third straight postseason appearance, and sixth overall, under Sherrill. The 57-year-old became the school's winningest coach this season. He is 66-48-2 at Mississippi State.

From 1982-88, Sherrill performed a similar transformation with the Aggies, taking a program that had lost its edge and bringing it to national prominence.

But the turnaround came to an ugly conclusion. Texas A&M was placed on probation and Sherrill was run out of town with a reputation for running a dirty program.

Still, Sherrill is proud that his legacy remains evident at Texas A&M.

"There's part of you there," he said.

The Aggies 12th man — a walk-on who wears No. 12 and plays on special teams to represent the student body — was started by Sherrill. Also, the white 12th man towels Aggies fans wave at games were Sherrill's idea.

Most significantly, R.C. Slocum, the coach who has kept Texas A&M

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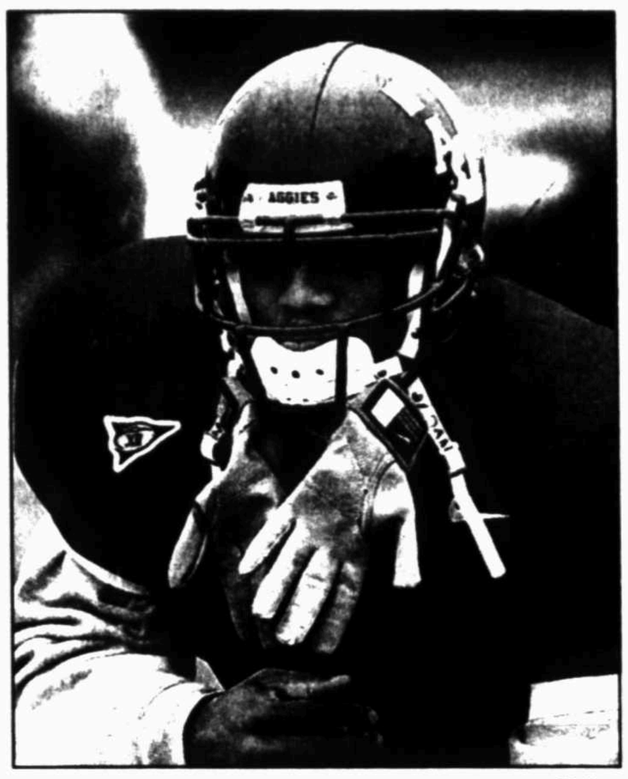

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Texas A&M wide receiver Robert Ferguson warms up prior to practice earlier this week. Ferguson should play in today's Independence Bowl despite a gimpy ankle.

Benson wins High School Heisman

DALLAS (AP) — Midland Lee running back Cedric Benson received the High School Heisman award for the Southwest region during a ceremony at halftime of the inaugural National High School All-Star Football Game on Saturday.

Benson

Brent Rawls threw for 138 yards and a touchdown, leading the West to an 18-15 win over the East in the all-star contest. Benson did not play in the game, declining the offer two weeks ago.

Rawls, from Evangel Christian Academy in Shreveport, La., was named the offensive player of the game.

The West team got on the scoreboard first with a 32-yard field goal by David Pino of Wichita Falls (Texas) Rider. The score capped a six-play, 46-yard drive.

The East's Aaron Alexander of Henrico High (Va.) answered with a 24-yard touchdown pass to Matthew Tant of Harpeth (Tenn.) at the end of the first quarter. A two-point try failed.

At the end of the quarter, Cedric Griffin of San Antonio Holmes put the West in good scoring position with a 45-yard punt return to the East's 21-yard line. Tyler Ebell had a 17-yard run. That led to a touchdown pass from Rawls to Marcus Spears that put the West ahead, 10-6. Ebell, of Ventura High (California), ran for 77 yards on 19 carries.

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Midland High earns split

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Midland High's Laura Koch (left) competes with Plainview's Kandice Williams for a loose ball in the fourth quarter of their championship game of the girls' bracket of the Byron Johnston Classic held Saturday at Chaparral Center. Plainview won the game 72-54.

Lady Dawgs fall in championship game; MHS boys take third place

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

On championship night of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic Saturday at Chaparral Center, the results were perhaps a little more decisive than expected.

Both the boys and girls championship games were decided by 18 points, as South Garland captured its first Johnston title in four tries with a 79-61 win over Plainview in the boys title game.

The Plainview girls, though, had better luck in defending their Johnston title. The Lady Bulldogs, ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 4A, defeated host Midland High for the second year in a row in the final, 72-54.

It was Midland High's boys, though, who might have played in the tournament's most exciting game to determine third place. The Bulldogs recovered from a late defensive lapse against Wasilla, Alaska, which sent the game into overtime, but they gutted it out for a 58-54 victory in the extra session.

In the consolation bracket, the Midland Lee boys made the most of what that implied, claiming the consolation championship with a 77-51 win over District 4-5A foe Odessa Permian.

While it might not have been the greatest tournament possible for local fans, certainly Plainview's supporters who made the trip found it worth it. For South Garland coach Garland Nichols, though, winning the tournament served several personal purposes.

"It's a great tournament and it's a long way for someone to come and scout us out of our district," said Nichols, whose team opens its district next Tuesday. "I go back a long way with (MHS boys coach) Jack (Stephenson) and I like coming here. We'd never even made it to the finals here and maybe it was set up that way."

Nichols could afford to make wisecracks after the way his team performed against Plainview. South Garland never trailed and steadily built its lead, going up by as many as 28 points in the fourth quarter.

Dwayne Jackson carried the bulk of the offensive load for the Colonels, opening the game by hitting two 3-point shots en route to a game high 32 points.

While Jackson and the Colonels were hot beyond the 3-point arc, hitting seven treys, just as big a key was containing Plainview's Brylon Bradic, who one night earlier had lit up MHS for 21 points, including five treys in his team's 73-66 win over the host. Bradic scored only five points against South Garland, and he didn't hit a single three.

"There's three all-state guards in our area and we've seen all of them and did a good job against them," said Nichols in explaining his team's success against Bradic.

Nathan Armstrong added 15 for South Garland. Bryson Davis led Plainview with 18 points while Marty Garcia had 14 and Maurice King added 11.

The girls final was a similar contest, as Plainview (18-1) never trailed against MHS and opened a lead as big as 22 points in the fourth quarter. While the final score might not look competitive, the Lady Dawgs (15-4) still offered stiffer competition for Plainview than last season, when they lost in the Johnston final 65-37.

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Wildcats surrender to 'Huskers in Alamo

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Dan Alexander ran for 240 yards as No. 9 Nebraska set a bowl scoring record with a 66-17 victory over No. 18 Northwestern on Saturday night in the Alamo Bowl.

Eric Crouch ran for two touchdowns and threw for two more scores to help the Cornhuskers (10-2) break the bowl record set by Texas A&M in a 65-21 victory over Virginia in the 1990 Holiday Bowl. Nebraska's previous bowl high came in a 62-24 victory over Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

The Huskers, who were openly disappointed at not receiving a Bowl Championship Series bid, took it out on the co-Big 10 champion Wildcats (8-4).

After falling behind 10-7 early in the first quarter, the Huskers outscored Northwestern 59-7 the rest of the way.

Nebraska coach Frank Solich, hoping to finish a disappointing season with a Top 5 ranking, didn't pull his starters until about 10 minutes were left with Nebraska leading 59-17.

Correll Buckhalter scored twice and Bobby Newcombe caught a TD pass and threw another to Matt Davison as the Cornhuskers set several records for the 8-year-old bowl. Davison had two TD catches.

Damien Anderson ran for 149 yards and a touchdown for Northwestern.

The overmatched Wildcats helped Nebraska by routinely giving up great field position in the first half. Nebraska's worst field position of the half was its own 36. The Huskers opened three drives in Northwestern territory and one on the 50 while taking a 38-17 halftime lead.

Nebraska set a school bowl record with 31 points in the second quarter, topping the 29 points the Huskers scored in the second against Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

The Huskers didn't let up in the second half, scoring 21 points in the third quarter while improving to 2-1 in bowl games under Solich and 20-19 overall in bowls.

Nebraska needed only five plays to take a 7-0 lead on a 15-yard run by Alexander just 2:11 into the game. Alexander added a 2-yard touchdown run in the second and had 119 yards by halftime, setting an Alamo Bowl record.

Crouch had a 50-yard TD run and Buckhalter and Newcombe each scored before halftime. Newcombe caught a short pass and easily outran the Wildcats for a 58-yard score with 20 seconds left.

Saints go marching on
New Orleans knocks off defending champs, 31-28

By Eddie Pells
AP Sports Writer

■ NFC Wild Card

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints got a celebration and a scare, a history-making victory over the defending Super Bowl champs that felt like Mardi Gras, New Year's Eve and Halloween all wrapped up in one.

Aaron Brooks threw three of his four touchdown passes to Willie Jackson, and the Saints held off a huge fourth-quarter rally by St. Louis for a 31-28 win Saturday, the first playoff victory in their 34-year history.

"I feel the same as every other fan out there," owner Tom Benson said. "It's so exciting, so different than we've been accustomed to. I know a lot of people out there were saying, 'Same old Saints.' But we did it."

From the voodoo ceremony before kickoff to the famous Benson Boogie at the end, this had the makings of a truly New Orleans party. It was a befitting of a Saints breakthrough after decades of frustration and an 0-4 lifetime playoff record.

Of course, it wouldn't have been a real Saints experience without a major scare or two.

After going ahead 31-7 early in the fourth quarter, New Orleans (11-6) watched Kurt Warner drive the Rams to three quick touchdowns, shaving the deficit to 31-28.

After the final touchdown at the 2:36 mark, the Saints recovered the Rams' onside kick. The Rams (10-7) forced a punt, but Az Hakim muffed an easy fair catch at his own 11, and New Orleans recovered.

"My teammates were all very supportive of me," Hakim said. "But I felt we went out on that play."

Indeed, all Brooks needed to do was take a knee three times, and one of the most downtrodden franchises in sports history finally had reason to celebrate.

"The city, the front office and the fans all deserve this," said defensive lineman Joe Johnson, a seven-year veteran of the

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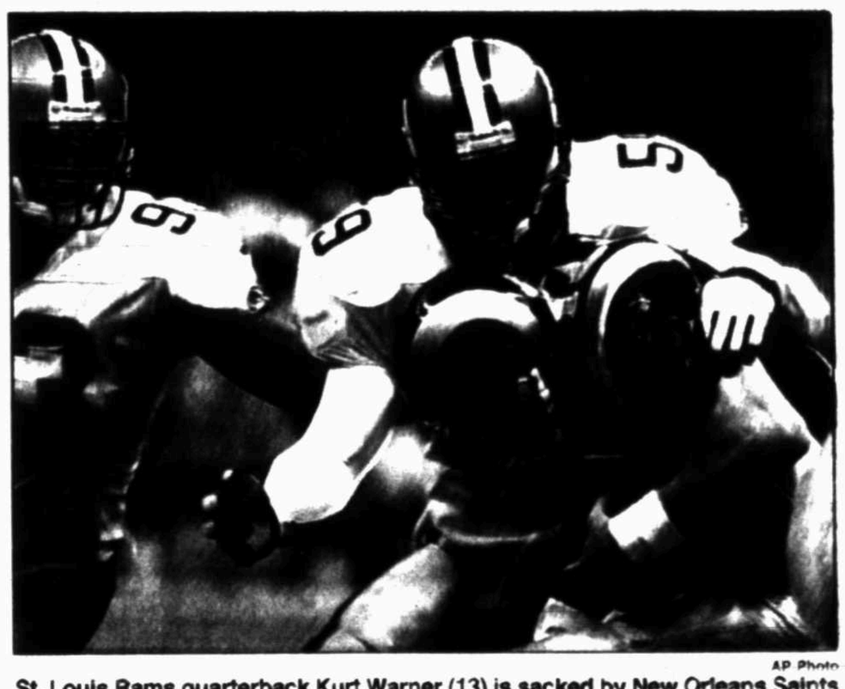

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St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner (13) is sacked by New Orleans Saints linebacker Keith Mitchell (59) during second quarter action of the NFC wild card playoff game in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans on Saturday. Saints defensive end Darren Howard (93) comes in to assist in bringing Warner down.

Smith, Dolphins run past Indianapolis in overtime

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Lamar Smith carried the ball an NFL-record 40 times. He carried cornerback Jeff Burris into the end zone for the winning score in overtime.

■ AFC Wild Card

And when jubilant Miami coach Dave Wannstedt jumped on his back as they headed for the locker room, Smith carried him, too.

Smith rushed for 209 yards, including a 17-yard touchdown run in overtime, and the resilient Dolphins rallied past the Indianapolis Colts 23-17 in an AFC wild-card playoff game Saturday.

"Everyone got their money's worth," Wannstedt said.

Jay Fiedler overcame three first-half interceptions to lead a comeback from a 14-point deficit in the second half, and Miami tied the game in the final minute of regulation.

The surprising Dolphins (12-5), AFC East champions for the first time since 1994, advanced to the second round Saturday at Oakland. The Colts (10-7) were eliminated in their opening playoff game for the second year in a row, and coach Jim Mora fell to 0-6 in the postseason.

Smith's 40 carries were a league playoff record, and his 209 yards ranked second in postseason history behind Eric Dickerson's 248 for the Los Angeles Rams against Dallas in 1985.

"I'm just happy to be part of the victory," Smith said. "We had to overcome a lot of obstacles."

The Dolphins were lucky, too: Indianapolis' Mike Vanderjagt made three field goals, but pushed a 49-yard attempt wide right 5:44 into overtime. He then went to the bench and buried his head in his hands while the Dolphins drove for the winning score.

"I let my teammates down, I let the organization down, I let the city of Indianapolis down," Vanderjagt said. "It's a pretty big burden to carry into the offseason, but nothing can change that now."

Miami marched 61 yards in 11 plays for the victory, with Smith carrying six times and catching a pass to account for

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COLLEGE BOWL GLANCE

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Southern Mississippi 28, TCU 21

Thursday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
UNLV 31, Arkansas 14

Sunday, Dec. 24
Oahu Bowl
Georgia 37, Virginia 14

Monday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
Gray 40, Blue 37
Aloha Bowl
Boston College 31, Arizona State 17

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14
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Boise State 38, Texas-El Paso 23
Music City Bowl
West Virginia 49, Mississippi 38
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Iowa State 37, Pittsburgh 29

Friday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
Colorado State 22, Louisville 17
Sun Bowl
Wisconsin 21, UCLA 20
Peach Bowl
LSU 28, Georgia Tech 14
Holiday Bowl
Oregon 35, Texas 30

Saturday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
Nebraska 66 Northwestern 17

Sunday, Dec. 31
Silicon Valley Classic
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 6 p.m. (FOXSN)
Independence Bowl
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 10 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 12 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 13
All-Star Gridiron Classic
Team USA vs. Team Florida, 12 p.m. (ESPN2)
East-West Shrine Classic
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Jets' Groh decides to leave NFL to coach at alma mater

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Al Groh is leaving the New York Jets after one disappointing season to return to his alma mater and succeed George Welsh as the coach at Virginia.

Groh, who took over from Bill Parcells, announced his sudden resignation six days after the Jets were eliminated from the playoff race.

"I realize there will be some criticism of this, but only I know my heart," Groh said Saturday in a statement released by the Jets. "Too, this provides the type of long-term security and stability not commonly found in the NFL nowadays."

Welsh retired at Virginia on Dec. 11 because of health reasons. The Cavaliers lost to Georgia 37-14 on Dec. 24 in the Oahu Bowl, the last game for the 67-year-old coach.

Groh's deal is believed to be worth $5 million over seven years, The Boston Globe reported on its Web site.

The university confirmed the hiring and said Groh will be introduced at a news conference Jan. 5.

"The University of Virginia is my school," Groh said. "I wore that jersey and it means a great deal to me. My mom lives there and my dad is buried there."

Parcells is to meet with team owner Woody Johnson on Tuesday for an "organizational meeting," said a source close to the Jets, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Parcells is the chief of football operations, a role he has hinted he will continue. Now, Johnson is expected to ask Parcells if he wants to return to the sideline or, barring that, if he will hire the new coach.

The Jets said they would defer all comments about their next coach until Tuesday.

The Jets began the season with four straight victories but finished 9-7 and missed the playoffs. The Jets lost their last three games, needing to win just once to make the postseason.

The Jets completed their season with a 34-20 defeat at Baltimore. Quarterback Vinny Testaverde threw three interceptions and lost two fumbles in that game.

Groh's departure guarantees further instability for a franchise that has had little success since winning its only Super Bowl in probably the biggest upset in NFL history.

DOLPHINS: Smith scores TD in OT

(From 1C)

40 yards. On second-and-4 at the 17, he started inside, bounced outside, cut back and ran through Burris.

The touchdown put the Colts behind for the first time.

"Once Lamar got to the 10, I said, 'They're in trouble,'" guard Mark Dixon said.

Teammates rushed to the corner of the field to swarm Smith, a 30-year-old journeyman and a native of Fort Wayne, Ind. He was released by two teams before becoming a 1,000-yard rusher in Miami this season.

The defeat was a stunner for the Colts, who came into the playoffs with three consecutive wins.

"Everybody is just frustrated," said Peyton Manning, who threw for Indy's lone touchdown. "Looking back at it now, there were just a lot of missed opportunities. We got field goals and didn't get touchdowns."

Mora, at 65 the league's oldest active coach, remained the only coach in history with at least 100 regular-season wins and no wins in the postseason.

"I don't feel snakebit at all," Mora said moments after his 14th NFL season ended. "There is no such thing as being snakebit. You either get it done or you don't, and we didn't."

The Dolphins' defense kept the game close by containing the dangerous trio of Manning, Edgerrin James and Marvin Harrison. Fiedler, meanwhile, shook off three first-half interceptions that led to 11 points.

"It was just an amazing comeback," Fiedler said. "The rush of elation and adrenalin was unbelievable."

The Dolphins forced the overtime by scoring with 34 seconds left in regulation. They started at their own 20 with 4:48 to go trailing 17-10, and Fiedler directed a 14-play drive that culminated with his 9-yard touchdown pass to backup tight end Jed Weaver on third-and-goal.

Dolphins 23, Colts 17, OT

	1	2	3	4	OT	
Indianapolis	3	14	0	3	0	—17
Miami	0	0	7	10	6	—23

First Quarter
Ind—FG Vanderjagt 32, 7:49.
Second Quarter
Ind—FG Vanderjagt 28, 9:33.
Ind—Pathon 17 pass from Manning (Diiger pass from Manning), 7:47.
Third Quarter
Mia—L.Smith 2 run (Mare kick), 8:09.
Fourth Quarter
Mia—FG Mare 38, 10:23.
Ind—FG Vanderjagt 50, 4:55.
Mia—Weaver 9 pass from Fiedler (Mare kick), :34.
Overtime
Mia—L.Smith 17 run, 3:34.
A—73,193.

	Ind	Mia
First downs	14	26
Rushes-yards	23-99	48-256
Passing	194	176
Comp-Att-Int	17-32-0	19-34-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-9
Punts	4-42.8	3-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-10	7-55
Time of Possession	27:46	43:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Indianapolis, James 21-107, Manning 1-(minus 2), H.Smith 1-(minus 6). Miami, L.Smith 40-209, Fiedler 7-43, Martin 1-6.
PASSING—Indianapolis, Manning 17-32-0-194. Miami, Fiedler 19-34-3-185.
RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Pathon 5-69, Harrison 5-63, James 3-33, Diiger 3-16, Pollard 1-13. Miami, McDuffie 4-57, Gadsden 4-38, L.Smith 3-18, Martin 2-21, J.Johnson 2-18, Denson 2-18, Weaver 1-9, Ogden 1-6.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Miami, Mare 38 (WR). Indianapolis, Vanderjagt 49 (WR).

BOWL: Ferguson expected to play

(From 1C)

among the most successful teams in the nation, was Sherrill's defensive coordinator.

The two men still correspond and speak fondly of each other.

"He (Sherrill) was as good a coach to work for as anybody," said Slocum, who is 109-36-2 in 12 seasons at Texas A&M.

"He (Slocum) did a great job of helping build Texas A&M," Sherrill said, "and a great job of keeping it going."

Sherrill has said there may be some emotions stirred when he walks onto the field Sunday night, but mostly he has downplayed the meeting.

"Too much is made of Jackie Sherrill against Texas A&M," he said.

Slocum said you'd think "Jackie and I are going to play each other or have a wrestling match."

Though Slocum admitted, "It adds some flavor to the matchup."

If Sherrill is looking for revenge or redemption, he hasn't imparted that to his players.

"He has not made it personal for us," Mississippi State linebacker Mario Haggan said. "He shouldn't have to say a whole lot to get us ready for Texas A&M."

Sherrill isn't the only thing the team's have in common.

Both lost their final two games of the season, quashing hopes for conference championships and high-profile bowls.

"We're so much alike in every aspect," Aggies linebacker Cornelius Anthony said.

Injuries played a big part in the late season slumps.

Texas A&M lost a heartbreaking 35-31 decision to No. 1 Oklahoma at home in the second-to-last game of the season. The Aggies also lost several key players including all-conference linebacker Jason Glenn (knee) and wide out Robert Ferguson (ankle), the Big 12's leading receiver, against the Sooners.

The following week, with Glenn and Ferguson out, Texas A&M was hammered by archrival Texas 43-17.

Glenn is still out. Ferguson is a bit gimpy, but will play Sunday.

Mississippi State had 15 starters either out or severely hampered by injuries during its season-ending 45-30 loss to Mississippi.

Sherrill has said repeatedly that he feels he has a top-15 team when healthy, and most of the Bulldogs' bruises have healed during December.

Though All-American cornerback Fred Smoot was an academic casualty, ruled ineligible last week for not making the necessary grades.

SAINTS: Defending champions fall

(From 1C)

Saints, who helped coach Jim Haslett resurrect this team after Mike Ditka's virtual gutting of the franchise.

The Saints, who surprised everyone to win just their second NFC West title this season, will try to keep the magic going next weekend in Minnesota.

The Rams made the NFC wild-card game last week with the unlikely scenario of a victory at New Orleans combined with a Bears upset of Detroit. But there will be no Super Bowl run this season after the Rams had five turnovers, a number of costly penalties and Warner's ineffectiveness before desperation set in.

"I'm proud of this football team," Rams coach Mike Martz said. "I am satisfied with the effort that they gave out there. I'm very disappointed with the outcome and some of the things that transpired during the game. But, I can't change those things."

Warner threw for 365 yards — most after the Rams fell far behind — and three interceptions, while losing one fumble. He wasn't sharp until the end, possibly because of the grogginess and light-sensitivity he experienced after a concussion here last week.

"I gave it everything I had," Warner said. "But we dug a hole for ourselves. I'm the leader of our offense. I'm always responsible."

The NFL's Most Valuable Player, Marshall Faulk, gained a season-low 24 yards against a New Orleans defense that got tough after allowing him 220 yards rushing in the 26-21 loss. He finished with 99 yards receiving and one touchdown, but was a nonfactor in the passing game until New Orleans led 31-7.

Did the Saints change anything from last week?

"No," Faulk said. "They just stepped up and made plays."

And as usual, if they were making plays for the Saints, they couldn't be household names.

Brooks, a second-year quarterback making just his sixth career start, finished with 266 yards passing and four touchdowns — a Saints playoff record, of course. He also led New Orleans in rushing with 26 yards, five more than journeyman Terry Allen, who came out of retirement to join the Saints in November.

Saints 31, Rams 28

	1	2	3	4	
St. Louis	7	0	0	21	—28
New Orleans	0	10	7	14	—31

First Quarter
STL—Bruce 17 pass from Warner (Wilkins kick), 5:58.
Second Quarter
NO—Wilson 12 pass from Brooks (Brien kick), 4:56.
NO—FG Brien 33, 1:30.
Third Quarter
NO—Jackson 10 pass from Brooks (Brien kick), 8:40.
Fourth Quarter
NO—Jackson 49 pass from Brooks (Brien kick), 13:22.
NO—Jackson 16 pass from Brooks (Brien kick), 11:57.
STL—Proehl 17 pass from Warner (run failed), 9:36.
STL—Faulk 25 pass from Warner (Wilkins kick), 3:52.
STL—Warner 5 run (Faulk pass from Warner), 2:36.
A—64,900.

	STL	NO
First downs	17	17
Rushes-yards	16-34	32-50
Passing	350	251
Punt Returns	3-59	3-32
Kickoff Returns	5-69	5-63
Interceptions Ret.	1-6	3-64
Comp-Att-Int	24-40-3	18-23-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	2-15
Punts	3-43.0	6-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	4-1
Penalties-Yards	9-60	5-40
Time of Possession	28:29	31:31

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—St. Louis, Faulk 14-24, Warner 1-5, Watson 1-5. New Orleans, Brooks 10-28, Allen 16-21, Morton 2-5, Moore 3-1, Jackson 1-(minus 3).
PASSING—St. Louis, Warner 24-40-3-365. New Orleans, Brooks 16-19-1-266.
RECEIVING—St. Louis, Bruce 7-127, Faulk 7-69, Proehl 3-46, Williams 3-25, Hakim 2-42, Holt 2-26. New Orleans, Jackson 6-142, Wilson 3-41, Reed 3-27, Morton 2-34, A.Glover 1-16, Allen 1-6.

Jacks continue to roll with eighth straight

Staff Report

AMARILLO — The Odessa Jackalopes extended their franchise-record winning streak to eight games Saturday night with a win over the Amarillo Rattlers, but it didn't come easy.

First, the Jacks had to overcome a 4-1 deficit. Then, after taking the lead and losing it again, they had to got to a shootout — and the Jacks entered the game only 1-5 in shootouts.

Make that 2-5. The Jacks got goals from Mike Stalk and Konrad McKay in the shootout, and goalie Grant Sjerven, who didn't even start the game, stopped 4-of-5 Amarillo shots in the shootout to finish off the 6-5 victory.

Stalk opened the shootout with a goal, and after each team had gone through three skaters, Odessa was up, 1-0. McKay, Odessa's fourth skater, also beat Amarillo goalie Todd MacDonald, so the Jacks had a cushion when Amarillo's Bill Newson tallied. When Sjerven stopped Vince Grant, the Rattlers' last skater, Odessa had the victory.

The shootout win ensured that Odessa would not waste both a hat trick by Mike Lankshear and a nice comeback. Amarillo led 4-1 only 2:16 into the second period, but the Jacks pulled starting goalie Joe Harris at that point and put in Sjerven. The Jacks got four unanswered goals — two in the second and two in the third — to take a 5-4 lead. Amarillo's Marc Dupuis scored with only 3:21 left to force the shootout.

Since McKay's shootout goal was the winner, he officially finished the game with two goals. That will be very small consolation today, when he leaves the team and travels to Manitoba, Canada, for the funeral of a close friend who died recently in a snowmobile accident. McKay will miss the Jacks' 3 p.m. game today at Lubbock.

Odessa 6, Amarillo 5, shootout

	1	2	2	1		
Odessa	1	2	2	1		—6
Amarillo	2	2	1	0		—5

First period: 1. Am., Chris Bell (Wade Welte, Casey Burnette), 0:41. 2. Od., Mike Lankshear, 4:22. 3. Am., Bell (Brad Haelzle, Welte), 12:31.
Second period: 4. Am., Steve Dowhy (Doug Shepherd), 0:18. 5. Am., Corey Isen (Vince Grant, Todd MacDonald), 2:16. 6. Od., Lankshear (Jason Heywood, Matt Hoffman), pp, 11:41. 7. Od., Konrad McKay (Tim Hill), pp, 12:18.
Third period: 8. Od., Lankshear (John Bossio, Mike Stalk), 6:18. 9. Od., Derek Laxdal (Heywood, Mike Sanderson), 11:11. 10. Am., Marc Dupuis (Isen, Rod Bowers), 16:39.
Shootout: 11. Od., McKay.
Shots on goal: Od. 10-11-7—28. Am. 7-11-13—32. **Power play opportunities:** Od. 2-of-5. Am. 0-of-7. **Penalties-minutes:** Od. 8-for-19. Am. 6-for-15. **Goalies:** Od. (Joe Harris, 5 saves; Grant Sjerven, 21 saves). Am. (Todd MacDonald, 23 saves). **Attendance:** 3,128.

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Miami	18	14	.563	4 1/2
Orlando	14	16	.467	7 1/2
Boston	12	18	.400	9 1/2
New Jersey	9	20	.310	12
Washington	5	25	.167	16 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	20	11	.645	—
Cleveland	16	12	.571	2 1/2
Milwaukee	16	12	.571	2 1/2
Toronto	15	15	.500	4 1/2
Detroit	13	17	.433	6 1/2
Indiana	13	18	.419	7
Atlanta	10	20	.333	9 1/2
Chicago	4	25	.138	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	20	11	.645	—
San Antonio	19	11	.633	1/2
Dallas	20	12	.625	1/2
Minnesota	17	14	.548	3
Denver	15	15	.500	4 1/2
Houston	14	15	.483	5
Vancouver	8	21	.276	11

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	20	8	.714	—
L.A. Lakers	21	10	.677	1/2
Portland	21	10	.677	1/2
Phoenix	18	10	.643	2
Seattle	17	14	.548	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	20	.333	11
Golden State	9	20	.310	11 1/2

Saturday's Games

Orlando 95, Boston 90
Houston 114, Dallas 99
Seattle 104, Charlotte 102
Miami 110, Detroit 102, OT
San Antonio 89, Indiana 77
Philadelphia 107, Sacramento 104, OT
New York 88, Minnesota 79
Phoenix 109, Toronto 103
Milwaukee at Denver, (n)
Golden State at Vancouver, (n)
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, (n)

Sunday's Games

New Jersey at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 8 p.m.

Spurs 89, Pacers 77

SAN ANTONIO (89): Elliott 1-3 0-1 2, Duncan 3-9 2-6 8, Robinson 6-10 3-6 15, Anderson 5-17 1-1 11, Kerr 3-8 1-1 9, M.Rose 6-13 8-10 20, Porter 5-7 0-0 12, Ferry 4-4 0-0 10, Dial 0-1 1-2 1, Newbie 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 33-72 17-29 89.

INDIANA (77): Bender 1-9 1-2 3, Foster 2-6 1-2 5, O'Neal 4-10 3-8 11, Miller 3-14 3-3 9, J.Rose 9-21 2-6 20, Tabak 3-5 0-0 6, Best 6-9 1-1 13, Croshere 2-4 0-0 6, Harrington 1-1 0-0 2, Perkins 0-2 0-0 0, McKey 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 32-83 11-22 77.

San Antonio	**16**	**28**	**21**	**24 — 89**
Indiana	**17**	**20**	**17**	**23 — 77**

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 6-13 (Ferry 2-2, Porter 2-3, Kerr 2-5, Duncan 0-1, Elliott 0-1, Anderson 0-1), Indiana 2-12 (Croshere 2-3, J.Rose 0-1, Best 0-1, Miller 0-2, Perkins 0-2, Bender 0-3). Fouled out—Foster. Rebounds—San Antonio 58 (M.Rose 13), Indiana 55 (Foster 14). Assists—San Antonio 20 (Anderson 7), Indiana 20 (Best 8). Total fouls—San Antonio 21, Indiana 27. Technicals—Duncan, Indiana coach Thomas.

Rockets 114, Mavericks 99

HOUSTON (114): Taylor 6-10 0-0 12, Anderson 6-16 3-6 15, Olajuwon 4-10 0-0 8, Francis 5-9 10-10 22, Norris 3-8 1-2 9, K.Thomas 5-12 1-3 14, Mobley 6-11 11-12 24, Bullard 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 4-4 0-0 10. Totals 39-82 26-33 114.

DALLAS (99): Finley 10-22 9-10 32, Nowitzki 6-18 8-10 20, Bradley 0-1 2-2 2, Eisley 2-8 0-0 4, Nash 8-16 8-11 26, Laettner 0-2 1-2 1, Davis 1-4 6-6 9, Trent 0-0 0-0 0, Alexander 1-3 0-0 2, Harvey 0-0 3-4 3. Totals 28-74 37-45 99.

Houston	**25**	**28**	**23**	**38 — 114**
Dallas	**14**	**17**	**30**	**38 — 99**

3-Point Goals—Houston 10-21 (K.Thomas 3-5, Williams 2-2, Norris 2-3, Francis 2-5, Mobley 1-3, Anderson 0-1, Bullard 0-2), Dallas 6-16 (Finley 3-5, Nash 2-5, Davis 1-2, Nowitzki 0-2, Eisley 0-2). Fouled out—K.Thomas, Williams, Taylor, Eisley. Rebounds—Houston 54 (K.Thomas 13), Dallas 50 (Finley 9). Assists—Houston 30 (Francis 8), Dallas 16 (Nash 6). Total fouls—Houston 32, Dallas 31. Technicals—K.Thomas, Taylor, Bradley, Dallas coach Don Nelson.

Magic 95, Celtics 90

ORLANDO (95): McGrady 9-19 1-1 19, Amaechi 10-16 3-4 23, DeClercq 4-7 0-0 8, Armstrong 3-5 0-0 7, Miller 3-8 0-0 7, Outlaw 0-0 4-4 4, Hudson 2-12 0-0 4, Doleac 4-5 4-5 12, Garrity 3-6 0-0 7, M.Williams 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 40-82 12-14 95.

BOSTON (90): Walker 10-24 6-8 26, Pierce 4-11 6-6 15, Battie 3-6 1-2 7, Anderson 3-5 3-3 9, Stith 1-7 5-6 8, Palacio 3-6 1-1 7, E.Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Potapenko 2-5 0-4 4, Griffin 0-1 0-0 0, Carr 6-9 2-2 14, Blount 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-78 24-32 90.

Orlando	**27**	**23**	**24**	**21 — 95**
Boston	**18**	**26**	**21**	**25 — 90**

3-Point Goals—Orlando 3-12 (Garrity 1-2, Armstrong 1-3, Miller 1-4, McGrady 0-1, Hudson 0-2), Boston 2-14 (Pierce 1-3, Stith 1-4, E.Williams 0-1, Carr 0-1, Walker 0-5). Fouled out—Potapenko. Rebounds—Orlando 57 (DeClercq 10), Boston 41 (Walker 12). Assists—Orlando 23 (McGrady, Hudson 7), Boston 20 (Pierce, Griffin 4). Total fouls—Orlando 23, Boston 21. Technicals—Orlando Illegal Defense 2, Armstrong 2, Potapenko. Ejected—Armstrong, Garrity.

SuperSonics 104, Hornets 102

CHARLOTTE (102): Brown 6-6 6-7 18, Mashburn 7-17 4-4 19, Thorpe 0-2 0-0 0, B.Davis 5-13 7-10 17, Wesley 9-16 3-5 24, Coleman 3-10 7-8 14, H.Hawkins 0-3 2-2 2, Nailon 2-4 0-0 4, Recasner 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 33-74 31-38 102.

SEATTLE (104): Lewis 4-9 4-4 14, Patterson 4-6 0-2 8, Ewing 5-13 5-6 15, Barry 7-10 1-2 18, Payton 9-20 0-0 21, Mason 2-4 0-0 4, Baker 7-14 1-4 15, McCoy 3-5 0-0 6, Williams 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 42-83 11-18 104.

Charlotte	**33**	**19**	**21**	**29—102**
Seattle	**25**	**28**	**22**	**29—104**

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 5-19 (Wesley 3-6, Coleman 1-2, Mashburn 1-8, H.Hawkins 0-1, B.Davis 0-2), Seattle 9-13 (Payton 3-3, Barry 3-5, Lewis 2-3, Williams 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 52 (Brown 17), Seattle 44 (Barry 7). Assists—Charlotte 19 (Mashburn, B.Davis 6), Seattle 33 (Payton, Barry 10). Total fouls—Charlotte 17, Seattle 27. Technicals—Payton.

Knicks 88, Timberwolves 79

NEW YORK (88): Rice 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 3-8 2-2 8, Thomas 6-18 0-0 12, Houston 10-19 4-4 27, Sprewell 12-23 2-5 27, Strickland 0-3 0-0 0, Childs 2-5 5-6 10, Longley 1-3 2-2 4, Knight 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-80 15-19 88.

MINNESOTA (79): Szczerbiak 9-21 4-4 22, Garnett 8-16 0-0 16, Garrett 2-3 0-0 4, Billups 2-4 0-0 5, Brandon 5-14 3-4 13, Peeler 3-14 0-0 6, Nesterovic 0-1 0-0 0, Avery 1-4 2-2 5, Ellis 3-6 2-2 8, Jacobson 0-0 0-0 0, Mitchell 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 33-85 11-12 79.

New York	**24**	**22**	**24**	**18 — 88**
Minnesota	**21**	**17**	**24**	**17 — 79**

3-Point Goals—New York 5-11 (Houston 3-5, Childs 1-1, Sprewell 1-1, Rice 0-1, Johnson 0-3), Minnesota 2-12 (Billups 1-2, Avery 1-3, Szczerbiak 0-1, Garnett 0-2, Peeler 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New York 58 (Johnson, Thomas 14), Minnesota 45 (Garnett 10). Assists—New York 23 (Childs 8), Minnesota 25 (Brandon 10). Total fouls—New York 17, Minnesota 21.

76ers 107, Kings 104

PHILADELPHIA (107): Lynch 3-6 2-4 9, Hill 3-9 1-2 7, Ratliff 8-17 2-2 18, Iverson 18-36 8-8 46, McKie 8-16 1-1 19, MacCulloch 3-5 0-0 6, Jones 1-2 0-0 2, Ollie 0-3 0-0 0, Kukoc 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-95 14-17 107.

SACRAMENTO (104): Stojakovic 9-20 9-10 33, Webber 13-29 3-6 29, Divac 1-4 2-2 4, Christie 2-7 1-2 5, Williams 3-6 1-2 9, B.Jackson 4-8 0-0 8, Pollard 1-2 4-4 6, Turkoglu 0-2 0-0 0, Barry 3-9 0-0 8, Funderburke 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-89 20-26 104.

Philadelphia	**35**	**19**	**29**	**15 — 107**
Sacramento	**19**	**27**	**20**	**32 — 104**

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 5-14 (McKie 2-5, Iverson 2-6, Lynch 1-2, Kukoc 0-1), Sacramento 10-22 (Stojakovic 6-11, Williams 2-4, Barry 2-6, Christie 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 65 (Hill 13), Sacramento 47 (Webber 10). Assists—Philadelphia 25 (McKie 14), Sacramento 23 (Williams 5). Total fouls—Philadelphia 20, Sacramento 18. Technicals—McKie, Philadelphia coach Brown.

Heat 110, Pistons 102

MIAMI (110): Mason 7-16 6-9 20, Bowen 6-9 0-0 17, Grant 6-15 4-6 16, Jones 10-20 2-3 23, Hardaway 7-18 4-7 19, Green 0-4 2-2 2, Majerle 1-2 0-0 3, Fuller 0-2 0-0 0, House 4-7 0-0 10. Totals 41-93 18-27 110.

DETROIT (102): Curry 2-5 4-4 8, J.Smith 2-11 5-8 9, B.Wallace 4-7 0-2 8, Stackhouse 12-26 11-11 35, Atkins 9-17 1-2 26, J.Williams 1-3 2-2 4, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Barros 3-8 1-1 7, Cleaves 2-5 1-2 5. Totals 35-83 25-32 102.

Miami	**22**	**27**	**25**	**21 15 —110**
Detroit	**20**	**20**	**27**	**28 7 —102**

3-Point Goals—Miami 10-26 (Bowen 5-7, House 2-3, Majerle 1-2, Jones 1-5, Hardaway 1-8, Green 0-1), Detroit 7-15 (Atkins 7-11, Stackhouse 0-2, Barros 0-2). Fouled out—Mason, Bowen. Rebounds—Miami 57 (Grant 14), Detroit 59 (B.Wallace 21). Assists—Miami 23 (Hardaway 11), Detroit 19 (Stackhouse 7). Total fouls—Miami 27, Detroit 29. Technicals—Miami Illegal Defense, Stackhouse.

WPHL

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Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Tupelo	23	14	2	48	154	117
Austin	21	10	3	45	120	90
Bos.-Shrevprt	20	12	2	42	117	93
Monroe	20	14	2	42	126	122
Corpus Christi	18	17	2	38	110	129
Lake Charles	16	17	3	35	108	135
Central Texas	14	16	5	33	100	114
Fort Worth	9	23	3	21	98	127

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Odessa	**20**	**7**	**5**	**45**	**129**	**95**
New Mexico	20	9	2	42	129	123
Lubbock	19	12	4	42	135	113
Amarillo	15	13	5	35	121	129
San Angelo	15	16	4	34	101	142
El Paso	12	15	5	29	84	103

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties.

Saturday's Games

Odessa 6, Amarillo 5, SO
Lake Charles 7, Monroe 6, SO
Bossier-Shreveport 5, Central Texas 2
Lubbock 4, Austin 3, SO
Corpus Christi 8, New Mexico 4
San Angelo 6, Fort Worth 4
Tupelo 5, El Paso 3

Sunday's Games

San Angelo at Amarillo
Odessa at Lubbock

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press

Saturday, Dec. 30

Wild-card Playoffs

Miami 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 28

Sunday, Dec. 31

Denver at Baltimore, 11:30 a.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 3 p.m. (FOX)

AP All-Pro Team

By The Associated Press

OFFENSE

Quarterback—Rich Gannon, Oakland
Running Backs—Marshall Faulk, St. Louis; Eddie George, Tennessee
Tight End—Tony Gonzalez, Kansas City
Wide Receivers—Randy Moss, Minnesota; Terrell Owens, San Francisco
Tackles—Jon Ogden, Baltimore; Kyle Turley, New Orleans
Guards—Bruce Matthews, Tennessee; Larry Allen, Dallas
Center—Tom Nalen, Denver
Placekicker—Matt Stover, Baltimore
Kick Returner—Derrick Mason, Tennessee

DEFENSE

Ends—Hugh Douglas, Philadelphia; Jason Taylor, Miami
Tackles—La'Roi Glover, New Orleans; Warren Sapp, Tampa Bay
Outside Linebackers—Junior Seau, San Diego; Derrick Brooks, Tampa Bay
Inside Linebacker—Ray Lewis, Baltimore; Jeremiah Trotter, Philadelphia
Cornerbacks—Samari Rolle, Tennessee; Sam Madison, Miami
Safeties—John Lynch, Tampa Bay; Darren Sharper, Green Bay
Punter—Shane Lechler, Oakland

College Football

Alamo Bowl

No. 9 NEBRASKA 66, No. 18 NORTHWESTERN 17

Nebraska	**7**	**31**	**21**	**7 — 66**
Northwestern	**3**	**14**	**0**	**0 — 17**

First Quarter

Neb—Alexander 15 run (Brown kick), 12:49.
Nor—FG Long 44, 9:51.

Second Quarter

Nor—Johnson 10 pass from Kustok (Long kick), 14:16.
Neb—Crouch 50 run (Brown kick), 13:56.
Neb—Alexander 2 run (Brown kick), 11:50.
Neb—Buckhalter 2 run (Brown kick), 7:13.
Neb—FG Brown 51, 1:28.
Nor—Anderson 69 run (Long kick), 1:10.
Neb—Newcombe 58 pass from Crouch (Brown kick), :20.

Third Quarter

Neb—Davison 11 pass from Crouch (Brown kick), 12:17.
Neb—Crouch 2 run (Brown kick), 3:52.
Neb—Davison 69 pass from Newcombe (Brown kick), 1:19.

Fourth Quarter

Neb—Diedrick 9 run (Brown kick), 5:22. A—60,028.

Transactions

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

PHOENIX SUNS—Activated C Jake Tsakalidis from the injured list. Placed F Ruben Garces on the injured list.

International Basketball Assn.

DES MOINES DRAGONS—Signed F Oliver Simmons.

SOUTH DAKOTA GOLD—Signed G Damion McSwine.

College Basketball

Top 20 Men

No. 1 MICHIGAN STATE 88, WRIGHT STATE 61

WRIGHT ST. (9-3): Nelson 6-9 1-1 14, Hope 3-6 0-0 6, Sheinfeld 4-11 5-6 13, Hollins 1-5 1-2 3, Deister 2-10 3-4 8, Bushman 0-2 0-0 0, Freeman 1-2 0-0 3, Bills 0-2 0-0 0, May 3-5 0-0 6, Doles 1-1 0-0 2, Petersons 2-7 2-2 6. Totals 23-60 12-15 61.

MICHIGAN ST. (11-0): Richardson 4-11 0-0 8, Hutson 6-9 2-2 14, Anagonye 3-3 0-0 6, Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Bell 9-17 3-4 26, Wolfe 1-6 0-0 2, Smith 0-0 2-3 2, Ishbia 0-1 0-0 0, Chappell 8-10 1-1 21, Andreas 0-0 0-0 0, Randolph 3-5 1-1 7, Ballinger 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 35-66 9-11 88.

Halftime—Michigan St. 51, Wright St. 24. 3-point goals—Wright St. 3-17 (Freeman 1-1, Nelson 1-3, Deister 1-7, Hope 0-1, Hollins 0-1, Bushman 0-1, Bills 0-1, May 0-2), Michigan St. 9-17 (Bell 5-8, Chappell 4-5, Thomas 0-1, Wolfe 0-1, Richardson 0-2). Fouled out—Hope. Rebounds—Wright St. 32 (Petersons 7), Michigan St. 40 (Randolph 9). Assists—Wright St. 14 (Hollins 4), Michigan St. 26 (Bell 11). Total fouls—Wright St. 16, Michigan St. 16. A—14,759.

No. 3 DUKE 108, N.CAROLINA A&T 73

N. CAROLINA A&T (2-6): Robinson 2-8 2-2 6, Jackson 1-8 0-0 3, Taalib 0-6 0-0 0, Miller 14-21 2-2 34, Debro 7-15 0-0 17, Price 2-2 0-0 5, Beckwith 2-3 2-2 6, Toliver 0-0 0-0 0, Phillips 0-2 0-0 0, Becton 0-0 0-0 0, Traore 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 29-67 6-6 73.

DUKE (11-1): James 11-16 0-2 25, Battier 11-19 3-3 31, Sanders 2-2 3-6 7, Williams 8-16 0-0 23, Dunleavy 4-9 0-0 9, Simpson 0-0 2-2 2, Duhon 2-4 0-0 5, Christensen 1-3 4-4 6, Love 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 39-69 12-19 108.

Halftime—Duke 63, N. Carolina A&T 32. 3-Point goals—N. Carolina A&T 9-17 (Miller 4-7, Debro 3-6, Price 1-1, Jackson 1-2, Taalib 0-1), Duke 18-38 (Williams 7-11, Battier 6-12, James 3-7, Duhon 1-2, Dunleavy 1-6). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—N. Carolina A&T 26 (Debro 6), Duke 44 (Battier 9). Assists—N. Carolina A&T 10 (Miller 3), Duke 28 (Duhon 13). Total fouls—N. Carolina A&T 19, Duke 11. A—9,314.

No. 5 FLORIDA 102, NEW HAMPSHIRE 54

NEW HAMPSHIRE (2-8): Ganly 5-12 0-0 12, Brown 2-2 3-3 7, Senulis 0-6 6-6 6, Bullock 2-8 2-2 8, Donahue 0-5 0-0 0, Kauderer 1-4 3-4 6, Leflem 0-1 0-0 0, Oglesby 3-3 1-2 7, Faye 0-0 0-2 0, Dullea 0-1 0-0 0, Marquardt 0-1 0-0 0, Peterson 0-4 1-5 1, Collette 0-1 0-0 0, Gould 3-11 1-4 7. Totals 16-59 17-28 54.

FLORIDA (10-1): Wright 3-4 5-6 12, Parker 1-8 1-4 3, Haslem 3-6 5-10 11, Hamilton 2-7 0-0 5, Nelson 9-14 1-1 26, Greene 3-6 5-5 13, Bonner 5-6 0-0 13, Kliewer 0-1 0-0 0, Halton 3-6 4-5 11, Colas 1-3 6-6 8. Totals 30-61 27-37 102.

Halftime—Florida 48, New Hampshire 27. 3-point goals—New Hampshire 5-24 (Ganly 2-5, Bullock 2-6, Kauderer 1-2, Leflem 0-1, Dullea 0-1, Collette 0-1, Senulis 0-2, Donahue 0-3, Gould 0-3), Florida 15-32 (Nelson 7-11, Bonner 3-3, Greene 2-4, Wright 1-1, Hamilton 1-4, Halton 1-4, Parker 0-5). Fouled out—Gould. Rebounds—New Hampshire 32 (Senulis 5), Florida 52 (Bonner 10). Assists—New Hampshire 11 (Donahue 5), Florida 27 (Greene 7). Technicals—Donahue, Greene. Total fouls—New Hamsphire 29, Florida 23. A—8,633.

No. 7 KANSAS 77, SW MISSOURI ST. 43

SW MISSOURI ST. (4-6): Brakebill 1-12 1-2 3, Gaines 1-7 0-0 2, Yanders 1-5 0-0 2, Dobbins 0-4 0-0 0, Wallace 11-20 2-5 24, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Novak 3-8 0-0 8, Walk 0-3 2-2 2, Rueter 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 18-62 5-9 43.

KANSAS (11-1): Gooden 3-7 4-5 10, Collison 8-11 1-3 17, Hinrich 3-7 0-0 6, Boschee 2-7 1-2 7, Gregory 5-7 3-5 13, Kinsey 1-3 0-0 2, Ballard 0-0 0-0 0, Nash 1-1 0-0 2, Carey 0-0 0-0 0, Harrison 0-1 0-0 0, Axtell 3-8 0-0 9, Zerbe 1-1 0-0 2, Chenowith 4-13 1-2 9, Kappelman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-66 10-17 77.

Halftime—Kansas 44, Missouri 30. 3-Point goals—SW Missouri St. 2-13 (Brakebill 0-3, Yanders 0-2, Dobbins 0-2, Novak 2-5, Walk 0-1), Kansas 5-15 (Hinrich 0-2, Boschee 2-6, Kinsey 0-2, Axtell 3-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—SW Missouri St. 36 (Wallace 10), Kansas 49 (Chenowith 11). Assists—SW Missouri St. 10 (Yanders 4), Kansas 23 (Hinrich 8). Total fouls—SW Missouri St. 16, Kansas 14. A—15,500.

No. 8 VIRGINIA 102, DARTMOUTH 56

VIRGINIA (10-0): Hand 3-8 4-4 11, Mason 6-8 4-4 17, Hall 3-6 3-3 9, Williams 8-10 5-5 22, Watson 5-7 3-4 13, Dondon 1-3 3-4 5, Dowling 0-2 0-2 0, Friel 1-10 2-2 5, Lyons 0-1 0-0 0, Hare 1-2 0-0 3, Young 3-4 4-6 10, Rogers 0-2 2-4 2, Mathis 2-2 1-2 5. Totals 33-65 31-40 102.

DARTMOUTH (2-8): Boyd 3-7 0-0 6, Buth 6-11 2-5 16, McGinnis 1-3 2-2 4, Harris 4-5 0-1 11, Kissling 0-4 0-0 0, Naihe 2-3 0-0 5, Friel 1-7 1-2 4, Swanson 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 2-3 0-0 5, Osmanovic 0-1 1-2 1, Klingbeil 1-4 1-2 4, Herbert 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 20-51 7-14 56.

Halftime—Virginia 50-25. 3-point goals—Virginia 5-20 (Mason 1-1, Hare 1-1, Williams 1-2, Hand 1-4, Friel 1-7, Hall 0-1, Dondon 0-1, Lyons 0-1, Dowling 0-2), Dartmouth 9-31 (Harris 3-4, Buth 2-6, Naihe 1-2, Davis 1-2, Klingbeil 1-2, Friel 1-6, Kissling 0-3, Herbert 0-2, Boyd 0-1, McGinnis 0-1, Swanson 0-1, Osmanovic 0-1). Fouled out—Boyd. Rebounds—Virginia 46 (Watson 9), Dartmouth 24 (Kissling 5). Assists—Virginia 20 (Hand 9), Dartmouth 16 (Klingbeil 5). Total fouls—Virginia 12, Dartmouth 25. A—2,100.

MISSISSIPPI ST. 75, No. 12 ARIZONA 74

MISSISSIPPI ST. (8-2): Hamilton 3-9 1-2 7, Gholar 1-6 2-2 5, R.Jackson 3-4 0-0 6, A.Jackson 9-17 3-3 22, Patterson 6-11 2-2 15, Goffer 0-0 0-0 0, Bowers 0-0 0-0 0, Zimmerman 1-3 3-4 5, Boswell 4-6 0-0 9, Austin 3-7 0-1 6. Totals 30-63 11-14 75.

ARIZONA (7-4): Wright 2-5 2-3 6, Jefferson 9-13 9-12 30, Woods 6-14 9-11 21, Arenas 5-12 2-2 14, Gardner 2-8 0-1 6, Walton 1-4 0-0 3, Frazier 1-4 2-2 4, Wessel 0-0 0-0 0, Edgerson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-61 7-19 74.

Halftime—Mississippi St. 32. Arizona 27. 3-Point goals—Mississippi St. 4-19 (Patterson 1-2, Boswell 1-2, Gholar 1-5, A.Jackson 1-7, Zimmerman 0-1, Hamilton 0-2), Arizona 7-19 (Arenas 2-4, Jefferson 2-5, Gardner 2-7, Walton 1-3). Fouled out—Hamilton, Boswell. Rebounds—Mississippi St. 40 (Hamilton 8), Arizona 30 (Wright 7). Assists—Mississippi St. 10 (Zimmerman 5), Arizona 14 (Jefferson 5). Total fouls—Mississippi St. 21, Arizona 13. Technical—Mississippi St. coach Stansbury. A—14,566.

No. 13 WISCONSIN 63, SOUTH FLORIDA 61, OT

SOUTH FLORIDA (8-4): Smith 4-7 1-2 10, Waldon 8-16 1-2 21, Morris 0-0 1-2 1, Sanders 1-1 1-2 3, Kohn 3-11 0-0 8, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Reeves 0-1 0-0 0, Asbury 1-3 0-0 2, Jackson 7-12 2-3 16. Totals 24-52 6-11 61.

WISCONSIN (9-1): Kowske 4-11 1-1 9, Wills 0-5 0-0 0, Penney 4-7 0-0 11, Kelley 1-4 1-3 3, Boone 7-18 2-2 18, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Linton 4-6 0-0 8, Bower 0-0 0-0 0, Mader 0-0 0-0 0, Vershaw 5-9 3-6 14. Totals 25-62 7-17 63.

Halftime—Wisconsin 31-25. Regulation—56-56. Three-point goals—USF 7-16 (Waldon 4-5, Kohn 2-9, Smith 1-1, Jackson 0-1), Wisconsin 6-13 (Penney 3-5, Boone 2-6, Vershaw 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—USF 34 (Waldon 8), Wisconsin 37 (Kowske 10). Assists—USF 11 (Sanders 4), Wisconsin 16 (Kelley 4). Total fouls—USF 18, Wisconsin 13. A—17,142.

Texas Men

TEXAS 70, UTAH 59

UTAH (7-6): Johnsen 4-8 3-5 11, Cullen 2-4 0-1 5, Burgess 3-7 0-4 6, Spivey 1-4 1-2 3, Jacobson 2-5 0-0 5, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Bradley 2-10 4-6 8, Caton 0-2 0-0 0, J.Johnsen, 2-7 2-4 7, Allred 0-1 0-0 0, Puzey 0-1 2-2 2, Altholf 3-9 6-7 12. Totals 19-58 18-31 59.

TEXAS (10-2): Evans 5-8 6-7 18, Owens 3-9 3-6 9, Boddicker 1-3 0-0 3, Ivey 0-2 0-0 0, Kelly 7-16 13-14 30, Thomas 0-3 2-2 2, Wyatt 0-2 0-0 0, Mouton 0-0 3-8 3, Ogden 1-4 3-4 5. Totals 17-47 30-41 70.

Halftime—Utah 28, Texas 27. 3-Point goals—Utah 3-12 (Cullen 1-2, Johnsen, J 1-3, Jacobson 1-4, Bradley 0-3), Texas 6-21 (Kelly 3-8, Evans 2-5, Boddicker 1-3, Wyatt 0-1, Ivey 0-1, Ogden 0-3). Fouled out—Spivey, Owens. Rebounds—Utah 46 (Burgess 10), Texas 38 (Owens 11). Assists—Utah 7 (Johnsen, Spivey, J. Johnsen, 2), Texas 5 (Evans 2). Total fouls—Utah 29, Texas 24. A—9,123.

TCU 130, ARK.-PINE BLUFF 71

ARK.-PINE BLUFF (0-8): Almond 4-9 0-2 10, Jefferson 9-13 2-2 20, Vickers 5-16 3-5 13, Norris 0-4 0-0 0, Pogue 4-9 0-2 11, Hackworth 2-15 0-0 4, Hall 2-3 0-0 5, Lloyd 0-2 0-0 0, Emswella 4-7 0-0 8, Williams 0-0 0-1 0. Totals 30-78 5-12 71.

TCU (10-3): Carroll 9-17 3-4 26, Anthony 5-9 4-5 14, Davenport 6-12 3-3 15, Smith 4-5 0-0 9, McTyer 4-8 0-1 9, Allaway 1-4 0-0 3, Jones 0-2 0-0 0, Mernex 8-12 0-0 20, Daniels 8-15 0-1 20, Dumont 6-11 2-2 14, Paulk 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 51-96 12-16 130.

Halftime—TCU 66, Ark.-Pine Bluff 35. 3-Point goals—Ark.-Pine Bluff 6-12 (Pogue 3-5, Almond 2-3, Hall 1-1, Norris 0-1, Hackworth 0-2), TCU 16-33 (Carroll 5-9, Mernex 4-7, Daniels 4-10, Allaway 1-1, Smith 1-1, McTyer 1-4, Jones 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Ark.-Pine Bluff 15 (Jefferson 18), TCU 13 (Davenport, Dumont 8). Assists—Ark.-Pine Bluff 18 (Hackworth 4), TCU 38 (McTyer 12). Total fouls—Ark.-Pine Bluff 15, TCU 13. A—3,500.

McNEESE ST. 84, SW TEXAS 76

SW TEXAS (4-6): Sykes 3-9 2-2 9, Ervin 4-10 2-3 11, Yavsaner 3-6 1-1 7, Smijanic 0-4 0-0 0, Flores 2-9 0-0 4, Click 6-10 2-2 19, Richeson 0-0 0-0 0, Polyblank 6-16 6-8 19, Hobbs 2-3 0-0 4, Scott 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 27-70 14-18 76.

McNEESE ST. (4-6): Miller 3-5 4-6 11, Johnson 3-3 2-3 8, Gentry 1-4 0-0 2, Brown 7-17 2-3 18, Mallet 8-17 3-5 22, Lewis 1-2 0-1 2, Perkins 1-1 0-0 2, Coleman 3-3 0-0 7, Brewer 6-7 0-2 12. Totals 33-59 11-20 84.

Halftime—McNeese St. 41, SW Texas 36. 3-Point goals—SW Texas 8-21 (Sykes 1-1, Ervin 1-2, Smijanic 0-4, Flores 0-3, Click 5-8, Polyblank 1-3), McNeese St. 7-19 (Miller 1-2, Brown 2-7, Mallet 3-8, Lewis 0-1, Coleman 1-1). Fouled out—Sykes. Rebounds—SW Texas 42 (Yavsaner 6), McNeese St. 35 (Brewer 10). Assists—SW Texas 8 (Sykes 5), McNeese St. 17 (Brown 5). Total fouls—SW Texas 20, McNeese St. 17. A—1,000.

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 77, Montana 57
Nicholls St. 59, Texas-Arlington 58
North Texas 70, Fla. International 68, OT
Rice 81, Duquesne 68
Stephen F. Austin 66, SE Louisiana 62
TCU 130, Ark.-Pine Bluff 71
Texas 70, Utah 59
Tulsa 115, Prairie View 46

MIDWEST

Bradley 70, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 53
Colorado 74, Wis.-Milwaukee 71
Creighton 87, Evansville 57
DePaul 85, Fairfield 75
Indiana St. 76, Appalachian St. 62
Iowa St. 91, W. Carolina 53
Kansas 77, SW Missouri St. 43
Michigan 90, E. Michigan 73
Michigan St. 88, Wright St. 61
Minnesota 93, Centenary 59
Missouri 89, Stetson 64
Ohio St. 80, Coppin St. 42
Toledo 69, Cincinnati 66
UCLA 87, Purdue 82
Wisconsin 63, South Florida 61, OT
Xavier 71, Kent St. 60

FAR WEST

BYU 64, South Alabama 42
Gonzaga 95, Monmouth, N.J. 69
Portland St. 94, Willamette 66
S. Utah 67, Idaho St. 63, OT
San Diego 72, Washington St. 54
Southern Cal 95, Long Beach St. 73
UC Santa Barbara 85, Loyola Marymount 69
Washington St. 75, Nevada 72, OT
Wyoming 72, Wichita St. 65

SOUTH

Alabama 82, Alabama St. 56
Arkansas St. 80, Louisiana Tech 68
Auburn 73, Southern Miss. 69
Clemson 81, Coastal Carolina 68
Duke 108, N. Carolina A&T 73
Florida 102, New Hampshire 54
Florida St. 74, Morgan St. 64
Harvard 65, Mercer 51
Marshall 85, Buffalo 75, OT
Maryland 105, Md.-Eastern Shore 53
McNeese St. 84, SW Texas 76
Memphis 81, Kansas St. 58
Mississippi 94, Morris Brown 59
N.C. State 91, Cal Poly-SLO 63
Northwestern St. 62, Lamar 43
Oregon 88, Louisville 65
Sam Houston St. 71, Louisiana-Monroe 69
Tulane 82, Southern U. 75
UAB 70, Va. Commonwealth 61
Virginia Tech 84, High Point 75, 2OT

EAST

Army at Marist, ppd.
Boston College 97, Vanderbilt 74
Bucknell 79, UMBC 68
Cent. Connecticut St. at Seton Hall, ppd.
Hartford 91, Rhode Island 88, 2OT
Maine 81, Sacred Heart 71
Pittsburgh 62, New Or

TOURNEY: White has game-high 21

(From 1C)

"We look at where we were a year ago and where we are now and I think we've closed the gap quite a bit," said MHS coach Terry Gray. "We're both back here basically playing with the same kids we had last year. Plainview's about as good as it gets in Texas girls high school basketball."

Midland High might have caused Plainview to sweat a bit during the fourth quarter when LaQuori Harris scored six points during a 9-0 run to cut the deficit to 65-52, but that was as close as it got. It was still a commendable performance by the Lady Dawgs against a powerful opponent.

"We talked about it during the timeout when the lead got to 20 and we said it was either going to get worse or better," said Gray. "This is the first time Midland High has made the finals of this tournament two years in a row. We're 4-2 since I've been here in the Byron Johnston and that shows you how far we've come. It's a tough, tough tournament."

For the second day in a row, an MHS team won an overtime game by four, only this time it was the boys. Midland High and Wasilla were tied at halftime and the Bulldogs were up by only a point after three quarters. Yet, it was a Midland High mistake which could have ultimately saved the Bulldogs.

Wasilla's 6-foot-10 center Ray Schafer scored on a breakaway dunk after an MHS turnover to give his team a 46-43 lead, but was called for a technical foul for hanging on the rim. Lucquente White hit two free throws to start his team on a 7-0 run and put Wasilla back in a hole.

"We've lost some games on some calls and there may have been some bad calls against Alaska," said Stephenson. "We won the game and everything you do in life is a character builder."

Schafer atoned for his gaffe after the Bulldogs threw away a pass under their own basket in the final 20 seconds by hitting hook shot to tie the game 50-50. But MHS sophomore Anthony Jackson scored consecutive baskets to open the overtime and give the Bulldogs a cushion, as White, who had a game high 21 points, made all four of his free throws to put the game away. Roman Conner had 11 points for MHS while David Koss came off the bench to score 10.

After suffering a tough loss to Midland High in the first day of the tournament, Lee recovered with a pair of decisive wins in the consolation bracket. The win over Permian was quite similar to Friday's win over El Paso Bel Air in that the Rebels took the lead early and weren't threatened all that seriously.

"I think we're getting a little better," said Lee coach Mark Coffman. "We're finally seeing things that are starting to gel. We're just starting to run our offense a little better."

During the tournament, the Rebels showed that they have a major inside presence in 6-7 center Eric Winston, who returned from Lee's state championship football team a week earlier. Winston established himself as a rebounding force in the first two games, and scored in double figures in all three tournament games, posting 15 against Permian.

But Lee used some offensive options which have been there the whole season, particularly in leading scorer Wendell Smith against Permian. Smith scored a game high 28 points, and hit seven of his last eight shots in the second half.

BYRON JOHNSTON HOLIDAY CLASSIC

BOYS
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
South Garland 79, Plainview 61

Plainview: Zavier Hall 0 0-0 0, Kory Stokes 0 0-0 0, Maurice King 5 1-2 11, Bryson Davis 7 4-6 18, Brylon Bradic 2 1-1 5, Khaz Heads 0 0-0 0, Marty Garcia 3 6-6 14, Chase Brotherton 0 0-0 0, Richard Gomez 2 1-2 5, Jouric Widerman 2 0-0 4, Blaine Porter 1 0-0-2, Leonard Molina 0 2-2 2, Jonathan Yarbrough 0 0-0 0. Totals: 22 15-19 61.

South Garland (9-6): Nathan Armstrong 6 2-2 15, Keith Jackson 2 0-0 4, Dwayne Jackson 11 6-10 32, Marcus Taylor 1 3-4 5, Jamaal Briggs 3 0-0 6, Dominique Parker 0 0-0 0, Will Johnson 2 0-0 4, Ryan Fewell 1 0-0 3, Darnell Brown 3 0-0 7, James Templeton 1 0-0 2, Roderick Rivers 0 0-0 0, Jeremy McFarland 0 1-2 1, Chris Green 0 0-0 0, Jonathan Miller 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 30 12-18 79.**

Plainview	11	11	12	27	—61
S. Garland	19	18	24	18	—79

Three-point Goals: P 2 (Garcia 2), SG 7 (Armstrong 1, D. Jackson 4, Fewell 1, Brown 1). **Total Fouls:** P 15, SG 18. **Fouled Out:** Hall. **Technical Fouls:** Taylor, South Garland bench.

Third-place Game
Midland High 58, Wasilla, Ak. 54, OT

Wasilla: P.J. Bean 1 0-0 2, James Watts 4 4-5 13, Scott Faeo 1 0-0 2, Travis Webb 0 2-2 2, Ray Schafer 9 0-0 18, Cody Schierman 0 0-0 0, Jake Collins 5 0-0 15, Adam Tebow 1 0-0 2, Patton Pettijohn 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 21 6-7 54.**

Midland High (11-8): Jarvis Brown 2 3-5 7, Roman Conner 5 2-2 11, Colter Lange 0 0-0 0, Lucquente White 5 9-11 21, Will Smith 0 0-0 0, Anthony Jackson 3 0-0 6, John Alcala 0 1-2 1, David Koss 5 0-0 10, Scott Winter 0 2-4 2, Jason South 0 0-0 0, Corey Green 0 0-0 0, Aaron Saddler 0 0-0 0, Olie Fitts 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 20 15-22 58.**

Wasilla	9	14	12	15	4 —54
Midland High	15	8	13	14	8 —58

Three-point Goals: W 6 (Watts 1, Collins 5), MHS 3 (Conner 1, White 2). **Rebounds:** W 26 (Schafer 7), MHS 29 (White 10). **Turnovers:** W 18, MHS 23. **Total Fouls:** W 22, MHS 13. **Fouled Out:** Bean, Faeo, Lange. **Technical Fouls:** Schafer.

CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP
Midland Lee 77, Odessa Permian 51

Lee (9-8): Drew Coffman 2 0-0 6, Cornell Hunt 1 1-2 3, Wendell Smith 12 2-3 28, Kyle Shatzer 2 2-3 7, Eric Winston 5 5-7 15, Art Garcia 0 0-0 0, Jacoby Hartley 2 1-2 5, Ryan Vinson 0 0-0 0, Ben Webb 1 0-0 2, Jake Kelley 0 0-0 0, Andy Brignon 0 1-2 1, Paul Logan 2 0-2 5, Tim Norman 0 0-0 0, Justin Horne 1 0-0 2, Andy Watkins 1 0-0 2, Jeff Hughes 0 1-2 1. **Totals: 29 13-23 77.**

Permian: Greg Houpe 5 2-9 12, Bruce McCowan 3 8-10 14, Marquis Pierce 3 1-2 7, Jason Tucker 1 2-4 4, Tommy Melton 3 0-0 6, J.R. Evans 0 0-0 0, Anthony Hallacre 1 0-0 3, David Harris 1 1-1 3, Jarrod Dumas 0 0-0 0, Jaron Byrd 1 0-0 2. **Totals: 18 14-26 51.**

Lee	18	11	22	26	—77
Permian	12	10	8	21	—51

Three-point Goals: Lee 6 (Coffman 2, Smith 2, Shatzer 1, Logan 1), OP 1 (Hallacre). **Rebounds:** Lee 25 (Winston 6), OP 27 (Pierce 6, Tucker 6). **Turnovers:** Lee 15, OP 23. **Total Fouls:** Lee 18, OP 21. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None.

SEVENTH-PLACE GAME
El Paso Bel Air 61, Amarillo High 30

Bel Air: Steve Martinez 1 0-0 3, Chris Sanchez 0 2-2 2, Saul Fernandez 4 0-0 8, Manny Hernandez 0 0-0 0, Andy Williams 4 4-4 14, Johnny Perches 2 2-2 6, Steve Luna 3 0-07, Matt Enriques 7 1-3 19, Sergio Nava 1 0-0 2. **Totals: 22 9-11 61.**

Amarillo: Bryce Ray 2 0-0 5, Dustin Tommerup 0 2-2 2, Harris Bechtol 1 1-2 3, Ezra Beattie 1 1-2 4, Coby Clark 1 0-0 2, Andrew Patterson 1 2-4 4, Matt Sherwood 4 2-3 10, Jordon Butts 0 0-2 0, J.C. Meredith 0 0-0 0, Michael Barber 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 10 8-15 30.**

Bel Air	19	9	11	22	—61
Amarillo	16	5	2	7	—30

Three-point Goals: BA 8 (Martinez 1, Williams 2, Luna 1, Enriques 4). AHS 2 (Ray 1, Beattie 1). **Total Fouls:** BA 13, AHS 15. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None.

GIRLS
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Plainview 72, Midland High 54

Plainview: Tracie Robbins 4 0-0 9, Chelsie Welch 3 3-4 9, Brittany Reinart 2 0-0 4, Stephanie Shaw 6 3-4 15, Alesha Robertson 8 5-6 22, Sarah Hauk 1 0-0 2, Toijinay Thompson 2 1-1 5, Kandice Williams 1 0-0 2, Elyse Newland 1 2-2 4, Mystie Ortegon 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 28 14-17 72.**

Midland High (15-4): LaQuori Harris 3 4-4 10, Jenny Jones 2 4-4 10, Laura Koch 8 0-0 16, Edrea Rogers 6 0-1 13, Lauren Lucas 1 0-0 2, Page Price 0 0-0 0; Tracie Jones 1 1-1 3, Amy Schantz 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 21 9-10 54.**

Plainview	18	20	18	16	—72
Midland High	8	17	10	19	—54

Three-point Goals: P 2 (Robbins 1, Robertson 1), MHS 3 (J. Jones 2, Rogers 1). **Rebounds:** P 22 (Shaw 7), MHS 24 (Rogers 7). **Turnovers:** P 12, MHS 20. **Total Fouls:** P 12, MHS 19. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None.

THIRD-PLACE GAME
Amarillo High 70, Amarillo Tascosa 38

Tascosa: Marca Henderson 1 0-0 2, Becca Matthews 0 0-0 0, Heather Brown 2 0-2 4, Deanna Lamkin 1 0-0 2, Stevie Ledoux 1 0-0 2, Brittani Bridges 2 1-5 6, Chatney Polk 1 0-0 2, Kami Collins 2 0-0 4, Catherine Bankhead 5 2-6 12, Sarah Podzemny 2 0-0 4. **Totals: 17 3-13 38.**

Amarillo: Melissa DeGrate 8 2-4 20, Rian Tipton 0 0-2 0, Jessica Richards 0 0-0 0, Katie Sterna 1 1-2 3, Adrian Fincher 3 0-2 6, Ana Marisa Perez 1 4-4 7, Leah Rush 2 4-8 8, Jamie Morgan 1 4-4 6, Haley Butts 5 4-4 14, Michelle Hogan 2 2-3 6. **Totals: 23 21-33 70.**

Tascosa	5	4	15	14	—38
Amarillo	18	11	25	16	—70

Three-point Goals: AT 1 (Bridges), AHS 3 (DeGrate 2, Perez 1). **Total Fouls:** AT 23, AHS 16. **Fouled Out:** Podzemny. **Technical Fouls:** None.

CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP
Clovis, N.M. 44, Wichita Falls 32

Wichita Falls: Shanika Williams 0 0-0 0, Randi Brown 0 0-0 0, Lyndsey Ralston 2 2-3 6, Anne Germeroth 0 0-0 0, Vanity Washington 2 2-2 6, Alisha Smith 5 0-0 12, Kandra Chatman 0 0-0 0, Crystal Thomas 1 0-0 3, Brooke Schroeder 0 0-0 0, Kendra McCoy 2 0-1 4, Jessica Hipol 0 1-2 1. **Totals: 12 5-8 32.**

Clovis: Summer Brownlow 0 0-0 0, Angela Maggio 0 0-0 0, Lindsey Kempf 5 0-0 12, Lecia Myers 0 3-4 3, Leticia Martinez 0 0-0 0, Sara Lydick 0 0-2 0, Erin Willis 1 0-2 2, Holly Bennett 1 3-4 5, Krystal Nance 0 0-2 0, Cisti Greenwalt 5 4-7 14, Rachel Jones 0 0-0 0, Melissa Quintana 2 4-8 8, Niqui McElrath 0 0-2 0. **Totals: 14 14-31 44.**

Wichita Falls	4	7	11	10	—32
Clovis	10	13	13	8	—44

Three-point Goals: WF 3 (Smith 2, Thomas 1), C 2 (Kempf 2). **Total Fouls:** WF 22, C 14. **Fouled Out:** Hipol. **Technical Fouls:** None.

SEVENTH-PLACE GAME
Houston Westbury Christian 52, El Paso Hanks 41

Hanks: Melissa Franco 0 0-0 0, Jimmara Crowell 0 2-2 2, Abbie Letz 7 5-6 20, Lisa Amie 2 1-2 5, Andy DeLaRosa 3 0-0 6, Lupita Hernandez 0 0-0 0, Briane Garcia 0 1-2 1, Mindy Villareal 3 0-0 7. **Totals: 15 9-12 41.**

Westbury Christian: Tina Ybarra 1 0-0 3, Becca Jackson 1 0-0 2, Rossland Jeffries 4 7-10 15, Emily Niemann 8 5-7 21, Chiso Ebi 1 0-0 2, Christa Ingram 1 0-0 3, Serena Lopez 2 2-4 6. **Totals: 18 14-21 52.**

Hanks	2	7	8	24	—41
Westbury Chr.	13	14	12	13	—52

Three-point Goals: Hanks 2 (Letz 1, Villareal 1), WC 2 (Ybarra 1, Ingram 1). **Total Fouls:** Hanks 15, WC 12. **Fouled Out:** None.

Lady Rebs capture third place

Staff Report

ABILENE — The Midland Lee girls finished third in the Abilene Tournament on Saturday, bouncing back from an early defeat at the hands of Snyder to beat Ballinger in the third-place game.

The Lady Rebels improved their record to 7-12 by going 2-1 in the tournament, also beating Sudan on Friday. They will resume District 4-5A play, in which they are 1-2, on Tuesday, playing at Odessa High at 6 p.m.

The Lady Rebels went into Saturday's early game remembering their last meeting with Snyder, a 67-37 loss on Nov. 14 in their season-opener. Coach Elise Kail switched up defensive tactics, and the strategy worked to a point. Snyder still won, but only 29-23.

"We went out and tried a different defense, and we held them pretty good: it was 15-10 (Snyder's lead) at the half," Kail said. "But we got tired. I should have given the kids a rest. That probably hurt us."

Kail mentioned Lee's defensive effort in the third quarter, in which Snyder hit only one field goal. But then Lee only hit two field goals in the quarter. Lee outscored Snyder in the fourth, 5-4.

Only three Lee players scored in the game: Wykia Wallace led the team with nine points, and Shandi Neatherlin and Shamera Bryson each scored seven.

Lee got a better team effort and a big contribution from the bench in its second game, a 49-43 win over Ballinger.

"We did a good job, and our bench did a great job in this game," Kail said. "(Stephanie) Byrd came in and got a couple of big steals, and Lauren Hinsley came in and did a good job. It was the things they did on defense more than what they did on offense — giving those other kids a break."

Lee built a 33-21 lead at halftime and nearly saw it crumble away as Ballinger outscored the Lady Rebels, 14-5, in the third quarter to pull within 38-35. But Lee recovered nicely in the fourth quarter.

Bryson led the scoring with 14 points, and Neatherlin added 12. In contrast to the Snyder game, nine different Lady Rebels scored against Ballinger.

Third-place game
Midland Lee 49, Ballinger 43

Midland Lee (7-12): Misty Chapman 0 0-0 0, Heather Hendricks 0 0-0 0, Wykia Wallace 4 0-1 8, Shamera Bryson 5 2-4 14, Stephanie Byrd 2 0 0-0 4, Kim Strambler 0 3-6 3, Shandi Neatherlin 4 4-5 12, Lauren Hinsley 2 0-0 4, LaRhonda McKee 1 0-1 2, Ashley Riggs 0 0-0 0, Neisha Washington 0 1-2 1, Gregnesha Webster 0 2-2 2. **Totals 18 12-21 49.**

Ballinger: Ogle 1 0-0 3, Stewart 4 3-4 14, Corley 0 2-2 2, Hoffman 2 0-0 4, Sylus 1 0-6 2, Fultan 5 2-2 12, Wilde 2 2-3 6. **Totals 15 9-17 43.**

Lee	17	16	5	11	—49
Ballinger	11	10	14	8	—43

3-point goals: Lee 2 (Bryson 2), Ballinger 4 (Stewart 3, Ogle 1). Total fouls: Lee 18, Ballinger 19. **Fouled out:** none. **Technical fouls:** none.

Snyder 29, Midland Lee 23

Snyder: Mackey 0 0-0 0, Geiger 1 0-1 2, Eicke 2 0-0 6, Murray 1 0-2 2, Delce 3 3-5 9, Kallemeyn 3 4-4 10. **Totals 10 7-12 29.**

Midland Lee: Wallace 3 3-4 9, Bryson 3 0-0 7, Strambler 0 0-0 0, Neatherlin 3 0-0 7, Hinsley 0 0-0 0, McKee 0 0-0 0, Riggs 0 0-0 0, Washington 0 0-0 0. **Totals 7 3-4 23.**

Snyder	9	6	4	10	—29
Lee	6	4	5	8	—23

3-point goals: Snyder 2 (Eicke 2), Lee 1 (Bryson 1). **Total fouls:** Snyder 12, Lee 15. **Fouled out:** Kallemeyn. **Technical fouls:** none.

Chaparrals finish fifth at Dixie Classic

Staff Report

ST. GEORGE, Utah — The Midland College men's basketball team finished fifth in the Dixie Classic here, winding up the tournament with a 77-71 win over the Dixie All-Stars.

The All-Stars were a team that was put together at the last minute to fill a spot in the bracket that was vacated because the South Plains College team couldn't travel due to the winter weather that hit north Texas earlier this week. MC coach Junsie Cotten said his Chaparrals may not have taken the patchwork team as seriously as they should have.

"It was a very sluggish game," Cotten said. "It was very hard for us to get any momentum going. I think we thought we could just show up and win the basketball game, and that wasn't the case. We took them a little too lightly, and we had to fight ourselves out of a hole.

"We were never down (in the score), but we had chances to put them away, and we didn't do it," he said. "When we get people down, we've got to go for the kill. We let this team hang around and hang around, but we made some plays down the stretch to seal the victory."

Quannas White led the Chaps with 15 points, and Jerome Beasley added 10 points.

The week had its good points — the Chaps defeated Western Junior College Athletic Conference rival Howard College, 74-67, on Friday — and its low points — the Chaps lost in overtime to Cincinnati State to start the tournament on Thursday.

Overall, Cotten wasn't very pleased with the Chaps' trip.

"We really didn't play well in the three games," he said. "We're struggling right now to find our identity, meaning that we have to go out and play hard every second. In these three games, we didn't do that. We played in spurts."

Cotten acknowledged that the win over Howard may portend well for the WJCAC campaign, which starts Jan. 15, but the Chaps will need better performances.

"That (beating Howard) gives us some confidence, knowing we can go in and beat some of the top teams," Cotten said. "But we understand that we need to defend, rebound and play our hearts out. If we don't do those three things, we give ourselves no chance of winning."

LOCAL SPORTS

MCHS wins one, loses one

Both Midland Christian basketball teams made Saturday's finals of the school's own tournament. One team won, and one didn't.

The MCHS girls claimed the title with a 53-47 win over Brady, and Greenwood won the boys' trophy with an 87-62 win over the Mustangs.

In the girls' game, Valerie Wooten poured in 30 points as the Lady Mustangs improved to 18-4 on the season. Marcie Deffenbaugh chipped in eight points for MCHS.

In the boys' game, Greenwood bombed away from outside and hit nine 3-point shots. Will Womack's 26 points included six treys, and Chance O'Donnell's 10 points included two treys. Nathan Pinkerton and Justin Graham scored 17 and 16, respectively, the old-fashioned, two-point way.

For Midland Christian (10-6), Zac Schwarz scored 21 points, and Alan Vaught added 11, but his three treys couldn't keep up with the Rangers' long-range marksmen.

BOYS
Championship game
Greenwood 87, Midland Christian 62

Midland Christian (10-6): Alan Vaught 4 0-0 11, Brian Nevans 1 4-5 6, B.J. Williams 0 2-6 2, Ryan Cosner 0 3-6 3, Zac Schwarz 8 4-9 21, Garrett Hellums 0 1-2 1, Shane Wright 4 1-3 9, Stephen Koss 4 1-2 9. **Totals 21 16-33 62.**

Greenwood: Kris Hatley 1 0-0 2, Justin Hollums 4 0-0 9, Chance O'Donnell 4 0-0 10, Will Womack 8 4-6 26, John Mark Hopper 1 0-0 2, Nathan Pinkerton 8 1-1 17, Casey Rowoldt 2 1-1 5, Justin Graham 6 4-4 16, Jeff Adams 0 0-2 0. **Totals 34 10-14 87.**

MCHS	15	18	18	11	—62
Greenwood	25	26	20	16	—87

3-point goals: MCHS 4 (Vaught 3, Schwarz 1), Greenwood 9 (Womack 6, O'Donnell 2, Hollums 1). Total fouls: MCHS 13, Greenwood 20. Fouled out: Hopper. Technical fouls: MCHS bench.

Third-place game

Stanton 53, Midland Lee junior varsity 45. For Stanton: Clay White 19, Jeremy Hull 11, Ace Keele 10.

Other games

Midland High junior varsity 39, Trinity 28. For MHS: Josh Brown 7.

GIRLS
Championship game
Midland Christian 53, Brady 47

Midland Christian (18-4): Sasha Hollar 0 1-2 1, Marcie Deffenbaugh 2 2-4 8, Kristin Stallings 1 2-4 4, Breanne Fietz 0 0-1 0, Paige West 0 1-3 1, Amy Lowery 2 0-0 4, Hayley Whiteside 2 0-0 5, Valerie Wooten 12 6-8 30. Totals 19 12-24 53.

Brady: Snodgrass 2 1-1 5, Valdez 3 1-4 7, Pollok 0 0-1 0, Hines 7 2-4 18, Williams 0 1-2 1, Titcox 2 1-4 6, Partin 3 0-0 6, Jacoby 2 0-0 4. Totals 19 6-16 47.

MCHS	13	14	14	12	—53
Brady	10	15	11	11	—47

3-point goals: MCHS 3 (Deffenbaugh 2, Whiteside 1), Brady 3 (Hines 2, Titcox 1). Total fouls: MCHS 19, Brady 17. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

Third-place game

Stanton 81, Midland Christian junior varsity 31.

Other game

Pecos 55, Trinity 39. For Pecos: Marisol Arenivas 22, Philly Fobbs 13. Trinity: Kelly Griffen 15.

Basketball

All individual statistics are points.
Girls
Junior varsity
at the Permian Shootout

Midland Lee 45, Odessa Permian 28. For Lee (13-2): Chelsie Saldate, 14; Rachel Dillon, 10.

Midland Lee 44, San Angelo Central 37. For Lee: Saldate, 12; Ana Esquivel, 10.

Mirage 84 Completes Successful Season

Midland Mirage Soccer Club would like to congratulate Mirage 84 girls on their successful fall season. Mirage 84 completed West Texas Premier League play with a record of 15-0 with 73 goals scored vs. 1 allowed to claim first place in U-19 division. This earned the team a trip to compete in the Texas State Cup this spring.

Mirage 84,s college showcase season consisted of three select events: The Tyler College National Showcase, which Mirage won, defeating Dallas Texans 84, and Polaris S.C.. Their game against Dallas Texans 84 red led to a draw.

Mirage 84 then competed at the Fila Texas Cup in Dallas, one of the largest and most respected girls only college showcase events in the nation. Mirage went 2-0 at this event defeating Missouri State Cup finalist, Premier Athletic Club of St. Louis and Bear Creek United of Houston, with scores and assists by Natalie Taylor, Megan Mitchell, Mellissa Wiggins and Kara Holder.

Mirage's final event of the season was the Dallas Texans College Showcase held at the University of Texas at Dallas on Dec. 9 and 10. At this premier event, which was attended by over 60 head coaches from colleges across the nation, Mirage defeated Lake Highlands Div. 1 team Texas Spirit and Arlington League Champions Lubbock Elite.

Mirage 84's only defeat in Showcase tournament this year play came from 3-time State cup and 2-time United States regional champion Dallas Texans 85 in a close 2-1 game. Scores and assists at this event came from Natalie Taylor, Sallye Wilton, Kristen McKenna and Mellissa Wiggins. Mirage 84 club president Kevin Wilton explains: „While we do play league games locally, we opted to travel extensively this year in order compete against the very best state and regional teams from across the country in select girls only college showcase events, in order to provide our players with maximum exposure to best college programs in the country. Anytime we can compete at an event like the Dallas Texans Showcase, where you have 10-15 head coaches from schools like Texas Tech, Notre Dame, Texas A&M, USC, as well as many others on hand for all three showcase games, that,s the kind of exposure we want our girls to have. That kind of exposure to head coaches of these top quality programs just isn,t available locally. Coaches Bishop Decker and Mike Rodgers have done an outstanding job training and coaching this fall, and Mirage Soccer Club would like to thank them for all their efforts. Most importantly, I would like to thank the players of Mirage 84 for all their hard work during the fall season with a final overall record of 30-3-1 with 109 goals scored vs. 7 allowed, earning Goalkeeper Hillari Neely an excellent (.20GA) average for the season.

MIRAGE TEAM MEMBERS
Stephanie Adams, Ashleigh Decker, Kara Holder, Angela Lelker, Kristin McKenna, Megan McKenna, Angela Montoya, Allison Dyer, Megan Mitchell, Hillari Neely, Morgan Pinter, Sallye Wilton, Jamie Provenzino, Erin Rodgers, Amy Jo Scott, Natalie Taylor, Mellissa Wiggins, Sara Nelson. Coaches: Bishop Decker, Mike Rodgers, Kevin Wilton.

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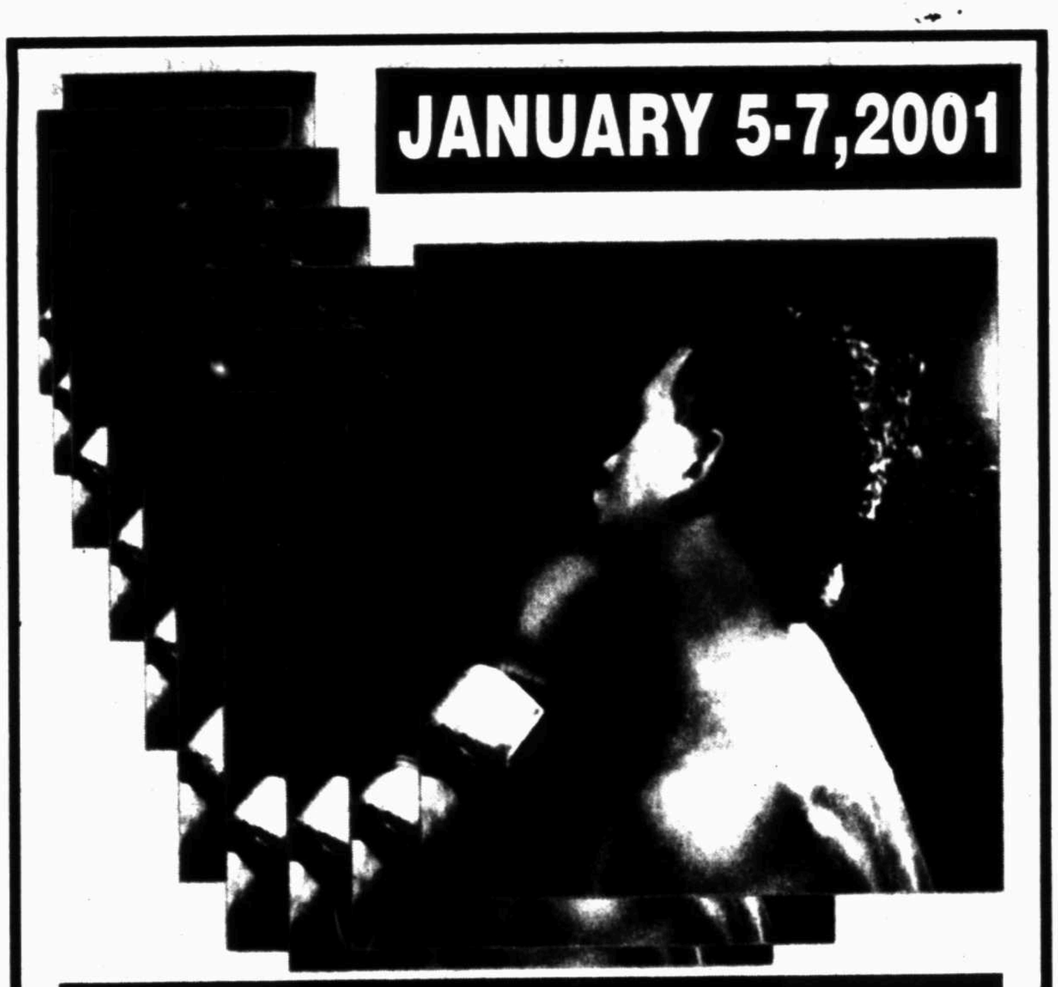

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1.2 PROJECT: Advanced Technology Center Renovation-Phase 2
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For Midland College and Midland Independent School District

1.3 ARCHITECT: Parkhill Smith & Cooper, Inc.
Engineers Architects Planners
5214 Thomason Drive, Midland Texas
(915) 697-1447
(915) 697-9758 FAX

1.4 DESCRIPTION: Midland College will receive sealed bids for Advanced Technology Center Renovation-Phase 2

1.5 BASIS OF BIDS: Bids shall be made on a stipulated sum basis, using the enclosed Bid Form. Segregated bids will not be accepted

1.6 SUBMISSION: Submit bids as follows.

A. General: Prior to the bid date and time, sealed bids (prepared according to the Instructions to Bidders) may be sent to E.G. Hickman, at the address below. Bids received prior to the time of bid opening will be securely kept, unopened. Bids received after the time set for opening will not be considered.

B. Address to: Mr. E.G. Hickman
Vice President of Administrative Services
Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield
Midland, Texas 79705

C. Bid Opening Location: Midland College
Administration Offices
Board Room
3600 N. Garfield
Midland, Texas

D. Bid Date: January 31, 2001

E. Bid Time: 2:00 p.m. CST

1.7 BIDDING DOCUMENTS:

A. Bidding Documents may be examined at the Architect's office and at the following plan rooms:

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Midland, Texas 79701
(915) 520-2220

Associated General Contractors
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Abilene, Texas 79602
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Odessa, Texas 79768
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San Angelo, Texas 76903
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B. Bidders may secure copies of the bid documents as follows:

1. General Contractors: A maximum of two sets from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Engineers Architects Planners 5214 Thomas Drive, Midland, Texas, upon deposit of $150.00 for each set. Deposits shall be Company check or cashiers check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Deposit is refundable as stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders.

2. All prime Mechanical and Electrical Subcontractors and other Subcontractors may obtain one complete set with a plan deposit of $150.00. Deposit is refundable if returned as indicated above in Item #1.

3. Additional sets of plans and specifications over what is listed in Item #1 and Item #2 above may be obtained fro the total non-refundable cost of $150.00.

4. All plan deposits and plan purchases shall be made in the form of a company check made payable to Parkhill Smith& Cooper, Inc. No cash will be accepted.

5. No partial sets will be issued.

1.8 PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-bid conference will be held on January 15, 2001 @ 2 p.m. CST at Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert. Attendees shall meet at the southwest entry in the Reception area.

1.9 BID SECURITY: Bid security in the sum of 5% of the greatest amount bid and in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or Surety Proposal Bond, shall accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

1.10 OPENING OF BIDS: Bids will be publicly opened in the Administration Building Board Room immediately after closing of bid time.

1.11 FORMALITIES: The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject all bids.

1.12 APPLICABLE GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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110 Lodge Notices

Centennial Lodge #1448
1600 W. Wall
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Wayne Reddin, W/M., Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm
Paul M. Thompson, W/M
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

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5pm to 8 pm
1600 W. Wall
WM Verla Carpenter
WP Tom Carpenter

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Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. meeting. 8 pm.
Copper Daugherty, Pres.
Gary Anderson, Secty.

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1000 Upland
Stated Communication, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.
Keith Hughes, W.M.
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130 Personals

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We hear them as they whisper through the wind as we feel their touch thru our memories of yesterdays that gives us strength for tomorrow.

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In memory of D.C . Young We wish you all a safe & Happy New Year.

Shelly, David Cecil, Carl Pam, Shawnia, Shannon & Shyann

150 Lost & Found

LOST: White with orange spots, Brittany Spaniel, 14 years old. Answers to the Muski, can't hear or see real well. 522-1879 or 349-5941.

FOUND Female Bassett Hound. Call 682-4199.

FOUND BLONDE part Pit Bull & German Shepherd? puppy- Vicinity of Illinois & Thomason. 697-5725.

150 Lost & Found

FOUND- Possible Collie mix- tan with white paws, long hair, Hogan Park/ Fairgrounds area. 687-5853.

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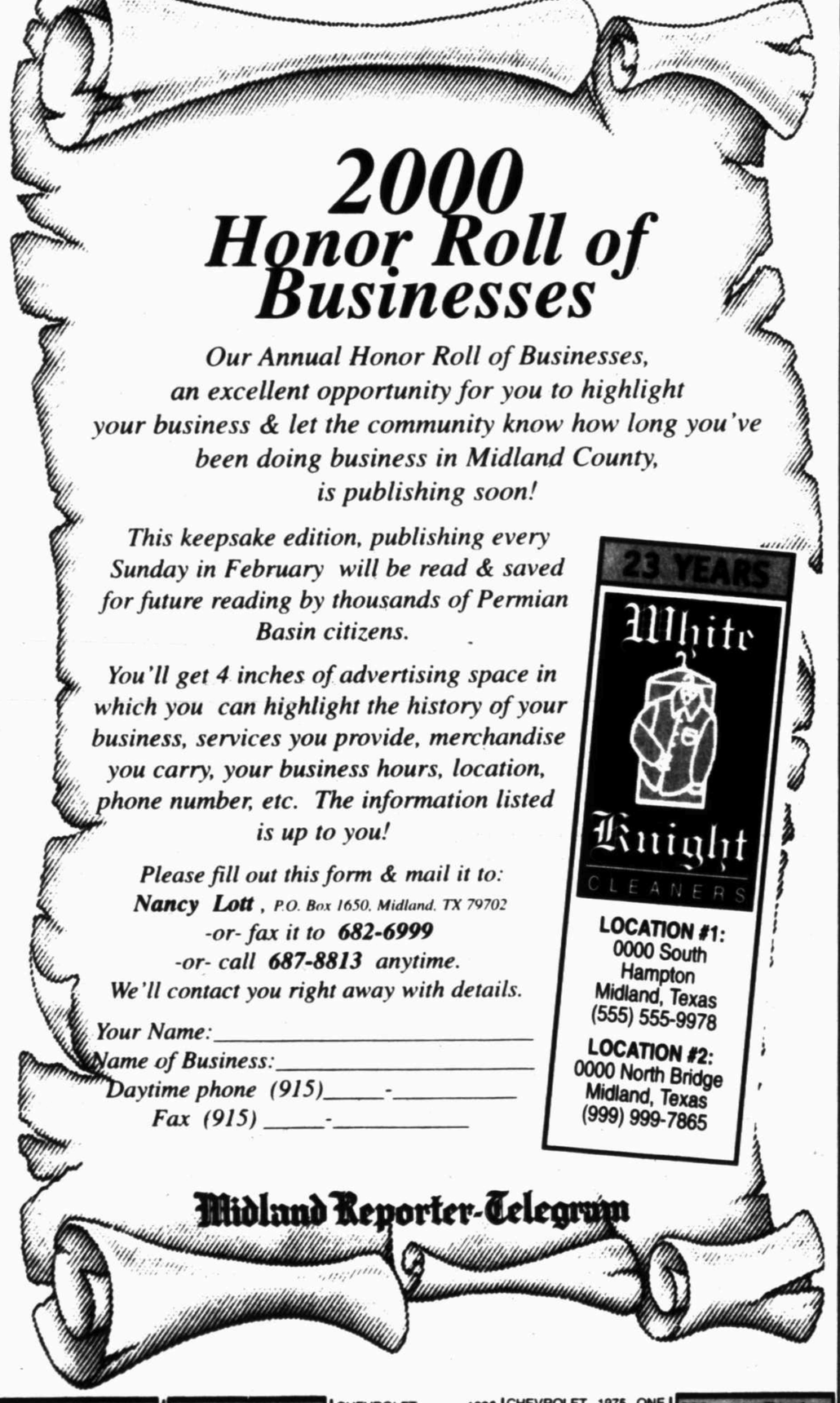

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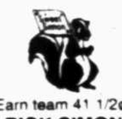

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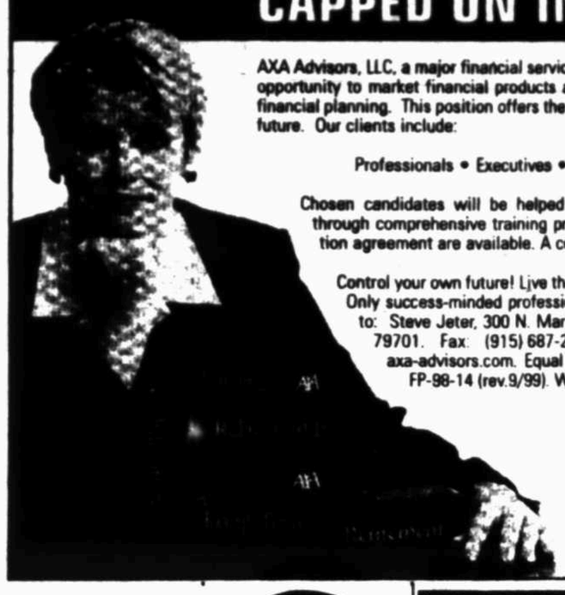

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Please indicate Denver City Financial Analyst in the reference line.

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Associate Psychologist IV- Masters degree in Clinical or Counseling Psychology from an accredited college or university and eligible for certification as a Psychological Associate by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists or as a Licensed Professional Counselor by the Texas Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. Two (2) years experience in provision of direct clinical services. Continued employment is based upon successful completion of certification/ licensure within two (2) years of the date of employment.

This position is subject to pre-employment drug testing. Submit State of Texas Application and copies of all credentials to Human Resource Department, P.O. Box 872, Brownwood, TX 76804, Reference Job Posting #BSS-01015 on application. This position is open until filled. EOE.

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KUPB TV, Entravision Communications is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to respond. Interested candidates should send resume and salary history by 01/08/01 to Judy K. Querio, General Manager at PO Box 61907, Midland, TX 79711. Resumes can be faxed to 915-563-0215. No phone calls.

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Must also have basic knowledge in procurement and logistics, the ability to work under pressure meeting deadlines and be flexible. Candidates must possess strong communication, planning and computer skills. Knowledge of SAP, EXCEL, and WORD is a plus. Leadership skills and independent working skills needed. Self- starter, with enthusiasm to provide broad range of support for the procurement side of the business. Must have good interpersonal skills, and be willing to work in a fast-paced environment.

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To apply, please send resume to:

Marathon Oil Company
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Do you have what it takes to sell? The Midland Reporter-Telegram is seeking neat & dependable individuals to work evenings and weekends offering subscriptions to non-subscribers. Great source for extra income. Unlimited potential. What are you waiting for? Apply today!!!

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or 201 E. Illinois, Midland

Accounts Receivable Collections Clerk

Needed- must have strong Accts. Receivable and Collections background. Have references available, also needs to have strong computer skills such as Word, Excel, Peachtree, Quickbooks, etc. Ant accounting software is a plus. Temp to Perm Position. Salary $8.00- $12.00 DOE, plus benefits. Please call

Personnel
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For professional office, strong computer skills, Word, Excel, Access, experience with travel arrangements, budget, presentations, scheduling of social events, accounts payable and strong customer relations. Salary DOE. Temp to Perm Position.

Personnel
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Hours are M-F 3:00pm to 8:00pm, Saturdays- 2 hours also., computer experience such as Word, Excel and other various software would be a plus. Looking for permanent part time candidate that will have longevity. Salary DOE.

Personnel
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RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY

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Global Perm Division
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global@globalrecruiters.net

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Now hiring Technical Computer Operator, part-time evenings, flexible hours. *Must* have some Macintosh experience. Pay $7.50- 10.00/ hour. To apply, come by Manpower at 4400 N. Big Spring, Ste 113 or call 915/682/2119.

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Accountant/ CPA

Experienced Accountant/ CPA needed to step into a small Service/ Oil and Gas Company and to handle recent acquisition. Well-Servicing company experience is a big plus.
Preferred Personnel
684-5900 No Fee
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Financing/ Inventory

Job requirements include being extremely meticulous and detail oriented, data entry, customer service, close-out cash draws, inventory- including light lifting, along with technical support for all employees. Great opportunity to work for a major company in this temp to hire position.
Preferred Personnel
684-5900 No Fee
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INSURANCE CLERK Experience in property and casualty insurance business. Must be computer literate, must be a people person. Box P-6101, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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General Office

Long term temp requiring numeric filing, computer knowledge, ability to work with the public and good phone skills for this professional front office position.
Preferred Personnel
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Lease Analyst

Position in a utilities company that requires knowledge of State and Federal oil and gas lease forms, shut-in royalty payments, prospecting leases for land developers, and title work. Excalibur A+. Call
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Legal Secretary

Legal experience with strong dictation, grammar and typing. Extremely organized and capable of working with deadlines. Replies are confidential!
Preferred Personnel
684-5900 No Fee
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Loan Assistant

Excellent organizational and people skills a must for this fast paced banking position. Good reasoning and math skills along with typing. Word and Excel. Loan and/ or new accounts experience A+. Call
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Temp & Perm Positions
Benefits & Bonuses
Available
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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Receptionist

Basic office skills along with good phone etiquette needed for this long term temp position. Call
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Secretary

Highly organized dependable individual needed for office. Bookkeeping and Quickbooks experience needed. Must be flexible & work well under pressure. Temp to Hire. Call
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PART- TIME SECRETARY for Doctor's office. Afternoons and some evenings. Typing, WordPerfect, answering phones, and other office duties. Non smoking. Send resume to: 1705 West Illinois, Midland, Tx 79701.

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IT'S TIME FOR YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION!

If the HO HO HO's have left you with the OWE OWE OWE'S come by **PREFERRED PERSONNEL.** We are seeking candidates in the following fields:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
RECEPTIONIST
GENERAL OFFICE
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PROFESSIONAL

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RECEPTIONIST- Independent Oil & Gas Company seeks a responsible, motivated team player. Must possess excellent phone skills and a professional appearance. Requires filing, Windows 95, MS Word and Excel. Knowledge of accounting is plus. Send resume to P.O. Box 352, Midland, TX 79702.

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$6,000 PER MONTH + potential for management trainee for the world's largest manufactured home corporation. Must be highly motivated, self starter with a strong desire to succeed. Apply in person Monday thru Friday only at A-1 Homes, 7206 W. Hwy 80, Midland, TX. Drug Test required.

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Needed- All sales experience needed for this incredible position for local company. Already has a strong customer base set up, which needs to be looked over, and maintained as well as bringing in new customers. Great Salary plus commission. Guarantee of $3,000 the first several months. Temp to Perm position, also will have excellent benefits. Needs to be a candidate with longevity and the ability to work well with people. This position requires you to deal with local companies in and

Personnel
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682-0033
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SALES
(Midland)

Degreed preferred - some domestic/ international travel must understand downhole completions to sale lining for oilfield tubular. Salary open + Bonus + Car Allowance

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Global Perm Division
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410 Miscellaneous Sales

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SLIGHT DAMAGE- 12'x20' workshop/ storage building. Will deliver. 915-563-3108.

TWIN POSTER Bed, white wash with green ivy, matching night stand, several sets of twin bedding, small round marble top table with 2 chairs, lamps, and other miscellaneous. 522-2881.

7.5' Appalachian pine artificial Christmas tree. Bargain price, 694-2055.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

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420 Good Things To Eat

GARDENDALE PECAN- Buying and shelling pecans. FM 554 Gardendale 550-7809.

432 Household Furniture

KING SIZE Bedroom suite and bedding, mirrored wall unit and armoire, side by side refrigerator, whirlpool washer and dryer, Sony 32" color TV, Oak entertainment center and exercise machine. All in excellent condition! Negotiable. Call to see 687-0470.

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LOVE SEAT- $150. Excellent Condition. Please call 915/522-5277. Leave message.

BEDROOM SUITE- Queen headboard, mirrored dresser, two nightstands and armoire. $300 or best offer. 570-5717.

418 Miscellaneous Wanted

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432 Household Furniture

BRASS QUEEN bed, iron frammed full size bed, 2-pit couches, 30" Sony TV, coffee table, wicker dressers. Call 694-9747.

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WHIRLPOOL IMPERIAL Seventy washer and dryer, almond, $100 set. Call 697-7720.

★ FREE REMOVAL Of appliances 550-6540. Sale- washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezer. $75- up. Free delivery 90 day warranty.

435 Household Appliances

RECONDITIONED APPLIANCES- Washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves. Warranty and delivery available. Removal of old appliances. 683-7040.

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❤ PLEASE REMEMBER a dog is for life not just for Christmas.

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505 Livestock & Poultry

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535 Business/Shop Equipment

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STONEVILLE TEXAS, INC. has an immediate opening for a **FIELD PRODUCTION MANAGER** who will be responsible for all field operations concerning cotton planting seed production. Primary responsibilities include securing acreage to meet crop plan requirements while spreading production risk and minimizing costs, explain contracts and obtain signatures in a timely manner, use of GPS units to obtain field mapping information, coordinate movement of foundation seed to growers and gins, conduct regular field inspections for purity, isolation, and quality while maintaining accurate records, aid in coordination of trucking bulk cottonseed from gin to bulk storage facilities, maintain excellent oral and written communication skills on a daily basis with growers, gins, distributors, and colleagues, follow safety guidelines at all times, and be proficient in Excel, Word, and E-mail functions. Candidates must be able to relocate to Seminole, TX or Gaines County area.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor of Science in agronomy, seed science, plant science, agricultural economics, or related discipline. Candidates must have a minimum of three to five years of experience in cotton production, research, seed production, quality assurance, or agribusiness. Qualified applicants may send their resume to:

STONEVILLE TEXAS, INC.
P.O. Box 1150
4701 N. Hwy 87
Big Spring, TX 79721-1150
Attention: Burton Brendle

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Store Management Opportunities

Hobby Lobby is a leader in the Arts & Crafts industry with over 250 stores located in 24 states.

Candidates must have previous retail Store management experience in: Supermarket chain, Craft chain, Mass Merchant, Drug store chain, Building supply chain.

If you are self-motivated and a top performer in the retail field, please forward resume to:

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Oklahoma City, OK 73179
Attn: Debbie Tountas
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Or apply online @
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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Do you have a .....
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If you are aggressive, enthusiastic, self-starting and want an excellent income potential, you owe it to yourself to learn more about our tremendous opportunity! You must have reliable transportation. Professional dress required.

Call Alan at 682-3061 to schedule a confidential interview.

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318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

ASSISTANT MANAGER. Earn up to $35K. Our benefits include, bonuses, insurance, paid vacation, and flexible work schedules which provide a very good quality of life. For consideration fax resume to: Fuddruckers at 254-771-1641.

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The qualified candidate will work around 1500 volts or less, must have a valid drivers license and a good DMV record, and be able to pass Mechanical and Electrical Aptitude Tests. Must be able to climb towers up to 250' in adverse weather conditions.

All positions consist of constant travel within the US, with allowance of 2 days home every 6 weeks. Daily living allowances are available.

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Thursday, January 4, 2001
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
South Tower, Second Floor
Hilton Midland & Towers
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Midland, TX

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318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

GENERAL MANAGER needed for C-Store/ Truck Stop in the Midland area. Competitive salary/ bonus/ paid health plan. Send resumes to Human Resources, P.O. Box 4456, Houston, TX 77210 or fax resume to (281)444-5296; email smcclendon@sunmart.net

→NEW TODAY←

RETAIL SUPERVISOR- Multi- unit Supervisor to oversee convenience stores/ truck stop. Based near Midland Odessa. Must have 5+ years of industry experience. Overnight travel required. Competitive salary/ bonus/ vehicle and paid health plan. Send resume including salary history. DM Box J-5012, c/o MRT P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

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Lease Analyst

Position in a utilities company that requires knowledge of State and Federal oil and gas lease forms, shut-in royalty payments, prospecting leases for land developers, and title work. Excalibur A+. Call **Preferred Personnel 684-5900 No Fee**

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HORIZON OILFIELD Services is currently hiring experienced truck drivers for oilfield work. Must have endorsements. Local and regional work available. New Pay scale. Call 520-1511 for application.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

Occidental Permian Plant Operator

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Critical Skills:
- At least High School grad or G.E.D.
- Minimum 3 years oilfield experience preferred, with a responsible attitude for personal safety and the safety of co-workers, contractors & the public
- Ability to work 12 hour, rotating shifts
- Basic knowledge of plant processes
- Ability to follow written operating procedures
- Basic knowledge of OSHA 1910.119
- Capable of performing preventive maintenance and minor repairs on all required plant equipment
- Ability to efficiently and effectively monitor plant equipment and make adjustments to processes and controls
- Ability to troubleshoot operational problems
- Ability to handle upsets, startups, and shutdowns of plant systems and processes.
- Knowledge of DCS systems (Honeywell, Provox, and Wonderware)
- Good computer skills, along with ability to input data into CMMS system (Maximo)
- Ability to perform lab tests such as cooling tower and R/O unit water tests and SRU chemical tests
- Good communication and excellent interpersonal skills
- Flexible and able to work with minimal supervision

Occidental offers competitive compensation, excellent benefits (including relocation) and an exceptional team-oriented environment. Please send your resume and salary history to:

Occidental Oil & Gas Corporation
P.O. Box 4294, Houston, TX 77210-4294
Attn: Brynda Kenney
Fax: 281-552-1281
E-mail: brynda_kenney@oxy.com

Please indicate Wasson Plants Plant Operator in the reference line.

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320 Skilled Trades

WANTED MUDLOGGER and Mudlogger trainee, need own transportation 620-0970.

320 Skilled Trades

ELECTRICIAN
Commute, or locate to McCamey, TX. Must be able to coordinate/ schedule contractors/ QC & substation construction. Salary to $62K.
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Global Perm Division
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320 Skilled Trades

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FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL-I needed for local and out of town projects. Superintendents, General Foreman, Pipe Fitters, Equipment Operators (Crane & Backhoes), Rig Welders, Field Clerks, Carpenters, Painters, Iron Workers, Riggers. Local applicants may come by our office. Out of town applicants may fax to (915)362-5166 or mail letter of interest and/ or resume. Master Corporation, 4682 E University, Ste A, Odessa, TX 79762-8104

320 Skilled Trades

HIRING EXPERIENCED carpenters and framing crews. Lubbock area. Call Mike, (806)777-0205.

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EXPERIENCED OIL FIELD/ RIG-UP FORK LIFT OPERATORS NEEDED
Key Energy Services
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Will be taking applications For Forklift operators At the 39th And Rasco street office.
Class A- CDL Required

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Class A- CDL Required

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330 Situations Wanted

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336 Adult Care Providers

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340 Child Care Needed

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EXPERIENCED NANNY for two toddlers wanted. Hours 7 am until 6 pm. Light housekeeping. Must have own transportation. Send resume and references to P.O. Box 60352, Midland, Texas 79711-0352. Salary DOE.

341 Child Care Providers

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CHRISTIAN MOTHER to care for children, 2 and up in home. Monday- Friday 7:30- 5:30 pm. Call Lorelle 697-5719.

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610 Apartments Unfurnished

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600 For Rent

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We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

Residential rental locators are required to be licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (P.O. Box 12188, Austin, TX 78711, 1-800-250-8732 or 512-465-3960) www.hud.gov/hdiscrim.html

603 Roommates Wanted

I want to help you pay your mortgage for 4 to 8 months while attending the police academy. Call Steve, 362-9424.

THE US Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency's Midland County office in Midland is interested in leasing 2400 net usable square feet of first class, high quality office location. Must be within the boundaries of Loop 250 on the north, Elkins Rd. on the east, West Ridge Rd. on the south, south Lamesa Rd. on the west, west Golf Course Rd. on the south, and Ward Street on the west to Loop 250. Preference will be given to first floor space. Occupancy is required by March 1, 2001. Call Midland County FSA at 684-6781 ext. 2 for a copy of the solicitation. Please refer to area map for defined boundaries.

605 Apartments Furnished

ALL BILLS Paid. Furnished, 1 & 2 Bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

1 & 2 BR's
W/D Connections
Fireplaces
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The Last Page

STANDING: Pam Allen, Nancy Lott, Jennifer Mann, Jerry Reese, Brandi Alexander, Dick Hardin, SEATED: Deborah Arras, Emily Lewis and Tammy Brown.

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To Our Valued Classified Readers and Advertisers,

This is the last page published in 2000. At this time I would like to take the opportunity to thank our advertisers and readers for their patronage during the past year. In 2000 we had the privilege of serving 43,362 customers and publishing over 338,000 ads.

I am very fortunate to be a part of an award winning classified section and to be associated with a dedicated team of advertising professionals. Each day my staff strives to become better at their profession in all aspects of serving our customers. They are a delight to work with and are a daily inspiration for me to strive to continually improve my skills.

In 2000 we continued to offer special merchandise and automotive rate programs to our advertisers and plan to expand our offerings next year. Our classsifieds are on the internet and can be found by accessing our website: www.mywesttexas.com.

As we move into a new year we all wish you a delightful, healthy and successful 2001.

Sincerely,
Richard D. Hardin
Richard D. Hardin
Classified Advertising Manager

P.O. BOX 1650 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702 (915) 682-5311

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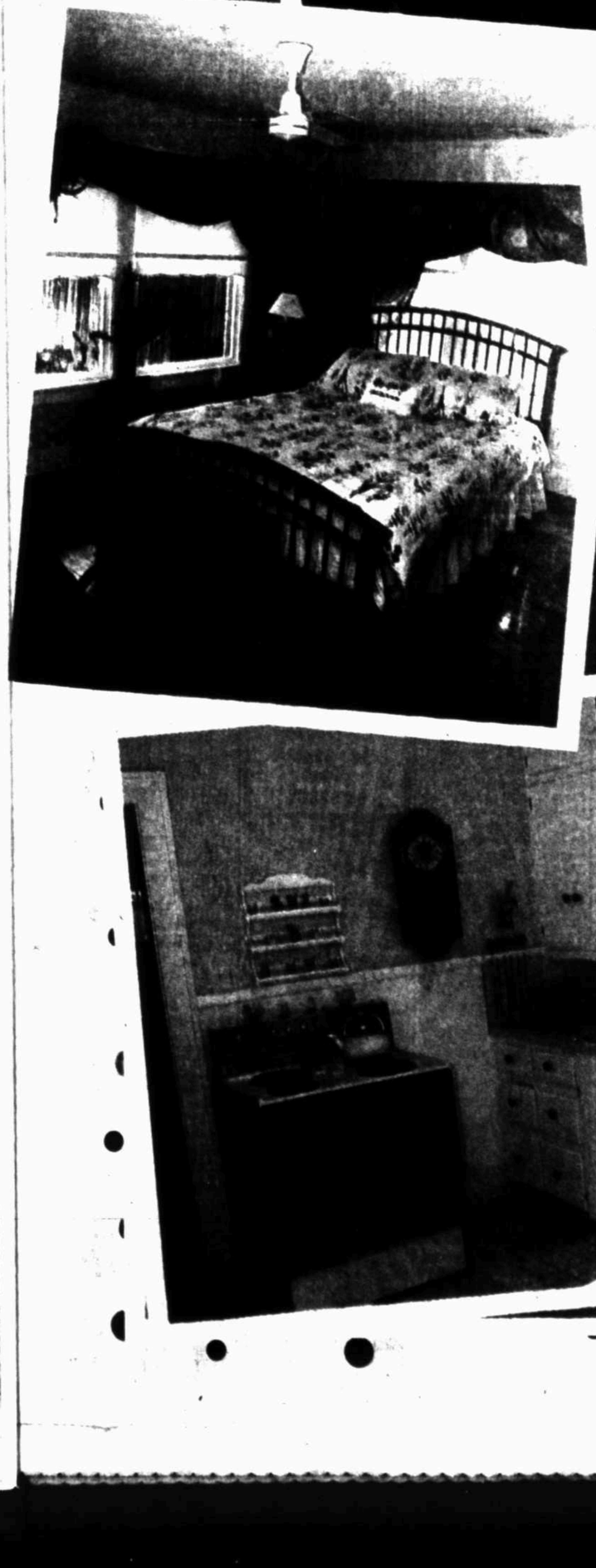
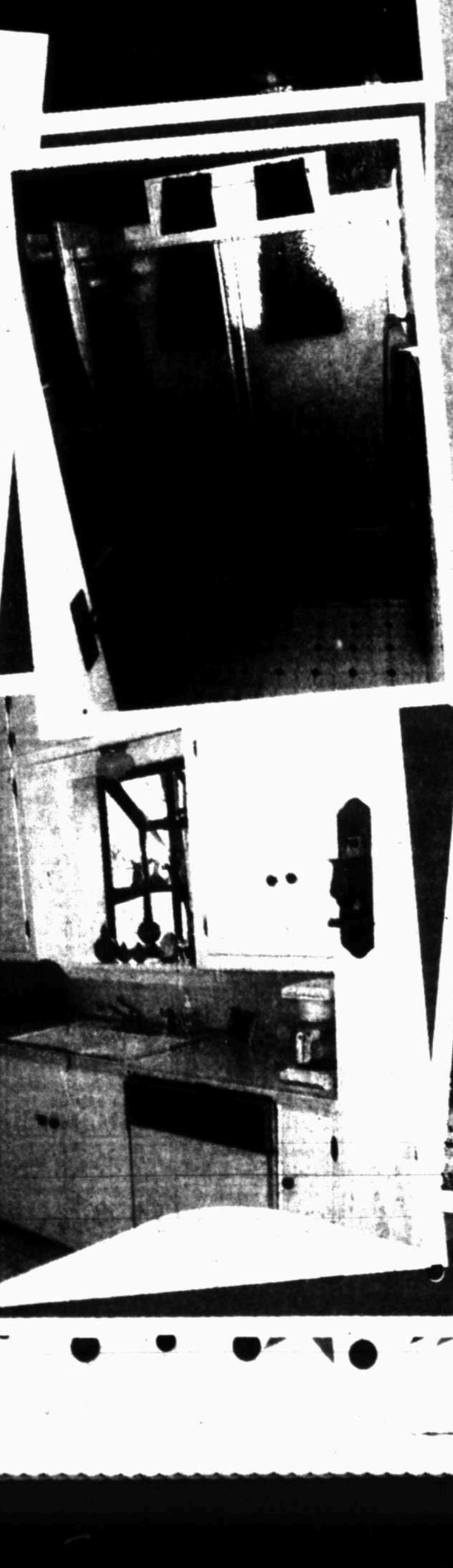
HOMES & CLASSIFIED

720 KANSAS





Walk into this home built in 1928 and you can catch a glimpse of the serenity of neighborhoods when a good life did not depend on humming motors and digital readouts. It's a jewel of a house that could be perfect for a couple or single person wanting to live close in.

The bath and kitchen have been updated, with such accoutrements of modern-day life as dishwasher, disposal, and electric range, and the plumbing and electrical outlets to support others, yet vestiges of Midland's gracious early days can be seen throughout. There are doors opening to the outside from every room, and wide and tall windows starting near the floor, designed to catch the cooling breezes.

The front door opens onto a living room floored with hardwood that may or may not be as old as the house, but it has that long-used patina. Looking out on the street is a trio of tall arched windows, and when the southern light shoots through them, it turns the planks aglow. There is a mock fireplace here that looks like the real thing without the ashes, and the room opens into the dining and kitchen area through a wide arched doorway.

The present owner has kept the integrity of the home's history with charming touches elsewhere as well, such as the charming garden window over the kitchen sink, and pinstripe wall paper, and stenciled molding around the ceiling, with the walls changing color as fits their function and feel.

Kitchen and utility room both have made the most of available space with cabinets, and the bath, located at the end of the hall, is unusually large for its age, and has been updated with an oversize vanity mirror and glass shower doors. Especially appealing is its storage closet, where someone has removed the door, and altered the shelving so that it curves inward, giving a wonderful sense of space and architectural interest.

The hardwood-floored front bedroom is used by the present owner as an exercise/craft room, but it could serve equally well as an office or study, with plenty of light pouring through the windows, and doors opening to the hall, the outside, and to the living room. The master bedroom is also hardwood-floored, with spacious windows, and doors to the outside and the hallway. There are tall bearing pecan trees in the large backyard, and a charming patio for outdoor entertaining.

Statistics:

Livable space: 1101 square feet
Bedrooms: 2
Bath: 1
Garage: 1 car
Ceiling fans: 3

Asking price for this home is $55,000. To arrange for a private showing, call Karen Foster, listing agent, at Kay Sutton Realtors, 570-8200 or 697-4434.

Photos By: Brian Adamcik
Graphics By: Art Flores

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Weatherproof Your Home for Winter

It's time to prepare your home against winter's harsh weather. Take a tip from the Permian Board of REALTORS®: a few simple, precautionary steps can save money and add to the value of your home.

"Keep in mind the benefits of making the improvements and the risks involved in leaving some jobs unfinished," says Bill Scott, President of the Permian Basin Board of REALTORS®.

The Permian Basin Board of REALTORS® offers the following winter weatherproofing tips:

1) Heating systems: Heating systems vary, but in general, industry standards advise a professional check-up every year for those powered by gas. However, do-it-yourself maintenance also is advisable. With the furnace off, you should replace air filters, and vacuum dust from the blower, fan blades and air intakes. Replace any cracked or frayed belts. If your furnace supplies hear using hot water in pipes or radiators, you may need to lubricate the motor that pushes water through the system. Remember: the efficiency of hot-water systems can be impaired if air gets caught within the systems, because air takes the place of hot water. Make sure the valve that lets air escape is working properly.

2) Chimney flues: Checking your chimney is another important weatherproofing task. If you are uncertain about the condition of a furnace or chimney flue, it's best to hire a chimney sweep to clear out creosote, the flammable oily residue that accumulates when wood is burned. If left uncleaned, creosote could be reignited, causing a chimney fire. If you decide to clean out the furnace flue yourself, take apart exposed pipe sections and brush them outdoors. To clean a chimney flue, pull a sand-filled canvas bag back and forth through the opening, working from the roof. Make certain the flue is closed to keep soot from filtering inside the house.

3) Smoke detectors: Although battery-powered smoke detectors should be tested year round, it is crucial to test them in the winter, because sources of fire, such as fireplaces, wood stoves and portable heaters are used. Testing battery-powered units is simple -- make sure the batteries work. A unit connected to the electrical system should also be tested, but probably does not need any maintenance except, perhaps, a light dusting.

4) Air or water leaks: Look for air cracks around windows, doors, pipes, ducts and other openings. It is important to seal these leaks with flexible caulk. Seams where siding meets windows and doors should also be caulked. On brick siding, fill in eroded joints with mortar, to keep out air, water and snow.

5) Insulation: Check the attic to see if insulation needs to be added or replace. This is the most significant are of heat loss in many homes, so it is also important to see that it has proper ventilation. Inadequate ventilation could lead to premature deterioration of the insulation materials. It may be necessary to check insulation in exterior walls, crawl spaces and along foundation walls, as well.

6) Gutter cleaning: Clean the leaves from all gutters. Then, make sure the drainage system works by running water through them.

"Preparing your home for winter is a smart way to cut energy costs and make sure your home is safe," says Bill Scott. "It's a job that is well worth the time and effort."

The Permian Basin Board of REALTORS® is one of more than 1,800 local boards and associations that comprise the National Association of Realtors. As the nation's largest trade association, NAR is "The Voice for Real Estate," representing nearly 750,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

Bill Scott, President Permian Basin Board of Realtors, Inc.

NO-NOTICE APPOINTMENTS

QUESTION: My Realtor has been showing my home with little advance notice, stating that the prospect is from out-of-town with little time to look for a house. Is this to my disadvantage?

Printz

ANSWER: To the contrary, the busy, out-of-town prospect is your best prospect. Never get annoyed by a last-minute appointment. These out-of-town transferees don't have the luxury of time. They need a house now - not a year from now. They're most apt. to make a bonafide, immediate offer than one who has all the time in the world. Don't treat it as an inconvenience, but rather as an opportunity to accomplish what you wanted in the first place - sell your home!

This article submitted by Victoria Printz, of RE/MAX of Midland.

IT'S YOUR FIRST!

Noles

Wondering whether you should sell your home "by owner"? First ask yourself "How many people do I know right now who are ready, willing and able to buy my home?" Then ask "What can a real estate agent do that I can't do for myself?"

To a dedicated agent, real estate is more than a "one-time" event. More even than a career - it is a lifestyle. With no set hours - it goes on 24/7 - 365 days each year. This means that long before you list your home for sale, your agent has developed an extensive database of potential buyers for your home.

From phone calls, open houses, internet websites, and other showings, your agent has already met -- and qualified -- many prospective buyers. They are just waiting for the right home to become available - and that could be yours. Furthermore, from experience, your agent knows how to continue attracting new prospects for your home. Because you are a "one-time" seller, it is extremely difficult to complete on a "level playing field" with dedicated real estate professionals.

Furthermore, your agent will expose your home to ALL prospective buyers by placing your home in the local "Multiple Listing Service" - an invaluable service to which you do not have access. Forget the "by owner" idea. Get your home listed today for a sale tomorrow!

Have A Great Year in 2001!

This article submitted by Anita Noles, Broker/Owner of RE/MAX of Midland.

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SPACIOUS ATTRACTIVE home- 309 Willowood. Three bedrooms, two baths, double garage. $675 monthly. $350 deposit. Central air. Owner/ agent. Realty Unlimited. Call 550-5609.

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✔ EXCEPTIONALLY NICE Approximately 1,000 square feet, 2 bedroom 2 bath, covered, parking, basic cable large patio, $450 monthly. Located in quiet beautiful Whispering Oaks, 1904 North Midland Drive 694-4001.

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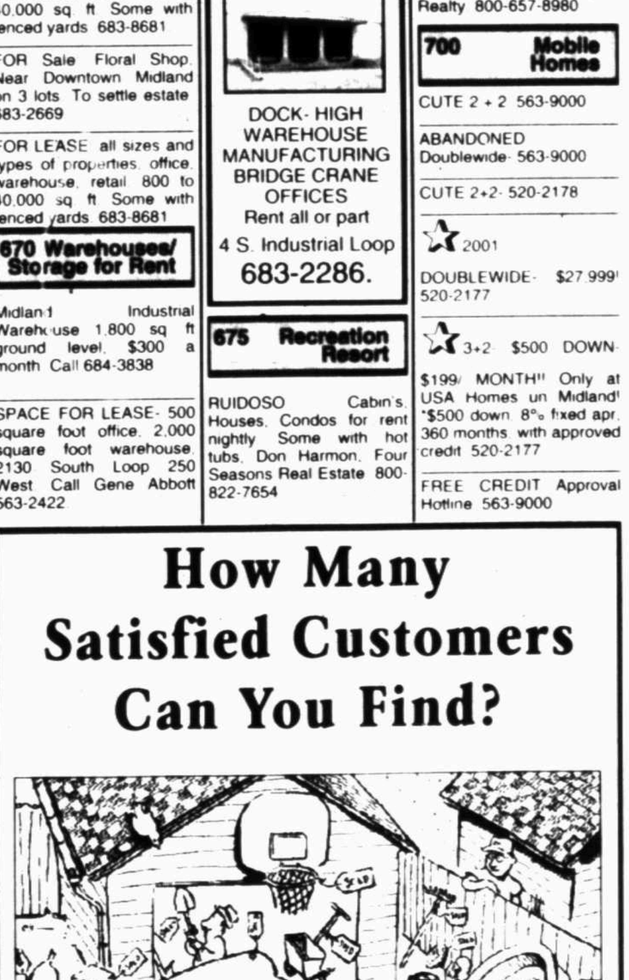

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Healthy, happy WWWF, 66, big brown eyes, white hair, love pets, ceramics, dancing, board games, interested in meeting a SWM, 65-78, a real gentleman, well-mannered, educated, clean-cut, for friendship/more Ad# 5208

POSSIBLE FUTURE
Full-figured SW mom, 26, likes romantic dinners, walks in the park, shopping, movies, art/crafts & fishing. Seeking a SWM, 26-34, who's mellow and wants to become friends first. Ad# 5218

GREEN-EYED LADY
Seeks you: stable, mature SHM, 19-26. I'm a SWF, 5'4", 20, interested in a possible LTR. Ad# 5203

HONEST MOM
Easygoing SWF, 32, 5'4", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys horseback riding, dancing, outdoor activities, music, movies, arts, crafts. Seeking an honest SWM, 35-45 Ad#.5191

CALL ME
Caring single white female, 45, 5', brown-haired, blue-eyed, enjoys outdoors, crafts, watching sports. Seeking for kind, non-smoker, sensitive single male, 45-50 Ad#.5156

WALK WITH ME
Sweet, single black female, 31, 5'5", 279lbs., enjoys walking, movies, going to the park. Seeking an honest single black male, 40-50, non-drinker/. Ad#.5160

GROW YOUR HEART
Humorous SWF, 43, 5'5", 135lbs., enjoys walking, working out, outdoor activities, gardening, good conversation and traveling. Seeking for honest, fun-loving, humorous SWM, 32-45. Ad#.5195

OUTGOING MOM
Outgoing SWF, 24, 106lbs., blond hair, enjoys outdoor activities, shopping, skating, going to church, arts, crafts, going to the park. Searching for an honest SM, 20-28, for LTR. Ad# 5193

CARE TO SHARE?
Easygoing SWF, 38, 5'11", dark hair, loves reading, movies and skating. She would like to get acquainted with a friendly SWM, 38-45 Ad# 5168

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
Fun, outgoing SHF, 44, 5'6", 195lbs., brown hair/eyes, hobbies include fishing, gardening and quiet times. ISO SHM, 50-57. Ad# 5171

BE SURE TO CALL
Meet this bubbly, kind-hearted SHF, 38, 5'3", full-figured, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, music and dancing. She hopes to share her life with a kind, understanding, family-oriented SHM, 38-45. Ad# 5141

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Get involved with this positive SWF, 50, 5'8", 160lbs., long dark hair, green eyes, enjoys cooking, walking, travelling, if you're a upbeat, educated SWPM, 48-60. Ad#.5066

CAN I TRUST YOU?
SHF, 41, 5'3", 160lbs., who's quiet at first, loves movies, dancing, dining out, is seeking a shy, trusting SHM, 40-46, to spend time with. Ad# 1185

R U GOOD, DECENT?
Sociable, outgoing SWF, 32, 5'5", 115lbs., brown-hair, likes dancing, movies, dinner, horseback riding. ISO a decent SWM, 35-41, who likes kids. Ad#.5151

LIKE TO HAVE FUN
Sweet, shy, joking SHF, 19, 4'9", 180lbs., enjoys going to church, biking, skating, movies and dining out. ISO a sweet, honest SM, 18-25. Ad#.5146

ROMANCE IS IN THE AIR
Meet this fun-loving, very pretty SW mom, 22, 5'6", 123lbs., with long blonde hair, blue eyes, wants to share a meaningful friendship with a tall, handsome SHM, 19-35, who loves music and dancing. Ad#.5146

MAKE A MOVE MY WAY
Happy-go-lucky SWF, 62, 5'6", 185lbs., blond hair, enjoys dancing, traveling and sports. ISO N/S SWM, 61-69, who likes the great outdoors. Ad#.5102

GREEN-EYED LADY
SBPF, 32, likes reading, writing, dining out, seeks sincere SBM, 35-38, for genuine relationship. Ad#.5098

RX FOR ROMANCE
SWCPF, 39, 5'5", blue-eyed blond, likes traveling, laughter, antiques and jazz. Seeks SWC gentleman, for serious relationship with some fun. Ad#.5103

SEARCHED HIGH AND LOW
Cheerful, easygoing single white female, 26, 5'7", 150lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, likes fishing, camping and sporting events. She dreams of meeting a single white male, 28-38. Ad#.5124

COMMON BOND
Friendly single Hispanic female, 21, 5'8", 115lbs., brown hair, hazel-green eyes. Searching to meet a humorous single Hispanic male, 18-26, who also enjoys fishing, movies and dancing. Ad#.1182

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Serious-minded, quiet single Hispanic female, 20, brown hair/eyes. Seeking an honest, sincere single Hispanic male, 18-26, who enjoys dancing, movies and parks. Ad#.5128

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Be sure to contact this sociable single Hispanic female, 18, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, if you're a single male, 18-29, whose interests include movies, cards and reading. Ad#.5122

FOR A LONG TIME
Fun single white female, 58, enjoys dining out, movies and crafts, hoping to meet a clean-cut single white male, 58-68. Ad#.5123

RARE GEM
Sociable single black female, 40, 5'3", 170lbs., hoping to meet a humorous single white male, 34-46, with shared interests in antiques, arts/crafts shows and great conversation. Ad#.5101

AN ANGEL
Voluptuous single Hispanic female, 31, 5', in search of a carefree single male, 28-39, who likes reading, long walks and traveling. Ad#.5105

GREAT GAL
Kind-hearted single white female, 61, likes theater and traveling, hoping to meet a friendly single white male, 50-70, for a lasting relationship. Ad#.5117

HEART & SOUL
Personable single white female, 19, 5'2", 130lbs., brown hair, likes singing, dancing and pleasant conversation, looking for a single white male, 18-24, for companionship. Ad#.5112

FRIENDSHIP ANYONE?
Single white mother, 22, 5'10", full-figured, outgoing, enjoys sports, going out, movies, quiet evenings at home, looking for tall, talkative single male, 22-30, for friendship. Ad# 5099

LISTEN
Spontaneous, full-figured single Hispanic female, 25, 5'4", brown hair/eyes, likes singing, movies and traveling, hoping to meet a caring single male, 22-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 5091

QUEEN OF HEARTS
Delightful single Hispanic female, 19, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, likes video games, baseball and playing cards, seeking a fun-loving single Hispanic male, 19-28, for friendship first. Ad# 5093

SEIZE THE MOMENT
And call this fun, outgoing, fun-loving, spontaneous, attractive single Hispanic female, 18, enjoys movies, fishing and sports. She's looking for an open-minded, height/weight proportionate single white male, 18-26, who's honest, respectful and humorous. Ad# 1200

HIT THE JACKPOT
This pleasant single white professional female, 45, 5'8", 120lbs., blond hair, loves the outdoors, theater, traveling, concerts, art and more, seeking an honest single white professional male, 45-55 Ad# 1193

HAVE NO DOUBTS
Funny, extroverted single Hispanic female, 21, 5', brown hair, enjoys movies, shopping and music, in search of a adventuresome single male, 18-25, for good times Ad# 1184

ANIMAL LOVER
Shy yet delightful single white female, 23, 5'8", brown hair, hazel eyes, likes cooking, the outdoor and traveling, hoping to meet a well-rounded single white male, 25-30, with similar interests. Ad# 1187

ONE & ONLY
Refreshing single white mom, 28, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, likes movies and pleasant conversation, in search of that special single white male, 30-40, for companionship Ad# 1180

CANDLELIT DINNERS
Personable single white female, 27, 5'4", 180lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, likes movies and romantic walks, looking to meet that special single white male, 21-35, to spend time with. Ad# 1170

HONESTLY
This humorous single Hispanic female, 25, 5'4", brown hair/eyes, searching to meet a passionate single male, 22-45, who likes spending time with friends, swimming and bowling. Ad# 1164

IS IT YOU?
Here's a friendly single black female, 34, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, hobbies include movies, good conversations and sports, hoping to meet a single white male, 32-39. Ad# 1163

NOTHING SERIOUS
Congenial, full-figured single female, 29, 5'5", with a nice smile, likes dancing, theater and traveling, looking for an honorable single white male, 28-34, for fun times. Ad# 5090

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Spontaneous single white female, 37, 6', interested in meeting a single white male, 30-50, who enjoys outdoor activities and music. Ad#.5076

ARE YOU ROMANTIC? CALL
Sincere single Hispanic female, 18, 5'8", 135lbs., brown hair, green eyes, would like to meet a single white male, 18-25, who shares her interests in dancing, reading and movies. Ad# 5070

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF
Single Hispanic female, 47, 5'6", 115lbs., blonde hair and hazel eyes, interested in meeting a compassionate single Hispanic male, 40-55, who shares her interests in the outdoors and dancing. Ad#.5086

BACK TO NATURE
Funny single Hispanic female, 18, 5'8", 130lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, in search of an outgoing single white male, 19-25, who likes horseback riding, reading and star gazing. Ad#.5069

INTERESTED? CALL
Are you a single white male, 34-50, who enjoys theater, reading and art? Get in touch with this independent single white female, 43, 5'5", dark hair/eyes, whose looking for you. Ad#.5071

GO FOR THE GOLD
Single Hispanic female, 18, brown hair, hazel eyes, likes movies, shopping and fishing. She's in search of a faithful single male, 18-24, with similar interests. Ad#.5082

COUNTRY LIVING
Reserved single white female, 47, 5'7", brown hair, green eyes, would like to meet a caring single male, 38-53, who shares her interests in rodeos, dancing and skiing. Ad#.5083

MAD ABOUT YOU
Brown-haired single white female, 32, enjoys dancing, dining out and quiet times, is looking for an energetic single white male, 34-40. Ad#.5085

LIVE IT UP
Single Hispanic female, 28, 5'7", 154lbs., brown hair/eyes, searching to meet a single female, 20-35, who shares her interests in movies, jogging and dining out. Ad#.5087

HANDLE WITH CARE
Brown eyed, blond single white female, 66, whose interests include outdoor activities and animals, seeking a single white male, 66+. Ad#.5084

JUST WANTS TO BE HAPPY
Humorous single Hispanic female, 18, 5'8", 135lbs., with brown hair, seeking relationship with an honest single male, 24-35, whose hobbies include horseback riding and swimming. Ad#.5068

SEEKING ROMANCE
5'11", 120lbs., single black female, 32. Her hope is to meet an honest single black male, 34-40, who shares her interests in walks and dining out. Ad#.5079

BE TRUE TO ME
This single white female, 48, 5'7", 118lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys spending time with children, outdoor activities and going to plays. She is seeking an honest single white professional male, 45-55. Ad#.5040

SWEETHEART
Happy-go-lucky single female, 67, 5'7", 145lbs., with salt and pepper hair, who enjoys concerts, movies, long walks and more, is seeking a fun-loving single Hispanic male, 69-75, for companionship. Ad#.5005

LET'S PARTY
Happy-go-lucky single white female, 18, 5'3", 140lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, loves to laugh. Some of her interests are music, dancing, parties, quiet times and more. She's seeking a strong, stable and secure single white male, 18-25. Ad#.5026

ROAD TO ROMANCE
Energetic and outgoing single white female, 32, 5'5", 115lbs., with brown hair, enjoys dancing, horseback riding, dining out, quiet nights and more, is looking for a humorous, sociable and romantic single white male, 33-37. Ad#.5028

NEW HEIGHTS
Pleasant single black female, 20, 5'10", 175lbs., with dark hair and eyes, a student, who enjoys sports, parties, clubs, shopping and more, is looking for a tall, athletic and fun-loving single male, 19-23, to share fun times with. Ad#.5001

LONELY HEART
Honest and outgoing widowed white female, 58, who enjoys movies, dining out, traveling and the outdoors. Would love to meet a fun-loving single white male, 58-68, to do fun things and see new places with. Ad#.5034

BRIGHT IDEAS
Spontaneous single white female, 38, 5'7", with auburn hair and brown eyes, enjoys dancing, long walks, family times, movies and more. She's seeking honest, family-oriented single white male, over 35. Ad#.5035

Males Seeking Females 1-900-656-2300

4 NOW & FUTURE
Tall SWM, 42, with mustache, compassionate, likes traveling, movies, cooking, hiking and barbecues. Looking for spontaneous, honest, straight-forward SF, 30-45, who is caring, mature, for no games, kids okay, good conversations, ever ending LTR. Ad#.1357

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Faithfulness unlocks this box. Self-employed SWM, 39, 5'8", 195lbs. Seeks an honest, N/D, drug-free SWF, 25-35, no children/games, who's faithful, truthful, enjoying bowling, the outdoors and dining out together! Ad#.1391

POSSIBLY GET 2 KNOW
Single Hispanic male, 29, happy, muscular build, fun, employed, likes traveling, reading, sports, looking for a single black female, 23-32, to get to know. Ad#.1339

WHAT DO U LIKE?
Easygoing SHM, 22, 5'9", brown hair, stocky, enjoys sports, outdoors, movies, cards, traveling, seeks SHPF, 19-30, with similar interests. Ad#.1387

TELL ME ABOUT U
Easygoing, laid-back SWM, 43, 5'9", 165lbs., brown hair, enjoys auto racing, bowling, long walks, movies, long drives, seeks SHF, 28-37, with similar interests. Ad#.1388

ISO SPECIAL LADY
Outgoing SWM, 29, 6'2", 180lbs., blue eyes, short brown hair, enjoys movies, sports, computers, having fun, seeks flexible SF, 19-35. Ad#.1389

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM, 39, 6', 220lbs., enjoys working out, sports, the outdoors, church and horseback riding. Looking for a SWF, 20-40, with similar interests to go out and just spend quality time together. Ad#.1368

LET'S ENJOY
Comical WM, 36, 6', athletic build, positive, light-hearted, seeks reserved, feminine WF, 30-45, who enjoys the outdoors, golfing, movies and flea markets, for good company, conversation and LTR. Ad#.1360

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Sociable SWM, 19, medium built, likes parties, clubbing, animals, music and playing guitar. Looking for SF, 19-24, with same interests. Ad#.1359

LOVING & CARING
SWM, 35, interests include: movies, dining out, jogging, shopping and horseback riding. Looking for SHF, 30-35, for LTR. Ad# 3903

RESPECT ME
SHM, 26, tall, slim, enjoys movies, long drives, shopping and sports. ISO honest, faithful, sincere, pretty SF, 18-29, nice, commitment-minded, for friendship, possible LTR. Ad#.1364

A PLAIN OLD GOOD
Times! Laid-back SBM, 33, 6', 190lbs., short hair, brown eyes, enjoys fashion, sports & dancing. ISO an interested SWF, 35-45, with similar interests. Ad#.1317

TIME WITH MY GIRL
Could it be you? SWM, 18, medium-built, likes laughter and sports. ISO an outgoing, pretty, understanding woman, 18-21, just keeping it simple, leave your number. Midland. Ad#.1330

SIESTA TIME
Fun SHM, 18, humorous, loves playing sports, fishing and having fun. Looking for a SHF, 18-26, with similar interests and a great sense of humor. Ad#.1340

WHAT CAN I SAY!
It's your call. Witty, romantic SHM, 41, who's athletic, medium-built, likes the outdoors and socializing with friends. ISO a SWF, 29-37, who's well-kept, funny, with similar interests and LTR. Ad#.1348

TALK FOR A WHILE
Semi-retired SM, 56, likes bowling, shooting pool and outdoor activities. Looking for a SB/HF, 30-65, who's willing to share a committed LTR. Ad#.1351

WHAT R U SEEKING?
SHM, 31, 5'7", 195lbs., funny, outgoing, likes sports, dancing and hanging out with friends. Seeking a fun, outgoing SHF, 21-40. Ad#.1264

LET'S HAVE FUN
Shy, easygoing SWM, 55, 6'1", 220lbs., likes playing Bingo, flea markets, fishing, riding horses, seeking a SWF, 45-54, N/S, who enjoys life. Ad#.1262

RIDE WITH ME
Compassionate, brown-haired/eyed WM, 47, 5'7", 150lbs., loves rock-n-roll, kids, Harleys, fishing, camping and cook outs. ISO SF, 25-45, who's just like him. Ad#.1255

CIRCLE THIS AD
Fun-loving, sweet SHM, 23, 5'10", 160lbs., with black hair, light brown eyes, likes partying, clubbing, bike riding and video games. Seeking a sweet, charming SHF, 18-27. Ad#.1257

TRAVEL WITH ME
Honest, polite, clean, faithful DWM, 53, 6', 175lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, non-smoker/drinker, likes nature, flea markets and garage sales. ISO slender, youthful SWF, 21-45. Ad#.1250

CHASING THE DREAM
This funloving, happy-go-lucky WM, 42, 6', 220lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys bowling, fishing, movies and dining out, is in search of a WF, 28-44, to share time with. Ad#.7534

FANTASTIC MAN
Handsome, healthy SWM, 50, blonde, blue-eyed, 5'9", 150lbs., likes dancing, traveling, music, water skiing, ice skating, ISO exciting, sexy, bubbly SHF, 25-45. Ad#.1251

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Humorous, serious, sincere, nice SHM, 29, 5'11", 220lbs., black hair, brown eyes, likes sports, movies, dining out and good conversations. Looking for attractive, slim SHF, 20-29, no kids. Ad#.1246

COMMON BOND?
Caring, responsible SWPM, 58, 6'4", 265lbs., brown hair, green eyes, likes music, dancing, bowling, dining out, sports and quiet times. Looking for caring, affectionate, responsible SF, 45-60, for friendship. Ad#.1236

ISO COMPANIONSHIP
Easygoing, personable SWM, 33, 6', 145lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys golf, sports, dancing and quiet evenings at home. Looking for SWF, 27-38, with similar interests. Ad#.1242

FALLING IN LOVE
SWM, 43, 6', 180lbs., blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys traveling. I'm looking for a SF, 31-49, for dating and possibly more. Ad#.1234

R U GOAL-ORIENTED?
Outgoing, attractive, physically fit SWM, 23, 6'1", 190lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys traveling, good conversations, quiet times, looking for serious-minded SWF, 19-39, for LTR. Ad#.1227

LOVES THE LORD
SWM, 27, 6', red hair, green eyes, good personality, self-employed, likes camping, beach walks. ISO spirit-filled SCF, 18-24. Ad#.1226

TAKE A CHANCE!
Average-looking, active SWPM, 45, 6', 200lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, N/S, enjoys outdoors, traveling, motorcycles, water sports, dining out, movies, looking to meet active, fun, attractive SWF, 35-55, for friendship, maybe more. Ad#.1235

LET'S KICK IT!
SHM, 6'1", brown hair/eyes, psychology student, seeks SWF, 19-21, who is cool and laid-back. Ad#.1209

WORK HARD PLAY HARD
Active SWPM, 28, likes bowling, camping, hiking, country/western dancing, enjoying life. Seeking a sincere, outgoing SWF, 22-32, for fun, adventure, friendship, maybe more. Ad#.1224

SPARKLING BLUE EYES
Kind-hearted, self-supporting, outgoing white male, 46, 6'1", 170lbs., with brown hair and a warm smile, seeking nice, non-drinking, slim/medium-built white female, 30-47, for friendship, possibly more. Ad#.5018

I IS THE LONELIEST #
SWM, 40, seeks to begin a relationship with a fun-loving SWF, 29-34. Call for details! Ad#.1223

OUTDOORS TYPE
Fun-loving SWM, 24, seeks fun-loving SWF, 21-27, to share good times with. Call for details! Ad#.1216

ENTERPRISING GUY
Fun-loving SWM, 19, enjoys music, movies and fun. Seeks an outgoing SWF, 18-23, to share happy days. Ad#.1215

LOOK HERE
SCM, 47, seeks an easygoing, medium-built SF, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Ad#.1212

FUN TO BE WITH
Single Hispanic male, 26, 5'9", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, comedy, and action movies, seeks a fun, humorous, loving, and faithful, single Hispanic female, over 18. Ad#.1206

SHOW ME DON'T TELL ME
SHM, 21, 5'6", 200lbs., likes partying, movies, having fun, seeks SHF, 18-23, for friendship, maybe more. Ad#.5233

18 WHEELER MAN
Mobile, active SWM, 31, likes playing sports, cuttin' the rug, movies, seeks communicative, honest SF, 23-40, interested in a real relationship. Race unimportant. Ad#.5231

PLAY MY MUSIC
SHM, 18, 5'10", 150lbs., fun-loving, likes movies, clubs, fun, seeking honest SF, 18-23. Ad#.5216

LIFE TO THE FULLEST
Spontaneous, loving, understanding SWM, 39, 6', 220lbs., husky build, enjoys church, fishing, camping, hiking, working out, cards, dogs, kids, looking for a SF, 21-40, with similar qualities/interests. Ad#.5224

LOVE TO LOVE YOU
SWM, 19, college student, likes walks, long drives, movies, quality times, interested in meeting SWF, 18-22. Ad#.5222

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST
Medicine for this SWM, 31, who also likes playing basketball and baseball, candlelight dinners, getting outdoors and having fun. Seeking SF, 25-40, for friendship. Ad#.5211

TOGETHERNESS
Easygoing SWM, 37, 6'1", 200lbs., brown-haired, green-eyed, enjoys outdoor activities, movies, relaxing at home, camping, cook outs, theatre and dining out. Seeking for an outgoing SWF, 28-40. Ad#.5201

CAN U KEEP UP?
Energetic SWM, 20, slim, 6'1", 160lbs., medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoys working on the car, movies, sports, being with friends. Seeking an easygoing SF, 18-25. Ad#.5197

FAITH IN GOD
Honest SWM, 39, 6', 225lbs., brown-haired, hazel-eyed, husky built, enjoys going to church, basketball, working out, biking, outdoor activities. Seeking for outgoing, honest SF, 20-40, for LTR. Ad#.5198

CUDDLE WITH ME
Romantic single white male, 33, enjoys cuddling, dining out, cooking, movies, music, outdoor activities, sports, going to the beach, traveling. Seeking a romantic single white female, 25-55. Ad#.5150

GIVE IT A TRY
Laid-back SWM, 37, 5'7", 170lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, sporting events and camping. ISO honest, responsible, creative SF, 28-39. Ad#.5176

CIRCLE THIS AD
Easygoing, nice SHM, 39, 5'6", salt/pepper hair, enjoys baseball, playing pool. ISO good-looking SF, 35-43, who is trustworthy. Ad#.5192

LET'S TRY IT
Affectionate, outgoing SWM, 52, 5'10", 192lbs., enjoys motorcycles, snorkeling, diving, activities around the water. ISO warm, affectionate, fun-loving SF, 38-65 Ad#.5190

ISO FUN TIMES
SWM, 18, 5'10", very old-fashion, romantic, loyal, faithful, trustworthy, enjoys sports, movies, ISO SF, 18-24, who is fun, outgoing, with similar interests. Ad#.5187

LEAVE A MESSAGE
SHM, 23, 6'2", interested in meeting a tall SHF, 19-30, who enjoys working out. Ad#.5174

DON'T KEEP ME WAITING
Fun-loving SBM, 31, 5'11", 180lbs., likes sports, swimming, jogging, movies and dining out, searching for an energetic SF, 21-45, with similar interests. Ad#.5159

BACK TO THE BASICS
SBM, 31, looking forward to meeting a family-oriented SHF, 20-38, who shares his interests in sports, working out and hunting. Ad#.5158

IN SEARCH OF YOU
Cheerful SHM, 31, 5'11", brown hair/eyes, enjoys fishing, jet skiing and quiet times, hoping to meet a SHF, 23-35, for a possible relationship. Ad#.5164

LET'S TALK SOON
SHM, 23, 6'2", pastimes include movies and quiet times, desires an attractive SHF, 19-30, to share good times. Ad#.5163

ONE OF THE BEST
Athletic, upfront SBM, 20, 5'9", 198lbs., enjoys long trips, malls, seeking sincere SF, 19-23, who will hold him when he is down. Ad#.1145

QUIET TIMES TOO
Energetic, humorous SHM, 38, 5'9", 170lbs., likes drag racing, cruising, dancing, shopping. ISO energetic, outgoing SF, 18-45. Ad#.5154

LIFE IS BEST SHARED
This attractive, educated, physically fit SWM, 45, 6', 160lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an affectionate, slim/medium-built SWF, 25-50, to share his life with. Ad# 1031

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Meet this soft-spoken, gentle SWM, 43, 5'7", 150lbs., with black hair, who hopes to get together with a delightful, charming SWF, 35-50, who enjoys a variety of outdoor activities. Ad#.5144

JUST DANDY
Here's a good-humored SWM, 29, 6'1", 235lbs., brown hair, green eyes, who hopes to share friendship and good times with an outgoing, friendly SHF, 20-38. Ad#.5145

DON'T BE SHY
Here's a cheerful, always happy SHM, 32, 5'8", 178lbs., with black hair, loves movies, fishing and camping. He'd love to get together with a bubbly, outgoing, very pretty SF, 21-36. Ad#.5139

LET'S TALK
Social SWM, 36, 5'8", 180lbs., brown hair, blue-green eyes, hoping to get acquainted with an attractive SCF, 21-52, who shares his interests in movies, fishing and sports. Ad#.5133

THE ONE FOR ME?
This outgoing SHM, 18, brown hair, wants to meet a fun-loving SWF, 18-28, who shares his interests in sports and quiet times. Ad#.5126

STEAL MY HEART
Humorous SHM, 22, 5'9", black hair, interested in meeting an adventurous SWF, 23-25, whose hobbies include music and working out. Ad#.5125

SEEKING HONEST LADY
Active, outgoing, yet conservative SWM, 6', 41, brown hair, green eyes, likes recreational sports, hiking, fishing, etc. ISO sincere, moral SF, 29-45, for a genuine relationship. Ad#.5081

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Humorous single white male, 28, 6', 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes music, walks and outdoor activities, eager to meet a single white female, 18-33. Ad#.5131

IT COULD BE YOU
This single white male, 25, 6'2", 270lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports, camping and travel, looking to meet a happy single female, 21-36, whose ready to have fun. Ad#.5127

A LOT TO OFFER
Intelligent SWM, 32, 6'1", 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, interested in meeting a humorous SWCF, 25-39, whose hobbies include music and reading. Ad#.1173

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
Comical single white male, 53, 6'5", 265lbs., brown hair, green eyes, eager to meet a tall, slim single white female, 30-55, who shares his interests in computers, bowling, dancing and football. Ad#.5119

DON'T MISS OUT
Single white professional male, 48, 6'1", 180lbs., interests include traveling, shopping and moonlit walks, in search of a slender single

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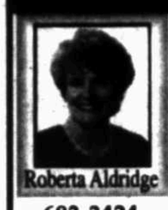
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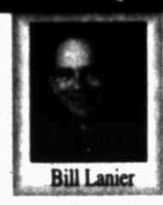
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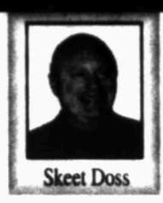
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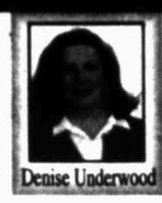
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5 BEDROOMS

7 Hialeah-Pool, gated community, pretty updating $259,500

4 BEDROOMS

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6935 Sunrise Ct.-Custom on golf course-4 bedrooms, game room $365,000
5009 Mira Vista-New, 4BD, 4BA, flagstone floors $299,900
1700 Storey-Totally Updated & Unique, Must See! $299,500
2002 L-Traditional 2 story in Warwick, Great pool $285,000
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3600 Trinity Meadows-Huge rooms, wet bar, new carpet $235,000
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4912 Lancashire Rd.-3.5 bath, high ceilings, open plan $139,900
6006 Allandale-Very special custom home on quiet cul-de-sac $135,000
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3608 Pinemont-Open floor plan, Fairmont Park $114,500
10809 E. Co. Rd. 109-Greenwood Schools, move-in condition $97,500
4713 Cindy Pl.-Completely Remodeled w/mature oak trees & landscape $89,900
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1602 Bedford-Wonderful Old Midland location, nice updating $87,500
5008 E. Hwy. 158-GREENWOOD-4.3 acres, updated, 2 baths $79,900
911 W. Michigan-Gleaming hardwoods, great yard, Super $77,500

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1926 Crescent Pl.-Lovely townhouse with pool $260,000
2109 S. Co. Rd. 1129-Minutes from the city $269,500
809 Canonero-Saddle Club Townhouse with pool $229,500
1911 Crescent Pl.-Great one story plan, bring all offers $225,000
2501 Sinclair-Contemporary, Beautiful Townhouse $209,500
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3221 W. Michigan-Plus adjacent lot, to be sold "as is" $49,500
4501 Monty-2 Living Areas, New carpet & vinyl flooring $45,000
3309 Delano-Updated, huge kitchen, must see $44,900
4503 Amigo-Darling! Redone! Ref. A/C $44,900
5122 S. Co. Rd. 1183 1/2-3 bdrm, 3 bath, fireplace, Mobile Home $35,000
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2202 Western-Huge master, completely re-done townhouse $110,000
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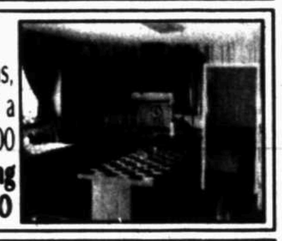

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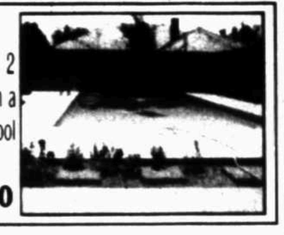

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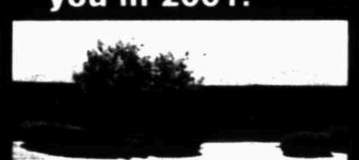

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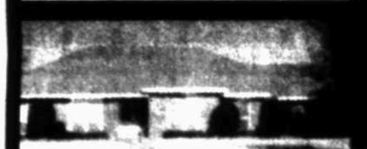

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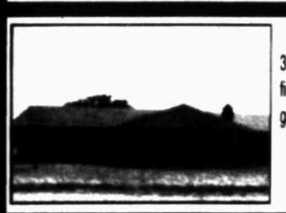

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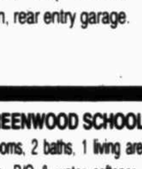

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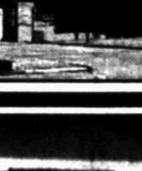

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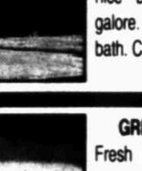

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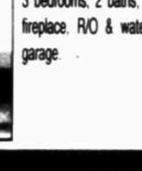

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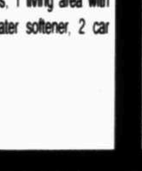

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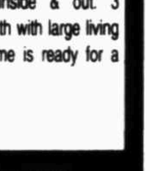

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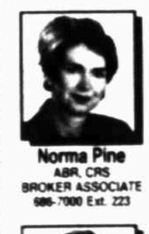

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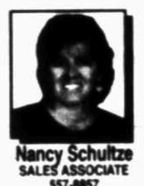

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SEABOARD-Gracious 2-story charmer, 5-6BR, formals, den, garden room, playroom, pool 395,000
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SINCLAIR-2 story Warwick beauty. 4/3.5/2LA + study, custom gourmet kitchen, sparkling pool, paddle tennis court 345,000
SADDLE CLUB TH-Large, livable, beautifully decorated. High ceilings, pool, fabulous guest house 339,950
TRINITY ESTATES-Grand space, super plan w/5BRs, formals, den, study, playroom, big yard, great price 339,000
LANHAM-5+BR/5BA/2LA, gorgeous, totally meticulously updated. More beautiful than new! 337,500
COUNTRY CLUB-Old Midland colorful, comfy home, large 6BR/5BA/2LA, 2-story w/pool, 10,000 paint allow 295,000
FAIRWOOD DR-Spacious 3 yr old 5BR/3.5BA/3LA plus computer/office, 3-car garage in Mockingbird Hts 277,000
OAKLAWN TOWNHOME-Stunning architecture, incredible appointments, gorgeous sea blue pool, fabulous guest house 265,000
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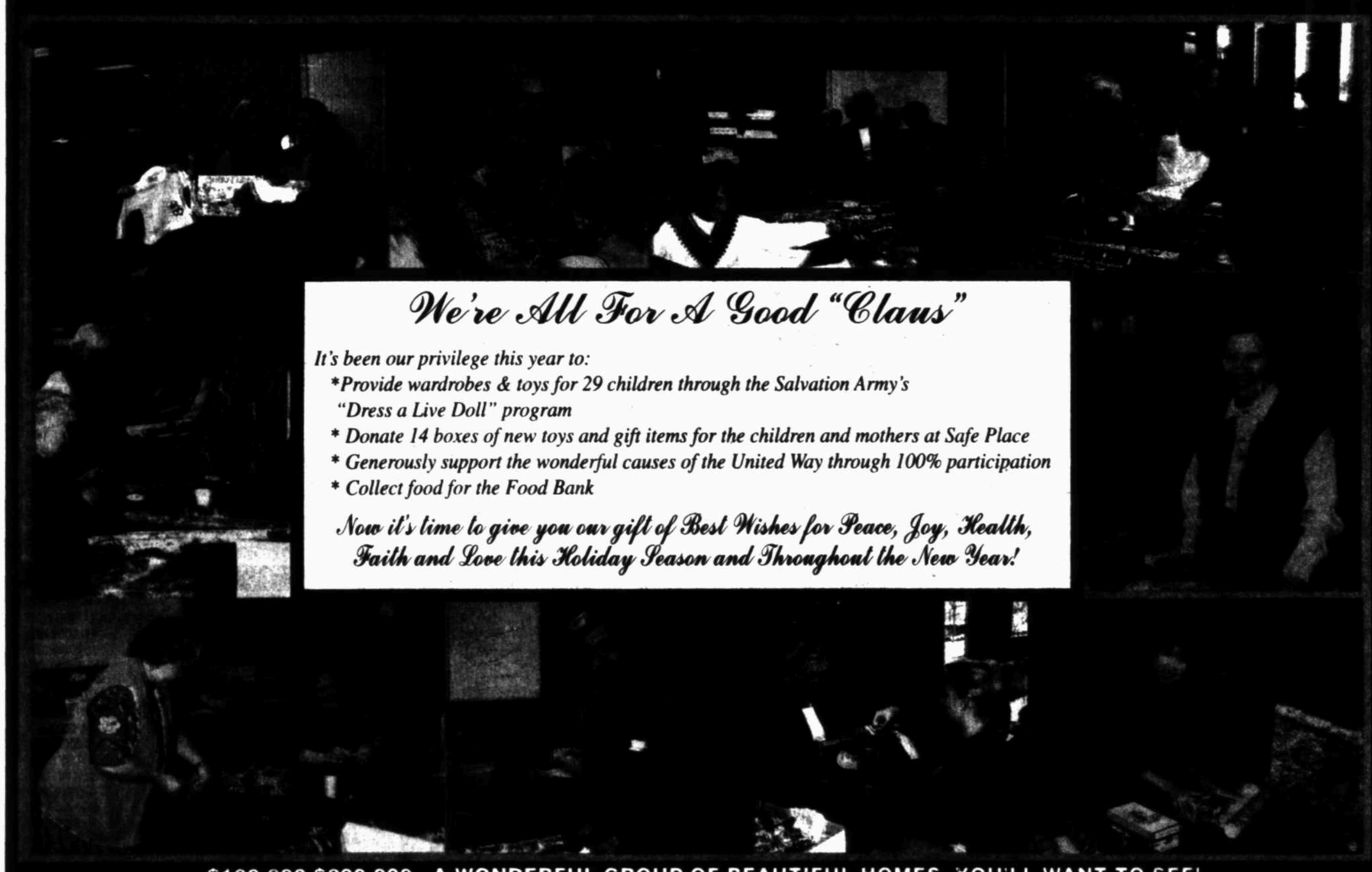

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- Donate 14 boxes of new toys and gift items for the children and mothers at Safe Place
- Generously support the wonderful causes of the United Way through 100% participation
- Collect food for the Food Bank

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BAYBROOK-Expect the best! Delightfully different plan, lovely soft decor, obvious quality of a P West custom, formals, den, study, seq, master, 3 garage 189,700
BOYD-Terrific 2-story w/4BR/2 full baths + 2 half baths. Cozy den, gourmet kitchen & in-ground pool 184,900
SEABOARD-Location, location, location. Old Midland at it's finest! 4BR beauty w/tons of storage 175,000
MAMAR CT.-Fabulous home - lots of new. 3BR/3.5BA/2LA plus great room w/balcony 169,000
C-Old Midland, 4BR/3BA/2LA plus study-all new. Expect to be impressed 165,000
WOODHOLLOW-Great buy in Briarwood, large rooms, seq. master, big gameroom off kitchen 163,000
SEQUOIA-Greentree beauty. Unique plan. 3/3/3, 2FP. 2-story on golf course 160,000
AUGUSTINE CT-Beautiful 3/2/2 in Mission Dorado w/light, bright, open floor plan - many amenities 157,500
DEVONSHIRE-Bring offers on this 4BR/2.5BA. Sunshine galore, plnt shtrs. French doors, & much more 154,900
SHADY OAK-3BR/2.5BA/2LA, formal dining on the golf course, very nice floor plan, wet bar 154,900
HUMBLE-Marvelous Old Midland home w/gorgeous new master suite. 3/2/3 plus new 2-car garage 153,900
SORRELL LANE EAST-Saddle Club North TH 2/2/2, fireplace, atrium & office 150,000
TEAKWOOD-Lovely 4BR/3BA w/large formal dining, great decor and large yard 149,900
LEMONWOOD CT.-This 4BR/2.5BA home shines! Great cul-de-sac location in popular Briarwood 149,900
ROSEWOOD-An exceptional 4BR/3BA in The Briarwood Addition w/2LA/2 dining areas, great landscaping 149,900
PRINCETON-Lovely 3/2 w/wood floors, located on a corner lot in Old Midland. Side-entry garage 139,900
MOSS-Terrific TH 3BR/2.5BA, pool, oversized garage w/shop 139,500
CASTLEFORD-Easy to enjoy this 4BR/3BA home, open floor plan, kitchen w/island, plantation shutters 139,500
LANHAM-Great patio home. Very spacious, formal dining, huge kitchen, extra RV parking in rear 139,500
BEECHWOOD CT.-Incredible, open, light & bright home on quiet cul-de-sac in coveted Green Tree 139,000
DRIFTWOOD-Custom on the course at Greentree. Loaded w/terrific features and priced to sell 139,000
STOREY-Here's a "way cool" house in Old Midland - long on charm 138,900
GARFIELD-Move right into this smashing TH, stunning decorator furniture included! Gorgeous pool 137,500
BOYD-4BR/4BA, large living areas - multi-use home on a hill 135,000
MISSOURI-Incredible 4BR in lovely historic Midland. 4BA, sunroom, formals & updated kitchen 134,900
SPRING MEADOW-Pristine and peaceful, your own retreat! 3/2, sequestered master 132,000
SHANDON-Wonderful drive-up for this 4BR/3LA updated home. Pool, storage building, lots of extras 127,000
MARMON-What a dream! 4/2 w/2LA, lots of updates, great landscaping 126,900
SHIRLEY CT-Great Wallace TH, approximately 2465 sq. ft. New carpet and roof in 1998 125,000
CANDLETREE CV-Large 3BR/2BA. Updated 125,000
DAWN CIRCLE-A wonderful 4 BR w/2 LA each w/FP, in-ground spa 124,900
RUSTIC TRAIL-Great 4BR on the course in coveted Green Tree North 124,900
AUBURN-4/4 w/1LA, over 2900 sq. ft. Circle drive, super plan 124,750
CRESTRIDGE-Crestgate beauty. 4/2.5, sprinklered, spiffy clean. 3LA's, AHS policy 124,500
PRINCETON-Absolutely immaculately maintained home w/Austin-like yard. You'll love it 123,900
DAWN CIRCLE-Stucco home. 3BR/3BA/2LA/2-car garage. All new tile, open LAs, all 3 seq, BR suites 121,000
TIMBER LANE-Kahler custom resale. Built 2000. 3BR/2BA, formal dining, 2-car garage 120,000
CRESTLINE-4BR/3BA/2LA w/lots of new paint, nice cul-de-sac, great landscaping. Just reduced 119,900
KANSAS-Great 5BR/3BA on large corner lot. 3FP, lots of updated in kitchen 119,500
SENTINEL-Large older home on big lot with pool. 3BR/2FP. Owner anxious 119,500
MOUNT VERNON-Cheerful 3BR, spacious kitchen, bath w/Jacuzzi. Santa Rita area 119,000
TIMBER LANE-Kahler construction w/kaboodles features! 4BR, wood deck, beautiful yard, immaculate & charming 118,500
WINDSOR-Gorgeous pool and convenient location. 3 or 4BR w/in-home office can be entered from side 115,900
BISHOPS CASTLE-A great 4BR, one owner home in Polo Park. Large living, new kitchen tile & more 115,900
ANDOVER-3BR/2BA/1LA, unique tile floor, plantation shutters, new roof, cul-de-sac location 114,900
CORD-"Leave it to Beaver" home in coveted Kimber Lea w/4 large bedrooms w/tons of storage 114,900
PINEMONT-4BR/2BA w/lofty ceilings, gourmet kitchen, Architectural delight 114,000
GODFREY-Distinctive new Hoffman construction 114,000
STOREY-Bright, spacious, inviting w/lots of tile flooring, seq MBR, huge family room 110,000
FAIRVIEW-Lovely 4BR/3BA w/formals, seq. master, new taupe paint, lots of storage 109,900
CARPENTER-Fabulous home with pool in Stanford! Much much new! Roof, 2A/C's, kitchen, master BA 108,900
AUBURN-Pristine beauty. 3/2/2. 2LA/2 dining. Lots of new, cul-de-sac 108,500
VENTURA-Large patio home, flexible floor plan, good condition, easy care yard 107,000
GREEN TREE BLVD.-Every square inch looks brand new & nearly all of it is! 104,900
WHITTLE WAY-Darling 3/2 w/spacious open kitchen/dining. Bay windows and window seat 103,500
CALDERA-Super Kahler construction shows like new. 3/2 high ceilings every room. Great upgrades 102,900

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MAXWELL-Fantastic detached shop/office goes w/3/3/3/2LA/2 dining, circle drive 99,500
DOUGLAS-Great location on block with lovely homes. Beautiful curb appeal, large rooms. 3BR/2BA/2LA 99,000
FREEMAN-3/2.5 - wonderful 2-story, so much updating, soaring ceilings, entire 2nd story is master suite 95,900
WILLINGHAM-Great 4BR w/great storage, xtra large kitchen, pool, all on quiet street 95,000
DOUGLAS-3BR/2BA/2-car-2LA, Old Midland home, large workshop, security system, very open & bright 94,900
VERDE CREEK-A decorator lives here. Don't miss this 3 large bedrooms, 3 full baths and 2 living areas 94,900
WESTERN-Wow! Classic neutral decor, every inch redone, big open kitchen, very private patio 94,000
FANNIN-Beautiful home in Fannin area. Complete remodel. 3/2 w/a great open kitchen/LA 89,900
PINE-Great home located in wonderful area near Racquet Club. Tons of sq.ft. for the money 89,900
LINDORA WAY-Very nice 1997 built! Spacious! High ceilings. Assumable! Lower interest rate! Low equity 89,900
HAYNES-Fabulous update TH w/lots of new. Walk to Emerson, Goddard and Midland College 89,900
MISSOURI-Lovely Old Midland area. Lots of new, nice den with fireplace 88,900
WHITNEY-Offers wanted! Owner will finance. Call Betty for details. 3/2/2/LA 88,500
EDGEMONT-Great 4/2 in Fairmont Park w/new tile, carpet & wallpaper! Mint condition 87,500
SEABOARD-Spacious 4BR w/2LA. Concrete storage building in backyard 87,500
DENGAR-"Beauty and the Best"-dazzling 3BR/2BA. So much new 87,500
HERITAGE-Great home in Santa Rita district. Large LA (high ceilings). Great home 87,000
FRONTIER-4BR/2BA in Fannin district. Priced below appraised value 86,500
PHILLIP PL-3/2 in quiet cul-de-sac, neutral colors. Big pine trees 86,500
TERRACE-3/2 w/lush trees & St. Augustine grass. 3LA + office. it's a beauty. Walk to Fannin 85,900
SINCLAIR-3BR/2BA/2LA/2-car. FP, bookcases, landscaped, skylights, many updates, covered patio 84,900
COMMUNITY LANE-Much, much updating. Fabulous new kitchen, beautiful windows. Workshop 84,000
CRESTMONT-3BR/2BA/2-car, high ceilings w/stunning FP, formal dining & utility room. Sprinkler sys 83,500
BEDFORD-Great 3/2, big rooms, fresh paint, new carpet, plantation shutters, $2,000 buyer incentive 83,500
NEELY-Contemporary 3/2.5, formal dining, updated kitchen, seq. master, one large LA, Fannin School 83,000
GULF-Wonderful neighborhood, 3/2, open flowing plan, large rooms, close to schools 82,900
SHELL-Great TH w/Mex tile, 3 patios, light & bright, beautiful decor, great storage, many extras 2BR/2BA 82,
QUAIL RUN-So inviting! 3 very nice LAs, one w/cozy FP, well maintained, great updating, quiet cul-de-sac 80,000
CIMARRON-Absolutely the cutest home in Fannin area! So much updates & clean as a whistle! 79,900
CASTLEFORD-Special patio home, mature yard, close to clubhouse, light, bright and lots of extras 79,900
MISSION-Patio home built in 1997, 2/2, open plan, quiet cul-de-sac, great buy 79,500
WARD-Wonderful townhome-like property with 3BR/2BA, formal dining, lots of new 79,900
WHITTLE WAY-Great, totally updated home in Wydewood w/3BR/2BA and a great kitchen 78,900
ST ANDREWS-4BR/2BA/2-car garage, ceiling fans, white-washed cabinets, pantry, seq. master 77,900
MICHIGAN-4BR/2BA, well maintained, good location 75,000
DOUGLAS-4 large bedrooms, abundant storage, lots of new inside, located on a quiet street 74,900
ASPEN-Low maintenance TH/new tile & carpet. 2/2 plus bonus room 74,500
FANNIN-Walk to Rusk and Lee. 3/2/2, 2LA, refrigerated air, FP & sprinklered 74,000
MOGFORD-Just remodeled - Will make a great Christmas or New Years present 73,000
LOUISIANA-Charming Old Midland w/hardwood floors. Remodeled kitchen, in-ground pool & spa qtrs 72,900
GARFIELD-Super space, affordable price! Great for home office, elder care, home schooling 72,350
CULVER-3/2 one-owner home for the pickiest of buyers. Walk to M. Christian. $2,000 towards closing costs 70,900
DENGAR-Spacious 4BR/2BA/2LA/2FP. Great area 70,000
SIESTA-Duplex each side 2BR/1.5BA, approx. 1120 sq. ft. great investment property 69,900
MICHIGAN-Charming Older Midland 3BR, hardwood floors. Ideal location for home office near downtown 69,900
PRINCETON-Nice & spacious 3BR/2BA on big corner lot w/large trees. 2 storage bldgs. Big den w/FP 69,500
BOYD-So charming and inviting! - inside and out 69,500
B-Wonderful Old Midland home w/lots of new inside & out on an extra large landscaped lot 69,500
LOUISIANA-Custom kitchen, hardwood floors, workshop. Wow! 68,900
TARLETON-Really nice updated home near Bonham. Such a big lot and wonderful patio and backyard 68,000
CANADIAN-Lots of new in this 3BR/2BA plus 3% buyer incentive and home warranty 66,500
SANDS-Totally updated home in Old Midland with a $2,500 buyer incentive 65,000
MICHIGAN-Beat the heat. 3BR/2BA w/pool 65,000
BEDFORD-Exceptional 5BR home. New carpet, paint, tile and A/C. A must see 64,900
BELTON PL-3BR/2BA/1LA/2 car garage in Northgate 64,900
BRAZOS-What a charmer! So much new or newer, absolutely perfect and a delightful price 64,900
SHANDON-Sparkling clean 3BR/2BA w/FP & 2-car garage. Screened-in porch 64,900
McDONALD-Spectacular 3BR w/loads of new! Park like yard and large family room 64,000
BAUMANN-Updated to the max! A 3/2 you will love. Storm cellar a bonus! 63,000
MICHIGAN-One of the best 3BR/2BA home for the price in Midland 63,000
MOGFORD-Great home in lovely tree-lined neighborhood 62,000
FANNIN-Nice home near Lee High. New carpet, paint and tile. Priced to sell! You'll be pleased 61,900
DELAIRE-So nice & clean! 3 BR/3 full baths + a pool. Pretty new carpet throughout 60,100
REEVES-Great property, pretty yard, big kitchen, covered patio, quiet street 59,900
BEDFORD-Cozy 3BR/2BA w/Berber carpet, tons of storage, workshop & home warranty 59,900
GULF-Just a close walk to high school & elementary! 3BR/3LA 59,900
PASADENA-Qualifying assumption. Light & bright 3BR/2BA home. Huge kitchen w/lots of cabinets 57,500
BOYD-Nice 3/2 in quiet area. Previously used as a lease property. Make offers 56,900
LEDDY-Lots of new-3BR/2BA/2-car garage. M[illegible] see 55,500
MERCEDES-Super clean 3/2/2, lots of new, HWH & AC. Vacant & ready 55,000
TARLETON-Great buy on this cute 3BR home w/2LA and large lot. Owner will help w/closing cost 55,000
BARKLEY-What a nifty house, 3/2, updated througout w/2 backyards, super workshop 55,000
MONTY-Terrific 3BR w/new carpet, vinyl and paint! Great home 54,000
SHANDON-4 or 5BR, 1 or 2LA, split level home, 1 car garage in front, 2-car garage in back 53,000
ILLINOIS-Two houses, two blocks from Midland Memorial 52,000
NICKLAUS-Spotless 3/2, beautiful neighborhood, newer A/C and carpets 51,500
KESSLER-Very, very clean 3/2 2 gar, new carpet, paint & kitchen sink & more 46,992
MICHIGAN-Investment property, sold as is, 3BR/2BA/2LA w/hardwood floors 45,000
ERIE-3BR/2BA, new carpet, newer tile, newer paint 42,000
COLLEGE-Great investment property w/smaller house behind it. To be sold as is. Both are leased 40,000
LOUISIANA-4BR/1.5BA w/1BR apartment in rear 39,750
STOREY-"Rental re-do", clean and under $40,000. Brick 3BR/1BA 39,500
STOREY-New paint, carpet, floor covering. Owner will help with financing 39,000
VERSAILLES-Fixer upper! Priced for a complete re-do at tax appraisal price 38,600
MICHIGAN-Old Midland cottage w/generous sized bedrooms, gleaming hardwood floors, charming 37,500
HARLOWE-Neat and well maintained, cozy and inviting, carpet allowance 37,500
MICHIGAN-All brick 3BR/2BA w/2-car garage & small workshop, refrigerator stays 37,500
DEVONIAN-Owner financed, new paint and carpet 35,000
HILL AVE-Darling 2/1CA-CH w/new int. paint, carpet, composition roof and wood deck in last 1.5 yrs 35,000
HILL-Owner will finance this remodeled home. Don't miss it 34,900
TANNER-3/1, good schools, fixer-upper by buyer 33,500
ROOSEVELT-Cute and charming! Lots of new in '99. Could be 3BR/1LA or 2BR/2LA. Great buy! 32,900
CROCKETT-3BR/1BA, storage unit, very clean, storm doors, ceiling fans 30,000

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W. CO. RD. 42-Investor & horse lover's delight. Located in the residential/retail growth of city 255,000
ANN DR.-Fabulous suburban 4BR w/pool, spa, 30x40 shop plus 4 offices 248,900
S. CO. RD. 1119-Picture perfect. 3 yr old home on 11 acres! 4BR/3BA, formal dining, huge shop w/gameroom 226,500
E. CO. RD. 98-Stoneridge Subdivision. Better than new! 4/3.5/2LA on 1.79 acres, workshop w/overhead door 196,900
N. FM 1788-Wonderfully charming 2 story, 10 acres, barns, stables, bunkhouse, riding arena 165,000
W. CO. RD. 125-3 yr. old stunning 3BR/2BA/3 acres 100'x75' fishing pond. 40'x30' separate shop, office w/1/2 bath 154,850
E. CO. RD. 110-Wow! 4 BR/3 full & 2 one-half baths, 3 LA's on 2 acres 149,900
CARDINAL-Exceptional country property. 4/3, 2.5 acres, Pecan orchard, workshop, shady yard 149,500
W. CO. RD. 58 1/2-Tremendous space & amenities in the country. 4BR/3.5BA plus gameroom 139,900
W. CO. RD. 140-Mini ranch, approx. 27-28 acres, nice 3/2. 2-story brick home, 3-car garage, guest house 139,900
W. CO. RD. 52-Fabulous country home located near airport. 3/2 w/large wonderful shop, acreage for animals 124,900
HWY. 137-3BR/2BA/3LAs, large rooms, Pecan orchard, screened-in porch 115,000
W. CO. RD. 140-Larger than it looks! 4 bedrooms, pool, unfinished 2BR guest house, much more 115,000
S. CO. RD. 1184-3/2 w/20x40 workshop, 3 horse stalls, 2 barns, alarm system, pipe fence, 1.42 acres 108,500
S. CO. RD. 1185-Just a terrific house -country living at its best! New carpet, wood floor - den, barn, 2.65 ac 104,500
E. CO. RD. 109-3+ year old brick home by Greenwood schools. 3/2 and double-sided fireplace 103,500
W. CO. RD. 1213-One owner home w/airpark access! Unique 3BR/2BA w/beautiful ceilings & abundant closets & storage 101,000
N. CO. RD. 1130-Looking for country? Don't miss this 3BR/2BA completely remodeled 96,000
E. CO. RD. 104-Need 2LA or 4BR/1LA Greenwood school district? 88,000
E. CO. RD. 105-Front kitchen, seq. master and sprinkler system all in Greenwood 67,500
S. CO. RD. 1178-Cozy suburban 2BR/2.5BA w/lots of new plus barn, storage shed and more 67,000
E. CO. RD. 108-Perfect pool, 4BR/2BA, cul-de-sac type street. Greenwood schools. 2-car garage + 2 car carport 65,900
S. CO. RD. 1135-So nice 3BR/2BA on approximately 1 9 acres. Greenwood schools 47,000
E. CO. RD. 128-Very nice 3BR/2BA, just remodeled, new well, septic (paint side & out) and carport 47,000
E. CO. RD. 95-Beautiful MH w/kitchen to die for! Very clean, light & bright. 3 acres, 2WW, 2 septic tanks 41,500
W. CO. RD. 140-Mobile home w/2BR/1.5BA/2LA plus 1 acre w/fenced yard and storage shed 30,000

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PINEHURST-Excellent residential lot in Saddle Club East 42,000
L-Rare and beautiful lot in museum district, special site 37,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Great Green Tree North residential lot 34,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Super Green Tree North residential lot 34,500
JUNIPER CT.-Wonderful, large lot in Green Tree South 32,900
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RIVERA CT.-Owner/Agent. Great lot in Saddle Club East on cul-de-sac. Only a few remaining 28,000
ELM ST. & LAMESA RD.-Lot could be commercial location 22,500
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GREEN TREE BLVD.-Good price on great lot 8,500
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WOLFCAMP CIRCLE-2 commercial lots Reduced, make offers ..... CALL
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FLORIDA & I. ST.-1 acre zoned commercial ..... CALL
COTTONFLAT RD.-1.7 acres commercial lot ..... CALL
S. CO. RD. 1380-28.8 including Twin Cities Speedway Race Track 400,000
INDUSTRIAL-Outstanding value! Located on Industrial Drive this office bldg & metal shop sits on 7 acres 275,000
E. CO. RD. 120-2 story office bldg. Corner Rankin Hwy 150,000
TEXAS-Large property - zoned office 149,000
ST. ANDREWS-Great investment opportunity to own super, well maintained duplex 79,900
ILLINOIS-Reasonable office building. Block rent to hospital. Sold as is 79,000
E. HWY. 158-Commercial property has income producing potential! Call LA for details. 2BR/2BA MH 79,000
HWY. 80E-Good corner lot, 1.35 acres in busy commercial area on Hwy. 80 74,000
**W. CO. RD. 125 (O-9000 sq. ft. warehouse/office between Midland/Odessa. Covered parking, lease $1,000/mo 60,000
COUNTRY CLUB-Great duplex equipped with all appliances. Super investment too 45,000
CALDERA (#89)-Great investment buy! Two units available, $23,900 each 19,000
W. ILLINOIS (#18)-Centrally located 2BR/1.5BA condo. Lovely pool area 18,000
**BOULDER (#94-2BR/2BA/1LA, FP, second level faces Loop 250 12,000
BOULDER (#98)-Cutest and cleanest 1BR condo on market. Stove & refrigerator included. Price to sell quickly 8,000
BOULDER-6 units, great price for investment. Pool & tennis court ..... 6,000-11,000 each

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S. HWY. 349-10.2 acres 120,000
N. CO. RD. 1240-39.20 acres in N/W area adjacent to additional 39.2 acres 98,000
S. CO. RD. 1223 1/2-Trailer park, 18 spaces between Midland & Odessa along I-20 54,900
W CO RD 160-Prime acrage between Midland/Odessa off of 1788 on W Co. Rd. 160. No mobile homes. Restricted 45,000
S. COTTONFLAT-Acreage on S. Cottonflat - over 16 acres - owner will finance 16,500
N. CO. RD. 1244-New water well and electricity installed w/in last year! City water will be avail. in future 15,000
W. CO. RD. 181-2.5 acres - ready to build on South at Skywest Airport 10,900

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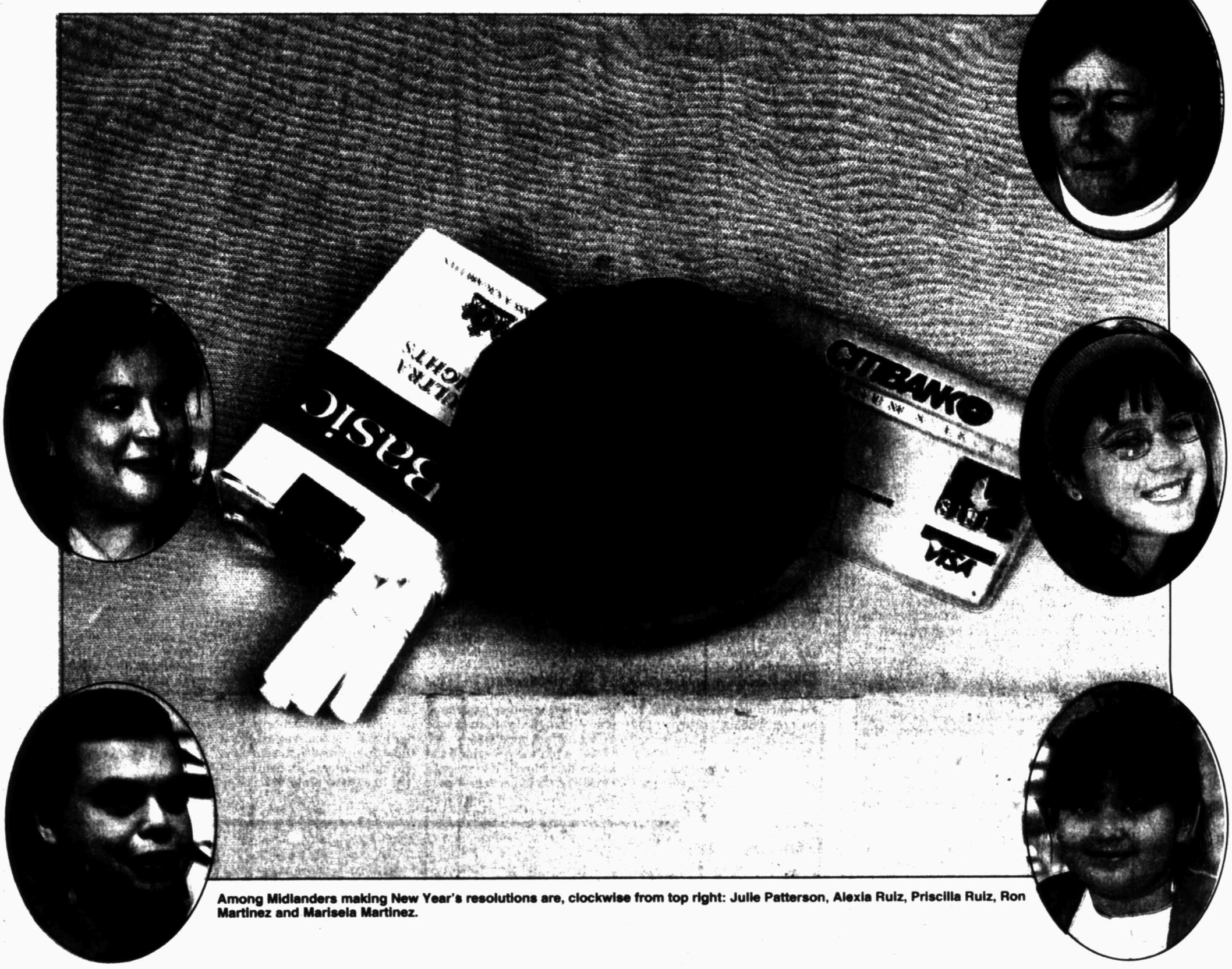
Trying to JUST SAY NO this year ... again



Among Midlanders making New Year's resolutions are, clockwise from top right: Julie Patterson, Alexia Ruiz, Priscilla Ruiz, Ron Martinez and Marisela Martinez.

Some vow to stop smoking, some to lose weight or spend their money wisely, yet some Midlanders resolve to stop making New Year's resolutions

It's a new year and a new millennium.

New Year's, a time of starting over, is also the time of year many people vow to change themselves. This is something that doesn't change, new millennium or not. So what are Midlanders resolving to do this year?

"I've got to lose some weight," Maggie Smithson said. "I have wanted to do it for a while, but the new year is always a good time to start. I'll start over as the year starts over."

Others promise to quit smoking.

"This is my fourth year to promise to quit smoking," James Archer said.

"But I think I will keep my promise this time because I promised my kids I would quit. The last three times I promised myself to quit, but I promised my kids I would be there to see them graduate and get married. I think I have a better chance of doing that if I stop smoking."

For some, New Year's resolutions involve money.

"For me, the greatest evil is those little plastic rectangles in my wallet," Bonnie McDaniel said. "I am such an impulse buyer. And if I don't have the money with me to pay for something, I pull out the credit cards."

Ms. McDaniel has a plan to combat her impulse credit card purchases.

"I thought of a way to have this resolution work," she said. "I am going to leave my credit cards at home when I go out. Then when I see something I really love, I will write down what it is and how much it costs. At the end of the month, if I've been a good girl with my credit cards, I'll go back and buy whatever I have the money for — and only after I have paid my bills. That way I won't get into trouble."

Katilyne, Ms. McDaniel's daughter, also wishes to make a resolution or two.

"I am going to keep my room clean," Katilyne, 6, said. "And I promise to take Squeakers, our dog, for a walk every day."

Cousins and best friends Priscilla Ruiz and Alexia Ruiz, both 10, each have resolutions.

"My mom is having a baby, and I am going to help out. When the baby cries, I am going to dance with it to have it stop," Priscilla said. "I've never helped out with a baby before."

Alexia wishes to break a bad habit.

"I always forget to bring my things home from school," she said.

This will be the first year for each to make a resolution.

Others have been making resolutions for a long while and will make a new one this year.

"I am a diabetic and need to stay off the sweet stuff," Ron Martinez said as he ate some ice cream. "I'll make that my resolution this year."

"I need to stay on my diet," his wife, Marisela, said. "I don't think I'll keep it, but I'll try."

Martinez said he usually doesn't keep his resolutions either, with the exception of one year.

"I was successful the year I wanted to cut out all of my bad words," he said.

Some Midlanders aren't making resolutions.

"I'll probably resolve to lose weight like all of us women do," Julie Patterson said.

Ms. Patterson said she didn't think she would be successful because she never keeps her resolutions.

"We always have good intentions," she said of society. "I think we honestly want to do it, but society wants so much. We don't have time to keep (resolutions). I ought to make a resolution to quit making resolutions. I probably can't keep that one, either."

Making a resolution not to make resolutions is one Stephanie Brown can keep.

"If I resolve not to resolve, I never fail," she said. "I never have to feel guilty. I am never disappointed with myself halfway though the year."

Story by Emily Baker Photos and photo illustration by Brian Adamcik

HAVE YOU HEARD?

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

THE COTERIE CLUB hosted its Christmas 2000 Jingle Ball recently at the Midland Hilton.

Members danced to the marvelous sounds of one of Austin's premier bands, The Big Time, and enjoyed a late-night breakfast buffet. Dress was Christmas casual.

Harrison

Club president **Skeet Doss** introduced the following new members: **Cynthia and Dennis Grubb, Linda and Pete Carter, Sally and Kip Agar, Melinda and Dan Moody, Jackie and Wes Perry, Karen and David Watkins, Sharon and Ken Owens, Mitzi and J. Purvis, Missy and Link Grimes, Kathryn and Paul Davis, Juanice and Jim Welsh, Sandy and Bill Scott, Sigrid and Richard Coats, Cindy and Mike Ford, Cindy and Mike Black, Melissa and Mike Henthorn, Cynthia and Bill Howard, Lynn and Louise Renaud, Lynn and Mark Pace, Sandra and Rudy Woerndle, Susan and Bill Granberry, Missy and Jim Rasnick, and Georgia and Sam Edwards.**

The club's officers were in charge of arrangements. In addition to Skeet, they are **Carolyn (Mrs. Ron) Stroman, Linnie (Mrs. Art) Donnelly, and Fran (Mrs. Grant) Billingsley.**

HOLIDAY CHEER emanated from the Midland's Woman's Club at its annual Christmas tea. More that 250 women attended the festive affair, which was held recently at the clubhouse in Hogan Park.

The Great Hall was decorated with a profusion of poinsettias, garlands of greenery, and a festively adorned Christmas tree. Paintings of Christmas scenes by Midland artist Dollie Ballenger added to the ambience.

Refreshments were served from beautifully decorated tables in the Great Hall and adjacent Sun Room.

The hostesses were **Mrs. Ballenger, Jo Connell, Minnie German, Viginia Gilbert, Hilda Hinds, Carole Hobbs, Martha Moore, Lucille Nobles, Dorothy Perkins, Mary Rasavage, Frances Ratliff, Beverly Riley, Dell Shettle, Hazel Smith, Almeda Tinslar, Dorise Watson, and Eileen Welch.**

Among the guests were **Sue (Mrs. Hollis) Brice, Charlene (Mrs. Larry) Gnagy, Lynn (Mrs. Darryl) James, Helen (Mrs. Jack) Stephenson, Ann (Mrs. Jessie) Stoner, and Jane (Mrs. Dennis) Rambo.**

THE HOME of **Betty and C. C. Tull** was the scene of a festive Christmas celebration recently. Also hosting the party were their daughter, **Candy McPherren,** and their son and daughter-in-law, **Doug and Marcy Tull**.

Guests oohed and aahed over the abundant and delicious cocktail spread and the holiday decor. An interior designer, Candy was responsible for turning the home into a beautiful holiday setting.

Partygoers included **Harriett and Johnny Dublin, Dorothy (Mrs. John) Casselman** with her daughter, **Betsy Casselman** of Houston; **Dorothy and Dean Cox, Sharri Ketcham, Ceci and Todd Westmoreland, Bobbie and Henry Shaw, Norma and Ervin Baumann, Charisa and Doug Hillman, Janis and Ken Dickeson, Shawn and Richard Davis, Jessalyn Eschberger** and her daughter, **Adelle (Mrs. Paul) Dowling; Angela and Marshall Watson, and Sandra Corrigan** and son, **Mason**.

FRIENDS OF Shirley and Monty Gist were invited to stop by their home for "Happy Hour" as they made their holiday rounds the week before Christmas. The invitations stated: "Come and go — come and stay. Just be sure to come!"

The guests were beneficiaries of Shirley's culinary expertise. She had pulled out all the stops in preparing scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

In some cases, there were two or three generations present. They included **Mignon Pearson** with her son, **Guy Hall**, and her daughter, **Rachal Erickson; Gretchen and Frank Bell** with their daughter, **Rebecca**, and Gretchen's mother, **Mae Pearl Ernst** of Silsbee, Texas, and **Esta and Cary Geron** with daughter, **Becky**, and Esta's mother, **Pearl Ford** of Ferriday, La. Among others seen in the crowd were **Sally and Bill Stella, Pat and Tom Schneider, Annette and Clark Wilkinson, Emily and Dave Goodfellow, Ellen and Steve Helbing, and Virginia and Bob Jones.**

BARRETT (MRS. MICHAEL) RAMSEY opened her home recently for the annual Delta Delta Delta mother-daughter/collegiate-alumnae Christmas coffee. Her mother, **Mickey (Mrs. William) Lively**, visiting here from Dallas, assisted in greeting the guests.

Among the alumnae admiring the festive decorations and sharing the Christmas treats of punch, petits fours, sandwiches, and cookies were **Susan Askins, Mary Emma (Mrs. Rob) Bennett, Pat (Mrs. Charles) Dougherty, Beverly (Mrs. Forrest) Muire, Carolyn (Mrs. Tom) Beall, Dorise (Mrs. Alfred) Watson, and Ann (Mrs. Ken) Hankins.**

Comparing notes on college life were Texas Tech collegians **Lauren Van Stavern with her mother, Debbie (Mrs. James) Van Stavern; Julie Jay and her mother, Vicki (Mrs. Paul) Jay; Kelli Barrow and her mom, Carla (Mrs. Johnny Mack) Barrow, and Texas A&M student Kristen Knight, daughter of Machelle and Charles Knight.**

BRIDGE

ABC Bridge Winners
Dec. 11 - Dec. 17

Monday: Open pairs
1. Leonora Slusher-Marie Morris
2. Helen South-Charlie Grimes
3. Terri Redford-Sue Gardiner
4. Helen Wise-Sarah White

Wednesday: Christmas club Championship
Flight A
1. Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites
2. Debbie Kemp-Belle Harris
3. Sarah White-Marian Mathews
4. Marilyn Matthews-Jo Price

Flight B
1. Belle Harris-Debbie Kemp
2. Marilyn Matthews-Jo Price
3. Babe Griffin-Ron Neumann
4. Tommie Strack-Charlie Grimes

Thursday: Invitational
1. Snooke Howard-Mary Anne Ochs
2. Debbie Kemp-Peggy Leeton
3. Betty Marlow-Glenda Simmons
4. Mildred Stuart-Joyce Mitchell

Friday: Open pairs
1. Jane Myers-Flo Curry
2. Helen Owen-Debbie Kemp
3. Mary Hammond-Gloria Crites
4. Ricki Perry-Vangie Lindsey

Saturday: Open pairs
1. Dixie Gifford-Gloria Crites
2. Ann Servatius-Wayne Rector
3. Joe Brittain-Joe Salman

Sunday
1. Laura Williams-Ann Servatius
2. Corrinne Recer-Helen Owen

Calendar is a must for those who love Texas

By Emily Baker
MRT Correspondent

When those certain acquaintances are forgotten and the confetti is vacuumed up after the New Year's celebration, it is finally time to hang up that new calendar you bought way back in August.

If you happen to have the "Bonafide Original Real Texas Calendar" — which is put out by cartoonist Roger Todd Moore — you have to wait another two months before you can get much use out of it. This calendar starts on March 2 on what Moore calls Texas' New Year's Day, or in layman's terms, Texas Independence Day.

This calendar is a work of genius and quite an item for those of us in love with this great state we call home. Each month features a cartoon of various parts of Texas history from Judge Roy Bean opening his first saloon west of the Pecos, to the birth of Waylon Jennings to President Eisenhower's signing of a bill that gave Texas off-shore drilling rights.

Though the cartoons aren't laugh-out-loud funny, they are cute. The funny parts of the calendar can be found as space fillers at the beginnings and the ends of the months. Tiny cartoons explain the meanings of Texas phrases such as, "All hat and no ranch," "keep it under your hat" and "glad rags."

Certain days in the calendar are set off as having historical significance. The significant days, like the cartoons, cover quite a variety of topics. The founding of the Alamo, Davy Crockett's birthday, the day the Colt/Walker pistol was patented, the day the first car was driven in Texas and the founding of the city of Abilene are included.

Though the calendar seems complete, I am disappointed in the lack of some of the most important aspects of Texas history and folklore. The Yellow Rose of Texas is not included; neither are the battles at San Jacinto and Goliad, which were key in Texas' fight for independence.

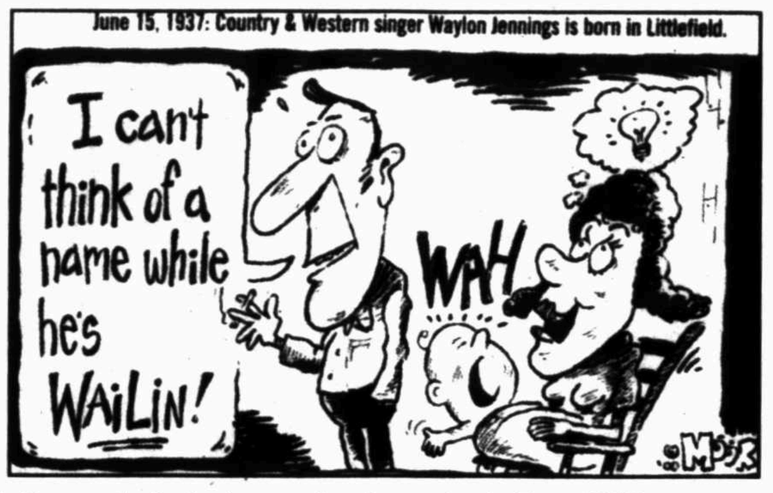
There is also a glaring mistake in the calendar. The cartoon for November deals with the death of Texas patriot "Lorenzo Zavalla." Though Texas history was the only class in which I did not receive an A this semester at Midland College, I do know that the patriot's name is not Lorenzo Zavalla but rather Lorenzo de Zavala.

Even though this calendar doesn't replace the calendar put out by the Professional Bull Rider's association, it is still a must for those of us who identify with the Western lifestyle.

This is the fourth year the calendar has been produced. They are available at gift shops and retail outlets through out the state. They can also be mail ordered for $6 (tax included) at 12535 Highway 71 West, Austin, Texas 78738.

For more information on the Bonafide Original Real Texas Calendar, call 512-263-6943 or visit texasoriginal.com.

The "Bonafide Real Texas Calendar" is illustrated with cartoons that depict an event that happened each month. The unusual calendar begins in March — the month when Texas gained its independence from Mexico.



Cycle would let astronauts exercise in space

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — Astronauts may soon be able to participate in a Tour de Space of sorts.

Researchers at the University of California, Irvine, have developed an exercise bicycle to be used in the zero-gravity environment of space.

They say the bike, dubbed Space Cycle, would combat the loss of bone and muscle density and cardiovascular fitness that astronauts suffer during long stints in space.

"A bicycle in space. It sounds like a simple idea, right?" researcher Vince Caiozzo said during a recent interview. "But it's a lot more complicated than that when you realize it has to function without gravity ... and still have some impact on the astronauts."

More sci-fi amusement ride than traditional bicycle, the Space Cycle operates as a human centrifuge. Similar in appearance to a spinning wheel, the astronauts sit opposite one another — head-to-head — in chairs. As they pedal, they move in a circular motion around a bar. The motion forces them against the seat, mimicking the effect of gravity on Earth.

A special sprocket in the pedaling mechanism can be used to produce the jarring motion of walking and running that's needed to maintain bone density.

The need for exercise in space has been a concern for NASA officials since astronauts went to the moon.

For example, nearly all of the astronauts who spent extended periods aboard Russia's space station Mir returned with some type of muscle and bone loss.

NASA has sent a treadmill and a stationary bicycle into space to be used on the international space station. But NASA spokesman John Ira Petty said researchers continue to look at other possibilities.

The Space Cycle was developed by Dr. Art Kreitenberg, an orthopedic surgeon who first came up with the idea as a finalist in NASA's astronaut program in 1991.

During a tour, he saw a wooden mock-up of the stationary bicycle later placed on the space station.

"The first thing I thought was why not have this bicycle whip around inside the can and create your own gravity," he said. "I talked to a former astronaut about it and he said, 'It would probably make you sick to your stomach.'"

Undaunted, Kreitenberg drew up plans and approached Cook Bros., a high-end mountain bicycle manufacturer, for help building the first prototype. They dubbed it the Millennium Falcon, after the ship Harrison Ford's character piloted in "Star Wars," because "it didn't look like much, but it got the job done."

Kreitenberg and his team used the model to obtain a $70,000 grant from NASA in 1995.

To deal with existing gravity, the latest prototype resembles a carnival swing ride, where riders begin in a horizontal position and, as they build speed, rise into a vertical position.

"It's a little different than riding a regular bicycle. The positioning is totally different ... and stopping is much harder. You can't just hit the brakes," said Julia Dierks, 27, of Placentia, who was enlisted along with other members of her Southern California bicycle club to test Space Cycle. "You have to look straight

Please see SPACE/9E

DEAR ABBY

It's not selfish to refuse to financially bail out family

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Because of a serious illness that resulted from taking a certain medication, I recently received a settlement of more than $1 million. I have invested most of the money, and have a cash flow sufficient to take care of emergencies and a few luxuries. I must make sure that these funds will cover medical expenses for the remainder of my life.

Van Buren

Ever since I received the settlement, my family (children, parents and siblings) think I'm very rich and that my money is their money, too. They constantly ask me to bail them out of one financial mess or another, or to buy them luxury items. I have helped them out of tight spots in the past, but they have always squandered their money and have never saved a dime for the future.

I go to bed each night sick to my stomach because of the guilt trips they put me through when I refuse their requests for money. They expect me to pay for everything.

Abby, am I being selfish? — S.F. IN COLORADO

DEAR S.F.: No, you are being prudent. Instead of giving them money, encourage your relatives to enroll in credit counseling or money-management courses offered at many colleges. Remember the adage: "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he'll eat for life." Continually bailing out family members is doing them no favor. Take care of your own needs and let them take care of theirs.

DEAR ABBY: There is a girl at work I really like. She is not only physically attractive, but her interests are also similar to mine.

Recently we had lunch together. I gave her a rose and a card with a short message telling her how terrific she is. She read the card after we had our lunch, and the next day I asked her what she thought of it. She told me she "loved it," and complimented me on my spelling and grammar.

I really like her, but she recently ended a long-time relationship, and I don't want to put her on the spot. How can I find out if she likes me as more than a friend, without hurting our existing friendship? — IN LOVE ON LONG ISLAND

DEAR IN LOVE: She has already conveyed an important message. Since she commented only on your spelling and grammar — and not the message in the note you sent her — she's interested only in a platonic relationship.

DEAR ABBY: I thought maybe your readers would be interested in something I thought of the other day. At one minute and one second after 1 o'clock in the morning on Jan. 1, 2001, the numbers will look like this: 01:01:01, 01/01/01. It won't happen again for 1,000 years! Pretty cool, huh? — CHRISTY DAY, MOBILE, ALA.

DEAR CHRISTY: Way cool, and a new beginning.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Happy New Year! While enjoying New Year's Eve festivities, please remember: If you drink, don't drive; if you drive, don't drink!

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AROUND TOWN

■ **Remembering Our Children**, a support group for grieving parents, will meet the first Monday of each month, or the second Monday if the first is a holiday. The group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For information call 682-2855.

■ **Texaco Super Science 2000** will be held for students in grades 3 to 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri. Students will watch a science fair project demonstration, select and plan a project and receive a display board and printed headings. Texaco volunteers, library staff and teachers will be assisting the students. Sign up in person at the Midland County Public Library Children's Department.

■ **The Petroleum Engineer Wives Association** will hold a luncheon at the Midland Country Club Jan. 9. The program will be given by Larry Saterfield from the Natural Foods Market. Bridge and Bunko will start at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will begin at 11:45 a.m. For information call 522-1478.

■ **Midland County Public Library Children's Department** will hold storytime 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Jan. 9 and 10 in the Kaleidoscope Room. The theme is "snow." For information call 688-8991.

■ **The 45 Plus Dance Club** will host a country western dance with live music in a non-smoking and non-alcoholic setting every Tuesday at the Midland Downtown Lions Center, 200 Plaza, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Upcoming dances are Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Admission is $4 for members and $5 for guests. Guests are not required to be accompanied by a member. Singles are welcome. For information call 699-5202 or 694-1869.

■ **The Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxilliary** (PBGGA) will hold a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Green Tree Country Club. The program will be "Music of the fabulous '40s" by Forest Elliott, Kim Holleman and Jeff Larson with Tammy Barnhill on piano. Reservations will be required.

■ **The University of Texas of the Permian Basin** will be closed Jan. 1.

■ **The Lt. William Brewer Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 2 at the Midland Woman's Club. Pat Eastup, elections administrator of Midland County, will speak on "What you have always wanted to know, but never had the chance to ask."

■ **VAN-Visually Impaired women's support group** meets from 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Clients bring a sack lunch and VAN provides refreshments. The men's group will not meet Jan. 2 but will resume on Jan. 9. The men's group meets from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Meetings are held at VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. For information call 694-2648.

■ **American Lung Association's Better Breathing Club** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 2 at Westwood Medical Center. For information call 522-2273.

■ **West Point Parent Club of the Texas Plains** will host a holiday party at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Club at Mission Dorado. West Point cadets, Navy midshipmen, graduates from both academies and families are invited. For information call 520-0714.

■ **The Midland Porcelain Art Club** will meet at the Midland Woman's Club Jan. 6. Edythe Talley will demonstrate lace on porcelain.

■ **CLER Ministries** will hold its 15th annual biblically based human sexuality course for high school youth from Jan. 7 to April 1. Two classes will be held 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and one class from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parent orientation will be 7 p.m. Jan. 3 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. For scholarship information or to register call Stacy Schroeder at 684-8600. The cost is $75 per student.

Symbol of love

Countless brides wear Lovelace necklace

■ More than 60 women across the country have worn simple pendant since El Paso man gave it to his beloved in 1929.

By Guadalupe Silva
Associated Press

EL PASO — R.C. Lovelace bought the simple necklace for his beloved's 16th birthday.

Little did he know, the plain gold chain and pendant with the amethyst stone and sweetwater pearls, would become a symbol of love for generations of brides.

Lovelace paid $19.95 — a whole week's salary during the Depression — for the necklace. But he wanted to give the country girl he loved something special. The year was 1929.

Faye Williams and R.C. Lovelace were married a year later on Dec. 30, 1930. She was the first to wear the necklace at her wedding.

The second was her best friend, Fayrene Meyer, who wore it as "something borrowed" at her 1935 wedding to John M. Peters.

In the 70 years since, 68 brides from across the country have worn the necklace, either as something old or something borrowed, or both. The gleaming piece of jewelry that first caught Lovelace's eye in a little drugstore window has become a legend and a tradition.

On Saturday, the Lovelaces celebrated 70 years of wedded bliss. On the same day, Rachael Evelyer was the 69th bride to wear the necklace when she married Eric Williams.

"I don't know if the necklace has made a difference in any of those couples' lives," Faye Lovelace said. "I know some of them have had good marriages. Others, I really don't know what's happened to them. All I can say is that we could not have had a better marriage."

Theirs was a love story from the beginning, R.C. said, recalling that he had first seen the woman he would marry in the stands of the high-school football field in Vernon.

"I didn't catch up with her until 11 p.m. that night at a friend's house," he said. "She was 15 then, and it was love at first sight. I have never changed my mind since."

The Lovelaces, who moved to El Paso in 1939 from Vernon, have three children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Lovelace looks much younger than his 91 years. At 87, Mrs. Lovelace still shows signs of the beauty that modeled for the old Popular store.

The couple have made many friends in El Paso and had a party to celebrate their anniversary.

That's how the necklace got around, R.C. points out — through word of mouth, with friends and relatives.

"We've offered it to some people," he said, adding that in some families, three generations of brides have worn the necklace. "Others who learned about the necklace have asked us for it."

Marianne Farrier, who wore the Lovelace necklace at her wedding to Frank Owen III in June 1947, describes it as a family tradition. She was No. 5 in the list to wear it. Her sister-in-law, Betty Ruth Owen, was No. 8. She married Jimmy Bowden in August of the same year.

"The Lovelaces and my husband's family were good friends, so they offered it to me," said Mrs. Farrier, a mother of six and grandmother of 17. "I borrowed it when my four daughters got married, and I'm sure my granddaughters will wear it before too many years."

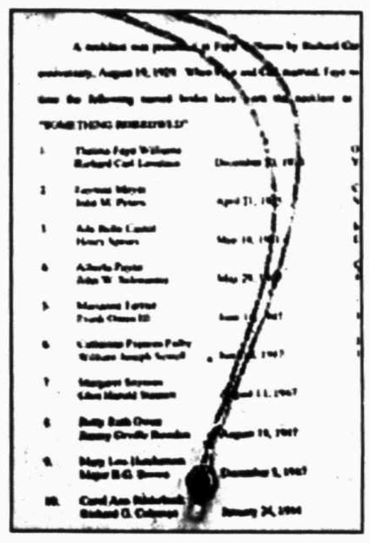
Rachael Eveler believes it will be a great honor to wear the necklace at her wedding.

"It's a fine old piece of jewelry and a wonderful tradition," said the recruiter for Texas Tech University. "I will be the first in my family to wear it."

The necklace, which has been valued for insurance purposes at $10,000, has been at weddings in Florida, Missouri, Wyoming, Louisiana, California and all over Texas. Have the Lovelaces ever worried about losing such a valued family heirloom?

No, R.C. said, recalling that one time a couple lost the necklace after the ceremony. The family spent all night, looking for it in the church. They found it the next morning on the curb.

"I've always been sure it will come back," he said. "People want the necklace to be there for them to use again."



R.C. Lovelace, above right, bought this little necklace as a birthday gift for his beloved, Faye Williams Lovelace, in 1929. She wore it on her wedding day and started a tradition. In the 70 years the couple has been married, 68 brides from all over the country have worn the plain gold chain and pendant with the amethyst stone and sweetwater pearls.
AP Photos

Penguins waddle to conserve energy, scientists discover

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — It may not be graceful, but the penguin's waddle makes perfect sense to scientists, who found that the bird's side-to-side gait conserves energy.

University of California researchers found that the gait works like a pendulum, with energy stored at the end of each swing for the bird's next step.

"Our findings indicate that walking is expensive for penguins not because of their waddling, but because they have such short legs that require their leg muscles to generate force very quickly when they walk," said Timothy Griffin, a UC Berkeley graduate student in integrative biology.

The Emperor penguins ... for instance, were at least 3 feet tall but had legs only about 10 inches long.

The findings by Griffin and Rodger Kram, a former assistant professor of integrative biology at UC Berkeley now at the University of Colorado, Boulder, were reported in a recent edition of the journal Nature.

Kram and Griffin decided to study penguins because they seem to be doing everything wrong. An earlier study showed penguins were burning twice as many calories when walking as other animals of similar size.

But researchers found the problem was the penguins' legs, not their jerky side-to-side movements. The Emperor penguins studied at San Diego's Sea World, for instance, were at least 3 feet tall but had legs only about 10 inches long.

Penguins burn about the same amount of calories as animals with similar leg lengths, Griffin said.

The researchers coaxed penguins across a force platform — "kind of a fancy bathroom scale," says Griffin — with bits of fish.

Using scale measurements and videos, the scientists measured the side-to-side and fore-and-aft forces the penguins exert while walking, as well as the vertical forces supporting their weight. The five penguins studied had a walking speed of about 1.5 feet per second.

The percentage of energy retained during two steps is called the recovery rate. Humans have a recovery rate of about 65 percent. The penguins studied by Griffin and Kram had an impressive recovery rate of up to 80 percent.

The findings were welcomed by Gerald Kooyman, a research professor at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography who has studied penguins for 30 years. "I think that's a very nice explanation," he said.

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SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Now is good time to transplant trees

By Deborah Benge Frost

If you've come to the conclusion that a tree or shrub has been planted in the wrong location... If a seedling tree has sprouted up in the wrong place... If a remodel job is displacing a prize plant.... If any of these scenarios are taking place in your landscape, consider transplanting rather than axing.

The dormant season, mid-December to early March, is a good time to transplant most trees and shrubs. Transplanting is a very good answer to many landscape situations, but it isn't always the easiest thing to do. Much thought, planning and care should go into this sometimes major project. Here are a few points to assess.

Plants in your landscape can be transplanted by bare root or balled and burlaped Bare root is a method of moving plants with little or no soil around their roots, used only with young deciduous plants, like young pecan, grape vines, and roses. There are several advantages and disadvantages to this method.

The advantages of bare root include: it's easier, it's not as heavy and it requires less expertise. The down side of bare root: without the protection of a soil ball the plant is more vulnerable to drying out and there is a greater loss of roots, but if plants are handled correctly and protected from extremes it can be easy and successful.

Balled and burlap is a method of moving plants with an intact root/soil ball, a technique used with evergreen and deciduous plants. It is a much more difficult, but it is the only recommended method for evergreens and it has a higher rate of survival if done correctly.

In either case, all of the water and nutrient-absorbing root hairs are lost and they have to be

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CLUB NEWS

Preceptor Epsilon Delta, BSP

Preceptor Epsilon Delta, BSP held its annual Christmas luncheon and meeting in the home of Nancy McNerney. Nancy Young presided and Donna Fulgham read the minutes of the previous meeting. Reports were given by Pat White, Jeane McGilvray and Diana Henderson. Secret Sister Christmas gifts were exchanged and holiday ornaments were chosen by members.

Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxilliary

The PBGGA met at the home of Cathie and Mike Party, 6706 West Wind Court, for its annual Members Christmas Tea. The theme was "Time out for merriment." More than 80 members attended. Holly Elliott made special Christmas aprons for the hostesses to wear. The chairman is Billie Young, co-chairman is Genevieve Libby and hostesses were Jeanine Stanfield, Evelyn Thornton, Teresa Deso, Ruth Gallick, Jan Moore, Pat Stanley, Marilyn Hanson and Charlene Gnagy.

Chapter DD of the PEO Sisterhood

Chapter DD of the PEO Sisterhood met in the home of Carolyn Larson. Ramon Billhimer was co-hostess. Imogene Damron presented a Christmas story.

Xi Epsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi

Xi Epsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Dec. 8 at Hemmingway's and dinner followed at Venezia's restaurant where gifts were opened by members and their spouses. The club met at Fuddrucker's Dec. 11 for a gift exchange for those not in attendance at the Christmas party. Marsha Howton and Janet Cox gave Santa stockings to members in appreciation of their work to the chapter. A discussion was held regarding "Christmas in April." Motion by Janet Cox, seconded by Terry Kelly, the chapter voted to give a $200 donation to the charity.

Book Review Unit scheduled to meet

Roush

From Staff Reports

The Book Review Unit of Midland Woman's club will meet for lunch Jan. 8 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Social time will be at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will begin at noon. Phillis Roush will review Dr. Joyce Brothers' book, "What Every Woman Should Know About Men."

Ms. Roush has reviewed books extensively. She and her husband, Don, moved to Midland in April and say they already feel at home in this "exceptional city."

Read his column Tuesdays and Sundays

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WEDDINGS

SELLARS-DERAMUS

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy David Deramus

Christina Renee Sellars and Jeremy David Deramus, both of Midland, were married at 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Midland. The Rev. Richard Edwards officiated.

Parents of the bride are Lynn Boyd of Midland and Mack and Cheryl Sellars of Midland. The bride's grandparents are Lois Sellars and Louise K. Rahn, both of Midland.

The bridegroom is the son of Mike and Diane Sparks and David and Lisa Deramus, all of Midland. The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Erven Fisher of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Shultz of Kingsland.

Honor attendants for the bride were Jennifer Deramus and Jamie Deramus, sisters of the groom. The bride also was attended by her sisters, Kate Sellars, Larissa Ann Sellars and Cody Dodson, as well as Elizabeth Beach, Kristen Yadon and Amy Willey.

The groom's honor attendent was his father, David Deramus. He was also attended by Cody Marcum and Brandon McClaim.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, the couple lives in Midland.

MILLER-RHODES

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Adrian Rhodes

Amanda Lee Miller and Mark Adrian Rhodes, both of Midland, were married at 10 a.m. Dec. 16 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland. Paul West officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and Bonnie Miller of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are David and Cheryl Rhodes of Midland.

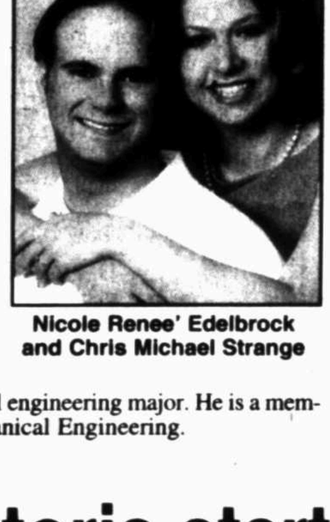
Debi Waddell was honor attendant for the bride. The bridegroom's honor attendant was Eric Fitzgerald.

The bride and the bridegroom are both employed with South Plains Mortgage in Midland and Litton Lending in Houston.

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will live in Houston.

ENGAGEMENTS

EDELBROCK-STRANGE



Nicole Renee' Edelbrock and Chris Michael Strange

Nicole Renee' Edelbrock and Chris Michael Strange, both of Midland, are planning a 7:30 p.m. June 23 wedding at St: Ann's Catholic Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Roger and Michelle Edelbrock of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Michael and Helen Strange of Midland.

Ms. Edelbrock is a 1997 graduate of Lee High School. She is attending Texas Tech University and majoring in interior design. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi, ASID and Golden Key. Her fiance graduated in 1996 from Midland High School. He is attending Texas Tech University and is a mechanical engineering major. He is a member of American Society of Mechanical Engineering.

ANNIVERSARIES

Couple celebrates 35th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Matlock

Joe L. and Sheila "Sam" Matlock celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a reception Dec. 30 in the living room of Midland Christian Fellowship.

Matlock and the former Sheila "Sam" DeVoy were married Dec. 23, 1965, in the home of Finis and Katherine Martin in Midland.

They have three children — Benny Matlock of Midland, Kevin Matlock of Greeley, Colo., and Katrina McKinney of Midland -- as well as 10 grandchildren.

Matlock was employed with the Midland Police Department until his retirement in 1988. He was in charge of Juvenile Services with the Midland County Sheriff Department from 1988 to 1996. Since 1997, he has been serving as justice of the peace for Precinct No. 1.

Matlock and his wife are active members of Midland Christian Fellowship, he serves on the board of directors of and his wife is children's Christian education director.

Couple celebrates 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Edward Hancock

Gene Edward and Letha Maurine Hancock celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at Ranchland Hills Country Club hosted by their daughter and her family.

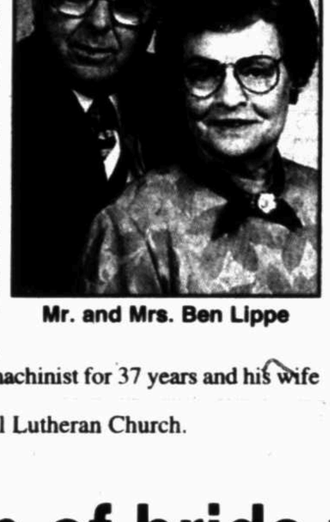
Hancock and the former Letha Maurine Ward were married in Electra, Texas on Nov. 26, 1940. They lived in Electra until Hancock returned in 1945 from military service during World War II. He was a captain in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Hancock was employed with Magnolia Pipeline for 35 years until his retirement in 1983.

As well as making their home in Texas, the couple has also lived in Tripoli, Libya; Lagos, Nigeria; Plainfield, New Jersey; and Seattle. They have lived in Midland for the past 17 years.

They have one child, Barbara Adams of Midland, and two grandchildren.

They have both been active in Midland Association for Retarded Citizens.

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lippe

ODESSA — Ben and Lillie Lippe of Odessa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 28 with a dinner party at Carmelo's in Houston. The party was hosted by the couple's family.

Lippe and the former Lillie Meissner were married Dec. 29, 1950, at Grace Lutheran Church in Midland. They have four children — Dan Lippe of Houston, Charlotte Schuman of Missouri City, Phyllis Hartman of Houston and Byron Lippe of Saginaw, Mich. — and eight grandchildren.

They have lived in Odessa since their marriage. Lippe worked as a machinist for 37 years and his wife worked in ready-to-wear sales.

They are members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Lifestyle guidelines

The Reporter-Telegram publishes free announcements of milestone events — including engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements; quinceneras; and bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvhas.

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Sunday paper is 2 p.m. Friday 10 days before the publication date.

ENGAGEMENTS: There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements should be published in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

WEDDINGS: Wedding announcements can be published up to six weeks after the event. Names of no more than 25 attendants for the bride and 25 attendants for the bridegroom will be published. Cities of residence for wedding attendants are note published. Relationships will be published only for brothers and sisters, parents (or grandparents) or children of the wedding couple. For those wishing to list more, advertising space may be purchased.

ANNIVERSARIES: Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted for publication up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

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Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available at the Lifestyle office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them. Photographs may be submitted with wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements, but are not required. A portrait of the bride-elect or engaged couple may be submitted with engagement announcements. Portrait photographs of the bride only or of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current. Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up at the Lifestyle office after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

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AROUND TOWN

Items submitted for the Around Town column will be published at least once; more than once if space allows. Around Town is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Deadline for all Around Town items is 2 p.m. each Friday for items which will be published the following week, beginning on Monday. The space is free of charge and is offered on a first-come/first-serve basis.

CLUB NEWS/LUNCHEONS/ FASHION SHOWS are published on Sundays.

PAGEANTS

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.

EDUCATION

MAKING THE GRADE

Making the Grade section honors high school and college students' academic achievements. Items must be no more than 100 words in length.

Items that are not accepted are:

- Announcements of students applying to colleges.
- Announcements of students being accepted to colleges.
- Students' places of employment or hobbies.
- United States Achievement Academy winners because USAA will not verify honorees.
- Junior high school honors.

Use of photographs:

- Photographs will NOT be used with scholarship announcements.
- Photographs will NOT be used to announce college graduations since we do not publish photos for high school graduations either.
- Photographs WILL be published for Students of the Week presented by Midland Lions Clubs and Rotary Club.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Included in Education in Brief will be:

- Announcements of all upcoming school and education-related events.
- Announcements of teacher academic honors.

OTHER

Photographs will NOT be published with "Top Dawg" and "Top Rebs" that are submitted for each six-week period.

Students are not announced individually for being named as Duke Talent Identification honorees or being named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. These students are announced as a group when the press releases are received from the organizations.

University Interscholastic League winners:

- Lists will be published of all UIL winners in all categories — speech, debate, writing, math, vocational technology, etc. — for students winning first through third places in all divisions — district, regional, state.
- Photos will be taken of students who win first place at state or who place in state categories which make them eligible for national competitions.

Cheerleader honors:

- Cheerleader awards from summer camps and competitons — including sweepstakes awards — are announced with education news.
- Squad photos will be published for first place in the state competition awards.
- Squad photos will be taken of cheerleaders leaving to perform at Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl and other prestigious events.
- Photos will not be taken of squads for just receiving invitations to attend such events.

Junior high school honor rolls:

- The Reporter-Telegram has had an agreement with MISD for many years to publish a lengthy list of junior high school honor roll students every six weeks.
- Other junior high school honors — including other academic achievements, end-of-year academic awards, academic pep rallies — will not be published.

High school honor rolls are not published; instead high school academic honors will be published in Making the Grade.

Queen Victoria started tradition of bride wearing white dress

By Francine Parnes
Associated Press

It was not only the wedding of the century, but one of the most talked-about fairy-tale ceremonies of all time. Both trend- and tradition-setting, it was publicized around the globe.

No, the front-page bride wasn't Jacqueline Bouvier, Lady Diana Spencer, or Grace Kelly.

When the Britain's Queen Victoria married handsome Prince Albert in 1840, she was all three of those unforgettable women rolled into one, with immense power besides, says Letitia Baldrige, author of "Legendary Brides" (HarperCollins).

As progenitor of the white wedding gown, "Queen Victoria was a fashion trendsetter," said Ms. Baldrige, whose book pays tribute to the most memorable society weddings of the past two centuries.

"She loved when people talked about her clothes and activities, so she very carefully planned her wedding, probably realizing it would influence the world of fashion at the time."

Leticia Baldridge

Be it white dresses or the White House, Ms. Baldrige knows the territory. As social secretary in the Kennedy administration, she organized many of the best parties of the Camelot era. A leading etiquette expert, she served as advisor to four subsequent first ladies and has written 17 books.

Before Victoria's wedding, a bride typically skipped the fuss and married in her "best dress," in a fashionable color. For a middle-class woman, the dress represented a large investment, worn for years, said Ms. Baldrige. Lower-class women in Victorian England spiffed up their work clothes for a walk down the aisle.

The upper-class bride typically owned three or four "best dresses;" a courtier, many more. For the bride who could spring for the luxury, the gown was trimmed with the finest of brocades, ribbons, laces, embroidery, even jewels. "One sees it on brides in all the paintings down through the ages," said Ms. Baldrige, referrring to French courtier scenes and paintings by Rembrandt, Hans Holbein, and those of the Italian Renaissance.

When Victoria chose a white wedding gown, in lace and trimmed with delicate orange blossom, she became the first royal bride to bypass the tradition of wearing a heavy brocade gown under a velvet and fur cloak.

"She obviously was affected by the symbolism of white, the color of purity and sanctity," said Ms. Baldrige. "Her all-white wedding made the rounds of the world through the newspapers throughout the Empire, reports from international travelers, and the gossipy letters that carried her wedding news to every civilized country. Young women obviously said to themselves, as they have since the beginning of time, 'If she can do that, I can, too.'"

AP Photo

The custom of brides wearing white dresses was started by Britain's Queen Victoria in her 1840 wedding to Prince Albert.

Even before the electronic age, bridal style carried such mystique that word easily spread. "People were as interested in Queen Victoria's clothes when she was young as they were in Jacqueline Onassis's," said Ms. Baldrige. "Today, people transmit fashion trends on the TV and Internet; Queen Victoria had the whole British Navy plus the newspapers carrying her fashion news around the world."

The Victorian bridal gown, with its close-fitting bodice and full skirt and train, remains a classic to this day.

The 1996 wedding of John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette, by contrast, ushered in an era of low-keyed simplicity, said Ms. Baldrige. A private-island setting became a preferred place for society weddings, and brides-to-be passed up beaded, bouffant wedding gowns in favor of understated slip dresses.

"Carolyn Bessette's dress was fashion news because it was the opposite of the full-skirted fairy princess kind of wedding gown that was traditionally worn," said Ms. Baldrige. "The white see-through long gloves were another fashion statement, and the bouquet of lily of the valley she carried was just the perfect finishing touch. Young women oohed and aahed over the new Mrs. John F. Kennedy's wedding ensemble."

But you don't have to be a Kennedy to borrow the unique flair of legendary brides, said Ms. Baldrige. While the cost of some weddings can equal a down payment on a house, a couple can have an appropriate wedding within reasonable cost.

She offers these tips:

■ Shop smart for a wedding gown. "The bride buys her dress at one of the twice-a-year wedding gown sales at a bridal shop, where prices can go below cost at times, if the buyer is smart enough to dig deep enough to know when and where to buy her dress," said Ms. Baldrige.

■ The wedding reception can be held in the church rectory or hall instead of at a commercial location.

■ A wedding meal does not have to be served, Ms. Baldrige said. "Many people have a kind of cocktail party wedding reception. The food — sandwiches, hors d'ouevre, cookies and ice cream — can be made or purchased by a couple of close friends of the bride's family. Punch can be served, with champagne in it, if the church or synagogue will allow that much alcohol to be served. If the church insists on its own caterer, the expenses of using it are usually nominal."

■ To save on flowers, find out if another couple is getting married the same day in that location. You may be able to split the cost of the flowers and bouquets right in two, said Ms. Baldrige. Save dollars by cutting the number of blossoms and increasing the greenery.

■ For wedding music, the church organist usually does not charge much for his or her services, said Ms. Baldrige. If you are going to have dancing at the reception, hire a local deejay, even a savvy one from the local high school.

■ Hire only one limousine to transport the bride and her father to the church and to take the newly married couple from the church to the reception, if that will be in another place, she said. Ask good friends to chauffeur the wedding party and any out-of-town friends in their own cars.

■ Get friends to do the photography. The bride's family pays for film and prints.

Of course, if money is no object, bring on the caviar, lobster and best champagne. Such a wedding today for a movie star with 1,000 guests can run to $500,000, said Ms. Baldrige.

A major money factor is the size of the wedding. Bigger isn't always better.

"Many people want a small intimate wedding, particularly older people and those who already have all the accoutrements for their home and don't need wedding presents," she said. "Many don't want the fuss of a big wedding. Many don't want the expense of it and would rather have the cash instead of a big reception."

Cutting costs is common. Even Jacqueline Kennedy could not afford a top Paris designer wedding gown and instead worked with a dressmaker to create something less lavish without breaking the bank.

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Front row: left to right: Robin Marie Beal, Megan Moores Hawkes, Ashely Clifton Foy, Shel Goree, Thressa Garen Hover, Sarah Anne Scharbauer, Lindsay Kay Martin, Kimberly Elizabeth Beal, Tawney Constance Foy, Bessie Steiner Liedtke. Top row: Wynne Perryman Liedtke, Tiffany Lynn Barden, Kristen Jane Faudree, Elizabeth Ann Canon, Toffee Michele Wilson, April Elizabeth Brown, Amy Doris Bell, Lauren Tade Van Stavern, Mary Louisa Musselman

Minuet Club's Presentation Ball

The Minuet Club's 45th annual presentation was Dec. 22 at Midland Country Club. Nineteen debutantes were presented to the membership of the club, which was founded in 1928 as a means of furthering closer associations with local residents.

Tiffany Lynn Barden

Jerry Lynn Barden of Fort Morgan, Colo., and Isobel McFarland Barden of Midland are the parents of Tiffany Lynn Barden. She is the granddaughter of Norma McFarland of Midland and the late D. J. McFarland and Norma Barden of Earth and the late J. D. Barden.

Barden

Miss Barden is a sophomore at the University of Dallas and is majoring in elementary education. She will be studying in Rome, Italy, in spring 2001. She is a second year starter and captain on the Lady Crusaders soccer team and she was seventh in goals and assists in the American Southwest Conference as a freshman.

Miss Barden was escorted by Michael Beau Bennett, a student at Louisiana State University. Bennett's parents are Brad and Linda Bennett.

Kimberly Elizabeth Beal

Kimberly Elizabeth Beal is the daughter of Spencer Evans Beal and Karen Roberts Beal. Her grandparents are Beth Roberts and the late Fred Roberts and Keleen Beal and the late Carlton Beal.

K. Beal

A sophomore at Texas Tech University, Miss Beal is majoring in design communication. She is an artist and photographer.

She was escorted by Bryan Keith Dearing, a student at Texas Tech University. Dearing is the son of Ben and Sherry Dearing.

Robin Marie Beal

Kelly Scott and Chrys Beal are the parents of Robin Marie Beal. She is the granddaughter of Keleen Beal and the late Carlton Evans Beal and Earl C. Jr. and Shirley Detmering.

R. Beal

Miss Beal is a sophomore majoring in industrial psychology at Tulane University. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

She was escorted by Samuel Edwin Bakke Jr., a student at Texas Tech University. Bakke is the son of Samuel and Debbie Bakke.

Amy Doris Bell

Amy Doris Bell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Joe Bell. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Scharbauer Dublin and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bell.

Bell

She is a sophomore at Tarleton State University and her major is equine industries. She is a member of the Tarleton State "Cutting Horse Club." Her achievements include AQHA Youth World Show Qualifier in 1998 and 1999. In 1999, She finished in the top 10 at the Youth World Show in hunter hack and in the top 10 in the world in Youth Working Hunter for year-long competition. In 2000, Miss Bell qualified for the AQHA World Show in the three classes she competes in. She ranks in the top 15 in the world in two classes and achieved her Register of Merit in her first three months of competition. She was All-Around Champion at the Great Houston Quarter Horse Show and won three Reserve All-Around championships.

Miss Bell is also involved in volleyball, football and basketball at Tarleton.

Miss Bell was escorted by Stephen Rae Stoltz, a student at Texas Tech University. Stoltz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rae Stoltz.

April Elizabeth Brown

Christopher Patrick and Brenda Cary Brown are the parents of April Elizabeth Brown. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Audra B. Cary and Drs. Joe T. and Patty Smith.

Brown

Miss Brown is a junior at the University of Texas at Austin and majoring in criminal psychology. She participated in an internship with the George Bush for President Campaign and is a member of Texas Junior Psychology Association and UT Pre Law Students Association. She is a United Way volunteer and plans to study abroad in the summer of 2001.

Miss Brown's escort was Spencer Evans Blake, a student at the University of Texas at Austin. Blake's parents are Jack and Mary Blake.

Elizabeth Ann Canon

Elizabeth Ann Canon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jackson Canon. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert James Tisdale of Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Canon of Midland.

Canon

Miss Canon is a sophomore at Texas Tech University. She is majoring in mass communications in the area of public relations. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and the Freshman Council. She has participated as student senator, has been on the Dean's List and Who's Who in the Freshman Class.

Miss Canon was escorted by Michael Darrell Glover, a student at Texas Tech University. Glover is the son of Holsey Hill Glover and Connie Carlisle Hesse.

Kristen Jane Faudree

Matthew William and Kathleen Kerry Faudree are the parents of Kristen Jane Faudree. She is the granddaughter of Jane C. Dowdle and the late Nash J. Dowdle, John and Harriett Dublin and the late Bill B. Faudree.

Faudree

Miss Faudree is a sophomore at St. Mary's University and is majoring in multi-national organizational studies. She is a member of Tri Sigma and a President's Ambassador.

Her escort was Michael Stephen Landry, a student at University of Texas at Austin. Landry is the son of Charles and Janet Landry.

Ashely Clifton Foy

Ashely Clifton Foy is the daughter of Steven R. and Susan M. Foy and Larren and Karen Elliott. Her grandparents are Jim and Irmgard Foy, Mrs. John A. Matthews, Thomas H. Yates Jr. and Deanna Yates.

A sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, Miss Foy's major is retail merchandising. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta, Soccer Side Kicks, UT Fashion Club, Tennis Club and the Texas Ex Club. She volunteers for Austin Children's Hospital.

A. Foy

Miss Foy was escorted by Quillan Grant Harris, a student at the University of Texas at Austin. Haris is the son of Billy W. and Janet Harris.

Tawney Constance Foy

Steven R. Foy and Susan M. Foy and Larren and Karen Elliott are the parents of Tawney Constance Foy. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Irmgard Foy, Mrs. John A. Matthews, Thomas H. Yates Jr. and Deanna Yates.

T. Foy

Miss Foy is a sophomore majoring in finance at the University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta, Disch-Falk Diamonds, assistant Finance Chm Tri-Delts, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She is active in basketball and soccer.

She was escorted by Gregory Layne Hunter, a student at the University of Texas at Austin. Hunter's parents are David and Rhonda Hunter.

Shel Goree

Shel Goree is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Travis Goree. Her grandparents are Mrs. Robert C. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Goree and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Houlette.

Goree

A sophomore majoring in psychology at Texas A&M University, she is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She is involved as a Little Sister of Beta Theta Pi and as a volunteer for Scotty's House.

Miss Goree was escorted by John Patrick Schlaffer, a student at Hardin Simmons University. Schlaffer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Schlaffer.

Megan Moores Hawkes

Samuel Thomas Hawkes of San Antonio and Mary Helen Phillips are the parents of Megan Moores Hawkes. She is the granddaughter of William Dow Jr. and Bettie Hamm and Mrs. Katherine Williams Hawkes of Fort Worth.

Hawkes

She is a sophomore at the University of Texas and is majoring in business. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta.

Miss Hawkes was escorted by Russell Edward Booth, a student at the University of Texas. Booth is the son of Richard Edward Booth and Lana Elizabeth Russell.

Thressa Garen Hover

Thressa Garen Hover is the daughter of George Monaghan Hover and Anne White Hover. Her grandparents are William Adgate Hover II of Houston and the late Sydney Monaghan Hover and Yetive Garen White of Midland and the late Dr. Robert Newton White.

Hover

She is a sophomore at the University of the South in Tennessee and is majoring in religion and French. She is a member of Alpha Delta Theta She is active in Cre w, Young Life, the Honor Council, Hal it at for Humanity and is involved as a un assistant proctor and a Kanakuk Kar np counselor.

Miss Hover was escorted by William Edward Aikm an Crump who is a student at Stanford Un ui versity. Crump's parents are Edward I a Crump and Melanie Elizabeth Aik n an Crump.

Bessie Steiner Liedtke

Cadell Smith L iedtke and Marion Perryman Liedtke en e the parents of Bessie Steiner Liedtke. She is the granddaughter of William C. Jr. and Bessie Liedtke and Wynne F. an d Ann Perryman.

B. Liedtke

She is a soph o- more majoring in hospitality manag e- ment at the Unive r- sity of Mississip pi. She is a member of Chi Omega and is involved as a Can ip Mystic counselo r, with child psycho l- ogy research pro j- ect, Oxford Foo d Pantry, batter ed women's shelte r, Lymphoma/Leuk emia Walk and American Heart Walk.

Miss Liedtke wa s escorted by William Satterfield Woodm an, a student at Austin Community Colleg e. Woodman's parents are John Allen an d Nancy Woodman.

Wynne Perryman Liedtke

Wynne Perryn an Liedtke is the daughter of Cadel l Smith Liedtke and Marion Perryman Liedtke. Her grandparents are Willia m C. Jr. and Bessie Liedtke and Wynn e F. and Ann Perryman.

W. Liedtke

She is a sopho- more at the Univer- sity of Texas, Pla n II, and a member of Kappa Alpha Thet a. She is also an inter n for Texas Monthl y magazine, a Carn p Mystic counselo r and tutor at Zavi a Elementary.

Miss Liedtke w as escorted by Richa rd Taylor McMillan I a student at the U n iversity of Texas. M cMillan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rich ard Taylor McMillan.

Lindsay Kay Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Ro bert Andrew Martin are the parents of L indsay Kay Martin. She is the granddau ghter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles T yler Martin and Ina M. Porterfield and th e late Jack Marshall Porterfield.

Martin

A sophomore a t the University o f Texas at Austin, she is majoring in busi ness honors/finance Miss Martin was the 1999-2000 Miss Teen America, and is a member of Pi Beta Phi, National Honor Society, Nationa l Society of Collegiate Scholars, Honors Business Associa- tion, mentor for Zav ala Help One Student to Succeed (HOSTS). She received s award for the College of Business at UT. Her sister, Kelli, is a former Minuet Club debutante.

Miss Martin was e scorted by Michael Lee Majors, a studen t at the University of Alabama. Majors is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lee Majors III.

Mary Louisa Musselman

Mary Louisa Muss elman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Green Musselman. Her grandpa rents are the Honorable and Mrs. Aust in O. McCloud and Mr. and Mrs. John E . Musselman.

She is a sophomore majoring in liberal arts honors at the Un iversity of Texas. She is a member of K appa Kappa Gamma and the UT Polo team.

Miss Musselman was escorted by

Richard Bradley Glasscock

Musselman

Richard Bradley Glasscock, a student at the University of Texas. Glasscock's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Eugene Glasscock.

Sarah Anne Scharbauer

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Scharbauer are the parents of Sarah Anne Scharbauer. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer Jr., Ted Charles Johnson and the late Monta Jo Glass Johnson. Her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Glass, were charter members of the Minuet Club.

Scharbauer

A sophomore at Southern Methodist University, Miss Scharbauer is pursuing a double major in psychology and English. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta and Golden Key National Honor Societies, honor roll and student foundation. She is involved in tutoring children and as a Kanakuk Counselor.

Miss Scharbauer was escorted by Brandon Cutler Gist, a student at Texas Tech University. Gist is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rhett Gist.

Lauren Tade Van Stavern

Lauren Tade Van Stavern is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Van Stavern II. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Van Stavern and Patricia Ambrose and the late Thomas P. Ambrose.

Van Stavern

She is a sophomore at Texas Tech University and is majoring in both exercise and sports sciences and Spanish. She is a member and spirit leader of Delta Delta Delta of which she was named "Outstanding Pledge Member" National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Collegiate All-American cheerleader, National Collegiate All-Girl cheerleading champion squad, Raider Power cheerleader squad, Universal Cheerleader Association staff and runner up "Miss Permian Basin Fair & Expo."

Miss Van Stavern was escorted by Spencer Mark Ritchie, a student at Texas Tech University. Ritchie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Morton Curran Ritchie Jr.

Toffee Michele Wilson

Word B. Wilson and Celia Rhodes Wilson are the parents of Toffee Michele Wilson. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Cecil Rhodes, the late William B. Wilson and the late Mary Glover Wilson.

Wilson

A sophomore at the University of Texas, Miss Wilson is majoring in liberal arts plan I. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Gamma Beta Phi and the National Dean's List of College Scholars. She is also a little sister of the crew team at UT.

Miss Wilson was escorted by Michael Edward Amiet, a student at Duke University. Amiet's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Edgar Amiet.

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Tallying the gene count

The number of genes in an organism's collection of DNA is not the only measure of the creature's complexity. Nevertheless, the number of genes in the human genome has been the subject of dispute in the scientific community.

	Yeast	E. coli bacteria*	C. elegans worm	Fruitfly	Thale cress	Human	Mouse
Sequencing							
Begun	1989	1991	1990	1999	1996	1990	1999
Completed	1996	1997	1998	2000	2000	2003**	2005
Number of:							
Base pairs	12 million	4.6 million	100 million	180 million	118.7 million	Over 3 billion	3 billion
Genes	6,241	4,405	19,000	13,600	25,500	Estimates vary widely	About 40,000

*More than 30 bacteria have been sequenced.
**Estimated completion date for the publicly funded Human Genome Project.

Sources: The journals Nature and Science; National Institutes of Health; Human Genome Project; University of Wisconsin-Madison; Washington University School of Medicine; Howard Hughes Medical Institute J. Jurgensen/AP

Human gene count may not be so high

By Malcolm Ritter
AP Science Writer

How many genes does it take to make a person? Well, maybe not many more than it takes to make a small plant.

That's the rather humbling indication, anyway, from some recent estimates for one of the most basic numbers in biology.

For years, the usual guess has been that there are around 60,000 to 100,000 genes in the human "genome," the collection of DNA that every person carries. That compares pretty impressively to the 25,500 genes in the small flowering plant called Arabidopsis thaliana or thale cress.

And it towers comfortably above the 19,000 genes in the tiny worm C. elegans or the 13,600 genes in the fruitfly Drosophila.

Scientists still disagree wildly on the human gene number. Their formal betting pool records estimates from 27,462 to 153,478 genes, with an average of about 62,000.

Human Genome Sciences Inc. of Rockville, Md., for example, puts the number above 120,000, based on analysis of chemical instructions from genes for making proteins.

But recently, the leader of the international project that has completed a rough draft of the human genome said he expects the gene inventory to fall between 30,000 and 40,000. "That's a surprisingly small number," added Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute.

And last June, in the journal Nature Genetics, two teams of scientists independently presented studies with estimates in the range of 28,000 to 35,000 genes.

People may find numbers like these disquietingly close to the totals for the Arabidopsis plant or the C. elegans worm. The worm has only 959 cells in its whole body versus trillions in a human body, after all. And neither the plant nor the worm has to deal with such complex tasks as language or figuring out who really won a presidential election.

But scientists say an organism's biological complexity comes from more than the size of its gene inventory.

For one thing, differences in when certain genes are turned on and off can make a big difference in how two organisms develop.

In addition, an organism is actually built and controlled by the proteins its genes tell it to make. While most people are taught that a single gene encodes a single protein, some genes can give rise to more than one protein. That may be the case with more than half the human genes.

What's more, creatures can grow more complex by making more elaborate structures out of the same basic materials. It's the same way that someone can use Lego building blocks to build a simple house or a replica of the Vatican, notes Gerald Rubin of the University of California, Berkeley, and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

After all, he said, a single human brain cell isn't that much different from a fly brain cell, but the human brain has an awful lot more of them.

Rubin has had plenty of practice in thinking about the relationship between gene number and complexity. When he and colleagues announced last year that they'd found 13,600 genes in the fruit fly, many scientists thought that number was too low, he said.

After all, that was fewer genes than the C. elegans worm, which seemed a simpler creature.

But in the end, Rubin figures his work "got them out of the box of thinking there was going to be some correlation between complexity and the number of genes."

As for the human gene count, it's good news for scientists if the number turns out to be "smaller than we had feared," says Phil Green of the University of Washington in Seattle.

Green, who estimates about 35,000 human genes, noted that such lower numbers suggest there will be fewer human proteins for scientists to round up into a "complete parts list" for the body.

And in trying to find the genes involved in human disease or characteristics, the smaller number "means less work to do," he said. "We should be able to get to the answer earlier."

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On the Net:
The betting pool:
http://www.ensembl.org/Genesweep/

HELL ON WHEELS

Older folks have hard time on snow and ice

By Jean Starnes

I thought Nov. 7 was the earliest it has ever snowed in Midland but according to Robert Boyd at the National Weather Bureau it snowed 6 inches on Oct. 28, 1980. A little more even fell the next day. I could say that didn't count because I didn't live here that year. I also thought that 2000 had the most snow in November than any other year. Boyd, however, reported that this year was the fifth snowiest November since 1930.

Starnes

We don't look forward to sliding down the driveway and building snowmen; we just get cold.

Older persons dislike snow and sleet more than younger ones. We don't look forward to sliding down the driveway and building snowmen; we just get cold. Even though many schools close because of hazardous weather, few work places do. And, we adults have to drive on the slippery stuff. It is common knowledge that many West Texans don't know how to drive on ice. It doesn't matter how often we hear, "if your car starts sliding, you need to steer in the direction it's going." Many of us automatically step on the brakes and end up in a ditch or worse.

When it starts snowing, I think of my father. All those years I ran the Opportunity Center — preschool classes for children with handicaps — if four flakes fell from the sky he wanted me to cancel school for the day. He told me the young pupils shouldn't get out in the cold. Now that I'm a parent, I know Daddy just didn't want his daughter out among the crazy drivers. He would be pleased I learned from his example. If the weather turns threatening, I find my son, Rick, and tell him to head for his apartment. This doesn't always set well with his girl friend, though.

I also remember the first winter I lived in Austin and was completely on my own. Five hills were between my apartment and Travis State School where I worked. One morning after a snowfall, I started to work, reaching the next to the last hill. As I crept up it, I saw four cars already in the bar ditch. Three times I drove halfway up that hill before my tires started spinning. This scared the hell out of me. Miraculously, the cars behind me stayed at the foot of the hill. Finally a highway patrolman drove up beside me and asked, "Do you need help?"

A useless question, I thought. I slid across the car seat and said, "Yes, I do need help. Do you want to get in and drive my car up this darn hill?"

As he drove my car up the hill, I told him, "I work at Travis State School and will you please drive me all the way to the entrance?" He agreed and his partner followed in the patrol car.

With the three snows in November and the below-freezing temperatures in December, I ask, "What happened to the global warming I keep hearing of?"

SEEDS: The younge r trees, plants are, easier they will transplant

(From 3E)

regrown almost immediately after planting. It is a shock to the plants either way, but if done correctly roots quickly regrow and plants survive and even thrive.

There are two basic types of plants: deciduous and evergreen. Deciduous are those that drop their leaves in the fall and evergreens are those that have green leaves year around. Young deciduous plants can be transplanted bare root or balled and burlaped. Evergreens are best transplanted as balled and burlaped.

Young plants transplant the easiest. They are easier to handle and they re-establish quicker. Older and larger plants can be quite large and heavy, requiring two or more people or even special equipment. With larger plants there is a greater loss of roots so a slower recovery.

If you know a few months in advance that a tree, shrub or vine is going to be moved, root pruning can make the job easier and reduce plant stress. Using a spade or sharp shooter, vertical cuts should be made just inside where the bare root or balled and burlaped roots will be. By making vertical cuts, which severs roots, a mass of new small roots will be made inside the area that will be dug during the dormant season. Since root pruning will take place during the summer or fall, shock to the plant can be reduced by making only half of the vertical cuts in one stage and then coming back in a month or so to make the other half of the vertical cuts. The half that is severed can be distributed to all four sides of the plant rather than just one half, which can be more stressful.

A few days before digging, the plant and surrounding soil should be well watered. This will make digging easier and help the root ball hold together better. Use a sharp shooter or spade for digging; one with a forged handle is especially useful because of the amount of forcing it may take to get the balled and burlaped prepared and out of the hole.

Another pre-dig chore that can make digging easier is to wrap branches and canes in burlap, cinching them up so they are out of the way of digging. It's hard enough to dig an established plant up, without being slapped across the face with a thorn-punctuated rose cane. Selective pruning could also be done to get unnecessary growth out of the way and to help compensate for the root loss.

Bare root transplanting can be used on plants whose trunks are not much larger than 2 inches in diameter. A large portion of the main roots, including lateral roots should be dug, making clean cuts rather than tears. Once the plant is out of the ground the roots should be protected immediately. If there will be a delay in planting, the roots should remain moist and the dormant. Digging a trench deep and wide enough to lay the roots down in and covering with moist soil is a good method of holding bare root plants, which is called "heeling in." Or they can be potted up in a container.

Balled and burlaped plants require more patience, expertise and strength. A rule of thumb for the root ball size is for every 1 inch of trunk diameter there should be a corresponding foot of root ball. Plants growing in very sandy soil will be very difficult to ball and burlap, because the coarsely textured soil has a tendency to fall apart, but it works well in loam and clay type soils.

Start digging a trench at the drip line and make a tapering cut down through the soil until the ball is deep enough, then undercut the ball. While the plant is still in the hole, the ball should be covered with burlap, which should fit like a skin. Lift the plant out of the hole by the ball, not the trunk. This is usually a two-man job.

Whether the plant is dug bare root or balled and burlaped, the sooner it can be replanted the better. In either case, protect the roots from drying out or any other extreme until they are planted. Plant at the same level they grew in the previous location. Dig the hole just deep enough to accommodate the depth of the root ball, but dig the hole wide enough. Water well and provide 4 inches of mulch around the plant. Soil additives and fertilizers are not necessary at the time of planting.

If pruning wasn't done before transplanting, about 1/3 of the top growth should be removed to help reduce stress and increase the survival rate. Use good pruning practices, such as the selective removal of crossed, rubbing, crowded or damaged branches.

To ensure survival, keep a check on the soil moisture for the first three years. Stick your finger well into the soil and make sure the soil is moist. Through the winter months watering may only be needed once every 10 to 15 days, but always feel the soil first.

Don't let a good tree or shrub be sacrificed just because it's in the wrong location. Consider transplanting it during the dormant season.

For more detailed information on transplanting trees and shrubs. call 498-4071 and request Transplanting Trees and Shrubs.

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Start 2001 off right by joining one of the most dynamic volunteer organizations in the nation, the Master Gardener Program. The Permian Basin Master Gardener Orientation Meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 10 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University, Odessa. Call the Midland or Ector County Extension Service at 498-4071 for more details.

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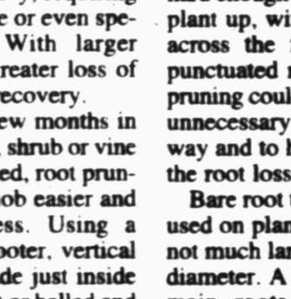
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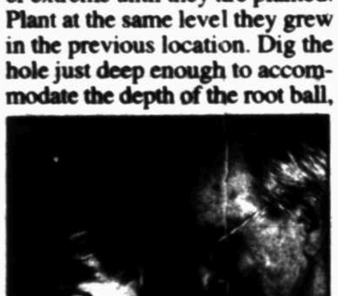
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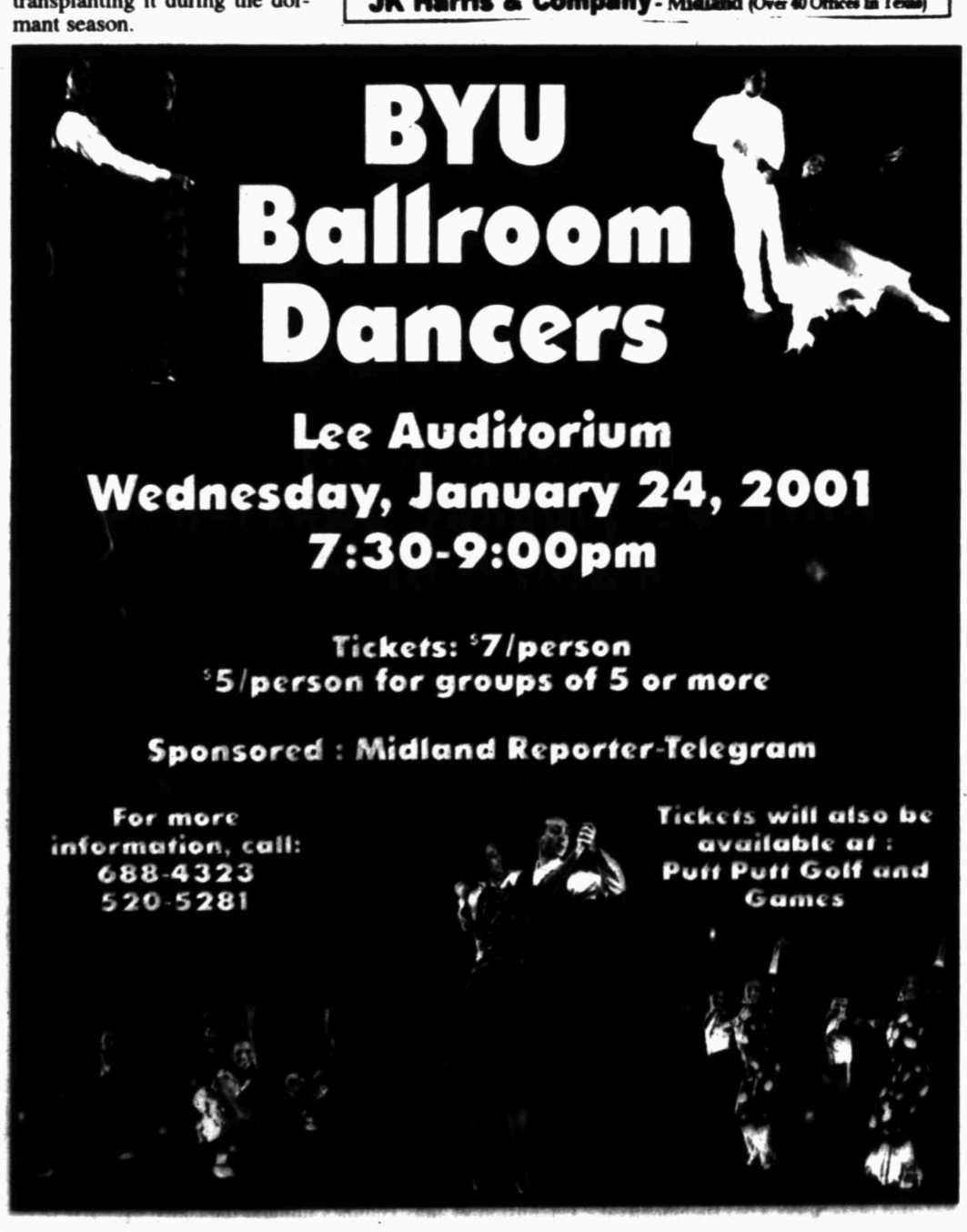
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Spring registration resumes after break

Registration for the spring session begins, Jan. 2, after the Christmas break in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Student Center. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 16.

A special registration day with extended office hours, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., will be Wednesday, Jan. 10. For more information call 685-4501 beginning Jan. 2.

Continuing Education

Free e-Bay seminar set

A free seminar to introduce the on-line auction company e-Bay will be 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 6 at Midland College's Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert.

The seminar is sponsored by e-Bay Ambassador Charlotte Culver and the Midland College Continuing Education department. The seminar will include door prizes.

As a follow-up to the seminar, Continuing Education has set a class, Specialized Computer Applications/EBAY—, 8 a.m.-noon, Fridays, Jan. 12-Feb. 2. The fee is $80.

For information about the seminar or the class, call 520-9410.

Sheet metal course set

A 12-week continuing education course offered through Midland College's Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration program will provide an introduction to Sheet Metal.

The course is set for 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Monday & Wednesday, Jan. 18-April 4. The instructor is Bill Morris.

The course provides an introduction to the materials, tools and techniques used in the sheet metal industry; reviews trade math, problems involving measurement of lines, area, volume, weight, and geometric figures; introduces types and uses of hand, layout, and cutting tools; reviews material types and properties along with the principles of layout and metal forming.

Certificates will be issued upon completion of the course. At least 10 students must register for this class.

The cost is $250. Textbook and workbook are available in the Midland College Bookstore for about $50. For information about credit courses offered by the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration program, call 685-4676 beginning Jan. 2

Computer courses

A variety of Continuing Education computer classes are scheduled to start in January. Registration for spring classes resumes Jan. 2 after the Christmas holidays.

The Continuing Education spring schedule is available by calling 685-4518. For more information about specific classes call 685-6479.

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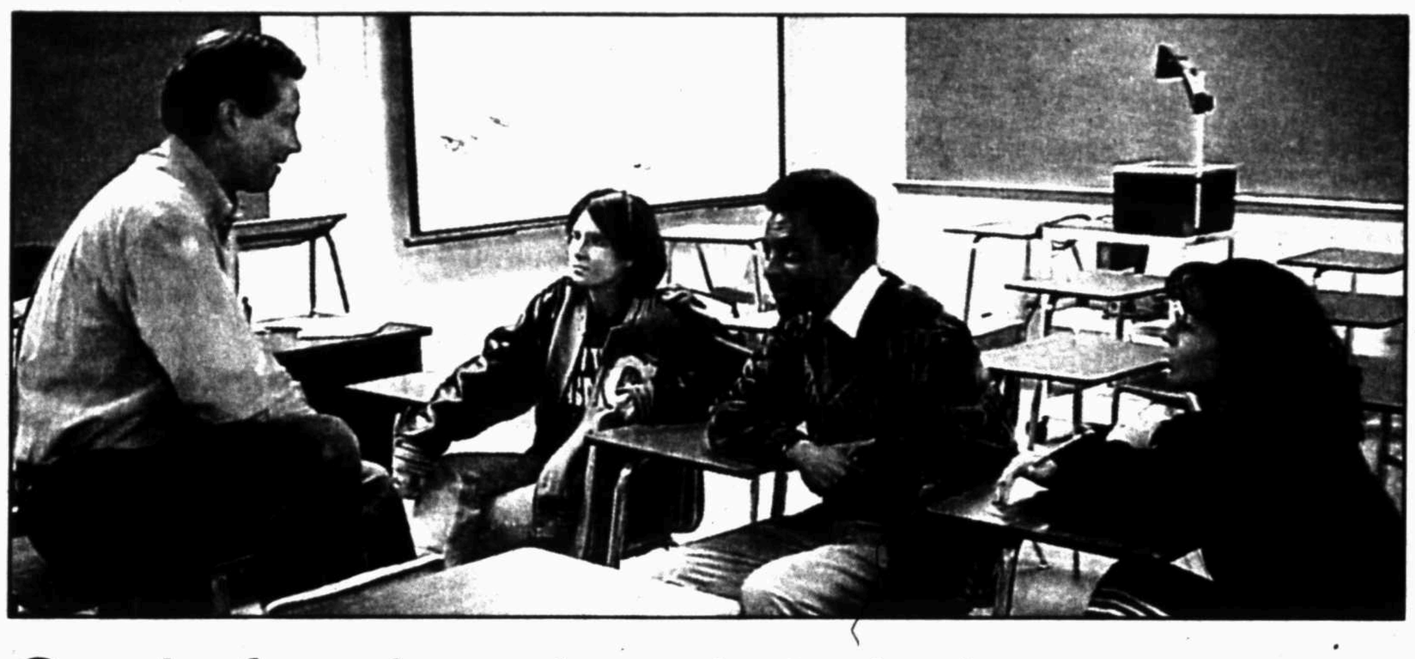
Parenting for Prevention



Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Director Don Poage talks with students Lacy Swango, Bobby Young and Araseli Barrera about "Parenting for Prevention," the class he is offering next semester. The course is for teachers, parents and future chemical dependency counselors who want to know what is going on with drug abuse problems among the country's youth.

Goal of spring class is to help parents, teachers understand drug abuse problems among youth

Even those of us who don't like to read instruction manuals might do so when it comes to raising children, perhaps the most challenging job most of us face. Now help is on the way.

Don Poage, Program Director for Midland College's Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counseling program, will teach a class in Parenting for Prevention (DAAC 1372) during the spring 2001 semester.

"People who are expecting a child or anticipating having children don't come," Poage said. "Usually the parents who take the class already have seen problems in their family.

"The course, which is taught periodically, is for teachers, parents, future chemical dependency counselors and anyone curious about what's going on with drug abuse problems among our youth."

Poage employs plenty of class interaction and film and strives to enable adults to teach children to development self-management skills. This helps children handle themselves and their emotions effectively.

Learning such management skills helps youngsters to handle anger and conflicts without violence.

There are four main goals for the class:

—Identify and encourage healthy family structure;

—Strengthen class members in parental decision making;

—Teach class members how kids' thinking has changed over the last two generations;

—Encourage successful families with successful children as a means of discouraging drug use and any other destructive behaviors.

Poage has specific characteristics in mind when defining successful families.

"Successful families communicate with each other," Poage said. "They value time shared, they share meals, they deal with conflict in an effective manner, they share a sense of community, they value giving to others, they support one another and lovingly restrain other family members from doing something destructive."

"Our children are growing up too fast. There is a loss of innocence in our fast-paced, microwave culture. I want to tell parents 'slow down, they're kids.'"—

—Don Poage, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Director

Poage sees that life and world changes have altered how we perceive our world, and the world our children see is different than the one we saw when growing up.

"I don't underestimate the power of the media," Poage said.

"Our children are growing up too fast. There is a loss of innocence in our fast-paced, microwave culture. I want to tell parents 'slow down, they're kids.'"

Poage said that the media has influenced our mores and shifted our cultural imperatives. One specific change that has occurred is a lack of civility between parents and children that once existed.

"I believe that both parents and children want civility," Poage said.

"But its been lost. It takes an extra-special person to go against the psychologized way we've been influenced in the media."

Continuing Education

From tots to teens: MC set s spring gym classes

From— from tots to teen— Midland College's gymnastics program has scheduled a number of classes this spring for children of all ages

All classes will be offered at the MC gym building at 2817 W. Industrial. For more information and directions, contact the Midland College Continuing Education department, 685-4518, beginning Jan. 2. Classes also are listed in the Spring Continuing Education schedule.

Wiggle Worms; Ages: 1-2—Child-initiated discovery of gymnastics, promoting gross motor development. Parents will attend with children.

Classes are 10-10:45 a.m., Fridays, Jan. 9-March 9; cost is $34. Or 9-9:45 a.m., Saturdays, Jan. 20-March 3; cost is $30.

Teeny Tumblers; Ages: 2-3—Learn basic skills in gymnastics using vault, bars, beam, floor and trampoline, enhancing cognitive and motor development.

Class is 5:45-6:30 p.m., Wednesdays Jan. 17-March 7; cost is $42.

Tumblin' Tots; Ages: 3-4—Learn basic skills in gymnastics using vault, bars, beam, floor and trampoline, enhancing cognitive and motor development.

Classes are 11:00 - 11:45 a.m., Fridays, Jan. 19-March 9; Cost is $42. Or, 10-10:45 a.m., Saturdays, Jan. 20-March 3; cost is $37. Or, 5:45-6:30 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-March 8; cost is $82.

Kinder Gym; Ages: 5-6—Learn basic skills in gymnastics using vault, bars, beam, floor and trampoline, enhancing cognitive and motor development.

Classes are 10-11 a.m., Saturday, Jan 20-March 3; cost is $37. Or, 3:45-4:45 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 17-March 7; cost is $77; Or, 5:45-6:45 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-March 8; cost is $82.

Junior Gym; Ages: 7+—Learn skills in all-around gymnastics, with emphasis in developing strength, coordination and knowledge of sport. Class will include tumbling, elements of dance and use of all gymnastics apparatus.

Classes are: 3:45-4:45 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 17-March 7. Or, 3:45-4:45 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-March 8; cost is $82. Or, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-March 8. Cost is $82. Or, 5:45-6:45 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-March 8; cost is $82.

Training Team All Ages—Teaches artistic gymnastics techniques and skills and is designed for the student who has some gymnastics background. Admission is by approval of the instructor.

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Classes are: 4:45-5:45 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-March 8; cost is $82. Or, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 17-March 7; cost is $77.

Beginning Boys; Ages: 6+—Come and learn basic men's gymnastics skills. Class will include floor, pommel horse, bars, vault and high bars.

Classes are: 4:45 -5:45 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 16-March 8; cost is $82. Or, 11 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 20-March 3; cost is $37.

Cheerleading; Ages: 6+—Learn and perfect cheerleading skills and techniques, including motions, voice, and jumps.

Classes are: 5:45 - 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17-March 7; cost is $50. Or, 11-11:45 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 20-March 3; cost is $44.

Back handspring Ages: 6+—tumbling classes emphasizing back handspring, as required for most cheerleading squads.

Classes are: 4:45-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17-March 7; cost is $50. Or, 10-11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 20-March 3; cost is $44.

Beginning Team/Level IV (Invitation Only); All Ages—Level IV USGA Program requiring year-round participation. This beginning team is by invitation only. Classes are *(note: classes with an @ are optional hours)*: @4:30-5:30 p.m., Mon/Tues/Thur, Jan. 2 -30; cost is $27; 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mon/Tues/Thursday, Jan. 2-30; cost is $77. @4:30-5:30 p.m., Mon/Tues/Thursday, Feb. 1-27; cost is $27. And, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mon/Tues/Thursday, Feb. 1-27; cost is $77.

Club Team Level V and up (Invitation Only); All ages—USGA Program requiring year-round participation. This club team is by invitation only.

Classes are: 5:30-8:30 p.m., Mon/Tues/Thursday, Jan. 2-30; cost is $102. And, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Mon/Tues/Thursday, Feb. 1-27; cost is $102.

Please note that participation on the Sandstormers' Club Teams is by invitation only.

Education

Making the Grade

Christopher Fortenberry, a senior from Greenwood ISD, was chosen as a Student of the Month for Midland Daybreak Rotary Club.

Fortenberry, son of David and Chris Fortenberry, is ranked first in a class of 103 students His school activities include National Honor Society, University Interscholastic League academics, tennis and band.

In the community, he has participated in Greenwood Band Booster concession, ATSSB All-Region Band Auditions and Greenwood Music Festival. His honors include academic awards for UIL Academic Regional Qualifier, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Superintendent's List, All-State band, outstanding performer and state solo-ensemble contest.

Craig Reynolds of Midland was recognized for his participation in Texas A&M University's Engineering Scholars Program. He was one of 23 graduates to receive a framed certificate during a ceremony held at the Zachry Engineering Center on the Texas A&M campus. Members of ESP must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.4, take honors-level courses, attend ESP seminars and conduct research.

Jered Heath Cameron of Midland received a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice law enforcement Dec. 16 from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Leigh Ann Beal, a senior at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va., was named to the High List, the school's academic honor roll, for the 2000-2001 academic year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Scott Beal of Midland. Students must maintain an average of 90 or above in five or more academic courses for the year to be included on the list.

Jason Anthony Sevin and **Jeanne Margaret Bennett**, both of Midland earned a place on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Louisiana State University. Students must have a 3.5 grade-point average for the semester to be recognized.

Natasha LaDonna Smith of Midland received a bachelor of science degree in nursing at the fall commencement ceremonies at the University of Texas at Tyler.

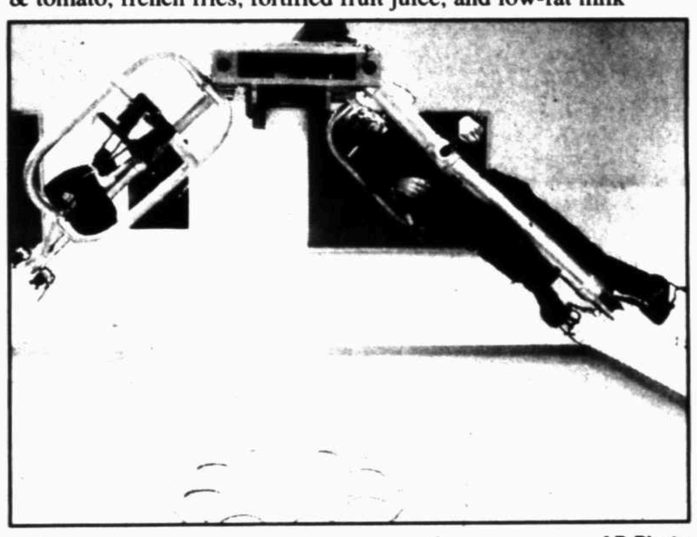
School Menus

Midland Independent School District
Jan. 3-5

Wednesday
Breakfast: assorted cereal, juice and low-fat milk
Lunch: chicken nuggets or chicken fried steak, roll, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, chilled peaches, fortified fruit juice, and low-fat milk

Thursday
Breakfast: jumbo muffin, juice and low-fat milk
Lunch: corn dog or backed chicken roll, rice/gravy, raw veggies/dip, green beans, fortified fruit juice and low-fat milk

Friday
Breakfast: breakfast pinwheel, juice and low-fat milk
Lunch: hamburger or "deli sandwich," homemade soup, lettuce & tomato, french fries, fortified fruit juice, and low-fat milk



AP Photo
Researcher Vince Caizzo demonstrates an exercise bicycle, dubbed Space Cycle, in Irvine, Calif. Researchers at the University of California, Irvine, have developed the bicycle to combat the loss of bone and muscle density and cardiovascular fitness that astronauts suffer during long stints in space.

SPACE: Riding cycle causes dizziness

(From 2E)

ahead or the spinning makes you dizzy."

The research team says it has spent $200,000 to date developing the bike. They estimate it will cost about $500,000 to complete the project, which will include several more prototypes.

The researchers also are designing a virtual reality system to combat the dizziness and make the ride more enjoyable. Possible designs include allowing riders to participate in a virtual Tour de France or a ride along the beach, Kreitenberg said.

In addition, the bike's design takes into account the principle of physics that every action has a reaction.

When astronauts were aboard the U.S. Skylab in the 1970s, they exercised by jogging. But their workouts caused the space station to move, and the station's thrusters had to be fired to keep it in position.

But the Space Cycle, the researchers believe, can be operated with its own vibration-free system, a collection of wires, cords and dampening mechanisms which would halt the transfer of any vibrations to the station's structure.

Kreitenberg, who has patented the human centrifuge cycle, and the research team also believe there may be commercial and medical applications for the bicycle on Earth.

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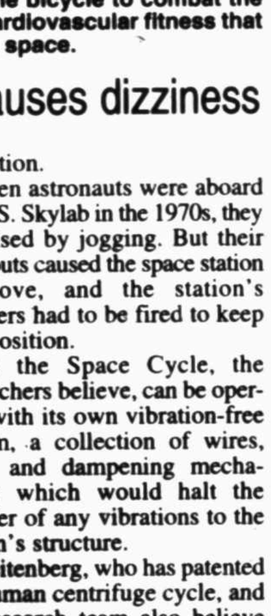

Education in Brief

■ Education scholarships

The local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa will be awarding two prospective educator scholarships, $500 each, to area graduating seniors.

After awarding the local scholarships, the two winners' essays and applications will be entered in the international scholarship grants program. Phi Delta Kappa International will award 44 $1,000 grants, one $2,000 grant, one $4,000 grant and one $5,000 grant.

Seniors planning a career in education may contact Marilyn Odum at 684-5506 or odum@mo.quik.com to obtain forms.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 31.

■ Roundtable discussion

ODESSA — "The next greatest generation: How women can give shape and expression to the new millennium" is the topic for a roundtable discussion hosted by the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute.

The free event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at the UTPB gymnasium.

■ UTPB registration

ODESSA — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will hold spring 2001 registration Jan. 10 and Jan. 11 in the gymnasium.

Registration hours are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for Jan. 10 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 11. Classes will begin Jan. 16.

Students eligible for registration are those who attended UTPB during the spring 2000, summer 2000 or fall 2000 semesters and new students who have received official acceptance letters. Returning students who have been absent for more than one year must be cleared by the Office of Admissions before registering.

Late registration will be Jan. 16 -19 in the registrar's office.

For admission information call 552-2605. For financial aid questions call 552-2620.

■ Nursing student

Midlander Kathleen Carmody, a senior nursing student at West Texas A&M University, was recently recognized by Sigma Theta Tau International. The group is the honor society of nursing.

■ Academy nominees

Two area nominees are being considered for the Air Force and Naval academies. They are Bowe Butler and Alex Flores Jr., both of Big Spring.

U.S. Rep. Charles W. Stenholm announced that 24 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas were selected as nominees to the United States service academies. They will be considered as members of the academy classes entering in July 2001. Two appointment slots will be filled at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., two slots at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and two slots at the Military Academy at West Point, NY.

■ Sul Ross registration

ALPINE — Sul Ross State University is closed until 8 a.m. Tuesday for Christmas break.

Mid-winter classes are scheduled for Tuesday through Jan. 17. Spring semester 2001 classes will begin Jan. 18.

Registration and first class sessions for spring semester weekend format classes will be Jan. 13; 8:30 a.m. to noon in the University Center. First class sessions for Weekend I format will be from 1 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Weekend II, 1:30 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.; and Weekend III, 2 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Residence halls will reopen Jan. 14. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be observed Jan. 15 as an official university holiday.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 activities include: 8 a.m., Quick TASP; 9 a.m., faculty meeting, Studio Theatre; 10:30 a.m., school and departmental meetings; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., orientation of new students and advisement of returning students; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., preregistered students may make schedule changes, obtain receipts and I.D.'s and complete the payment process if using financial assistance, University Center.

Other opening week events include:

Wednesday, Jan. 17: 8 a.m. to noon, ACT Residual; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., academic advisement; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., registration, University Center. Thursday, Jan. 18: Classes and schedule changes begin; 8 a.m.to 5 p.m., academic advisement; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., registration, University Center; last day for students to register in Education block courses;

Friday, Jan. 19: Late registration begins.

Friday, Jan. 26 is the last day for late registration.

For more information, contact, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, (915) 837-8036.

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HOME & Garden

Flights of Fancy

Sibley Nature Center will give a T-shirt to the first person to correctly identify the difference between a male and female house finch.

My mom never fed birds close to the house. "When a Sharp-shinned (hawk) comes, the birds panic, and some die when they hit the windows." I do like all boys do when their moms aren't looking, and try to learn why she said that.

A group that visited Sibley gave me a $15 gift certificate. I selected a half dozen squares of "suet" that is not really suet, which will not melt when the temperature is above freezing. I gritted my teeth and joined hordes of bargain-hunters in a local mega-store where, after walking half a mile, I finally found bird feeders for sale. For just a few dollars, I purchased quite the palatial feeder, with suet screens at both ends of the grain hopper. Ain't this country grand!

Frances did put hummingbird feeders under the soffit. I hung the big feeder on the eye-hook she had previously hung just 18 inches from the window. Nothing came. Day after day, nothing came. A week, two weeks. Nothing. For a change of pace, I followed Brandon's lead and purchased a quail block to stick under the pine that had always served as Ma's feeding post. Nothing much came to it either. So I hung a sunflower tube in the tree. Success!

First they came to the sunflower tube, then the quail block. Soon, a big roadrunner came to harry the frenzied mob one gorgeous sunny evening. The sharpie came swooping by every day, and finally began sleeping in the Ceremonial Grove, next to Frances' memorial island in the pond.

One afternoon, Brandon came to the Arboretum to help move book cases, refrigerators, beds and other such "way-too-heavy-for-one-man" items. As we took a break and sat messing with his dog, I pointed out a scrub jay at the tube feeder.

"What strange behavior — look how he sneaks in flying as fast as he can, grabs one mouthful, and then high-tails it out, with the same flat, fast blur of flight. Wow!"

Brandon did not see the entire sortie, so I suggested waiting for another pass — I was still panting and sweating. The bird did not come back, though, until our attention was distracted. I pointed at him as he zipped past the Geometry Bush, and Brandon watched as the raid was accomplished in less than 30 seconds.

"I tell you, that is weird. It is weird. Jays are usually bossy, loud and raucous. The one I saw follow the fox was a skulker, too. Why are they behaving so covertly?"

Brandon did not answer my rhetorical question. He was patting his dog on the head. She had quieted, at last. A young hound with the heart to attack a bear, she suffers considerable separation anxiety in relation to Brandon. We purposefully sat where she was leashed, so we could try to "mellow her out."

"Have you noticed that different critters take center stage in any one locality? A set of birds and mammals take turns being the focus of everyone in the neighborhood. The cactus wren fusses at intruders and other changes and disruptions, and everyone listens. The curve-billed thrasher performs a more thorough inspection, its orange eye exacting and particular. All you can hear is his sifting of the leaves, tapping the ground with his beak. Then everything is quiet."

A cactus wren began fussing near the pomegranate. Male house finches began feeding at the tube feeder, their reddish heads bright in the afternoon light that filtered through the Afghan pines. They glistened in the sun, doing a slow dance/fight over the most premier feeding port.

"Twinkling red against dark green, how festive and appropriate!" Brandon has the intelligence and sensitivity of a poet.

"Yeah! Sing it, Brandon, sing it out!" Being young, he is still self-conscious at times. He has not learned to be shameless. Actors make fools of themselves. Actors must, before they learn their craft.

The scrub jay came barreling in again. In and out. Zip. Just like that. "Why?"

The question gnawed at me.

We looked down at Pete the Prairie Dog, always at Brandon's side. He had stopped playing in his cage, stopped drumming with his feet, plucking the wires with his teeth, and throwing scraps of paper out. Pete was still. Very still. He listened intently. Not a bird sound anywhere. Not a sound, no. Just the breeze in the pines, a sound that is quiet and hidden from notice except at certain moments.

After 30 seconds, one of the canyon towhees mewed from below the new feeder. I had spilled some of the mixed grains as I filled the hopper. Towhees dance like Cossacks, leaves flying everywhere as they search for tidbits. As this one danced, the leaf-crunching seemed magnified by the corner of the house nearby.

The dog barked, wishing for the return of our attention. Brandon hushed her. The towhee sat frozen under the raggedy creeping mahonia. Coffee grounds, greens, and other unobtrusive kitchen waste now ends up there to enrich the soil, an easy step from the dining table. Once in a while the skunk comes by before our "desert" air completely desiccates the fresh leavings. Deborah and I like him, since the four cats can sniff noses with him and never ever get sprayed. Skunks are so unburdened with concern, "ya' jest gotta luv 'em."

The towhee launched itself up, and lit on the top of the new feeder. It peered over at its new perch, and must have spotted some of the same seeds it had just been eating. It hopped to the ledge and took a bite, and after another hop, it bent around and pecked at the suet that is not suet.

No other bird found the new feeder until the third snowstorm of the year. The towhee brought its buddy (probably a sibling, but possibly its mate). White-crowned sparrows found the seeds in the leaves below, and then they, too, tested the new feeder.

"Ooooh, a house finch!" Deborah put her iron down, placing her morning pressing on hold. She watched as Boy, the big orange cat, placed his paws on the sill and performed the feline predatory whicker, smacking his lips and jerking his tail spasmodically. "What a Pavlovian response, huh?"

The scrubjay crammed itself on the ledge of the new feeder. It hammered at the frozen suet that is not suet. On such bitter days of near zero windchills, the ability of wild animals to survive inclement weather is flabbergasting. I stood sorting mail on the ironing board, my hands fluttering less than 3 feet from his head.

"Who cares — who says I have to be scared? I am hungry, and I am betting you leave me alone." He had that resentful, affected hunch that teen-agers brandish for effect. I finished sorting Deborah's mail from mine, and began sorting mine into piles of keepers and trash.

When I next looked up, three female house finches had replaced the Jay.

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Contest

In an upcoming column I will include anyone's interpretation of the behavior of the scrub jay. I love the hunt for answers to questions, and trying to figure out why a creature behaves as it does. It is fun — story-book fun!

The Sibley Nature Center will also give a T-shirt with our logo to the first caller on our answering machine to correctly state how to tell the difference between male and female house finches. The T-shirt is provided courtesy of Marathon Oil.

Anybody want to invent a tale about our logo? Are there any local storytellers who want to spin a windy? It depicts a coyote howling atop the moon, which is really the long tail of an armadillo. Doesn't that set the creative juices flowing? It is an image that stays with a person, and it deserves a story. Entries must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31 and all ages can enter. The prize for the best story is a $25 gift certificate for books, music or art supplies. Send your entries to The Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

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Briefing

EOG Resources buys Somerset

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Somerset Oil & Gas Co. Inc. of Indiana, Penn. has been sold to Houston-based EOG Resources Inc.

Morgan Stanley Capital Partners and Somerset Capital Partners were equity owners of Somerset Oil & Gas, said Thomas H. O'Neill Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Buffalo-based Somerset. He is also a general partner of Somerset Capital Partners. EOG Resources is retaining most of the Somerset employees. Terms of the purchase were not disclosed.

Derek meets LAK requirements

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Derek Resources Corp. reports that it has now met the earn-in requirements of the LAK Option Agreement whereby the company may acquire an undivided 75 percent working interest in the leases comprising the LAK Ranch Oil Project.

The company has expended over $3.62 million on the project to date and has incurred further qualifying expenditures of approximately $250,000 on the project for which it has not yet been invoiced.

Derek officials said the approximately $3.87 million of qualifying exploration and development costs exceed the $3.6 million cumulative total required to be spent by December 31 under the terms of the September 24, 1997 LAK Option Agreement.

A Steam Assisted Gravity Drainage plant now being constructed on the property is substantially complete and is expected to be commissioned for production early in 2001. The company reported earlier that a horizon SAGD well pair was successfully drilled and completed on the project in July and August. Other ancillary production related installations, such as a five-mile-long natural gas pipeline, are also nearing completion.

The LAK Ranch Oil Project is comprised of 7,468 acres located about 4 miles south of Newcastle, Wyo.

Gas producer shares too low

NEW YORK (Bloomberg Business News) — While shares of oil-exploration company Spinnaker Exploration Co. have almost tripled this year and Anadarko Petroleum Corp.'s have doubled, Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown analysts said the stocks are cheap.

To make the argument, John Bailey and David Bradshaw based their earnings forecasts on futures prices for natural gas and crude oil. Those prices are higher than Deutsche Banc's estimates and have the effect of making the stocks look less expensive.

Bailey said the use of futures prices was unusual and resulted in "aggressive" earnings estimates for Spinnaker, Anadarko and Kerr-McGee Corp., among other oil exploration and production companies. It was justified, he said, because Wall Street forecasts for oil and gas prices are too low.

A doubling of crude prices during the past two years and of natural gas prices since the end of October has increased earnings for the oil-exploration and production companies Bailey and Bradshaw follow. That has made them appear more attractive to investors.

The 21 oil-exploration and production companies that the Deutsche Banc analysts cover trade at an average 3.5 times the analysts' estimate for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, a measure of cash flow. Over the past decade, the group has traded at between 3.9 and 9.5 times cash flow, the analysts said in their report.

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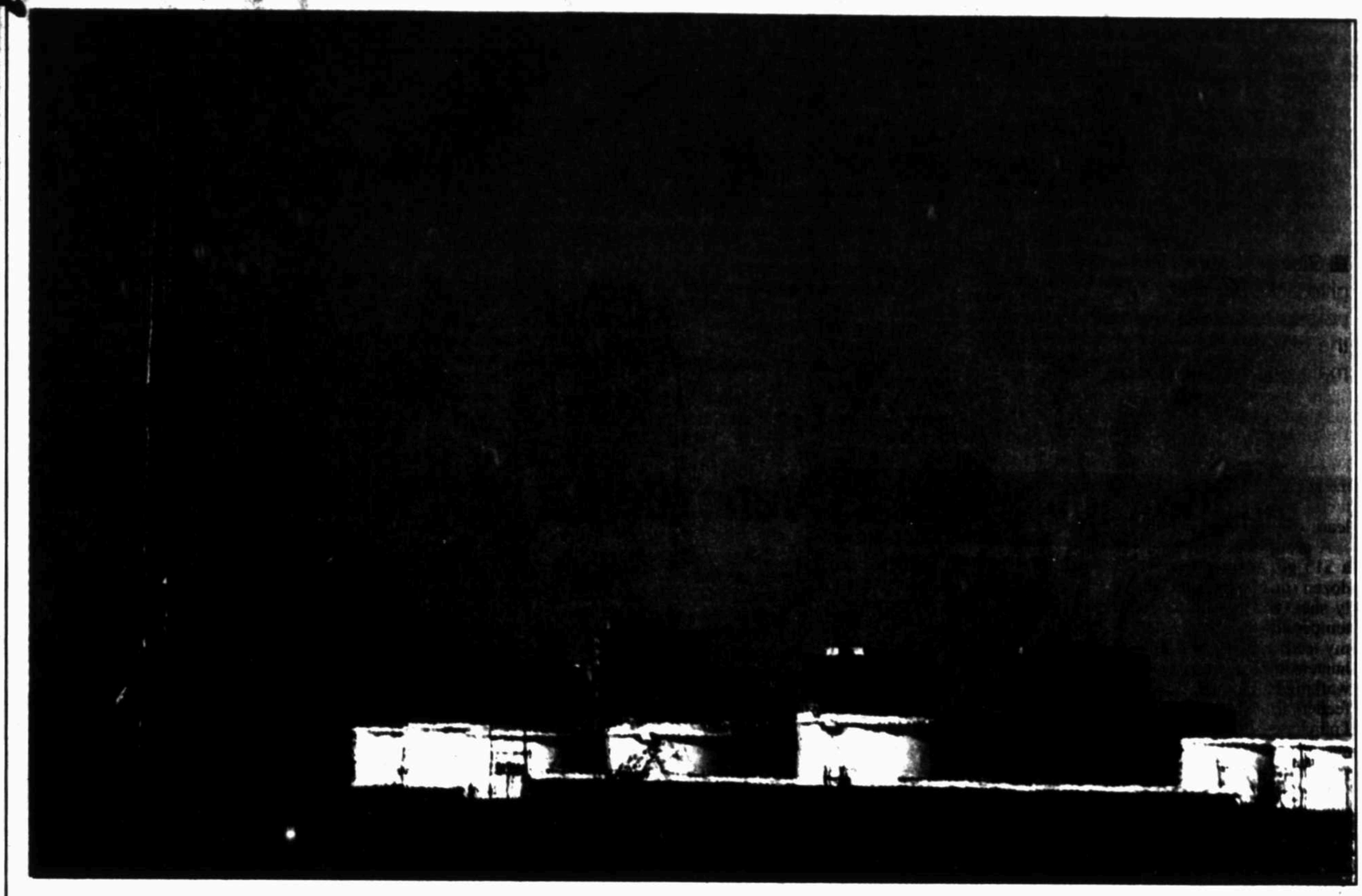

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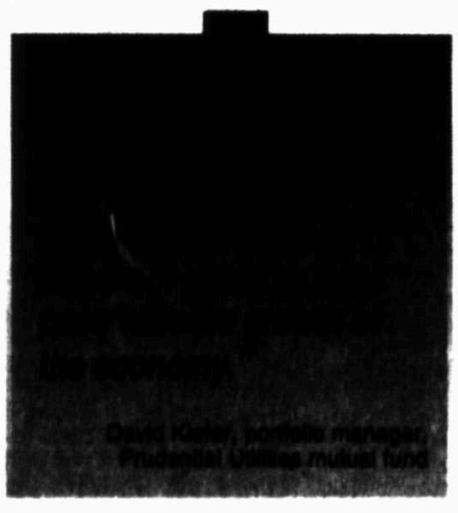
With natural gas prices currently trading at record highs, natural gas wells such as this well drilled outside the Midland city limits by CMS Energy this summer, could prove to be quite profitable for natural gas producers. The record-setting horizontal producer tapped natural gas reserves under the city.

Gas producers see big gains on Wall Street

By Alex Berenson
N.Y. Times News Service

Forget nitrous oxide. Natural gas has Wall Street giddy these days.

Investors snapped up shares in natural gas companies Tuesday after Williams, a gas trader and pipeline operator, said its fourth-quarter profit would "substantially exceed" analysts' estimates of 17 cents a share. Williams, which operates 27,000 miles of gas pipelines nationwide, said its extra profit would come mostly from trading.



David Kiefer, portfolio manager, Prudential Utilities mutual fund

The announcement lifted shares of Williams $4.56, or 13.9 percent, to $37.44, and other major gas companies also gained. El Paso Energy, another major pipeline operator, rose $4.06 to $71.88, and Enron, the world's largest natural gas trader, rose $2.31, to $83.50.

Word of higher profits for gas companies may anger consumers, who are facing soaring energy bills this winter. Natural gas prices have quadrupled since last winter, to about $10 per million British thermal units, the standard measurement. But with gas supplies tight, prices appear unlikely to drop soon, analysts say.

An unexpectedly cold winter has caused gas supplies in storage to drop 23 percent from their mid-December average of the last five years, according to the American Gas Association's report for the week ended Dec. 15. And with cold weather continuing throughout the East and Midwest, the most pessimistic analysts now think it is possible the United States will run out of gas in storage by the end of the winter heating season. That could lead to severe price spikes because stored gas accounts for about 20 percent of all gas used during the winter and as much as half the gas used on peak heating days in the East and Midwest.

"We're going to be at record low levels if winter continues," said Donato J. Eassey, an analyst at Merrill Lynch. In addition, with most new electricity plants built to run on gas, demand for the fuel is rising year-round, so gas supplies will probably not be replenished as quickly next summer as they have been in years past, Eassey said. Reflecting that concern, prices for gas to be delivered next summer stand at more than $5 per million British thermal units, compared with less than $2.50 in summer 1999.

But what is bad for consumers has proved to be very, very good for investors in major gas companies in 2000. While the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index has fallen 10 percent this year, Enron has risen 88 percent, El Paso is up 85 percent and Dynegy has more than tripled.

The conspicuous exception has been Williams, which was up only 7 percent for the year before its gain Tuesday. Analysts said investors had punished Williams because it owns 85 percent of Williams Communications, which is building a nationwide fiber optic network next to Williams' gas pipelines. With Wall Street concerned about a glut in communications capacity, Williams stock has fallen almost one-quarter from its March high of $49.75.

As a result, Williams is significantly cheaper than its peers, even after Tuesday's run-up, Eassey said. Williams was expected to earn $1.28 a share this year before Tuesday's announcement. But that figure has been depressed by substantial losses from Williams Communications, which Williams said in November that it would spin off to shareholders in "the first part" of 2001. Factoring out those losses, Eassey estimated last week that Williams would earn $1.96 a share this year and $1.65 in 2001.

Williams looks even cheaper, considering that Williams Communications, which is publicly traded, has a market value of roughly $5.7 billion, or $13 a Williams share, Eassey said. Factor out the value of Williams Communications, and the core Williams gas business trades at only 12 times 2000 earnings, compared with more than 40 times earnings for Dynegy and almost 60 times earnings for Enron.

"I like Williams because it's just flat out of favor," Eassey said.

While prices may fall this spring, Williams and other gas companies are likely to continue to prosper in the long run, said David Kiefer, portfolio manager of the $4.5 billion Prudential Utilities mutual fund, which has risen 33 percent this year. "We have enough for the next five to seven years, but if we don't start finding as much as we're using, we're not going to keep pace with the growth of the economy," he said.

Marathon, Kinder agree to form Permian Basin venture

HOUSTON — Marathon Oil Company and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners announced the signing of a definitive agreement to form a joint venture involving interests in the Yates and Sacroc assets in the Permian Basin, Texas.

The joint venture will be 85 percent owned by Marathon and 15 percent by Kinder Morgan.

Under the agreement, Kinder Morgan will buy 15 percent of Marathon's working interest in the Yates field and contribute its resulting 7.5 percent working interest and Marathon will contribute its resulting overall 42.4 percent working interest in the Yates to the joint venture.

Marathon will contribute a 10.84 percent working interest in SACRO to the venture and Kinder Morgan a 1.91 percent working interest.

In connection with the formation of the joint venture, Kinder Morgan and Marathon have entered into a CO2 supply contract for 30 Bcf of CO2.

Additionally, Kinder Morgan CO2 Company announced that it has initiated a $4 million expansion of its CO2 project in the SACROC Unit.

"The SACROC Unit has significant undeveloped CO2 flood reserves," explained Richard D. Kinder, chairman and chief executive of Kinder Morgan. "The expansion project is an eastward extension of the very successful Centerline CO2 project, which is producing 4,000 barrels per day."

Formation of the joint venture is expected to conclude early in January 2001.

Steve Hinchman, Marathon's senior vice president of Production Operations said: "This is an opportunity to combine expertise and build a competitive advantage in the region. It underpins a prime strategic objective of improving our base business, while providing for profitable resource and production growth.

"Marathon has many years of experience in the characterization and management of carbonate reservoirs, with a strong reputation in field operations. Kinder Morgan brings comprehensive carbon dioxide management expertise, ranging from a substantial resource base and distribution system to the application of CO2 for enhanced oil recovery. In blending these complementary skill sets we will create a partnership that provides cost efficiencies, operational flexibility and opportunities for future growth."

Marathon will recognize a pre-tax, non-cash charge of approximately $930 million in the fourth quarter related to the formation of the joint venture, reflecting the difference between estimated fair value and book value.

The Yates field is operated by Marathon's Southern U.S. Business Unit, based in Midland. It was discovered in 1926 and is one of the largest oil fields in the United States. Through the first nine months of 2000, Marathon's net liquid hydrocarbon production from Yates averaged 14,700 barrels per day.

Tom Brown Inc. hedges portion of gas production

DENVER — Tom Brown, Inc. announced that its Board of Directors has approved hedging a significant portion of its expected 2001 production.

The company historically has not hedged its gas production; however, management believes the recent run-up in natural gas prices coupled with the current volatility in the natural gas futures market has created an opportunity to implement a program to enhance the company's projected cash flows.

The company has put in place hedges in the form of costless collars covering an average of 58,000 MMBtu/d for the period of January through December 2001. In addition, basis hedges have been entered into to correlate the NYMEX hedges back to the index delivery point.The current hedged volumes represent nearly 40 percent of the company's expected 2001 U.S. gas production.

Quarterly summary of the volumes, collar range, and basis:

Period (Quarter)	Volume (MMBtu/d)	NYMEX Floor	NYMEX Ceiling	NYMEX Basis Lock
First	70,000	$6.60	$9.06	($0.05)
Second	63,000	4.32	7.05	(0.28)
Third	60,000	4.03	6.73	(0.28)
Fourth	40,000	4.14	6.76	(0.27)
Year average	58,000	$4.89	$7.51	($0.21)

"We are extremely pleased to be able put in place NYMEX collars which have a floor greater than the NYMEX price assumed in our 2001 planning process and to participate in potential upward price movement," stated Jim Lightner, Tom Brown, Inc.'s President. "We will continue to evaluate opportunities to layer-in additional hedges."

Tom Brown, Inc. is a Denver, Colorado based independent energy company engaged in the exploration for, and the acquisition, development, production and marketing of, natural gas, crude oil and natural gas liquids in North America.

API reports crude stocks took unexpectedly steep drop

By Karyn Peterson and Peter Rosenthal
BridgeNews

New York — NYMEX nearby crude and refined oil products futures rose slightly in overnight Access trade at mid-week as American Petroleum Institute data showed U.S. petroleum stockpiles fell across the board last week. Inventories of crude and distillates fell by 2.059 million and 1.856 million barrels, respectively, while gasoline stocks surprisingly also dropped, down 2.117 million barrels.

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API also reported that U.S. refinery rates were flat; expectations were for runs to be flat to up 0.5 a point.

At 1712 ET, NYMEX nearby Feb WTI crude was up 3 cents at $26.50 a barrel, while nearby Jan heating oil was up 9 points at 93.80c a gallon and nearby Jan gasoline was up 16 points at 75.50c a gallon.

The data are for the week ended Friday, Dec. 22, delayed 24 hours by the extended Christmas holiday.

Most brokers and analysts expected crude stockpiles to have been flat to down only 1.0 million barrels last week, due to steady imports matched by strong refiner demand. However, while input to refiners rose marginally, import levels dropped, resulting in a significant drawdown of total stocks.

Distillates, which include heating oil and diesel fuel, were expected to decline 1.5-2.5 million barrels on rising demand due to the recent cold weather in the U.S. Northeast, which proved true. The growing demand, as implied by the data, overshadowed higher domestic output, while a slight drop in distillate import levels also contributed to the total stock decline.

Many brokers and analysts actually expected gasoline stockpiles to have risen 1.0-2.0 million barrels due to high refinery output. But domestic production actually tumbled last week; at the same time, motor gasoline imports last week fell to only about a third of what they had been the previous week.

CRUDE: Down 2.059 million barrels

The largest drop in crude inventories, 670,000 barrels, was recorded on the Gulf Coast, the largest refining region in the country, which seems somewhat in line with marginally higher throughput to refineries, which rose to 15.474 million barrels per day, from 15.460 million bpd the previous week.

The data also seems consistent with lower import levels, which dropped to 8.767 million bpd, from 8.963 million bpd the previous week.

Also last week, only about 625,000 more barrels of crude from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve was delivered to the market under the Department of Energy's latest swap plan, according to the DOE, at least half of the amount that was delivered the previous week.

Crude stocks also fell 618,000 barrels on the generally unrepresentative West Coast region, followed by a 435,000-barrel drop on the East Coast.

In the Midwest, which includes the NYMEX delivery point for light, sweet crude oil futures at Cushing, Okla., crude stocks fell 336,000 barrels, helping to widen the year-to-year deficit there to widen to 2.780 million barrels, from 2.6 million barrels the prior week.

However, the year-to-year deficit in total stocks actually narrowed to 4.927 million barrels last week, from 8.452 million barrels the previous week.

Stocks in Rocky Mountains were flat to the previous week, API said.

DISTILLATES: Down 1.856 million barrels

Demand for distillate fuels increased last week, with higher production rates somewhat offset by a dip in imports. However, most of the drawdown came at the U.S. Gulf, which could mean more product is on its way to the fuel-hungry Northeast.

Imports were measured at 227,000 barrels per day, down from 253,000 bpd a week earlier but still above 1999 levels. Domestic refineries produced 3.86 million bpd, from 3.75 million a week earlier.

High-sulfur distillate, or heating oil, fell only 38,000 barrels in the key East Coast market and 676,000 barrels overall. Again, most of the decrease was in the Gulf Coast, the largest refining center.

The modest East Coast drawdown helped narrow the year-to-year deficit substantially to 11 million barrels, or 30%, from 37% a week prior. Total distillate inventories are now only 8.5% below the same week in 1999, compared with a 12% deficit in the previous report.

GASOLINE: Down 2.117 million barrels

Large drawdowns at the Gulf Coast and in the Midwest offset a slight rise in the East Coast and flat inventories elsewhere. The draw was aided by a 200,000 bpd decrease in domestic production and an even bigger drop in imports.

U.S. refineries produced 8.0 million bpd of gasoline, down from 8.2 million bpd a week earlier, while imports dropped to 174,000 bpd from 501,000 bpd. When including gasoline blending components, the decrease was even larger.

Stocks of reformulated gasoline on the East Coast, the basis for the NYMEX futures contract, rose again, this week by 1.7 million barrels and are now 5.1 million barrels above year-ago levels.

REFINERIES: Unchanged at 93.4%

Overall refinery rates were unchanged as decreases on the East and West coasts were offset by higher runs in the Midwest and at the U.S. Gulf.

The drop in the West Coast may have been attributed to a shutdown of a crude unit at Valero's Benicia, Calif. refinery and efforts by Tesoro Petroleum to reduce operations at its Anacortes, Wash. plant due to high power costs.

High margins in most regions though have kept operating rates 4.1 basis points above year-ago levels.

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HOUSTON — DENNIS PROCTOR has been appointed chief executive of Hunting PLC, effective January 1, 2001.

Proctor is currently chief executive of Houston-based Hunting Oilfield Services and was appointed a director of Hunting PLC in July 2000. He takes over from **KEN MILLER**, who will serve as Hunting PLC's deputy chairman until his retirement later in 2001.

Proctor was president of Interlock Technologies when Hunting Oilfield Services acquired the company in 1993.

W. TERRY WINN JR. has been installed as 2000-2001 president of the Texas section, American Society of Civil Engineers. He is a principal, vice president, secretary-treasurer and division manager of KSA Engineers Inc. in Longview.

JOHN MICHAEL was installed as the section's President-Elect and will succeed Winn next year. He is a vice president and principal of Naismith Engineering Inc. in Corpus Christi.

DAVID HAGGITH, who recently joined Yates Petroleum Corp. as environmental coordinator for New Mexico, has completed his certification as an Associate Safety Professional.

ST. LOUIS — The Board of Directors of Laclede Gas Company has elected **ROBERT E. SHIVELY** Senior Vice President-Business and Services Development.

The board also elected **MICHAEL R. SPOTANSKI** Vice President-Finance.

CRAIG R. HOEFERLIN was named Assistant Vice President-Operations and **STEVEN F. MATHEWS** Assistant Vice President-Gas Supply.

Venezuela's new oil minister to maintain policy

Caracas (Bloomberg) — Venezuela's new oil minister, Alvaro Silva Calderon, will likely be little more than a figurehead with President Hugo Chavez and outgoing Minister Ali Rodriguez, continuing to set national oil policy, analysts said.

Rodriguez last month announced he was stepping down from his post to become OPEC's secretary-general. He's been the group's president since March.

For the last 18 months, Silva, 71, has been a deputy minister under Rodriguez and was one of the leading candidates to replace him.

"This will be a continuation of the same policies that Ali Rodriguez has successfully implemented," said Silva. "We have an obligation to continue his policies."

Since Chavez took power in February 1999 and appointed Rodriguez to head the ministry, Venezuela has become a pillar of support for Organization of Petroleum Exporting Country production quotas after having been a major cheater, favoring output cuts to boost prices. Prices tripled in that time.

"I strongly suspect President Chavez and Ali Rodriguez will be the ultimate word in Venezuelan oil policy," said Antonio Szabo, president of Stone Bond Corp., a Houston-based energy consulting firm.

Traditional Approach

A former congressmen and university professor with a doctorate in law, Silva represents a traditional, more nationalistic approach to Venezuela oil policy, analysts said.

In 1975, Silva wrote the law that nationalized the country's petroleum industry and forced foreign oil companies to leave the country. The following year he co-wrote the law that reserves the country's oil for the state.

As deputy minister, Silva was one of two deputies in charge of drafting the new hydrocarbons law set to go into effect next year that is expected to increase the royalty tax on oil produced in Venezuela.

Silva's involvement with the privatization of the oil industry may worry some foreign oil companies.

"Like so many of Chavez's appointees, he is a man whose thinking does not appear to have evolved much, if at all, since the 1960s," said Robert Bottome, publisher of Veneconomy magazine.

"As oil prices go down, you need a strategic policy — Rodriguez might have produced it or would have seen the need and lobbied for it," said Bottome. "I don't know if Silva will."

Willbros awarded pipeline component contract

HOUSTON — Willbros Group Inc. announced that Willbros Engineers, Inc., of Tulsa, Oklahoma has, in conjunction with another Willbros subsidiary, Rogers & Phillips, Inc. of Houston, Texas, been awarded a contract for project management, engineering, procurement, field services and construction of the pipeline components of the overall liquids transportation system being developed by Centennial Pipeline LLC.

The project scope involves construction of approximately 74 miles of a new 24-inch diameter pipeline from Beaumont, Texas to Longville, La., and the conversion of an existing 26-inch diameter pipeline from natural gas service to refined petroleum product service. The existing pipeline to be converted extends 720 miles from Longville, La. to Bourbon, Ill.

The three companies that have come together to form Centennial Pipeline LLC are Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, a subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation, and TE Products Pipeline Company, Limited Partnership, through its general partner, Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, LLC, (TEPPCO). The company was formed to maximize the partners' combined capabilities to link the U.S. Gulf Coast refining center to the growing demand for refined petroleum products in the Midwest.

Necessary applications have been submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and other regulatory agencies with approval anticipated in the first quarter of 2001. Construction and other contract activities are planned to commence shortly thereafter in order to place the pipeline project in service during the fourth quarter of 2001.

The award of this contract, aggregated with other recent awards, brings Willbros Group backlog to approximately $360 million.

Willbros Group, Inc. is one of the leading independent contractors serving the oil and gas industry, providing construction, engineering and other specialty oilfield-related services to industry and government entities worldwide.

Hunt Oil offers $920 million to buy Berkley Petroleum

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Hunt Oil Co. is offering about $680 million for Berkley Petroleum Corp., a Calgary-based oil and gas exploration and development company.

Hunt Oil would also assume about $250 million in debt as part of its all-cash bid.

The offer of $6.70 a share is a 15 percent premium to Friday's closing price of $5.75 on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Shares of Berkley jumped as high as $7.30 following news of the bid, suggesting investors believe a higher offer may be forthcoming.

Hunt Oil, a privately held company based in Dallas, established Hunt Oil Co. of Canada after acquiring Newport Petroleum Corp. for $500 million last June, shortly after bowing out of a $510-million bid for another Calgary company, Ulster Petroleums Ltd.

Hunt Oil, one of North America's largest independent oil and gas companies, already owns 9.6 percent of Berkley, and said Wednesday it has enough cash on hand to pay for the rest.

"This transaction is consistent with our company's strategy of developing new core areas of activity in select regions around the world," chairman and chief executive officer Ray Hunt said in a statement. "It reflects our strong optimism in the potential of Canada's energy sector."

Besides its East Lost Hills deep gas well in south-central California, Berkley is actively drilling for oil and gas in Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Prize Energy increases drilling budget 40 percent

DALLAS — Prize Energy Corp. announced that its Board of Directors approved a capital drilling budget of $60 million for the calendar year of 2001, approximately 40% greater than Prize's estimated 2000 drilling activity. The 2001 capital drilling budget is focused primarily on development drilling and recompletion activities in its core operating areas of the Permian Basin of West Texas, Onshore Gulf Coast area of South Texas and Louisiana and the Mid- Continent area of Western Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. The 2001 capital drilling budget is expected to be funded through internally generated operating cash flow.

Prize Energy plans to spend a total of $60 million to drill 185 wells in 2001.

The majority of those wells, 105, will be drilled in the Permian Basin with Prize spending an anticipated $23.2 million. The company will spend $23.4 million to drill 45 wells Onshore Gulf Cost and $13.4 million to drill 35 wells in the Midcontinent.

Lon C. Kile, President and COO, said, "The excellent results achieved in our first year is nothing short of outstanding. As we enter 2001, the heightened level of activity demonstrated in our 2001 capital drilling budget is anticipated to result in double-digit production growth in 2001. While the 2001 capital drilling budget does not include an allocation for acquisitions, the Company continues to review acquisition opportunities that would be a strategic fit in our core operating areas. Given the current NYMEX future price environment of $24 per barrel of oil and $6 per MCF of natural gas for nex' vear, we anticipate the Company will have a significant amount of excess cash flow which could be invested in acquisitions, reduction of debt or repurchase of the company's stock."

Nuevo Energy announces operational changes

HOUSTON — In a move designed to further streamline operations, improve performance and reduce costs, Nuevo Energy Co. is bringing in-house key operations and environmental safety and regulatory compliance functions, the company announced.

By year-end 2000, Nuevo will hire approximately 43 professionals in California for positions in drilling, production engineering and supervision, operations and facilities management, environmental safety and regulatory compliance and procurement.

"Our new employees have extensive knowledge and hands-on experience with Nuevo's California assets which will enable them to immediately add value to our operations," said Doug Foshee, Chairman and CEO of Nuevo. "Our organization, which is composed of multidisciplinary asset teams, will be enhanced further by the improved information flow and the sharing of technical resources. As a result, employees' interests will be better aligned with the interests of our shareholders."

Under this new organizational structure, Nuevo will outsource only direct field operations and certain administrative functions. All other operating and management functions related to Nuevo's oil and gas operations will be performed by Nuevo employees. Nuevo has signed a new three-year Field Operating Services Agreement with Torch Operating Company effective January 1, 2001. The company expects to save $2 million to $3 million annually in administrative costs as a result of these changes.

At the conclusion of the hiring process, Nuevo will have a total of 110 employees located in its offices in Houston, Texas, and Bakersfield and Orcutt, California.

Nuevo Energy Company is a Houston, Texas-based Company primarily engaged in the exploration for, and the acquisition, exploitation, development and production of crude oil and natural gas. Nuevo's principal domestic properties are located onshore and offshore California. Nuevo is the largest independent producer of oil and gas in California. The Company's international properties are located offshore the Republics of Congo and Ghana in West Africa and offshore and onshore the Republic of Tunisia in North Africa.

Conoco, partners announce second Vietnamese success

HOUSTON — Conoco and its partners have completed a successful step-out well that significantly extends the producing area of the Rang Dong field in Block 15-2 offshore Vietnam. The well initially tested at a rate of 8,500 barrels per day (bpd) from one zone.

Block 15-2 is about 120 miles southeast of Ho Chi Minh City in the Cuu Long Basin in 165 feet of water. The block covers 400,000 acres and is in close proximity to the Bach Ho and Ruby fields.

"This is the first well drilled to test the boundaries of the field since Conoco farmed into Block 15-2 in February this year, and we are very pleased with the result," said Rob McKee, Conoco executive vice president for exploration and production. "It confirms our belief that there are many excellent prospects in the area, and we're looking forward to further exploration and development possibilities."

The nearness of the new reserves to the Rang Dong production facility should speed development, McKee said. Production from the Rang Dong field recently increased to about 50,000 bpd as a result of a successful development well, which added 11,000 bpd to total production.

"Conoco is positioning itself to be a significant player in Southeast Asia's oil and gas business," added McKee. "The major discovery we announced in Block 15-1 in September, the success we're announcing today, and the encouraging activity from our seismic studies in Block 16-2, put us well on our way to achieving our aggressive growth goals for Vietnam."

Conoco recently increased its interest from 30 percent to 36 percent in Block 15-2 following approvals from partners and PetroVietnam.

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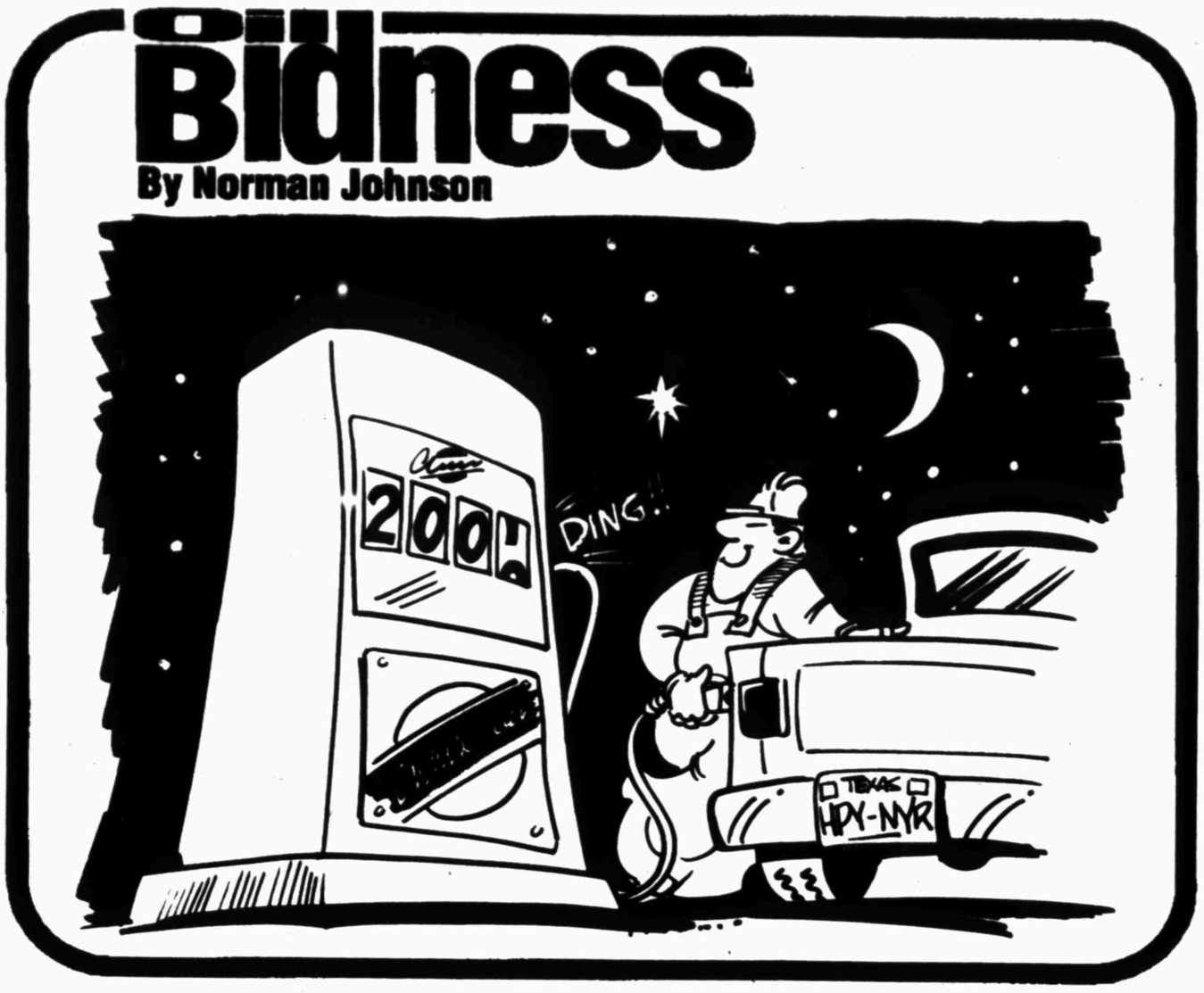

Edge Petroleum raises earnings forecast

HOUSTON — Edge Petroleum Corp. provided an update on its operations and expected financial results for the fourth quarter of 2000.

Edge has completed a successful 2000 drilling program. Twenty-five wells have been drilled with a 96 percent success rate, with one remaining well still drilling. This compares to a total of 19 wells in 1999 and a 74 percent success rate. Edge estimates that its average production rate for the month of November was approximately 20 MMcfe and expects its production volume for the fourth quarter to be slightly more than 1.6 Bcfe.

Currently, Edge has seven wells in various stages of final completion, waiting to be put to sales.

In Louisiana, Edge's Robertson No. 1 (Edge 22.5 percent W.I.)was scheduled to come on line in the last week of December.

In Texas, Edge has five wells that have been successfully drilled and are not yet on production. In Goliad County, four recently drilled wells on the O'Connor Ranch are in final stages of facility completion or pipeline hook-up. All four wells are expected to be on production by early January. One well drilled in Goliad County on a lease adjoining the O'Connor Ranch, the Donoghue No. 1 (Edge 50 percent W.I. and operator) tested at 1.8 MMcf of gas per day and is expected to be on production by late December. The two remaining wells are both in Victoria County and are operated by Edge. One recently reached total depth and is being completed. The Pantel 1 (Edge 100 percent W.I.), was tested at about 1.8 MMcf of gas per day. The Diebel 1 (Edge 87 percent W.I.) is expected to reach total depth shortly and should be on production by early January.

Increased production and natural gas prices are having a positive impact on fourth quarter financial results. With no natural gas hedged in the quarter, Edge has been able to benefit from the recent run-up in natural gas prices. Edge expects its average gas sales price during December to be in excess of $6.00 per Mcf.

As a result of these factors, Edge's Chief Financial Officer, Michael G. Long, reported, "Edge is raising its estimate for fourth quarter and full year 2000 EPS and CFPS based upon current commodity price expectations."

In addition, he stated that "Edge plans to announce its 2001 capital budget and financial and operating forecast early in January. Currently, we expect to increase capital expenditures by about 100 percent with the largest increase coming from drilling activities. Preliminary estimates for EPS and CFPS for 2001 are $1.25 to $1.35 EPS and $2.20 to $2.30 CFPS. These estimates are based upon current projections for the company's performance for 2001. Assumed average realized prices are $5.00 per Mcf for gas and $24 per barrel for oil."

Edge Petroleum is a Houston-based independent energy company that explores for natural gas and oil along the onshore Gulf Coast of the United States.

Western Oil Sands building oil-sand mine, refinery

CALGARY, Alberta (Bloomberg) — Western Oil Sands Inc., which is building an oil-sands mine and refinery in Canada with Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Chevron Corp., said it raised C$60 million ($39.5 million) in an initial public offering.

The Calgary, Alberta-based company sold 4 million shares at C$15 each, Chief Financial Officer David Dyck said. The shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under ticker symbol WTO.

Money raised in the offering will go toward the oil-sands project near Fort McMurray, Alberta, Dyck said. Western Oil Sands took a 20 percent stake in the $2.4 billion project last year after Australia's Broken Hill Proprietary Co. withdrew for financial reasons.

Shell Canada Ltd., based in Calgary, Alberta, and 78 percent-owned by the Anglo-Dutch company, owns about three-fifths of the project. San Francisco-based Chevron owns the remaining 20 percent.

The companies expect to produce about 155,000 barrels of oil each day from the mixture of oil and sand after completing the mine and refinery in 2002.

Woodside Petroleum directors reject Shell bid for control

BridgeNews

Melbourne, Australia — Directors of Australian No. 2 energy company Woodside Petroleum Ltd. have recommended shareholders reject a multi-billion dollar merger proposal by Shell Australia Investments Ltd., describing the offer as "inadequate."

The independent directors in the company said Shell's offer "does not contain a sufficient premium for a change in control" of Woodside.

The recommendation was contained in a 327-page statement by Woodside lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange.

Last month, the Australian subsidiary of global oil giant Royal Dutch/Shell made a renewed attempt to take control of Woodside, offering Aus $14.80 cash and one call option for each Woodside share.

An independent expert report by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu released with the target statementconcluded that the Shell offer was "neither fair nor reasonable."

The report said Woodside's shares had a fair market value of between Aus $16.00 and $18.00.

If Shell gains majority control of Woodside, the second stage of the offer will see Shell merge its existing Australian assets, plus some significant Gulf of Mexico assets in return for 333.3 million Woodside shares.

Independent consulting firm Grant Samuel has valued the asset package between Aus $6.27 billion to Aus $7.3 billion.

A successful completion of the merger would give Shell a 56% interest in Woodside, giving it control over company's investment strategy.

"Your independent Directors...confirm their advice to shareholders not to accept the offer," said Woodside's chairman Charles Goode in the target statement.

"They believe the offer price is inadequate and does not contain a sufficient premium for a change in control of Woodside."

The statement said the takeover premium fell well short of typical premiums paid in takeovers of global oil and gas companies and short of the premium in the three largest Australian resource sector takeovers in 2000.

The three Woodside directors appointed by Shell have not made any recommendation to whether shareholders should accept or rejection the Offer.

Goode, also an independent director, said the board believes Woodside has strong management a sound asset base and financial strength which should allow it to deliver long term growth in shareholder value.

He noted that over a 10-year period, Woodside has posted annual shareholder return of 19.3%.

"(Woodside) is about to complete the most successful year in its history, with record earnings, reduced debt and new exploration discoveries," he said.

Industry Briefing

Online auction nets $1.7 million in sales

HOUSTON — The Oil & Gas Asset Clearinghouse sold over $1.7 million of properties at its third exclusively online auction held November 30. Year-to-date, Internet bidders have purchased over $36 million in properties through Clearinghouse auctions. At the November 30 auction, the company offered 60 lots consisting of over 800 wells to 77 registered Internet bidders participating in the auction. The highest property sold was a minimum bid property for $256,000.

Apache confirms discovery in Egypt

HOUSTON — Apache Corp. announced that the Neith S 3X appraisal of its 2,634 barrel per day 1X discovery from earlier this year has confirmed the presence of commercial hydrocarbons on the Khalda Offset Concession in Egypt's Western Desert.

The company has applied for a declaration of commerciality for the Khalda Offset Concession which, when approved, will enable it to begin recouping prior expenditures of approximately $40 million out of existing production on the adjacent Khalda Concession. A declaration of commerciality also would provide a mechanism for recovering further drilling costs on Khalda Offset.

The 3X tested at a daily rate of 1,170 barrels of 44 degree API crude oil and 1.3 million cubic feet of gas on a two-inch choke with 100 pounds per square inch of flowing tubing pressure. The test was conducted in the Khatatba sandstone from perforations between 14,406 feet and 14,456 feet in the Neith South field.

The 1,575 million-acre Khalda Offset Concession is located approximatelfy 267 miles west of Cairo. It is adjacent to the prolific Khalda Concession, which comprises approximately 318,000 acres and is Apache's single most prolific producing area. Khalda's current gross production averages approximately 43,000 barrels of oil and condensate and 200 million cubic feet of gas per day.

Goodrich revises public offering

HOUSTON and SHREVEPORT, La — Goodrich Petroleum Corp. announced that it would not pursue its previously announced underwritten public offering of up to 4,500,000 shares of its common stock. After completing a road show in connection with the proposed offering, the Company's underwriter reported demand more than sufficient to complete the offering but at pricing terms which the Company believes are an unacceptable discount to the current market price for its common stock.

As an alternative to the proposed underwritten offering, Goodrich intends to pursue a public offering of 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 shares of its common stock. Shares in such an offering will be sold directly by the Company rather than through an underwriter. The Company may pay commissions or other fees to financial institutions who assist the Company in identifying potential investors. Goodrich intends to include certain of its existing stockholders in this direct placement of shares. There can be no assurance that the offering will be successfully completed once commenced.

The company's registration statement in connection with the proposed underwritten offering was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 19, 2000. Goodrich intends to file a post-effective amendment to its registration statement reflecting a change in the size of the offering and its plan of distribution as outlined above. Goodrich will not commence its marketing efforts in connection with any direct placement until this post-effective amendment has been filed with the SEC.

Clearinghouse sets records with auctions

HOUSTON — The Oil & Gas Asset Clearinghouse set an industry record by selling more than $45 million in properties at its November 8-9 hybrid auction featuring simultaneous live floor and Internet bidding. The auction also featured a property offered by Hunt Industries that sold "absolute" to an Internet bidder for $6.5 million, thereby setting new industry records for the largest property sold without minimum acceptable bid protection and the largest oil and gas property sold via the Internet.

The Clearinghouse offered 471 lots consisting of over 1,130 wells, including 56 higher valued, more notable properties. Some transactions include Hunt Industries' Nebo-Hemphill field in LaSalle Parish, La. for $6 million; Fairway field in Henderson Count, Texas for $6.5 million and Amacker-Tippett in Upton County, Texas for $3.1 million, all of which sold absolute with no minimum bid protection. The company also sold various offshore Louisiana properties for $1.125 million and the Pecos Valley Field in Pecos County, Texas for $4.5 million. Samson Resources sold the Rangley Field in Rio Blanco County, Colo. for $1.6 million; Hunt Oil Co. sold the North Bainville Field in Roosevelt County, Montana for $2 million; Whiting Petroleum the Catahoula Lake Field in LaSalle Parish, La. for $1.6 million, the Little Lake Field in Lafourche Parish for $550,000 and the Soda Wells Field in Campbell County, Wyo. for $450,000; W.C. Eiland and K. Kamon sold the Hough Morrow "A" Field in Texas County, Okla. for $550,000.

Noble gets share in North Sea licenses

HOUSTON — Noble Affiliates, Inc. announced that its wholly owned indirect subsidiary, EDC Europe Limited, has obtained an interest in two licenses in the Dutch sector of the North Sea.

EDC has acquired a 15 percent interest from Veba Oil & Gas Hanze GmbH and ONEPM Minerals Bhuttle tanker. Associated gas will be used to fuel the platform, and excess gas will be transported via pipelines to Den Helder.

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	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Last Year
USA Land	916	940	657
USA Offshore	171	167	140
Canada	456	456	404
U.S. Directional	256	257	171
U.S. Horizontal	55	61	50
U.S. Gas	851	862	634
U.S. Oil	235	244	162

This information updated December 21, 2000

Permian Basin

TEXAS DIST. #7C		Howard	1	Garza	0
Coke	1	Hudspeth	0	Hale	0
Concho	0	Jeff Davis	0	Hockley	1
Crockett	9	Loving	0	Kent	0
Irion	1	Martin	1	King	0
Kimble	0	Midland	15	Lamb	0
McCullough	0	Mitchell	0	Lubbock	0
Menard	0	Pecos	6	Lynn	0
Reagan	0	Presidio	0	Motley	0
Runnels	0	Reeves	4	Scurry	1
Schleicher	3	Sterling	1	Terry	1
Sutton	4	Ward	8	Yoakum	3
Terrell	3	Winkler	7		
Tom Green	0			*TEXAS TOTAL*	
Upton	6	DIST. #8A		*104*	
		Bailey	0		
DIST. #8		Borden	2	NEW MEXICO	
Andrews	4	Cochran	0	Chaves	2
Brewster	0	Cottle	0	Eddy	30
Crane	2	Crosby	0	Lea	21
Culberson	1	Dawson	2	Roosevelt	0
Ector	5	Dickens	0	*N.M. TOTAL*	*53*
Glasscock	4	Floyd	0		
		Gaines	8	Basin Total	157
				Year Ago	114

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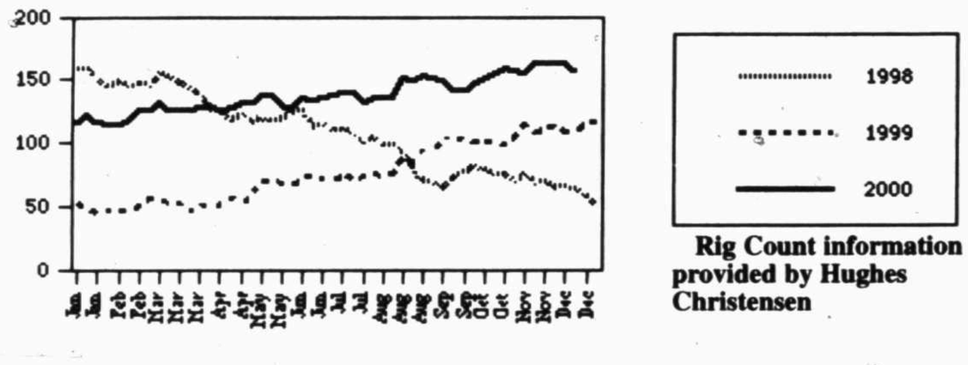

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Completions

New Mexico

Eddy County

Vintage Drlg. Inc.
Robinson Jackson Unit Tr 2 #37
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 27; 1570 FNL 330 FEL; EL 3579 GL; TD 3620; PBTD 3568; Spud 6-28-00; Comp 8-3-00; production is through treated perfs:3018-3405; Treat:43,500 gals acid w/54,000 gals 40# wtr frac; IP:8-15-00 Pump 24 hrs 52 BO, 285 BW, 28 MCF, Gty 37; API #30-015-31210

Stephens & Johnson Oper. Co.
East Millman Pool Unit Tr 4 #13
East Millman; T19S, R28E, Sec 13; 1240 FNL 330 FWL; EL 3393 GR; TD 2646; PBTD 2630; Spud 8-22-00; Comp 9-15-00; production is through treated perfs:2301-2479; Treat:2400 gals 15% Hcl, 151,000# 12/20 sd, 52,000 gals Delta Frac 20; IP:9-26-00 Pump 24 hrs 79 BO, 293 BW, 60 MCF, GOR 800; API #30-015-31229

Bellwether Expl. Co.
Chaps 12 State Com #1
Turkey Track; T19S, R29E, Sec 12; 1650 FNL 1800 FEL; EL 3394 GR; TD 11,768; PBTD 111448; Spud 5-26-00; Comp 7-1-00; production is through treated perfs:11386-11394; Treat:Frac w/13,400 gals 70% & 38,000# 20/40; IP:9-10-00 Flow 24 hrs 15 BO, 48 BW, 810 MCF, 15/64" Ch, TP 950, GOR 54000, Gty 51; API #30-015-31011

Nearburg Prod. Co.
Rifleman 7 Fed #1
Happy Valley; T22S, R26E, Sec 7; 1650 FNL 1980 FEL; (Re-Entry of Penwell Energy Inc., P&A, Old TD 7050); EL 3676 GL; TD 11,700; PBTD 11,612; Re-Entered 4-28-00; Comp 6-28-00; production is through treated perfs:11214-11306; Treat: Acdz w/3000 gals 7.5% NEFE w/CO2; IP:CAOF 1461 MCF, Various Ch, TP 921, CP Pkr; API #30-015-28858

Lea County

Chevron USA Inc.
Monument 23 State #28
Monument; T19S, R36E, Sec 23; 2310 FNL 990 FWL; EL 3735 GL; TD 7495; PBTD 7495; Spud 8-9-00; Comp 9-30-00; production is through perfs:7175-7495; IP:10-7-00 Pump 24 hrs 57 BO, 0 BW, 63 MCF, GOR 1105; API #30-025-35067

Amerada Hess Corp.
North Monument GB/SA Unit #294
Eunice Monument; T19S, R37E, Sec 32; 112 FNL 2622 FWL; EL 3594 GL; TD 3930; PBTD 3925; Spud 9-22-00; Comp 10-20-00; production is through treated perfs:3683-3914; Treat: Acdz w/6100 gals 15% Hcl; IP:11-1-00 Pump 24 hrs 136 BO, 33 BW, 12 MCF, GOR 88; API #30-025-35128

Amerada Hess Corp.
North Monument GB/SA Unit #295
Eunice Monument; T19S, R37E, Sec 32; 109 FNL 1414 FWL; EL 3595 GL; TD 3933; PBTD 3924; Spud 9-29-00; Comp 10-27-00; production is through treated perfs:3670-3922; Treat:Acdz w/6500 gals 15% Hcl; IP:11-3-00 Pump 24 hrs 156 BO, 198 BW, 37 MCF, GOR 237; API #30-025-35129

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #713
North Eunice; T21S, R37E, Sec 15; 1330 FSL 1142 FWL; EL 3433 GR; TD 6790; PBTD 6713; Spud 9-25-00; Comp 11-6-00; production is through treated perfs:5538-5856, 6005-6258, 6412-6608; Treat:Acdz w/15000 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/94700 gals gel & 180600# 16/30 sd; IP:11-9-00 Pump 24 hrs 32 BO, 164 BW, 296 MCF, GOR 9250, Gty 38.1; API #30-025-34888

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #718
North Eunice; T21S, R37E, Sec 15; 14 FSL 1098 FEL; EL 3407 GR; TD 6790; PBTD 6703; Spud 9-11-00; Comp 11-20-00; production is through treated perfs:5518-5754, 5917-6256, 6393-6610; Treat:Acdz w/16000 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/82400 gals gel & 181420# 16/30 sd; IP:11-9-00 Pump 24 hrs 35 BO, 56 BW, 593 MCF, GOR 16943, Gty 38.1; API #30-025-34742

Apache Corp.
H Corrigan #12
Penrose Skelly; T22S, R37E, Sec 4; 728 FNL 410 FEL; EL 3446 GL; TD 4200; PBTD 4114; Spud 9-20-00; Comp 10-17-00; production is through treated perfs:3598-3776, 3833-4096; Treat:Acdz w/8000 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/9750 gals gel & 40740# 12/20 sd; IP:11-13-00 Pump 24 hrs 7 BO, 75 BW, 44 MCF, GOR 6286, Gty 36.7; API #30-025-35136

Apache Corp.
A B Baker #8
South Eunice; T22S, R37E, Sec 10; 1881 FSL 869 FEL; EL 3381 GR; TD 4296; PBTD 4217; Spud 10-12-00; Comp 10-31-00; production is through treated perfs:3780-4146; Treat:Acdz w/5000 gals 15% Hcl; IP:11-12-00 Pump 24 hrs 53 BO, 139 BW, 276 MCF, GOR 5206, Gty 35.6; API #30-025-35135

Texaco Expl. & Prod. Inc.
B F Harrison "B" #27
North Teague; T23S, R37E, Sec 5; 50 FSL 2020 FEL; EL 3331 GL; TD 7750; PBTD 6210; Spud 7-18-00; Comp 10-5-00; production is through treated perfs:5570-5902; Treat:2500 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/18,000 gals; IP:10-12-00 Pump 24 hrs 257 BO, 185 BW, 222 MCF; API #30-025-34995

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Crockett County

Texaco E & P Inc.
Pierce 4 #1
Ozona, NE (Canyon Sand)-Completion; Mrs. A. M. Wilkerson; Blk BBB, Sec 4; 412 FNL 1327 FWL of survey; 22 miles SW of Ozona, for a calculated, absolute open flow of 1,240,000 ft of dry gas; production is through treated perfs:5,890-6,460; TD 6600, where 2 3/8 in casing was set at 5,870, PBTD 6550; GE 2241

Texaco E & P Inc.
H.H. West "B" #6
Henderson (Canyon gas)-Completion; GC & SF RR Co.; Blk IJ, Sec 1; 537 FSL 1358 FEL of survey; 11 miles SE of Ozona, for a calculated, daily volume of 567,000 ft of gas, w/gas-liquid ratio of 67,500-1; gravity of condensate is 66.9 degrees; production is through treated perfs:7666-7761; TD 8200, where 4 1/2 in casing was set at 8200, PBTD 8150; GE 2290

Runnels County

O.H.B., Inc.
Currie #1
Trinty (Odum oil)-Completion; Juana Hernandez No. 346; A-243, Blk N/A, Sec N/A: 2200 FSWL 1324 FEL of survey; 8 miles SW of Ballinger, to pump 61 barrels of 39 gravity oil/day, plus 28,000 ft of gas, w/gas-oil ratio of 459-1; production is through treated perfs:4579-4585; TD 4793, where 5 1/2 in casing was set at 4663, PBTD 4634; GE 1668

Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus Nat. Gas Corp.
Jones Ranch #308
Sawyer (Canyon gas)-Completion; G. W. Stephenson No. 3 W. J. Thornton; Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 4500 FSL 500 FWL of survey; 14 miles SW of Sonora for a calculated, daily volume of 218,000 ft of dry gas daily; production is through treated perfs:6414-7170; TD 7295, where 4 1/2 in casing was set at 7295, PBTD 7250; GE 2391

Upton County

Exxon Mobil Corp.
Pembrook Unit #1306
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Completion; CCSD & RGNG RR Co./R. Stoker; Blk BA, Sec 6; 8677 FSL 13,956 FWL of survey; 15 miles NE of Rankin, to pump 123.7 barrels of 39.2 gravity oil/day, plus 30,000 ft of gas, & 20 barrels of water, w/gas-oil ratio of 248-1; production is through treated perfs:6715-6981; TD 7950, where 4 1/2 in casing was set at 7950, the PBTD; GE 2690

Development Wells

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Andrews County

Sage Energy Co.
Bennett #1
Big Max (Leonard, Lower)-Re-Enter; PSL/C. G. Brinkley; A-1770, Blk A-44, Sec 10; 660 FEL 660 FSL of lse; 660 FEL 660 FSL of survey; 2 miles SE of Andrews; obj: 9299; permit #502488; API #003-00913

Occidental Permian LTD.
Midland Farms Unit #173A
Midland Farms-Recompletion; G & MMB & A; A-208, Blk 41, T1N, Sec 42; 12631 FSL 15393 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 860 FWL of survey; 13 miles S of Andrews; obj: 12200; permit #502451; API #003-35519

Exxon Mobil Corp.
Means/San Andres/Unit #7802
Means-D; P.S.L./J.F. Leonard; A-514, Blk A-35, Sec 23; 1319 FWL 9961 FSL of lse; 2035 FSL 1319 FWL of survey; 5 miles N of Andrews; obj: 5500; permit #502327; API #003-38700

Exxon Mobil Corp.
Means/San Andres/Unit #7804
Means-D; P.S.L./J.F. Leonard; A-514, Blk A-35, Sec 23; 2637 FWL 9959 FSL of lse; 2034 FSL 2637 FWL of survey; 5 miles N of Andrews; obj: 5500; permit #502326; API #003-38699

Crane County

Apache Corp.
North McElroy Unit #4726F
McElroy-D; ULS; A-000000, Blk 30, Sec 47; 3044 FSL 3950 FEL of lse; 1350 FWL 2616 FNL of survey; 4 miles NE of Crane; obj: 3400; permit #502497; API #103-34789

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
Lea, P. J. Etal
Lea (Ellenburger)-D; PSL/C. Welch; A-647, Blk 32, Sec 39; 760 FNL 3348 FEL of lse; 760 FNL 1932 FWL of survey; 12 miles W of Crane; obj: 8500; permit #502477; PAI #103-34790

Lario Oil & Gas Co.
Tubb, J. B. 'D' #3
Sand Hills (Clear Fork)&(McKnight)&(Tubb)-Recompletion; PSL/J. B. Tubb; A-1148, Blk 32, Sec 8; 660 FEL 1980 FSL of lse; 660 FEL 1980 FSL of survey; 15 miles NW of Crane; obj: 4613; permit #502364; API #103-04755

Lario Oil & Gas Co.
Tubb, J. B. 'D' #1
Sand Hills (Clear Fork)&(McKnight)&(Tubb)-Recompletion; PSL/J. B. Tubb; A-1148, Blk 32, Sec 8; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 15 miles NW of Crane; obj: 4650; permit #502363; API #103-04756

Lario Oil & Gas Co.
Tubb, J. B. 'D' #2
Sand Hills (Clear Fork 4070)&(San Angelo, Upper)&(Tubb)-Recompletion; PSL/J. B. Tubb; A-1148, Blk 32, Sec 8; 660 FEL 1980 FNL of lse; 660 FEL 1980 FNL of survey; 15 miles NW of Crane; obj:4700; permit #502362; API #103-04753

Lario Oil & Gas Co.
Tubb, J. B. #3
Sand Hills (McKnight)&(Tubb)-Recompletion; PSL/J. B. Tubb; A-1145, Blk 32, Sec 5; 660 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 15 miles NW of Crane; obj: 4700; permit #502361; API #103-04749

Ector County

Pure Res., L.P.
North Foster Unit #174
Foster-D; T & P RR Co./F. M. Walford; A-680, Blk 43, T2S, Sec 2; 790 FSL 345 FEL of lse; 790 FSL 345 FEL of survey; 8 miles NW of Odessa; obj: 4500; permit #502525; API #135-37939

Pure Res., L.P.
North Foster Unit #178
Foster-D; T & P RR Co./F. M. Walford; A-680, Blk 43, T2S, Sec 2; 1136 FSL 1651 FWL of lse; 1136 FSL 330 FWL of survey; 8 miles NW of Odessa; obj: 4500; permit #502524; API #135-37940

Pure Res., L.P.
North Foster Unit #177
Foster-D; T & P RR Co./F. M. Walford; A-680, Blk 43, T2S, Sec 2; 330 FSL 2311 FWL of lse; 330 FSL 990 FWL of survey; 8 miles NW of Odessa; obj:4500; permit #502522; API #135-37941

Glasscock County

Ashbrook Oil Co.
Edwards, M. M. "C" #2
Howard Glasscock-D; T & P RR Co./M. J. Spearman; A-733, Blk 33, T2S, Sec 16; 185 FSL 430 FEL of lse; 1477 FSL 430 FEL of survey; 23 miles N of Garden City; obj:2500; permit #502553; API #173-33044

Howard County

Stephens, Autry C.
Goodman #2
B.C. (Canyon)&(Dean)-Re-Enter; T & P RR Co.; A-307, Blk 33, T1N, Sec 11; 730 FSL 1690 FWL of lse; 730 FSL 1690 FWL of survey; 5 miles N of Big Spring; obj:9200; permit #487875; API #227-35265

Midland County

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Golladay #U 1
Azalea (Fusselman)-D; T & P RR Co./A. P. Veazey; A-995, Blk 37, Sec 3; 660 FNL 3500 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 825 FWL of survey; 8 miles SE of Midland; obj:12000; permit #495098; API #329-34307

Mitchell County

Crownquest Oper., LLC
Brennand #19
Iatan, East Howard-D; T & P RR Co. A-592, Blk 29, T1N, Sec 47; 900 FWL 1700 FNL of lse; 900 FWL 1700 FNL of survey; 6.50 miles SW of Westbrook; obj:3500; permit #502408; API #335-34198

Pecos County

Central Drlg. Co., USA
Mobil #1
Abell (Clear Fork)&(Permian-General)&(San Andres Gas)&(Yates)-D; H & GN RR Co.; A-000000, Blk 9, Sec 26; 660 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 1933 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 4 miles E of Imperial; obj:4100; permit #489256; API #371-36961

Reagan County

Texaco E & P Inc.
Reagan 'G' Fee #2
Conger, SW (Penn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-605, Blk 2, Sec 71; 2035 FNL 904 FEL of lse; 2035 FNL 904 FEL of survey; 31 miles NE of Big Lake; obj:8500; permit #502517; API #383-35106

Reeves County

Synergy Oil & Gas, Inc.
Lowe #1
Matthews (Lower Cherry Canyon)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-4883, Blk 57, T2S, Sec 12; 330 FSL 330 FWL of lse; 2321 FEL 2321 FNL of survey; 2 miles NE of Orla; obj:5500; permit #502539; API #389-32195

Synergy Oil & Gas, Inc.
Lasell #1
Matthews (Lower Cherry Canyon)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-5701, Blk 57, T2S, Sec 12; 330 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 1991 FWL 2321 FNL of survey; 2 miles NE of Orla; obj:5500; permit #502538; API #389-32196

Sterling County

Texaco E & P Inc.
Sterling 'AA' Fee #6
Conger, SW (Penn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-1198, Blk 2, Sec 51; 2390 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 2390 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 21 miles SW of Sterling; obj:8450; permit #502516; API #431-33002

Atropos Prod. Corp.
McEntire 23 #3
Credo, E. (Cisco, Up.)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-292, Blk 23, Sec 23; 1980 FWL 1800 FSL of lse; 1980 FWL 1800 FSL of survey; 12 miles NW of Sterling City; obj:8100; permit #502482; API #431-33003

Ward County

Kaiser-Francis Oil Co.
University 31W #6
War-Wink (Cherry Canyon)-D; UL: A-000000, Blk 17, Sec 31; 2080 FSL 790 FEL of lse; 2080 FSL 1850 FWL of survey; 9 miles SW of Wink; obj: 7225; permit #502383; API #475-34684

Kaiser-Francis Oil Co.
University 31W #5
War-Wink (Cherry Canyon)-D; University Land: A-000000, Blk 17, Sec 31; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 9 miles SW of Wink; obj: 7225; permit #502331; API #475-34683

Winkler County

Energen Res. Corp.
University "38-21" #4 University Blk. 21 (Brushy Canyon)&(Delaware SD) & War-Wink (Cherry Canyon)-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 21, Sec 38; 1980 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 2173 FWL of survey; 6 miles SW of Wink; obj:9000; permit #501544; API #495-32818

Energen Res. Corp.
University "38-21" #5
University Blk. 21 (Brushy Canyon)&(Delaware SD) & War-Wink (Cherry Canyon)-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 21, Sec 38; 600 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 2173 FWL of survey; 6 miles SW of Wink; obj:9000; permit #502410; API #495-32823

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Cochran County

Wheeler Oper. Corp.
ACU #2
Levelland-Re-Enter; Randall CSL, LGE 150, LAB. 15; A-123, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 8350 FNL 440 FWL of lse; 440 FWL 440 FSL of survey; 3 miles SE of Bledsoe; obj: 5100; permit #502310; API #079-31580

Wheeler Oper. Corp.
ACU #1
Levelland-Re-Enter; Randall CSL, LGE 150, LAB. 5; A-123, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 440 FWL 440 FNL of lse; 440 FWL 440 FNL of survey; 3 miles SE of Bledsoe; obj:5100; permit #502309; API #079-31576

Gaines County

Henry Pet. Corp.
Homann San Andres Unit #3WS
Homann (San Andres)-D; WT RR Co./W. H. Birdwell; A-359, Blk G, Sec 74; 1490 FSL 1760 FEL of lse; 1490 FSL 2190 FWL of survey; 6 miles E of Seminole; obj:500; permit #502375; API #165-35656

Garza County

Brothers Prod. Co. Inc.
PLK 41 #6
Teas (Strawn)-Recompletion; T & N O RR Co.; A-266, Blk 2, Sec 41; 934 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 934 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 10 miles S of Post; obj:8100; permit #502332; API #169-33017

Lubbock County

Texland-Rector & Schumacher
Lif-Lubberis #18
Edmisson (Clear Fork)-D; T. T. & RR Co.; A-87, Blk A, Sec 5; 1311 FWL 2497 FSL of lse; 1311 FWL 2497 FSL of survey; .00 miles Within Lubbock; obj:5200; permit #502373; API #303-31388

New Mexico

Eddy County

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
Crow Flat 20 Fed Com #1
T16S, R28E, Sec 20; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL of Crow Flat; 12 miles NE of Artesia; Rot 9600 Morrow; API #30-015-31413

Shahara Oil Corp.
GB-Jackson PSU Tr BB #2
T17S, R30E, Sec 33; 30 FNL 2310 FEL of GB-Jackson; 2 miles S of Loco Hills; Rot 3650 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-31408

Shahara Oil Corp.
GB-Jackson PSU Tr FG #4
T17S, R30E, Sec 34; 790 FNL 2110 FWL of GB-Jackson; 2 miles SE of Loco Hills; Rot 3650 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-31410

OXY USA Inc.
OXY Pralines & Cream Fed #1
T17S, R31E, Sec 3; 1650 FNL 660 FEL of Fren; 5 miles NW of Maljamar; Rot 12, 400 Morrow; API #30-015-31411

W A & E R Hudson
Puckett "B" #12
T17S, R31E, Sec 12; 660 FNL 660 FWL of Fren; 3 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 12,500 Morrow; API #30-015-31409

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Shugart 18 Fed #2
T18S, R31E, Sec 18; 330 FSL 2310 FEL of North Shugart; 6 miles SE of Loco Hills; Rot 8300 Bone Spring; API #30-015-31407

Matador Oper. Co.
Brantley Fed #1
T20S, R26E, Sec 34; 660 FNL 1500 FWL of Springs; 9 miles NW of Carlsbad; Rot 10,550 Morrow; API #30-015-31414

Marathon Oil Co.
Indian Hills Unit #27
T21S, R24E, Sec 29; 503 FNL 2310 FWL of Indian Basin; 12 miles NW of Carlsbad; Rot 8200 U/Penn; API #30-015-31406

Bass Enter Prod. Co.
James Ranch Unit #84
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Bass Enter Prod. Co.
James Ranch Unit #152
T24S, R30E, Sec 6; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of SW Forty Niner Ridge; 8.5 miles NE of Loving; Rot 7800 Delaware; API #30-015-31415

Bass Enter Prod. Co.
James Ranch Unit #153
T24S, R30E, Sec 6; 1830 FNL 1980 FEL of SW Forty Niner Ridge; 8.5 miles NE of Loving; Rot 7800 Delaware; API #30-015-31412

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Eddy "FV" State Com #5
T20S, R27E, Sec 25; 660 FSL 810 FWL of Burton Flat; 6.5 miles N of Carlsbad; Rot 11,500 Morrow; API #30-015-31401

Marathon Oil Co.
Federal Indian Basin "C" Gas Com #2
T21S, R23E, Sec 29; 860 FSL 660 FEL of Indian Basin; 20 miles W of Carlsbad; Rot 8200 Upper Penn. Assoc.; API #30-015-31396

Marathon Oil Co.
Mershon Gas Com #2
T22S, R23E, Sec 21; 415 FNL 1201 FWL of Indian Basin Field; 20 miles SW of Carlsbad; Rot 8200 Upper Penn; API #30-015-31404

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
Nagooltee Peak "5" Fed Com #6
T22S, R24E, Sec 5; 2460 FSL 2593 FWL of Indian Basin; 14 miles W of Carlsbad; Rot 8600 Upper Penn; API #30-015-31397

Bass Enterprises Prod. Co.
Remuda Basin "31" State #3
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Lea County

Yates Pet. Corp.
Southern Union ATO State #1
T11S, R34E, Sec 1; 2310 FSL 330 FEL of Wildcat; 12.5 miles NW of Tatum; Rot 13,200 Miss; Re-Entry of P&A, Old TD 13370; API #30-025-25169

David H Arrington Oil & Gas Inc.
G R Hare's Ear #1
T15S, R35E, Sec 35; 455 FSL 869 FEL of Townsend; 2 miles NE of Lovington; Rot 11,800 Penn; API #30-025-35295

Marbob Energy Corp.
WBP Fed Com #1
T19S, R32E, Sec 8; 660 FSL 660 FWL of North Lusk; 7 miles SW of Arkansas Jct; Rot 13,000 Morrow; API #30-025-35296

Nearburg Prod. Co.
Side Pocket 14 St Com #1
T21S, R34E, Sec 14; 1980 FSL 660 FEL of Wilson; 10 miles SW of Oil Center; Rot 13,400 Morrow; API #30-025-35309

Pogo Prod. Co.
Bootleg Ridge 19 State #1
T22S, R33E, Sec 19; 990 FNL 990 FWL of Bootleg Ridge; 14.5 miles SE of Halfway; Rot 15,390 Morrow; Re-Entry of C W Trainer, P&A, Old TD 15390; API #30-025-29175

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Jalmat Field Yates Sd Unit #171
T22S, R35E, Sec 11; 2630 FNL 2500 FWL of Jalmat; 10 miles SW of Eunice; Rot 4200 T/Y/SR; API #30-025-35307

Melrose Oper. Co.
Jalmat Field Yates Sd Unit #172
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Raptor Res. Inc.
State A A/c 2 #31
T22S, R36E, Sec 9; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of Jalmat; 6.5 miles SW of Eunice; Rot 3570 T/Y/SR; Re-Entry of Clayton W Williams Jr Inc. P & A, Old TD 3845; API #30-025-08856

Raptor Res. Inc.
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Raptor Res. Inc.
State A A/c 2 #52
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Jack Huff
Shipman #1
T22S, R37E, Sec 35; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of Blinebry; 6 miles SE of Eunice; Rot 6000 Blinebry; Re-Entry of Armer Oil Co., May #1, P&A Old TD 8834; API #30-025-10588

Yates Pet. Corp.
Jen "AXB" State #1
T23S, R34E, Sec 16; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of Wildcat; 7 miles NW of Ochoa; Rot 13,750 Miss; API #30-025-35306

Tesoro Petroleum expects strong earnings during fourth quarter

SAN ANTONIO -- Tesoro Petroleum Corp. management expects fourth-quarter earnings to be in the range of $0.5 to $0.65 per diluted share based on the Company's quarterly results to date. The current First Call consensus estimate for Tesoro's fourth-quarter earnings per share is $0.18.

Tesoro expects its fourth-quarter results to be driven by a continuation of unseasonally strong West Coast refined product margins. With these strong margins, the Company's system-wide refinery throughput for the fourth quarter will be at the higher end of the previously announced 250 to 260 thousand barrel-per-day range. Throughput would have been marginally higher, except that increases in electric rates caused a reduction to the run rate at Tesoro's Washington refinery in mid-December; however, throughput at its Alaska refinery has been increased to meet expected product demand.

Higher electric rates in the Pacific Northwest have increased refinery costs since May. The impact of higher electric rates is included in management's expected range for fourth-quarter earnings. These costs reduced management's estimate by five to seven cents per share, as electric costs for the fourth quarter are estimated to increase by $3 to $5 million over the third-quarter 2000 level. Operations at Tesoro's Washington refinery have been adjusted to reduce electric consumption by approximately one-third and the Company has taken other appropriate conservation measures to reduce fuel consumption.

"Good margins, combined with our profit improvement initiatives should push total earnings for the year 2000 to between $1.72 and $1.82 per diluted share compared to $.62 per share last year. We expect overall margins next year to be below this year's level, but our forecast is that they will be above their five-year historical average. To partially mitigate the impact of the expected margin decline, the Company continues its commitment to high return capital projects and the cost reduction and revenue improvement programs previously announced. Taking all these factors into consideration, I expect next year's earnings per share from our existing operations to be higher than the current First Call consensus of $1.28 per share," explained Bruce A. Smith, Chairman, President and CEO of Tesoro.

Capital Budget

Management has finalized a $195 million capital spending plan for 2001. The company's 2000 capital spending is expected to be approximately $95 million.

Refinery projects for 2001 are planned to total $121 million, including $81 million for economic projects, $28 million for sustaining capital, and $12 million for environmental, health and safety and other projects. Included in the economic projects is $64 million to complete the residue reduction project at the company's Washington refinery, which is on schedule for completion in the fourth quarter of 2001.

Tesoro plans to spend $59 million to further expand its retail marketing, which includes construction of new retail facilities under Tesoro's agreement with Wal-Mart, construction of other new company-owned and operated facilities, and expansion of Tesoro's branded dealer network. The company plans to build approximately 70 new Mirastar facilities on Wal-Mart sites during 2001, bringing the total number of Mirastar locations to approximately 90 by the end of next year.

Tesoro Marine Services' capital expenditures are planned to be $5 million. Other capital is budgeted at $10 million, primarily for information systems to support Tesoro's expanded retail program and for other upgrades.

Tesoro Petroleum Corporation is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products and provider of marine logistics services. Tesoro operates three refineries in the western U.S. with a combined capacity of 275,000 barrels per day. Tesoro's branded retail network is currently comprised of approximately 275 stations, of which approximately 85 are company owned and operated.

Chevron celebrates award of two deepwater contracts offshore Nigeria

SAN FRANCISCO — Chevron welcomed the government of Nigeria's announcement that the company has been awarded interests in two promising deepwater oil prospecting licenses (OPL) offshore Nigeria.

Chevron won interests in Block 250, where it will serve as operator, and in Block 214, which will be operated by ExxonMobil. Further announcements by the Nigerian government outlining the percentage interests awarded to participants are expected soon.

"We are delighted to be awarded these deepwater tracts, and we are deeply appreciative of the trust the government of Nigeria continues to place in Chevron's ability to operate safely and efficiently," said Peter Robertson, president of Chevron Overseas Petroleum Inc.

"Acquisition of these deepwater tracts is perfectly aligned with our intent to enhance our West African deep-water portfolio, and further demonstrates Chevron's long-term commitment to Nigeria," Robertson added. "We've been active in Nigeria for more than forty years — not merely growing our business, but also being a vital contributor to Nigeria's continuing economic growth and social development."

The two new deepwater tracts cover over one million acres. The oil prospecting licenses are awarded for a 10-year exploration term. The Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. and the designated operators are expected to finalize production-sharing contracts for the new leases within the next three months.

The awards were made following evaluation of bids submitted through an open tendering process that started last June. Chevron submitted a detailed development program, and that, combined with the company's record of successes and its technical expertise were key in consideration of the final awards.

Chevron's proposals comprised a number of components including financial obligations as well as commitments to its local communities, and outlined a structure for Chevron's continued and expanded investment support of Nigeria's social and national strategic programs.

"We are very pleased to have secured a major position in what we believe is one of the most exciting exploration plays in the world," said Ray Wilcox, managing director of Chevron's Nigeria business unit. "These new deepwater tracts lie in close proximity to the Bonga discovery in OPL 212 and to the Agbami discovery in OPL 216. We're looking forward to applying our state-of-the-art deepwater technology and our exploration expertise to this highly prospective area," he added.

Wilcox noted that Chevron currently produces 445,000 barrels per day in Nigeria and has recently announced an expansion of the Escravos gas plant and a new gas-to-liquids plant.

Chevron is one of Africa's largest operators, producing more than 900,000 barrels per day of oil and natural gas liquids, primarily from Nigeria and Angola. The company recently acquired a 25-percent equity position in an international consortium developing the Doba oil fields in southern Chad and in a related 650-mile export pipeline project through Chad and Cameroon.

The company is also the managing sponsor in the development of the West Africa Gas Pipeline Project, which, when completed, will deliver natural gas from fields in Western Nigeria to Ghana, Togo and Benin.

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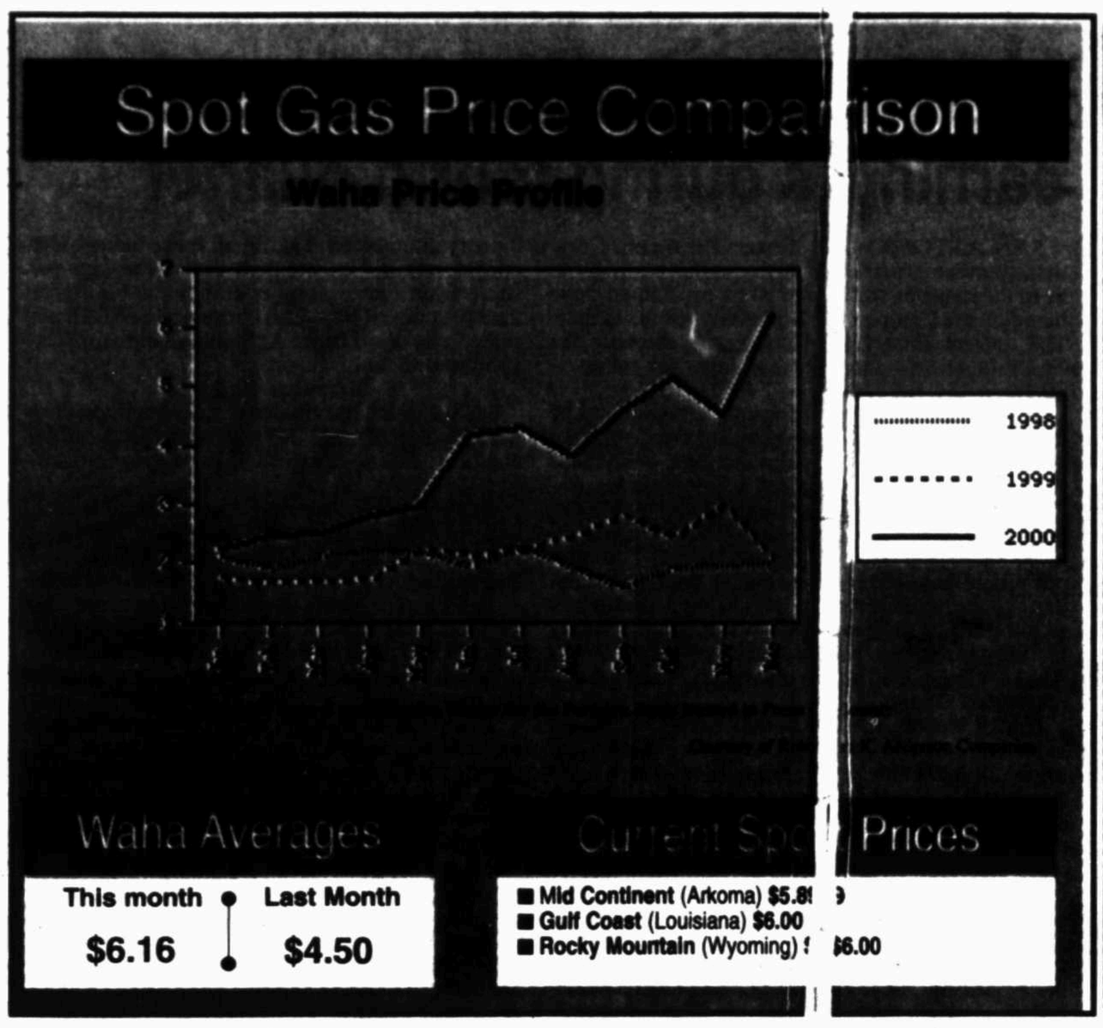

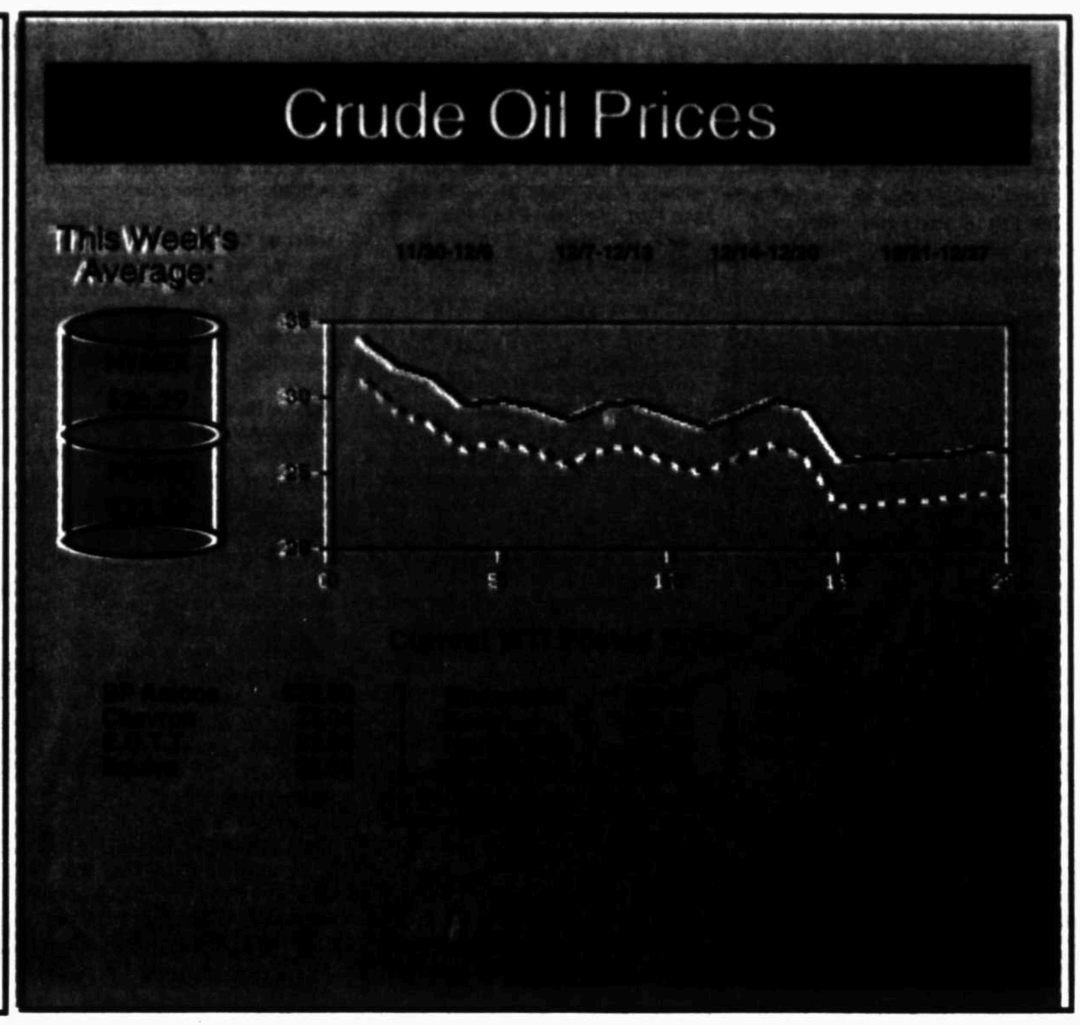

Transocean Sedco, R&B Falcon plan joint venture

HOUSTON — Transocean Sedco Forex Inc. and R&B Falcon Corp. announced the signing of a non- binding letter of intent with Gary and Dr. Laney Chouest that would create a U.S. Gulf of Mexico marine support vessel joint venture.

The transaction contemplated by the letter of intent is subject to the execution of binding agreements, and closing is conditioned upon and is to be simultaneous with the closing of the pending merger of Transocean Sedco Forex and R&B Falcon and is also subject to certain regulatory approvals.

Under the terms of the letter of intent, the joint venture would own and operate the existing R&B Falcon U.S. Gulf of Mexico marine business, consisting of 34 offshore tugs, 72 inland tugs, 28 crewboats and 66 service barges. In connection with the formation of the joint venture, R&B Falcon would receive $80 million in the form of a secured contingent note and 25 percent of the equity of the joint venture company.

"This acquisition clearly fits with our current expansion plans into the inland and river services market," Gary Chouest said. "All of our business ventures have one clear goal in mind — to better service our customers."

"The R&B Falcon marine business is a welcome addition to the existing Chouest fleet, as it provides a level of service that the Chouest companies do not presently provide," Dr. Laney Chouest said. "The transaction will accomplish the Chouest goal of becoming a full-marine supplier offering a full range of services, complementing its sizeable number of new-generation deepwater service vessels and the remainder of its 'blue water' fleet with a large fleet of inland 'brown water' vessels."

The proposed transaction is consistent with the plan of merger between Transocean Sedco Forex and R&B Falcon, which contemplates the disposal or significant reduction of ownership of all vessels involved in the coastwise trade to comply with U.S. maritime laws.

On August 21, 2000, Transocean Sedco Forex announ ced that it had signed a definiti ve agreement to merge with R &B Falcon in an all stock t ansaction in which common s ockholders of R&B Falcon w ll receive a fixed ratio of 0.5 sh res of newly issued Transo ean Sedco Forex ordinary s hares for each R&B Falcon sh are. The transaction is expect ed to close during the first qu arter of 2001.

Tran nsocean Sedco Forex Inc. is the world's largest offshore drillin g contractor, with a current ec uity market capitalization in excess of $9 billion. The co mpany's mobile offshore drillin g fleet is comprised of 71 rigs, i ncluding four newbuilds not ye t active. This modern and ve ersatile fleet is located in every major offshore oil and gas dr illing region. Transocean Sedco Forex Inc. specializes in techni cally demanding segments of the offshore drilling busine ss, including industry-leadin g positions in deepwater and h arsh environment drilling servic es. The company is listed on the New York Stock Excha ange under the symbol "RIG ".

R&B Falcon operates the world's largest fleet of marine-based drilling rigs servicing the international oil and gas industry. Its fleet is composed of 139 drilling units including the industry's largest fleets of barge and jackup rigs, and a fleet of semisubmersibles and drillships which is among the most capable in the world. R&B Falcon also provides turnkey and integrated services and operates mobile production units, internationally based land rigs and an offshore towing business.

Gary and Dr. Laney Chouest are principals in Edison Chouest Offshore (ECO), a technologically advanced offshore vessel service company with a fleet of over 120 vessels. The company was founded in Galliano, Louisiana in 1960 and currently employs over 3,000 skilled workers worldwide. The combination of in-house design and shipbuilding capacity and owning and operating each vessel is coupled with ECO's corporate philosophy to provide its customers with the right vessel and services at a competitive price.

Harken spuds new well

HOUSTON — Harken Energy Corp. has begun drilling a new well, the Olivo 2, on its 250,000 acre Bolivar Association Contract block.

The well has been designed to test the fracture pattern concentrations detected by the company's newly acquired multi-component 3-D seismic data. It is hoped that the new state-of-the-art seismic and revised drilling plan will assist the company in drilling lower cost wells that are capable of greater sustained production rates.

The company believes its Olivo 1 well bore did not efficiently access the La Luna fracture pattern, resulting in limited fracture intersections and limited sustainable production. Even under these negative circumstances, the Olivo 1 has produced approximately 380,000 gross barrels of oil to date. It is believed that by drilling the Olivo 2 directionally utilizing the newly acquired multi-component 3-D seismic data, there will be more well bore intersections with formation fractures, which could result in increased production rates and increased ultimate reserves recovered.

The well is expected to encounter the La Luna at 3,600 feet and proceed on a high angle basis until about 4,700 feet of vertical depth. All three productive intervals of the La Luna should therefore be opened for production in the Olivo 2. If this technique is successful, the company hopes future wells will have higher sustained production with reduced decline rates. The well is budgeted at $3.5 million, approximately 35 percent of the cost of the earlier wells. Harken owns a 100 percent working interest in the well.

Construction of the Bolivar flowline continues to progress on schedule and is now nearing completion. The flowline construction is expected to be completed by the middle of January with first transportation runs scheduled for early February.

Mikel D. Faulkner, Harken's Chairman stated that, "This is a critical well to the development of the Bolivar contract in Colombia. The key to maximizing operations at Bolivar is reducing drilling costs while at the same time increasing production rates. We are hopeful that the information gained from the multi-component seismic data and the utilization of our revised drilling technique will be an economic breakthrough."

Aviva Petroleum completes reorganization moves

DALLAS — Aviva Petroleum Inc. has reacquired its remaining outstanding long-term debt ($2.75 million as of September 30, 2000) from the company's senior secured lender in exchange for a 15 percent net profits interest in any new production at Breton Sound Block 31 field.

This transaction substantially completes the restructuring of the company and its wholly owned subsidiary Aviva America, Inc. ("AAI").

In addition to the $2.75 million extraordinary gain that will be recognized on the above-stated debt retirement, the company expects to record a $1.05 million gain resulting from the settlement of debts in connection with the AAI reorganization plan that became effective on November 17, 2000. The aggregate gain of approximately $3.8 million will be recorded in the 4th quarter of 2000.

Ron Suttill, Aviva CEO stated "We are very pleased to be able to move forward on a debt-free basis while retaining the majority of our U.S. interests and, currently, 22% of our Colombian interests."

"In the U.S., the farmout of our Breton Sound deep gas prospect has progressed, despite delays resulting from the AAI reorganization and increased industry activity in the Gulf of Mexico. Our f armee has asked for, and we have granted, an extension to Marc h 31, 2001, of the deadline to co mmence drilling of the deep gas v well. This well is expected to en counter the natural gas prolific "Hollywood" formation which has been confirmed by drilli ng on adjacent leases."

"All in all, 2000 will be an extremely good year for Aviva, and we are very excited to be able to proceed with our exploration plans, both in the U.S. and Colombia, in a period of favorable oil and gas prices."

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MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST TO FEATURE ROCK MUSIC PHOTO EXHIBIT

By Emily Baker

They worried adults with their suggestive lyrics and non-traditional dress. They stirred up feelings of anti-war sentiment, sang about politics, racism and war. Rock stars: they were the bad boys of music.

Thirty Years of Rock and Roll is an exhibit of 75 concert photos taken by Colorado Springs photographer Larry Hulst. It is currently on a 15-museum tour and on display through Feb. 25 at the Museum of the Southwest.

The photographs are not a history of rock music but a study of the development of the music over the last 30 years.

Hulst has attended about 2,800 concerts over the last 30 years and has taken pictures out of personal interest. Hulst is a professional photographer and is currently an official photographer form the United States Air Force Academy.

"I started going to concerts in 1964," Hulst said. "I saw Simon and Garfunkel with The Loving Spoonful. After that, I started hanging out at (different places) seeing many R&B bands."

Among the 75-photo exhibit are images of early rockers such as Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis. Classic rock musicians such as David Bowie, The Doors, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and ZZ Top are also featured. The exhibit also includes 80s kings like Elton John, Bruce Springsteen and Alice Cooper. The 1990s are represented by Metallica, Beck, Lauryn Hill and Carlos Santana. Country stars Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson are featured, as are Ray Charles and B.B. King. The exhibit also features shots of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones.

Hulst returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam and began taking his camera to the shows he was attending. He took photos out of personal interest. Occasionally he would sell his photos for $5 each after concerts. His photos have also appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone, other music magazines and on the sleeves of the artists' albums.

"The first band I photographed was The Who at the Shrine Auditorium in 1967," he said. "Nothing could beat being in front of Peter Townsend while he broke his guitar in many pieces after he rammed it through every speaker in the cabinet he was using that night."

During the early years of his concert photography, Hulst attended as many as 200 concerts a year. He paid for a ticket and worked his way through the crowd to the front of the stage for the best camera angle. There were few restrictions on photography at concerts then.

Now photography at concerts is regulated because an artist's image is licensed. Hulst consequently turned to sneaking his equipment into concerts.

"Nothing was more exhilarating as putting a camera and a long lens down my pants walking through the security, finding a place to stand in the crowd, shooting off a couple rolls of film," Hulst said. "The hard part was getting the film out of the hall."

Hulst said he was caught a few times with his equipment.

"Once in 1984 I was in the seventh row at a Van Halen concert and I was caught twice by the same security and the second time they were really mad and I got thrown out the back door," he said. Hulst said he now okay's his photography equipment with management.

He doesn't care for posed pictures and has turned down invitations back stage for up-close photographs. He said he is more satisfied with capturing the artists in a natural performance state.

All of the photos in the Thirty Years of Rock and Roll exhibit are of the artists as they perform, rather than posed.

Photos by Larry Hulst

Following is a partial list of musicians included in the "Thirty Years of Rock and Roll" exhibition at the Museum of the Southwest beginning Jan. 7 and running through Feb. 25.

- AC/DC
- Beck
- Chuck Berry
- Blues Brothers
- David Bowie
- Ray Charles
- Eric Clapton
- Alice Cooper
- Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
- The Doors
- Fleetwood Mac
- Grateful Dead
- Lauryn Hill
- Janis Joplin
- Kiss
- Led Zeppelin
- Metallica
- Pink Floyd
- The Ramones
- The Rolling Stones
- Carlos Santana
- Patti Smith
- Stevie Ray Vaughn

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16 Tree nut
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18 Confused
24 "— fall in love ..."
25 Takes a taxi
26 Less 79 Down
31 Muted trumpet sounds
32 "The Terrible" ruler
33 "It's —!"
34 Lisa at the Louvre
35 Oklahoma city
36 Give, but not for keeps
37 Holiness
38 Jaunty chap
39 Natural do
41 Sentimentalized
42 Spiral-horned antelope
43 Had passion for
44 Patois
45 River at Eton
46 Sharpened
47 Rust
48 "The — Love"
54 "Aladdin" spirit
55 "American Buffalo" dramatist
56 Ipso follower
57 Lab burner inventor
58 Lapis —
59 Bracelet beetle
60 Hidden
61 Hen's home
62 People with a plot
63 "You — Beautiful"
64 Innocent soul
65 Actress/singer Lotte
66 — Lady
68 Easy win
69 Tart
70 Saharan
71 Magic show prop
72 Tense
74 "— the night before ..."
75 King of Sodom
76 Dark-haired
78 Neptune's milieu
79 Wild
80 Go on the stump
84 Madonna role
85 Ceremonies
86 Phoenix origin
87 Scrimp
88 Le Carré characters
89 Señor's mark
90 Rhone feeder
91 More like the driven snow
93 Trig function
94 Pitcher
95 Obstacle
96 Ostrich kin
97 Shipshape
98 Thompson or Samms
100 Caboodle complement
101 Chemical suffix
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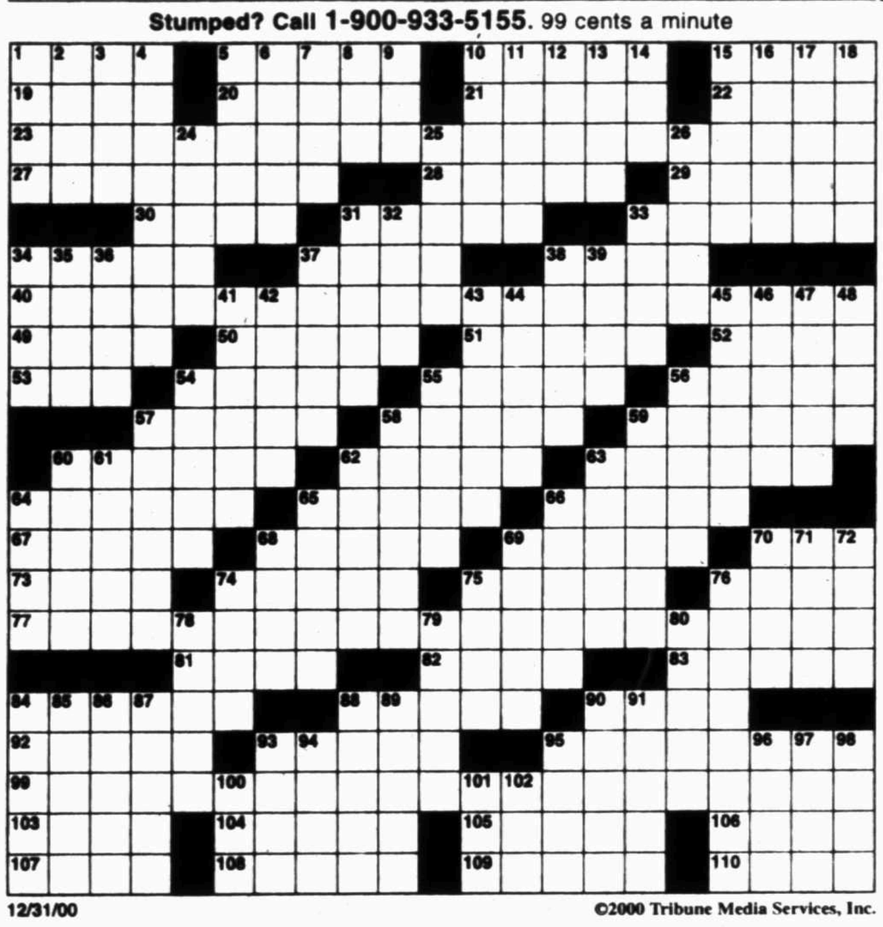

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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000:

You know what to say and how to say it. You make waves wherever you are. The key to your success is clearing the cobwebs from your mind. Once you are focused, anything and everything can happen. You possess unusual charisma. You will also tend to show up at the right place at the right time. If you are single, you make inroads and broaden your horizons. Summer sees a hot romance tumble into your life. If you are attached, reveal more of your inner thinking. Be vulnerable, and your relationship will sparkle with warmth and caring. Hang out with PISCES.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ New beginnings are possible. Discuss what is on your mind. Getting another opinion only empowers you. Reach out for someone at a distance. Plug into your imagination and seek answers. Make this a lazy day for extra R&R. Tonight: Easy does it.

This week: By the time the workweek begins, you command your ship and rule the roost as well. No one tests your authority until Thursday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Gather with friends. Plans could change at the last minute, so use your imagination. A partner is definitely out of sorts. Allow your creativity to come out. Think in terms of what makes you happiest. Tonight: The more, the merrier.

This week: Though Monday lights you up, you won't be in the mood for work on Tuesday. Maybe by Thursday you can deal with some hard facts (and work).

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to invite friends and loved ones over for New Year's. You like being center stage and the lead player. Claim your power and enjoy the moment. Let happiness into your life. A partner might feel left out. Your extra caring does make a difference. Tonight: Cheer in the new year.

This week: Never lose sight of your goal. Support yourself and start making that long-overdue statement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might want to go to a concert or do something very different for you. Why not? You are setting the tone for the next year. Consider how much energy you have before committing to an endless rampage and celebration. Don't forget that New Year's resolution! Tonight: Let your mind roam.

This week: You're in a take-charge mood once you remove all the holiday fluff. Others turn to you for answers. Celebrate your success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ One-on-one relating puts a nice little finish on your year. Find space to be with the one you love. Avoid a power struggle by pulling back. Let another figure out what is going on with him. You cannot avoid a must appearance. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

This week: Reach out for information and experts. Be determined to make what you want happen. As a result, doors open.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Let another have greater say in your decisions and plans. Popularity soars. You see how many options you have. Clear out a problem or responsibility on the domestic front before you kick up your heels and usher in the new year. Tonight: Wherever you are, the party is.

This week: Popularity skyrockets this week. Deal with others on a one-on-one level on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, use your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Carefully review a decision that involves a child or loved one. You might need to go out of your way for others, whether you're hosting the party or someone needs your care and nurturing. Not everyone thinks like you do. Don't get into a contest of wills. Tonight: Do what comes easily.

This week: Pace yourself this week, as you have a lot of ground to cover. Others knock on your door. Read between the lines.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your imagination knows no restraint. You push your wallet to the max as well. Extravagance suits a sign like yours, but you do go overboard very easily. A partner could become unusually uptight. Let the good times flow. Know what is right for you. Tonight: Add that Scorpio spice to a relationship.

This week: Your playfulness easily succumbs to work demands. You get a lot done as long as you don't get triggered by another's defiant attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You enjoy yourself close to home. You don't need to push others to agree. Do your own thing for now. Think about what you would like to change in the next year. Your caring does make a big difference. Adjust to a family member's need. Tonight: Pop the cork!

This week: You are creative at work and at play. Still, there is a job to be done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You're enthusiastic and vibrant about the new year. Start the day by reaching out for others at a distance who might not be available later. You have a particularly eloquent way of expressing yourself. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Cheer the year in.

This week: Deal with basics at work as well as at home. You might be up for a little reorganization. Clean up your desk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Curb spending. Don't put yourself in a bad or difficult position. Establish limits with a loved one. Have an important conversation. Though you might disappoint your friends, you'll ultimately feel better. Adjust to a loved one and his needs. Tonight: Don't go way overboard.

This week: Rather than being overwhelmed by all your calls, start returning them. Start answering your e-mail as well. That could take all week!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ The moon in your sign primes you for holiday celebration and play. Invite an older relative or boss. You love to kick up your heels. Others surround you and let their feelings be known. Decide what you want, and make that your New Year's resolution. Tonight: Focus on a wish.

This week: Deal with finances head-on. You might need to clear out a problem early on. Keep talking with another, even if he frustrates you.

Goren Bridge

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PESSIMIST'S PARADISE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 6 5 3
♡ Void
◇ A K Q 9 5 3
♣ J 10 6 5

WEST
♠ 4
♡ A K 10 8 3
◇ 7 6 2
♣ A Q 9 4

EAST
♠ J 10 9 8
♡ Q J 7 6 2
◇ 8
♣ 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 7 2
♡ 9 5 4
◇ J 10 4
♣ K 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Dbl	Rdbl	2♡
Pass	3♡	4◇	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♡

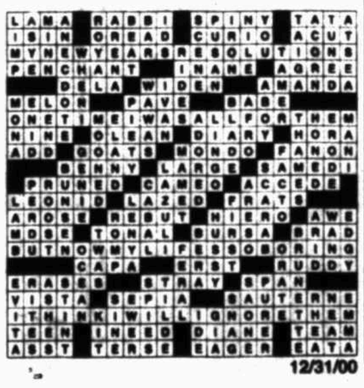
It is a sound principle, when planning the play of a hand, to prepare for the worst. If that situation does not materialize, you can be pleasantly surprised. If it does, however, you are ready.

West decided that the hand qualified as a three-suiter (we are not convinced of that), hence the takeout double instead of an overcall of two hearts. The rest of the auction is straightforward, with South electing to show good spades rather than raise diamonds with a minimum opening bid. That was an accurate assessment since collecting 11 tricks requires careful play and might not be makable on a slightly different lie of the cards.

West led the king of hearts, ruffed in dummy. Looking at the hand through rose-colored glasses, declarer led a trump to the queen, both defenders following, then continued with the king of spades. Only when West discarded a heart on this trick did it dawn on declarer that there was trouble in the offing. Indeed, only a gross defensive error could allow declarer to get home now. After drawing another trump, declarer started on diamonds, and East put South out of misery by ruffing the second diamond and switching to a club, and the defenders collected two clubs and two hearts for a two-trick set.

Declarer should have realized that a 4-1 trump split would put a laydown game in jeopardy. To cater to this possibility, while keeping the heart suit under control, declarer should have led a low trump from dummy and ducked in hand! In with the eight of trumps, East could shift to a club, allowing the defenders to take two tricks in the suit. But with that the defenders would have shot their bolt. Declarer could ruff the next heart in dummy, come to hand with the jack of diamonds, draw trumps and claim the rest of the tricks.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m. Call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Arts Assembly of Midland: ART ENTRIES: Accepting entries until Feb. 9 for the 18th annual Celebration of the Arts, held May 18-20, 2001. For information or an application, call 687-1149. EXHIBIT: The third annual Art in the Park, featuring four sculptures by Texas artists Sherry Owens of Dallas, Nancy Wilson Pfeifer of Kingwood, Joe Barrington of Throckmorton, and Robbie B. Barber of Woodway. The yearlong exhibit is at Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar. EXHIBIT: Toy Truck by Jim Robertson, and Milestone 1995 by Tim Glover, sculptures on display in Centennial Plaza, 687-1149. Free.

Blakemore Planetarium: No show today.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: Closed Monday for New Year's Day. EXHIBIT: All About Eve, ceramic sculpture by Jean Cappadonna-Nichols, closing today. EXHIBIT: Going Home: original illustrations by David Diaz, through Feb. 15. EXHIBIT: Young at Art, children's book illustrations, through Feb. 18. Museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811. Free admission.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Former Gallery members from the past 17 years return for a special exhibit, through Jan. 21. Modern and contemporary art are featured. Also on site is a gallery gift shop for holiday shopping. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Holiday Inn: NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Music by Checkpoint and 191, 4300 W. Highway 80, Midland, 697-3181. Admission charged.

Thomas Kinkade Signature Galleries: EXHIBIT: 2101 W. Wadley, Suite 12, 682-9911. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday. No admission charged.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Bldg., 3600 N. Garfield. Gallery hours are normally 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 685-4770 for schedule. Free.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITS: Permanent exhibits: Indian artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford. Guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. Call 682-2931. Free tours.

Midland Gallery: EXHIBIT: An eclectic collection of art from around the world, 4410 N. Midkiff, Suite D-8A. Hours are Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. or by appointment. Call 694-8761.

Museum of the Southwest: HOLIDAY EVENT: Third annual Christmas at the Mansion fundraising event features holiday activities and exhibits including holiday trees, gingerbread houses, miniatures, and Southwest Express train exhibit. Free admission; charge for train exhibit. Open today 2-5 p.m.; New Year's Day 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Final day is Tuesday. EXHIBIT: Herb Rather: Watercolor, part of the Contemporary Artist Series, features the work of this nationally known artist from Lampasas, Texas, closing today, Here and Now Gallery. EXHIBIT: Reflections of a Journey: Engravings After Karl Bodmer, through Jan. 7, Southwing Galleries. EXHIBIT: John James and John Woodhouse Audubon, Hogan Gallery, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free.

Odessa College LRC: 201 W. University. Call 915 335-6646 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: Closed Monday for New Year's Day. EXHIBIT: Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth, through Jan. 8. Hours are Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1500 I-20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Admission charged.

Proteus Gallery: EXHIBIT: Despoblado, an exhibit of photographic images by Midlander Jim Geitgey, through Jan. 27, 112 W. 5th St., Odessa, 580-4244. Hours are 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 4901 E. University, Odessa. Call 552-2806. Free.

White-Pool House Museum: Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

Yucca Theatre: NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Music by The Shades, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., 208 N. Colorado. Admission charged.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

First Presbyterian Church: CLASSES: Fine Arts School, on holiday through January 5. Fall semester continues Jan. 8-Jan. 19; spring semester is January 22 - May 18, 800 W. Texas, 684-7821. Tuition charged.

The Haley Library and History Center: Closed today. EXHIBITS: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest, spur collections, saddles from ranching pioneer families, and archival collections including photographs of turn of the century ranch life. The library houses 30,000 volumes on settlement of the region and the cattle industry. 1805 W. Indiana. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 682-5785. Free.

Midland Independent School District: HOLIDAY: Classes resume January 3, 2001.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Splash! Bang! Boom! interactive science exhibit, exploring the properties of matter and energy, through Jan. 30. EXHIBIT: My Town, a two-story interactive cityscape, the latest permanent exhibit. EXHIBIT: Beach Babies, a toddler room built just for ages under 3. EXHIBIT: West Texas Keys, an aquarium exhibit. Museum hours are Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Currently on display, Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys memorabilia. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 1118 Maple, Odessa, 1-915-335-9918. Free.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: "The Star of Bethlehem: a Mystery Revealed," final showing, Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT OPENING: Thirty Years of Rock and Roll, 75 concert photographs, on exhibit through Feb. 25, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Odessa Brand New Opree: GOSPEL MUSIC: Sounds of Jericho, Heaven Bound, and Latter Rain, 7 p.m., Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Rd., Odessa, 550-3177. Admission charged.

Midland Porcelain Art Club: DEMONSTRATION: Edythe Talley demonstrates lace on porcelain, 9:30 a.m., Midland Woman's Club, 694-3044. Free.

Reel Irish Dance Academy: DANCE CLASSES: Traditional Irish dance, 10-11 a.m., Midland Community Theatre Dance Room, 2000 W. Wadley, 697-0296. Tuition charged.

Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin: COOKIE SALE: Girl Scout Cookie Sale, through March 6, 550-2688.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; email artsmid@iglobal.net; http://www.iglobal.net/arts.

By Gene & Connie Hardy

On this New Year's Eve, we want to wish a very Happy year 2001 to all, with clear, dark night skies for glorious skywatching! (We won't get into the issue of "Happy New Millennium" or is it already the "first year of"!)

This month's Full Moon, on Jan. 9, is called the "Old Moon" or "Moon After Yule." This full moon will be the brightest we've seen in a while, or will see for a long time to come. Why? Because the moon is at perigee, its closest to the Earth for the month on the 10th. Another factor will be the alignment of Moon/Earth/Sun into an "opposition effect," directly reflecting the Sun's light back to us.

Everyone has probably noticed the prominence of our early evening visitors: brilliant Venus appearing to the west/southwest at twilight, and Jupiter and Saturn rising in the east just after dusk. After several months last year of not a single planet (or "wandering star," as they were thought of in ancient times) visible in the night sky, we are treated to this spectacular return nightly!

On the 6th, the moon, bright Jupiter, and dimmer yellowish Saturn form a curving line high in the sky, with reddish Aldebaran quite near the moon. The following night, Aldebaran, Jupiter, and Saturn shine to the Moon's upper right, in that order. To the moon's upper left is Capella, and to its lower right, Orion the Hunter rises. The beautiful star cluster Pleiades is easily seen near Jupiter.

To see orangish Mars, you'll have to be up by the first signs of dawn and look south close to the moon's lower left on the 17th.

You'll have to be quick to spot Mercury on the 26th. Look for it low on the WSW horizon during dusk, far to the lower right of the thin crescent moon and a blazing Venus.

The end of the month provides an interesting photo-op on the 30th. Five celestial bodies line up diagonally in the south to west as twilight fades. Jupiter is highest, with Saturn to its lower right. Farther to their lower right is the Moon, then about equidistant will be bright Venus., Mercury glimmers faintly above the horizon in the WSW at dusk.

Here on Earth, we look through the atmosphere and see twinkling stars that make up our whole galaxy, the planets of our solar system — interesting to visit but not as nice as our Earth — and other systems, and our own Moon. Anything beyond our own galaxy are other galaxies full of the same objects. The farthest object we can see with the unaided eye is the Andromeda Galaxy, some 2.3 million light years away.

For those with binoculars or a telescope, the Winter night sky provides many spectacular deep-sky objects to discover. One such is the nebula, M42. It's easy to see even by naked eye within the Orion constellation. The Orion Nebula is the foggy area located in the "sword" hanging from the three stars of his belt. Within this stellar nursery of stardust can be seen the creation of new stars and solar systems like ours.

Eventually, our solar system and whatever life inhabits it will undergo a traumatic change. Looking at M42, you are looking into the future fate awaiting our own solar system after our sun has consumed all of its fuel.

Question for this month: What is happening on the International Space Station? Answer: First of all, there are many differing opinions to the second part of that question. Some think we don't need it at all, others think we should have put effort into establishing a station on the Moon. The majority realize it's in the Nature of Man to go forth and explore the next frontier! So, this is the stepping stone onto the edge of Space exploration. Our next step will put us on our way to Mars.

During the last month, a special documentary aired on the Discovery Channel, four times in all, featuring the crew presently living on the ISS. Learning how to live and work in Space is important to bringing us closer to colonization of Mars. Currently two cosmonauts and an astronaut are conducting experiments on the ISS to determine the various effects of zero gravity, space medicine, and scientific experiments. Spacewalks and other hazardous activities will be taken over by robonauts. This first crew took up habitation on Nov. 2, and will be relieved of duty by another crew after four months.

Of special interest to us is the ISS fly-over, clearly visible at certain times and locations. Available information at this time includes dates: Jan. 1, 6:55 p.m., from W to S; Jan. 3, 6:24 p.m., from W to SSW; Jan. 6, 7:09 a.m., from S to E; Jan. 8, 6:36 a.m., from SSW to ENE: Jan. 9, 7:08 a.m., from WSW to NE; and Jan. 10, 6:07 a.m., from SE to ENE. For further information, call up Space Station on the Web. Try

www.heavens-above.com

or

http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/

We also have a chart of this information posted at the entry to the Planetarium for you to consult.

Last November, we addressed the question: how many planets are there in other solar systems? On Jan. 8 the Planetarium, in conjunction with the West Texas Astronomers, will host a guest speaker who will explore this very idea. He will discuss how and where we might find other planets and other solar systems in our galaxy. Charles Hemann is a Solar System Ambassador with NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab, bringing current space information to the public. All are invited to attend at 7:30 p.m. in the planetarium.

Besides looking forward to seeing you on the 8th, we invite you to come out for the public telescope viewing session after the Jan. 5th Friday 8 p.m. sky show. Once a month, members of the West Texas Astronomers set up their equipment to bring the splendors of the night sky to your attention. Of course, the weather conditions have to cooperate!

Two new sky shows will begin next weekend. On Friday, 8 p.m., come see "The Space Station" from the inside out! On Sunday, 3 p.m., go with us on a "Journey to Centaurus" to find evidence that long-distance space flight is no longer just a figment of science fiction, and reaching neighboring stars may be possible within our lifetime!

Until next time, keep looking up to and reaching for the stars!

✔ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Dec. 31-Jan. 6

Sunday, December 31

Exhibit

Gallery 1114, 1114 N. Big Spring St., is displaying works of former member artists through Jan. 21.

The exhibit includes painting, sculpture, photography and mixed-media. Artists whose work is included in the show are Mike Andrews, Paula Babb-Cox, Carol Bailey, Gary Bain, Mike Banschbach, Jane Becker, Travis Beckham, Brandon Borchert, Ramah Bosecker, Cristi Branum, Jean Cappadonna-Nichols, R.C. Ellis, Jam Foust-Hurt, Sam Hurt, Deborah Hamilton, John Harmon, Pat Harris, Boyd Harris, Karen Hembree, Jack Hickman, Olivia Hill, Ruth Hill-Ratcliff, Danny Holeva, Joyce Howell, Mary Lambeth, Michelle Mayberry, Sharon Navage, Susan Randle, Sharon Seay, Warren Taylor, Janet Whitman, Betsey Wiesenfeld, Lee Wiesenfeld, Susan Tomlinson and Tom Whiles.

Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appointment. For information call 685-9944.

Festival

SAN ANGELO — The historic Orient-Santa Fe Depot, 703 S. Chadbourne, is open for the 4th annual Santa's Santa Fe Christmas through today.

Regular hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children under 12. For more information call 915-949-5888.

Museum exhibits

EL PASO — El Paso Museum of Art has three exhibits on display. The "Members' Choice" exhibit is on display now through Jan. 28. This is an annual exhibit. Members vote to purchase one of the exhibited works for the Museum's permanent collection. On view this year are three photographs by Ansel Adams, Carlotta Corpron and Ann Stautberg.

"On the Edge: Contemporary Art from the Permanent Collection" is on display now through Jan. 14. This exhibit features more than 40 works of all media selected from the museum's permanent collection. Among the artists featured are James Drake, Luis Jimenez, Glenn Ligon, James Magee, Celia Alvarez Munoz, Jaune Quick-To-See-Smith, Robert Rauschenberg, Lorna Simpson, James Surls, Kara Walker and David Wojnarowicz.

"The North American Indian: Photographs by Edward S. Curtis" is on display now through Feb. 25. Edward Sheriff Curtis (1868-1952) spent his life documenting the vanishing traditions of Native Americans. He published a 20-volume set of books and portfolios containing hundreds of photographs. This exhibit includes a selection of vintage large-format photogravures, including many of his rarest, most celebrated images. For more information about these exhibits, call the museum at 915-532-1707.

Exhibit

FORT DAVIS — The Gallery, in the High Country Home & Garden Center on N. Highway 17, will be displaying watercolors by well known Native American artist, White Buffalo, also known as Bobby Hill.

The group of paintings is believed to be the largest collection of the deceased artist's work at this time. The exhibit will remain through today. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday (closed Tuesday) and 1-6 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 915-426-2600 or 915-426-2282.

Exhibition

LUBBOCK — The Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Ave. G, is presenting Crafts Etc. through Saturday. The annual exhibition of fine crafts features Y2Klay, contemporary ceramic work created in celebration of the new millennium, and Full Deck Quilts, a traveling exhibition of 54 fine art quilts representing a full deck of cards.

For more information call 806-767-2686.

Film special

ABILENE — Paramount Theatre of Abilene, 352 Cypress St., will showcase a special musical film featuring the music of Rodgers and Hart and starring Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak. The film will be featured at 8 p.m. tonight. All seats cost $5.

The theater will also feature "Harvey" Jan. 12-13, "Yellow Submarine," an animated classic featuring songs by the Beatles, Jan. 11, "Gypsy" Jan. 26-27, "El Cid" Feb. 2-3, "Ran" Feb. 8 and "Charade" Feb. 16-17. For more information about any of these films, call 915-676-9620.

Dance

TERLINGUA — Craig Carter and Spur of the Moment Band will play at the New Year's Eve dance in the Pavilion at Lajitas Resort from 8 p.m.-midnight tonight.

This has become a South Brewster County Tradition. Party favors and champagne will be provided. The cost is $20 per couple. For more information, call 915-424-3471 ext. 710.

Monday, January 1

Exploring Egypt

LUBBOCK — The Omnimax Theatre of the Lubbock Science Spectrum Museum, 2579 S. Loop 289, is featuring the "Mysteries of Egypt" during the month of January. Actors Omar Shariff and Kate Maberly explore the Egypt of 5,000 years ago through historical reenactments from pharaohs and pyramids to mummies and mythology.

The Omnimax Theatre will also feature "Gold Fever" during January. This takes viewers across the world from abandoned mines in the Klondike to the Gold Coast of Africa, and along the way weaves a story spun in pure gold. Discover what makes this metal so precious and witness the extremes that must be endured to obtain it.

For more information about the programs or for information about ticket prices, show times or hours of operation, call 806-745-2525.

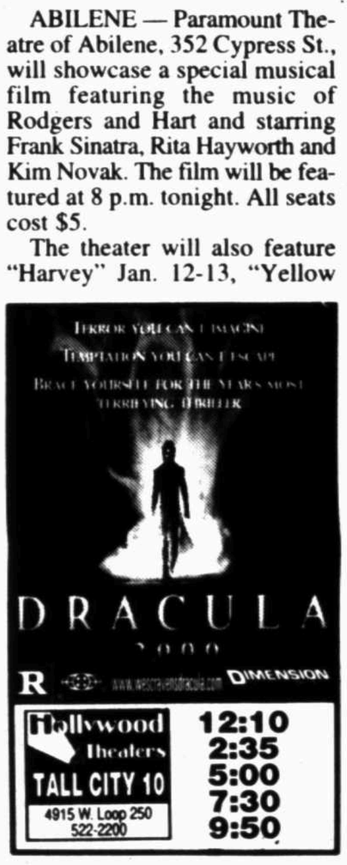
Cook-off

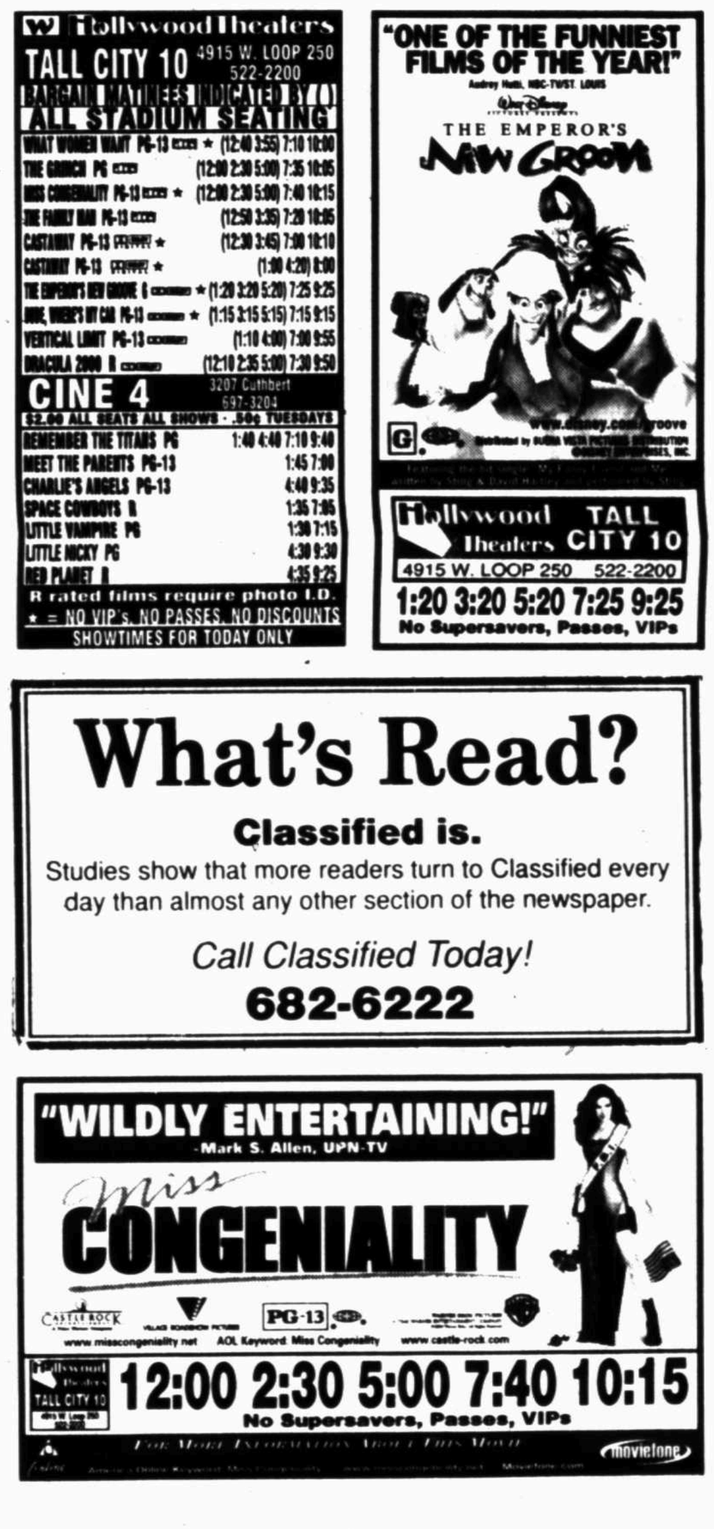
The ninth annual Black-eyed Pea-Off will be held at the Lajitas Trading Post Monday. This is a fund raiser for the Terlingua Voluntary Medics. Turn-in time for judged peas is 2 p.m. There is a $10 entry fee, and cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. Cornbread will be provided. Music will be provided by Texana Danes from 3 p.m. until dark. For more information, call 915-424-3471 ext. 710.

Tuesday, January 2

Youth clinic

LUBBOCK — The Lubbock Cotton Kings will be holding a public skating youth clinic Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Municipal Coliseum in Lubbock. The Coliseum is located at 1501 Sixth St. For the times of the events and for more information, call 806-755-2242, 806-770-2000 or 800-735-1288. Information can also be found at http://lmcc.ci.lubbock.tx.us/evt-dw.htm.





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SOCIAL HOST RESPONSIBILITY

Though an unfamiliar term a decade ago, today we recognize this phrase as encompassing everything from planning the party menu to assessing how guests will get home safely once the party is over.

You can be responsible party host and prevent your friends

PLANNING A PARTY

It's a host, you want your guests to have a good time. However, a few precautions can ensure that everyone will have a safe time.

- Invite guests who are compatible so that no one feels left out of the crowd. Family or co-workers
- Plan lots of group activities like party games.
- Prepare plenty of food so guests will not drink on empty stomachs.
- Avoid too many salty snacks which tend to make people thirsty and drink more.
- Offer a variety of non-alcoholic beverages for the designated driver
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- Discourage [illegible] Planning a party is not mandatory for having
- Be prepared [illegible] alcoholic punch is a non-carbonated bas [illegible] it with a carbonated bas
- [illegible] to appoint a designated driver before the even [illegible] gins. Th
- [illegible] that guests [illegible] have safe rides home.
- Be firm [illegible] serving guests who are known to drink to excess. Tell th
- [illegible] with the agreement to limit their [illegible] mode of [illegible] taken.

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