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Celebrating 100

At first, Laura Coston wasn't too keen on joining the party to celebrate her birthday 100 years ago. "Nobody is supposed to live a hundred years," she said. /1C



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Turning table

Erik Williams may sue woman who lied when she accused him of raping her while Cowboys teammate Michael Irvin held a gun to her head. /1B

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Snow bound

John Birdzell stands atop a 14-by-100-foot long snowdrift which has completely blocked Lasalle Drive in North Mandan, N.D., on Saturday. All that remains visible of the Lasalle Drive and Columbus Circle intersection is the street sign.

Autopsy photos

BOULDER, Colo. — A tabloid decided to publish autopsy and crime scene photos of JonBenet Ramsey after being assured by an outside expert that it wouldn't harm the investigation, the editor said Saturday. The Boulder County coroner has demanded an investigation into how the six photos about the slain 6-year-old were obtained by the Globe. The photographs show the garrote used to strangle the young beauty queen as well as a rope mark on one wrist.

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No winners

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 \$25 million. The numbers drawn Saturday from a field of 50 were: 3-15-25-26-33-47. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$35 million.

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MISD to present 'choice' plan

School Choice Plan to be main order of business at board meeting

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

Presentation of MISD's School Choice Plan is to be the main order of business at Tuesday's board meeting.

The plan is to be presented beginning 7:15 p.m., after the dinner break.

Under the new neighborhood school/open enrollment plan, parents can pick any school they want, but they better be sure about their choice. Once made, a choice will be binding for the entire school year. And if no other choice is requested, the student will stay in that school for the entire seven years of elementary school.

Midland Independent School District staff drew up a plan in accordance with the recent board vote to move to neighborhood schools. The plan also will have to be

approved by a federal judge. Under the proposal students would attend a neighborhood school or any school of their choice.

According to the proposal, "Open transfers will be granted until the permanent facility and all allowable portable buildings for a particular campus reach maximum capacity as defined by the City of Midland."

School board trustees are prepared to request waivers from the state to increase class sizes for popular schools in order to get more students on campus "to maximize parental choice."

"My concern with the proposal is that the plan could lead to larger class sizes at all schools," said parent Alicia Warren. "The reason is, if 900 kids are squeezed onto the Greathouse campus, then their classes will all be made larger to cram more kids in. Then where do you

get all of these teachers to come to Greathouse? You take them from other campuses, making those campuses have larger classes. That could be resolved by hiring more teachers, which doesn't seem efficient."

"Breaking up the cluster system also has my son worried," Ms. Warren said. "He has all his friends who he has been in school with for years in grade school who are now in his cluster. Once everybody picks different schools and scatters to the winds, how does he decide which school to go to? He wants to be with his friends. He doesn't care which school has the biggest building or the most books or a new gym. He wants to be with his buddies and there is no telling where that will be with the new system."

Some parents have said they will be happy to stay in

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New fire chief to take over position at busy time for department

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

In the last two weeks, Andrew Mehl retired as chief of the El Paso Fire Department, got married and braved a winter storm to move to Midland. Nevertheless, Midland's new fire chief said he's anxious to report to work Monday morning.

"I'm just really excited about being here. It's just a nice change," he said.



Brian Ademich/Reporter-Telegram

Andrew Mehl, 48, will assume duties Monday as chief of the Midland Fire Department.

ment comes at a busy time for the Fire Department.

He will be responsible for filling several key positions including an assistant chief to oversee ambulance services and a battalion chief. In addition, construction is nearing completion on a replacement fire substation in southeast Midland and preparations are being made to build another replacement substation in the northeast.

Another order of business, Mehl said, is to familiarize himself with the department, substations and firefighters.

If his experience is any indication, Mehl won't have any trouble taking over.

On Dec. 30, he retired from the El Paso Fire Department after 26 years, the last eight years as chief. "I came up through all the ranks there," he said.

Mehl entered the field as a firefighter after being persuaded to apply for the position by a neighbor, who was a firefighter.

"I needed a job and went there until something better came along," he said. "But it gets in your blood and I guess you can say nothing better came along."

Being a firefighter provides the excitement.

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Turning it around



At left, longtime Lion Ike Fitzgerald poses by the Norman Johnson mural that depicts achievements of the Downtown Lions Club. Above left is the Howard Hodge Theatre that opened in 1961 and closed in August 1982.

The Downtown Lions Club eyeglass and activities center, shown above right, is housed in the former Howard Hodge Theatre. Below, one of the Downtown Lions Club projects is refurbishing eyeglasses for use around the world.

Lions take time to make most of former theater

The old Howard Hodge Theatre contained state-of-the-art technology and was considered one of Texas' finest movie theaters when it opened in 1961.

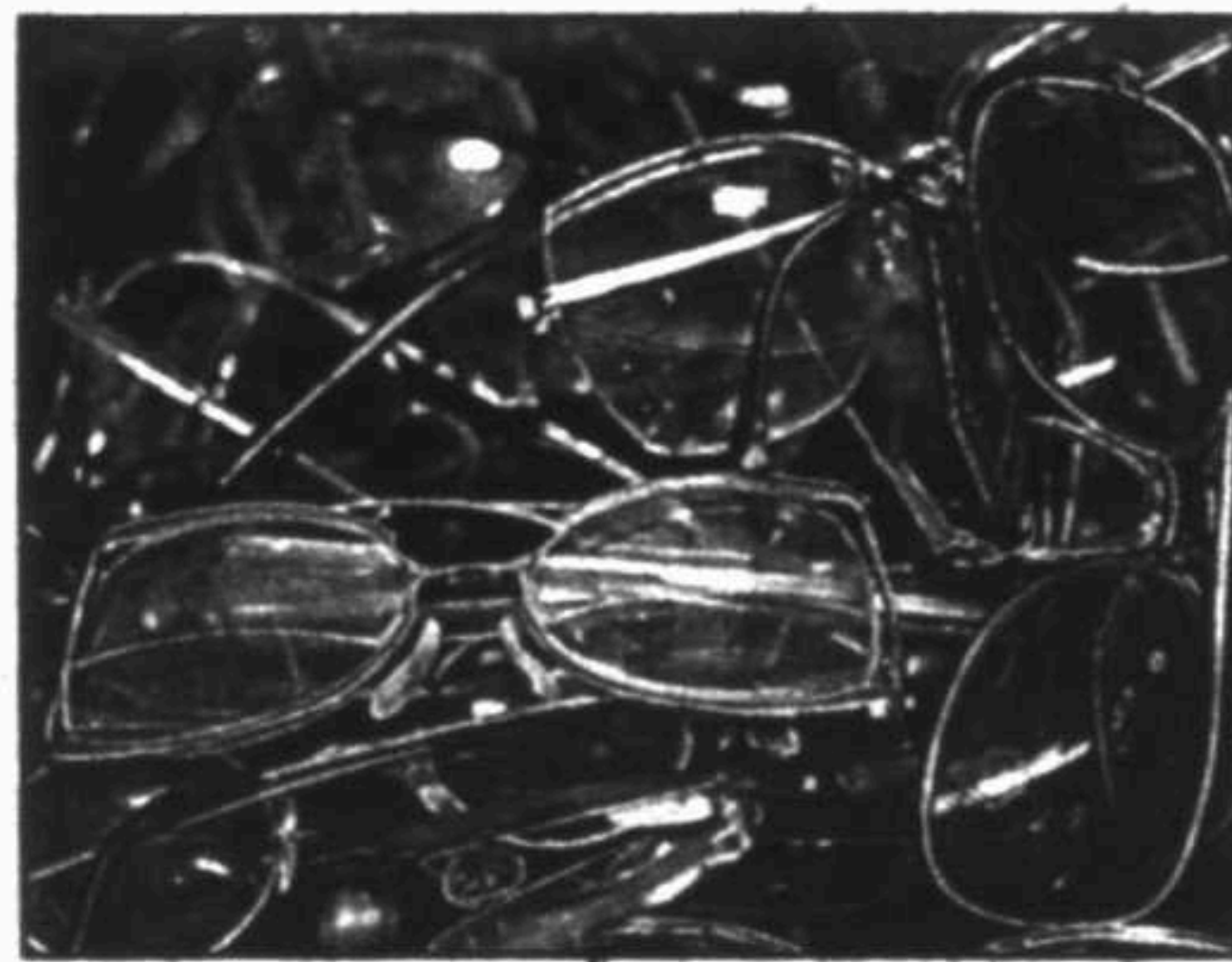
The theater thrived for 20 years. But then it became a victim of multiplexes, a decline in independent movie houses and the growing popularity of cable and video. The theater was closed in August 1982.

The building stood empty for 13 years, hidden by a new medical complex built in the theater's parking lot.

Then in 1995 the six doctors and one pharmacist who owned the theater decided it to the Downtown Lions Club, which will mark its 70th anniversary in April.

Since acquiring the theater, Lions Club members have donated expertise and spare time to renovate the building, now known as the Midland Downtown Lions Activities Center.

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Story by Mella McEwen
Photos by Curt Wilcott

'Making the Connection'

Part V: Oprah works through struggles with exercise, life

Editor's note: She hired a personal chef who wrote a book and walked away with \$6.5 million... she selects a personal book of the month and it automatically becomes an immediate best seller. Oprah Winfrey is perhaps in some ways the most influential show business personality of our time. In this last of a five-part series excerpted from "Make the Connection," co-written by Oprah Winfrey and her trainer Bob Greene, Oprah tells of her struggle to keep on the program.

By Bob Greene
and Oprah Winfrey

Bob: Daily renewal begins when you first wake up. You take a few moments to state what is important to you, what you wish to accomplish, and the steps you will take that day to work toward your goals. Starting out, you may

decide it's best to write down your renewal statement. Later you may say it out loud or just say it to yourself — whatever works for you.

Before I met Oprah, I often encouraged my clients to use a log or a journal. They stated their weight-loss goals and kept track of what they ate and when they exercised. It also helped me evaluate how they were doing. I was glad to hear that Oprah too had kept a journal for most of her adult life. This became a valuable tool in discovering how and why Oprah ate.

One of the most important aspects of a journal is accurately writing about your feelings. You can learn so much about yourself. It's a good idea to maintain your journal for at least three months. After that, a healthy lifestyle

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Oprah Winfrey on the set of her show.

Photo by Paul Nettlip

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U.N. trial official hits back at allegations

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP) — Fighting to keep his job, the chief administrator for the U.N. tribunal on the Rwandan genocide defended himself Saturday against charges of mismanagement and inefficiency.

Nearly three years after Rwanda's Hutu-led government orchestrated the slaughter of at least 500,000 people, mostly minority Tutsis, the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda has seven suspects in custody and indictments against 14 others. Its first trial began Thursday.

Tribunal registrar Adonizio Adele said the court's progress is evidence of its success, not failure. "We've started from scratch. Now we have a courtroom, detention facilities, seven people in custody and trials have begun," Adele said. "In less than a year, against all odds, this is what we've done and we're going to do more."

The U.N. Security Council established the tribunal in November 1994. After a year of logistical preparation, the court handed down its first indictments in December 1995.

Critical of the tribunal's slow pace, Rwanda's current Tutsi-led government has gone ahead with its own trials. A court sentenced two Hutu men to death on Jan. 3 in the country's first trials. More than 85,000 other suspects are in custody.

The United Nations completed a two-month investigation of the Tanzania-based tribunal last

month but has yet to release its findings.

The New York Times reported Thursday that the report cites allegations of hiring unqualified relatives and friends of tribunal staff, discrimination against non-Africans, unauthorized use of resources and delays in disbursing funds.

It said the report indicated that Western governments want to get rid of Adele, a Kenyan, and deputy prosecutor Honore Rako-tomanana of Madagascar. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, a Ghanaian who took office Jan. 2 promising to reform the international body, has said he is disturbed by the report.

Adele said he has no intention of resigning and that he has submitted written comments on the U.N. investigator's findings.

He refused to discuss details of the U.N. report, saying only that his name was mentioned and that issues addressed included general administration, personnel, and cooperation between the tribunal's administrative and prosecution branches.

Tribunal president Judge Laity Kama of Senegal refused to discuss most of the allegations, but reacted angrily to charges of bias against non-Africans.

"Competence is not the question of the color of skin," he said. "But if it was the case that there were some abuses, the person responsible would then have to be removed," he said.

Adele acknowledged there was a problem with inexperienced staff but said that qualified U.N. workers had refused to move to Arusha, in remote northern Tanzania, or to Kigali, the Rwandan capital where the prosecutor's office is located.

"Nobody wanted to come to Arusha, much less to Kigali," he said. "I had to deal with people willing to come — some of them out of curiosity, some working for the first time, some without proven experience or skills."

The United Nations also has been critical of the Rwandan government's efforts to try genocide suspects, as have Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International.

A report released Saturday by the U.N. Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda said defendants have no guaranteed access to attorneys — a violation of Rwandan and international law.

The two Rwandans sentenced to death on Jan. 3 were convicted after trials that lasted less than four hours. Neither man presented defense witnesses and one defendant told the court that he did not understand why he wasn't given the opportunity to confront prosecution witnesses, the report said.

Rwanda's genocide law does not guarantee the right to an attorney or require witnesses to testify in open court. It was drafted with the help of international legal experts who received funding from the Dutch, U.S. and German governments.

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S. Korea criticizes Japan's sex slave compensation

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Seven women forced to provide sex to Japanese soldiers in World War II received compensation from a private Japanese fund Saturday, officials said. They were the first South Korean former sex slaves to accept the money.

Seoul called in the Japanese ambassador to express its displeasure, saying the payments resulted from Tokyo's refusal to take its wartime crimes seriously by paying direct government compensation to the victims. Many South Korean former sex slaves have refused compensation from the private fund.

Five victims were given \$17,000 each and a letter of apology from

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto at a ceremony in Seoul, the South Korean Foreign Ministry said.

Members of the Asian Women's Fund went to the homes of two additional victims who could not attend the ceremony to deliver the letters and money, fund administration director Katsumi Taga said in Tokyo.

The first former sex slaves to accept money from the fund, set up by the Japanese government in 1995, were four Filipino women who received pledges for compensation in August.

Historians estimate that between 100,000 to 200,000 women from Korea, China, the Philip-

pines, Indonesia, Taiwan and the Netherlands, as well as Japan, were forced to become sex slaves for the Japanese army.

Tokyo faces demands from many victims for direct government compensation, but it maintains that the issue has already been settled by postwar treaties.

The activist group Korea Council for Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan has said that Japan's refusal to pay direct compensation means that Tokyo is denying responsibility.

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Associated Press

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A new life after five days of terror

EDITOR'S NOTE — Twenty-six days have passed since guerrillas seized the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima and, despite a series of hostage releases, 74 people remain prisoners inside. One man who made it back to his family offers a detailed account of his days as a hostage.

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — The explosion made Juan Iglesias jump. Smoke billowed near the 10-foot concrete garden wall to his left, turning the sushi on the banquet table black.

"Oh, God," he whispered. "Guerrillas."

Behind him, Morihsa Aoki, Japan's ambassador to Peru, chuckled. "Juan," said Aoki, host of the gala cocktail party, "don't you know a firecracker when you hear one?"

The pop-pop-pop of automatic weapons froze them. The firing came closer. A grenade exploded. "Everyone down! Everybody down!"

Row-tied waiters tossed trays of pisco sours. Diplomats dropped their champagne glasses. Women in silk kimonos dove under tables.

Iglesias crouched beside a wall. Beer jumped out of the glass clutched in his trembling hand as bullets pock-pock-pocked the wall above his head.

"If I'm going to die," he thought, "I only hope it's quick and painless."

For Iglesias, the cocktail party at the Japanese ambassador's residence was a de rigueur social event. At 36, he was a commercial director at Peru's largest textile factory, Fabritex, whose main export customer was Japan.

Still, he hadn't been eager to attend. For one thing, he would be going alone. His wife, Adriana, expecting their second child in March, felt too tired for a party. Iglesias had another child by his first wife, an American journalist. He was excited that the 5-year-old boy, who lived in St. Louis with his mother, would be coming to Lima for Christmas.

As he changed into his navy blue suit for the party, Iglesias felt exhausted from the day's work. "Maybe I'll go home early," he thought. "I'm really not in the mood for a party."

As gunfire rattled in the compound, Iglesias thought first of his children. Soon, young men in combat fatigues and camouflage paint bounded like panthers through the garden, their automatic weapons fire bursting above the compound wall.

One of them charged up to Iglesias and barked, "Don't raise your head unless you want it shot off!" There was no mistaking the rebel's white armband: Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, the smaller of two rebel insurgencies that had been opposing the democratically elected government for years.

The rebel pointed the rifle at the stars and let off a round. A stockier guerrilla stormed over and grabbed the rifle barrel.

"Lucas!" he snapped. "Quit wasting ammunition!"

The rebels began herding everyone inside the residence. Soon, more than 100 trembling party guests huddled in the dark living room. Iglesias heard toilets flushing down the hall: Diplomats and executives — honed by years of terrorist warfare — were flushing their IDs and credit cards to keep from being identified.

Iglesias counted his captors. There were 23, including four women. Each carried a rifle, a walkie talkie, a 9-mm automatic pistol, a gas mask and eight hand grenades. One had a rocket-propelled grenade launcher; several others carried knapsacks with plastic explosives.

Their nervous eyes and peach-fuzzed chins gave them the look of heavily armed high school students. How safe are we, Iglesias thought, in the hands of unpredictable teen-agers?

Suddenly, police tear-gas pellets began bursting in the garden patio. The rebels pulled on their gas masks. The hostages hacked and choked. Iglesias soaked his handkerchief in mineral water and pressed it to his mouth.

After the gas drifted off, the rebels herded their captives into the rear den and ordered them to the floor, mouths on the ground.

One guerrilla spotted a piano in the corner. Lowering his rifle, he ran a finger lightly over the ivory keys. Then he sat on the piano bench and began to play. To Iglesias, it sounded like the "Chicha" music popular with Peru's Indians.

The guerrilla played until a comrade barged in and shouted: "Listen up!" The comandante, he said, is going to let out women and old people. Hurriedly, men wrote messages to loved ones on napkins and gum wrappers and thrust them into the hands of the women.

Iglesias had scrawled the name "Adriana" on his business card and slipped it to a stranger. "Please call her," he pleaded. The woman's lips trembled as she nodded.

In the confusion, a marine officer managed to strip off his uniform, wrap a tablecloth around his hips, slip on a flowered shirt and march out with the women.

The guerrillas found a guest list and went among the captives, calling out names. Diplomats, important business executives, military officers and police were herded to



Juan Iglesias uses the phone in his office at a textile manufacturing company in Lima, Peru. Iglesias was one of the hostages, held for almost 5 days, of by the Tupac Amaru rebels in the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima.

the second floor. The rest stayed downstairs.

"You!" a guerrilla snapped at Iglesias. "What do you do?"

"I'm, uh, a textile technician."

"What's a technician?"

"An artisan."

"Oh, a worker. All right. You stay downstairs. Next!"

Early that morning, they were divided into groups of 55. Iglesias' group was put in the rear den, a 17-by-20-foot room. The rebels closed the curtains and pushed furniture against the windows.

Iglesias heard murmuring and turned to see men whispering into cellular phones to wives, girlfriends, lawyers, insurance agents.

Around 4 a.m., a space opened for him on the floor. He curled up and waited for sleep to come. During the night, TV and radio reporters telephoned the rebels inside the compound and learned their demands: safe passage to the Amazon jungle and the release of 300 imprisoned comrades. The government did not reply.

After 9 a.m., a stocky guerrilla walked in and identified himself as Nestor Cerpa Cartolini, or Comandante Huerta, the leader of this operation. "Forgive me," he told the hostages, "but I must ask everyone to lay on the floor, heads down. We are going to mine the house."

For more than two hours they heard banging, plaster breaking. Suddenly, an explosion rocked the house. Hostages panicked.

"Calm down!" screamed a guerrilla. "An accident! It's over!"

Someone had tripped an explosive on the floor above, but no one was hurt.

In the afternoon, the hostages turned on a television. A news bulletin flashed: Israel and the United States had sent a special Delta Force to Lima, and the president of Peru decided to order an attack.

The room hushed. Iglesias wondered: When will it start? Will anyone survive? Will they be able to identify my body?

Someone tapped him on the shoulder. "Better call your wife," a man said, handing him a cellular phone with a nearly depleted battery.

Iglesias dialed home. His maid answered.

"I'm so sorry, Senor Juan," she said in a small voice. "She went to her mother's."

"Tell her I'm alive." It sounded almost ridiculous. "Tell her not to worry."

Two hours passed. Hostages, dreading an attack, stared at the doors and windows. Shortly after 2 p.m. the front door opened a crack. It was the Red Cross with water, medicine, toilet paper, food tins.

Hostages began laughing hysterically. Relief workers looked at them as if they were crazy.

Iglesias' life had become a list of things he couldn't do. For three days now, he had gone without running water, sunlight, walking, toothpaste, a change of clothes, hot food, word from his family.

At least he wasn't alone. The walls that go up between people in the outside world had melted away as hostages shared childhood stories, family tales, feelings.

During the late afternoons, Comandante Huerta joined in the storytelling. The guerrilla plopped down on a sofa, leaned his AK-47 rifle against the wall and described how the Tupac Amaru had lobbed mortars at a U.S. ambassador's house and bombed KFC restaurants.

The hostages learned how to live with each other in their crowded room. Half slept on the floor until 2 a.m. The other half got the floor for the rest of the night. They slept on their sides, bunched together in five rows of 10. When anyone wanted to change sides, the whole row would have to switch.

They even snored in synch. Sometimes Iglesias awakened from the noise with a start, fearing a raid was under way.

For him, the worst time was just before dawn. He lay in the darkness and struggled to suppress the images of an attack on the compound: bombs exploding, gas clogging his lungs, his body trapped under a collapsed wall.

On Sunday, Dec. 22, Iglesias' fifth day in captivity, the rebels taped a sign to the front window: "Hostages are coming out." Comandante Huerta was preparing a list.

At 11:40 a.m., a rebel began calling off names in alphabetical order. Sweat dripped from Iglesias' chin. The rebel finished with "H." After what felt like an eternity, he read:

"Juan Iglesias."

Iglesias gasped. It was finally over. Wasn't it? Comandante Huerta ordered the people selected to go downstairs and await instructions. Iglesias headed for the stairway. His relief was complete: He was going home.

Then he looked into the faces of those he was leaving behind. They were gray, drawn, twisted by fear, desperation, envy.

The joy drained out of him.

It was 9:15 p.m. Iglesias had been standing with about 200 others in a crowded, pitch-black hall for more than three hours. Finally, the door opened. It was Red Cross workers, come to lead them to a waiting bus.

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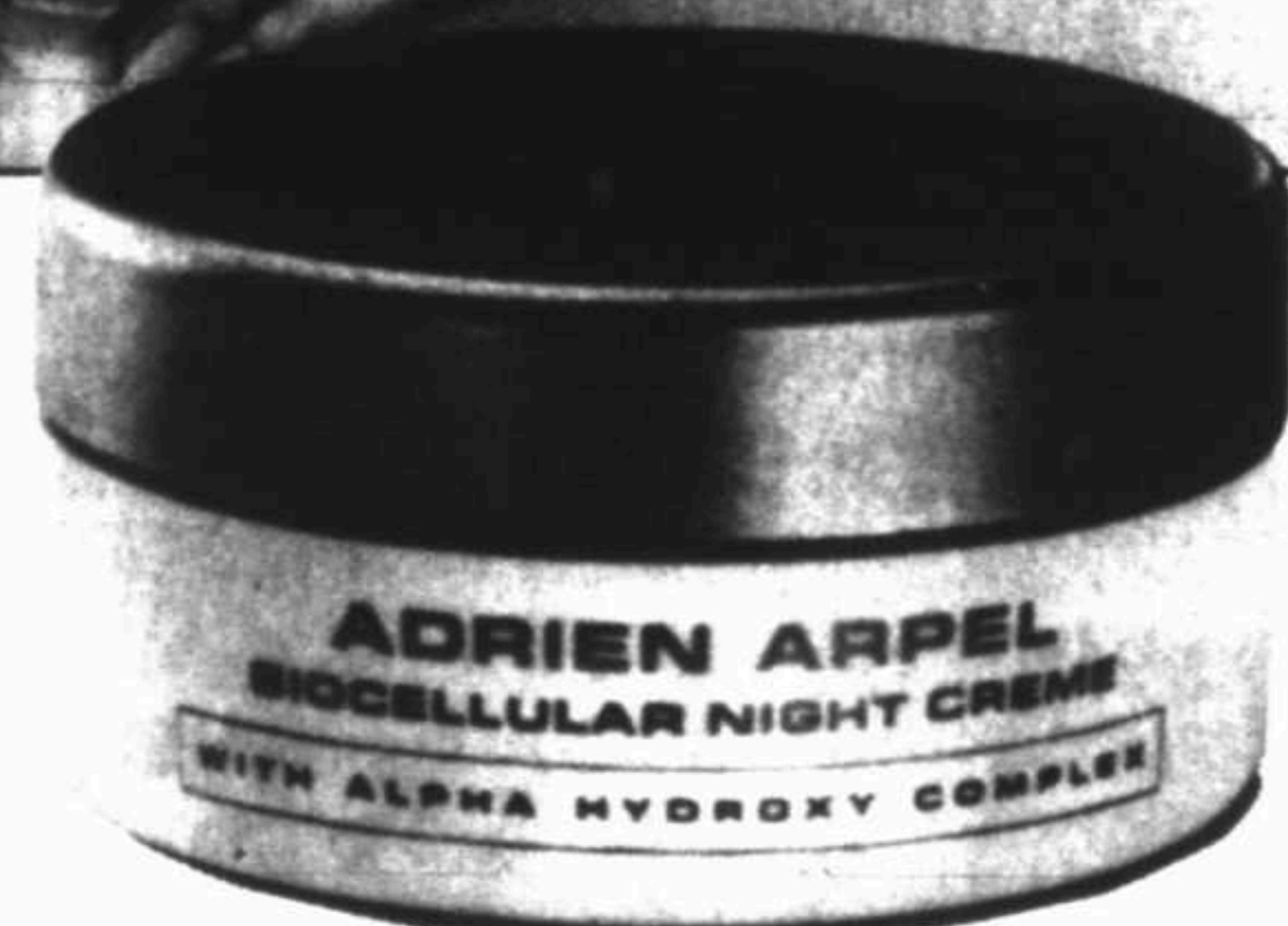


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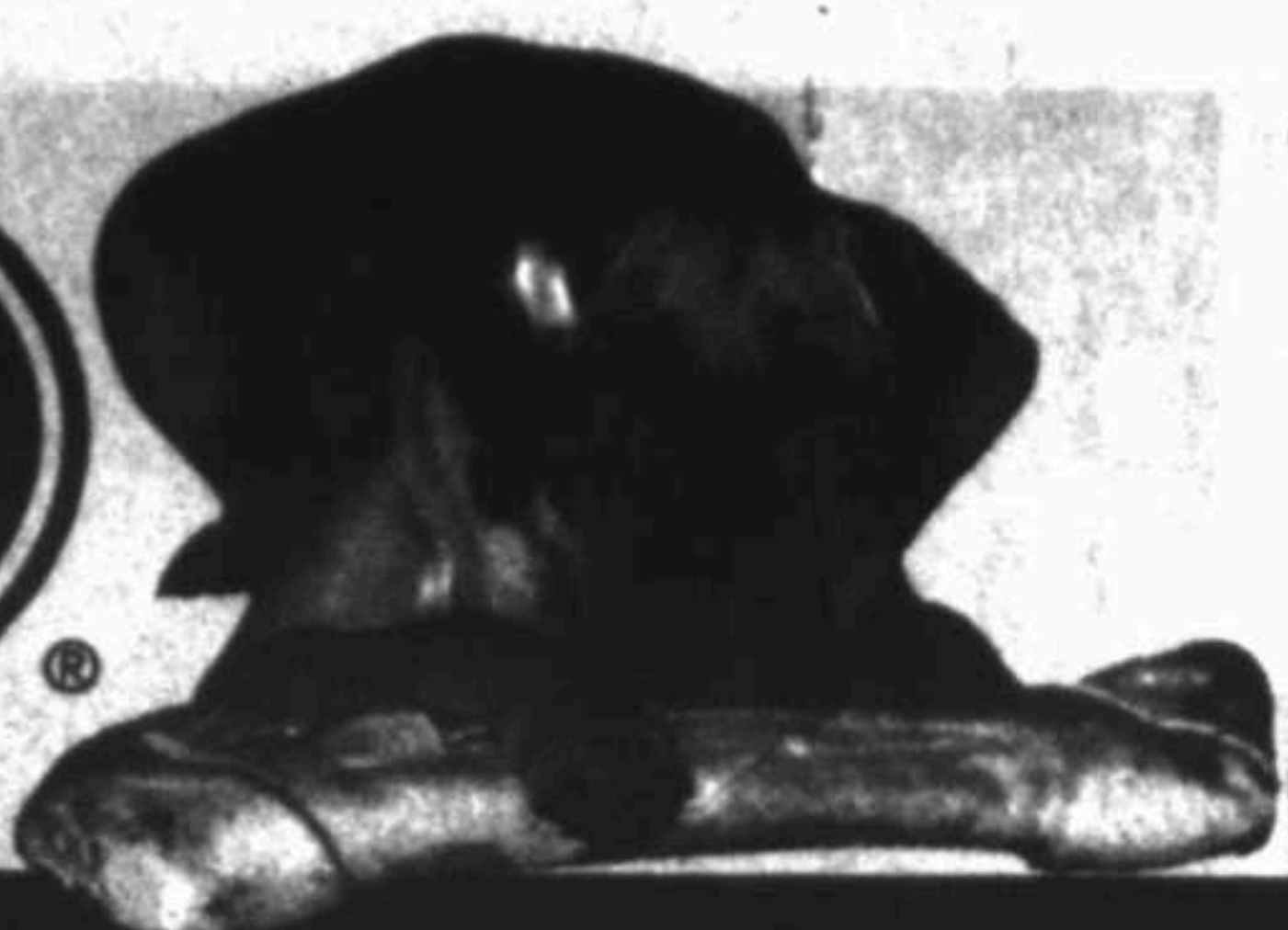


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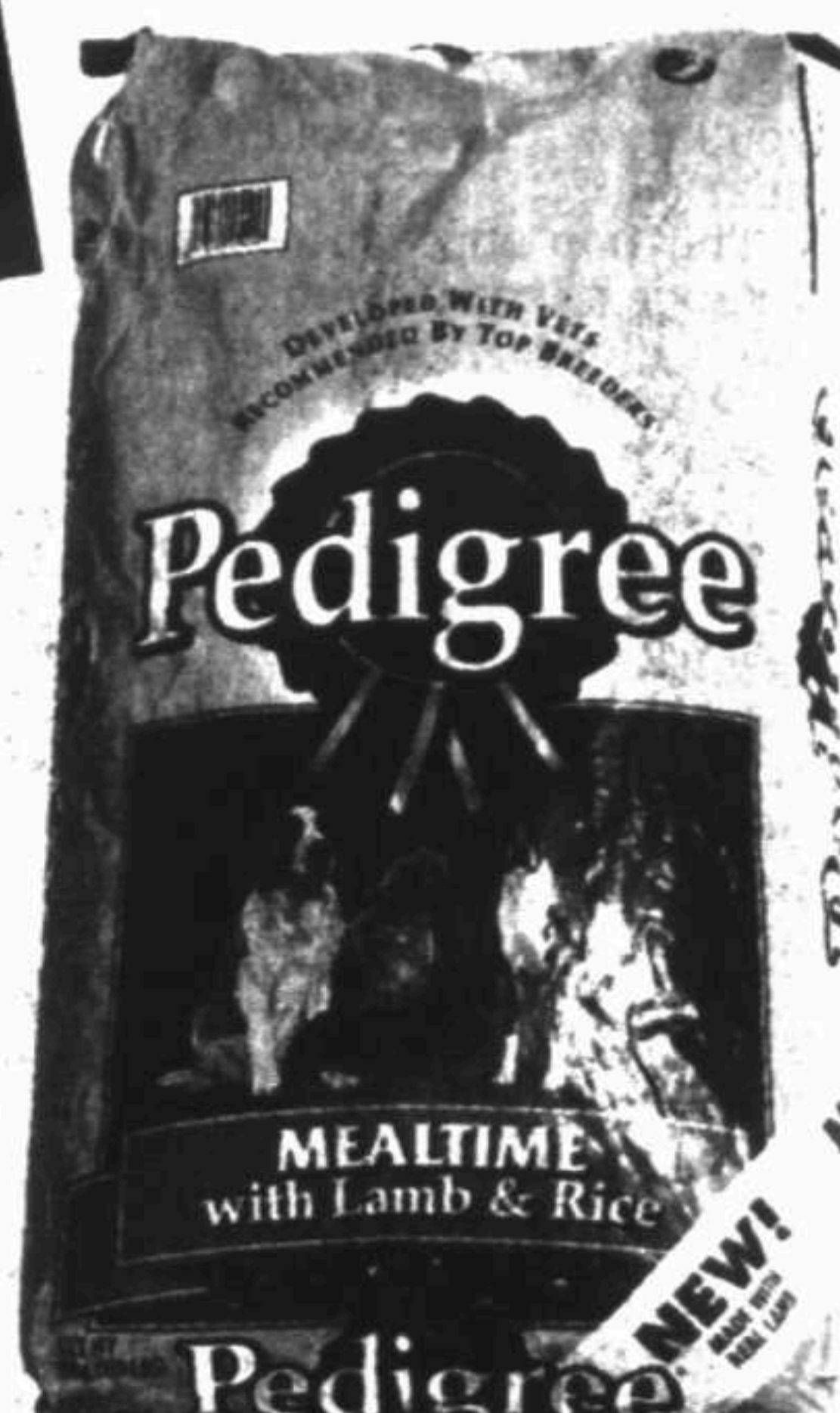
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Coming Monday

Midlander Stephanie Langford describes herself as a "people person." She divides her time between family, activities at First Baptist Church, teaching piano in her home, working at Dillard's, and volunteer efforts with the Midland Symphony Guild. Read more about her on the Monday Morning page.

It's that time of year...time when people resolve to change their lifestyle, be healthy, happy and thin. Jimmy Patterson makes his resolution as he is "tired of looking like the Tostitos blimp." Read about it on the Monday Morning page.

While not pulling over for a funeral procession is not against the law, it is a sign of disrespect. You should respectfully read Monday's front page to see why.

WEATHER WATCH

Today cloudy with few flurries

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies and continued cold with a few flurries and a high expected to be between 20 and 25. Winds will be from the north to northeast at 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy skies and continued cold with snow flurries and a low around 15.

Monday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and continued cold with a high around 30.

The high for Saturday was 33, compared with the record of 78, set in 1935.

Saturday's low was 20, compared to the record low of minus 8, set in 1962.

STATE

Snow revisited the Texas Panhandle and South Plains on Saturday as the rest of the state's northern half set itself for a possible share of the same.

Light to moderate snow fell as the Panhandle was under a winter storm warning Saturday and Sunday night.

Otherwise, skies were mostly cloudy with midafternoon temperatures in the teens and 20s over the Panhandle and much of West Texas. West of the Pecos River, skies were mostly sunny with temperatures in the 50s and light southerly winds. Midafternoon temperatures statewide ranged from 11 at Amarillo and Dalhart to 57 at El Paso.

Northerly winds around 10 mph kept North Texas midafternoon temperatures in the 20s and 30s under mostly cloudy skies.

In South Texas, temperatures just managed to reach 40 in most of the region, although some areas near the lower Rio Grande Valley warmed into the 50s. Northerly winds 10 to 15 mph prevailed, with some gusty winds along the coast.

The West Texas forecast called for mostly cloudy and cold weather today east of the mountains with a chance of light snow and flurries. Skies west of the mountains will be partly cloudy. Highs in the teens and 20, except for 30s and 40s in the Big Bend and near El Paso. Lows in the 20s and 30s, with some 40s near the Big Bend.

North Texas expected cloudy and cold weather today with a chance of light snow or sleet. Highs will be in the mid-20s to mid-30s. Lows in the 20s.

The outlook for South Texas called for cloudy with a chance of rain today, possibly mixed with freezing rain and sleet in northern parts of the region. Highs in the 30s and low 40s. Lows in the 30s, with mid-20s in the Hill Country.

NATION

Temperatures dropped to as much as 41 below zero Saturday on the northern Plains, and a "lake effect" storm piled up 24 inches of snow on the western tip of New York state.

Arctic air stretched from the western edge of the Plains to the eastern Great Lakes.

Havre, Mont., had the lowest reading in the Lower 48 states at 41 below zero, while Birney, Mont., hit 39 below. Billings, Mont., tied its record for the date at 21 below zero.

Gusty wind pushed wind chills down to the range of 50 below zero to 80 below across the Dakotas, Minnesota and Iowa.

And temperatures dropped below zero as far as the southeast as Paducah, Ky., with a low of 3 below zero, with readings near zero reported in Tennessee.

In western New York state, snow fed by moist air blowing in from Lake Erie dropped as much as 2 feet of snow in 24 hours in the Buffalo suburbs, with 21.4 inches at Buffalo's airport.

In north-central New York, wind blowing across Lake Ontario piled 18 inches of snow north of Watertown, N.Y., and 1 to 3 feet of snow was possible overnight south of the city on the remote Tug Hill Plateau.

A fast-moving storm also spread snow along the Appalachians and East Coast, with amounts ranging from 9.5 inches at Cohasset, Mass., down to an inch in Virginia.

Elsewhere, light to moderate snow fell from eastern Colorado into southwestern Oklahoma. Heavier snow was likely in the mountains of western Colorado and northeastern Utah.

Dense valley fog in parts of California cut visibility to an eighth of a mile in places during the morning.

Also see expanded weather coverage, map on page 6C.

Lotto Texas

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

3-15-25-26-33-47
Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$25 million

Pick 3 Texas

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

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NEW: MISD to present school plan

(From 1A)

the school in their neighborhood. Others have said they would like to check out the newer schools to see what they have to offer.

Under MISD's proposal, a Parent Information Office will provide videos and brochures about each campus. The office also will schedule school tours for parents. An annual exposition featuring all 23 elementary schools will be conducted by the office.

"Every attempt will be made to provide the necessary information for each parent to make a well-informed school choice," according to the proposal.

Parents can choose a school once a year during a 30-day enrollment period from mid-January through

mid-February. Once chosen, that is the school the student will attend the next school year.

Another scheduled item on Tuesday's agenda is the board's vote on calling a bond election for March 1. It will be addressed shortly after the meeting begins.

Also, reports will be given on the district's Scholastic Aptitude Test scores.

In closed session, trustees will discuss unitary status litigation and the superintendent's annual appraisal and contract extension.

The board meets beginning 4 p.m. in MISD's downtown administration building, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

START: New fire chief to begin Monday

(From 1A)

ment of being in a dangerous situation combating a strong enemy — fires — while helping people, Mehl said. And being chief provides the opportunity to have a direct impact on the community, its citizens and firefighters, he said.

In El Paso, Mehl oversaw a department of 700 employees compared to about 160 here.

For his outstanding work at the El Paso Fire Department, Mehl was bestowed the city's highest award, the Conquistador.

Mehl said he sought the position in Midland because he was looking for a change and a nice place to settle down.

"It's a quality of life change. I think Midland has so much more to offer," he said. Appealing aspects of Midland include the cleanliness, the friendliness of residents and the lower crime rate, he said.

Mehl moved to Midland with his new wife, Diana. When not working, Mehl said, he enjoys playing tennis, painting landscapes and working around the house.

Police arrest man on charges of DWI after he crashed into home

From Staff Reports

As a Midland woman looked out her kitchen window Saturday evening, she became "scared to death" as she saw a pickup come barreling toward her home.

Sonya Mikeska, 511 W. Cuthbert Ave., saw a driver loose control of his pickup and ram into her home, causing approximately \$5,000 in damages, police said.

"You never dream of something like this happening," Ms. Mikeska said.

After the accident, which

occurred around 6:30 p.m., she ran out to assist the driver, identified as Miguel Benavides, and his passenger and then called police.

Benavides had suffered head injuries after hitting the windshield, police said.

Before police arrived, the passenger had fled and Benavides had tried to back the pickup from the home, but the vehicle became lodged between the home and a tree.

Benavides was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.



This pickup driven by Miguel Benavides rammed into a Midland home Saturday evening.

FIVE: Oprah works through struggles with program

(From 1A)

should be second nature.

There are two concepts that go hand in hand with daily renewal:

1. Living in the moment.
2. Finding joy in your life.

I believe that without incorporating these two concepts into your day and your life, you may have a difficult time maintaining any results you achieve.

Exercise is one way to learn how to live in the moment. You become very aware of your breathing, of every muscle that is working. Just try thinking about the past or the future while you exercise! You can't help but become very aware of your breathing, of every muscle that is working.

When I first met Oprah, I never saw her experience joy. Once I asked her about it. "How often do you feel joy in your life?" She appeared caught off guard. I asked her when was the last time she had experienced a joyful moment. "Ah, I'm trying to remember," she said. "I think it was 1985, when I was doing 'The Color Purple.' I loved every moment of it." I dropped the subject, but her response made me sad. I could tell it made her sad too. Here it was 1993. She hadn't experienced real joy in almost eight years. Her day was filled with lists of things to do, and she was always focused on what she had to do next. At times her show was the exception. During that hour, she was occasionally able to live in the moment.

These joyful moments became more frequent. But her strongest joyful moment I ever witnessed came in October 1994. We had been running in pouring rain during the Marine

Corps Marathon in Washington. Oprah had run a perfect race. I looked up and saw the 25-mile marker. It was clear she would finish. I turned around, and I saw Oprah with tears in her eyes. I immediately thought of the time when I first met her. I remembered all the obstacles she had overcome — her difficult childhood, her food addiction, her busy, stressful life — to be there that day. I recalled all of the hard work, self-discipline, desire and commitment she had shown during the past two years that prepared her for this race. I thought of all the miles run on dusty Indiana back roads. I thought of all the 5 a.m. workouts. I thought of the long runs when she was exhausted but kept going anyway. And when I looked into her eyes brimming with tears, I knew she was reliving those memories too. I had never seen her so joyful.

Oprah: I remember a day, almost a year after I ran the Marine Corps Marathon. I was in the seventh lap, around a six-lap-per-mile indoor track. I had 23 laps to go to complete my 10-mile run for the day. I wondered why the run that day was so difficult. It wasn't even 6 a.m., yet, but I felt like I'd been exercising all day. Was it that my breathing was off, or the fact that I had two oak stumps faking as legs that prevented me from moving faster? "Every step is a struggle," I declared to Bob. "Why does it have to be so hard for me — it never gets any easier!" I added, I was ready to stop, put my fist through the wall and have a good scream. "I can't believe it's this hard for everyone. Struggle, struggle, struggle. It never ends!" By this time I was screaming.

"Why do you look at it as a struggle?" Bob answered calmly. "Why don't you change the way you think about the whole process? Think of it as renewing yourself each day. This is

what it feels like. And this is what it takes. It's going to be harder some days than others, but on any given day, your body gives you what it has. Just do the best you can. This is what you have to work with today. This is today's daily renewal."

At that moment, lights and bells went off for me. Ding! Ding! Ding! That was the jackpot, breakthrough, answer for me. He was right! I was doing the best I could, given what I had that day. I also realized that I had done the best I could over the past two and a half years and it had allowed me to accomplish what I never could before. I was happy with my efforts and myself. The effort that I put forth each day is what it takes for me to stay in shape and to feel good. The only question was, Was I willing on a daily basis to do what it took? For the first time in my life, knowing all that it takes, I can honestly say yes.

Each day I put forth the effort to take care of myself, work out, eat healthy food, deal with my feelings and not bury them in a giant bag of Doritos, confront people when necessary, tell people the truth and tell myself the truth. This has changed my life — I have been freed from my own personal prison.

I feel free. Free to live in the moment. Free to enjoy everyone I can. When pain, betrayal, judgment or adversity come — I live that too. I can face it straight up and know that it, too, shall pass — every moment does. I am more connected to myself.

No doubt some of you are where I was three years ago. You've tried everything, failed many times over, and you think nothing will work. You have to change your perception. It's not about weight, it's about caring for yourself on a daily basis. Renew! Renew! Renew!

USE: Lions hope to offer building to benevolent organizations

(From 1A)

"We were real fortunate that the electrical system and ceramic fixtures weren't mutilated," said Ike Fitzgerald, District 2-A1 governor for the Downtown Lions Club.

The building sports new paint and carpet and the bathrooms have new fixtures. Outside, a brightly colored mural designed by Midland artist Norman Johnson depicts various Lions Club activities. The sloping floor in what was the theater auditorium has been filled in and evened out.

The club holds its weekly luncheon meetings there and will hold its annual Pancake Jam-boree there on March 1. The jamboree, begun in 1941, is the club's largest fund-raiser.

The non-profit organization funnels all funds raised into its various charitable causes — scholarships, hearing aids, eyeglasses, wheelchairs, walkers and other medical equipment for the elderly, and sending crippled children to the Lions' camp in Kerrville. The group set out gumball

machines around town several years ago and has raised \$72,000. In addition, the club raised funds to build the Midland Fire Department's Fire Museum.

Club members are at work finishing the auditorium, according to Fitzgerald.

"We've got about another year on the auditorium," he said. "We work on it on weekends."

He said the club plans to install a portable stage and a senior citizens dance club is paying for a wooden dance floor that Lions Club members will install.

"Down the road, we will be offering use of the facility to other organizations," Fitzgerald said. "Our goal is to let other civic and benevolent organizations use the building on a cost basis."

A boxing club, led by club member Junior Rodriguez, has set up its equipment upstairs in the former projection room, which also hosts a Boy Scout troop. The boxing club recently held a competition in the auditorium.

As proud as Fitzgerald and his fellow Lions Club members are of the revived building and its possi-

bilities, they are mindful that the primary purpose of the building is the eyeglass recycling center.

Fitzgerald, who is international coordinator for the state of Texas, said the Midland center is one of five in the United States and one of eight worldwide. Donated glasses come in from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missouri and parts of Mississippi. Processed glasses are shipped to missions in Mexico, Central and South America, four countries in Africa, Russia and, in the near future, Jordan.

The first step is collecting eyeglasses, which are sent to one of the collection centers. Next they are examined to determine their prescription strength, cleaned, sterilized and packaged individually and then placed in a box of 50 with glasses of the same prescription. The Midland group has five satellite centers helping process eyeglasses; one group is in San Angelo and a second is a group of prisoners in Colorado City.

The final step is sending glass-

es to the various missions in the field. Fitzgerald said the only cost to the receiving group — medical, religious or charitable — is shipping.

The Midland center collects between 300,000 and 500,000 pairs a year and stocks 50,000 to 60,000 pairs at one time. Fitzgerald said, Last year the club shipped 98,000 pairs of glasses to various parts of the world.

In addition, all Lions Clubs in Midland jointly hold an eye clinic one Saturday each month for those who cannot afford eye-glasses.

"This building has been a real blessing," Fitzgerald said.

Owner of the former theater, the late Howard Hodge, had been an active member of the club and had served one year as president.

"He would be real pleased to see the club have this building," Fitzgerald said.

Police won't give up search for 9-year-old's killer

By Stefani Kopanek
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The motto appears on a computer screen-saver at police headquarters: "The Amber Hagerman Task Force: In search of the facts and one low-life killer."

One year after the 9-year-old Girl Scout was dragged, screaming, off her bicycle by a man who drove a black pickup truck, investigators have scoured thousands of leads but have been unable to find her killer.

"I didn't think that this case would go that far. I thought I'd have him by now," said Sgt. Mark Simpson, who heads the task force that includes eight full-time detectives and a secretary.

"I personally believe that if we can stay with it, we'll get him." Amber's parents still hold out hope that the murderer of their daughter — who fancied Barbie dolls, liked to sing "America the Beautiful" because it mentioned her name — will be caught.

"We're never going to give up on that," said Richard Hagerman. "That's something that the family is never going to give up on because that's what we need to bring final closure and justice for our daughter."

Detectives keep a large picture of the blue-eyed third-grader in plain view in their workroom, which also contains five bookcases of three-ring binders filled with tips and leads, a timeline of significant events in the investigation and various maps and charts.

The photograph, Simpson said,

keeps everybody focused on where we are and why we're here."

Amber was kidnapped on a sunny afternoon Jan. 13, 1996, less than 20 minutes after she arrived at her grandparents' house after spending time in the park with her mother.

She and her younger brother ventured down the street on their bicycles, with Amber riding to a parking lot between an abandoned grocery store and a laundromat. A man in the neighborhood witnessed the crime that captured the nation's attention and drew condolences from President Clinton.

Police responded quickly. Within two hours, they knew a stranger had abducted the girl.

Four days later, Amber's nude body was found floating face down in a rain-swollen creek, her throat cut. A man walking his dog outside an apartment complex about three miles north of the working-class neighborhood where Amber was last seen made the gruesome discovery.

The body was identified by way of a fingerprint card that her parents had filled out in the event of such a tragedy.

Authorities said they have pushed hard to solve the crime, following up leads of varying strength, searching data bases for recently released child-sex offenders and checking records on pickup trucks.

Detectives felt "very strongly" about five or six people, but those suspects were eliminated one by one with alibis, Simpson said.

A \$75,000 reward hasn't helped.

While police remain unsatisfied in their quest to capture the killer, they acknowledge some of the difficulties involved with investigating such a heinous act.

"One of the problems with this type of crime is this is not the type of offense that someone brags about," Simpson said. "You don't go down and talk to your buddies at the bar about how you kidnapped, raped and killed a child."

Amber's parents admit frustration and lingering doubts about the investigation, and Simpson said police understand they are an "easy target" for that.

"I'm frustrated he's not caught yet, but they don't have much to go on," said Donna Whitson, who still lives in the small two-bedroom apartment she once shared with her daughter.

A living room bookcase is filled with angels people have given in her daughter's memory. Picture after picture of the smiling, brown-haired girl line the walls and tables. A pair of tennis shoes sits by the front door as a reminder of Amber.

Her parents have harnessed some of their anger and kept themselves busy by fighting for tougher laws to protect children. Last year they attended a Rose Garden ceremony where President Clinton signed a measure establishing a national registry to keep track of convicted sex offenders.

This spring they hope to present Gov. George W. Bush with 100,000 signatures on petitions calling for stronger and stricter laws for such criminals.

"I was mad at the whole world

when my daughter was found dead, but now I'm not angry any more," said Ms. Whitson, who wears a button with Amber's picture on it as a sign to her child that the family is still seeking justice.

"I'm just angry at my daughter's killer. He'll be caught one day. If we the people don't, God'll take care of it. God'll see to it that he gets what's coming to him."

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Student unrest disrupts Burma's tourist trade

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Sightseers visiting one of Rangoon's gilded temples trained their cameras on something that wasn't in the guidebooks — tanks deployed to quell the most serious unrest in years.

Foreign visitors have become unwitting actors in Burma's political conflicts: Pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi wants them to stay away and deny legitimacy to the military regime.

The government, meanwhile, has launched a campaign inviting foreigners to spend hard currency and see just how much Burma, also known as Myanmar, has changed since thousands were gunned down in pro-democracy protests in 1988.

If numbers are a gauge, the campaign that was launched with much fanfare on Nov. 18 looks like a flop: The government has revised the target goal of 1996-97 visitors down from about 700,000 to 300,000.

Just two weeks later, university students staged a series of protests demanding an independent student union and more civil liberties.

Holiday-makers bound for Burma stared at airport television screens and fretted over news of

sitings and marches being broken up with water cannon and charging riot police.

Hotels reported cancellations and the State Department urged U.S. citizens to stay away unless they had a "compelling reason."

Just as things appeared to be calming, a bomb ripped through a pagoda Christmas Day, killing five people.

No foreigners were injured but "we saw the tanks, and that takes you back a bit," said New Zealand law student Tim It, 24, as he watched twilight flicker off the gold-leafed spire of Shwedagon Pagoda, Rangoon's holiest shrine.

The ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council quelled the demonstrations in a week. Campuses were shut, students from the provinces sent home and alleged agitators jailed.

Though winter is Burma's tourist high-season, tanks soon took position downtown outside the Sule Pagoda, the Shwedagon's smaller cousin.

The armored vehicles were still there at the turn of the year. Tourists strained to snap a frame including the tanks and bored soldiers with a nearby statue of a pig-tailed page boy — the Visit Myan-

mar Year mascot.

While few visitors found trouble, plainclothes intelligence officers kept a close watch on what they photographed.

Burma's leadership maintains a tight lid on dissent, and visitors aren't welcome everywhere. More than half the country — ethnic conflict and opium cultivation zones, for example — is closed to travel.

For Suu Kyi, whose supporters won elections in 1990 but were never allowed to take power, the tensions add urgency to her calls for foreigners to boycott Visit Myanmar Year.

"My reaction is to say to the tourists, 'I told you so,'" said the Nobel Peace Prize-winner, freed from six years of house arrest in 1995. However, the authorities allow her less freedom of movement in her country than any foreign visitor.

They also watch her supporters. On Saturday, about 50 activists hoping to hear Suu Kyi give her customary weekend speech waited near her home briefly but dispersed after they were outnumbered and surrounded by security forces.

Visit Myanmar Year reflects a larger dispute over whether the

world should accommodate the government and try to effect change via investment or impose economic sanctions to push the generals toward democracy.

Part of the goal from the regime that took over in 1988 is to show off progress as a result of a more open economy.

Foreigners who haven't seen Burma in recent years will be struck by the changes. Rangoon's international airport, which once resembled a grimy bus station, sparkles with a new arrivals hall.

Streets formerly barren of cars are now choked with traffic. Signs advertise goods from Singapore, Korea and Japan that Burmese were barely aware existed a few years ago.

Upcountry, the magnificent ruins of Pagan — hundreds of Buddhist temples scattered across an arid plain — swarms with tourist buses. Three years ago, sightseers went by horse cart.

For all the changes, no tourist can question that Burma remains a police state.

A huge sign at the airport — and the free government guidebook — exhorts Burmese to "crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy."

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Earthquake rocks Mexico City, cuts power

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A powerful earthquake shook Mexico City and the southern part of the nation on Saturday, swaying tall buildings and causing panic among some residents. There were no immediate reports of injuries or major damage.

The quake struck at 2:30 p.m. with a magnitude of 7.3 and rumbled for about 45 seconds, sending people along Reforma Avenue — the capital's main east-west thoroughfare — rushing out of buildings and movie houses or huddling on medians.

The National Autonomous University's Geophysical Observatory said in a news release a preliminary reading showed the quake was centered in the Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Michoacan state.

The Red Cross and other rescue organizations said

it had no reports of major damage or injuries in Jalisco, Michoacan, Guerrero states and the State of Mexico where the quake was felt.

A few areas on the north-side of Mexico City were left without electricity and telephone service was interrupted in a couple of neighborhoods on the west-side, according to the fire department.

It was the second quake to hit Mexico in 24 hours. A mild tremor shook southern Mexico at 9:35 p.m. Friday, but authorities said there were no reports of damage or injuries.

The Oaxaca state Civil Protection Agency said the quake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.5 and was centered in the Pacific Ocean a few mile offshore from the resort of Puerto Escondido.

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Poll finds Swiss majority against compensation to Holocaust Jews

GENEVA (AP) — Most Swiss support their government's reluctance to pay immediate compensation to Jews who lost assets in the Holocaust, according to a poll published Saturday.

Jewish groups and U.S. critics have accused Switzerland of sitting on up to \$7 billion of assets belonging to Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Banks have so far found \$27 million in 775 unclaimed accounts.

The World Jewish Congress and other groups recently suggested that Switzerland establish a compensation fund to help elderly Holocaust survivors while the search for assets goes on.

In the poll, 44 percent said there was no basis to Jewish demands for immediate compensation, while 30 percent said the compensation demands were justified and 26 percent were unsure.

The poll of 748 Swiss in the majority German- and French-speaking parts of Switzerland was conducted in recent days by the Lucerne-based LINK Institute for Blick. No margin of error was reported.

The poll said 45 percent agreed the government should stand by its economics minister and former president, Jean-Pascal Delamuraz, who in a New Year's Eve interview said a Jewish proposal for a \$250 million compensation fund amounted to blackmail and

extortion.

Another 29 percent said the Cabinet should distance itself from Delamuraz, as Jewish groups have demanded, while 27 percent had no opinion, according to the poll in Blick, a generally reliable tabloid daily.

The Tribune de Geneve newspaper published a full page of letters praising Delamuraz and responding to Jewish and U.S. critics, especially Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

"We suffered in silence the many attacks from Mr. D'Amato, which were much more virulent and offensive than those of our own minister," said a typical letter from Louis Graber, who felt D'Amato was seeking publicity.

Leading Jewish groups have threatened to boycott Swiss banks if the government refuses to disown Delamuraz. There is also growing confusion over where the \$250 million figure came from — the Swiss or the Jewish groups.

In recent days the Swiss government and banks have spoken out in favor of using the unclaimed funds to help needy Holocaust victims. But they want to await the results of an independent investigation into Switzerland's wartime role before deciding whether to use public money to pay compensation.

Sickness spreads through oil spill cleanup crews

MIKUNI, Japan (AP) — Fishermen, divers and workers struggling to clean up a huge oil spill on Japan's west coast faced new challenges on Saturday — nausea, rashes and headaches.

Cleanup crews armed with buckets and oil-dissolving chemicals have been at work since the oil first hit the shoreline on Tuesday. An estimated 962,000 gallons of fuel oil spilled from a Russian tanker that broke up in rough seas and sank in the Sea of Japan on Jan. 2.

Doctors began investigating Saturday after residents in the worst hit area at Mikuni, 200 miles west of Tokyo, complained of loss of appetite, headaches, rashes and sore throats.

Authorities suspect fumes and possible toxic chemicals from the oil are to blame.

Locals have been scooping up gobs of sludge from the fouled shoreline with little special protection, treading through the ankle-deep residue as the thick, sickening odor from the spill wafted inland. People exposed for only a few hours have complained of headaches.

Chikatsugu Higuchi, a Fukui prefecture medical official, said emergency medical posts had been set up along the beach to care for sickened workers.

"Doctors and ambulances are standing by," he said. No one has been hospitalized so far.

The Asahi Shimbun newspaper reported Saturday that at least 13 people were suffering from the various ailments, adding that

workers faced additional risk from chemicals sprayed to absorb the oil from the sea.

Residents assisting in the effort were being urged to wear protective masks and goggles to minimize the toxic effects of the oil and the fumes, the newspaper said.

The spill has broken up into 50 separate slicks scattered along a 125-mile stretch of Japan's scenic western coast, spoiling fishing grounds, tourist attractions and threatening wildlife.

The area is home to both coastal and deep-sea fishing, as well as women known as "ama" who dive off the shore to collect edible seaweed and shellfish.

Oil continued leaking from the still-submerged wrecked ship. A coast guard plane spotted a new slick more than 26 miles long east of the wreck Friday night, Kyodo News reported.

The bow of the ship, which split from the bulk of the vessel when it sank, was washed aground off

Mikuni. A 440-yard boom was set up to prevent more oil from spreading into the surf.

Russia said Saturday it was sending two vessels to Japan to help col-

lect the oil and pledged \$270,000 to help cover costs of the cleanup. The government previously insisted that the ship's insurance company was responsible for paying for the effort.

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Tabloid defends decision to publish child's autopsy photographs

■ JonBenet Ramsey's parents react by calling the Globe editors "jackals, not journalists" after the weekly said it would print crime scene photos on Monday.

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — A tabloid decided to publish autopsy and crime scene photos of JonBenet Ramsey after being assured by an outside expert that it wouldn't harm the investigation, the editor said Saturday.

The Boulder County coroner has demanded an investigation into how the six photos about the slain 6-year-old were obtained by the Globe.

The photographs, to appear on the front page of the edition hitting newsstands Monday, show the garrote used to strangle the young beauty queen as well as a rope mark on one wrist.

Tony Frost, editor of the Boca Raton, Fla.-based Globe, said the 1.3-million circulation weekly showed the photos to a top Pennsylvania coroner, who assured him that publishing the photos wouldn't harm the murder case.

It has been widely reported that JonBenet was strangled with a garrote and that her wrists were bound, and pictures of that are the essence of the case, Frost told The Associated Press.

"The photo does not actually show the body," he said. "I think we handled it very professionally and very sensitively."

"I am the father of three children. I have a daughter only two years older than this little girl. So we're not tabloid journalists who have three heads and no heart."

However, Boulder County Coroner John Meyer said the unauthorized release of the photos could jeopardize prosecution of JonBenet's killer or killers, and is a violation of the standards and procedures of his office.

Once the pictures become public, facts known only by the killer and police might become public "and anybody can pick up on them," Meyer said.

The Ramsey family called Globe editors "jackals, not journalists" and urged other media to not publish or televise the photos. The family, in a statement, said their attorneys will "pursue all available avenues of legal recourse."

Spokesmen for two supermarket chains in the Denver area, Safeway and King Soopers, said they will not sell the new issue of the Globe.

The girl's body was found Dec. 26 after her mother called 911 to report she had found a ransom note on a stairway and that her daughter was missing. Her father found the body in a basement room about eight hours later.

Since then, official silence has given birth to rumors and anxiety among people worried about their own children.

Radio station phone lines have been

jammed with people who want to talk about the crime, said talk show host Peter Boyles of KHOW in Denver.

"We're like the electric barroom," he said. "The more police don't talk, the more we will."

Among the reports police refuse to confirm are that JonBenet was sexually assaulted and her skull was fractured, that she was killed in her bedroom, and that her father, John Ramsey, was threatened in the ransom note because of his business associations.

John Ramsey, 53, is founder and president of Access Graphics, a billion-dollar computer company.

Family spokesman Patrick Korten defended the police silence, saying authorities need time to solve the case without distractions. "The most important thing is to make sure this investigation proceeds," he said.

Police Chief Tom Koby has asked journalists to "back off" and defended the lack

of details from investigators. "It's simply a desire to have their curiosity satisfied, and it has no purpose," he said.

Media attorney Tom Kelley, who led an unsuccessful attempt to get documents including a search warrant unsealed in the case, disagreed.

"I don't think it's morbid curiosity at all," Kelley said. "People want to know so they understand what is happening in their community involving a serious crime."

He granted that there's a need for some limits on what police say during an investigation, "but that need has been far exceeded."

"When a case like this occurs, there is not only a grieving process for the family, but a community catharsis as well," Kelley said. "I think the absence of information on what is happening is preventing that catharsis. I think that's unhealthy."

Sinatra to remain in medical center

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Frank Sinatra remained hospitalized Saturday, two days after he was rushed there following a heart attack.

"There's no change. He's still here, and that's all I know," said Charlie Lahaie, a spokeswoman for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

After paramedics took Sinatra to the hospital on Thursday, Dr. Rex Kennamer announced that the singer apparently had "an uncomplicated heart attack" and the outlook for recovery was good.

Sinatra spokeswoman Susan Reynolds said the singer continued to receive treatment in a private room, rather than in the intensive care unit. She declined to speculate when Sinatra would be released.

"Like any patient in any hospital in the world, he's looking forward to going home," Reynolds said, adding that Sinatra's wife, Barbara, and other family members were visiting.

Generally an uncomplicated heart attack is one that does not result in significant heart failure or pumping dysfunction, said Dr. Antoine Hage, a cardiologist at the University of California, Los Angeles.



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Cancer outlook much improved

Exciting things are happening nationally, throughout the state of Texas, and locally in the area of cancer research and treatment. Since cancer is a disease that in some form will brush virtually every family in the United States during our lifetime, this is a significant development.

In addition to the other important findings about cancer in recent months, consider the following:

A recent study in the journal *Science* appears to show that a diet loaded with fruits and vegetables really is a good defense against cancer. In fact, John Pezzuto, leader of the research group at the University of Illinois at Chicago that performed the study, said his team found a substance called resveratrol in wine and grapes that, in laboratory studies, is able to keep cells from turning cancerous and to inhibit the spread of malignancies.

Pezzuto said that when it was added to human leukemia cells, resveratrol stopped the production of abnormal cells and, in effect, turned a culture of cancer cells into a culture of normal cells. That is an astounding finding!

Cancer research being conducted throughout Texas, primarily by Texas Oncology

— the largest oncology, or cancer, group practicing in the United States, increased tremendously during the past several years, but particularly during 1996. As a result of the growth, pharmaceutical companies are beginning to come to Texas Oncology for their clinical trials. That means more cancer research is being conducted in Texas, which can lead to better treatments for some cancer patients.

Allison Cancer Center in Midland is now able to offer the latest in cancer treatments, including some that still are moving through the bureaucratic approval pipeline, according to Betty Primeaux, a medical technician at Allison.

That is indeed a tremendous benefit because it means that West Texans do not need to travel to other well-known teaching hospitals such as M.D. Anderson in Houston or Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas to receive the latest medical treatments for cancer. They can receive the best and latest treatments here among family and friends.

While cancer remains a major health threat, all these developments in recent months bode well for those who face a bout with this deadly disease.

JACK ANDERSON

Americans will have to dig deep for terrorism

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress say this is the year they will finally balance the federal budget. But there is still one word that always gets lawmakers to break out the federal checkbook: terrorism.

The federal government is in the process of spending unprecedented amounts of money to safeguard American airline passengers from the threat of terrorism. Just last month, the Federal Aviation Administration announced that it had inked a \$52.2 million contract with InVision Technologies, a California company that makes high-tech luggage scanning machines.

Fighting terror in the sky is no doubt a worthy task. But is it fair to ask taxpayers — many of whom fly only occasionally — to continue paying ransom prices for protection they may not really need? And what exactly are we preventing? In the last two decades, the total number of lives lost to confirmed airline terrorism on domestic soil is exactly zero.

In the entire 12-year span from 1978 to 1990, the federal government spent \$78 million on anti-terrorism technology. But in the last six years, that total has been tripled, including a record \$39 million last fiscal year. And a whopping \$52 million has already been authorized this year. If Congress and the FAA have their way, those numbers will soon seem puny by comparison.

The FAA wants to spend \$6 billion on anti-terrorism technology over the next decade. During that same time span, if current numbers hold, taxpayers will spend about \$12 billion fighting cancer — a disease that claims more than half a million lives in the United States each year.

In fact, according to the FAA's own figures, just one commercial airplane-related death — worldwide — has been attributed to a terrorist

planted explosive during the 1990s. Even the explosion of TWA Flight 800, which many people assumed was the work of terrorists, now appears to have been caused by mechanical failure.

Yet the FAA continues to step up its anti-terrorism efforts with abandon. This safety frenzy is widely assumed to be in response to the Flight 800 tragedy this past summer. But FAA officials claim the timing is merely coincidental.

"We've had a timeline (for years)," an FAA spokesman told our associate Aaron Karp. "It was never said that any of this was being done because of 800. The media has created that perception."

FAA officials add that new luggage-scanning technology has been in development for years, and that it's only coincidence that the machines are being deployed now. It is the first anti-terrorism technology to meet the FAA's stringent

certification requirements. According to the terms of the \$52 million contract with InVision, the new machines will be installed at more than 50 airports across the country by the end of the year.

These state-of-the-art machines borrow CAT scan technology, widely used in hospitals, to provide three-dimensional views of luggage contents. All "suspicious" objects are pictured in red.

But such equipment may just be a starting point. Experts add that other new security measures will soon show up at airports across the country.

An extensive computer network will be employed in most major airports to "profile" passengers and determine which ones should be examined more closely.

Jack Anderson's and Jan Moller's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



Anderson



RUSSELL BAKER

It takes time, thought to choose column ideas

Following are 10 subjects this column might have been about and the reasons it is not:

1. Professional football playoffs? Nah. Pete Rozelle, who invented this form of entertainment, just died and took professional football with him. How else explain why two teams called Jaguars and Panthers are playing for the championship? Only the most hardened sports addicts still care. Forget it.

2. Newt Gingrich? Should he be speaker of the House again?

Only the most hardened Washingtonians still care. All others either get depressed the instant the subject arises or turn the page. Suppose a page-turner blunders into the sports page and expires in the football bog. Wouldn't you feel terrible?

3. What I did on my winter vacation?

Boy, are you out of touch with the modern world! You're going to write a "fun" piece pretending you played sappy old Dad by knocking over the Christmas tree and getting locked out of the house wearing your Santa Claus suit? Going to chuckle about stumbling over 40 pounds of fertilizer in the garden shed and wiping out the lawn mower? Wake up. You're writing for a nation of 250 million people, all of whom, except for 37 decayed relics, have never had any fun, don't want any fun, and are determined never to have any fun. These people

are serious, man. Serious, serious, serious. Besides, sappy-old-Dad columns weren't all that much fun even in the days when people still liked fun.

4. Moral squalor in the White House? Oh, no! Not again. Only the most hardened Republicans will stick it out while you take another lap around this track.

5. Ten best movies, plays, books, recordings, TV shows, televised court trials, operas, tone poems, telephone commercials and computer manuals of the year?

Would have to lie. Truth is: Haven't seen 10 movies, 10 plays or 10 operas all year.

6. O.J. Simpson? I can't believe I even thought that.

7. How about ebionics? Maybe link the ebionics story to the latest release of Nixon White House tapes. Should schools start teaching Nixonics?

Only if you want to be clubbed silly by outraged mail from three fronts: (a) Making light of the ebionics uproar will bring charges that you are racist. (b) Making light of Nixon will bring charges that you are an elitist, liberal Nixon-hater. (c) Printing Nixonian language will bring charges that you are corrupting children by writing such stuff in a family newspaper.

8. The weather has been unusually warm in the East and pretty nasty out West. How about a weather column?

No way. Going on for 750 words about the weather would betray the spirit of John L. Carr, a reporter for The Baltimore Sun who, in 1948, being told for perhaps the 5,000th time in his career there to write a weather story, turned in the most elegant weather story ever not printed. Carr's story said, in its entirety,

"Every day we have some weather, and yesterday was no exception."

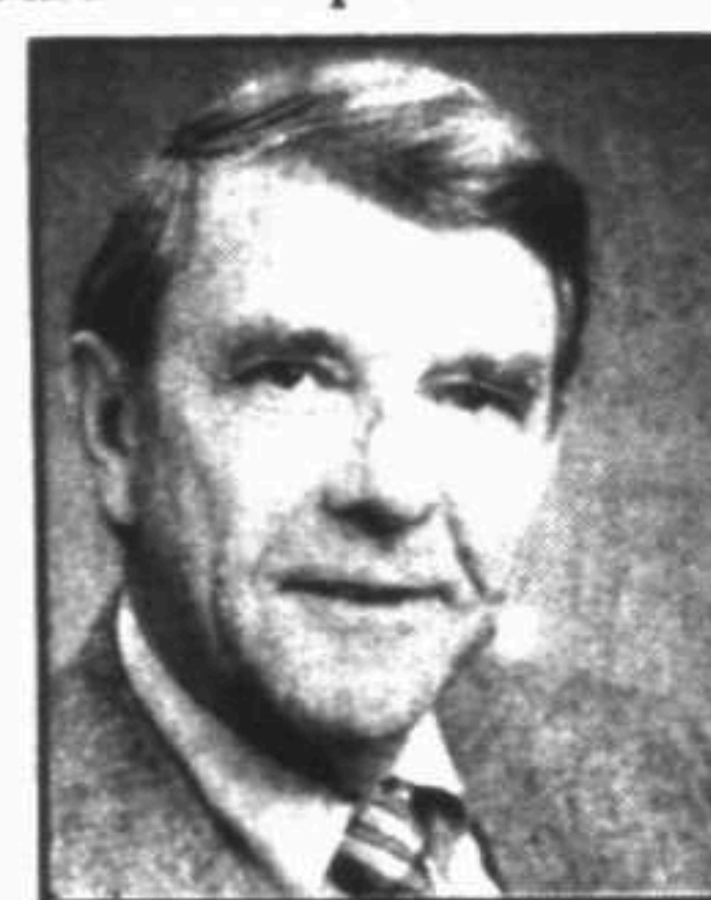
9. Why not a nice "What-ever-happened-to" column asking things like, "What ever happened to insufferable kids saying 'Never trust anybody over 30'?" Or "What ever happened to the Excedrin headache?" Or "What ever happened to the man in the gray flannel suit?" Or "What ever happened to saying, 'Just the facts, ma'am,' the way Joe Friday always said it?"

You're forgetting how short historical memory is nowadays. You're writing for people to whom General MacArthur might be a guy who fought against Alexander the Great at the Alamo. Joe Friday is as remote from their lives as St. Genesius of Arles. Start reminiscing about the Excedrin headache and they'll write you off as a foggy. Sure, worse fate could come your way. Death, for instance.

10. Why not something about the phony diversity of President Clinton's Cabinet? So it includes a woman, a black, a Hispanic, a Republican and so on, and so what? They are all big winners, top-of-the-heap people in the game of life. If Clinton really wanted a diverse cabinet, shouldn't he include a welfare mother, somebody living in a homeless shelter, a high school dropout and at least one of the 40 million Americans who don't have health insurance?

Forget it. Makes you sound like a crank with no respect for phoniness. In Showbizland what else is there?

Russell Baker's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.



Baker

GEORGE F. WILL

Some say Supermax prisons unconstitutional

JESSUP, Md. — The winter wind seems as lacerating as the razor wire through which it whistles. Upward of 100 miles of such wire, atop the several high fences and in coils between those fences, discourage inmates from trying to leave the maximum security prison here.

But some of the prisoners are more easily confined than controlled in confinement, and a few must be controlled by the threat, or fact, of confinement elsewhere, in what is called supermax. That is an even more strict regime prison that fills a block in downtown Baltimore.

Maryland's Division of Correction, and the men and women who do the dangerous daily work in the cellblocks here, say supermax is "the pressure release valve on a pressure cooker" and is indispensable. President Clinton's Justice Department says it, and others like it around the country (John Gotti is in a federal supermax in Marion, Ill.), may be unconstitutional. But, then, the Justice Department's lawyers may never have been exposed to a "corrections cocktail."

In the last decade Maryland added more than 1,000 prison beds a year. It now has more than 22,000. None of the 1,800 men here should be on the streets now. (The recidivism rate for persons released from this prison is almost 45 percent; recidivists are back inside within three years.) About 1,300 of the 1,800 will not be out for a long time — if ever. They are lifers, 98 percent of them murderers. They would be hard

to control even if the culture and politics were not making matters worse.

Corrections officers and older inmates are similarly appalled at the increasing viciousness of younger convicts. And a political development has complicated the task of controlling the lifers among them.

Until recently, life-with-parole sentences meant an average time served of 22 years, if the inmate were paroled at all, which gave at least some prisoners a faint horizon of hope which, though distant, exerted a benign controlling influence. However, in 1994 the current governor, Parris Glendening, came here to pledge that no lifer would be paroled while he was governor, unless the lifer were elderly, or terminally ill.

Some national corrections professionals — hardly a sentimental lot — tersely describe this pledge, which is apt to become standard for Maryland's gubernatorial candidates, as "troubling." One official says, "It shut off the light at the end of the tunnel." So now institutional behavior has less meaning for the futures of 1,300 demonstrably dangerous lifers.

Now, says one prison administrator, the younger, most frightening prisoners (there currently are two 15-year-olds in the system), particularly the lifers, come inside convinced that "all they can do is get a reputation," the coin that purchases prestige and safety (in prison argot, preventing someone from "making me a girl"). The quickest way to get that coin is to hurt someone — usually another prisoner, sometimes a correctional officer.

Then there is the explosive force of boredom. Aside from making license plates, there are too few jobs for the mostly young males whose failures of self-restraint got them here. In the cellblock reserved for the most recalcitrant, the officers offer to walk a visitor down the cell-

lined hallway, but warn him about "corrections cocktails" — mixtures of feces and urine sometimes thrown at officers for the sheer sport of it.

For the few untamable prisoners, there is supermax. There prisoners are in their cells 23 hours a day, without radios or televisions until those amenities have been earned by good behavior. Prisoners eat in their cells, the food coming through slots in solid metal doors. When they come out for showers or exercise, they back up to their cell doors, are shackled and accompanied by two officers. No prisoner even sees another prisoner. The average stay is 16-18 months. The only prisoners permanently there have killed while in prison, or are under sentence of death. Before California built a supermax, one in 1,200 prisoners was murdered. Now the rate is one in 12,000.

The Justice Department's apparent theory is that, even absent evidence of physical abuse, Maryland's supermax, and presumably similar institutions in 29 other states, are inherently unconstitutional ("cruel and unusual punishment"). A 13-page Justice Department letter to Glendening lists various violations of constitutional rights, including insufficient exercise equipment and food insufficiently hot.

However, the crux of the case against supermaxes is that they do not produce rehabilitation, which supposedly is a prisoner's "right." To which the answer is: The primary function of prisons is safety — that of society outside, but also of prisoners and the prison staff. Besides, a precondition of rehabilitation is conformity to the regime of incarceration, which supermaxes teach to the teachable.

George F. Will's column is distributed by Washington Post Writers' Group.



Will

ANOTHER VIEW

Analysis reveals who testifies to Congress

There's a good reason attempts by Congress to cut the federal budget the past two years have drawn shrieks and howls: More than half the witnesses testifying before House and Senate committees receive federal funds themselves.

An eye-opening analysis by the Heritage Foundation found that in 1995, 35 percent of those giving congressional testimony were federal employees. Of the rest a third received government grants. These groups form the vanguard of the big-government lobby.

Everyone is entitled to express views on issues. But members of Congress should know

exactly who is trying to persuade them. Rep. John Doolittle, R-Calif., has proposed truth-in-testimony legislation that would require witnesses to say whether they receive federal grants or other sources of government funding.

This would be a small step in changing the way Washington works. Budget cutters still will have to weather assaults from big-government lobbyists, but at least they'll know who's throwing the punches.

— The Daily Oklahoman
 Oklahoma City, Okla.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 1997. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 12, 1932, Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

On this date:

In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died.

In 1773, the first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S.C.

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote.

In 1942, President Roosevelt created the National War Labor Board.

In 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe.

In 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-school

applicants because of race.

In 1964, leftist rebels in Zanzibar began their successful revolt against the government.

In 1966, President Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the United States should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.

In 1976, mystery writer Dame Agatha Christie died in Wallingford, England, at age 85.

In 1986, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.

Ten years ago: Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite arrived in Lebanon on his latest mission to win the release of Western hostages. Waite ended up being taken captive himself.

Five years ago: One day after the surprise resignation of Algeria's president (Chadli Bendjedid),

LETTER

Lowe's lends hand to senior

On behalf of the Pe Area Agency on Aging, to take this opportunity to thank one of our newest corporate residents of building one citizens who was referred to our agency for assistance. Home Improvement management staff was able for this senior to independently in her and improve her quality of life. Lowe's manager, Donna Webb, together with member staff were very responsive to our request for help.

It is difficult for an to financially meet all of their individual needs, especially when funding our agency provides senior citizens age 60 and over in our service area making it possible for them to live independently as long as possible in their own homes.

As we continue to meet the needs of the elderly in our region, we are able to count on our resources to come to the aid of senior citizens during times of great need.

Donna Webb, C
 Permian Basin

Resident should find help for

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By R.C. Holley

To those who help the poor and refer you to the Four Corners area. After these Indians were put on reservations and control the agents were as keep order and they supplied a life for teaching lifestyle. The either soldiers enforce whatever now they decriable to them.

It is now time for their lives! Let mainstream of are they denied bureau can just because we have bleeding heart in life is to be a downtrodden, being doing, and we are in.

Indians are as anyone if we in useful things reading, writing which is the best we have.

LETTERS

Lowe's lends helping hand to senior citizen

On behalf of the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank one of our community's newest corporate residents for the donation of building materials that repaired a roof of one of our senior citizens who was referred to our agency for assistance. Lowe's Home Improvement Center's management staff made it possible for this senior to continue to live independently in her own home and improve her quality of life. Lowe's manager, Doug Duerr, its assistant manager, Bill Braun, together with members of their staff were very courteous and responsive to our request to lend a helping hand.

It is difficult for any one agency to financially meet all of the needs of their individual clients especially when funding is so limited. Our agency provides services to senior citizens age 60 and over who reside in our service delivery area, making it possible for them to continue to live independently for as long as possible in their own environment.

As we continue to strive to meet the needs of the elderly citizens in our region, we are thankful that we can count on our community resources to come through for their senior citizens during those times of great need.

Donna Webb, Case Manager
Permian Basin Area Agency
on Aging

Resident should have found help for families

In a recent letter from Tiffany Escobar, she complained that the media had singled out one family who needed help at Christmas and that other families who did not have their "five minutes of television fame" did not get equal help. I am willing to bet my life that the family who was recognized would gladly give up that "fame" if they also could give up the misery they have suffered these many past months. Midlanders were, as always, extremely generous in donating thousands of toys for children at Christmas.

Can Ms. Escobar honestly look in the eyes of the "left-out" children and explain why she did not go to the trouble to call around and find out where she could get help for them? Wouldn't that be more in the Christmas spirit that begrudging help to another family who needs our support?

Shirley Raimier

It's time to bring our soldiers home

For those who do not want to be inflicted with the tyranny of the New World Order, the Clinton Administration's foreign policies are cause for concern.

A recent radio report revealed that there are nearly 280,000 U.S. military stationed in 70 countries. For a country that has yet to pay one dime on the growing \$5.5 trillion U.S. national debt, this is astounding. The actual cost of housing, feeding, paying, training, supporting with ships and aircraft, and the myriad details concerned with such a huge undertaking are staggering.

The most disturbing part of all of this folly is that much of it is based on a presidential directive, PDD 25. Congress has not seen the full text, yet it is used to justify U.S. involvement in places where there is no national interest, without Congressional authorization. After the fact, the Congress meek-

ly says it "must support our troops" even though a majority oppose the adventure.

It is time to bring our soldiers home to protect and defend the Constitution and the U.S. citizens, which is their lawful duty. There has been no credible evidence that the huge expenditures of borrowed money from future generations has had any lasting impact for U.S. national interest.

MacDonald Hays
Amarillo

Balanced budget comes before hiking trails

I refer to the Jan. 4, front page article on the plans submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation (Tx DOT) for hike and bike trails for the city of Midland. It's a nice idea. These trails will enhance the environment, keep Midland Beautiful, and promote the health and safety of our young people!

The first two phases would cost only \$110,000 of Midland money. You see, that's all that is required to match \$440,000 in federal grant money that, if not used, would expire this year, and possibly would not be renewed by Congress. So we had better jump in there and use that money while it's available!

But this begs many more questions. Isn't the federal government several trillion dollars in debt? And isn't the budget in deficit? So if the government has money to spend, isn't it our I.O.U.'s? And doesn't that run up our interest payments on the national debt? So how can there be "federal money available" for a social project like this?

Wouldn't it be wiser to wait until after we balance the budget and pay down the first dollar on our national debt? Or if we (Midland) can afford the money now and really want the project — just do it! What business is it of Austin or Washington, D.C.?

More questions: How in the world did this feel-good money become "available" out of ISTEA funds?

ISTEA is a buzz word for the Federal "Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act." You see, our present highway system was designed 50 years ago and is approaching a critical point. For instance, the highway miles traveled by trucks are doubling every decade. We can't continue business as usual without eventually reaching saturation crisis. Accordingly, ISTEA was authorized by Congress to study and promote a view of transportation in which "individual modes work together or within their own niches" to "provide the seamless movement of goods and people by more than one mode of transport." So far as I can tell, it's been all talk except for action on bicycle and foot intermodalism.

This phoney excuse for another social program giveaway happened on the watch of DOT Secretary Pena, who is an expert on airport design, airline safety — and is now Secretary of Energy. Look out, energy industry!

I am thus disappointed that Tx DOT would collaborate with U.S. DOT in this case of misguided priority of funding. Since our Sen. Hutchinson is on the Senate Transportation Committee, I am asking for her intercession. I will suggest that, if DOT can make deficit funds available, her staff need only look in their old files for valid safety recommendations directed to them by the National Transportation Safety Board.

If you want to keep Midland beautiful with money we don't have and a debt service of which your grandchildren will have to



pay — just do nothing.

Bob Darlington

Citizens' good deeds helped in recovery

As each new year comes, most of us take time to reflect on the events of the past year. This past year had its tragedy for our family. My husband was struck from behind by a hit-and-run driver on June 4 while walking in our neighborhood. He was in a coma for a week and has since had several months of rehabilitation.

But, with tragedy also comes hope and reassurance. I realize now how loving and giving the citizens of Midland and Greenwood truly are. Countless churches have had Tommy on their prayer list since the accident that proves to us just how powerful prayer is in a person's life. Those first few days after the accident, I never was alone thanks to family, friends and those people who just wanted to stop and say they were thinking of us.

A special thank you goes to the city of Midland firefighters, paramedics, police and those who work at City Hall with Tommy. Also, I would like to thank hospital personnel at Midland Memorial and Health South, the teachers and students of Midland and Greenwood ISDs, and our many friends and family who have supported us throughout the past six months. All of your thoughts, prayers, kind words and deeds have enabled him to make a remarkable recovery.

As I reflect, I realize no act of kindness is too small or goes unnoticed. A reassuring look, a hug, a card or a visit are all golden to those who are hurting. As 1997 unfolds, our family plans to put the golden rule into practice because we have experienced how valuable it is.

Connie Howell

Issuance of tuition bonds is scandal

The present Texas Lottery scandal in Austin may prove to be small in comparison to the South Texas higher education funding scandal that was begun under Gov. Ann Richards.

The funding scandal has to do with the issuance of tuition revenue bonds for questionable state school purchases and construction projects primarily in South Texas. I feel the majority of the money has gone for Chamber of Commerce-type projects rather than real higher education needs. In one instance, tuition revenue bonds were used by a state school for an amusement park that it has since closed.

Our state senator, Teel Bivins, who is the new chairman of the Senate Education Committee is in a perfect position to stop the

issuance of these bonds, which could then lead to a state budget cut.

A state budget cut can be achieved because the Legislature is now using state tax funds to pay for the tuition revenue bonds rather than using tuition revenue from the schools. I believe the Legislature should look at budget cuts long before they look at raising some of our state taxes, while lowering others and calling it tax reform.

Frank Kell Cahoon

Cowboys' demons drag them down

Today, Jan. 5, I watched the inevitable, merciful death of a giant. The six-month struggle of its current metamorphosis, beguiled by demons of lust, greed, arrogance, drugs and injury, is over. What could have been; what should have been is overshadowed by an ugly memory of reality: if the merciful end.

There is no final death in the giant's world. It will rise again and metamorphose.

The transformation? Will it be the beauty of a butterfly, or depravity of success out-of-control?

Yes, I watched the death of a giant today. I watched the Dallas Cowboys lose to a team with stars in their eyes, and hope in their hearts.

Charles Fox

Group of Midlanders make positive difference

The good deeds of others often times go unnoticed. In November, a group of Midland businessmen decided to host a Christmas party. According to Tom Kelly, the plan began to materialize over breakfast as a group of guys talked about the holidays and the possibility of hosting a party. As they discussed their plans, the idea developed that the evening would be lastingly significant if a local charity could benefit from their efforts.

Subsequently, Hearststone, an emergency shelter in Midland, was chosen to benefit from the efforts of these individuals. The party was held at the Midland Center on Dec. 20, 1996 and featured the "Asleep at the Wheel" band. There was no admission charge for the party, but invited guest were asked to consider making a donation to Hearststone. The benefit raised \$16,341 for Hearststone.

Sponsors for the party included: Bettis Brothers, Inc., Boyd and McWilliams, Inc., Kelly Cox Johnson, Miller & Co., CPAs, David Essex, Lone Star Mud, Paul Page, Parallel Petroleum, Patterson Drilling, Perry and Perry, Inc., Priority Land Management, David W. Sledge, Gene Sledge, Brett Smith, Turner and Davis, Watson Packer, Bob Wiggins, and

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The efforts of these along with the generosity of their guests have made a significant, positive difference for Hearststone and reminded me again why I'm thankful to live in Midland.

Don Forrester

Council needs to learn fiscal responsibility

It looks like our free spending Midland City Council is at it again! In addition to the huge amount of public funds that it continues to lavish foolishly and unnecessarily upon our various self-serving chambers of commerce, our citizens are now faced with financing a pie-in-the-sky hike/bike trail that probably will be the city boondoggle of 1997.

According to your report of Jan. 4, the city plans to spend a total of about \$110,000 of city funds plus about \$440,000 of federal funds for two needless hike/bike trails. The city now has a very adequate system of existing bike routes that can be readily expanded if necessary at almost no cost.

Where does our learned City Council think all this money is coming from? With our federal government over \$5 trillion in debt and an annual deficit of several hundred billion dollars, it will be the American taxpayer, our children, grandchildren, and possibly great-grandchildren who will foot the bill! How can the City Council even consider applying for or accepting funds for such a foolhardy and impetuous project?

Isn't it equally ridiculous that presently about \$800,000 of public funds are given annually to our multiple chambers of commerce? Their various programs and "economic development" projects have proven to be a fiasco for years, with miniscule results except for their own benefit.

If citizens are concerned about these needless extravaganzas, I urge them to contact their mayor and City Council representatives and express their interest in the council returning to fiscal responsibility and West Texas common sense. In addition, they may consider replacing some of the free spending members of the council with more conservative thinkers in the upcoming city elections.

Thomas H. Dollahite

Our policy on letters

The Reporter-Telegram recognizes the "Letters to the Editor" format as an important forum for citizen opinion and encourages participation of all readers. To that end, we have set a few rules as possible. However, we must have some, and they are:

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Media seems to latch on to bad news

I was pleased to see Andy Salcedo writing a positive note to the human race in your column "Speaking Out". I too hated to see the article that your paper carried on the front page about the lack of people's manners. I do not mean to be critical of the Reporter-Telegram as I think that you have a nice paper that I look forward to each morning. And I suppose that it would be of less interest to your readers if you carried a story about people's good manners. It just seems that all media latch onto any news that is sensational or bizarre and milk it to death. Most of this news reporting is negative in nature. It appears that good news is bad news.

I have not given up on the human race yet, though I'll have to admit that it is sometimes tempting. It certainly is true there are some citizens who have poor upbringing and possess poor manners, and they can have a detrimental effect on your day. Salcedo refers to them as "challenging". In Stanton we call those folks "old soreheads".

In a highly competitive business world, many firms sell the same items at comparable prices, thus when the going gets tough the firms with the best personnel will survive. The people in a store who are pleasant and know the products that they sell are the determining factor in where I shop.

A.L. Lindsey
Stanton

Maybe city should do ice monitoring in winter

Obviously the ability to make money does not require common sense. One would think the people who live near D Street north of Cuthbert in those nice homes would be intelligent enough to reprogram their sprinkler systems when freezing weather is predicted. I guess not since the ice was curb to curb again this morning.

I suggest we have the men who monitor the trees hanging over the street in the warm months do ice monitoring in the winter. People who put others in jeopardy by their thoughtless actions should be held responsible.

Dianne Young

SPEAKING OUT

Give Indians opportunity to determine own lives

By R.C. Holley

To those who believe welfare is a way to help the poor and needy, I would like to refer you to the American Indian in the Four Corners area, living on reservations. After these Indians were conquered, they were put on reservations, both to protect and control them. Government Indian agents were assigned to the reservation to keep order and watch over the Indians. They supplied some food and were responsible for teaching the Indians a more stable lifestyle. These agents were given either soldiers or Indian police, or both, to enforce whatever they decreed. Then, as now they decreed things that were profitable to themselves.

It is now time to give the Indians back their lives! Let them integrate into the mainstream of American culture. Why are they denied a better life? Is it so some bureau can justify its existence? Or because we have so many professional bleeding hearts who believe their calling in life is to be guardians of the poor and downtrodden, which is what they have been doing, and oh, what a mess we are in.

Indians are a people who can do as well as anyone if we let them and school them in useful things, like how to learn — using reading, writing, math and the sciences, which is the basis for almost every skill we have.

I have had some good friends among the Indians. But most reservation Indians live in abject poverty and are an unhappy group of people. Go to an Indian reservation, spend a few days there, get to know them; you will learn a lot.

We became a nation in 1776, that was more than 200 years ago. We still haven't solved our Indian problem. Why? Do they live in abject poverty because they are wards of the United States?

Indians that have escaped the reservation and the bureaucratic control of the Indian agent are some of the most pleasant people I have ever been around: They enjoy life, have jobs, live in good houses, eat well, enjoy recreation, have nice cars, etc. The Indian people I know also have a great sense of humor. But those on the reservation seldom show it.

Give all Indians the opportunity to determine their own life, turn them loose. For once, Mr. Bureaucrat, let go! They can do it, they are intelligent and not helpless without the bureaucrat, give them a chance; we conquered them a long time ago, can't we turn them loose yet? Or must we maintain control over them forever? Let's deed the reservation land to each individual Indian, with strings attached for 25 years so they can learn to be good stewards of their land and the Slick Willies can't cheat them out of their property. Then get our grubby hands off

them. Or do we intend to keep control of and succor them "from where the sun now stands, forever?"

We have many people who say we must have welfare available to those who can't find — MEANINGFUL — jobs? Is this what the average welfare recipient wants, for the government to take care of them and their descendants, always on the government dole until they lose the ability to try lifting themselves out of poverty? Or does the fear of starvation prevent them trying to escape the welfare trap? It's a fearful thing to gamble the food from the family table.

To all of the groups that want victim status, do you want for you and your descendants the "blessings" enjoyed by the reservation Indian? Remember, bureaucrats never turn loose once they are entrenched. They can't, their jobs are on the line — and that's a pretty good job. Examples abound: The Bureau of Land Management is an example of bureaucratic tenacity. If they would turn loose of the B.L.M. land the revenue would go a long way toward retiring the national debt. But if they did that many bureaus would crumble because their reason for being depends on federal land — and they would rather fight that switch.

R.C. Holley of Midland is a retired rancher and a frequent contributor to "Speaking Out."

WHOM TO WRITE

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Comair data recorders show all normal until unexplained 'event'

RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Everything appeared normal on a Comair commuter flight before an unexplained "event" that started a roll and nose dive into a snowy field that killed all 29 people aboard, a federal investigator said Saturday.

Though the National Transportation Safety Board has yet to complete its analysis of the plane's black boxes, preliminary findings from the cockpit voice recorder revealed something happened as the plane approached Detroit.

"Approximately one minute after leveling off at 4,000 feet, an event took place and normal operations ceased and the airplane crashed shortly thereafter," said NTSB member John Hammerschmidt.

One witness told investigators that the plane had made several of what Hammerschmidt described as "axel rolls." Two others said the plane's wings had been rocking

shortly before the crash.

"They all indicated that the aircraft stabilized, then the nose of the aircraft abruptly pitched and descended vertically to the ground,"

The twin-engine turboprop Embraer 120 that flew out of Cincinnati plummeted into the field Thursday about 18 miles short of its destination of Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Hammerschmidt said the "event" was detected in an early, verbal report on the cockpit recorder, and didn't know when the full analysis on the voice and flight data recorders would be completed. The boxes were found relatively intact Friday.

Asked earlier Saturday about the possibility of foul play, NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said: "It's very difficult to rule things out when you're on the scene. We found no evidence of foul play at this time."

Hammerschmidt said the plane's pilot and co-pilot reported nothing unusual during the flight, and air traffic controllers said nothing seemed amiss.

Also, the captain and first officer who had flown the plane on four legs before the crash "both reported that the plane flew quite satisfactorily," he said.

When the plane crashed, there had been two warnings about "moderate, occasional, severe turbulence," Hammerschmidt said. Winds were light and visibility was 1 to 3 miles.

A DC-3 pilot in the area made a report shortly after the crash of moderate, mixed icing at 5,000 feet, he said.

"What's significant about that is that the DC-3 was about 25 miles southwest of Detroit Metropolitan Airport. But that's just another piece of information to plug into the equation," Hammerschmidt said.

Icing disrupts airflow over the wings and can cause planes to stall or roll. Comair officials have said they don't believe icing was a problem. There were no problems with the plane's de-icing equipment since 1994.

A preliminary investigation at the accident site showed that both engines appeared to have been rotating when the plane hit the ground, and all eight propeller blades appear to have been rotating on impact, Hammerschmidt said.

He also said both main landing gear and all propeller blades and flaps were found. The gear and flaps were in the up, or retracted positions, which would be expected for a cruising aircraft, he said.

Also Saturday, crews working under the glare of large construction lights continued to bring in human remains from the crash site, which covers an area larger than two football fields. A

makeshift morgue was set up at another airport about a mile away, and the identification of remains was to begin Saturday.

Investigators, who were greeted Saturday morning by more frigid temperatures, gusty winds and

blowing snow, also combed through the tangled crash debris and expected to be finished by Monday.

"They're documenting more than removing," said NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz.

California's antiquated levee system under attack

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For days, a cruel game of chance played out along California's swollen rivers.

A fresh round of rain would mix with melting snow. Muddy water seeped through earthen levees. Neighborhoods, farms were evacuated. Then came the anxious waiting.

Would the river punch through? Would the levee hold?

In many cases, the answer lay embedded in the imperfect — and, critics say, long neglected — handiwork of Gold Rush pioneers.

"Levees are forgotten children in California's flood debate, and their maintenance has become a kind of lost art," said Richard Meehan, a flood-control expert who teaches at Stanford University.

Damage from this month's floods, which hit hardest in California's lush Central Valley and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, is still being tallied. Early estimates: \$1.6 billion in losses, 120,000 people displaced, at least six dead.

One additional number — close to 30 levee breaches.

Could anything have been done to lower the numbers?

Meehan says yes.

"They wait until the flood is surging — when the levees are about to burst at 2 in the morning — then do their best. They assume that nothing can be done," he said. "Why not worry about the problem when the sun is shining?"

Federal and state officials say they have worried. But part of the

problem is money. Congress promised it would spend millions to shore up levees after fierce flooding in 1986, but the cash flowed so slowly that much of the work remains undone.

"We can only move as fast as the money allows us to," said Jim Taylor of the Army Corps of Engineers.

One project was slated to begin this spring near Olivehurst in Yuba County. Last week, surging floods effortlessly ripped out a 1,500-foot-long chunk of antiquated levee. The muddy water buried farmland, prized livestock and more than 300 homes.

County water officials say the scheduled upgrades would have stemmed the tide.

"Now, it's a little late for those people," said Steve Thompson, an aide to U.S. Rep. Wally Herger, R-Chico, who represents the district.

The biggest trouble for the 6,000-mile patchwork levee system, many say, is age. The newest sections are 40 years old; most date back to frontier days. Those early settlers didn't foresee that the then-desolate Central Valley flood plains would one day team with tract homes, interstate highways and factory farms.

The levees went up haphazardly, often by hand and using whatever materials lay nearby. Some of the soils used are so sandy and typically unstable that they make modern engineers cringe.

In California's earliest days, the way it worked was one farmer would get flooded, so he'd

just dredge the river and push it onto his field. That diverted the river to a neighbor's land, so that neighbor had to build a levee, and so on," said Jim Taylor, a spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers, whose agency sets standards for levee reliability.

So diverse is the resultant tangle of levees that stabilizing them under uniform standards would cost hundreds of millions of dollars, said state Water Resources Department spokesman Anita Fante.

As it is, Fante said, only basic maintenance checks are made with any regularity. Local reclamation districts are then given grades and asked to fix obvious problems, such as damage from

gophers and squirrels and vegetation that might weaken levees. But none of that addresses fundamental structural integrity or basic upkeep.

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Congress' ethics battles likely to result in greater public mistrust

■ Experts agree that the partisan in-fighting after the speaker's admitted ethics violation will damage the house's reputation.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Partisan wrangling over the Newt Gingrich hearings — on top of the admitted ethics violations — is likely to cause a further deterioration in how the public views Congress, scholars and political analysts say.

"Cover-ups seem to upset people more than anything else," Benjamin Page of Northwestern University said after Gingrich's fellow Republicans canceled what was to have been a series of public hearings this week.

Squabbles over timing and length of the hearings will "reinforce the notion that all of these politicians are ethically challenged" and will lead to a more negative view of Gingrich, said Norm Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute. "What will come through is more suspicion."

A delayed Gingrich hearing ultimately

may attract more attention because it won't have the distraction that would have faced a hearing starting Monday: the Supreme Court's oral arguments on whether Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit against President Clinton can proceed while he's in office.

Barring a blockbuster revelation at the Gingrich hearing, "it probably would have gotten just fairly routine-plus coverage" if competing with the Jones story, Ornstein said.

Each party is blaming the other for the partisan turmoil. Gingrich was re-elected speaker Tuesday with only three votes to spare and with nine members of his own party voting either no or "present."

The ethics committee — comprising five Republicans and five Democrats — has yet to recommend to the House what Gingrich's punishment should be in the case.

He has agreed to an ethics committee finding that he violated House rules. He acknowledged that he failed to seek specific legal advice about the use of tax-exempt projects for potentially partisan

purposes and that he approved documents given to the committee that incorrectly denied that his political action committee, GOPAC, was involved with the projects.

His additional agreement not to orchestrate a Republican counterattack to the charges came into question Friday with reports of an audio tape on which Gingrich is heard discussing how to do just that. This also could arise at a public hearing.

Early Thursday, the ethics committee agreed to five days of hearings starting Monday, a vote Jan. 21 on Gingrich's punishment and a report Feb. 4 by James Cole, the panel's special counsel.

Later Thursday, Democrats demanded that the punishment vote be delayed until Cole presents his report so lawmakers can fully understand the material. That night, committee Chairwoman Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., changed the plan, instructing Cole to finish his report by Jan. 16, followed by an abbreviated public hearing and the Jan. 21 vote.

Some experts think the controversy

won't sway the public's attitude toward elected leaders simply because it can't go any lower.

"The public wants to see someone with blood dripping from his hands, or his hand stuck in the till," said Jeffrey Goldfarb, a sociology professor at the New School for Social Research. "With Gingrich, it will look like he didn't do too much."

Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, said the public perception of leadership is "probably a little lower than it should be. The fact is that by and large we've got more honorable politicians in the political marketplace in this time in our history than we've ever had."

At the same time, the people have a jaundiced view of politicians' charges and countercharges, said Larry Hugick, director of political and media polls for Princeton Survey Research. They respond by ignoring much of the scandal mongering.

"There's probably a lot more interest in what's gone on in Colorado with the little girl killed than what's going on with Gin-

grich," Hugick said.

Page, a political science professor at Northwestern who focuses on public opinion, said people determine sensibly what's significant and what isn't: "The last Congress spent an immense effort publicizing hearings on Whitewater. For the most part, they didn't come up with anything startling, so there wasn't much effect."

What really matters regarding Gingrich — and whether he will remain speaker — is not public opinion but GOP lawmakers' readings of it, said Thomas Mann, director of governmental studies at The Brookings Institution.

"If the Republicans think their opponents (in the 1998 election) are going to use this against them effectively, pressure will build to get him to leave," he said.

Goldfarb said the controversy's timing at the start of the new Congress is good news for Gingrich and the Republicans. By the time of the 1998 election, he said, "it will have been largely forgotten."

First black to receive Medal of Honor

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Vernon Baker is not bitter that, because of his color, it has taken half a century for him to receive his nation's top military honor for heroism under fire.

"I used to be an angry young man but I'm not angry anymore," the 77-year-old retired career Army officer said last week.

Baker will finally receive the Medal of Honor at a White House ceremony Monday, making him the first and only living black man to receive it for service in World War II. Six other black soldiers will be awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously. A special team of military historians who investigated the issue for the Army concluded that racial segregation and prevailing attitudes toward blacks were the reasons, and it singled out the seven men. Last spring, a special Army Senior Officer Awards Board recommended they get the Medal of Honor.

Baker said that until the Medal of Honor was recommended, he never considered whether he deserved it because he had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second-highest battlefield honor.

The historians, asked to find out if any blacks were improperly denied the Medal of Honor, said the political climate and common Army practices at the time guaranteed that no black soldier during World War II would ever receive the military's top award.

During the war, he was a member of the Army's all-black 92nd Infantry, called the Buffalo Division.

After the invasion of Italy, the 92nd stalled with the rest of the Fifth Army along the heavily fortified Gothic Line.

Baker, then a lieutenant, and his platoon of 25 men were ordered on April 5, 1945, to lead the fight for Castle Aghinolfi, a German stronghold.

Baker destroyed three German machine-gun nests, a bunker, an artillery observation post and shot several other German soldiers.

As Baker and his white company commander, Capt. John F. Runyon, made plans to storm the castle,

enemy artillery shells began to rain down on them.

Runyon left with their radio man to get reinforcements, leaving Baker and the rest of the soldiers to face three enemy attacks.

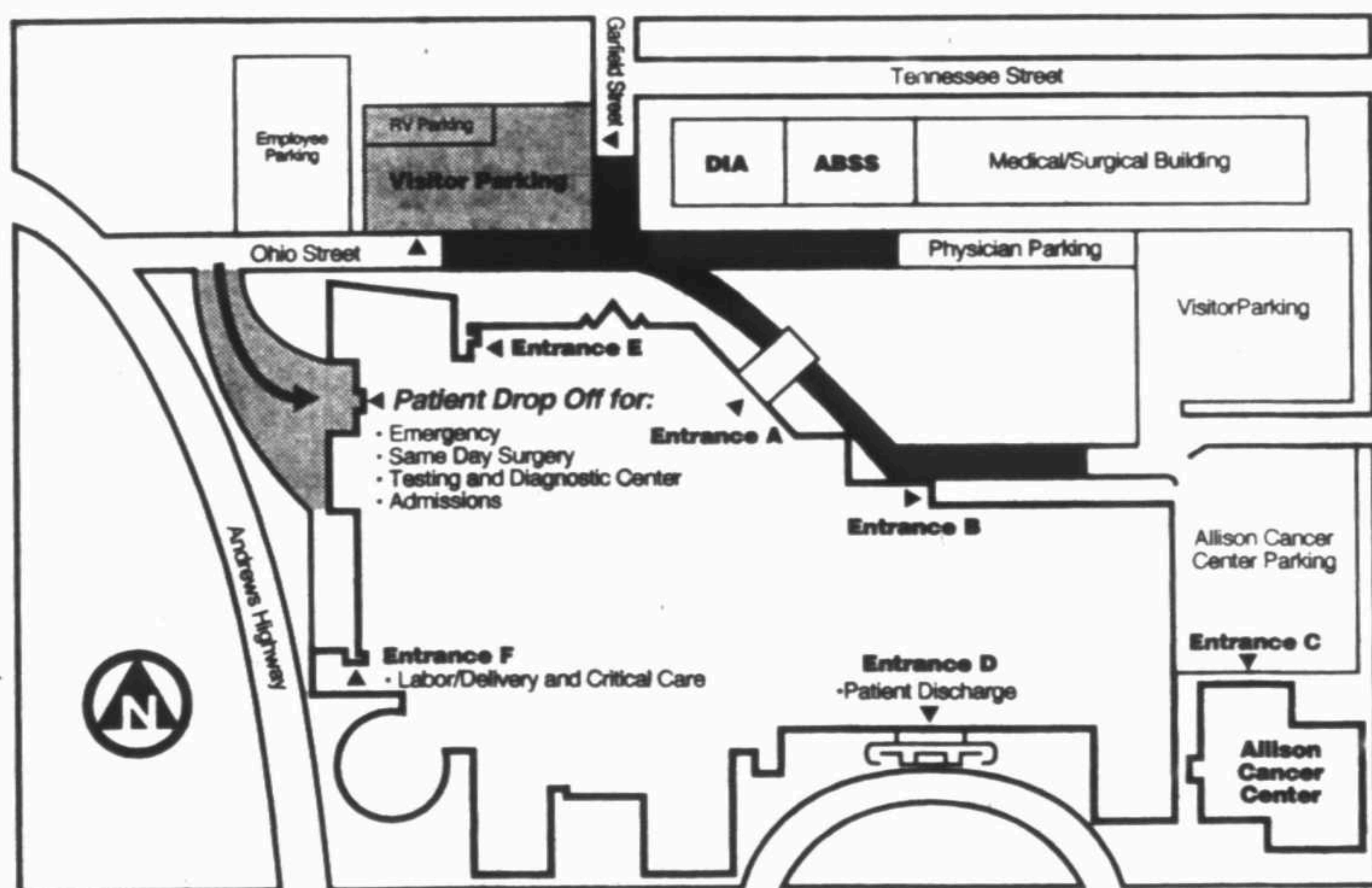
When it was clear reinforcements were not coming, Baker ordered the seven survivors to retreat, and on their way back to safety he used grenades to destroy two more enemy machine-gun nests.



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Future presidents also have stake in Paula Jones case

The eventual ruling will determine whether a president can be tried in a private lawsuit while in office.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the Supreme Court is asked Monday to delay a sex-harassment lawsuit against President Clinton, potential embarrassment of the commander in chief is not all that will be at stake.

The court's eventual ruling also will determine whether future presidents can be hauled into court during their terms to deal with private lawsuits.

If the court rules they can, "you probably would have a very long list of people lining up to try," University of

Virginia law professor John Jeffries Jr. said.

The case stems from a lawsuit filed by Paula Jones, who claims then-Gov. Clinton propositioned her in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991, when she worked for Arkansas' government. She seeks \$700,000 in damages. Clinton denies the encounter occurred.

Monday's hearing will not deal with merits of the suit. Instead, said University of Illinois law professor Ronald Rotunda, the arguments will focus on "the whole question of whether the president is under the same law as the rest of us."

Jeffries and Rotunda staked out opposing sides in friend-of-the-court briefs in the high-profile case being argued a week before Clinton is inaugurated for a second term.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1982 that

presidents cannot be sued for damages related to official duties, even after they leave office. The court said the prospect of such lawsuits could hamstring a president's decision making.

But the justices never have decided whether a sitting president can be forced to answer a lawsuit over unofficial acts.

In appealing to the Supreme Court, Clinton's lawyer argues that in all but the most extraordinary cases, such lawsuits should be delayed until a president leaves office. The lawyer, Robert Bennett, said a lawsuit would distract a president from his official duties.

He added that allowing a judge to resolve conflicts between the trial schedule and the president's official duties would violate the constitutional separation of powers between the

branches of government.

But Jones' lawyer, Gilbert Davis, contends Clinton is not so busy that he cannot answer her claim. He had time to testify by videotape in two White-water criminal trials.

When the Constitution was written, "it was understood that the president had no personal privileges beyond those of an ordinary citizen," Davis told the justices in court papers.

Only a few other presidents have faced private lawsuits while in office. Claims against Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Harry Truman were dismissed before they took office. Appeals courts upheld the dismissals while they were in office.

A lawsuit against President Kennedy involving an auto crash during the 1960 campaign was settled while he was in office.

If the Supreme Court ruled that sitting presidents must answer private lawsuits, Jeffries said, "I fear there would be a lot of people out there who would seek the publicity, or the partisan advantage."

Some have suggested the court could compromise by delaying the trial but allowing pre-trial fact-finding to move ahead. Jeffries said he did not propose such a ruling because the fact-finding phase often is as burdensome as the trial itself.

Rotunda said allowing the case to go ahead would not interrupt Clinton's official duties. "He's not going to have to cancel his trip to Russia or anything like that," he said.

As for the humiliation factor, Rotunda said, "This only becomes embarrassing if true."

Astronaut leaves pregnant wife, child for months on Mir

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

He's flown in space once before. But last time astronaut Jerry Linenger didn't have to say goodbye to a baby son and a pregnant wife. And he was gone only 11 days — this time it will be 132 days, on the Russian space station Mir.

For sure, Linenger and his wife, Kathryn, expect the next 4 1/2 months to be difficult. They've never been separated so long in nearly six years of marriage, plus now there's a 1-year-old John, who may be talking before Daddy returns to Earth.

"It's going to be like being a single parent for a while," said Mrs. Linenger. "He's a big help at home, so it's going to be really tough having him gone and now being pregnant. I kind of wanted to be pampered for the last few months of pregnancy, but oh well."

She added: "He better be back."

Linenger was scheduled to take off before daybreak Sunday aboard space shuttle Atlantis, to replace NASA astronaut John Blaha aboard Mir. He's due back on Earth in late May, one month before his wife is due to give birth to their second child. But his return could slip — and slip and slip — if his shuttle ride home is delayed as it was last year for astronaut Shannon Lucid.

"I'm going to miss my family, no doubt about it," said Linenger, 41, a physician who will be the fourth and youngest American to live on Mir. "Wife and son, I'll put them equally, although I would say, of course, my wife I don't expect her to change that much. But my son, there are going to be some major

changes. He's at that stage where every day's a surprise."

Russian cosmonauts have become new fathers while in space, an event that "inspired them to basically achieve the goals and to work even harder on orbit," said Gen. Yuri Glazkov, deputy director of the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Russia.

Probably the hardest thing for Linenger was kissing his son goodbye last weekend, before the astronaut went into the standard, prelaunch quarantine. His only other spaceflight was in 1994 aboard shuttle Discovery, two years after he joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's astronaut corps.

"It's different this time, having a family, saying goodbye, knowing he's not going to be able to see John until he returns," Mrs. Linenger said. "I show him pictures. 'There's Daddy,' so he won't forget him. We have a little Mir model back in Russia, so I'll say, 'That's where Daddy is,' although he probably won't connect the two."

An epidemiologist who works in the space program, Mrs. Linenger, 31, plans to return with John to Russia a week or so after launch. (They were there for most of Linenger's cosmonaut training.)

She will continue coordinating U.S. medical experiments for Mir, then return home to Houston in late April and prepare for her husband's homecoming and their child's birth, hopefully in that order.

They don't know yet whether it will be a girl or another boy. He wants to know. She doesn't.

Woman doing well after being trapped in blizzard for 40 hours

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP)

Karen Nelson said there were times when she prayed and times when she cried while huddling alone inside her pickup truck, snowbound in the middle of a howling prairie blizzard.

Trapped in a remote part of northeastern South Dakota, her only contact with the outside world since Thursday morning had been by cellular phone.

Friday night, after she had been without food or water for 40 hours, with just a few blankets and a sleeping bag to keep her warm, rescuers found her off a county road outside Webster.

"I just sat there, I couldn't go anywhere or do anything so I just made a tent out of my sleeping bag and put it over top of me and put my cell phone in the middle of my tummy and just sat there," Mrs. Nelson said from Lake Area Hospital in Webster on Saturday.

"I prayed a couple of times. I cried a couple of times."

Police were in contact with Mrs. Nelson every half-hour Thursday, but limited their phone use through Friday as her car battery weakened.

On Friday, she talked to a civilian pilot sent out as part of the search, telling him when she could hear his plane flying overhead.

Then, when she flashed her headlights to pinpoint her location, her car battery lost power and the

phone went dead.

"I thought 'Oh no, this is it.' Then I sat there and thought, 'Well, they know I'm here and maybe, maybe by chance they did do whatever they had to do to find me.'"

The rescuers had already spotted her and soon reached her by snowmobile.

At the time, the temperature was about 20 degrees below zero and the wind was blowing at 15 to 20 mph, producing a wind chill of 70 below zero and worse.

"You know, after about 30 hours, when the wind chill is 80 below, you start getting a little worried," said her husband, Marvin Nelson, 48.

Mrs. Nelson said Saturday that she was still angry at herself for trying to return home to Webster from her job at a nursing home in Roslyn, 12 miles to the north.

On her way to work, the weather was fine, she said.

By the time she headed home, however, wind was whipping up the 2 feet of snow left by previous storms, cutting visibility so much that she got disoriented, wandering four miles west of the highway to Webster and skidding off a road into a slough.

"I should have never left. I was kind of angry at myself because I did that. All these poor people had to help me, because it wasn't too smart of me to do that," she said.

Of the rescuers, she said, "I love them all, the lot."

Lottery winner to save clinic, help Haiti

BALTIMORE (AP) — Dr. Lau-

rent Pierre-Philippe could buy a maroon, a Ferrari and a trip to Tahiti with his \$10 million Florida lottery jackpot. Instead, he'll save his ailing 20-year-old Baltimore health clinic.

Pierre-Philippe, his wife and three sons were on their way to a New Year's Eve celebration at Walt Disney World in Orlando when they stopped at a convenience store to buy \$100 worth of lottery tickets.

He claimed his jackpot Thursday, which will be paid out over 20 years.

"I'm not interested in buying nice clothes or taking fancy trips," said Pierre-Philippe, an avid lottery player. "I'm interested in doing what the Lord will allow me to do."

The native of Haiti says his medical practice in a poor Baltimore neighborhood has suffered with the rise of managed health

care.

His lottery winnings will allow him to offer free services to some patients at Community Medical Rehabilitation Center, especially stroke victims, arthritis and amputees.

"Everything I made from the clinic, I invested it back in," he said. "That clinic is a diamond in the middle of the ghetto. But, to tell the truth, I didn't know how the business was going to survive, but now I see my dream in Baltimore won't be shot."

He also plans to send some of his newfound wealth to Haiti to help build an airport and roads in his hometown, Port-de-Paix.

"Thank God I have what I already have, so I can use this money to stay in this community and help Haiti," said Pierre-Philippe, 54.

His first expense will be paying to ship the Port-de-Paix library 1,000 books he collected.

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Arnold Palmer prostate cancer

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CARLSBAD, Calif. — Arnold Palmer, who has won 19 major golf tournaments, is being treated for prostate cancer.

Palmer, 67, of his biopsy checked into Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles for treatment. He is scheduled to attend the awards dinner at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Friday night.

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SPORTS BRIEFING



AP Laserphoto
Arnold Palmer, seen above, has prostate cancer.

Palmer's cancer

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Arnold Palmer, who four decades ago gave golf a jolt of popularity, has prostate cancer.

Palmer, 67, found out the results of his biopsy Friday when he checked into his hotel at the Mercedes Championships where he was attending the annual PGA Tour awards dinner.

"I just learned about it," Palmer said Friday night at the dinner.

Palmer said he had withdrawn from next week's Bob Hope Chrysler Classic and said he would not play competitively again until the cancer was "taken care of."

He is scheduled to play the Senior Skins Game in Hawaii in two weeks, and the PGA Tour said in a release that Palmer had not withdrawn from that event yet, pending the results of additional tests.

Palmer said he was returning to his home in Florida for the tests.

Palmer gave no indication what stage the cancer is in nor the prognosis for recovery. Prostate cancer is a slow developing cancer that can be successfully treated if detected early.

One source familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that Palmer has had regular blood tests and twice they indicated a problem. But on both occasions a biopsy was negative. The positive reading came in his third biopsy, the source said.

A second source told the AP that a biopsy six months ago was negative, indicating that the cancer is most likely in its very early stages.

TV Sports

NFL PLAYOFFS — NFC Championship, Carolina at Green Bay, 11:30 a.m., FOX.

AFC Championship, Jacksonville at New England, 3 p.m., NBC.

GOLF — PGA, Tournament of Champions, final round, (same-day tape), 12:30 p.m., NBC.

PGA, Mercedes Championship, final round, 2 p.m., ABC.

FIGURE SKATING — Ladies Professional Championships, 2 p.m., CBS.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Women, Arkansas at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m., FSS.

NHL — New Jersey Devils at New York Rangers, 7 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

SOCCER — Girls, Midland High 0, San Angelo Central 0.

Midland High 14, San Angelo Lakeview 0.

Brenham Tournament, Championship Game: Midland Lee 3, Humble 1.

Semifinal, Midland Lee Girls 5, Pflugerville 0.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Colorado 80, Texas Tech 78.

Nebraska 74, Texas A&M 72.

No. 1 Kansas 87, Baylor 66.

No. 18 New Mexico 78, SMU 58.

UTEP 73, TCU 66.

Ala-Birmingham 69, Houston 66.

Women, Colorado 63, No. 7 Texas Tech 49.

No. 15 Kansas 79, Baylor 49.

Kansas State 68, Texas 67.

No. 23 Stephen F. Austin 97, Sam Houston State 76.

NBA — Chicago Bulls 110, Houston Rockets 86.

Dallas Mavericks 104, Denver Nuggets 99.

Atlanta Hawks 87, San Antonio Spurs 82.



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Home Delivery in Green Bay

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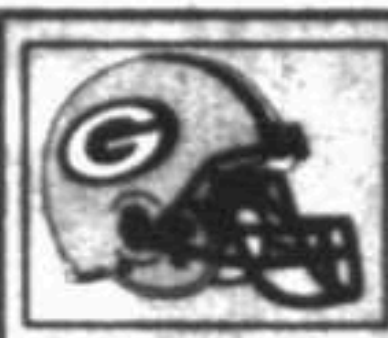
By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — A burdensome history against no history at all.

It's what makes Sunday's NFC title game between the Green Bay Packers and Carolina Panthers so intriguing.

History is the Packers, a team with superstars like Brett Favre and Reggie White trying to live up to the legend of Vince Lombardi and his championships of 30 years ago. Its biggest burden might be its long-ago success.

No history at all is the Panthers, a team that did-



NFC Title Game
Packers vs. Panthers
11:30 a.m., FOX



n't exist two years ago. In their second season, they beat San Francisco twice to win the NFC West, then beat defending champion Dallas last week, humbling the mightiest the NFL has had to offer this decade.

"People keep saying we're only playing an expansion team," says Green Bay defensive end Sean Jones.

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AFC Coaching Matchup: Student vs. master on sidelines in title game

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

FOXBORO, Mass. — When he looks across the field to the other sideline Sunday, Bill Parcells will feel proud. He'll also feel uncomfortable.

The man performing the same chores on the other side of Foxboro Stadium in the AFC Championship game will be Tom Coughlin, a longtime friend and a former assistant coach under Parcells. That's great — and terrible.

"I don't enjoy it. It's not pleasant for either of us," Parcells said of facing Coughlin when the New England Patriots play the Jacksonville Jaguars for the right to represent the conference in the Super Bowl. "But that's the way the business is."

"He is one of my favorite guys I ever coached with. It's simple, really. I like him. Of all the things that are very important in a coach, he is all of those things. And he is not afraid. That is the main thing."



AFC Title Game
Patriots vs. Jaguars
3 p.m., NBC



He's got conviction."

Parcells remembers how Coughlin was characterized as being dictatorial and a rigid taskmaster in the Jaguars' first year.

"Now I don't hear much of that," he said.

"I think the results speak for themselves. He's his own guy. He has done this on his own."

What Coughlin has done is simply amazing. Given virtually complete authority on personnel decisions, he's built a title contender in two years. He's taken an expansion team to four wins in its debut season — even if that was overshadowed by Carolina's seven victories in its first year. And he's

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AP Laserphoto
Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre leaves the locker room following practice Friday in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers face the Carolina Panthers in the NFC Championship game Sunday.



AP Laserphoto
Dallas police said earlier Friday they have determined conclusively that allegations that Michael Irvin (above) held a gun to the head of a woman while teammate Erik Williams raped her were not true.

Charges, lawsuits could be next for Cowboys' accuser

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer



DALLAS — Erik Williams may sue the former topless dancer who lied when she accused him of raping her while Dallas Cowboys teammate Michael Irvin held a gun to her head, Williams' lawyer said Saturday.

"It was clearly a set-up," lawyer Peter Ginsberg said. "The task that remains is determining who set whom up, the motives for doing

that and whether the police were innocently used or more egregiously involved."

Nina Shahravan, 23, filed a police report Dec. 30 accusing Williams and a third man who was never identified of raping her in Williams' home the night before as Irvin videotaped parts of the encounter and held a gun to her head.

On Friday, police dropped the investigation after having "determined conclusively that the allegations are not true and that a sexual assault did not take place."

Williams and Irvin denied the

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Winter Invite: No one does it better than COM's Goodwin

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

If Saturday's results at the Texas Commerce Bank Winter Invitational Swimming Championships are any indication, the best could be yet to come for Amber Goodwin.

By all rights, today should be the showcase day for Goodwin, perhaps the most prestigious competitor for the City of Midland Swim Team. She will be swimming in the 15-16-year old competition in the 100-yard backstroke, the same event in which she finished second in the state last season at the UIL Championships as a sophomore at Midland Lee.

But Saturday wasn't such a bad day for Goodwin and the COM team at the Mabee Aquatic Center. In fact, it was a good day by any standard.

Goodwin scored the top times in both the 200 individual medley and the 50 freestyle by rather wide margins, swimming a personal best in the 200 IM with a 2:12.52 and winning the 50 free with a 24.48. She

also won the 200 back in 2:08.71 and the 100 butterfly with a 1:01.41. Goodwin was also on COM's triumphant 400 free relay team early in the day.

With the District 4-5A meet looming two weeks away, now is the time for Goodwin to start tuning up, and there was no better place than her home pool.

"At any meet I try to do my best, but I've been working toward this for some time," said Goodwin after winning the 50 free.

Mabee Aquatic Center served as something of a proving ground for the approximately 400 young swimmers representing 15 swim teams mainly from West Texas. It's the time of year when swimmers should be approaching their personal bests, and COM coach Brad Swendig liked what he saw from his team, which held an overwhelming advantage in the team standings with 1,529 points. El Paso Aqua Posse was second with 772.50 points.

"It's better than I expected," Swendig said.

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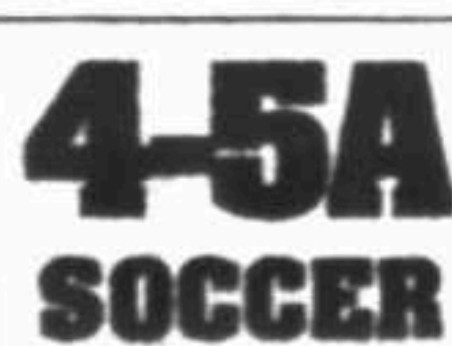


Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
COM Swimmer Amber Goodwin swims the backstroke portion of the individual medley.

Taking aim at No. 1

Midland High hopes to stay on top while Lee tries to knock off the 'Dogs

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer



For the past three seasons, Tom Esikhati's Bulldogs at Midland High have ruled over the district's soccer fields against foes who would want nothing more than to knock them off.

The contenders have lined up to take their shot at the champion, hoping to capture district's territorial rights and hoping to not have to suffer the wrath of the "Big Dogs." Since Midland High captured the title in 1994, the champion has reigned supreme.

In 1997, the District 7 scene has some of the same elements of the past. Midland High's bark still echo's loudly and the rest of the district will be gunning at MHS with muzzle in hand.

Headlining the cast of usual suspects is a team that raised a few eyebrows, including Midland High's, in 1996. John McCulloch's Lee Rebels took a defensively talented Rebel team and delivered with a 10-2 district record and assumed its place as not only as a team to watch for but a team to be weary of.

The rest of the district players appear to have a lot of ground to make up in terms of dis-

trict records — Abilene High at 6-6, Odessa High and Odessa Permian at 5-7 and so on. But in this case the numbers might lie and the coaches know that.

"It will be competitive as it has always been," third-year Midland Lee coach John McCulloch said. "Ever since I have been here, every team can beat anyone else."

Being able to do so has been the problem. This season, however, the talent across 4-5A might make you think otherwise. Abilene High's Ahmad Brooks is as talented a player as you'll find. Odessa Permian, a Region I Tournament participant in 1995, scored just eight goals in district play, and if not for four losses by the three goals, was better than their 5-7 district mark indicated.

Odessa High, who missed the playoffs by one game in 1996, is ready to make that final jump to postseason. San Angelo Central, under new coach David Kulik, and Abilene Cooper round out the district contenders.

The Midland High Bulldogs

It is doesn't exactly seem normal to think of fear as an ingredient for success, but somehow Esikhati's Bulldogs are doing just that. With three district titles hanging over their head as a constant reminder of the past, the players have

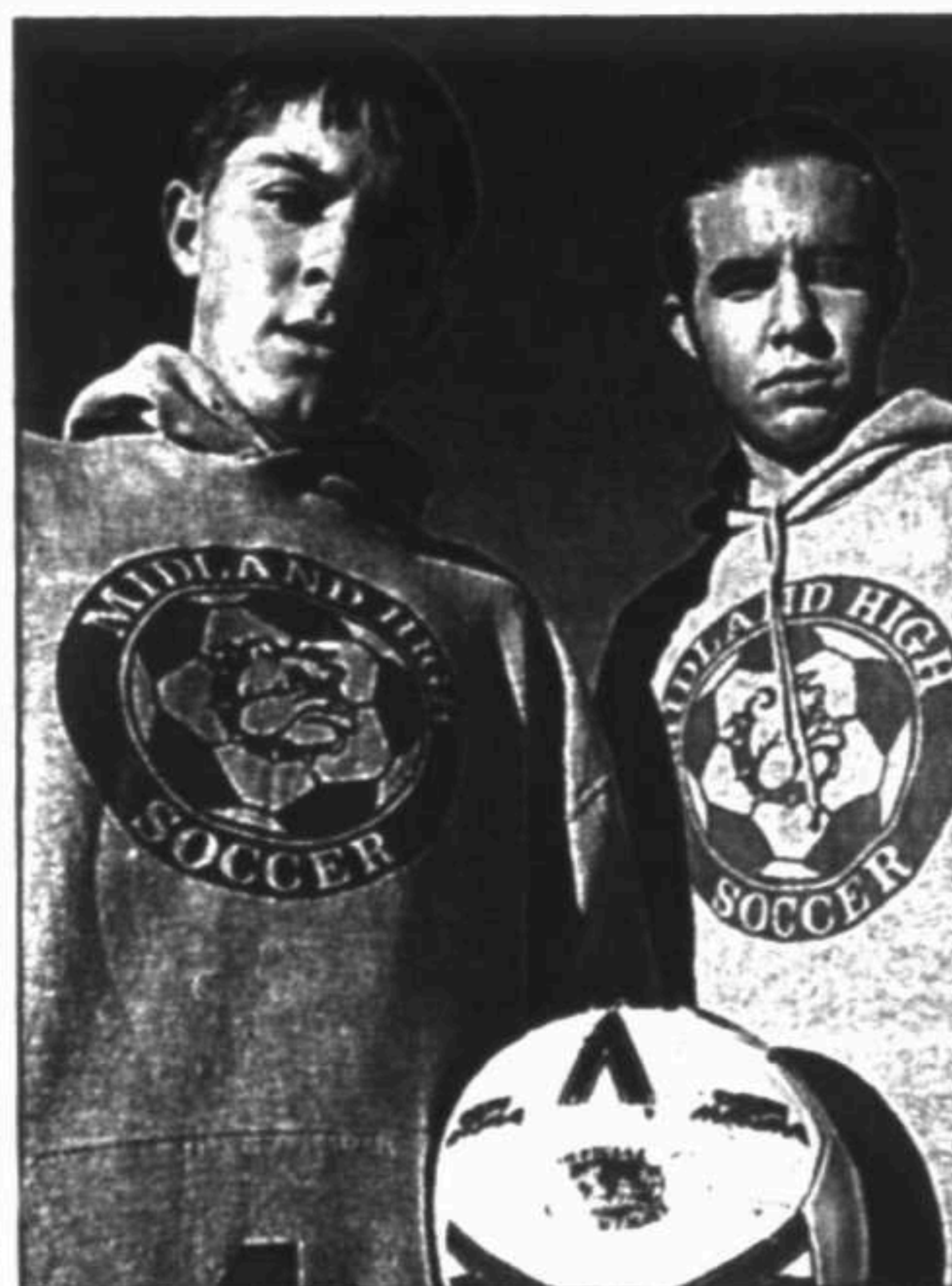
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Left: MHS' Cody Brown (left) and Scott Kamis lead the Bulldogs.

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Bottom: Lee's Adrian Castresana, left, and Ryan Dodd are three-year varsity players.

Bottom Photo by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



Colorado took a 57-56 lead with 57 left on Billups' jumper, but coach's Stan Bonewitz came back with a 3-pointer. The Raiders stayed on top until the Buffaloes tied it at 71 with 5:17 left.

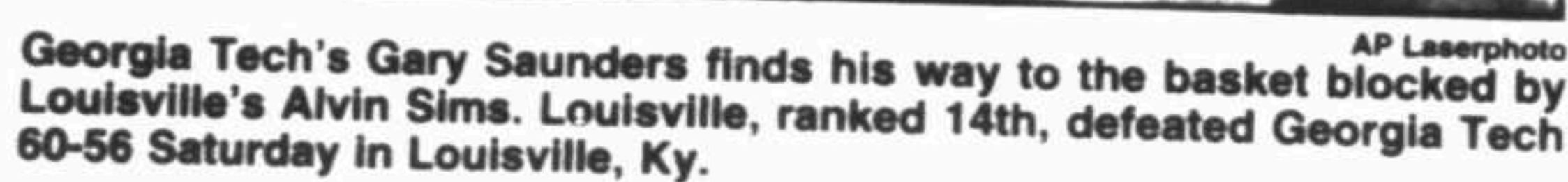
It was the first time in 19 games the Buffaloes had lost a conference game. The Red Raiders were undefeated in league play last season, the

Bulls' three superstars whip Rockets' star trio

John Starks added 20 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, and rookie John Wallace had a season-high 19 as New York won its

**Ala.-Birmingham 69,
Houston 66**

om Gugliotta scored 28 points
added seven assists and sev-
 rebounds for the Wolves, who



Mississippi surprises 3rd-ranked Kentucky

ALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Greg Knicker scored 21 points and Merle Knicker sank six free throws in the 1:31 as fifth-ranked Clemson

HAMPAIGN, Ill. — Kiwane
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Illinois overcame poor first-half

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Detroit hires Ross to five-year contract

By Bernie Wilson
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Bobby Ross has agreed to a five-year contract to coach the Detroit Lions. The Associated Press learned Saturday.

An NFL source confirmed late Saturday what NBC had reported earlier in the day, that the former San Diego Chargers coach had agreed to a contract with the Lions.

The AP learned that the contract would be for five years at between \$1.5 million and \$2 million a year.

The NBC report, which did not cite a source, said Ross would have substantial control over football operations with the Lions.

Ross' lawyer, Jack Reale, said Saturday that Ross had made a decision, but he refused to elaborate. Ross could not be immediately reached.

The Lions were offering Ross a five-year contract worth \$7.5 million, published reports said Friday. They also said he would have the final say on player personnel matters.

The earlier reports said Ross preferred the Detroit job all along, even though he has spoken to other teams. The Atlanta Falcons and the St. Louis Rams — two of seven other NFL teams in search of new coaches — also had



Former San Diego Chargers head coach Bobby Ross answers questions during a news conference in San Diego. Ross has agreed to a five-year contract to coach the Detroit Lions.

been interested in Ross.

The 60-year-old Ross resigned Jan. 3 from San Diego after five seasons, citing extensive differences with Chargers general manager Bobby Beathard.

Lions vice president for communications Bill Keenist said he couldn't confirm the NBC report. He said the Lions have not scheduled any announcements. The AP learned that the contract would be finalized Sunday and announced Monday.

Asked if Ross was in the Detroit area,

Keenist said, "Not to my knowledge."

"All the teams that we had spoken to have been notified by coach Ross of his decision," Reale said.

Detroit, which finished 5-11 under Wayne Fontes this season, has the fifth pick in the NFL draft. Fontes was fired last month.

Ross was 50-36 with the Chargers and led them to one Super Bowl. They lost 49-26 to San Francisco in 1995. Under Ross, San Diego made the AFC playoffs three times, and twice won the AFC West title.

Nothing's normal when following the Cowboys

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — It was New Year's eve morning when the telephone call came from day desk supervisor Sylvia Wingfield.

Sylvia and I have worked together for more than two decades in the Dallas Associated Press bureau and I could tell by the tone of her voice she wasn't on the phone with holiday greetings.

"There's a report two Dallas Cowboys have been accused of rape."

"Oh, no," I said.

"Oh, yes," she replied.

I was on my way to Valley Ranch, again, for another chapter in the craziest, wildest, hardest season of my 30 covering the Cowboys.

This season wasn't a lot of fun. For example, on New Year's day instead of covering the Cotton Bowl, I was at Valley Ranch writing stories about Michael Irvin and Erik Williams and interviewing lawyers and trying to track down agents. These were just accusa-

tions against the two Cowboys, not charges, but some news outlets were running it ahead of the Peruvian hostage crisis.

The saga ended Friday with police saying the accusations against Irvin and Williams were false. A police spokesman said the 23-year-old woman could be charged with filing a false report, which is a misdemeanor.

The worst job in America? Try being the Cowboys' Rich Dalrymple for just a day. The public relations director of the Cowboys never got a day's rest. It wasn't a football only kind of year.

It all started in a high school press box in Austin when the NFL ruling came down that Michael Irvin was going to be suspended for five games. Instead of watching the scrimmage with the Houston Oilers, we all scrambled to the nearby track field to hear owner Jerry Jones explain what happened.

It began a season of consistently bad news for the Cowboys. Soon following were reports that tight

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end Jay Novacek was probably lost for the year, that Charles Haley's back was bad enough for an operation, that Emmitt Smith's injuries wouldn't go away, that tight end Eric Bjornson had two sprained ankles, that every offensive lineman in the starting lineup was nursing an injury of some sort.

You've heard of the bad news Bears?

These were the bad luck Cowboys. Dallas has had bad luck before like the year a mirror fell on and broke Tony Dorsett's toes; or the year a top lineman suffered a torn hamstring in a dance hall.

But this was ridiculous. The Irvin-Williams case was being treated like it was up there in the same league with O.J. Simpson's trial.

It seemed something was always throwing the Cowboys off balance. Normally, they handle distractions well but another hard one to take was Leon Lett's second

brush with the NFL's substance abuse policy.

Lett could have been the NFL's defensive player of the year. All of a sudden he left a huge gap in the Cowboys defensive line which was exploited by the Carolina Panthers' in their 26-17 NFC divisional win.

Dallas won't get him back again until next December.

It's a wonder the Cowboys won their consecutive NFC East division title. It's a wonder they won 10 games but their defense and kicking game carried them until they had to step it up a level in the playoffs.

It was almost a relief when they finally lost. Few folks thought they could beat Green Bay at Lambeau and then win a Super Bowl with a depleted lineup.

It was also a relief for those covering the team. The football part was fun.

The off-the-field activities got old to the team, management and the media. At least Sylvia and I think so.

Finkes interceptions, big play difference in Shrine Game

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. — Defensive end Matt Finkes returned an interception 17 yards for a touchdown and led a defensive effort that stymied three of the best quarterbacks in the nation as the East beat the West 17-13 Saturday in the Shrine all-star game.

The East's win in the 72nd annual edition of the Shrine game snapped a three-year winning streak by the West, which saw its rotation of Arizona State's Jake Plummer, BYU's Steve Sarkisian and California's Pat Barnes held without a touchdown pass. The three had thrown for a total of 86 touchdowns this season.

Sarkisian, the nation's top-rated passer,

was intercepted by Finkes of Ohio State, and Plummer threw a fourth-quarter interception that wiped out the West's last chance.

Down 14-0 at one point, the West rallied to within a point when California's Ryan Longwell, who missed a 47-yard try earlier, came back to make a 48-yarder on the first play of the fourth quarter.

With East Carolina's Marcus Crandell at quarterback, the East answered with a 57-yard march that culminated in a 28-yard field goal by Wayne Boyer of Southwest Missouri State.

Barnes drove the West to the East 5 with under six minutes remaining but the West came away empty, unable to score in face of another goal-line stand that ended with Barnes' fourth-down pass into the end zone falling

incomplete.

The West got another chance almost immediately when Lance Funderburk's pass, tipped at the line of scrimmage, was intercepted by Texas A&M's Keith Mitchell at the East 12.

But two plays later, Jackson State's Sean Woodson got it back for the East with an end-zone interception of Plummer, completing the East's third-goal line stand of the day.

Up 6-0 after its defense denied the West with a goal-line stand late in the second quarter, the East struck again on the first play of the third quarter.

Playing the screen pass perfectly, Finkes got between Sarkisian and Oklahoma State running back David Thompson, swiped the ball with a leaping catch and went in for the score.

BOYS: Accuser could face jail time, fine

(From 1B)

allegations from the start and were never charged.

Police said they were considering charges of filing a false police report against Shahravan. No action had been taken by Saturday afternoon. If convicted, she could face up to six months in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Shahravan declined to comment as she left police headquarters Friday afternoon. Later, someone at her Mesquite home would not open the door to reporters.

A message left Saturday at her parents' home in Plano was not immediately returned.

Ginsberg said Shahravan recanted the allegations after police presented her with evidence there was no sexual attack and Irvin was not at Williams' home that night. A police source confirmed to The Associated Press that Shahravan signed a confession admitting the hoax.

Shahravan's estranged husband, Hooman Baghestani, said publicly during the investigation that he doubted her story.

He said she had falsely accused

him and a previous fiancé of sexual assault. No charges were ever filed against either man.

"I wasn't surprised as far as the outcome, but I am surprised that she came out and admitted to lying," Baghestani said Saturday, referring to her recantation.

Shahravan alleged the sexual assault occurred hours after the Cowboys, the NFL's defending champions, won a playoff game.

The accusation cast a dark cloud over the team's preparation for the next game, which turned out to be a 26-17 loss last weekend to the Carolina Panthers, eliminating the Cowboys from the playoffs.

Irvin urged reporters Friday to give as much attention to the end of the case as they did when the accusations were made.

"Rerun it, rewrite it, reprint it," he said. "Just like you did, with the same intensity that you did — the same intensity. Don't lose the intensity. Don't lose the intensity."

His lawyer, Royce West, criticized media coverage for being "so overwhelming that young women may very well get in their minds a situation or a project, if you will, to make some fast money."

Ginsberg said he expects police to investigate whether Shahravan was "in cahoots with anyone else ... who may have helped manipulate the situation."

West, while not saying whether Irvin planned to sue Shahravan, said anyone who makes up a story about his client in the future would wind up in court.

"Whoever decides to bring false accusations against Mr. Irvin again can expect us to retaliate in terms of using the legal system in order to seek restitution for damages done," West said.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple, in a statement on behalf of Dallas organization, said, "We are pleased that there is now closure to this situation. As we said from the outset, this was a matter that was to be handled by the proper authorities. That is what has taken place."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones did

not immediately return a telephone message left at his home by the AP.

Williams and Irvin have both had past run-ins with the law. Williams was accused of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl, but a grand jury in 1995 refused to indict him, citing insufficient evidence. The girl reached a civil settlement with Williams and asked that he not be prosecuted.

Irvin is in the first year of a four-year probation for felony cocaine possession.

Ginsberg said he still needs to confer with Williams about whether he wants to sue Shahravan.

"On one hand, he's a private person who wants peace and quiet. But on the other hand, he's clearly been aggrieved by the woman and by a police department which had him convicted before it fully investigated the accusations."

A series of bad breaks for Australian Open tournament

By Robin Finn
N.Y. Times News Service

MELBOURNE, Australia — If they win it they will come back. Once again, the Australian Open, the first of the yearly quartet of Grand Slam tests, wishes that were so.

Instead, this sun-smacked field of dreams at Flinders Park, the only Grand Slam facility with a roof to outwit inclement weather, again struggled to compose a star-studded field of contenders.

Though the defending men's champion, Boris Becker, whose victory last year reversed a five-year slide into Grand Slam obscurity, booked a return engagement, the women's titleholder did not.

Last year Monica Seles, a four-time Australian Open champion, made a triumphant return to this hemisphere by capturing her first Grand Slam event since the 1993 Australian.

This year Seles, whose health problems have been chronic since her comeback in August 1995, has seen her chance to defend her title spoiled by a freakish injury. Reaching out her right hand to palm a ball during an exhibition warmup last month, the ambidextrous Seles bent and broke her ring finger.

So after previously spurning corrective shoulder surgery in part because it would have cost her the opportunity for the title defense she craved, Seles is out anyway.

"Very disappointed," was Seles' characterization of her state of mind on realizing she would miss the tournament that launched her back into No. 1 contention last season. Thanks to the

new ranking system on the women's circuit, Seles' absence will leave her a distant No. 2 — at best.

Very disappointed was the way Australian officials felt, too, when they realized their 1997 Open would not, all hopes to the contrary, offer a showdown between Seles and Steffi Graf, who has been absent from this event three times in the last five years but has made it her mission to compete this year. Like Seles, Graf is a four-time champion.

Like Graf, the resurgent Becker has found his tax records under investigation in his native Germany, but neither that distraction, nor the residual aches and pains of a dozen years on the circuit, have hampered Becker's plans to defend his title.

Now a relatively ancient 29, Becker claims he closed out 1996 by playing the best tennis of his career after rebounding from a serious wrist injury incurred at Wimbledon.

Certainly it was the richest season of his career: helped along by a \$1.8 million payout for winning December's Grand Slam Cup, Becker won a tour-leading \$4 million last year.

Agassi, the 1995 Australian Open champion, announced a month ago that he deemed this Grand Slam hazardous to his schedule and, like Jana Novotna on the women's side, was skipping it by choice.

Besides Agassi, the men's side will also miss fourth-ranked Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the French Open champion, who broke his right hand last week, Wimbledon's defending champion, Richard Krajicek, who underwent knee surgery on Dec. 9.

Lee girls, MHS boys win weekend soccer tournaments

Staff Report

BRENNHAM — The Midland Lee girls soccer team made head coach Mike Simpson's debut, a successful and explosive one with 35 goals in four games and a tournament title.

The Lady Rebs got two goals from Ritha Belizaire and one from Kristina Farmer in the 3-1 win over Humble in the tournament final Saturday.

"If you could write a scenario, it couldn't be any better," said Simpson of his Lee coaching debut. We knew we had to generate points and we did that. We also did a beautiful job defensively."

Lee, 4-0 for the season, got four from Belizaire in the morning game against Pflugerville. The junior forward scored 13 over the course of the two days.

"She definitely stands out, no doubt about that," Simpson said. "She is unselfish and tries to get the balls so that others can score."

Lee generated 26 shots-a-game in their two wins on Saturday. In the final, Lee took over a 1-1 game with constant offensive pressure. With a 26-4 shot advantage, the eventual game winner was just a matter of time.

Midland Lee opens their District 7 season against Midland High.

Midland High Boys win

in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — Midland High won its first tournament of the year, and in the process, turned the

Alamo Heights Tournament into a real shootout.

The Bulldogs took the title Saturday with consecutive 2-1 shootouts wins, including the tournament-winner over Arlington Heights.

The Bulldogs, got a goal from Michael Wentz to tie the scoring the first half and won the extra period 4-2.

In the morning game, Midland High's Zach Inman scored his second goal of the tournament to open the scoring and added a goal in the OT period as Tom Esikhati's came away with a 3-2 shootout advantage over Corpus Christi Flower Bluff. Midland High will open their District 7 season with Midland Lee.

Midland High girls up and down

SAN ANGELO — The Midland High girls followed a 14-0 win over San Angelo Lake View with a 0-0 performance with San Angelo Central.

The Lady Bulldogs, 1-0-1 for the season received hat tricks from Meg Bennett and Jodie Nicholson as nine players scored in the win over Lake View, who was out shot 25-0.

The latter game of the day matchup two District 7 foes in non-district action and the two played to the tie. Almost no offense was recorded as MHS got off 5 shots while Center could muster just two.

Other District scores: Girls: El Paso Montwood 5, Odessa High 2; Odessa Permian 7, El Paso Burgess 0; Boys: Odessa High 2, Paris 1.

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By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

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The 1991 Heisman winner from Michigan came about missing the kickoff of last week's San Francisco. He'd too much time change, drenched, mud-caked after returning two yards in the first half.

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By Joe Macenka
AP Sports Writer

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Green Bay entered with a 17-game win Lambeau Field, where are expected digits if not lower Sunday. Carolina v the road, and in its played at no colder Washington, where were in the high 20s the final game last

If the Packers win New Orleans as a win the NFC's 13th Bowl. That's because team that seemed regular season, was sonville, the other team, last Saturday.

That's enough in one.

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Howard jumpstarts career and Packers

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Desmond Howard kept glancing up at the clock.

As the Green Bay Packers prepared for Sunday's NFC Championship game, he made sure he was on time all week.

"I've never been late for a special teams meeting, just a game," Howard cracked as he darted out of the locker room to study more videotape of the Carolina Panthers.

The 1991 Heisman Trophy winner from Michigan can laugh now about missing the second-half kickoff of last week's game with San Francisco. He'd simply taken too much time changing out of his drenched, mud-caked uniform after returning two punts for 117 yards in the first half, including a 71-yarder into the end zone.

Howard can also smile now after finding a home with the Packers and turning his career around.

Since joining the Packers following three undistinguished seasons in Washington and one in Jacksonville, he hasn't so much as bobbled a ball in 60 punt returns, 17 fair catches and 23 kickoffs.

"Obviously, it's not rocket sci-

ence. When you're winning, everything is much more enjoyable," Howard said.

"I always think there's two ways to judge a game: if you won or lost, and how did you contribute? And thus far, I've been able to get checks in both columns as far as each game is concerned."

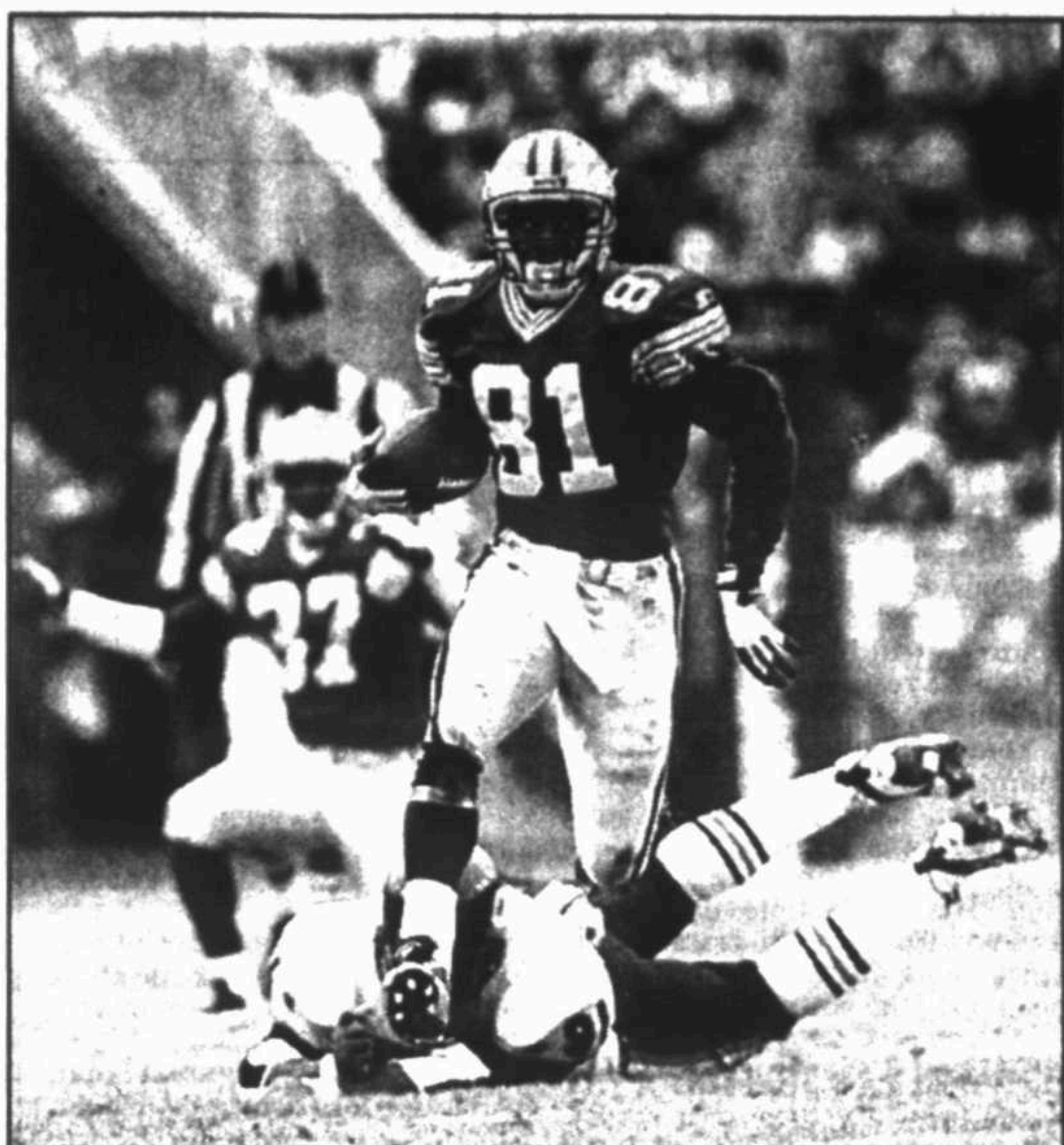
Howard came precariously close to adding Green Bay to his list of disappointments until he returned a punt 65 yards for a touchdown in an exhibition game in August.

Four months and four TD returns later, he's in the NFL record books and one victory away from the Super Bowl.

His teammates say he's as big a part of the team's 14-3 record as Brett Favre's NFC-record 39 TD passes or the defense's 39 take-aways.

Howard set an NFL single-season record with 875 punt-return yards, leveling the old mark of 692 set by the Raiders' Fulton Walker in 1985.

His 13.37-yard career punt-return average is second-best in NFL history, and his league-high 58 returns gave Favre & Co. great field position all season, something that proved critical when injuries decimated the receiving corps and offensive line.



Green Bay Packers punt returner Desmond Howard gets by a diving Chicago Bears' Rob Davis on his way to a third quarter touchdown last Saturday in Green Bay, Wis.

"He was our best player on offense," split end Antonio Freeman said.

After signing for \$303,800 just before training camp, Howard was bothered by a hip injury, and whispers began anew about his

work ethic and desire.

Then came the 65-yard punt return against Pittsburgh in the preseason that coach Mike Holmgren said assured him a spot on the roster. Holmgren, in fact, had wanted to draft Howard in 1992.

Carolina hopes Atlanta rebound leads to Bourbon Street

By Joe Macenka
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The closer the Carolina Panthers get to what could be the brightest hour of their second season, the more they remember the darkest.

As they went through their final preparations for Sunday's NFC championship game against Green Bay, the Panthers were still mindful of what happened on Nov. 3 and Nov. 4.

On that first date, the Panthers lost 20-17 to the previously winless Atlanta Falcons, dropping Carolina to 5-4. The next day, the Panthers held a players-only meeting.

They haven't lost since. "The biggest thing that happened to us this season was we lost to Atlanta," quarterback Kerry Collins said. "I think that — more than

anything — spurred us on in the second half of the season."

By design, coach Dom Capers stayed away from the meeting, opting instead to let his veterans talk to their teammates about accountability and responsibility.

"It's a lot easier if guys are sitting in that locker room, talking about hanging together and fighting through," Capers said. "That has a lot more impact, I think, than any head coach standing up in a meeting room and talking about those things."

Collins said it's impossible to describe how valuable the Panthers' veteran leadership was in helping them win their final seven games of the regular season. Carolina went into the season with 26 players on its roster who had playoff experience, including 12 who had advanced to the Super Bowl and six who had

won it.

"It's becoming more and more evident as we go along in the playoffs. The environment in the locker room is a big factor in that," said Collins, who is in his second NFL season. "I was talking to Carlton Bailey and I said, 'Carlton, how many championship games have you been in?' This is his fifth championship game. Everywhere you go, it seems like this guy's been in three or four or this guy's been there so many times."

"It's an overall feeling and an overall attitude of, 'Hey, there's a bunch of winners around here,' and you can't help but be affected by that."

The Panthers' charter flight arrived in Green Bay around dusk Friday, and the team drove to its hotel in Appleton, about 45 minutes away.

AFC: Coughlin assisted Parcells in NY

(From 1B)

guided the Jaguars from a 4-7 record to the playoffs, and then to stunning road wins at Buffalo and Denver.

Coughlin left the Giants to become head coach at Boston College just after New York won the 1991 Super Bowl. Parcells left a few months later and spent two years in broadcasting.

Coughlin was enticed back to the NFL by Jaguars owner Wayne Weaver's offer to let him have free rein. So far, Coughlin and his boss are pleased with the result.

"It's a melting-pot process," Coughlin said. "People come together and formulate a team. In some cases, it's slower than others."

"We felt we had the right individuals. We had to be patient, stick with the guys and what we believed in. I wanted to build through the draft with selective free agents who we could build

with. I never said there was a timetable. I wanted to be as good as we could as fast as we could."

And they are, faster than anyone could have imagined.

But Coughlin isn't about to forget his roots. How can he, with all his ties to Parcells, who has taken the Patriots from the bottom of the league to the AFC East crown?

"Bill had a tremendous effect on me. He taught me how to win and put it all together. I am forever grateful," Coughlin said. "He's always been strong for me with help and guidance."

"It's a difficult thing to think of playing against him."

Parcells and Coughlin have spoken nearly every week of the season, but not this week. There's not they could say.

"We talk about every situation that came up — Boston College, a little bit about the Giants, Jacksonville," said Parcells, who was 2-0 in his only conference title

games with the Giants. "I ask him questions about things, too, but I would just be one of a number of people he would talk to."

"He was listening to me in staff meetings and philosophy, so he knows what I am thinking, and I have listened to his input ... so we talk from time to time about things."

But does that give these two coaches extra insight into one another's game strategy? Parcells doesn't think so.

The Patriots know they must stop the running of Natrone Means and the improvisation of quarterback Mark Brunell. The Jaguars must do the same with running back Curtis Martin and the Drew Bledsoe-Terry Glenn passing combination.

Still, they aren't likely to stop trading compliments after the game.

PACK: Favre perfect in the cold weather

(From 1B)

"They beat San Francisco. They beat Dallas. They had the second best record in the NFC. As far as I'm concerned, they're a very good football team, however old they are."

The Packers are the NFC's best team, 13-3 in the regular season to 12-4 for Carolina.

Picked by many in the preseason to win the Super Bowl, they came to camp with hopes so high that coach Mike Holmgren had to ban those two little words from his team's vocabulary.

Now, a game away from New Orleans, Holmgren has given up trying to stop such talk.

"Two more games," says Reggie White, a perennial All-Pro without a Super Bowl ring, "and we can take the rest of our lives off."

Everything seems to point that way.

Green Bay enters this game with a 17-game winning streak at Lambeau Field, where temperatures are expected to be in single digits if not lower at game time Sunday. Carolina was only 4-4 on the road, and in its two years has played at no colder a place than Washington, where temperatures were in the high 20s and low 30s in the final game last season.

If the Packers win, they'll go to New Orleans as a solid favorite to win the NFL's 13th straight Super Bowl. That's because Denver, the team that seemed "equal in the regular season, was upset by Jacksonville, the other 1995 expansion team, last Saturday.

That's enough incentive for anyone.

"This one," says Favre, who won his second consecutive NFL MVP award this season, "is for Reggie and Sean Jones and Eugene Robinson, all those guys who have played so well and so

long and never been to a Super Bowl."

But for White, Jones and Robinson to get there, the Packers will have to beat an ordinary expansion team. Like its AFC counterpart from Jacksonville, Carolina has done what no second-year team has done before by advancing to a conference championship.

The Panthers have six defensive starters over age 31, 12 players who have been to Super Bowls and six who have Super Bowl rings. Just two Packers have been to the title game: wide receiver Don Beebe, who was in four Super Bowls with Buffalo, and backup quarterback Jim McMahon, the starter on the Bears' 1985 title team.

The Panthers are led by Sam Mills, an all-Pro linebacker who was 0-4 in playoff games until last week.

"Sam? He's 40 years old and still playing great," says White, adding three years to the 5-foot-9 Mills' actual age.

Mills and the defense, one of the NFL's few remaining 3-4 schemes, led the NFL in sacks this year with 60. Kevin Greene, who played with Pittsburgh in last year's Super Bowl, had 14 1/2 to lead the league and Lamar Lathen, the other outside linebacker, had 13 1/2.

That allows the Panthers to play a low-risk offense, led by Collins, their first-ever No. 1 draft pick.

"He's not your average second-year quarterback," says Collins' backup, Steve Beuerlein, who won a Super Bowl ring with Dallas in 1993. "He makes great decisions and doesn't get us in trouble. He knows when to complete passes and when to throw the ball away."

The rest of the offense is no names — the kind of rookies and castoffs you'd expect on an expansion team.

One is Anthony Johnson, cut by the Bears, Colts and Jets. He

rushed for 1,120 yards this season after replacing the injured Tshimanga Biakabutuka and had 104 last week against Dallas, outgaining Emmitt Smith by 24 yards.

Five more are the offensive linemen. Matt Campbell is a converted tight end signed off the street to fill the critical left tackle position. Norberto Garrido, a third-round draft choice this year, is at right tackle, where he'll have to block White.

"This isn't an individual game, it's a team game and that's how we always look at it," says Dom Capers, the runaway winner in coach of the year balloting.

What can stop the Packers? Their history, perhaps.

"The pressure we're under is immense," says Jones. "We have to win. Carolina can come in relaxed."

What can stop the Panthers? The weather, possibly.

"You can't understand what it's like until you get out in it," says Favre, a Mississippiian who is 18-0 in games played in temperatures under 35 degrees. "I know I win in it, but I hate it."

The field turn up in last week's game is new, Kentucky bluegrass shipped in from Maryland on 23 trucks this week, allowing the Packers to sell off their old field for charity.

The Panthers may be where Green Bay was a year ago when it went into Dallas after upsetting San Francisco on the road — just happy to be in the NFC Championship. The Packers lost 38-27, and the Cowboys went on to win the Super Bowl.

"Then, beating San Francisco was our Super Bowl," Favre said. "Now, when we did it we went back to business and said, 'Two more games left.'"

So the Packers are a clear favorite — not only in Las Vegas but in their own minds.

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

CAROLINA (13-4) AT GREEN BAY (14-3)
11:00 p.m., FOX
LINE — Green Bay by 12 1/2
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Panthers 13-4; Packers 1-1
SERIES RECORD — First meeting
LAST TIME MET — First meeting
LAST GAME — Panthers beat Cowboys at home 26-17; Packers beat Bears 26-14 at Lambeau Field
PLAYOFF RECORD — Panthers 1-0; Packers 1-0
PANTHERS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 15), PASS (No. 22), OVERALL (No. 23)
RB Anthony Johnson ran for 104 yards on 26 carries in win over Dallas. He had club-record 1,120 yards rushing plus six touchdowns on 300 carries during regular season. QB Kerry Collins completed 12 of 22 passes for 100 yards and a touchdown vs. Cowboys. TE Wesley Walls and WR Mark Carrier, who led club in receptions and yards receiving respectively, combined for only four catches and 32 yards last week.
PACKERS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 11), PASS (No. 5), OVERALL (No. 5)
QB Brett Favre was 11-for-15 passing vs. 49ers, but threw for only 79 yards in poor weather last week. RB Edgar Bennett rushed for 80 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries in win over San Francisco. His four career possession rushing scores are most in Packers history. Team had 12 touchdowns this season of at least 50 yards, most by any club since 1970.
PACKERS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 8), PASS (No. 12), OVERALL (No. 10)
Unit allowed second-fewest points in NFL (218), eight more than Packers, and was first in sacks with 60. LB Sam Mills had 11 sack tackles and an interception in win over Cowboys. S Chad Cota has an interception in each of last four games, including a 49-yard pick-off return vs. Dallas. LB Lamar Lathen, who was second on club with 13 1/2 sacks this season, had one of unit's two sacks last week.
PACKERS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 4), PASS (No. 1), OVERALL (No. 1)
LB George Koonce, the club's leading tackler this season, tore a knee ligament vs. 49ers and will miss remainder of playoffs. S Eugene Robinson had two interceptions in win over San Francisco and is NFL's active career leader in interceptions with 48. Unit allowed league-low 19 touchdowns, fewest since 1961 game schedule began in 1978.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Carolina K John Kasay, who led NFL with 145 points scored this season, had 14 vs. Cowboys. KR Michael Bates had league-best 30.2 yards per return this season. Packers PR Desmond Howard had club-possession record 117 punt return yards, including a touchdown, in win over 49ers. His 875 return yards in 1996, set NFL record.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — This is first time game at Lambeau Field since Packers beat Cowboys in the 1967 Ice Bowl. Packers are 8-3 in NFC championship games. Green Bay has never lost a home playoff game. The Packers have also won 17 straight home contests overall. Carolina defense has only allowed 59 second-half points, including playoff win over Dallas, fewest since league expanded to 16-game schedule. Carolina, in its second season, is youngest team to ever advance to NFC title game. Green Bay has 78-year touchdown run vs. Steelers, second longest in NFL playoff history. New England coach Bill Parcells has 8-3 January record, including 2-0 in NFC championship games and 2-0 in Super Bowls as coach of the New York Giants. Martin had 14 of his NFL-most 17 touchdowns at Foxboro Stadium. He has scored touchdowns in his last 14 games at home. Jaguars had rallied from a 21-0 deficit before falling in overtime in earlier loss to New England. Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin was on Parcells' coaching staff with Giants from 1988-90.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

JACKSONVILLE (11-7) AT NEW ENGLAND (12-5)
1:00 p.m., NBC
LINE — New England by 7
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Jaguars 9-6; Patriots 5-8
SERIES RECORD — Patriots lead series 1-0
LAST TIME MET — Patriots edged Jaguars in overtime 28-25 at home in Week 4
LAST GAME — Jaguars shocked Broncos in Denver 30-27. Patriots routed Steelers at home 28-3
PLAYOFF RECORD — Jaguars 2-2; Patriots 5-7
JAGUARS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 17), PASS (No. 1), OVERALL (No. 2)
Team had club-best 443 yards last week. RB Natrone Means carried 21 times for 140 yards and a touchdown in win over Broncos. He has 315 yards rushing in two playoff games this season and has gone over 100-yard mark in three straight contests. QB Mark Brunell completed 18 of 29 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns vs. Denver. He also ran for 44 yards. WR Jimmy Smith, who caught a touchdown pass vs. Denver, had team-high seven touchdowns catches this season.
PATRIOTS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 26), PASS (No. 3), OVERALL (No. 7)
RB Curtis Martin picked up team-playoff record 166 yards rushing, and three touchdowns, on 19 carries in win over Pittsburgh. QB Drew Bledsoe was 14-for-24 for 164 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions vs. Steelers. WR Terry Glenn had three catches for 60 yards last week. He set NFL rookie record with 90 receptions this season. Team scored AFC-best 418 points this season, second best in club history.
JAGUARS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 18), PASS (No. 16), OVERALL (No. 16)
DE Clyde Simmons had blocked extra-point attempt vs. Broncos, his third blocked kick this season and 11th of his career. He picked up two sacks in earlier win over Patriots. Rookie LB Kevin Hardy had team-high seven solo tackles last week. Unit did not force a Denver turnover and held only one sack of John Elway for one yard lost.
PATRIOTS DEFENSE — RUSH (No. 6), PASS (No. 28), OVERALL (No. 19)
LB Chris Staley had one sack vs. Pittsburgh and has 22 1/2 of his 29 1/2 career quarterback sacks at Foxboro. S Willie Clay had an interception in win over Steelers and led club this season with four picks. Team yielded average of 331.6 yards per game.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Jacksonville K Mike Hixon made all three field-goal attempts at Denver. Patriots K Adam Vinatieri kicked five field goals, including game-winner, in earlier win over Jacksonville.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Jacksonville, in its second season, is youngest team to ever advance to AFC title game. Jaguars have won seven straight games, including last five regular-season contests. Brunell topped 200 yards passing in 15 of last 16 games. Means ranks third in career playoff yards-per-carry with 4.33. Last week's win was Patriots first in playoffs since 1986 when they advanced to Super Bowl XX. Martin had 78-yard touchdown run vs. Steelers, second longest in NFL playoff history. New England coach Bill Parcells has 8-3 January record, including 2-0 in NFC championship games and 2-0 in Super Bowls as coach of the New York Giants. Martin had 14 of his NFL-most 17 touchdowns at Foxboro Stadium. He has scored touchdowns in his last 14 games at home. Jaguars had rallied from a 21-0 deficit before falling in overtime in earlier loss to New England. Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin was on Parcells' coaching staff with Giants from 1988-90.

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BOYS: Lee advanced to regional quarters

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no choice but to recognize that. "There is a lot of pressure (going into this season)," senior defender Cody Brown said. "We don't want to be the first team in four years to let the school down."

Kind of morbid but that is how it works at Midland High.

"We have talked about it, and there is only one place to go and that is down," senior midfielder Scott Kamis said. "It is an incentive to work harder. I don't want to be in the group of seniors that stops the legacy."

Midland High has played soccer at a consistent level over the past three years. MHS' 32-4 district mark is a full 12 games better than the next team's mark. Abilene High is 20-16 over that span. This season, Esikhathi will again have to make up the loss of a double-digit senior class. That, however, has become the norm.

"It is the same thing for the last two years. We have been losing 13-14 seniors (a year)," Brown said. "He (Esikhathi) builds the teams out of sophomores. They concentrate on the younger guys. You have to start at the bottom."

Getting a bit of experience each and every year is how district title hopes can exist this season with just four returning starters from last year's talented club.

Midland High's 1996 season ended for the second-straight time with a loss at the hands of Wichita Falls Rider. The 1-0 defeat in the Sectional Round of the Region I playoffs marked the end of the line of all-district players like 1996 Offensive Player of the Year J.D. Garcia, forward Dustin Huber and keeper Eric Rogers.

The offense has to bounce back after losing Garcia, an all-around player for three years, Huber, and Marcelo Leos. Kamis, a returning midfielder, will captain the offense.

"We have a solid offense with a lot of depth on the bench. Any of whom can step up and play," Kamis said. "J.D. and Marcelo were good players, and are tough to lose, but we have tough players to step up. Our forwards possess a lot of speed, our midfielders are skilled and put good touch on the ball."

With 27 players on the varsity, there is a luxury to be able to move kids in and out of the lineup and that is what Esikhathi does.

Kamis leads a group of midfielders, who runs the show for MHS attacking the sidelines for crosses and other entry passes. Among those playing aside Kamis will be Michael Ratanasavetava, John Moreno, Joseph Garcia and junior Michael Barnett.

Some of the players the midfielders will be setting the table for are seniors forwards Jason Paredes, Jerad Fain, Nicholas Rodriguez and juniors Zach Imman and John Ketter.

MHS' defense might like lack returning starters (1), but one thing the guys on the back lines don't lack is confidence.

"Defensively, we're the most solid team in the district. No questions asked," said Brown, the lone returnee.

If you abide by the theory that defense is about guts, hard work, some confidence and those little extras, then he might be right. Brown talks so highly about his

Midland High Roster

Seniors		
Bryan Alley	Keeper	
Jason Kristensen	Defender	
Cody Brown	Defender	
Michael Barnett	Defender	
Joseph Garcia	Midfielder	
Jason Paredes	Forward	
Charles Wallace	Forward	
Jerad Fain	Forward	
John Moreno	Midfielder	
Nicholas Rodriguez	Midfielder	
Augusto Cardillo	Midfielder	
Scott Kamis	Midfielder	
Walker Moody	Defender	
Jeremy Knous	Defender	
Carroll Donnelly	Defender	

Juniors		
Zach Imman	Keeper/For	
Michael Barnett	Defender	
Jason Paredes	Forward	
Matthew Lacking	Defender	
Gregory Richardson	Midfielder	
John Ketter	Forward	
Michael Barnett	Midfielder	

Sophomores		
Michael Wertz	Forward	
Joseph Allen	Forward	

Freshmen		
Justin Booth	Keeper	

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February		
1	ABILENE COOPER	2 p.m.
4	at Odessa High	4:30 p.m.
11	MIDLAND LEE	4:30 p.m.
15	at Odessa Permian	2 p.m.
18	ABILENE HIGH	4:30 p.m.
21	at San Angelo Central	2 p.m.
27	at Abilene Cooper	4:30 p.m.
March		
1	Odessa High	2 p.m.

comrades because of the familiarity that they have with each other.

"Three of the five starters (Brown, juniors Matt Lackey and Jeremie Piette) have played together since we were 12 (years old) in club ball," Brown said. "We know how each other will play. They save me or I save them. It just works out."

Sophomore Joseph Alcala, senior Jeremy Knous, Charles Wallace should also see time on the back line while the keeper duties will be left to senior Bryan Alley and freshman Justin Booth.

The Midland Lee Rebels
TRIVIA QUESTION: Which district team advanced the farthest Region I playoffs? No, not Midland High.

It was McCulloch's group across town. The Rebels not only visited the post season for the first time in four seasons, but made it a memorable stay, just missing the Region I Tournament.

Lee, 15-5 in 1996, enjoyed that sweet taste of success and would like nothing more than get another helping of the playoff dessert.

"There's an excitement knowing that everyone is looking and trying to catch up to us," first-team all district midfielder Adrian Castresana said. "It is really important that we went so far, and just as important that we keep the tradition going."

Winning would also prove to the

Midland High Fast Facts

Head Coach: Tom Esikhathi.
Ninth season at MHS.

Assistant Coach: Chad Peterson.

1996 Playoffs: Sectional Qualifier, 1-0 loss to Wichita Falls Rider.

District Title Streak: Three.

Returning Starters: 4.

Lettermen Lost: 14.

Key Returnees: Forward Jason Paredes, midfielder Scott Kamis, midfielder Michael Ratanasavetava, defender Cody Brown.

Team Strengths: Balance team, Defense and Midfield.

Other: Coach Esikhathi has been with the Midland High program since the program's inception. His team's have walked away with four district titles (three lone and one shared) and one trip to the state's Final Four.

Midland Lee Roster

Seniors		
David Barton	Forward	
Chris Bowman	Midfielder	
Fred Cervello	Midfielder	
Adrian Castresana	Defender	
Ryan Dodd	Defender	
Eric Driskel	Defender	
Gabby Hidalgo	Midfielder	
Steven McLeod	Midfielder	
James O'Leary	Defender	
Matt Renfro	Defender	
Phillip Smith	Keeper	
Chuck Stuckley	Defender	
Andy Thomas	Defender	
Eric Walraven	Midfielder	
Scott Williams	Forward	

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critics that last year was no fluke. "Some might say we were lucky last year," Castresana said. "We just have to keep winning."

Calling it luck is not giving the team the credit it is due. If not for a 1-0 shootout loss to Abilene High in the second half of the district season, Rebels would have forced a tie at a top of standings. Now, with six starters back and 10 return-

ing lettermen taking the pitch, Lee feels they are in right position. "We are closer this year than in the past and have team unity," senior defender Ryan Dodd said. "We have a lot of strong players to overcome the ones we lost, and in some cases, they are better."

Lee's losses are probably most significant on the defensive side of the ball. Tim Tipton and Salvador Bombara, all-district performers in 1996, are gone. Dodd will mark up with seniors Matt Renfro and Andy Thomas and sophomore Kris Crawford. Other contenders for time include Eric Driskel and Chuck Stuckley. Senior Phillip Smith will continue his role of guarding the goal.

"They have experience," McCulloch said. "Matt Renfro, Ryan Dodd and Phillip Smith all have three years. I'm confident we will be able to fill in the other spots."

Offensively, the Lee boys will continue to work the ball up the field to find the right shot, and once again, Castresana, who had seven goals and six assists last season,

will be the man to guide the team in the right direction.

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The players concur. But Lee would also like, to not only make the playoffs, but to see the district title trophy to make its way across town. There's no better time than the present.

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Lee's Schedule

Head Coach: John McCulloch.
Record at Lee: 20-12 in three seasons.

Assistant Coach: Scott Hicks.

1996 Playoffs: Regional Quarterfinalist, loss to El Paso Hawks, 2-1.

Returning Starters: 6.

Key Returnees: Forward Troy Henry, Midfielder Adrian Castresana, Defender Ryan Dodd, Keeper Phillips Smith.

Team Strengths: Varsity Experience, Defense.

Other: Midland Lee went to the playoffs last season for the first time in four seasons.

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NCAA Presidents to be updated on post-season plans for future

By Wendell Barnhouse
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — College presidents, who four years ago at the NCAA Convention here confirmed their control over collegiate sports, will discuss the concept of overseeing postseason football.

Cedric Dempsey, the NCAA's executive director, will update and explain the state of the bowls and the bowl alliance when he addresses a Chief Executive Officers' Forum today.

"The idea is to clarify for the presidents the details of the football postseason and the bowl alliance," Dempsey said. "Part of what I'll be doing is refreshing their memories on how we got here and the options and the details of the playoff study we conducted."

Two years ago, an NCAA special committee studied a playoff, but after it issued a detailed initial report, the Presidents Commission disbanded the committee.

Although the Western Athletic Conference, still upset with Brigham Young's exclusion from the bowl alliance during the 1996 season, continues to talk up the possibility of a Division I-A football playoff, Dempsey's presentation shouldn't be construed as the playoff door opening.

"Nothing is going to happen (about a playoff) on the floor of this convention," said Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner Gene Corrigan, the outgoing president of the NCAA. "Two years ago, I was on that playoff committee and I thought it was a done deal that we were moving toward a playoff."

Greenwood falls, Stanton rolls

SONORA — The Greenwood High boys basketball team saw both its season and district records fall to 500 Friday night as it suffered a tough loss to Sonora 68-66 in a District 4-3A game.

The Rangers (11-11 overall, 1 in district) led by six at halftime but Sonora pulled even in the fourth quarter and eventually took the lead before Greenwood's Andrew Wootan made one of two free throws in the final second to tie it 66-66. Sonora then scored on its next possession with only two seconds remaining to win the game.

David Upton led Greenwood with 24 points while Neil Boecking added 18 and Wootan had 15. Ty Harrelson carried Sonora with a game-high 34 points, including five three-point shots.

Greenwood hosts Colorado City in a district game Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Stanton 78, Van Horn 54
VAN HORN — The Stanton High boys basketball team stayed on a roll in District 6-2A, thumping Van Horn 78-54 Friday night.

The Buffaloes (20-1 overall, 3-0 in district) left little doubt about the outcome, pulling away from Van Horn midway through the first quarter and steadily building their lead to as much as 31 points late in the third quarter before turning the game over to their subs.

Leo McCallister led the attack for Stanton with 24 points while Kyle Herm added 17. Marcus Washington scored 11 points for the Buffaloes along with 15 rebounds and eight blocked shots.

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Stanton (20-1, 3-1): Nathan Long 2-0-3, Kyle Herm 5-3-4, Josh Madison 3-3-5, Jason Karmel 2-2-2, Tyron Davis 0-3-3, Leo McCallister 9-5-6, 24.

Van Horn (8-3): D. McBride 7-2-6, E. Venegas 2-0-4, B. McBride 0-1-2, D. Gonzales 5-1-2, 14, O. Borrego 2-5-8, N. Venegas 1-0-1, F. Carrasco 4-2-10. Totals 21-8-17-54.

Stanton	20	19	24	15-78
Van Horn	13	12	18	21-54

3-Point Goals: 5-3 (Herm, 2 McCallister, Van Horn)

3-Point Fouls: 5-15, 17, 17. **Fouled Out:** D. McBride, B. McBride. Technicals: None.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Trinity girls win tourney

GRANDFALLS — The Midland Trinity girls basketball team kept its strong season going Saturday night by defeating Fort Davis 46-35 to win the Grandfalls Tournament.

Trinity's Sarah Gifford led the Lady Chargers with 16 points and was named the tournament MVP. Heather Bartlett added 12 for Trinity, now 15-3. Tasha Wilbrite led Fort Davis with 13 points.

Midland-Odessa 8th grade tourney

ODESSA — Goddard Red won two games Saturday to win the consolation championship of the Midland-Odessa post-season tournament. Red defeated Odessa Ector 54-30 in the semifinals as Matt Bose had 11 points while Wendell Smith and Chris Linscombe each had 10.

Red then beat Alamo Gray 68-53 for the consolation title as Trey Williams had 12 and Bose 10. Scott Winter had 18 points, scoring 10 in the tournament.

MHS sophs beat Lee sophs

The Midland High School sophomores beat the Midland Lee sophomores, 90-86, on Saturday. Robert O'Neal and Thomas Tennon each had 29 points for the Bulldogs. MHS next plays Odessa High at 6 p.m. Monday.

Midland White beats Crockett

Midland White (4-1) defeated Odessa Crockett 57-24 Saturday in freshmen girls basketball play.

Hilliary Davis and Meredith Myers each had 14 points while Julie Poage had 11. Terri Mel drum had nine steals in the game.

In other freshmen action from Saturday, Lee Maroon defeated Midland Purple, 50-38. Rochelle Warren led Maroon (14-1, 5-0 district) with 17 points, Julie Jay had 14 and Courtney Creswell added 10.

Odessa Nimitz defeated Lee White, 58-43, on Saturday. April Rankin led White with 16 points.

MFHS Purple moves to 11-1

Midland Freshman Purple defeated Lee Maroon 88-79 Saturday, hitting 28 of 34 free throws. Purple is now 11-1 for the season.

Dejuan Andrews and David Lucas each had 14 points while Justin Scott had 12. Jimmy Smith 11 and B.J. Alexander 10. Ephraim had a game high 26 points for Maroon while Torres had 24.

Midland Freshman White lost to Odessa Crockett, 66-56, in another night grade game to fall to 3-9 for the year. Schumskie had 12 points and Zarate 11 for White.

Trinity, MC win titles

Trinity and Midland Christian won titles Saturday in Trinity's eighth grade girls and boys tournament.

Trinity's boys got 35 points from Chris Howard to pace a 72-29 win over Midland Christian in the championship game. Michael Glasscock added 13 points while Stephen Koss led MC with seven points.

Midland Christian won the girls championship with a narrow 31-29 win over Trinity as Kimberly Spradlin had 12 points. Ginny Wilkerson and Leigh Beal led Trinity with six each.

Greenwood won third place in the boys with a 22-20 win over Coahoma as Tye Callaway had 11 points. Coahoma beat Greenwood 26-9 in the girls third place game as Mikanna Herring and Leslie Phinney led the way with eight points each.

Trinity All-Tournament Team
Boys All-Tournament: Tye Callaway, Greenwood; Stephen Koss, Midland Christian; David Koss, Midland Christian; Chris Howard, Trinity; and Michael Glasscock, Trinity.

Girls All-Tournament: Kimberly Spradlin, Midland Christian; Sasha Haller, Midland Christian; Jessica Clay, Trinity; Kristin Stoltz, Trinity; Leslie Phinney, Coahoma.

Petty sixth

Midland Lee Freshman's Lee Petty placed sixth Friday night in the calf scramble at the San Hills Rodeo. He was the only Midland entry.

Abell Blue wins championship

Abell Blue won the championship Saturday of the seventh grade post-season tournament with a 59-45 win over Abell Maroon. Eric Winston led the charge with 16 points and 19 rebounds. Josh Brown had 13 points and nine rebounds, and Clay Lamb added eight points and seven rebounds. Jacob Kindreck led Maroon with 12 points while Freddy Jones and Rodney Floyd had 11 each.

SWIM: COM extends lead over El Paso

(From 1B)

"The kids are swimming really well but I didn't expect to score that many points. Straight down the line these kids are turning in their best times."

That includes Goodwin in the 200 IM, even though that isn't acknowledged as her best event. Goodwin won by more than three seconds over her nearest competitor, COM teammate Erin Irons.

As much as anything, Goodwin thinks timing was a major factor in her success in the IM.

"I really didn't think I was going to do that good in it," Goodwin said. "It was my first event (Saturday) so I had a lot of energy."

It wasn't all expended in the 200 IM, either. Less than 90 minutes after winning the 200, Goodwin easily won the 50 free by more than a second over Michelle Quinn of the Desert Sharks Swim Club of El Paso.

Goodwin won the regionals last year in the 50 free and was fifth in the state finals. Both of those times were superior to what Goodwin did Saturday, but she was hardly displeased.

"I'm really happy with my times right now," Goodwin said. "I'm especially happy with my 50 times."

Goodwin is already a qualifier for March's junior nationals at Texas A&M in the 50 free and 100 back. She perhaps got a taste of future competition this weekend by seeing swimmers from other locales.

"This is fun because I get to see girls from El Paso, who I don't get to see them that often," Goodwin said.

While the COM team was able to enjoy the comforts of home for three days, Swendig doesn't nec-

essarily think that his swimmers have a home pool advantage. He thinks that out of town competition can bring an edge to a meet.

"One big problem about swimming in your own pool is it's harder to get excited," Swendig said. "The swimmers aren't excited about seeing their own pool again, but with all these swimmers from out of town that adds some incentive."

Some COM swimmers don't have to look far beyond their own team to draw encouragement and inspiration. Irons, for instance, only needs to look as far as Goodwin.

Irons, a freshman at Midland High, swims the same events as Goodwin and actually led Goodwin in points 45-36 in the 15-16 competition by virtue of swimming in more events and winning the 500 free in 5:27.83. Irons would like to be in a similar position to Goodwin two years from now.

"That's my goal to try to stay with her," Irons said. "Everybody on the team looks up to her. When you're in a meet with her you feel honored."

But usually beaten.

COM Winter Invite Results

Team Standings	
1. City of Midland Aquatics (COM) 1,529.50; 2. El Paso Aquatics (EPAP) 772.50; 3. Desert Sharks Swim Club (DSSC) 345; 4. Kirkland Aquatics Club (KAC) 154; 5. Caprock Swimming (CAP) 142; 6. Odessa Aquatics Club (OAC) 81; 7. Las Cruces Aquatics Team (LCAT) 77; 8. Pecos Aquatics Club (PAC) 48; 9. Unattached Club (UNCLUB) 42; 10. El Paso Water Ranch (EPWR) 39; 11. Lubbock Swim Club (LSC) 31; 12. Amarillo Swim Team (AST) 30; 13. Sanguary Swim Club (SSC) 6; 14. Abilene Tidal Wave (YMCA) 5; 15. Lubbock Water Vans (LWV) 2.	
Individual Points	
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Male	
8 and under: 1. Erik Spear (CAP) 39; 2. Patrick Kelly (OAC) 38; 3. Rourke Abt (KAC) 33; 10 and under: 1. (tie), Matthew Woloszyn (COM) and Kyle Edens (COM) 41; 3. Shane Buzzard (AST) 30; 11-12: 1. Tyson Taylor (COM) 58; 2. Matt McGinnis (LCAT) 45; 3. Travis Floyd (OAC) 38; 13-14: 1. Thomas Dean (EPAP) 50; 2. Gregg Strauss (COM) 44; 3. Aaron Rodriguez (EPAP) 43; 15-18: 1. Scott Strauss (COM) 53; 2. Paul Urgueta (COM) 38; 3. McKeller Michael (COM) 31; 17-18: 1. Julio Acovedo (EPAP) 42; 2. Matthew Bentley (DSSC) 34; 3. Scott Adkins (EPAP) 29.	
COM Winners	
200 Free Relay: Male 10 and under —	
COM A, 2:04.43. 400 Free Relay: Female 11-12 — COM A, 4:05.46. Male 11-12 — COM A, 4:14.59. Female 13-14 — COM A, 3:54.20. Female 15-18 — COM A, 3:52.74. 200 Free: Male 10 and under — Kyle Edens, 2:10.79. 50 Free: Male 8 and under — Kevin Peterson, 42.04. Female 15-18 — Amber Goodwin, 24.48. Female 13-14 — Katherine Curry, 32.90. 200 Breast: Female 13-14 — Emily Alvarado, 2:38.64. Male 15-18 — Scott Cametti, 2:24.04. 100 Breast: Female 13-14 — Allison Travis, 1:33.56. Female 8 and under — McCall Keasley, 1:40.41. Female 10 and under — Jessica Ellis, 1:23.17. Male 10 and under — Matthew Woloszyn, 1:19.82. Female 11-12 — Kristian Lowry, 1:16.96. 200 IM: Female 15-18 — Amber Goodwin, 2:12.52. Male 15-18 — McKeller Michael, 2:12.18. 100 IM: Female 8 and under — McCall Keasley, 1:31.96. Male 10 and under — Kyle Edens, 1:10.04. Female 11-12 — Katie Lowry, 1:07.92. Male 11-12 — Tyson Taylor, 1:03.74. 50 Fly: Female 8 and under — McCall Keasley, 40.83. Female 10 and under — Jessica Ellis, 33.47. Male 10 and under — Matthew Woloszyn, 31.47. Female 11-12 — Julie Fiske, 50.68. Male 11-12 — Tyson Taylor, 28.20. 100 Fly: Female 15-18 — Amber Goodwin, 1:01.41. Male 15-18 — Paul Urgueta, 57.50. 80 Back: Female 8 and under — McCall Keasley, 42.81. Male 10 and under — Matthew Woloszyn, 34.06. Female 11-12 — Julie Fiske, 30.99. 25 Back: Female 8 and under — Aurora Owens, 23.60. 200 Back: Female 15-18 — Amber Goodwin, 2:08.71. Male 15-18 — Scott Strauss, 2:08.42. 100 Back: Female 15-18 — Meredith Simmons, 1:18.56. 100 Free: Female 8 and under — McCall Keasley, 1:19.84. Male 8 and under — Kyle Edens, 1:00.81. 500 Free: Male 11-12 — Tyson Taylor, 5:32.81. Female 13-14 — Stephanie Brown, 5:25.24. Female 15-18 — Erin Irons, 5:27.83. Male 15-18 — Scott Strauss, 5:14.44.	

Boston signs former Atlanta lefty; Rangers lose Hamilton, keep Oliver

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox signed free agent pitcher Steve Avery to a one-year contract Friday, hoping he can rebound from a rib cage injury and lead a staff that lost Roger Clemens.

Avery, 7-10 with a 4.47 ERA last season with Atlanta, became expendable after the Braves obtained lefty Denny Neagle in a mid-season trade with Pittsburgh.

Avery was the MVP in the 1991 National League championship series, but was less successful in last year's postseason. In Game 4 of the World Series against New York, he walked Wade Boggs with the bases loaded in the 10th inning, forcing in the go-ahead run in an 8-6 Yankees win.

Avery's lifetime record in 6 1/2 seasons is 72-62, all with Atlanta. But in his last two years, he is just 14-23.

Giants sign Darryl Hamilton to two-year contract

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants signed outfielder Darryl Hamilton to a two-year contract Friday, their second free agent signing in three

days.

Hamilton is expected to be the lead-off hitter and center fielder for the Giants.

Hamilton had the best fielding percentage of any outfielder in the major leagues last year, handling 389 chances without an error to set an AL record. The mark previously was held by Stan Javier, who went 335 chances without an error in 1995 for the Athletics.

He has played 166 consecutive errorless games, and has committed just eight errors in 1,798 chances in 767 games for a .996 fielding mark — the highest percentage among players with 750 or more games.

Pitcher Darren Oliver signs 1-year deal with Rangers

ARLINGTON — Darren Oliver, an important left-handed part of the Texas Rangers' starting rotation last season, has signed a one-year contract to remain with the team in 1997.

In announcing the signing Friday, the Rangers avoided arbitration with the only left-hander in the team's 1996 starting rotation. Terms were not announced.

Trinidad, Norris, Akinwande win, Rahilou upsets

By Tim Dahlberg
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sometimes, it seems, Felix Trinidad just needs someone to catch his attention and let him know he's in a fight.

Kevin Leushing did just that Saturday night, and then paid the price.

Leushing knocked Trinidad down in the second round, giving the IBF welterweight champion the wakeup call he needed to come back a round later and knock Leushing down three times to retain his 147-pound title.

It was the sixth time the undefeated Trinidad has been knocked down in fights, five of them in the second round. Each time he has come back to stop his opponent.

The win at 2:59 of the third round was the 11th title defense for the Puerto Rican slugger, who has won all 31 of his fights, 27 by knockout.

It came just before Terry Norris beat game Nick Rupa to retain his IBF and WBC 154-pound titles and set up a planned Trinidad-Norris fight for May or June that could make both fighters millions.

Norris, by contrast, knew he was in a fight as Rupa took everything he had before Norris finally dropped him twice in the 10th round. The second knockdown prompted referee Marty Denkin to stop the fight at 2:34 of the 10th round.

Norris, winning his 19th title fight in 23 tries, threw everything he had against the Canadian challenger, who was bloodied and battered but remained on his feet until two right hands ended the bout.

"I didn't think he would take that much punishment," Norris said. "I hit him with some big shots."

Norris (45-6, 29 KOs) will put his 154-pound titles on the line against Trinidad, who will move up in weight to challenge him.

In the only upset among the four title fights before an announced crowd of 9,000 at Nashville's new downtown arena, Frankie Randall lost big in what was supposed to be his homecoming celebration.

Randall's return home was spoiled by a Frenchman fighting outside Europe for the first time, costing him both his WBA junior welterweight title and the promise of million dollar fights to come.

Khalid Rahilou outboxed and outpunched Randall before finally stopping him with an unanswered flurry of head blows 58 seconds into the 11th round to win the 140-pound championship in his first title fight.

The three-time champion (53-5-0) had been a big favorite against Rahilou (29-2, 15 KOs), who was ranked No. 1 by the WBA despite having fought all his bouts in Europe, mostly against mediocre opponents.

But it was Rahilou who dominated the bout, keeping Randall away with quick flurries before turning up the power in the later rounds to wear him down and finally put him away.

The loss ruined Randall's chances of fighting Trinidad in the spring, a bout for which he had been promised \$1 million.

The fights were part of a card of four title bouts. Earlier, Henry Akinwande defended his WBO heavyweight title with a lopsided win over fellow British fighter Scott Welch.

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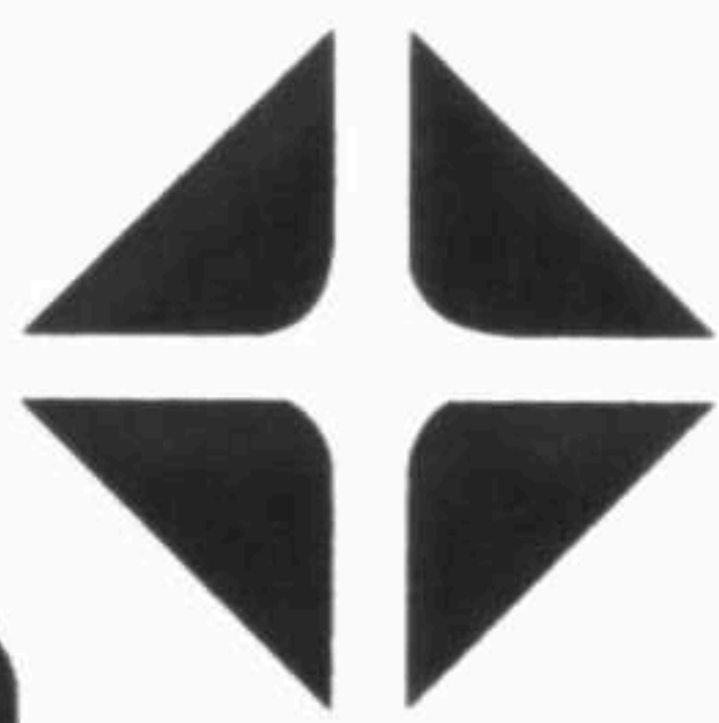
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BASIN BRIEFING

Answer Line

Which schools in Midland Independent School District does each school board trustee oversee?

Even though school campuses fall into a specific school boundary, each school-board trustee oversees all the schools in the district. Schools that fall within a specific boundary may also have students attending from another of the single-member districts. An example of this is that Lee High School is located in District 6, yet has students attending from all attendance areas. No one school-board trustee oversees any one particular school. Citizens and parents can call any school-board trustee in reference to a problem at any school.

School-board trustees — and the districts they represent — follow: James Fuller, District 1; Adela Marmolejo, District 2; Jack Hightower, District 3; Jackie Hamilton, District 4; and Robin Hightower, District 5; Dianne Anderson, District 6; and Michael Dobey, District 7.

— MISD Superintendent Joseph Barassi Jr.

Readers with questions should send them to "Answer Line," c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1630, Midland 79701.

Traffic note

Between Wednesday and Friday, the city of Midland will reduce northbound traffic to one lane in the 3800 block of Lamesa Road to install a new sewer line for the Hogan Park softball fields.

Support group

Noontime Dialogue, a support group for cancer patients, will meet noon Tuesday at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center classroom 3303. Massage therapist, Robin Clark, will discuss massage and relaxation techniques. Lunch will be served. For more information call 685-6606.

Quilters meet

Midland Quilter's Guild is to meet 7 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Wednesday at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. For more information call Susan Riebe at 684-7120.

Classes begin

Classes for the next Citizen's Police Academy begin Tuesday. Classes are free and will be held every Tuesday night for 14 weeks. In the academy, students learn about the working of the Police Department and the job of a police officer. Applications are available at the police department, 601 N. Lorraine St., or applicants may call 685-7130.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Pemian Basin Road Runners Club, business meeting, 697-1066.

11th Step Study group for people in recovery, 10:30 a.m., 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., 697-4751 or 682-1646.

Greater Pemian Basin Duplicate Bridge & Novice Duplicate Bridge, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center.

Tall City Road Riders, 9 a.m., Warfield Truckstop, 682-9968, 687-5313.

Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street, 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726.

Headquarters, 2nd Battalion/39th Regiment, Texas State Guard, 1 p.m., 683-8742.

SAA—Reflections, 560-5240.

The meetings are closed. Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 3:30 p.m., 1406 E. Taylor St.

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Group helps woman celebrate her 100th birthday with dance

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

At first, Laura Coston wasn't too keen on joining the party to celebrate her birthday 100 years ago.

"I don't want to go," she adamantly told her son and daughter, L.P. "Sonny" Coston Jr. of Houston and Dixie McDonald of Midland. "Nobody is supposed to live a hundred years."

Headstrong as she is, Mrs. Coston, nevertheless, got a firm grip on her wooden cane and walked on over to the Courtyard

Care Center's multi-purpose room, which on this day became a dance hall and party room replete with cake and punch, dancing dames, taped music and old-timers remembering back when.

"She (her mother) never did (dance), but I did," said Mrs. McDonald, who is a retired teacher.

After the Midland Senior Center's Country Line Dancers started swaying to Ernest Tubbs' "Waltz Across Texas," Mrs. Coston's son and daughter waltzed within sight of their mother.

"See, Mother didn't know that I danced,"

Please see DANCE/2C



Two members of the Dellwood Dancers, right, congratulate Laura Coston, who celebrated her 100th birthday Friday. The country-line dance group performed at Mrs. Coston's party.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



'And your little dog too.'

June Morre, top, tries to coax Stormy, a 3-year-old Schipperke, into a basket as Lori Gregory looks on. Lori, who will be playing Dorothy in Midland Community Theatre's upcoming production of "The Wizard of Oz," reacts to getting a kiss from Cracker, a year-and-a-half old Carrion terrier.

Photos by Tim Fischer

MCT auditions dogs to play Toto

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Midland Community Theatre went to the dogs Saturday leaving Shawn Watson, Gail Theobald and Janet George with a dog-gone difficult decision to make. Would it be April, Batina, Crackers, Stormy, Jonet, Tiffany, CiCi, or Dusty whom audiences would see as the lovable Toto when the musical "The Wizard of Oz" opens in February?

During the 90-minute audition, each owner had an opportunity to show off his pet.

"Can he speak?" Ms. Watson inquired of Dusty's owner, Doug Hart.

"Probably not," Hart said, his tone tentative. He looked at Dusty and then back at the casting committee. "You can ask."

"Does he heel?" Ms. Theobald asked.

"He'll do anything for a treat," Hart replied. Holding a tasty morsel in his hand, Hart walked Dusty. Several passes across the lobby of Cole Theater clearly demonstrated the pet's passion for snacks.

Please see TOTO/2C



Samantha Phillips' meatpen rabbit, Winkin, was dressed in a Cupid outfit — including hat, wings and hearts — for Saturday's livestock auction.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Midland County Livestock Show concludes with judging, auction

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Dustin Jones' 1,200-pound ebony calf, which the youth tabbed "Psycho" due to his "very temperamental" and "high-strung" ways, won the "grand-championship" steer title in the 1997 Midland County Livestock Show and enriched the youth by \$2,900 in Saturday's auction of 143 farm animals.

"We are real excited about it," said 16-year-old Dustin, who said that the steer's blue-ribbon win is the family's first grand championship in the show ring.

The Chianina calf, which came off of

the Kevin Newman Ranch in neighboring Martin County, was hailed by the steer judge for his "muscling" and "cutability" and for being "real pretty" and "show ready," Dustin said.

Psycho's next stop is the Fort Worth Livestock Show on the major show circuit.

"If we don't make the sale there," Dustin figured, "we will take him to San Antonio and then Houston."

The big, black calf elicited the \$2,900 donation from the steer's top bidder, Midland American Bank.

Please see SELL/3C

GARY OTT

Becoming an impromptu tour guide is dubious honor

It is not one of those duties that is generally appears in the official job description, but when you stop and think about it, maybe it should. After all, it is not everyday that a person — a mere employee at that — is asked to help determine what the company's future is going to look like five years down the road.

Yet, that is exactly what takes place when a current employee — someone like YOU, for example — is given the responsibility of playing host to a prospective newcomer to the firm, a perky up-and-comer who just happens to be in the office for that much-dreaded job interview before taking the — and I quote — "quick look around town."

It is that "quick look around town" that we will be examining today. Or, more specifically, we will attempt to answer the age-old question: What in the heck is the host supposed to do once he has shown the prospect the town's highlights, which — and let's be honest here — will take, oh, a good 45 minutes or so?

Sound familiar? Of course it does. We've all been there at one time or another. Some big shot at the office, who under no circumstance wants the task for himself, decides only YOU can make a mid-afternoon in Midland seem like mid-

night in Manhattan.

So you become Mr. Tour Guide.

Good luck, the boss says, and don't get carried away with the expense account.

The first thing you do, of course, is drive around town and make such keen observations as:

— "Over here, as you can see, is where a bunch of rich people live. They're mostly Republicans."

— "Later, if we have time, I'll show you the other side of town where the poor people live. They're mostly Democrats."

Once you have concluded your Political Science 101 lecture, you then will begin reciting brief histories of some of the town's more illustrious citizens, both past and present.

The conversation will usually go something like this: "Did you know that President Bush used to live in Midland. It's true. Back in the '50s, I think. And, of course, the Jessica McClure rescue took place here. And maybe you've heard of Clayton Williams? He ran for governor a few years back against Ann Richards. Yes, he made THAT comment about rape and the weather. Anyway, he still lives here."

All three facts are sure to get the prospect's attention. Unfortunately, that means some obvious inquiries will follow, questions like:

— "Where did Bush live?"

Your answer: "Gee, I really don't know."

— "Where did Jessica fall into the well?"

Your answer: "Gee, I really don't remember."

— "Where does Clayton Williams live?"

Your answer: "Gee, I really don't have a clue."

— "You don't know much, do you?"

Your answer: "Gee, I really don't, do I?"

But you DO become flustered. So you panic and begin focusing on the obvious, pointing out such local landmarks as McDonald's, a downtown parking lot, the post office, the courthouse square and a new apartment complex ... in other words, things that are not exactly unique to this town.

The more flustered you become, the more bored the prospect acts.

In fact, if he glances at his watch and says, "My flight leaves in five hours. Why don't you go ahead and drop me off at the airport," you will know you have officially failed the tour guide test.

Which is too bad.

Because you are going to need a new job once the prospect calls your boss back and announces that he has had a change of heart and is going to turn down "this most generous offer," after all.

Something, he says, about this being "a boring town."

Oops.

Maybe Burger King would have been more impressive.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram

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BASIN BRIEFING

Answer Line

Which schools in Midland Independent School District does each school board trustee oversee?

Even though school campuses fall into a specific school boundary, each school-board trustee oversees all the schools in the district. Schools that fall within a specific boundary may also have students attending from another of the single-member districts. An example of this is that Lee High School is located in District 6, yet has students attending from all attendance areas. No one school-board trustee oversees any one particular school. Citizens and parents can call any school-board trustee in reference to a problem at any school.

School-board trustees — and the districts they represent — follow: James Fuller, District 1; Adela Marmolejo, District 2; Jack Hightower, District 3; Jackie Hamilton, District 4; and Robin Hightower, District 5; Dianne Anderson, District 6; and Michael Dobey, District 7.

— MISD Superintendent Joseph Barresi Jr.

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Traffic note

Between Wednesday and Friday, the city of Midland will reduce northbound traffic to one lane in the 3800 block of Lamesa Road to install a new sewer line for the Hogan Park softball fields.

Support group

Noontime Dialogue, a support group for cancer patients, will meet noon Tuesday at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center classroom 3303. Massage therapist, Robin Clark, will discuss massage and relaxation techniques. Lunch will be served. For more information call 685-6606.

Quilters meet

Midland Quilter's Guild is to meet 7 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Wednesday at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. For more information call Susan Riebe at 684-7120.

Classes begin

Classes for the next Citizen's Police Academy begin Tuesday. Classes are free and will be held every Tuesday night for 14 weeks. In the academy, students learn about the working of the Police Department and the job of a police officer. Applications are available at the police department, 601 N. Loraine St., or applicants may call 685-7130.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Permian Basin Road Runners Club, business meeting, 697-1066.

11th Step Study group for people in recovery, 10:30 a.m., 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., 697-4751 or 682-1646.

Greater Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge & Novice Duplicate Bridge, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center.

Tall City Road Riders, 9 a.m., Warfield Truckstop, 682-9668, 687-5313.

Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street, 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726.

Headquarters, 2nd Battalion/39th Regiment, Texas State Guard, 1 p.m., 663-8742.

SAA—Reflections, 560-5240. The meetings are closed.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 3:30 p.m., 1406 E. Taylor St.

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Group helps woman celebrate her 100th birthday with dance

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

At first, Laura Coston wasn't too keen on joining the party to celebrate her birthday 100 years ago.

"I don't want to go," she adamantly told her son and daughter, L.P. "Sonny" Coston Jr. of Houston and Dixie McDonald of Midland. "Nobody is supposed to live a hundred years."

Headstrong as she is, Mrs. Coston, nevertheless, got a firm grip on her wooden cane and walked on over to the Courtyard

Care Center's multi-purpose room, which on this day became a dance hall and party room replete with cake and punch, dancing dames, taped music and old-timers remembering back when.

"She (her mother) never did (dance), but I did," said Mrs. McDonald, who is a retired teacher.

After the Midland Senior Center's Country Line Dancers started swaying to Ernest Tubb's "Waltz Across Texas," Mrs. Coston's son and daughter waltzed within sight of their mother.

"See, Mother didn't know that I danced."

Please see DANCE/2C



Two members of the Delwood Dancers, right, congratulate Laura Coston, who celebrated her 100th birthday Friday. The country-line dance group performed at Mrs. Coston's party.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



'And your little dog too.'

June Morre, top, tries to coax Stormy, a 3-year-old Schipperke, into a basket as Lori Gregory looks on. Lori, who will be playing Dorothy in Midland Community Theatre's upcoming production of "The Wizard of Oz," reacts to getting a kiss from Cracker, a year-and-a-half old Carrian terrier.

Photos by Tim Fischer

MCT auditions dogs to play Toto

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Midland Community Theatre went to the dogs Saturday leaving Shawn Watson, Gail Theobald and Janet George with a doggone difficult decision to make. Would it be April, Batina, Crackers, Stormy, Janet, Tiffany, CiCi, or Dusty whom audiences would see as the lovable Toto when the musical "The Wizard of Oz" opens in February?

During the 90-minute audition, each owner had an opportunity to show off his pet.

"Can he speak?" Ms. Watson inquired of Dusty's owner, Doug Hart.

"Probably not," Hart said, his tone tentative. He looked at Dusty and then back at the casting committee. "You can ask."

"Does he heel?" Ms. Theobald asked.

"He'll do anything for a treat," Hart replied. Holding a tasty morsel in his hand, Hart walked Dusty. Several passes across the lobby of Cole Theater clearly demonstrated the pet's passion for snacks.

Please see TOTO/2C



Samantha Phillips' meatpen rabbit, Winkin, was dressed in a Cupid outfit — including hat, wings and hearts — for Saturday's livestock auction.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Midland County Livestock Show concludes with judging, auction

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Dustin Jones's 1,200-pound ebony calf, which the youth tabbed "Psycho" due to his "very temperamental" and "high-strung" ways, won the "grand-championship" steer title in the 1997 Midland County Livestock Show and enriched the youth by \$2,900 in Saturday's auction of 143 farm animals.

"We are real excited about it," said 16-year-old Dustin, who said that the steer's blue-ribbon win is the family's first grand championship in the show ring.

The Chianina calf, which came off of

the Kevin Newman Ranch in neighboring Martin County, was hailed by the steer judge for his "muscling" and "cutability" and for being "real pretty" and "show ready," Dustin said.

"Psycho's" next stop is the Fort Worth Livestock Show on the major show circuit.

"If we don't make the sale there," Dustin figured, "we will take him to San Antonio and then Houston."

The big, black calf elicited the \$2,900 donation from the steer's top bidder, Midland American Bank.

Please see SELL/3C

GARY OTT

Becoming an impromptu tour guide is dubious honor

It is not one of those duties that is generally appears in the official job description, but when you stop and think about it, maybe it should. After all, it is not everyday that a person — a mere employee at that — is asked to help determine what the company's future is going to look like five years down the road.

Yet, that is exactly what takes place when a current employee — someone like YOU, for example — is given the responsibility of playing host to a prospective newcomer to the firm, a perky up-and-comer who just happens to be in the office for that much-dreaded job interview before taking the — and I quote — "quick look around town."

It is that "quick look around town" that we will be examining today. Or, more specifically, we will attempt to answer the age-old question: What in the heck is the host supposed to do once he has shown the prospect the town's highlights, which — and let's be honest here — will take, oh, a good 45 minutes or so?

Sound familiar? Of course it does. We've all been there at one time or another. Some big shot at the office, who under no circumstance wants the task for himself, decides only YOU can make a mid-afternoon in Midland seem like mid-

night in Manhattan.

So you become Mr. Tour Guide.

Good luck, the boss says, and don't get carried away with the expense account.

The first thing you do, of course, is drive around town and make such keen observations as:

— "Over here, as you can see, is where a bunch of rich people live. They're mostly Republicans."

— "Later, if we have time, I'll show you the other side of town where the poor people live. They're mostly Democrats."

Once you have concluded your Political Science 101 lecture, you then will begin reciting brief histories of some of the town's more illustrious citizens, both past and present.

The conversation will usually go something like this: "Did you know that President Bush used to live in Midland. It's true. Back in the '50s, I think. And, of course, the Jessica McClure rescue took place here. And maybe you've heard of Clayton Williams? He ran for governor a few years back against Ann Richards. Yes, he made THAT comment about rape and the weather. Anyway, he still lives here."

All three facts are sure to get the prospect's attention. Unfortunately, that means some obvious inquiries will follow, questions like:

— "Where did Bush live?"

Your answer: "Gee, I really don't know."

— "Where did Jessica fall into the well?"

Your answer: "Gee, I really don't remember."

— "Where does Clayton Williams live?"

Your answer: "Gee, I really don't have a clue."

— "You don't know much, do you?"

Your answer: "Gee, I really don't, do I?"

But you DO become flustered. So you panic and begin focusing on the obvious, pointing out such local landmarks as McDonald's, a downtown parking lot, the post office, the courthouse square and a new apartment complex ... in other words, things that are not exactly unique to this town.

The more flustered you become, the more bored the prospect acts.

In fact, if he glances at his watch and says, "My flight leaves in five hours. Why don't you go ahead and drop me off at the airport," you will know you have officially failed the tour guide test.

Which is too bad.

Because you are going to need a new job once the prospect calls your boss back and announces that he has had a change of heart and is going to turn down "this most generous offer," after all.

Something, he says, about this being "a boring town."

Oops.

Maybe Burger King would have been more impressive.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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OBITUARIES



Laurie LaForce

Laurie LaForce died Saturday, January 11, 1997, in a local hospital. Family memorial services were held at First Presbyterian Church Chapel. She was born August 4, 1902, in Olathe, Kan. She was christened Lora Louise by her parents Eliza Ellen Byers and Warren Breyfogle.

She was raised in Kansas City, Mo., and graduated from Miss Barstow's School. She was a graduate of Miss Woolcott's School, Denver, Co., and Miss Bennett's College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

In 1924, she married William Watson LaForce in Los Angeles, Calif. She was a member of the Junior League of Kansas City, Mo., a charter member of the Junior League of Los Angeles, Calif., a charter member of the Junior League of Midland and a charter member of the Plaza Club of Midland.

She also was a member of the Minuet Club, Midland Country Club, Petroleum Club of Midland, First Presbyterian Church, President's Club of the Museum of the Southwest and Sportsman Pilots Association.

A grandson, Clifton Mark Keyes, preceded her in death and her husband died in 1980.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy LaForce Keyes of Chester Springs, Pa., and Suzanne LaForce Baiser of Chico, Calif.; one son, William Watson LaForce Jr. of Midland, Texas; seven grandsons, William Hugh Baber III of Chico, Lester Clark Baber of Willows, Calif., T. Hall Keyes of Midland, Warren Scott Keyes of Malvern, Pa., Richard Dean Keyes of Media, Pa., W. Watson LaForce III of Flower Mound, Texas, and Jeffrey Drake LaForce of Austin; two granddaughters, Laurie LaForce Ross of Dallas, Texas, and Cluffy LaForce Beal of Midland; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the building or scholarship funds of the First Presbyterian Church, 800 W.

Texas Ave., or the charity of one's choice.

Graveside services are set for 1 p.m. Monday in Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. Jerry Hilton, of Presbyterian Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Bobby Joe "Smokey" McKinney

Bobby Joe "Smokey" McKinney was born February 25, 1933, in Sulphur, Okla. He grew up and was educated in Mill Creek, Okla. He later entered the Navy and served during the Korean Conflict. He moved to Midland after his discharge. He married Betty Taylor in December of 1957. He worked for the Federal Aviation Administration until his retirement in 1978. He was a member of Hughes Street Church of Christ. His greatest joy was his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Anne McKinney of Midland; three sons, Larry D. McKinney and wife, Gaye, of Fort Worth, Dale A. McKinney and wife, Sandi, of Springtown, Texas, and Gary Lee McKinney of Midland; two sisters, Doris Walker of Kansas City, Mo., and Ouida Gizoni of Spring Valley, Calif.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 11 nieces; and five nephews.

Mr. McKinney died early Saturday in a Midland retirement center.

Funeral services are set for 11 a.m. Monday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Duane Permenter, of Hughes Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family will be receiving visitors between 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday. Pallbearers will be Kevin Taylor, Jonathan Brickey, Bret Baze, Jeff Baze, Tony Taylor and Sam Whitting.

The family requests memorials be directed to Rockwood Manor Nursing Home.



Ronald Pettit

ODESSA — Ronald Paul Pettit, 59, died Friday, Jan. 10, 1997, at his residence. He was born August 5, 1937, in Pampa, Texas, to Worth and Claudia Pettit. He moved to Odessa in 1938 with his family.

Ron graduated from Odessa High School in 1955. He attended Odessa Junior College. He married Susan Rouswell McCoy on June 22, 1960, in Odessa, Texas. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

January 1959, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was trained as a weather observer, and in 1962 was trained as a weather forecaster. He made the weather forecast plan for the one and only parachute jump that was planned in Vietnam. He received five Air Force commendation medals for superior performance for his duties as a weather forecaster. He retired in 1979, as master sergeant from the United States Air Force, after 20 years of service. He returned to Odessa in 1979 after his retirement. He went to work for the United States Postal Service where he worked for the past 16 years as a postal clerk.

Ronald was preceded in death by his father, Worth Bradley Pettit Sr. in 1963; his mother, Claudia E. Pettit in 1993; and half-brother, Worth Bradley Pettit Jr., in 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Suzie of the home; sons, Mark Pettit of Odessa, Paul Pettit of Midland, David McCoy of Oklahoma City, Okla., Bobby Shea McCoy of Odessa; daughter, Gayla Allen of Seymour; sisters, Nelda Whitmire of Victoria, Texas, and Barbara Dudley of Highland, Texas. He also is survived by six grandchildren. Ron leaves behind many friends besides his family who loved him very much. He touched so many lives with his love, patience, wisdom and kindness. He loved his family and friends and loved children with a passion.

His son-in-law, Mickey Allen, once said "He wished he could be half the man Ron was, just half the gentleman he was." He truly was a gentleman with the biggest, soft-

est, warmest heart in the world and will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

Memorials can be made to the Sharon Kay Burge Flood Radiology/Technology Scholarship at Odessa College or the American Cancer Society.

Pallbearers will be members of the United States Air Force and honorary pallbearers will be United States Postal Service employees.

Services will be Monday, Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Guido officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are by Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.



Gladys Whiteside

Gladys Marie Whiteside, 71, of Midland, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997, at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at Great Saint Luke AME Church with the Rev. I.C. Cooper officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Ms. Whiteside was born in Houston. She moved to Midland in 1930 from San Angelo. She was a beautician, a member of Greater Saint Luke AME Church and belonged to the Dozen Dances Social Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Survivors include her daughter, Rose Marie Ward of Midland; four brothers, Harry Sam and John Sam, both of Chicago, Ill., Arthur Sam of Midland and Henry Sam of Los Angeles, Calif.; sister, Roe Etta Eden of Midland; step-brothers, Willie Saddle of Midland; and one grandchild.

Pallbearers are Willie Wilson Sr., Willie Wilson Jr., Willie Montgomery, Larry Gilbert, Gary Nathan and John Montgomery.

Honorary pallbearers are the trustees and ushers of Greater Saint Luke AME Church.

Arrangements by Walker Funeral Directors, Inc.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Friday

Burglary of a vehicle: A leaf blower and tools were reported taken at 1500 W. Wall St. at 2:57 p.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle window was broken at 107 Waverly Drive, reported Laura Bradley at 4:55 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: Jewelry and a gun were taken at 4408 Erie Drive, reported Kenneth Caulder at 6:09 p.m.

Saturday
Burglary of a building: Medications were taken at 4606 W. Wall St., reported Tall City

Veterinarian at 7:59 a.m.

Vandalism: A report was made at 3307 W. Front Ave., reported Scottish Delight at 10:42 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Friday

Theft: A gun was taken at 2708 W. County Road 114, reported Lori Fuson at 3:50 p.m.

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

DANCE: Country Line Dancers entertain Courtyard Care Center

(From 1C)

Mrs. McDonald said.

Her brother said that their father, L.P. Coston, and Tubb, who was to become a popular country-western and honky-tonk singer, "played sand-lot baseball" in East Texas near Kaufman in their youth.

The elder Coston ended up farming cotton and ginning cotton.

The Country Line Dancers, choreographed by Fay Hamilton, flittered around the makeshift dance floor to the tunes of "Milk Cow Blues," "Wild and Woolly" and the auctioneer's song "Sold."

"Best dancers in the country, for sure!" exclaimed World War I veteran, Jewell Goss, whose feet have been amputated. Goss, who was "dancing" in his wheelchair — swinging his arms and gyrating his legs — said, "I'm the happiest man you ever saw in your life."

"I hope to see you all again," he told the dancers.

Vera Johnson, who, like Goss, gets around in a wheelchair, affirmed her affinity for dancing.

"I like to go to dances," said Mrs. Johnson, a widow, who once lived on a farm. "Oh, I like any kind of dance. I can dance most anything my partner can dance. Dancing is very proper and it's entertaining."

Today, however, her "bum knees" won't allow her to stand up and dance.

"I dance in a wheelchair.... From (knees) up, I'm perfect."

The Country Line Dancers heartily flung into the dance steps.

"We do a lot of kicking and stomping," Mrs. Hamilton said of the dancers outfitted in western garb.

"We don't do any high-kicking, not any more. A lot of us are around 70 years old now."

Though never one for dancing, Mrs. Coston vividly recalled her earlier days working on a cotton farm in Kaufman County just east of Dallas.

"We were pure-dee farmers," noted Mrs. Coston. "You mention it, and we did it."

There was much to do.

"I never killed a hog that I didn't make lye soap."

Mrs. McDonald said her mother "washed my hair in that stuff. I hated lye soap."

Mrs. Coston also canned fruits and vegetables from the garden "by the hundreds of jars."

The farm pretty much sustained the family.

"About all we bought (at the store) was sugar and coffee" and some wheat flour, recalled Mrs. Coston, who has been widowed for more than 30 years.

Not long after her marriage, Mrs. Coston and her husband had to contend with the 1918-19 flu epidemic. Worldwide, the epidemic killed 20 million people, including 500,000 Americans.

"We went day and night trying to help people... anything we could, washing, clearing house, babysitting," recalled Mrs. Coston. "We lost some close relatives. The doctors didn't know how to treat them. It affected young men, 20 to 30. A lot of young men died."

And at her age, Mrs. Coston is in good health despite impaired hearing and eyesight.

Of the reasons behind her long life, Mrs. Coston mused: "I've considered that myself. He (God) is going to get tired of it."

She credited her longevity to "just being what I want to be."

One thing she obviously wanted to be was married in her late teen-age years.

"I married the most prized man in Kaufman County," Mrs. Coston said.

Mrs. McDonald said that her father was "just feisty;" her mother "is very intelligent and headstrong."

During the party, Coston and Mrs. McDonald stayed fairly active in keeping up with their mother.

"You know," Mrs. Coston huffed in jest, "I'm about ready to quit having birthdays."

The son coaxed his mother: "Dixie and I have a real problem raising you."

Mrs. Coston readily replied: "I don't know if you will make it or not."

TOTO: Local dogs audition for part in musical

(From 1C)

"The dog will perform brain surgery for a treat," Ms. Watson said, pragmatically.

Earlier, the question about barking also snagged Batina.

"Will she speak?" Ms. Watson asked owner Lacy Nicole George, who replied candidly, "Not unless she wants to."

Actually, hardly a ruff, ruff was heard from any of the participants, causing Tracy Alexander of the MCT staff to comment wistfully, "Very well-behaved dogs, I must say."

Beginning with the first contender, April, who is owned by Ashli Corley, most would heel, follow and sit — even those trained not to, like Tiffany.

"Is she trained to heel and sit?" Ms. Watson asked Karen Burnett, Tiffany's owner.

"Heel. Not sit," Ms. Burnett replied. In the same breath, Tiffany sat.

The lobby filled with laughter. Ms. Burnett smiled.

Ms. Watson shrugged, and calling upon an old adage about kids and dogs, quipped, "They'll make

a liar out of you."

Another round of laughter followed as Tiffany sat again, perhaps just to prove the point.

Crackers was a bit more reticent. Owner Joni Cowdery trained Crackers for shows, where sitting is *verboten*.

"Will she let you pick her up and hold her?" Ms. Watson asked Ms. Cowdery.

"Yeah, and lick you all over," Ms. Cowdery replied.

"Will she follow you pretty well without the leash?" Ms. Theobald asked.

"I never tried that," Ms. Cowdery replied.

Ms. Theobald turned her attention to Ms. Alexander. "Can we put her on a leash for the play?"

"I don't see why not," Ms. Alexander said.

The basket proved to be a crucial test. All those who have seen "The Wizard of Oz" know Toto fits inside a basket.

However, Saturday's contenders were none too impressed with the idea. Most had to be coaxed. And even then, they were hesitant to remain in place.

Crackers was definitely not

interested, with or without the lid.

Stormy sat easily, but the fit was a bit snug. Owner June A. Moore said that Stormy "has been on stage before" and followed the order to "stay in position when the others left the stage."

Tiffany was more inclined to put her head in the basket, but not her whole body. She did allow herself to be placed in the basket, but immediately vaulted out.

Her mother, Cici, also owned by Ms. Burnett, settled in the basket. However, when it came to sitting on command, Cici preferred standing on her hind legs, her front paws begging earnestly for a treat.

"You could do a holdup with this dog," Ms. Watson said.

Batina would go in the basket if it held a treat, and even allowed the lid to be shut over her head.

Jonet, a white poodle owned by Claudene Kilgore, has been trained as a companion dog. Jonet found the basket quite comfortable and during the audition, she also demonstrated her ability to sit, heel, catch a ball and jump through a hoop on command. More importantly, she barked.

"How scruffy could she look?"

Ms. Watson asked Ms. Kilgore.

"Toto has that down-home look."

Ms. Kilgore removed the barrette and tie and fanned the hair over one of Jonet's ears. "She looks a little scruffy when she's not bathed."

A discussion ensued among the casting committee members and Ms. Kilgore about how to make a well-groomed white poodle look "down-home."

Each pet received a round of applause designed to determine the dog's response to the noise.

Also important to the casting committee was how well they worked with Lori Gregory, who plays Dorothy, and how they behaved around children.

After a final review of all the contenders, the casting committee withdrew to select two canine darlings to play Toto. As they left the lobby, it was apparent they had a howlingly difficult job ahead of them.

Editor's Note: The two winning pooches will be announced in Monday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

ARMED FORCES NEWS

Lorenzo Espino, son of Velma Espino of Midland, and a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, earned the title "United States Marine" upon graduation of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego California.

During the 11 weeks of training he was taught classes in leadership, physical fitness, and basic military knowledge. He will continue his training as a service support specialist and will serve four years in the Marine Corps.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Clifford D. Milligan, son of Clifford C.

and Evelyn M. Milligan of Wink, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

He is a 1996 graduate of Wink High School.

Gregg S. Bass has been promoted in the Air Force to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is an admissions liaison officer at the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

He is the son of Midlander Raymond M. Bass. Bass graduated from Robert E. Lee High in 1972 and from Sul Ross State University in 1976. He received a masters degree from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg in 1982.



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Sherry is a dedicated and highly competent professional. She believes that Nurses Unlimited is uniquely qualified to help people with healthcare needs and she looks forward to continuing to serve the community and the Permian Basin in her new position.

Talk to Sherry on our Central Intake Hotline ... 1 (800) 460-8118



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SELL: 1997 Midland County Livestock Show reaches its conclusion

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Dustin's steer just nudged out his sister's Maine-Anjou steer, "Pop-eye," for the top ranking among the 36 Midland show steers in the rankings.

"We were competing against each other for the grand championship," allowed Dustin, who is a member of the Greenwood 4-H Club.

Even so, his sister, Sydney, 11, won the Junior Girls Showmanship award. Her steer placed first in his class and took in \$1,025 in the sale.

"I was happy," said Sydney. Donating to her cause were Albertson's Food & Drug Stores, Southwest Royalty, Rod Stephenson Construction, and Ronny Flowers.

The 45th annual Midland County Livestock Show attracted about 250 youngsters in 4-H Club and FFA (Future Farmers of America) programs and 515 animals, including calves, lambs, goats, swine, chickens, and rabbits.

The premium sale of 143 head of livestock took in about \$72,000 for the 143 boy and girl exhibitors.

Charlie Green, who is president of the sponsoring Midland County Livestock Association, noted an increase in boys and girls in the livestock programs.

"A lot of the parents used to be Club kids (in their childhood and youth), Green noted. "They know the thrill of owning something for the first time," the work in caring for livestock, and "the excitement" of being in the show ring. "It gives them a sense of accomplishment."

Working with livestock gives youths "something to do besides watch television and run around," Green said. "It keeps the families together."

And the "I-can" spirit of boys and girls in livestock program was highlighted in the formal dedication of the 1997 Midland County Livestock Show to the late Dr. Henry Tillett, a Midland veterinarian who volunteered many years of service to the livestock program.

"Dr. Tillett felt it was an honor to be part of this program that was so valuable to each participant," said his widow, Naomi Tillett. He treasured such qualities as self-esteem, planning, and experience in "carrying out the attitude of 'I can' in the (livestock) program."

Andrea Tillett said that she had realized "how wonderful" her father was, "but I didn't realize that everybody else knew how wonderful he was."

Green noted that the 4-H Club and FFA programs "offer many

opportunities for young people in leadership and project activities."

While complete results of the show's auction will be available later this week, the auction's donations for the grand and reserve grand champions include:

Cara Watzl, who, at age 16, is a repeat grand-prize winner in swine shows, won \$1,975 for her grand-champion swine. Top bidder was Lone Star Abstract & Title Company. Midland 66 Oil Company and Community National Bank donated \$950 to Kourtney Tucker, who exhibited the reserve grand-champion swine.

Sallie Farrow grossed \$1,500 on her grand-champion lamb at the bidding of the Fasken Foundation and Norwest Bank. "I was very excited" and crying, Sallie, 17, recalled of the instance of her grand-prize win. Laura Herring was enriched by \$675 for her reserve grand-champion swine. Top bidder was the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

While Dustin Jones' grand-champion steer brought him \$2,900, Jamie Chastain's reserve grand-champion steer grossed \$1,900 from KB Electric.

Jared Addy's grand-champion goat won the \$1,000 high bid from Tommy White Supply. Mikkie Fullagar's reserve grand-champion goat earned \$525 at the bidding of Clarence Scharbauer III.

Michelle Cardwell's grand-champion rabbits grossed her \$575 at the bidding of Commercial Electric and Badgett Construction Company. "It was very exciting," Michelle, 13, said. Edwards Feed Store made the top bid of \$350 on Crystal Glass's reserve-champion rabbit.

Heather Turner's pen of grand-champion chickens earned her \$600 from KB Electric. Sierra Well Service donated \$350 to Katy Lehman for her showing the reserve grand-champion chickens.

"I feel pretty good," 8-year-old Heather said of her victory in the poultry competition.

Results of the 1997 show's livestock judging and the animals' youthful exhibitors follow:

CATTLE/STEERS

Grand Champion steer exhibited by Dustin Jones. Reserve grand-champion steer exhibited by Jamie Chastain.

Steers by Class: Class 1: 1. Bryce Langdon; 2. Jessica Kiker; 3. Brandy Crawford; 4. Jake Rudock; 5. Shane Dowell; 6. Betsy Langdon.

Class 2: 1. Sydney Jones; 2. Landon Stovall; 3. Tania Ralston; 4. Joseph O'Brien; 5. Renee Midkiff; 6. Will Crawford.

Class 3: 1. Brody Blissard; 2. Will Luckie; 3. Betsy Langdon; 4. Dustin Jones.

Class 4: 1. James Franklin; 2. Lisa Carter; 3. Mandy Kiehne; 4. Jaymie Flowers; 5. Christa Ralston.

Class 5: 1. Dustin Jones; 2. Chase Chastain;

3. James Franklin; 4. Brittany Stovall.

Class 6: 1. Jamie Chastain; 2. Brody Blissard; 3. Landon Stovall; 4. Renee Theobald; 5. Megan Markis; 6. T.J. Midkiff.

Class 7: 1. Jonna Stewart; 2. Christa Ralston; 3. Tim Rogers; 4. Jared Addy; 5. Hays Addy. **Showmanship Awards:** Sydney Jones won the Junior Girls Showmanship, and Chase Chastain was awarded the Junior Boys Showmanship. Jamie Chastain won the Senior Girls showmanship, and Shane Dowell took home the Senior Boys Showmanship.

CATTLE/HEIFERS

Grand champion heifer exhibited by Hays Addy. Reserve grand champion heifer shown by Lindsey Brumlow.

Heifer Placing: 1. Hays Addy; 2. Joseph Brumlow; 3. Lindsey Brumlow; 4. Lyndee O'Brien; 5. Renee Midkiff; 6. Jared Addy.

SWINE JUDGING

Grand-champion swine exhibited by Cara Watzl. Reserve grand-champion hog showed by Kourtney Tucker.

Duroc: Best-of-breed Duroc exhibited by Kourtney Tucker. Reserve best-of-breed shown by Paige Futrell.

Duroc by Class: Duroc light-weight: 1. Kourtney Tucker; 2. Tyler Ogden; 3. Dustin Freeman; 4. Amber Whitley; 5. Jennifer Cherry. Medium-weight: 1. Paige Futrell; 2. Scott Futrell; 3. Bryan Ogden; 4. Cade Glover; 5. Dustin Freeman.

Heavy-weight: 1. Tim Rogers; 2. Tyler Clutter; 3. Bryce Pruitt; 4. Ty Glover; 5. Jake Hall.

Hampshire: Best-of-breed Hampshire exhibited by Kourtney Tucker. Reserve best-of-breed shown by Shea Smith.

Hampshire by Class: Hampshire light-weight: 1. Shea Smith; 2. Deszaray Countryman; 3. Jake Hall; 4. Tim Rogers; 5. Tim Rogers. Medium-weight: 1. Kourtney Tucker; 2. Cara Watzl; 3. Shane Bright; 4. Kourtney Tucker; 5. Martin Philfer. Heavy-weight: 1. Justin Brooks; 2. Justin Olaw; 3. Jacob Quine; 4. Jason Brooks; 5. Chris Massey.

Other Pure Breeds (OPB): Best-of-breed OPB exhibited by Tim Rogers. Reserve best-of-breed shown by Michaela Pruitt.

OPB by Class: OPB light-weight: 1. Martin Philfer; 2. Jonna Stewart; 3. Nathan Pruitt; 4. Scott Futrell; 5. Lindsey Mills. Heavy-weight: 1. Tim Rogers; 2. Michaela Pruitt; 3. Ryan Pruitt; 4. Nathan Pruitt; 5. Drew McBryde.

Yorkshire: Best-of-breed Yorkshire exhibited by Jack Schneider. Reserve best-of-breed shown by Jacob Quine.

Yorkshire by Class: Light-weight Yorkshire: 1. Tiffany Terrett; 2. Doree Colter Wade; 3. Toya Summer; 4. Amy Alderson; 5. Ty Glover. Heavy-weight: 1. Jake Schneider; 2. Jacob Quine; 3. Cara Watzl; 4. John Johnson; 5. Brandon Dobbs.

Crossbred Swine: Best-of-crossbred swine exhibited by Cara Watzl. Reserve best-of-breed champion shown by Michelle Cardwell.

Crossbred by Class: Light-weight: 1. Cara Watzl; 2. Andy Bingham; 3. Cody McCain; 4. Daniel Cardwell; 5. Brandon Lipps.

Medium-light weight: 1. Michelle Cardwell; 2. Kacy James; 3. Amanda Sanford; 4. Jeremy Watkins; 5. Amy Alderson.

Medium-heavy weight: 1. Cara Watzl; 2. Kourtney Tucker; 3. Bryce Pruitt; 4. Jody Morris; 5. Andy Bingham.

Heavy-weight: 1. Cara Watzl; 2. Kimberly Smith; 3. Tim Rogers; 4. Roni Jo Mills; 5. Justin Stamper.

Swine Showmanship

T.J. Midkiff won the Junior Boys Swine Showmanship, and Haley Corbett won the Junior Girls Swine Showmanship.

Cara Watzl won the Senior Girls Showmanship, and Tim Rogers won the Senior Boys Showmanship.

LAMB JUDGING

Grand champion lamb exhibited by Sallie Farrow.

Reserve grand-champion lamb shown by Laura Herring.

Lambs by Class: Fine-wool light-weight: 1. Brian Zachry; 2. Brad Paulk; 3. Tanner Cross; 4. Taylor Welch; 5. Brian Zachry; 6. Lee Foster; 7. Bran-

don Crawford; 8. Tallon Thompson; 9. Brian Tyler; 10. Aaron Master.

Medium-weight: 1. Bradley Paulk; 2. Doy Herring; 3. Shanna Zachry; 4. Taylor Welch; 5. Brandon Zachry; 6. Ryan Folger; 7. Stephanie Miller; 8. Taylor Green; 9. P. Nathan Hancock; 10. Samantha Couger.

Heavy-weight: 1. Laura Herring; 2. Tanner Cross; 3. Ryan Folger; 4. Stephanie Miller; 5. Taylor Green; 6. Nathan Hancock; 7. Debbie Kelly; 8. Justin Williams; 9. Ashley Crowley-Masters; 10. Aaron Masters.

Best-of-Breed Finewool: Champion exhibited by Laura Herring. Reserve shown by Bradley Paulk.

Crossbred Lambs: Light-weight: 1. Erica Price; 2. Angela Foster; 3. Angela Foster; 4. Misti Johnson; 5. Kasey McCain; 6. Misti Johnson; 7. Shane Cook; 8. Ashley Crowley-Masters; 9. Kasey McCain; 10. Nathan Lary.

Medium-weight: 1. Laura Herring; 2. Lee Foster; 3. Brad Paulk; 4. Lee Foster; 5. Tye Smith; 6. Jeremy Wylie; 7. Justin Welch; 8. Ryan Folger; 9. Jamie Crawford; 10. Stephanie Miller.

Heavy-weight: 1. Holly Kiehne; 2. Bradley Paulk; 3. Ryan Folger; 4. Dustin Stovall; 5. Jesse Guzman; 6. Taylor Green; 7. Jason Springer; 8. Justin Williams; 9. Ben Chester; 10. Jaime Mills.

Best-of-Breed Crossbred: Champion exhibited by Holly Kiehne. Reserve shown by Laura Herring.

Medium Wool: Light-weight: 1. Laci Howard; 2. Mendi Kiehne; 3. Laci Howard; 4. Shelly Swinney; 5. Lindsey Bankhead; 6. Amanda Dobbs; 7. Kyle Saunders; 8. Jaime Mills; 9. Kelly Long; 10. Melissa Little.

Medium-light weight: 1. Stephanie Miller; 2. Bradley Paulk; 3. Shelly Swinney; 4. Jared Springer; 5. Monica Winford; 6. Shea Smith; 7.

Tye Smith; 8. Melissa Conry; 9. Pam Conry; 10. Emily Golden.

Medium-heavy weight: 1. Laura Herring; 2. Jeremy Wylie; 3. Crystal Swinney; 4. Erica Price; 5. Denim Rich; 6. Brandon Dobbs; 7. Tamara Scarbrough; 8. Casey Howard; 9. Samantha Couger; 10. Crystal Swinney.

Heavy-weight: 1. Sallie Farrow; 2. Mendi Kiehne; 3. Holly Kiehne; 4. Heath Denison; 5. Casey Howard; 6. Jennifer Manessu; 7. Justin LaForge; 8. Greg Morgan; 9. Samantha Couger; 10. Samantha Couger.

Best-of-Breed Medium Wool: Champion exhibited by Sallie Farrow. Reserve shown by Laura Herring.

Southdown Lambs: Light-weight: 1. Morgan Crawford; 2. Magdalena Bustillos; 3. Danny Law; 4. Carlton McCready; 5. Carlton McCready; 6. Brice Pool.

Medium-weight: 1. Shelly Swinney; 2. Jeremy Wylie; 3. Sara Kirby; 4. Stephanie Miller; 5. Ashley Crowley-Masters; 6. Katy Lehman.

Heavy-weight: 1. Sallie Farrow; 2. Sallie Farrow; 3. Shane Cook; 4. Cory Lehman.

Best-of-Breed Southdown: Champion and reserve champion exhibited by Sallie Farrow.

Lamb Showmanship: Shanna Zachry and Brian Zachry, junior winners, and Laura Herring and Bradley Paulk, senior winners.

GOATS

Grand Champion meat goat exhibited by Jared Addy. Reserve champion goat shown by Mikkie Fullagar.

Goats by Class: Light-weight: 1. Scott Futrell; 2. T.J. Midkiff; 3. Kendall Cook; 4. Dallas Golden; 5. Garrett Gochman; 6. T.J. Midkiff; 7. Dallas Golden; 8. Matt Evans; 9. Monty Goodman; 10. Kelli Arms'ing.

Medium-weight: 1. Mikkie Fullagar; 2. Garrett

Goodman; 3. Kendall Cook; 4. Kendall Cook; 5. Jared Addy; 6. Cody Rankin; 7. Denim Rich; 8. Cody Rankin; 9. Brandy Wheeler; 10. Jody Morris.

Heavy-weight: 1. Jared Addy; 2. Kendall Cook; 3. Tera Jordan; 4. Denim Rich; 5. Mendi Fullagar; 6. Amanda Williams; 7. Denim Rich; 8. Kendall Cook; 9. Ashley Masters; 10. Tera Jordan.

Goat Showmanship: Awards to Mikkie Fullagar and Kendall Cook.

POULTRY

Champion pen of broiler chickens exhibited by Heather Turner.

Results: 1. Heather Turner; 2. Katy Lehman; 3. Cory Lehman; 4. Ashley Turner; 5. Amy Harrison; 6. Elizabeth Briscoe; 7. Mikkie Fullagar; 8. Mendi Fullagar; 9. Elizabeth Briscoe; 10. Oak Weavering.

Champion broiler chickens exhibited by Elizabeth Briscoe: Results: 1. Elizabeth Briscoe; 2. Katy Lehman; 3. Ashley Masters; 4. Ashley Master; 5. Cory Lehman.

Poultry Showmanship: Winners Amanda Franco, girl, and Justin LaForge, boy.

RABBITS

Champion does exhibited by Amanda Franco. Placing of does: 1. Amanda Franco; 2. Jordan Dominguez; 3. Jordan Dominguez; 4. Heath Denison; 5. Heath Denison. Champion bucks exhibited by Michelle Smith. Placing of bucks: 3. Michelle Smith; 2. Amanda Franco; 3. Crystal Glass; 4. Tiffany Stewart; 5. Greg Morgan; 6. Crystal Glass; 7. Tiffany Stewart; 8. Justin LaForge; 9. Justin LaForge.

Meat rabbits placing: 1. Michelle Cardwell; 2. Crystal Glass.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

■ Exhibit remains

ODESSA — The exhibition, "Drawing and Design" remains through Jan. 3 in the Third Floor Gallery at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

The show features works by freshman and sophomore drawing and design students.

■ Admission charged

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum, corner of 7th and Lee streets, started charging a nominal admission fee Dec. 1.

Those fees are \$2 for adults ages 18-64, \$1 for ages 65 and older and free to students and preschoolers.

Museum members will be allowed an allocated number of free admission tickets dictated by the selected membership category.

For more information on the charges or the museum call 1-915-332-7123. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

■ Scripts wanted

The Summer Mummies of Midland Community Theatre is looking for an original Melodrama to be performed during the summer of 1997. Scripts should contain the

traditional heroes and villains, with good triumphing over the evil in the end.

Authors are requested to send scripts to Summer Mummies, c/o MCT, 2000 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705.

■ Paintings displayed

Nancy Klingler is displaying her drybrush watercolor and oil paintings in the lobby of Midland American Bank this month.

The subject matter ranges from wildlife, Southwestern still lifes, West Texas and New Mexico landscapes, florals, and scenes from the historic Lambhead Ranch in Shackelford County. Ms. Klingler is a member of the Midland Arts Association. Her work may be viewed during banking hours.

■ Live entertainment

ODESSA — Chelsea Street Pub and Grill, located in the Music City Mall, features live entertainment beginning at 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Also, Karaoke on Sundays from 8 to 11 p.m.

Those attending are asked to use the outside entrance after mail hours.

December performances

include Street Talk, Dec. 26-28 and 30-31. Dec. 24 and 25 there will be no entertainment. Dec. 16-17 has not been announced yet.

■ Maze open

The Amazing Science Maze is open at the Freda Turner Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. This giant walk-through maze will challenge and entertain children and adults alike as logic and memory are tested to find a way out.

Also, classes are available for ages 3 through 5 and for kindergartners through age 12 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Classes have the same theme for each age group, but instruction is age appropriate.

"Short Takes" activities for preschoolers are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. while Art in Action for grade school students are from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Registration is required and may be made by calling 683-2882 or 570-7770. Fees of \$8 per child for museum members or \$10 per child for non-members should be paid four days prior to the class.

Other activities at the Children's Museum include storytelling, puppet theater and the Maze. For information about classes and other

activities call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Hours for the Maze are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

■ Exhibit featured

The MAA Art Gallery is featuring the "Small Works" exhibit.

The gallery, run by the Midland Arts Association, is located in the Executive Building, 112 S. Loraine St., across from the Hilton.

The show features art work 12 inches by 16 inches or smaller. Each is priced for under \$100.

The gallery will be closed the week of Thanksgiving. Call the business office, 685-5050, for more information.

■ Works on exhibit

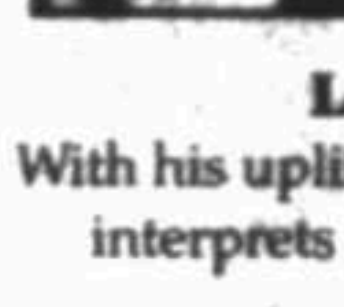
ODESSA — An exhibition "Bugs and Dreams & Other Things" is on display at Proteus Gallery, 112 W. Fifth, here, through Feb. 1.

Works in the exhibit are by Carol Bailey, Kathleen Kuchar and Susan Randle.

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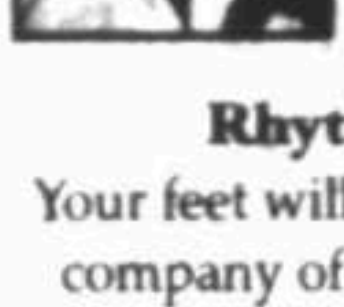
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Texas woman launches petition against implants

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas woman who had her silicone breast implants removed two years ago launched a petition drive Saturday for a federal ban on the implants even for breast cancer victims.

"We were told they were safe and would last a lifetime," said Marlene Keeling, 55, a Houston woman who had her implants removed two years ago.

Ms. Keeling, who said she suffers from a nerve disease, was joined at a state Capitol news conference by other women who have had silicone breast implants and blame them for debilitating illnesses.

Some came leaning on canes, others in wheelchairs. The audience faced an array of photographs of women showing their damaged chests after implant removal surgery.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration banned the implants for purely cosmetic surgery in 1992. Breast cancer victims can get the implants if they agree to be in clinical trials run by 1,400 surgeons nationwide to determine whether the implants are safe.

A spokeswoman for Dow Corning, once the leading maker of silicone implants and now in bankruptcy court, said company-funded and independent research hasn't found a connection between the implants and illnesses.

"We know that there are women out there who believe our products have harmed them; we certainly don't question their sincerity. However, there are women with implants and there are women without implants who become ill," said Dow Corning spokeswoman Barbara Muessig.

"Research does not support that silicone is the cause of their illnesses," she said.

Ms. Keeling's petition also asks the FDA to order the recall of silicone gel and polyurethane breast implants that are eight years old or older.

The recall would mean women with older implants would be given accurate information, she said.

"If they make the decision at that time not to have them removed, then God help them," said Ms. Keeling. She said her illness is a mild form of demyelinating neuropathy. The nerve disease has weakened her to the point that she cannot stand as long as she used to and requires her to take periodic naps, she said.

AREA BRIEFS

■ Singles dinner to be held Thursday

ODESSA — The West Texas Singles Association is hosting a spaghetti dinner 7 p.m. Thursday at the Moose Club, 2711 N. Dixie. Door prizes will be awarded.

All area single persons are invited to attend. For more information or to RSVP for the dinner, call 550-6960 or 550-1218.

■ Appointments made to commission

Gov. George W. Bush has appointed two people, including a Midland man, to the Commission on Uniform State Laws.

Midlander Rodney W. Satterwhite and Peter K. Munson of Denison will serve until September 30, 2002, on the commission that promotes uniformity in state laws.

Satterwhite is president and managing partner of the firm Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder. He is a director of Norwest Bank - Midland, former chairman of the American Cancer Society and former director of United Way. Satterwhite is a member of the state, Midland County and American bar associations and a graduate of the University of Texas law school.

Munson is an attorney with the law firm of Munson, Munson, Pierce and Cardwell.

The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

■ Pastel paintings on display Saturday

Paddle Shots is presenting a showing of pastel paintings by Pat Wilson from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Best Western Hotel, 3100 W. Wall Ave.

More than 20 paintings will be on display. Subjects range from wildlife to sports. The artist will be at the showing after 6 p.m.

Hosting the show are Debbie Bell, Michael and Carla Wilson, Jill Wright and Sheila Treat.

The public is invited to attend.

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TODAY
Mostly cloudy and very cold
High: 34
Low: 17

MONDAY
Cloudy with snow, mixed with rain
High: 33
Low: 22

TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy and not as cold
High: 42
Low: 29

Texas Yesterday

City	H / L / Pop
Arlene	28/19/0.00
Amarillo	17/0/0.01
Dallas/Ft. Worth	27/22/0.00
El Paso	58/37/0.00
Lubbock	22/21/0.00
San Angelo	33/21/0.00
San Antonio	39/29/0.00

YESTERDAY'S PRECIPITATION

Rainfall Friday	trace
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	0.12 in.
Total for the year	0.12 in.
Normal for the month	0.13 in.
Normal for the year	0.13 in.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

High	33
Low	20
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Norm. Low	28

AVIATION
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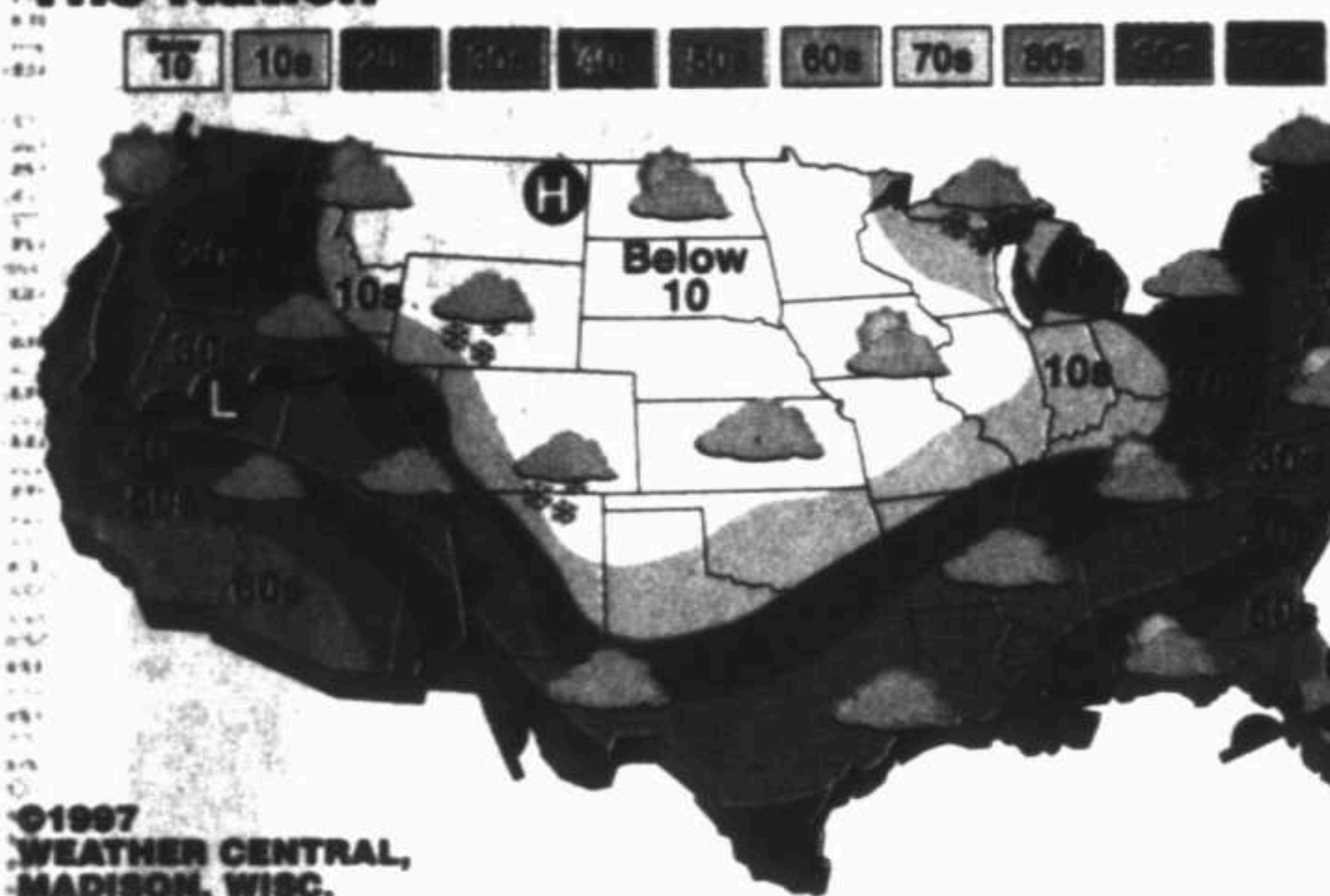
MOON PHASES



SUNRISE & SUNSET

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Sunset tonight	6:05 p.m.
Sunrise Monday	7:50 a.m.
Sunset Monday	6:06 p.m.
Sunrise today	10:24 a.m.
Sunset today	10:25 p.m.

The Nation



United States

City	H	L	W
Albany	30	15	c
Albuquerque	39	22	c
Anchorage	2	29	c
Aspen	2	17	sn
Atlanta	37	27	pc
Austin	32	25	c
Baltimore	31	19	pc
Birmingham	38	24	pc
Bismarck	-18	-27	pc
Boise	29	12	c
Boston	34	21	pc
Buffalo	24	16	sn
Charlotte	38	23	pc
Cheyenne	-1	-8	sn
Chicago	9	1	c
Cincinnati	17	8	pc
Cleveland	20	10	sn
Colorado Spgs.	0	-10	sn
Columbia, SC	45	26	pc
Columbus, OH	20	12	pc
Dayton	18	7	pc
Denver	-2	-13	sn
Des Moines	1	-8	pc
Detroit	22	8	sn
Duluth	9	-2	c
Evansville	18	8	pc
Grand Rapids	-12	-22	sn
Great Falls	-22	-16	s
Helena	-10	-22	pc
Honolulu	81	67	pc
Houston	35	28	c
Indianapolis	14	3	pc
Jackson, MS	34	24	c
Jacksonville	53	35	pc
Juneau	41	32	r
Kansas City	3	-2	pc
Las Vegas	57	40	sh
Little Rock	30	15	c
Los Angeles	60	55	c
Louisville	15	12	pc
Memphis	26	15	c
Miami Beach	74	63	pc
Milwaukee	16	7	c
Minneapolis	9	-3	c
Mobile, AL	41	33	pc
Nashville	24	15	c
New Orleans	46	35	c
New York	33	22	pc
Omaha	2	-14	pc
Orlando	64	45	pc
Philadelphia	35	23	pc
Phoenix	63	50	c
Pittsburgh	19	10	c
Portland, OR	39	24	s
Raleigh	38	20	pc
Reno	38	12	sn
Richmond	39	22	pc
San Diego	60	45	pc
San Francisco	56	45	pc
Seattle	43	25	s
Sioux Falls	-4	-16	c
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Tampa	64	44	pc
Topeka	6	-1	pc
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Wichita	6	-2	c
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Bermuda	70	60	pc
Cabo San Lucas	71	50	pc
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Havana	78	66	sh
Kingston	82	71	pc
Mazatlan	78	46	pc
Merida	82	61	sh
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Nassau	75	65	pc
San Jose	82	55	t
San Juan, PR	82	70	pc
Torreon	51	36	pc
Trinidad	84	70	pc
Vera Cruz	78	64	pc
Bangkok	87	70	t
Beijing	36	20	c
Bogota	89	48	t
Johannesburg	80	56	pc
London	48	33	pc
Montreal	26	8	sn
Moscow	18	5	c
Nairobi	79	60	pc
New Delhi	67	41	pc
Paris	41	31	pc
Rio de Janeiro	85	72	t
Riyadh	75	50	s
Rome	55	40	sh
Stockholm	22	17	sn
Sydney	74	61	pc
Tokyo	52	38	pc
Toronto	25	8	sn

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy, dr=drizzle, f=fog, h=hazy, pc=partly cloudy, r-rain, s=sunny, sh-showers, sn-snow, ts-thunderstorms, w-windy.

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Havana	78	66	sh
Kingston	82	71	pc
Mazatlan	78	46	pc
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Mexico City	66	46	pc
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San Juan, PR	82	70	pc
Torreon	51	36	pc
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STORM TRACKER FACTS

Another cold day on tap for the Permian Basin as temperatures are only expected to climb into the mid-20s under partly cloudy skies. Winds will be from the north at 5 to 15 mph.



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FDA uncovers reports of infection, injury from reuse of disposable surgical gear

By Lauren Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The arthroscopic blades, special equipment for knee surgery, were meant to be used once, then thrown away. But in a practice becoming commonplace in American hospitals, they were resterilized to be used again — despite undetected pieces of a previous patient's tissue still stuck inside.

Medical devices, from the blades to catheters threaded into patients' hearts, are being recycled and federal regulators are investigating whether the effort to save money is endangering lives.

A preliminary Food and Drug Administration study uncovered dozens of reports of infection, chemical injuries or mechanical failures associated with reusing equipment designed to work just once.

"We don't think we have an epidemic" of injuries, said Dr. Susan Alpert, FDA's chief of device evaluation, but "I don't mean to say there isn't a problem with refurbished devices."

MEDICAL DEVICE manufacturers, worried about liability but also about losing money from reesterilization, are urging a crackdown. Companies brought the FDA photographs showing tissue-tainted equipment, including the arthroscopic blades at a hospital officials refused to identify, and argued that people who reesterilize are under no federal oversight to ensure they do a safe job.

Proponents say reuse is safe and vital to lowering health-care costs.

"If a (cardiac) catheter sells for \$300 to \$400, and we can reprocess it for less than \$50, it doesn't take long to look at the finances," said Tom McGoldrick of Minneapolis-based MinnTech. The company sells equipment in Europe that has reesterilized hundreds of balloon catheters, which are used to clear clogged heart arteries.

MinnTech won't sell its sterilizing machines domestically because clinical trials necessary for FDA approval cost too much. But the FDA doesn't regulate American hospitals, which are quietly reesterilizing equipment. And the agency doesn't regulate a new industry working for hospitals.

FDA SCIENTISTS will meet privately with experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Health Care

Financing Administration on Monday to compare injury reports and study whether the government should intervene.

Obvious infection risks aside, the thin plastic and delicate parts of many disposable devices weren't designed to withstand sterilizing over and over.

Recycling "single-use" devices has been big business overseas for years, but France recently prohibited reuse. In Canada, Quebec's health ministry last summer told hospitals to stop for fear of infection by reusing cardiac catheters. The province's hospitals estimated reusing catheters saved them \$10 million a year.

"The end result is probably poorer health care," if hospitals do fewer surgeries because they can't afford new equipment, said Philip Neufeld of the government's Health Canada.

THE FIRST recycled devices in the United States were dialysis filters that individual patients used repeatedly. The practice was thought safe because patients never shared "dialyzers," but studies in the early 1990s found clinics that reused dialyzers had more deaths. The danger was in the reesterilization method, something the government believes now has been improved and is safe — just as hospitals begin reusing dozens of other devices.

"It's a situation that requires a lot more study to balance everybody's interests," said Jack Lord of the American Hospital Association. "Clearly patient safety is first. ... The onus is on the hospital and doctor."

The FDA recently hunted for injuries among a sample of 3,000 reports in its medical device database since 1991. Around 600 injuries were reported for reused dialyzers, although many occurred before kidney clinics adopted safer reesterilization.

But 60-100 problems — infection, injuries from sterilizing chemicals, mechanical failure — were reported with other devices, from tiny electronic tubes used in endoscopic surgery to angioplasty balloons.

The reports don't prove the reused devices were to blame. But problems may be underreported.

If "to save a few dollars, a hospital decides to reuse a catheter and it breaks off in somebody's body, that's not a comfortable thing for them to report," said Larry Kessler, FDA's director of device surveillance.

Take those heart balloons. They lose strength to push aside artery blockages with each use, said Dr. Jeffrey Breall, Georgetown University Hospital's catheterization chief.

Plus, some patients get fevers, chills and other symptoms, a reaction to microscopic particles left on reused catheters, Breall said. They're not actual infections and don't cause long-term damage, but can make patients miserable.

HE SAYS Georgetown colleagues do reuse less-delicate catheters that measure electrical activity in the heart. Mechanical failure with those tools wouldn't plunge a patient into crisis, although patients suffer similar fevers, Breall said.

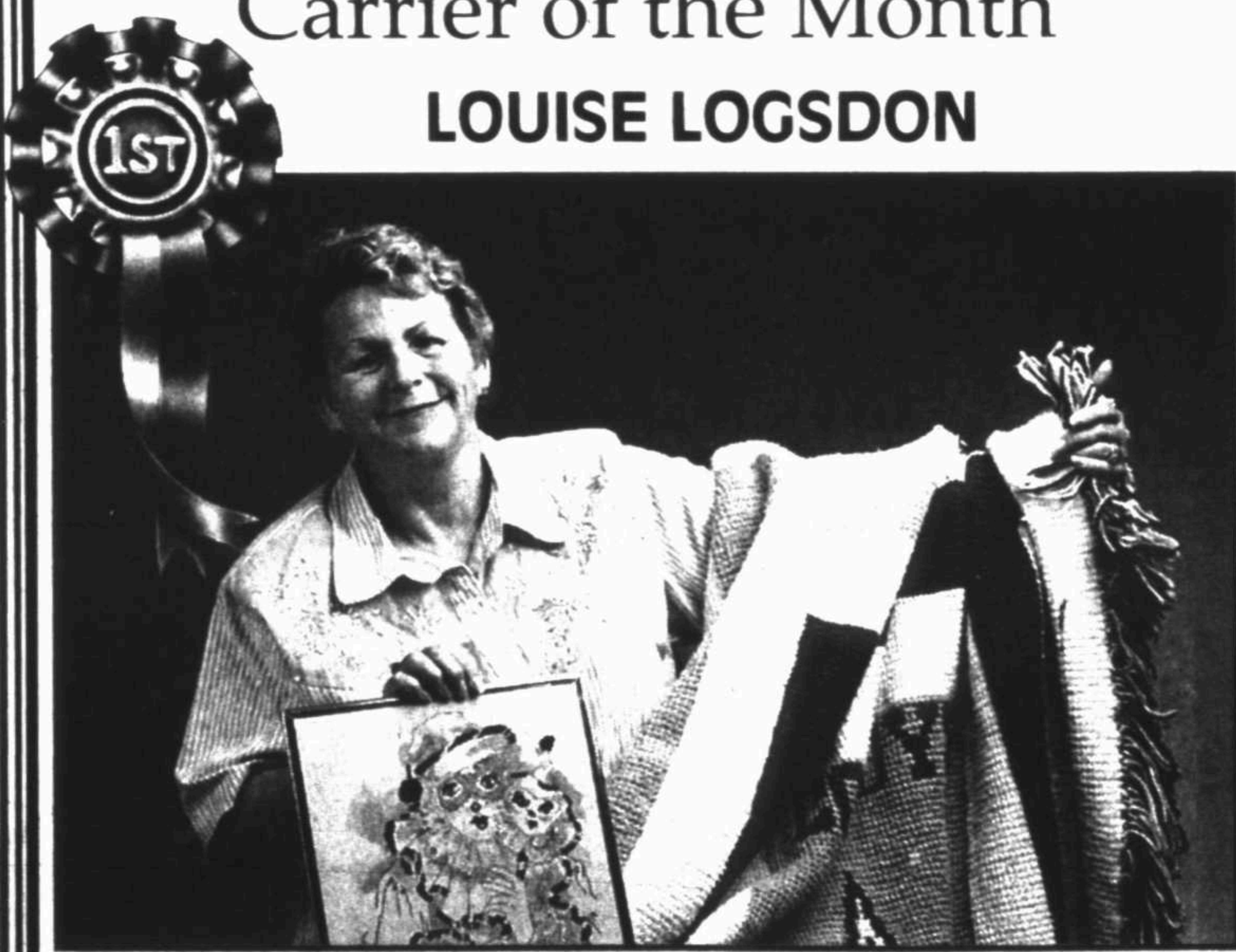
A study of 90 Floridians treated with reused balloon catheters concluded the practice was safe with strict sterilization. Dr. Kevin Browne of the Watson Clinic found only four reused balloons failed to squeeze through blocked arteries. New balloons were substituted successfully during those surgeries.

Many U.S. doctors are awaiting a report by the independent health research firm ECRI that promises to help hospitals determine how to safely reuse devices. A chief recommendation will be that hospitals first perform pilot studies proving reuse won't hurt.

"There's room to say it could be accomplished safely, but it's going to depend on the device, and the skill and competency" of the hospital or reesterilizing company, ECRI vice president Ronni Solomon said.

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Trends come and trends go — and sometimes we're all thankful they leave — but trying to pick up on what will be hot in the coming year is one way to liven up the winter months.

IN FILM:

AT THE MOVIES, NATURAL DISASTER, MURDER MYSTERIES AND ACTION-ADVENTURE, ARE EXPECTED TO BE POPULAR THEMES. ALSO, LOOK FOR MORE MOVIES BASED ON OLD TELEVISION SERIES.

TRENDS

TEXT BY LINDA ANDERSON

DESIGN BY ELIZABETH EDWIN

The presents have been opened; the turkey has been picked clean; the football bowl games have been won or lost and today will decide the Super Bowl teams; the resolutions have been made (and possibly already broken) — now that the holiday season is over and the new year has started, it's time to look to the future to see what will be the "in" things in Midland in 1997.

Trends come and trends go — and sometimes we're all thankful they leave —

but trying to pick up on what will be hot in the coming year is one way to liven up the cold (well, sometimes) winter months. (Let's face it, January is one of the dullest months of the year. There's not much to do until the Super Bowl.)

SOME OF MIDLAND'S premier trend-spotters shared some ideas as to what we will be wearing, doing and viewing this year.

Marty Felts, manager of Tall City 10, Midland's new multi-screen movie theater, said predicting hit movies is difficult, but some trends in movie themes have been spotted already.

BACK IN TIME
IF YOU STILL HAVE ANY OF YOUR CLOTHES FROM THE '70S, PULL THEM OUT OF THE CEDAR CHEST FOR A HIP 1997 LOOK.

"It looks like there will be a lot of natural disaster (movies)" this year, specifically one or two featuring volcanoes and floods, he said.

Another old trend that may experience new life is space epics, thanks to the re-release of the ever-popular Star

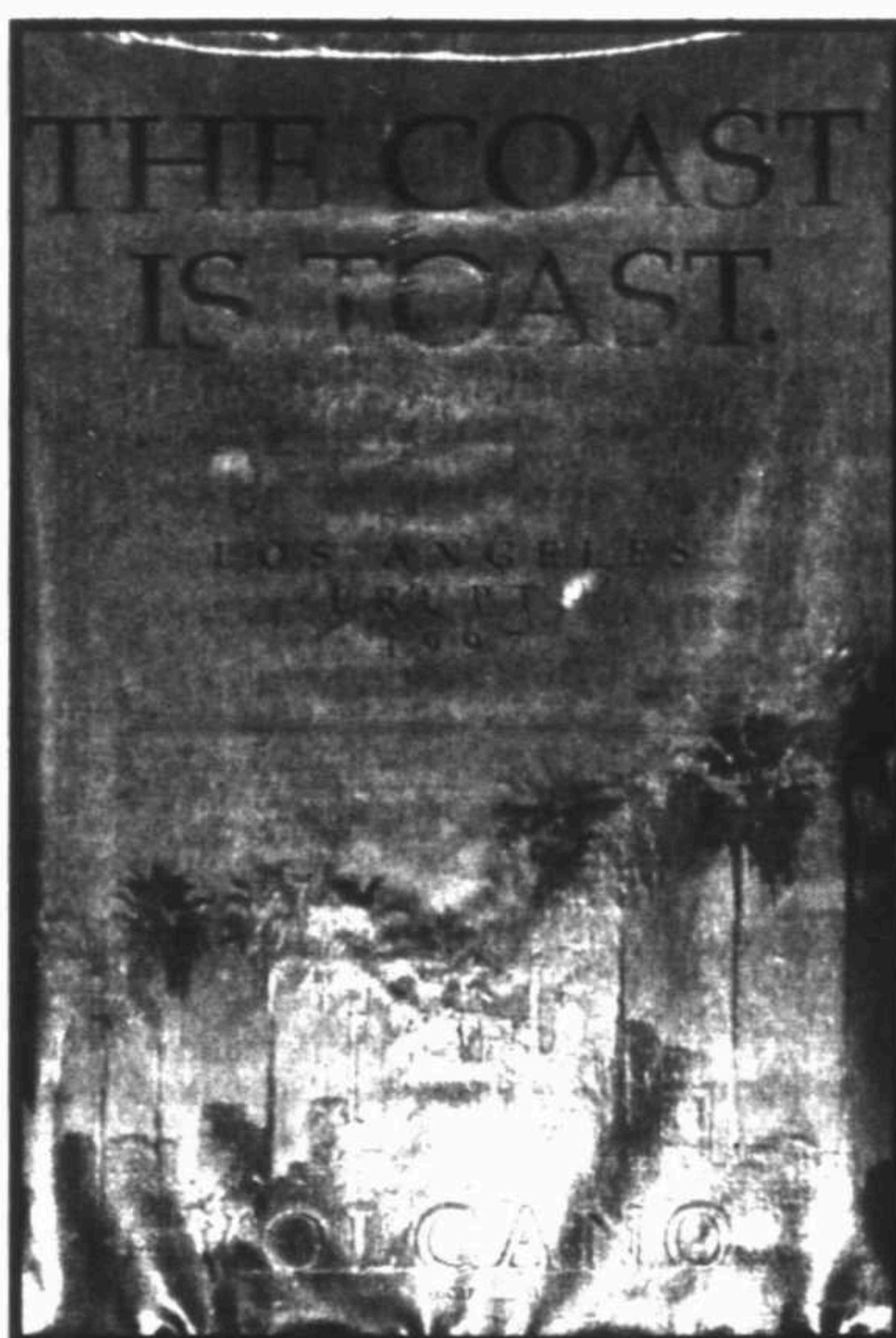
Wars trilogy.

"Action-adventure (films) are pretty hot," Felts



Plastic jewelry and ugly colors in finger nail polish are accessory trends for 1997.

added, including "The Lost World," the sequel to 1993's "Jurassic Park" that is due out this summer.



Hollywood is showing a trend toward natural disaster movies such as this one, "Volcano."

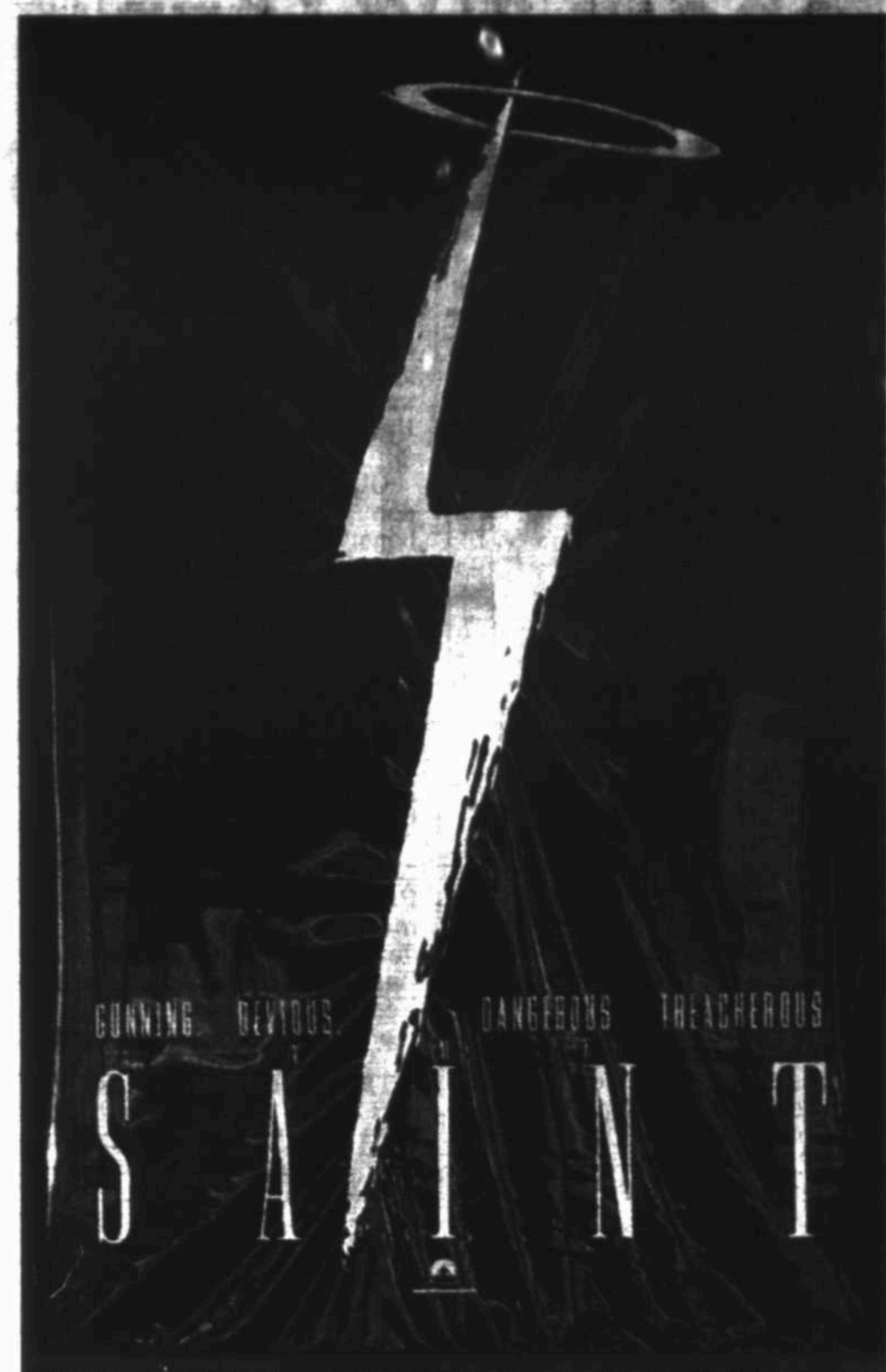
Another theme that appears to be hot this year is murder-mystery movies that are set at the White House, for some strange reason.

Also, look for more movies based on old television series, including "Leave It To Beaver," "McHale's Navy," "That

Darn Cat" and "The Love Boat."

Of course the big question is: What to wear while viewing all these new movies?

Cara Merez, manager of Claire's Boutique in Midland Park Mall, said the hot new accessories for 1997 include "plastic chunky rings" and "ugly nail polish — the uglier, the better. And



Movies based on old television series are trendy this year.

THIS YEAR
I WILL
EXERCISE ...
ON THE
EQUIPMENT
I BOUGHT
LAST YEAR.

with glitter."

Since a lot of the new movies will be retro from old television shows, it seems only natural that a lot of the clothes worn this year will be retro too. (As a matter of fact, even the Today show, NBC's long-running morning news show, had a recent guest who said that polyester is coming back. How retro can you be?)

But these "retro" styles are the real thing — Ms. Merez said a lot of her trendiest customers



Walt Disney's "That Darn Cat" may be back.

like to wear used clothing picked up at the Salvation Army store and other second-hand clothing stores.

Please see TRENDS/2D

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Group still raves about NYC trip during Christmas

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Although a month has passed since the Midland Symphony Guild's annual pre-Christmas tour to New York City, the 34 participants are still raving about the grand and glorious time they had.



McKnight Harrison

Highlights of the five-day trip were the beautiful sights of the Big Apple decked out in its holiday finery, nightly entertainment, including the best of the Broadway offerings, and celebrity sightings.

Staying at the Ritz-Carlton on Central Park South, the travelers enjoyed the new Broadway musical, "Chicago," starring Joel Grey, and the Radio City Music Hall "Christmas Show," featuring the Rockettes, as a group. The rest of the time, they went their separate ways, selecting the plays and the places to dine of their choice.

Other attractions included the Metropolitan Museum's exhibit of Queen Elizabeth's collection of miniatures, the ice skaters and the spectacular Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center, a skyline view of Manhattan from atop the GE Building, and David Copperfield's Magic Show.

Among those going on the tour were Jane and Russell Ramsland, Paddy and Jim Lucas, Barbara (Mrs. Bob) Duke and her daughter, Judy Miller of Dallas; Lissa (Mrs. Cy) Wagner and her daughter, Sherwood (Mrs. Sam) Berger of Dallas; Marilyn (Mrs. Vann) Culp with her daughter, Cathy (Mrs. Jim) Heck, and granddaughter, Ellen, of Austin, and Nancy (Mrs. Barry) Beal and granddaughter, Katie Beal.

BEST WISHES to Dorothy St. Clair, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

To mark the milestone occasion, Dorothy and her husband, Don, were joined by family members for Sunday morning services at First Presbyterian Church and dinner and a birthday cake afterwards in Midland Country Club's Fireplace Room.

Attending were Dorothy's children and their spouses, Charlie and Ginger Leeper of Fort Worth, Jean and Clifford Hoelscher of Los Angeles, and David Leeper of Midland; her six grandchildren; Don's son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Sara St. Clair, as well as longtime friends Louise and Loyd Whitley, Margaret (Mrs. Fred) Cassidy, Mary Lou Cassidy and Tillie and Hugh Looney.

The Pittsburgh, Pa., native was born Dec. 30, 1916. She moved to Midland in 1940.

VERA AND PAUL WECKER enjoyed the Christmas holidays in Houston, where their granddaughter, Lindsay Patterson, was presented as a debutante at Lake-

side Country Club.

Lindsay, daughter of Paula and Don Patterson of Houston, is a graduate of Episcopal High School and a sophomore at Vanderbilt University.

ODESSA DEBUTANTES London Abders and Sarah Buck were honored by their Midland grandmothers, Helen (Mrs. William) Abders and Lee (Mrs. W.E.) Talley, with a luncheon at Odessa Country Club in December.

The other Odessa debas and their mothers were guests at the event, which featured a Mardi Gras theme. The young women were presented at the Crystal Ball in Odessa on Dec. 28.

London, daughter of Paula and "Ruf" Abders, is a graduate of Permian High School and a sophomore at Tulane University. The daughter of Sherry and Richard Buck, Sarah also is a graduate of Permian High and a sophomore at the University of Texas-Austin.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON was one of great joy and excitement for a Midland girl after winning a beautiful, Victorian-style doll house in a drawing.

An extremely creative child, nine-year-old Jennifer Houdyshell has been interested in architecture and drawing houses for some time. She had expressed an interest to her parents, Susan and Floyd Houdyshell, in building a doll house, and they had been searching for a kit to enable them to build just the right one.

When Mrs. Houdyshell learned of the Midland Woman's Club's Christmas Doll House Tea in early December, the mother and daughter made plans to attend. Chances were being sold on an 11-room, three-story doll house lovingly built by Woman's Club member Dorothy (Mrs. Tom) Dollahite and donated to the club for a fund-raising project.

Jennifer received an early Christmas present when incredibly, she held the winning ticket. "It was an answer to a little girl's prayers," her mother says, "and this has been a true blessing to our family. It has brought us closer together as we have worked on a common project."

Until she was given a doll house family, the imaginative child had placed a "For Sale" sign on the empty house. Now she has taken down the sign and is beginning to make accessories and buy furnishings, for her allowance permits, for the "family."

What makes the story so interesting is that Mrs. Houdyshell has ties to the Woman's Club that long pre-date the doll house. She was one of the club's college scholarship recipients when she graduated from Lee High School in 1960. It enabled her to attend Midland College. Later she received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin and is now a computer consultant.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

TRENDS: What is hot or not for 1997

(From 1D)

And, she added, "anything goes with Salvation Army clothes that don't match. It's not cool to match."

It is cool, however, to carry hot, new accessories in an animal backpack, Ms. Merez said. "The girls are carrying them like purses."

It's also cool to wear jewelry or have other accessories with alien faces on them, the kind of aliens with "two big eyes and a big bald head," Ms. Merez said.

Unfortunately for many parents, getting tattoos or body parts pierced are still trendy practices for many budding adults. (Beware, some states are requiring those under 18 years of age to have parental permission in order to have body parts pierced.) However, Ms. Merez said another growing trend may help these parents through these fashion crises: Fake tattoos and fake body jewelry "for those who aren't allowed to pierce (their) body parts" also are trendy this year.

The best way to show off these faux tattoos and pseudo body

piercings may be on a trimmed and toned bod. And the best way to achieve physical perfection is through sensible, balanced diets and healthy exercise.

Organized sports can help achieve these exercise goals, Dan Kerr, owner of Play It Again Sports, said a growing sports trend here is "in-line hockey with in-line leagues."

Some of these team members are high school students, he added, but most are "8- to 14-year-old kids."

The sport has seen a lot of growth in this area, and "I know from talking to other stores in other cities, that it has been big (elsewhere). It's just getting started here," since interest started building about a year ago, Kerr said.

Locally, two in-line leagues have formed: Midland In-Line Hockey Association, which meets at Midland County Exhibit Building on Highway 80, and Sticks and Kicks, which meets in an old skating rink on West Highway 80.

In-line hockey may be too strenuous for adults, though. (Just the thought of it can make you tired if

you are over the age of 40. Or maybe 30.)

Besides, getting fit is one thing; getting fit in private is more desirable for many. That's why a lot of people "call and ask about treadmills," Kerr said, like the ones in the television commercials. "Now what's hot is what they are advertising on TV."

Kerr said most people who are interested in treadmills want the kind that fold into smaller spaces and don't take up too much room in the house.

But exercising in the privacy of their own home is top priority to many. "A lot of it is older people or women who don't want to get out" and a lot of working people who don't get home in time to exercise during the day and don't want to exercise in the dark. "They want to exercise at home."

Well! After making our bodies more beautiful (and healthy) with all that exercise (and more decorated with all those tattoos?), it naturally follows that making our homes more beautiful is next.

The key word here is "natural-ly." Mike Crume of Midland

Gallery said nature will play a big part in home decor this year.

"Wildlife is definitely back," he said, in the form of "landscape pictures with deer or elk or something like that — (forested) scenes we don't see around here ... natural-ly."

The best colors will be cool, restful nature colors such as teal, spruce (which Crume said is a deep blue-green), burgundy, red and "yellow is coming back."

Reflecting the beauty of the great outdoors through the beauty of great indoors is another way of reflecting what people are concerned about, he added. Many people are concerned about ecology and the balance of nature. "People are trying to conserve, (so) natural colors work very well."

Even down to our new cars: A recent story from the Associated Press revealed that nature's colors of green and light brown are the top choices for new cars in North America, according to DuPont Automotive's annual survey, which was released a couple of weeks ago.

Design hangovers: Shape of things to go

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Wouldn't it be lovely if Baby New Year were a designer starting from scratch? And Father Time had taken his scythe to last year's looks and made way for a new crop of styles? If only one could cart away stale design trends along with Wednesday morning's pile of noisemakers and plastic cups.

Kazoo to you. It's not going to happen. In fact, writers all over town are laboring to rediscover new trends that never went away in the first place. Black and white. Blonde on blonde. Minimalism. Maximalism. Country. Aztec. Post-Neo-Classical-Gothic-Revival-International style. Whatever. Good taste is timeless. Bad taste is eternal. Attics are forever.

But if I were a designer, and if I believed in making New Year's resolutions, I would pledge on a stack of Architectural Digests never again to employ amoeboid shapes. Like the ones in my lobby. It is hard to get out of the house the Morning After, or even the Night Before, when you have to walk past three amoeboid glass coffee tables and three reddish amoeboid rugs.

Those rugs also have squiggly black lines running through them, which strongly suggest an unwholesome taste for single-cell reproduction. Amoeboid shapes were a mistake even in the 1950s, when people had almost total faith in the power of medicine to eliminate nasty things, like amoebas, from the world. There is no excuse for them now. Not in the age of rampant E. coli, vibrant salmonella and curtailed federal funding for government food inspection. You can take aspirin for a hangover, but when will someone discover the cure for designer amoebas?

Or for any of the other design afflictions identified below by a control group of hardy New York Times volunteers. — HERBERT MUSCHAMP

LOVE THEM FLAWS

It's not the pine farmhouse tables themselves that are the problem, or the little bronze candlesticks, or the loosely slipcovered sofas, or the pale wood picture frames, or the Italian ceramic bowls, or the sleek glass vases. It's the relentless good taste that all of this represents, with everything being oh so right. Everything IS oh

so right, so right I just want to scream. Can't something be just a little bit off?

Maybe I don't really crave the all-out vulgarity of avocado-colored appliances and fake-wood television sets and Eiffel Tower lamps, but the way things have been going this year, I've begun to think I need it, just for a breather. What ever happened to bad taste?

Indeed, what ever happened to individual taste? So brilliantly have establishments like the Pottery Barn and Crate and Barrel and Williams-Sonoma and Hold Everything brought good taste to the masses that by now there's almost no real idiosyncrasy left in the world of everyday design. Everybody's house is perfect, and looks like everybody else's. I dream of a new year in which this balloon of perfection is punctured, and a little bit of bad taste comes rushing in like fresh air. — PAUL GOLDBERGER

KING KONG WILL BE MIFFED

In a taxi hurtling home, perhaps feeling a bit queasy in the wee hours of New Year's Day, anyone looking up for reassurance to that great beacon of New York glamor, the Empire State Building, might have become queasier still.

The brilliant tower lights were red and green, as they have been throughout the holiday season, and then again, at least 45 more times during the year to commemorate holidays big and very small. Red, yellow and green for Portugal Day; black, yellow and red for German Reunification Day; purple and white for Alzheimer's Awareness Day, and of course, blue for the birthday of Old Blue Eyes, Frank Sinatra.

What's wrong with white, which shows the building to its best advantage and most dignified in this, its seventh decade?

At least things aren't as bad as they were in 1995. That was the first year the building was used as a still to promote corporate events, from the introduction of the new blue M & M to the arrival of Microsoft's Windows 95 in red, yellow and green.

Lydia Ruth, the building's spokeswoman, said that subsequent corporate requests to rent the building's floodlight color scheme have been turned down. And so we were spared the Walt

Disney Company's proposal to have the building clad in a Dalmatian print (simulated by black and white spotlights) for the opening of "101 Dalmatians."

That was a step in the white direction. — DAVID COLMAN

OVER HILL, OVER DALE

I think SUVs — sport utility vehicles — should be given birth-control pills. They are starting to proliferate on Wall Street at the same rate that all those oversize houses are eating up the sand dunes out East and the farmland upstate.

They are supposed to be for rugged, off-track driving, of course, but there they are on Centre Street, bullying you into submission as you funnel onto the one-lane entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge.

I can't wait until people outgrow the school-bus size Expedition and graduate to the three-ton Hummer, which is made by AM General for the Army. It can scale 18-inch vertical walls (good for climbing out of potholes or running up sidewalks), and gets six miles to the gallon. Which almost makes me long for another oil crisis. It's also eight feet wide: perfect for double-parking in front of Balducci's. — ANNE RAVER

LONGING FOR A GREASY SPOON

It seems only a couple of years ago that I was grousing to a friend in a Greek diner about the \$3 minimum when all I wanted was a cup of coffee, then asking the gods why New York didn't have the sort of cafes Paris and Rome do?

Well, the gods must be vengeful, and also live in Seattle, because they have delivered unto us a plague of coffee bars, all equally pretentious, yuppie-bland and criminally overpriced.

Today if you want a coffee you've got to speak a foreign language ("a latte grande, s'il vous plait"). If you want sugar, you have to get it yourself, clamber onto a stool where you sit like a child in a high chair, then be your own busboy when you leave.

For this you pay upward of \$3, no free refills, never mind the canister beside the register for tips, apparently for watching you do their work.

I don't know about you, but from now on I'll be back at the Olympia, tucking myself into the cushy Nougat booths, where Spiro will bring me all the java I can drink, milk and sugar included. For \$3, it's a bargain. — MICHAEL KIM-MELMAN

NEW YORK IS SHRINKING?

One of the most astonishing things I saw on my first visit to Europe in the 1960s was a Mercury Monterey. That behemoth, so at home on

American expressways, looked ostentatiously out of place in the narrow corridors of ancient cities.

Today, it is New York's turn to be invaded by the gargantuan. A Bugs Bunny gargoyle, as big as an Easter Island monolith, looms over the northeast corner of Fifth Avenue and 57th Street. It would fit in well in Times Square, but instead, its setting is a crossroads that once epitomized understated cachet.

Such folie des grandeurs is scarcely limited to that rascally rabbit. Some commuter buses have been turned into rolling billboards by a technology that permits their entire sides, windows and all, to be covered in oversize imagery. And the construction scaffolding that fills the concourse of Grand Central Terminal now sports advertisements — however temporary — that can be read from as far away as Yonkers.

The sense of scale in our public places is under assault. The behemoths are multiplying. — DAVID W. DUNLAP

"HERNIA" COLLECTION...

Until recently, a brushed steel surface had everything going for it: edge (literally as well as metaphorically), craft, heft and texture. Call it high-tech grown-up: it signaled the homeowner was one of the welderati.

And despite its rigid strength, it had flexibility. Brushed steel could be installed as a wall, or fashioned into an armoire, a fireplace mantle, even a coffee table.

Never mind the patent absurdity of a piece of furniture that could never be moved again. That simply knocking into it could mean a trip to the hospital. It brought industrial-style cachet in an era of industrial-size egos. It was expensive, too, which is always a plus when you're going for high style.

What brushed steel doesn't offer, however, is heart. And in this new age of piped-in Gregorian chants, scented rocks and designer candles, the semblance of soulfulness is all. So it's all over for the mantle of steel.

What I want to see is how people are going to lug their brushed steel castoffs — as heavy as I-beams — to the swap meet.

PS. I left mine in my last rental when I moved. — JULIE V. IOVINE

Now is good time to mail holiday greeting cards

By Darryl Campagna

N.Y. Times News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — Want to prolong that holiday feeling? Feel like surprising friends who thought you had moved away or dropped them?

Then do as others will this year — send greeting cards long after the usual holidays — Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's — have come and gone. Pick another upcoming holiday to send greetings. Or post something generic. You still have plenty of chances. And plenty of cards from which to choose.

Cindi Makely, a Boston resident visiting her aunt here for Christmas, planned to write her Christmas cards after the holiday.

"Thanksgiving came late this year," she said, and she didn't have time to send her cards before Christmas. She said the thought of tackling the job now was almost relaxing. "The pressure's off," she said. "I can sit down, do laundry and write cards."

The Greeting Card Association, a Washington, D.C.-based trade group, predicted that late arrival made this year's Christmas cards more like New Year's cards for many.

So what's out there for procrastinators? If you're still bent on sending Christmas cards, there's a supply of discounts, although this year's selection has been picked over.

Neutral cards that suggest Christmas but don't have a Christmas message are also available. A local shop sells cards by Joanna Dunk, a photographer and hiker who winter vistas in the Adirondacks would serve well right now, said Susan Novotny, owner of the bookstore. People who send belated Christmas cards look for images that suggest the new year as well as the holiday that's just passed. Outdoor scenes are ideal.

Kwanzaa, a holiday inspired by African harvest festivals and celebrated predominantly by African-Americans, is another popular theme.

HOWEVER, THE IDEA of going beyond traditional Christmas cards to commemorate other religious or seasonal events that fall this time of year is becoming increasingly popular, said Sara Kaiser, a staff member for Syracuse Cultural Workers, a non-profit organization that sells cards and calendars promoting themes of cultural and ethnic diversity.

The company also produces a card for the winter solstice, which

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Boston resident who didn't get her Christmas cards written before the holidays and plans to mail them during January

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occurs when the sun is the farthest south of the celestial equator, generally around Dec. 21.

Kaiser said the biggest-selling card produced by Syracuse Cultural Workers is a non-specific end-of-the-year holiday card that features a woman casting stars from a basket, with the all-purpose message, "Greetings in the Star-Filled Season." (S) Syracuse Cultural Workers can be reached at (315) 474-1132.)

You might need a different card if you wish to send specific holiday greetings to someone who celebrates the Epiphany, also called Twelfth Day, on Monday, Jan. 6 or the Chinese New Year, which this year begins Feb. 8.

Chinese New Year cards usually depict traditional Chinese paintings and are decorated with red and gold. (They are available at the Hang Bo grocery store, 91 Colvin Ave., Albany.)

The Epiphany is a Christian feast that in Western Christian churches commemorates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, and in Eastern churches commemorates Christ's baptism.

Cards for it are hard to find, but an Orthodox Christian bookstore may be a good bet.

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The 14th annual Celebration of the Arts, a spotlight on visual and performing arts, is planned this year for May 16-18. Preview Party on May 16 will open the weekend-long event.

Deadlines for entries is Feb. 14. Fine art and original hand-crafted items are being accepted with the following restrictions: Limited edition prints of art on approval only; no ceramics from commercial molds; no black and white photography that has not been printed by the photographer; and no silk-screened T-shirts.

Art will be judged on-site. Two winners will receive \$200 each for exceptional work; ribbons will be given for first, second- and third-place, honorable mention and best booth display. For more information contact Arts Assembly of Midland, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702, or call 687-1149 (fax 687-1600)...

...CLER MINISTRIES, a non-profit sexuality education ministry, will present its 11th annual 12-session biblically-based human sexuality course for high school students today and continuing through the first week in April. Classes, consisting of 20 students each, will be presented weekly, from 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Cost is \$75 per student.

For scholarship information or to register, call 697-5078. The classes are sponsored by Midland Association of Churches...

...MYSTERY LOVERS Discussion Group, an organization for fans of "whodunits," will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 16 at Midland County Law Enforcement Building, 400 S. Main. Lt. Lee Blair will present a program on self-defense. Members should wear comfortable clothing, such as sweatshirts, for demonstrations. Call 520-8622...

...MIDLAND KAPPA Delta Alumnae will meet 10 a.m. Jan. 14 at 1500 Winfield. Members are asked to bring white elephant gifts for the silent auction and Sunshine Bag articles for the Children's Hospital in Richmond, Va. Lunch will be served. For more information call 682-3376...

...AUTISM SUPPORT Group will meet 6-8 p.m. Jan. 17 at Greathouse Elementary School's music room. Laurie Marquez from Centers for Children and Families will speak on the needs and feelings of siblings of children with disabilities. All interested parents and professionals are invited. For information call 520-4654...

...UNITED OSTOMY Association, Midland-Odessa chapter, #590, will meet 2:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's auditorium. Mark Gonzales, Hollister representative, will present the program...

...MIDLAND GARDEN Club will host the luncheon of Midland Woman's Club scheduled for Jan. 16 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Ron's House of Flowers will present the program. For reservations call 684-6811 by Jan. 14...

...NOONTIME DIALOGUE, support group for cancer patients, their families and friends that is co-sponsored by Allison Cancer Center and American Cancer Society, will meet at noon Jan. 14 in classroom 3303 of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Robin Clark, massage therapist, will discuss massage and relaxation techniques. Lunch will be served. For more information call 685-6606...

...COL. THEUNIS Dey chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet 1 p.m. Jan. 13 at No. 6 Ridgmar Court. All members are urged to attend. Program will be "Afternoon Tea with Martha, Abigail and Dolly"...

...MIDLAND PALETTE Club Art Center will meet 8:30 a.m. Jan. 14 at the Art Center. Herb Cooper will give a lesson-demonstration on shapes and patterns in composition. All interested persons are invited to attend. The programs are partially funded by Arts Assembly of Midland and Texas Commission on the Arts...

...COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT support group will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 16 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas St. The group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one, whether recently or long ago. For more information call 682-2855...

...MIDLAND SOCIETY of University Women will meet 10 a.m. Jan. 17 at 4104 S. County Road 1184. Carolyn Sowell will give a program on "If Quilts Could Talk"...

German-Texan heritage honored in Austin

By Starita Smith
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The stone wall on the steep, little-traveled block of East 10th Street, disguises one of the most pleasant and historic sites in downtown Austin.

Any visitor who passes through the gate at 507 E. 10th St. and climbs the stairs will find a near-secret garden in front of the old German Free School building at the top.

The quiet garden dotted with red, purple, lavender and deep green native Texan foliage is about to become noisier and busier at the home of the German-Texan Heritage Society as it implements a new master plan.

The plan includes the society's straightforward mission statement. "We promote awareness and preservation of the German culture of Texas," said Teresa Chavez, director of the society.

THE FABRIC of Central Texas history and culture from the mid-1800s through today is deeply woven with German threads. Thousands of residents of the area can trace their ancestry back to settlers who arrived from Europe to put their stamp on the area's history. In music, community festivals, foods, language and folklore, they keep German culture alive and attempt to dispel misconceptions about it.

"We have two world wars to live down," said Charles Kalteyer, president of the German Free School Guild. The constant task before German Texans is to remind people that they had nothing to do with the Germans who fought in World War I and II.

"Our history goes way back before the Nazis," he said. To become a better statewide focal point for German culture, space inside the society's headquarters will be remodeled to provide more room for the burgeoning library of Texana and German history books, and somewhere, there will be more space for crowds to come hear speakers at the headquarters.

ALTHOUGH THERE are places where the beer-and-sausage celebratory side of German heritage can be seen, the society's headquarters has a more sedate atmosphere.

"We want this to be a little different fun," said Kalteyer, incoming president of the board of the society. "We're trying to make



Teresa Chavez, right, executive director of the German Texas Heritage Society, and Connie Krause, a volunteer and chairman of the Christmas Tradition committee, stand in front of their building in Austin Oct. 29. The building, built in 1857, was used to house the old German Free School. The Society is beginning a new master plan for the future.

this into a cultural center."

The group already holds chamber music concerts featuring the works of such German-speaking composers as Bach, Beethoven, Wagner, Brahms and Handel. There also are lectures on chapters in German Texan history, such as the Civil War, which caused major trauma to Germans who did not support secession and fought for the Union.

Kalteyer said his great-grandfather was a captain in the Confederate Army, but that that ancestor's daughter married a Union soldier. Dozens of German men who were against slavery and refused to sign loyalty oaths to the Confederacy were killed as they tried to escape to Mexico. A monument was erected to their memory in Comfort, southwest of Austin near Kerrville.

The society's headquarters was built about five years before that tragic episode. German immigrants erected it in 1857 as the German Free School.

One of Kalteyer's ancestors, Charles Pressler, was a member of the association that built the

school to give even children who couldn't pay for schooling an education.

"It was the first chartered school in Austin. They paid teachers 10 cents a day per student. They were paying for the education of those who couldn't pay," he said. Teachers received 1.5 cents a day for each student whose family could pay for school.

Boys attended class in one room and girls in another.

EVENTUALLY, HOWEVER the school building became the home of the large Schulte family. Pictures in the crowded library space show the Schultes posed formally and having fun together in the early 1900s.

The last person to live in the building before it became the home of the heritage society was Kelly H. Stevens, a world traveler and artist who left the building and its grounds to the society. He died in 1991, leaving behind the eclectic and fascinating combination of antiques and artwork that decorates the building.

Visitors can see fine blue and

white Meissen porcelain from the Saxony region of Germany and Dutch Delft china pieces. The mantelpiece in the main sitting room comes from a Tennessee Stevens family home and dates to the late 1790s.

There is a collection of Stevens' paintings as well as other works he acquired as he traveled the world. The floors and many of the pieces of furniture attest to Stevens' love for beautiful wood.

How much of the inside of the old schoolhouse will stay as it remains to be seen. The society obtained a grant and is working with an architect to develop final plans for the remodeling. If any space is added to the building, it will be in the back to allow the front with its columns and curlicue banisters to remain intact, Chavez said.

The gate at the top of the stairs in the stone wall is open every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. for free public tours of the property. The society sponsors German lessons and German conversation hours as well.

Good table manners vary from culture to culture

Southwest Newswire

CHICAGO — While slurping and burping may not be acceptable behavior at many dinner tables around the world, such acts in Korea, like slurping while eating noodles or burping at the end of a meal, are seen as a sign of appreciation to the host or hostess.

On the occasion of Hyatt International's Food and Beverage Directors meeting being held this week at the Grand Hyatt Bali (Indonesia), the company is pleased to report the results of a worldwide Global Dining Etiquette survey.

Before the culinary adventure begins, what one wears to a meal can be almost as important as what one eats. For instance, when traveling to Malaysia, never wear black or dark blue to a meal as this is considered a sign of death. And don't be alarmed if you sit down for a meal in India and there is no cutlery on the table, as people in this part of the world often eat with their hands. In Indonesia, only a spoon and fork will be found at your place setting.

In Azerbaijan, there will be no surprises as to what each course of the meal will feature since all courses are placed on the table at the start of the meal. In Japan, surprises are exact-

ly what await as a popular sake served in this corner of the world, called Habushu, comes complete with a whole deadly snake placed in the bottle at the time of bottling. And as Japanese custom dictates, always be sure that each glass is topped off at all times and never pour your own drink as this is bad luck. Another form of bad luck, as dictated by Chinese customs is shaking your legs during a meal.

Appetizers clearly come in all shapes and sizes. In Mexico, the caviar of choice is eggs of giant ants served in tacos and the pre-dinner snack is fried grasshoppers covered in a spicy sauce. And speaking of eggs, in China, baked worms with egg in a claypot can also be found. While not to be disappointed, "shrimp on the barbie" just may be a cuisine of days gone by as today's Australians are more inclined to serve ostrich carpaccio, crocodile, and kangaroo stew.

Soup around the world may also sound different to some palates at first. In China, Hong Kong and Singapore, Snake Soup is a traditional item which the Chinese believe can warm the body in winter and combat rheumatism. In Greece, raw calves liver and vegetable puree can be found in some eateries. And those

who partake often will drink the liver when finished. Salads are universal with varieties such as sea algae salad from Chile and up to 10 salads or mezze consumed at both lunch and dinner in Israel.

Entrees are sure to please with camel topping the list in Dubai where the eyes and even the hoofs are consumed. Mole Poblano from Mexico would most definitely qualify as one of the most complicated meals to prepare with 42 ingredients, the two main ones being chiles and chocolate. The Spanish and Malay cultures are equally enthusiastic about the consumption of eel, both large and small, the Hungarians cuisine of choice is goose liver, and the Germans favor their St. Martins Goose which they eat each year on Nov. 11, to commemorate the holy man to which it was named.

Traditional food in the Philippines varies from region to region, but some of the local favorites include 15-day old steamed fertilized duck eggs, grilled tuna jaw, and pork intestine prepared in a blood stew. The English have a few favorites of their own such as baked beans on toast and fried eggs with french fries. The latter is normally topped off with a glass of champagne.

New year time to regret 'foot-in-mouth' quotes

By Celia Rivenbark
N.Y. Times News Service

It's that time of year when columnists the world over thoughtfully reflect on the events of the past and offer insightful observations on the year to come.

You won't find any of that stuff here, of course. Instead, I thought it would be fun to take a look at some of the year's quotable quotes.

We'll start with some collected by "Life" magazine.

"The United States has got some of the dumbest people in the world. I want you to know that we know that." — Ted Turner. (Excuse me, but isn't this a trifle silly coming from the man who gave us an 18-hour "Mothra" marathon?)

"He never had any mail going out, not that we can remember." — Eileen Lundberg, postal worker in Lincoln, Mont., home of unabomber Ted Kaczynski. (Think about it Eileen. You've worked hard on a letter bomb or a manifesto all day. Don't you deserve to reward yourself with a nice dinner at Red Lobster in the big city instead of going to a dinky little post office in a town with no stoplights?)

"When I was in prison, I was wrapped up in all those deep books. That Tolstoy crap. People shouldn't read that stuff." — Mike Tyson. (No, of course they shouldn't. Better they should watch the Turner Network Television "Green Acres" marathon.)

"I eatnap now and then. But I think while I nap, so it's not a waste of time." — Martha Stewart. (Hey, funny thing, Martha. I think while I nap, too! But it's usually about

how I'd like to strangle you with ropes of your own homemade licorice and bury your remains in your raddiccio patch.)

"I was with some Vietnamese recently, and some of them were smoking two cigarettes at the same time. That's the kind of customers we need!" — Jesse Helms, at a dinner to promote North Carolina tobacco. (Helms later added, "Well, not exactly" to that comment. I suspect the Evil Liberal Media frequently deletes "Well, not exactly" from Helms' comic observations, leaving the rest of the world to think, wrongly, that he's an evil, lying, homophobic, humorless boor, instead of a clever satirist.)

"We can wear flat shoes now and be fat." — Flight attendant Ann Barbour on changes in United Airlines' working conditions. (And who says we women don't have goals?)

"Bill Clinton has not a creative bone in his body. Therefore he's a bore and will always be a bore." — David Brinkley's famous election-night gaffe. (Bet he wishes he'd

added a "Well, not exactly" to that or, at the very least, the hackneyed "Not!" Instead we found Brinkley groveling on national TV the following Sunday. Now that his retirement is imminent, may we suggest he just wear flat shoes and be fat for a while.)

"Obviously, I better say 'my family' because they would feel really bad if they thought they came in second to some real goody desserts." — Astronaut Shannon Lucid, asked what she missed most during six months in space. (Who says astronauts don't have a sense of humor? A woman who'd sell out her family for a couple of chocolate-covered cream horns is OK in my book.)

"I'm getting a divorce from my husband, Tommy Lee." — "Baywatch" bombshell Pamela Ander-

son Lee, mid-November 1996. "Everything's fine now. We have reconciled and our love is stronger than ever." — Pamela Anderson, late-November 1996.

"The divorce is back on again. It's over between me and Tommy Lee." — Pamela Anderson Lee, early December 1996. "WHO CARES?" — The American public.

We have better things, after all, to do with our time. Like that "Movies That Begin With the Word, 'Rio,' Marathon" on TNT. It's enough to make me take up smoking.

Well, not exactly. Celia Rivenbark writes for The Morning Star in Wilmington, N.C. Her column is distributed by The N.Y. Times News Service.

'Incredible' egg edible again soon?

By Art Chapman
N.Y. Times News Service

When it comes to cholesterol, we seem to have one symbol above all others: the incredible, edible egg. The egg has somehow come to represent all that is bad in our diet. It's OK, even desirable, for us to eat the chicken, but the chicken's egg will fill our arteries with goo.

But that may not be the case anymore. A number of studies have indicated an egg or two a day does not significantly affect blood cholesterol levels. There have also been studies that cast doubt on whether dietary cholesterol has much effect on serum cholesterol at all. That means some people believe that your body will produce just so much cholesterol, regardless of how much you take in through the food you eat.

There are important caveats to all these studies. Check with your doctor before accepting any of them whole.

What is certain is that egg producers are fighting back against the negative propaganda and, beginning next week, they will have a new tool.

Pilgrim's Pride, the company that won't sell you a "fat, yellow chicken," is coming out with a new egg. Actually, the chickens are coming out with the egg, but Pilgrim's Pride gets some of the credit.

The new product is called EggsPlus. It is not an egg, substitute or a yellow liquid in a small milk carton. It is a regular, shell-and-all egg. The difference is that these eggs have more vitamin E and essential fatty acids, Omega-3 and Omega-6. If those fatty acids sound familiar, it's because they are the ones nutritionists call "good" fats. They are polyunsaturated; normally the only place to find them in our diets is in cold-water fish.

Omega-3 is generally found in fish oils and is believed to dramatically reduce the risk of heart disease in humans. Research suggests that consuming as little as two 3-ounce servings of fish per week cuts the risk of coronary heart disease in half, says Mary Van Elsland, an assistant professor of poultry science at Texas A&M University.

Van Elsland has been working on the egg project for the past six or seven years. She found a way to take the normal, everyday laying hen and alter its feed enough to make its eggs a significant source of Omega-3 fatty acids.

Pilgrim's Pride became involved in Van Elsland's research after Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim had his own health problems and became more interested in nutrition.

All of this does not come without a price, of course. EggsPlus will sell for around \$2.89 a dozen, about double what a regular dozen costs, but about the same as a box of cereal.

The new eggs will be test-marketed in Texas and Louisiana. Pilgrim's Pride folks swear there is no difference in taste from a normal egg.

If the egg suppliers can convince the buying public that eggs are once again healthy, the industry could see big gains.

"There are a lot of people who are looking for a reason to start eating eggs again," Van Elsland said. "This might be it."

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HUGE SAVINGS ON FLOOR MODELS

Trying to save? Read all about it

By Hank Ezell
N.Y. Times News Service

Here's the big tip of the year, the easy way to resolve all your financial worries in 1997: Increase your income by about a third.

If you made about \$30,000 last year, another \$10,000 would fix a lot of things. If your family is at the \$100,000 level, an additional \$33,000 or so would certainly enrich your experiences.

See how easy that was? You could count that as your happiest, though perhaps your most desperate, New Year's resolution.

The other alternative is to get real about your finances as the new year begins. That means recognizing that the only true-life way to better your financial situation is the old-fashioned way: One scrimp at a time.

Fortunately, lots of help is available. Recognizing the season of good intentions, America's publishers have greeted the new year with many self-help books for the wannabe dutiful consumer.

The books are all over the ballpark, from the amiable Beardstown Ladies to the fierce penny-pinchers of The Tightwad Gazette. In between are some of the stalwarts, including staff members, past and present, of The Wall Street Journal and Money magazine.

BELOW IS A shopper's guide, with an example of the advice offered in each book.

The Beardstown Ladies' Guide to Smart Spending for Big Savings (\$19.95) This may be the most beginner-friendly of the lot, and it is certainly the most down to earth.

The authors, 14 members of an investment club in Beardstown, Ill., use their own lives as examples of successful money management. With 29 children and a scad of grandchildren among them, their experiences have been varied. Thus their advice — always valuable — is never one-dimensional.

The formula works, as it did in their first two best-selling books of family financial advice. If they are of necessity challenging, they are also old-school comfortable.

"If you're like many people, you spend virtually everything you earn," they begin. "You admire people who have managed to grow a nest egg, but no matter how hard you try, you don't seem to end up with any money to save. You're not alone."

They propose a right-from-square-one beginning: Writing down where your money goes now and the things you most want to achieve with your money. You can't have everything, they say, but you can get organized enough to understand what's really important, to save money on those things, and to invest the remainder for retirement or other big-ticket items.

The book offers useful money-saving advice on buying homes, autos, appliances and insurance. Other topics include saving on utilities, banking and child care.

Strong points: Worksheets you can fill in for yourself, a first-class resource list and tables that show, plain and simple, how much impact your present decisions can have on your future well-being.

Dollar Pinching: A Consumer's Guide to Smart Spending (\$10.99)

In the latest of Money magazine's growing list of how-to financial books, author Shelly Branch takes the same approach as the Beardstown Ladies: Forget about saving coupons and soap slivers; concentrate on the larger savings possible in buying big-ticket items.

Branch devotes only a few sentences to the baseline questions of figuring out what you want most and totaling up where you're actually spending the money now. That will be a major omission for many neophytes.

The text moves straight on to the money-saving tips, covering mostly the same topics as the Beardstown book. The advice is sound, though the presentation is sometimes hyperactive. It is long on italics and whizzbang adjectives.

There is even a breathless description of "top-secret" factory-to-dealer incentives for new-car sales. In the same paragraph, the author reveals a newsletter that will tell you all you need to know about the, uh, secrets. (It is CarDeals. Call 202-347-7283, \$7 per issue.)

Strong points: Not-so-obvious tips, such as how to fax a take-it-or-leave-it offer to a car dealer, and resources for detailed information.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL Lifetime Guide to Money (\$29.95) This may be the best choice for those with more experience or more self-confidence in handling their finances.

The authors are good at providing insights and resources that make financial self-reliance possible. Don't, they urge, let experts/salesmen mess things up with "unbearably complicated" solutions.

"The trick to getting these jobs done is to stay focused on the objective and to avoid complicated financial strategies and products when simpler ones will do," writes C. Frederic Wiegold.

The book also excels in directing advice to specific groups. Most chapters have a section tailored to the needs of young, middle-aged and near-retirement-age families. There also are sections for non-traditional households, such as single-parent families, unmarried couples, older parents and those coping with divorce, disabled children and terminal illness.

Strong points: Extensive worksheets, unswerving attention to common-sense alternatives.

The Tightwad Gazette III: Promoting Thrift as a Viable Alternative Lifestyle (\$12.99)

This is the third and final collection of scrimping tips from Amy Dacyczyn, the founder of a newsletter, The Frugal Zealot.

It's the last because, as Dacyczyn announces in the book's introduction, she is ending publication of the 6-year-old newsletter. What a run it had: up to 100,000 subscribers, generating 750 media interviews that took her all the way from three "Donahue" talk show appearances to the pages of The Wall Street Journal. Her first two books have collectively sold more than 460,000 copies.

"I prefer the luxury of freedom from a job than the luxury of material goods," she writes in Gazette III. "All along, I have pointed out that to earn and saving money should be means to an end, not ends in themselves." Her new goal is to be a full-time mother to her six children.

The book is a compendium of newsletter items, 359 of them shared by readers, all heaped up in loopy-gooey order. Some of it is bite-size: Techniques for patching rubber gloves and cheese-cutters, refurbishing brittle windshield wipers, trapping flies in the kitchen.

Also included are longer and more comprehensive pieces: Yogurt making, rug-braiding, tightwad gardening techniques.

Strong points: Clever tips, useful techniques.

Reynolds aids Meals On Wheels

Staff Reports

RICHMOND, Va. — In an effort to help eradicate hunger among America's homebound seniors, the makers of Reynolds Wrap® Aluminum Foil will contribute a portion of every sale in January to Meals On Wheels.

"The money raised through this effort will provide at least 75,000 additional meals," said John Lowrie, vice president and general manager of the Consumer Products Division of Reynolds Metals. "And there is no extra effort required on the part of the consumer. During January, for every purchase of a roll of Reynolds Wrap, roll of Reynolds Plastic Wrap or box of Reynolds Oven Bags, we'll donate 5 cents, up to a total of \$150,000, to Meals On Wheels."

More than 40 percent of the Meals on Wheels programs in this country have a waiting list of homebound seniors who need food," said Enid Borden, executive director of the ProjectMeal Foundation. ProjectMeal is a national not-for-profit organization that works on behalf of Meals On Wheels programs in communities nationwide. "Quite often, the hot, nutritious meal delivered by Meals On Wheels is the only meal these folks get on a given day. And in many instances, this meal is the only thing standing between living independently at home, or being moved to a nursing home."

"We're making a special commitment to Meals On Wheels this year," Lowrie said. "To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Reynolds Wrap,

we're putting more than \$1 million behind Meals On Wheels in 1997. It's our goal to help Meals On Wheels see to it that every American is properly fed." In addition to the January donation program, Reynolds is supporting Meals On Wheels through the following efforts:

50,000 VOLUNTEERS SEARCH Volunteers, who prepare, package or deliver food, are needed by Meals On Wheels programs. Reynolds Wrap has set a goal of recruiting 50,000 new volunteers during the 50th anniversary of Reynolds Wrap in 1997.

TOLL-FREE HOTLINE To facilitate volunteering, Reynolds Wrap is funding a toll-free number which provides information about the nearest Meals On Wheels program. The toll-free number is 1-888-MEAL-HELP. Or, volunteer through the Reynolds Wrap site on the World Wide Web (www.rmc.com/wrap).

NEW WHEELS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS Reynolds is donating new Ford Aerostar vans to 50 local Meals On Wheels programs across the country. Working with the ProjectMeal Foundation, Reynolds identified 50 programs that serve a large population of needy people, and each of these programs will receive a van.

A message on the inside flap of every carton of Reynolds sold in 1997 will help publicize the drive for Meals On Wheels volunteers. The message stresses the need for volunteers, and includes the toll-free number.

WEDDINGS

MILLER-CAROLL

Amanda Lee Miller and Ryan Andrew Carroll, both of Midland, were married 7 p.m. Dec. 28, 1996, at Memorial Christian Church in Midland. Colquitt Nash officiated.

Parents of the bride are Rick and Bonnie Miller of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Mike and Cheryl Pappan of Wichita Falls, and John and Jody Carroll of San Antonio.

Kelly Johnson of Arlington was maid of honor. Chelsea Austin of Midland and Hendi Hutton of Lubbock were bridesmaids. Junior bridesmaid was Rebecca Gaultney of Midland. Bell Blakemore of Midland was flower girl.

David Carroll of Midland, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Juan Contreras and Phil Scheuller of Wichita Falls.

Ushers were Josh Miller, brother of the bride; Geoff Chinn and Joey Johnson, all of Midland. Nicholas Reeves of North Beach, Md., was ring bearer.



Mrs. Ryan Andrew Carroll

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will live in Midland.

HARRIS-DOBBINS

ATLANTA — Eleanor A. Harris of Midland, Texas, became the bride of Emanuel Dobbins Jr. of Atlanta 8:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 1996, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Dobbins Sr. of Atlanta, parents of the bridegroom. The Rev. Jerry Dobbins, brother of the bridegroom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harris Jr. of Midland.

The couple resides in Atlanta.



Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Dobbins Jr.

ENGAGEMENT

BILLINGTON-SMITH

Kelly Billington and former Midlander Joseph Smith, both of Fort Worth, are planning to be married 7 p.m. Jan. 25 at Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hanson of Salt Lake City and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Billington of Fort Worth. Parents of the future bridegroom are Paula Purser of Rogers, Ark., and the late Robert R. Smith.

Miss Billington earned a bachelor of arts degree in business management from Sam Houston State University. Her fiancé attended Texas A&M University and is employed with AmeriCredit in Fort Worth.



Kelly Billington and Joseph Smith

ANNIVERSARY

Rentons observe silver anniversary

Howard and Beverly Renton of Midland celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a private party Nov. 27, 1996, at Cattleman's Restaurant. Hosts were Neil and Tracy Renton and Brad Renton.

Renton and the former Beverly Rybchinski were married Nov. 27, 1971, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. They have two children, Neil Renton of Midland and Brad Renton of Sherwood Park, Alberta.

The couple has lived in Calgary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Midland. Renton has been employed with Gulf Oil and Chevron, and is currently an employee of Gel Tech. His wife is a cake decorator with Albertson's. They are members of Grace Presbyterian Church.

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

Deadline for information for Sunday pages in the Lifestyle Department is 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, we must receive the information by noon two days before publication.

Engagement announcements must appear at least two weeks before the wedding date. Wedding announcements must appear within six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — must be published within six weeks of the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners are published for teenage pageants and older. Photographs will be published only of winners, not runners-up or contestants.

All articles must be submitted in writing. Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries, only published Sundays, are available in the Lifestyle office. All materials must include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or photos of the wedding couple may be submitted with

wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Photos should be vertical, black and white, glossy finish, studio portraits. Color pictures may be submitted, but quality reproduction cannot be assured.

Photos can be picked up in the Lifestyle Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

There is no charge for publication of photographs and articles.



GALBRAITH-FLOYD

First Baptist Church in Midland was the setting for the 3 p.m. Jan. 4 wedding of Tiffany Jo Galbraith and Howard Brent Floyd, both of Lubbock. The Rev. Dr. Gary Dyer officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. (Mike) Galbraith of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Floyd of Iraan.

Jennifer Ellis of Odessa was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Denise Bell, Stephanie Faulk and Carrie Heatherly of Lubbock; Kristen Matthijetz of Austin; and Christie Stone of San Antonio. The late Elizabeth Henry was honorary bridesmaid. Flower girls were Kayla Boler of Midland and Melea McKenzie of Amarillo, niece of the bridegroom.

Joe Chandler of Iraan served as best man. Groomsmen were Gerid Hendrix and Corey Riddle of Midland; Brent Devitt, Michael Parker and Jeremy Langner of Lubbock; and Wade Hartman of San Angelo. Ushers were Joe D. Gal-



Mrs. Howard Brent Floyd

braith, brother of the bride, and Jeremy Ellis, both of Midland. After a wedding trip to Cozamel, Mexico, the couple will live in Lubbock.

NELSON-ELLIS

FORT WORTH — St. Andrew's Episcopal Church was the setting for the 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 wedding of Amanda Lee Nelson of Fort Worth and Bradley Wayne Ellis of Midland. The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Steenson officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Foster Nelson of Fort Worth and the late Helen Hefley Nelson. Her grandparents are Mrs. P.A. Nelson of Brownwood, Mrs. William C. Perry of Houston and Mrs. William J. Hefley of Dallas. The bridegroom is the son of former Midlanders Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ellis of Ruidoso, N.M., and the grandson of Mrs. Vernon Blackley of Morton.

Adele Nelson and Perry Nelson of Fort Worth were maids of honor for their sister. Bridesmaids were Wesley Meekins, Ashley Hambleton, Mary Hart, Elizabeth Hart and Emily Cohn. Audrey Adams and Beth Ellis were junior bridesmaids. Flower girls were Adelaide Adams, Emily Ellis and Megan Ellis.

Grant McCarron of Haltom City served as best man. Groomsmen were Luke Morrow, John Weeks, Scott Hollingsworth, Clark Crawford, Dr. Bryan Ellis and Ed Ellis. Ushers were Mark Hart, Joe Nelson, Kirk Gibson, Mark Bennett



Mrs. Bradley Wayne Ellis

and Duane Lewis.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree in art history from Tulane University, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is a teacher with Midland Independent School District. Her husband graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a bachelor of arts degree in English. He is employed with Swartz Inc.

The couple lives in Midland.

BURLESON-MALDONADO

AUSTIN — Megan Lucile Burleson of Austin became the bride of Alfredo Maldonado, also of Austin, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, 1996, at St. Austin's Church in Austin. The Rev. Thomas J. Clerkin officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. James Neil Olson of Midland and Douglas Burleson of Opelika, Ala. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Orloff of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Efrén Maldonado of Eagle Pass.

Andrea Comola of Austin was maid of honor. Bridesmaid was Bridget Burleson of San Diego, sister of the bride. The bride also was attended by her grandfather, William Frederick Orloff.

Jose Machado of Austin served as best man. Groomsmen were Efrén Maldonado Jr. of Austin, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride is a student at the University of Texas at Austin, where she is finishing work on a bachelor of fine arts degree in art history. Her husband graduated from UT-Austin with a bachelor of arts degree. He is employed at South Austin Medical Center and is a volunteer with Austin Smiles-Plastic Reconstructive Group.

After a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple lives in Austin.

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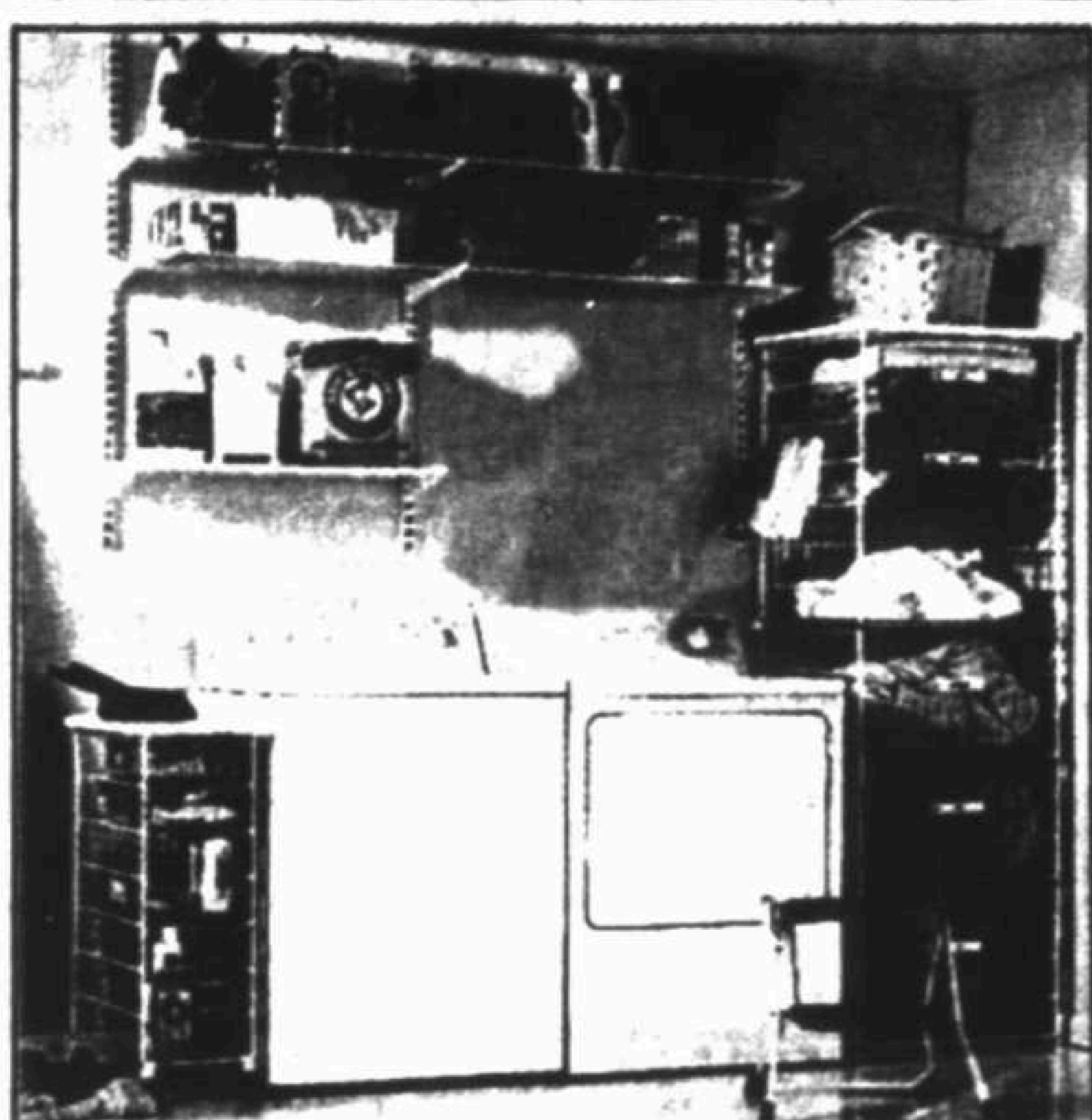


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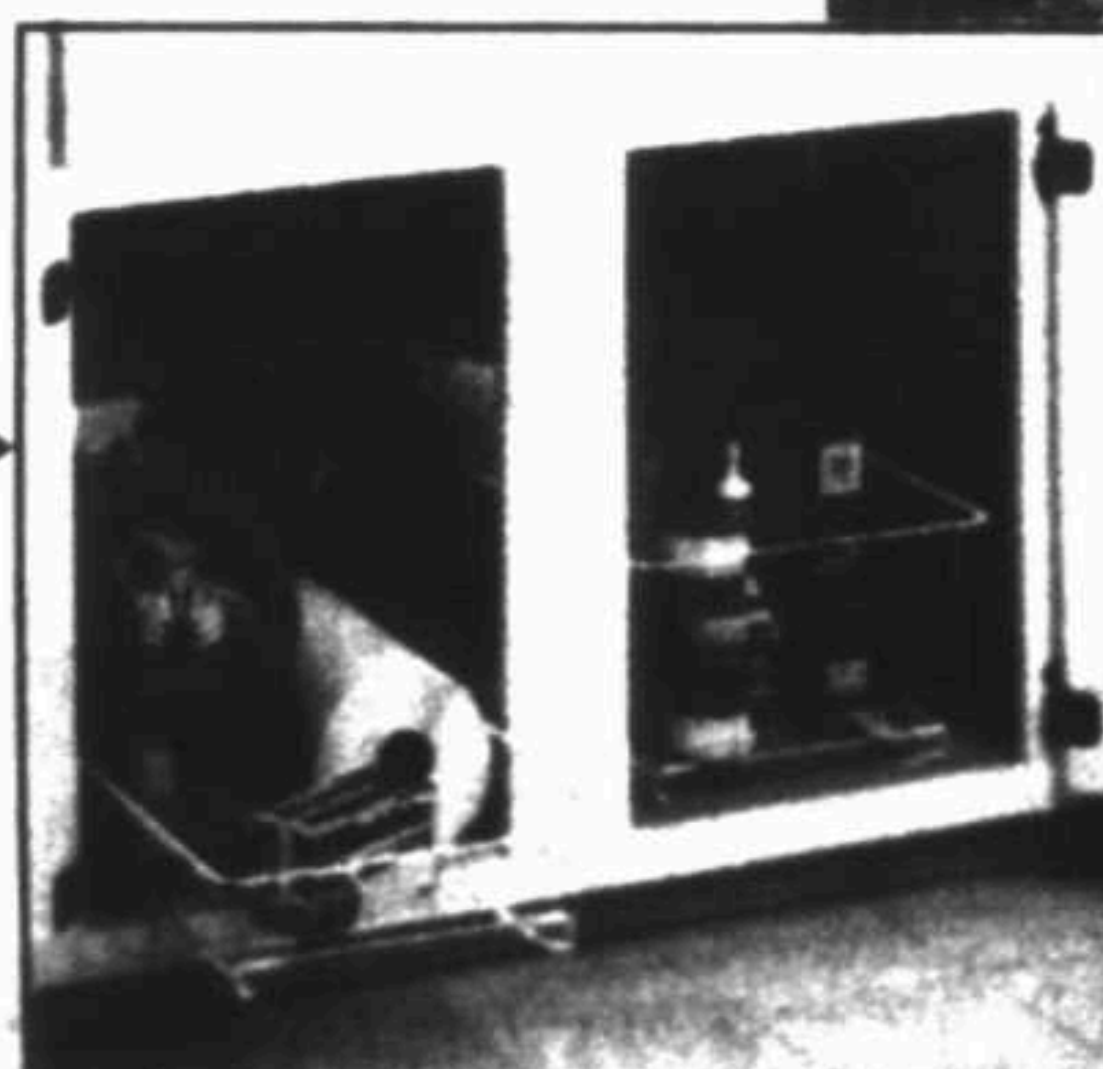


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- Determine space needed for hanging clothes**

SHORT HANGING	LONG HANGING
1. Width of short clothes	1. Width of long clothes
2. Length of longest garment from top of hanger	2. Length of longest garment from top of hanger

- Determine shelf heights**

To determine specific shelf heights add 2" to the length of your garments in Step 3. (Add more if a shelf will be used for storage below the hanging garments.) The chart below shows some standard shelf heights.

PERSON UNDER 5' 6"	PERSON OVER 5' 6"
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	10-20	20-30	30+
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Socks			
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Shirts			
Sweaters			
Jeans			
- To maximize closet storage and shelf space**

Inventory shoes and boots

	5-10	10-20	20+
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Women's Boots			
Men's Shoes			
Men's Boots			
- To maximize closet storage and shelf space**

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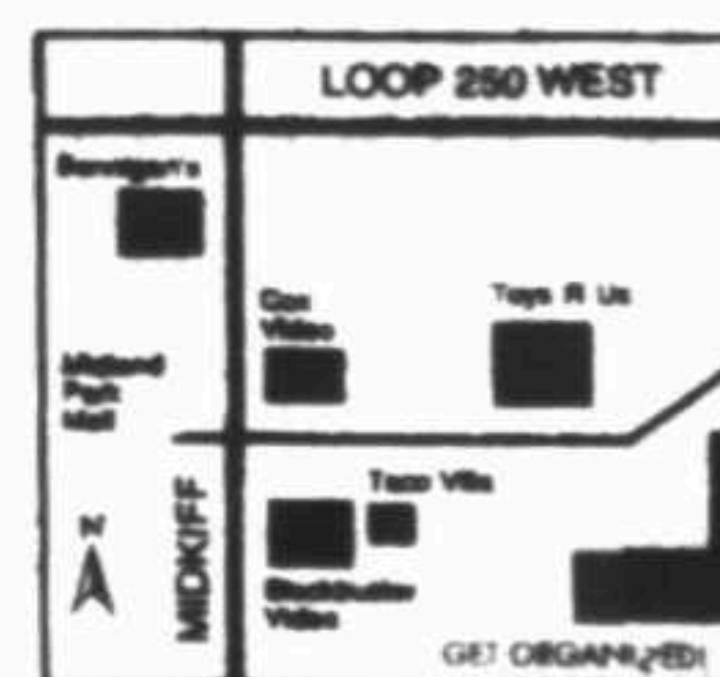
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Current 'trend-spotting' is trendy activity

By Edward Rothstein
N.Y. Times News Service

This month, with the coming of the New Year, may have a spirit of rebirth at large in the land, a sense of something new about to begin. If so, the feeling is all too familiar. The displacement of the old and the celebration of the new has become a year-round habit. In fact, we are always resetting our clocks, recalibrating our sense of newness, ringing out and ringing in at ever faster rates. We have created a culture founded almost entirely on trends.

Current events are news in opera (in recent years, Stewart Wallace's "Harvey Milk," John Adams' "Nixon in China," Anthony Davis' "X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X"). Nineteenth-century novels are big on screen (last year, Jane Austen; this year, Henry James). Things are moving so fast that some fashion gurus declared the "Evisu" look dead even before the film opened.

WE GIVE everything a name — decades, styles, movements, generations — in attention-getting capital letters. The Me Decade was named by Tom Wolfe in 1976, after it was more than half over. The '80s were slurred as the Decade of Greed. The Beats began the Baby Boomers who begat the Punks who begat Gen X who now await newly-named successors.

Nowhere is the swirl more frenzied than in pop culture, which has not even got time for names or seasons. A generation in pop-culture terms seems to measure about two years, and a trend can come and go seemingly in a matter of weeks. Funk, hip-hop, house music and gangsta rap jostle for attention, with their variations competing for new, revised monikers.

In television, the '50s and '60s are joined by the '70s and '80s as Nick at Nite and the cable industry create trends out of recycled nostalgia. It seems as if we are always racing to catch up with these changes in taste and style, learning the new names and constantly seeking to find newer ones.

We are trend addicts, seeking to be on top, ahead, beyond or on the brink. In fact, the trendiest trend in culture now is trend-spotting.

CULTURE IS almost haphazardly strewn about us, on screens, billboards, in concert halls and art galleries, filtered through millions of minds, executed with thousands of techniques. It's there in advertising and in serious music, in the latest Hollywood blockbuster and in the dumbest television sitcom,

in university classrooms and in political rallies.

But culture is increasingly difficult to decipher, so we seek trends that give a semblance of order and connection in a world we are partly constructing, partly being swept away in. There is an element of anxiety in this quest, but somewhere in this mess — and much of it is a mess — is a message, or at least a mirror, offering some explanation of ourselves we cannot find elsewhere.

And if we, the consumers, seek trends, how much keener are the producers of our entertainment, the marketers who bet millions of dollars on whether a particular star is "hot" or a particular book will "take off." There is money to be made out of our obsessions.

Faith Popcorn, for example, whose invented name promises the snap and crackle of instant satisfaction along with the reliability and confidence of homespun religion, is a professional trend reader. According to Ms. Popcorn, she correctly predicted the demise of wine coolers and the rise of gourmet coffees and that major corporations like American Express and PepsiCo have paid her to reveal trends still hidden to their competitors.

Even criticism joins in the quest, practicing what might be called Zeitgeist journalism, in which everything becomes a sign of who we are and where we are going. The hunt might even be what the best-selling trend spotter John Naisbitt called a Megatrend, or, more properly, a Metatrend.

THE PROBLEM is that this restless search for trends can never come up with the kinds of answers we hope to find. Every trend is just additional evidence of change rather than another step toward stability.

This was not always the case. Such extreme quests for trends were once unnecessary partly because of something now quaintly known as tradition. Tradition was once an imposing, if porous and amorphous, presence, a sense of past achievement that provided the context within which new artworks were created. The tradition — or traditions — invoked in an artwork partly provided its premises, partly its style, partly even its subject matter.

Listeners could comprehend Beethoven because they had come to know the music of Haydn, Mozart and lesser talents who had similar ideas about musical structure and drama. French Impressionism achieved its impact partly by rejecting a tradition of aca-

demic painting.

There was a time when tradition forcibly affected how paint was applied to canvas, which images would be used in a novel, whether one musical line could be combined with another.

There was plenty of movement within a tradition — which is why there are so many distinctive works — though the tradition still provided a frame of reference. Each work was not only addressing an audience of viewers, listeners or readers but was also conversing with the many other works that preceded it.

The early development of opera, for example, was related to Renaissance conceptions of Greek drama and to the notion that a link existed between the meanings of words and their sounds.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to consider any significant achievement in the arts during the last five centuries without invoking the word "tradition." A rebellious act is as beholden to the tradition it rejects as a conservative one is to the tradition it upholds: that is what avant-garde is about and why it can now seem so formulaic.

Tradition implies expanse and history; trend implies brevity and sensation. Tradition invokes age; trend speaks of youth. Tradition demands reference to the past; trend demands iconoclasm and newness.

Tradition is based on resemblance — how this artwork or that aspect of culture invokes or relies on what has come before; trend is based on difference — how this artwork is distinct from what has come before. Tradition also provides a context for culture, a home. Artists work within a tradition; they are nestled by it, challenged by it, oppressed by it, but they cannot fully discard it. Trends nestle nobody. Tradition can be cautious to a fault; trends can be reckless to a fault. Tradition demands an active creator who tries to mold it for new purposes; trends create passive participants.

A trend is almost always a cliché, always something that is widely accepted, requiring "no proof": it attracts followers rather than leaders, crowds rather than individuals.

For a large part of cultural history, there was a balance between these two attitudes to the past and present — a balance guided by what T.S. Eliot called the presence

of the past. But now that balance has shifted and the past has become a burden.

The very word "tradition" has taken on the suggestion of something rigid, stultifying, restrictive, mindless. During the last hundred years, many artists have even cultivated this attitude; now it has become widely accepted. The prophecy that tradition will kill art has become self-fulfilling.

Consider the situation in the world of classical music. Despite new interpreters of the mainstream repertoire and new compositions appearing on the margins of music culture, there is a sense of finality in the concert world. Within the last 30 years, changes to the Western musical tradition have been truly marginal.

There is such a sense of finality, that many composers have deliberately sought other traditions in which to ground themselves. Minimalism was influenced by African and Asian music. Eastern European mysticism tried to discard three centuries of narrative drama and leap back into the Renaissance. Avant-garde groups have tried to adapt pop instrumentation and manners.

These are all evidence that the music of the concert hall from about 1780 to 1950 — the core of the Western tradition — has ceased to have a compelling hold on creators, and that there is no secure tradition within which classical music can develop, only a series of nascent alternatives. Something has come to an end.

This situation leaves the way wide open for the most fashionable trends to make their way into the concert scene — ideas about programming (much crossover) or orchestras (more pops). The high arts are not completely vulnerable because the aura of tradition still hovers, slowing the pressure of trends, moderating them. In most of the high arts, the traditions are so weighty with achievement that they provide frames of reference, even when trends loom large.

IN MASS ENTERTAINMENTS like film and television, however, tradition has much less depth or weight. It once seemed to have a chance: silent film began invoking the operatic tradition — in the design of movie houses, the musical accompaniments and the heightened use of gesture to suggest meaning. Film began to develop a tradition of its own.

But to the extent that a movie's creators care more about the audience than about the tradition — and that is now a very great extent — movies tend to be subject to the traditionless forces of trend. Genre films dominate, along with sequels, partly because they provide an illusion of tradition by repeating formulas. It may even be that the recent tendency to make crowd pleasers based on the 19th-century novel is an attempt to provide some sense of a tradition in a form that has almost entirely lost what it once had.

Popular music, some of which has a long tradition connecting it with black American musical styles, also makes little obeisance to the richness of that tradition. The emphasis is primarily on the new, and the different.

While there are undoubtedly influences and traditions in popular music, innovation, mass audience appeal and iconoclasm tend to be the defining forces.

THERE IS something amiss in these efforts to treat a tradition

with no more seriousness than the latest passing fashion. When the 19th-century German philosopher Hegel used the word "Zeitgeist," he was trying to outline the course of world history as a series of systematic transformations in human consciousness. At any given time any Zeit (types of government, the kinds of art being created, aspects of religious belief) would all be reflections of something Hegel called the Spirit, the Geist. Each stage along history's way was seen as an embodiment of Spirit, containing tensions and contradictions that would be resolved in a succeeding era that would in turn fall prey to tensions that would give birth to yet another age. That was the origin of "trend."

The shared experience of fashion, television shows, hit movies and best sellers provide immediate bonds in a world without traditional ones.

But those are fragile bonds, having little authority or significance. Every day becomes a new year, every tradition little more than a trend.



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Gardening books colorful addition to winter reading

By Deborah A. Bengt Frost

We are fortunate to live in an area where many winter days actually feel more like spring days, but we do get a few cold ones that drive us indoors. These cold periods could be spent reading a good garden book.

Many useful, educational and inspiring books on growing are available. Here are some of them:

GENERAL INFORMATION

My all-time favorite is "Neil Sperry's Complete Guide to Texas Gardening." This great book covers almost every aspect of gardening, has wonderful color photography and illustrations and quick but complete bullet points of information. Included is information on such topics as landscaping, ornamental plants, lawns, vegetables, fruits and pruning. This book starts off with general gardening information that provides tremendous help in understanding climate, soils, plant function, mulches, fertilizers, irrigation and so on. This is a good basic gardening reference, but also fun to use.

Another very helpful, but more encyclopedia-like, book is the "Sunset Western Garden Book." This is a handy reference for looking up information about specific plants. Plants can be found by common as well as botanical names. Quick reference on growing zones, light requirements and water needs are conveniently listed just beneath each name. This is followed by a general description, plant uses, how to grow, plant likes and dislikes, and other useful information. Considering the USDA Climate Zones not detailed enough to cover the vast and varied Western region, this book identifies 24 climate zones. Since West Texas isn't included in the map of zones, you'll need to figure out which of the 24 zones we best fit in. This volume is packed with lots of useful information, such as lists of plants for special effect, special situations and basic landscaping, supplemented with inspiring color photography. At the very end of the book is a practical garden dictionary with tons of good information and illustrations.

VEGETABLES

A good, easy-to-use reference on growing vegetables is "The Vegetable Book," by Sam Cotner. This publication devotes a chapter to each vegetable, covering history, types and extensive how-to-grow. Basic information about planting dates, soil prepa-

ration, soil temperatures, establishment practices, care during the season and harvesting are just some of the in-depth details. A section on problems, diseases, insects and a handy quick problem-solver are included. Helpful things on how to fertilize, train, get the earliest possible harvest and plant in fall also are included. The last section of the book has some great tips, including information on average freeze dates for Texas, soil testing, transplants, pollination and so on. The book contains color photography, good illustrations and a dictionary of terms.

The same author has a nice little paperback book called "Container Vegetables: The Easy Way to Garden," that covers the A to Z of how to grow vegetables in all kinds of containers. There are chapters on suitable containers, growing medium, best vegetables, water and fertilizer requirements and diagnosing problems. Good color photography and illustrations enhance the text.

"Common Sense Vegetable Gardening for the South," by William Adams and Thomas LeRoy, is another good vegetable gardening book. It starts out with the all-important fundamentals of vegetable gardening. Many convenient lists, charts, maps and photographs make this a very useful edition. The book is divided into warm-season and cool-season vegetables, and includes lots of information on varieties and sources. Handy Tips for Growing information boxes are included with each vegetable. Additional chapters include information on herbs and pests.

FRUIT

For the landscape with a home fruit orchard or plans for one, "Growing Fruits and Nuts in the South: The Definitive Guide" by Adam William and Tom LeRoy can be very helpful. A chapter is devoted to each fruit, including peaches, plums, apples and pears, as well as more exotic items such as persimmons, figs, berries and citrus. Each chapter covers soils and fertility, training and pruning, pollination, fruit thinning and harvesting. Planning the orchard, pest management and even marketing on a small scale can be found. There are excellent illustrations to clarify training and pruning, and some breath-taking photography.

A smaller but information-packed guide to backyard fruit production is "Growing Fruits, Berries Nuts: Southwest-Southeast," by George Ray McEachern. This too includes all the major fruit groups as well as minor fruits. Climate, soil, varieties, rootstocks, pollination, training, pruning, fertilization and spacing are all found in this very convenient, inexpensive paperback reference.

SPECIALITY

If you are fond of flowering perennials, "Perennial Garden Color" by William Welch is an excellent reference. Welch has a wealth of information concerning history, use, companion plants and, of course, how-to-grow hundreds of perennials. Naturally soil preparation, fertility and common pest problems are some of the topics covered. A chapter on antique roses and companion flowering annuals lends to the usefulness of this beautiful book. Outstanding color photography makes this book extra special.

The same author has written another enticing book, "Antique Roses." If you aren't a rose enthusiast, this reference will make you one. If you are interested in antique or heirloom roses, this is a wonderful and useful book, which includes chapters on cut flower arrangements, potpourris and recipes for petals, rosehips and such.

"Garden Bulbs for the South," by Scott Ogden, is a great reference on all types of bulbs, even some you've never heard of. Lots of old-fashioned, little-known and intriguing bulbs, including rainlilies, crinum lilies and spider lilies, shellflowers and species tulips are in this volume. If you tend to think of bulbs as spring-flowering only, think again. There are summer-, fall- and winter-flowering ones covered in this guidebook too.

Ogden has another useful book called "Gardening Success with Difficult Soils." He gives suggestions on what to grow and where, when dealing with alkaline, clay, caliche and limestone soils. One of the most useful features of this book is the inclusion of lists of plants that will tolerate difficult areas, including dry shade and poorly drained wet soils. The lists are very large, giving the gardener lots of ideas when dealing with alkaline soils of the Southwest.

"Xeriscape Gardening: Water Conservation for the American Landscape," by Ellefson, Stephens and Welch, is an excellent, complete reference on how to plan, install and maintain a water conservative garden. Each of the xeriscape principles is clearly covered with details, options and suggestions. Water harvesting and exhaustive plant lists for different areas of the country, including ours, can be conveniently found in this book.

Of course this is not even a surface scratch when it comes to garden books, but these are some very useful ones from Texas authors.

Spend your cold winter days dreaming, creating and planning this year's garden with the help of some of these good books.

Deborah Bengt Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.



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Facts of life: Death, taxes and stress

By Dr. Hap LeCrone
N.Y. Times News Service

All of us have times when life becomes hectic. A major change in your life can place demands on your time and energy that can make it difficult to adjust.

You can't always anticipate these changes. But when you know of an upcoming stressful event, you can prepare for changes in your life. Let's look at some examples of crunch times and how they might affect us.

■ The birth of a baby. As happy and blessed as this exciting event is, it does greatly disrupt the established routine. If it is a first child, the schedule will often revolve completely around the newborn. If older siblings are present, stress may be compounded as a multiple number of individuals welcome and learn to adjust to the newcomer. If the mother has worked until shortly before delivery, she may feel pressure of "needed" time, especially if she is planning to return to work within a few weeks after the birth.

■ Major surgery. Pain and discomfort may be a part of this scenario. Greatly reduced post-operative activity may limit daily routines and activities. Again, one may feel the pressure of "needed" time, of postponed activities and reduced stamina.

■ Major changes in work demands. While most employees expect change when new assignments and responsibilities are added, learning a new skill, working longer hours and having to travel are adjustments that can be unplanned and unexpected.

■ Moving. Uprooting one's fam-

ily and relocating to a new area can be stressful, especially if the unfamiliar location requires searching for new schools, churches and friends. A move can be a kind of loss, of old ties and established and familiar scenes.

The stress of these situations can be greatly reduced by preparing in advance for the anticipated consequences of these changes.

■ Begin by listing all of the changes and anticipated new demands that these major life events will produce. Add to this list as additional thoughts occur. Prepare the list at the earliest possible date. Don't wait until the change is about to occur.

■ As the list develops, begin making plans for dealing with these changes. Design a strategy to cope with each one and contin-

ue to refine and revise the list as new ideas occur. For example, when the new baby arrives, arrange for extra help at home.

You can make advance visits to a new city and neighborhood to familiarize the family with the location of schools, churches, shopping centers and neighbors. Ask your employer to recommend the names of doctors, dentists, bankers and other professionals.

Spend some time looking ahead in your life and see what you might do to anticipate, and thereby reduce, the stress associated with crunch time.

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CLUB NEWS

CAP
Two members of the Midland Squadron of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) have been appointed to positions in the West Texas Group 16 area, which extends from Abilene to El Paso and includes seven squadrons. Kathleen Blodgett is the new cadet activities officer, and Patricia Petosky is the public affairs officer. Both recently attended the Group 16 meeting in Fort Stockton. Other Midland CAP members attending were Bill Darby, Tonya Blodgett and Melissa Blodgett.

PRECEPTOR NU PHI CHAPTER, BSP
Preceptor Nu Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Diane Grenvik. Also attending were Beverly Bristow, JoAnn Cambron, Marinell Glidewell, Sandra Hayes, Margo Hill, Karen Hopkins, Paula Millhollon, Jane Weldon and Karyn Wood. Projects and socials were discussed. Program was "Reflections of a Lovely Vacation," and travel items from members' vacations were auctioned off as a ways and means fundraiser for service projects. Ms. Hill won the hostess gift.

NARFE
Midland Chapter 1281, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, had its Christmas party at Holiday Inn Country Villa, with 36 members and guests attending. Jimmie McDaniel, area vice president, and his wife, and Henry Terrazas, District 9 representative, and his wife, were among the guests. Entertainment was provided by Pearls of Price dance group. Stan Sartain was master of ceremonies.

TEJAS GARDEN CLUB
Tejas Garden Club met for Christmas luncheon in the home of Hazel Somerville. Co-hostesses were Faye Beery and Evelyn Minear. Gay Neill was a guest. Vaneta Boles was recognized as the only remaining charter member. Jacki Simmers presided and gave a profile of Winn Stovall. June Bell of West Texas Boys Ranch thanked members for their support of that organization. She reported on Greg Washburn, the club's scholarship recipient. Members donated to West Texas Boys Ranch.

DAR honors Gist with Community Service Award

Staff Reports

Shirley Gist has been named recipient of the first Community Service Award of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution by Lt. William Brewer chapter, DAR.

Mrs. Gist's main project during the past several years has been with Midland County Public Library, where she helped raise funds for library expansion and was a major force in decorating the new addition and refurbishing older areas of the library. She works all year on the annual Friends of the Library book sale, which is conducted each October, and helped prepare the Friends' permanent building for occupancy.

Mrs. Gist also has been a volunteer for Hospice, Midland Tapes Lending Library, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's auxiliary, Children's clinic and Christmas in April. She has served on the boards of Casa de Amigos and Mental Health/Mental Retardation, and is currently on the board of Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale, where she will chair the fundraising event next summer.

A wife and the mother of two sons, Mrs. Gist has been a secretary in the oil business and attended classes at Midland College. She helped her husband in his ranching business, where her duties include doing office work and cooking meals for ranch hands during round-up.

In 1995 she became a full-time student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, driving 240 miles twice a week to attend classes. She is an honor student and award-winning writer of short stories and poetry.



Shirley Gist

DEAR ABBY

Those who are in need find help on the Net

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: It seems that everyone is aware that there is a dark side to the Internet, but I would like to let you know about another side of it.



Van Buren

There are many ongoing charity projects on the Internet, like the Linus Project and the ABC Quilts, which provide quilts for children with AIDS.

After the Oklahoma City bombing and again after the recent California fires, the chat rooms and newsgroups were full of people offering various kinds of help. Quilts were made honoring the children who died in Oklahoma, and supplies were shipped to Californians who lost their homes.

A man called Magic Mike who has access to scraps from a fabric factory now sends those scraps to quilters across the country who craft for charities, for the price of the postage. He is not only reducing the size of landfills (where the scraps would otherwise go), but he is also providing very low-cost supplies to charities that need them.

There are whole communities of people on the Internet who have never met face-to-face or spoken on the telephone, but are ready, willing and able to act whenever a call for help is transmitted.

The Internet has more caring people than it has the bad seeds we read about in the paper. It's time to turn the spotlight away from the few who are giving it a bad name and shine it on those who are quietly making this a better world through their use of this information Age tool. — **LESA FARMER, KANSAS CITY, KAN.**

DEAR LESA: Your letter is very timely, and I am pleased to help highlight the good side of the Internet.

The Internet provides millions of people with access to the information superhighway, an electronic assortment of resources, information and communication. Today's computers make navigating the Internet so easy that almost anyone can do it, and the cost is becoming more reasonable every day.

People communicate with one another through newsgroups, mailing lists, e-mail and chat areas, where they can ask for and receive information, share experiences, and access worldwide resources on virtually any topic.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column (I've lost the clipping, so I can't give you the woman's "nom-

de-gripe") a woman complained that her son and daughter-in-law refused to have children, thus depriving her of her RIGHTFUL grandchildren.

And, although she didn't specify it, her qualification of the family background — doctors, lawyers, college professors, etc. — indicated that she perceived it to be her son's duty to contribute to and further the family's illustrious gene pool.

It reminded me of the story of the scion of a "proper" Bostonian family who applied for a position at a Wall Street banking firm. A letter from one of his references said:

"I would wholeheartedly recommend this young man to your firm. His father, a Harvard graduate, descends from a line of Pilgrim forebears whose family tree includes several Astors and Cabots. His mother, a Wellesley alumna, is a descendant of a Daughter of the American Revolution and also claims kinship to the Lodges. His grandfather was president of Harvard, and a great-uncle was ambassador to the Court of St. James."

To which the would-be employer replied:

"Thank you for your glowing recommendation. Unfortunately, we intended to utilize him in the brokerage business, not for breeding." — **JAMES A. ABLE JR., THE TAMPA GRAMPA**

DEAR ABBY: The 83-year-old great-grandmother from Indio, Calif., who wrote to praise the joys

of life after getting a hearing aid in middle age, has done a great service for the hearing-impaired community in general.

Utilizing hearing devices at any age offers an opportunity for fulfilling the human need for communication and life participation. The majority of children diagnosed for hearing loss within the first three years of life and fitted with appropriate aids have a wonderful opportunity to develop speech and language skills with the ability to function in the normal hearing world. This is known as the auditory-verbal approach to helping deaf and hard-of-hearing children, and "looking old" is the last thing these children would imagine.

The mother who would not wear hearing aids because she thought they would make her look old might have an easier time if she could imagine the delight young people have when they realize they can actually hear. There is much research still being done to help all levels of hearing loss, and there are now hearing aids available that are hardly visible. Please let your readers know that there are also community services available to help put them in touch with audiologists who are certified to dispense hearing aids and make appropriate medical referrals. — **JOSEPHINE WILSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HEAR CENTER, PASADENA, CALIF.**

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THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS

Ask Cindy Blair the secret of her success — her shop, Common Scents has grown from a tiny 64-square-foot kiosk in the middle of Midland Park Mall to the present location boasting 2400 square feet with a full product line of more than 100 designer fragrance reproductions — and she will quickly tell you her greatest asset is her mother, Pat Faulkner.

"I started the business after my dad died six years ago, and my mom was bored and lonely. She's always loved people. I am a behind-the-scenes person myself. I sit at a computer and crunch numbers all day, and that's what I like to do."

"But we started out in that tiny kiosk, and my mother just loved it. And people love her."

The shop started around the concept of mixing designer fragrance reproductions into massage lotions, oil, shampoos and other media especially for pampering the person who may have time for no other indulgence than this. Nor does the therapy end when you leave the house. For continuing skin care, the shop carries the Camille Beckman line of glycerine hand therapy, all made from sweet almond oil. Or to make being on your feet a pleasure, there is foot therapy cream, peppermint foot scrub, walnut foot scrub, and others.

And that's not all. Step out of a fragrant bath and into the luxury of the thickest bath towels you've ever wrapped around your body. For drying hair, there is the hair towel made of a material that absorbs moisture five times faster than a cotton terry towel.

What makes Common Scents unique among other shops specializing in scented products is the emphasis on designer fragrance clones. You'll find no strawberry-scented bath oils in Common Scents, but subtle adult scents, appealing to both men and women. The shop carries a complete line of bath oil beads, candles, aroma therapy oils, and popcorn. There's hardly a product associated with scent that Common Scents doesn't carry. You can even find Fragrant Puffs — little scented puffs that can be tucked into your car to freshen the air without having something hanging from the rearview mirror.

A favorite item last year was Snickerdoodles — stuffed bears and rabbits scented with a mixture of rose and vanilla. The scent lasted for months and could be renewed if you had a special needle for injecting the scent into the body.

In 1996, Robin Berry joined Common Scents, to bring in a mix of folk art which seems to go well with the "pamper yourself" theme of the shop.



WHAT MAKES COMMON SCENTS UNIQUE AMONG OTHER SHOPS SPECIALIZING IN SCENTED PRODUCTS IS THE EMPHASIS ON DESIGNER FRAGRANCE CLONES.

However, as Cindy Blair says, the shop's greatest asset is the people behind the products. From the beginning, Pat Faulkner has smiled at the people passing by, and quite often they return as customers. As the shop has grown and moved from location to location within the mall, Pat and her granddaughter, Heather Blair, who works in the shop when she's home from college, have become favorites of the Mall Walkers. Cindy says they've all become a sort of extended family.

"The (mall walkers) ask about Heather, and when she's coming home, and they visit with my mom," she says. "They've really become good friends."

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On stage in Odessa



The Good Doctor

Russian and American humor entwine in Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor," on stage through Jan. 25 at Odessa's Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd. Set in Russia at the turn of the century, "The Good Doctor" is based on the short stories of Anton Chekhov as filtered through the wit of Neil Simon. The collection of 10 stories unfolds through the writer who appears as the narrator.

"This is a series of vignettes detailing some of life's little tragedies and comedies and the narrator primarily introduces the show," said Bill Sibley, who was cast in the role.

"I'm a part of a couple of little vignettes, and I introduce the whole show."

Sibley, who has been seen by area audiences in Playhouse productions and at Midland Community Theatre in such shows as "Love Letters," "Inherent the Wind" and "Sisters Rosensweig," finds Chekhov's humor darkly colored.

"Chekhov, to me, had a pessimistic view of life," said Sibley, who works for H&R Block. "He thought he wrote comedies, but I've read some of them. And I didn't think they were comedies. He died young ... about 45, and everybody thought that was kind of a

tragedy."

Despite his feeling for Chekhov's humor, Sibley finds "the Good Doctor" funny.

"These are not the depressing things that Chekhov wrote," said Sibley. "These are Neil Simon's adaptation of the depressing things Chekhov wrote."

"There is a young man (Chad Cazee), who is in public service, and he goes to the theater and sneezes on his boss (Craig VanAmburgh). And he can't get over sneezing on his boss and habitually apologizes. Then there's the liberal father who decides to have his son introduced to the mysteries of love. They're all a lot of physical comedy."

Production times and dates are 8 p.m. Jan. 17, 18, 24 and 25 and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 19. For reservations to "The Good Doctor," which is sponsored by KOSA-TV, call 1-915-362-2329.

Other vignettes include a young actress (Christie Flynn) who walks 50 miles to an audition with a fever of 103 degrees to fulfill a dream; a young dentist (Greg Anderson) who struggles to remove the tooth of a reluctant patient (Martin Hinojosa); and a heart-warming song between two seniors (Ruth Rowley and Hinojosa) longing for a last chance at

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At top left, the narrator, played by Bill Sibley, watches on in amazement as a lunatic attempts to drown himself for a small fee in Permian Playhouse production of Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor." Above right, General Brashilov, Craig Van Amburgh, and his wife, played by Ruth Rowley, react in shock after being sneezed upon by Kuryatin, a lowly civil servant played by Chad Cazee. Watching in horror is Kuryatin's wife played by Christie Flynn. At right, a young dentist, Greg Anderson, gleefully extracts the tooth of an unsuspecting patient. At far right, an elderly couple played by Ruth Rowley and Martin Hinojosa, try to fall in love one last time in this scene.



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and Barefoot in the Park

As newlyweds Corie and Paul Bratter settle into their first, small apartment in New York, visits from mother and a strange man upstairs keep their lives in turmoil in Neil Simon's comedy "Barefoot in the Park," opening Friday at Odessa's Center Stage Theatre, 1617 E. 8th St.

In real life, Odessans Heather Tyree and Beau Hubble are making their stage comedy debuts. Both first appeared in the 1996 Center Stage Theatre production of "Dracula."

"I had a very small part in 'Dracula,'" said Ms. Tyree, who teaches second grade at San Jacinto Elementary in Odessa. "I was one of the brides of 'Dracula.'"

As those who are familiar with "Dracula" know, standing in mortal opposition to Dracula and his brides is Professor Abraham Van Helsing. This is the role Hubble, an aircraft inspector and owner of Odessa Aviation at Schle-meyer Field, played in the Center Stage production. He had played the same role in high school.

So far, Hubble hasn't decided which role he enjoys more.

"I did like 'Dracula,'" Hubble said. "I have to learn a lot of lines and develop a lot more of a character with this role (in 'Barefoot'). 'Dracula' was so dark I could hide. The lights were down all the time so I didn't feel so exposed."

The difference between the two productions is extensive.

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Above, Paul, played by Beau Hubble, is not amused with Mr. Velasco, Jim Huddleston, as he presents Mrs. Banks, Jo Landrum, and Corie, Heather Tyree, with a new appetizer in Center Stage Theatre's production of "Barefoot in the Park." At right, Corie snuggles with Paul as he notices their neighbor Victor Velasco in this scene.



ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Performance set

FORT WORTH — Mezzo-soprano Susan Graham comes from the international opera and concert stages of the world to perform on the 1996-97 Cliburn Concerts series at 8 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Ed Landreth Auditorium on the campus of Texas Christian University.



Graham

Cliburn Conversations will begin at 7 p.m. in the Moody Building, Room 141N, and will feature Jon White, director of education for the Dallas

Opera.

Ms. Graham is a former Midlander. Since her debut in the 1991-92 season, Ms. Graham's appearances at the Metropolitan Opera have included Octavian in "Der Rosenkavalier" conducted by James Levine, Cherubino in "Le Nozze di Figaro" and Meg Page in "Falstaff," which was telecast internationally.

At the San Francisco Opera, Ms. Graham has sung Annio in "La Clemenza di Tito," which was her Lyric Opera of Chicago debut role, and Minerva in "Il ritorno d'Ulisse."

Already a favorite artist at the Salzburg Festival, Ms. Graham has appeared there in productions of "Le Nozze di Figaro," "Lucio Silla" and "Falstaff." Recently, she made a series of acclaimed European debuts including the Vienna State Opera as Octavian, La Scala as Marguerite in "La Damnation de Faust," and with the Paris Opera as Dorabella in "Cosi fan tutte."

A graduate of Manhattan School of Music, Ms. Graham is

MCT to present musical

Midland Community Theatre presents the popular musical "Forever Plaid," featuring Drew Anderson, C. Louis Renaud, Rob Montgomery and Rogers "Scooter" Tilley, though Jan. 25 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

After a sell-out smash hit last September in Theatre I, the squeaky-clean quartet is coming back to the Yucca Theatre.

The Plaids are four guys who love to sing Sparky (Anderson - treasurer of the MCT Board of Directors) is the cut-up of the group, always looking to crack jokes. Jinx (Renaud) is the shy one who is usually too terrified to remember what song is next. Smudged (Montgomery) is the worrier of the group, with a chronic nervous stomach. Frances (Tilley) is the leader of the group, with a great deal of compassion. He is the caretaker of his fellow Plaids.

They all met in High School, when they joined the Audio Visu-

al Club (1956), discovering that they shared an affection for music and entertaining, they got together and dreamed of becoming like their idols - the Four Aces, The Four Lads, the Four Freshmen, the Hi-Lo's, and the Crew Cuts.

They rehearsed in the basement of Smudge's family's plumbing and supply company. It was here they became Forever Plaid - a name that connoted the continuation of traditional values of family, home and harmony.

Tracy Goodwin, the Educational Director of MCT, is the director and choreographer for the show and Bert Bostic is the musical director. Paul Fiorella has designed a nightclub set, Eddie Taylor is the light and sound designer, and Denise Larsen has handcrafted the plaid evening wear. Carolyn Sutton is the stage manager, with Kay Brokman and Sharon Petty serving as assistant stage managers. Stuart Ross is the playwright.



Playing the Plaids in Midland Community Theatre's "Forever Plaid" are, from left, Louis Renaud, Rogers Scooter Tilley, Drew Anderson and Rob Montgomery.

The Plaids relive the fifties with a musical review of favorites such as "Three Coins in a Foun-

tain," "Chain Gang," "Catch a Falling Star," and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," too

name a few. For ticket information and reservations call 682-4111.

a winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, the Schwabacher Award of San Francisco Opera's Merola Program and a recipient of a career grant from the Richard Tucker Foundation.

She will be accompanied by Steven Blier, co-founder and artistic director of the acclaimed New York Festival of Song, now in its seventh season. As a vocal coach, he has helped to prepare Luciano Pavarotti, Marilyn Horne and Joan Morris for recordings and orchestral engagements.

Their program for the evening will include arias and songs by Mozart, Mahler, Strauss, Hahn, Rorem and Poulenc.

Tickets are available through Central Ticket Office, 1-817-335-9000. Single tickets are \$10, \$20

and \$35. All seating is reserved.

Exhibit to open

An exhibition of more than 90 vintage photographs by master photographer Ansel Adams opens with a reception and slide lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1715 W. Missouri Ave.

The exhibition, "Ansel Adams: An American Photographer," will be at the museum through March 2.

Michael Jay Smith, photographer and former professor of photography at Trinity University, San Antonio, will speak about the life and vision of Adams whose major work was in the American West. Smith, who studied with Adams, has been a photographer, cinematographer,

film and video producer for 24 years. He has produced documentary and promotional films for PBS and other clients.

Adams, born in 1902, produced a legacy of images of an untouched wilderness before interstate highways and motels existed. Whether the subject was the broad expanse of sky and earth or the details of leaves on a forest floor, it has been said Adams could "realize a desired image: not the way the subject appeared in reality but how it felt."

When Adams died in 1984, he left a rich photographic treasury from a 50-year career. The photographs in this exhibition, collected by Adams' ophthalmologist, Dr. Joseph W. Gray, provide a rich overview of Adams' career and include many of his

most important works. One is "Monolith: The Face of Half-Dome," a well-known early work

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PLAY: Center Stage presents comedy

(From 1E)

In "Barefoot in the Park," Hubbell said, "There's a lot of movement and a lot of lines and the timing is really hard." He laughed and added, "I can tell it's going to take a toll. It's a lot more demanding."

Ms. Tyree's words echo those of Hubbell.

"It's been difficult," Ms. Tyree said. "Last time, I just had three lines. This time, it's a little bit more pressure."

"In 'Barefoot,' she said she's particularly enjoyed playing 'somebody that's completely opposite of me."

"She's very free-spirited. She's a newlywed, and she's married to a man that's very straight-laced, not very adventurous, and she's just the opposite of him."

The Neil Simon classic will be on stage Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 1. Curtain is at 8 p.m. For reservations call 1-915-335-8881. Tickets are \$8.

The playwright's name drew Midlander Jim Huddleston to tryout for the role of Victor Velasco, the upstairs neighbor.

"Neil Simon is usually pretty good stuff," said Dr. Huddleston, who works at MHMR. He chuckled. "And I'm kind of type-cast as the dirty old man upstairs. It looked like an interesting part, and I decided to do it."

Huddleston finds his character to be "fun. He's kind of a free spirit who's at least financially bankrupt, but he doesn't care. He's just having a good time going through life."

After appearing in "Into the Woods" and "Weekend Comedy," this role marks Huddleston's third at Center Stage. The small theater provides an intimate setting that Huddleston enjoys.

"It's real close to the audience so we have lots of interaction with the audience," Huddleston said.

Jo Landrum, who is returning to the stage after a three-year hiatus, agrees the close proximity allows the actors to enjoy the audience's reaction.

"You engage your audience... bring them right into the play with you," said Ms. Landrum, who plays Corie Bratter's mother, Mrs. Banks. "You are not the only one on stage. They (the audience) are on stage, too. They are performing for me as I'm performing for them."

The role of Mrs. Banks drew Ms. Landrum to the auditions.

"I was familiar with the play," said Ms. Landrum, a house supervisor in Odessa for MHMR. "This part came up, and it was so much fun, I tried out." She paused and added, "It's a wonderful comedy."

Rounding out the cast are Norris Tollefson as the telephone repair man and Randall Ham as the "near death" delivery man.

Director Jack Harding selected "Barefoot in the Park" to

'Barefoot in the Park' had always been a favorite show of mine...One of the things I've enjoyed about having the theater is getting to direct all these shows that I've loved for years.'

—Jack Harding
director

open the 1997 season.

"I was sort of going off of last year, and we opened the season with kind of a light comedy," Harding said. "Barefoot in the Park" had always been a favorite show of mine, and so I figured, 'Let's do that.' It fits the category for a comedy and fun.

One of the things I've enjoyed about having the theater is getting to direct all these shows that I've loved for years."

The 1997 season includes "La Cage Aux Folles," Feb. 28-March 22; "Accomplice," April 11-26; "They're Playing Our Song," May 16-31; "Sylvia," June 20-July 12; "A Chorus Line," Aug. 22-Sept. 20; "Frankenstein (musical)," Oct. 17-Nov. 1; and "Rockin' Christ-

mas #2," Nov. 28-Dec. 20. Season subscriptions, available through Feb. 1, are \$55 for an individual (5 musical and 3 play) and \$90 regular (10 musical and 6 play).

Of "Barefoot in the Park," Harding said, "Everybody loves to see a classic. It will be a great evening of fun and laughter, which I don't think we get enough of today."

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Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2482 or 570-7770. No admission is charged.

Auditions set

ODESSA — Open auditions for the Broadway musical "La Cage Aux Folles" are set for 7 p.m. Jan. 20 and 21 at Center State Theatre, 1617 E. 8th here.

Needed are female and male dancers and singers. Many roles are available for persons ages 18-60. For more information call 1-915-335-8881. Director is Jack Harding. The production will be presented Feb. 28-March 22.

Broadcast set

Verdi's "La Traviata" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House at 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time Saturday over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network and will be heard locally over radio station KCBS.

The cast will include Veronica Villarroel as Violetta, Italian tenor Vincenzo La Scala, in his Met broadcast debut, as Alfredo Germont, and Robert Frontali as Alfredo's father, Giorgio Germont. Italian conductor Maurizio Barbacini will make his broadcast debut leading the work.

The announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

Poetry published

Midlander Robert G. "Bob" Lester has recently had original poetry published in "Amidst the Splendor," a treasury of today's poetry compiled by The National Library of Poetry.

The poem, entitled "The Masters Feet," concerns the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Lester has been writing for around two years. His favorite subjects and ideas are found in spiritual poems.

School planned

ODESSA — Permian Playhouse is currently accepting applications for its Spring Theatre School.

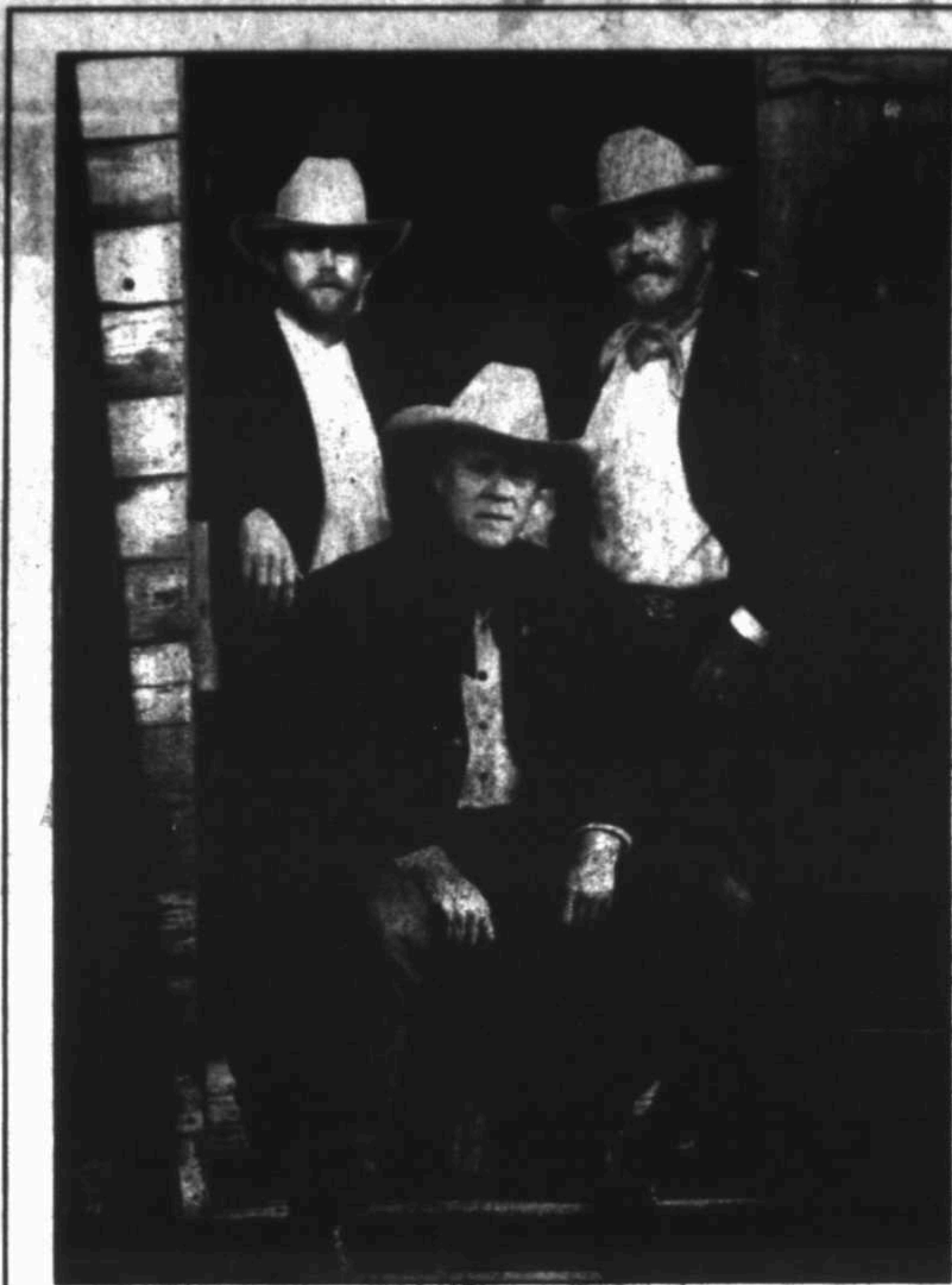
This program allows younger students to lean about theater and to learn to use their imaginations creatively. Classes are available for students in grades kindergarten through sixth. Classes meet once a week and the semester will end in April with a "Show-Off Night" where students get the opportunity to invite their friends and family to see them on stage.

Classes cost \$65 for non-members and \$50 for Playhouse members. For more information call Elizabeth Cleveland, 1-915-362-2329.

Art show planned

SAN ANTONIO — The Little Church of La Villita's staff is now preparing for the 35th Annual Starving Artist Art Show to be held April 5-6.

Artists and crafts persons who wish to participate may send a request by mail, together with self-addressed stamped business



Dinner show

The Sons of the San Joaquin will perform at The Big Texan Steak House, Amarillo, at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23. The performance is the second in a series of scheduled dinner shows planned at the restaurant this year. Michael Martin Murphy and Red Steagall played a Cowboy Christmas Concert at the restaurant in December and Murphy is scheduled to return Feb. 13 for a Valentine's show. Tickets, priced at \$15, must be purchased in advance. A barbecue steak dinner which includes an eight-ounce rib eye, ribs, Chuck wagon potatoes, coleslaw, bread, strawberry shortcake and tea or coffee will be served from 6 to 7:15 p.m. for an additional \$12.99 plus tax. An appetizer menu will be available during the show. Call 1-800-372-6000 for more information or to purchase tickets.

size envelope to the Starving Artist Art Show Office, 508 Paseo de la Villita, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

Works featured

Works by Santa Fe artist, Elliot Norquist, are being featured at Gallery 1114.

His work consists of prints, folded paper works, and what the artist terms "sheet metal painting." Norquist could be called minimalist. His gallery pieces employ quiet color, sensitive use of material and theories to attain a contemplative effect from geometric shapes and forms.

Norquist's work has been shown at the Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe. He has done numerous one-man shows and permanent installations around the Southwest.

Gallery 1114 is a cooperative center for modern and contemporary art located at 1114 N. Big Spring St. Gallery hours are 1 to 5pm Thursday through Sunday.

Applications available

Applications are available for artists to show and sell their works at Celebration of the Arts May 16-18, 1997.

More than 8,500 people will come from Midland and the surrounding communities to enjoy the 14th annual three-day spotlight on the visual and perform-

ing arts. The festive Preview Party May 16 will bring about 1,000 art enthusiasts into Midland Center.

The deadlines for entries is Feb. 14. Fine art and original hand-crafted items are acceptable with the following restrictions: limited edition prints of art on approval only; no ceramics from commercial molds; no black & white photography which has not been printed by the photographer; no silk-screened T-shirts. Jurying is done by a highly respected artist who judges by looking at three slides per applicant.

This year the Arts Assembly has made some significant changes prompted by artists' comments and suggestions. For more information about Celebration of the Arts Assembly of Midland, PO Box 3494, Midland, 79702, 915 687-1149. Fax 687-1600.

Exhibit to close

"Living Traditions: Mexican Popular Arts" closes today at the

Museum of the Southwest 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

The exhibition from the collection of Annie O'Neill, former advisor to the Nelson A. Rockefeller Mexican Folk Art Collection, is curated by Marta Turok, resident of the Mexican Association of Art and Popular Culture.

Living Traditions: Mexican Popular Arts portrays chance and continuity among Mexican folk artists, their crafts, and the purposes for which these objects were created. The exhibition investigates how economic and social modernization in Mexico and an influx of tourists from Europe and the Americas affected folk art production since 1950.

The more than 500 individual two and three dimensional objects range in size from 6 x 4 x 4 inches to 26 x 32 x 16 inches and represent culture in motion. Artists include Dona Teodora Blanco, who was inspired by animal and figural ceramics in motion. Artists include Dona Teodora Blanco, who was inspired by animal and figural ceramics at the archeological museums in Oaxaca. Oil paintings by Alfonso Jimenez depict pastoral landscapes of an idealized Olinalla, and bark paintings by Teleforo Rodriguez illustrate ceremonial, agricultural, and utilitarian elements of village life.

Public hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. For information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Events to be held

ODESSA — Ector County Coliseum and Exhibition Center, 42nd and Andrews Highway, will hold the following events in January: Jan. 17-18 Main Attraction Tractor Pulls; Jan. 18-19 Permian Basin Gun Show; Jan. 24-26 West Texas Marine Deals Show and Jan. 30 - Feb. 2, Midessa Marine Dealers Show.

The Western Professional Hockey League is coming to the Permian Basin in October 1997. Call 915-552-PUCK or 915-683-4251 to obtain season tickets.

Proclamation read

West Texas Writers in combination with West Texas Storytellers Guild are presenting a proclamation on Tuesday that will be read at the City Council meeting, 300 N. Lorraine, at 10 a.m. announcing the kick-off for the 2nd Annual Short Story Contest that began January 1st.

A fund raiser dinner will be held Feb. 2 at El Chico's restaurant from 5 until 10 p.m. There will be entertainment by Las Adelitas Folklorico dance group, Hispanic stories for children by Storyteller members and an honor/autograph table for local published authors.

The public is invited, but table time & reservations are needed. Call 699-7820 for more information.

Auction to be held

Museum of the Southwest pre-

sents Auction '97 on Feb. 13.

Every three years, dedicated volunteers organize Auction, a formal event that includes cocktails and dinner along with the posted, sealed and live auction of donated items from individuals and local and national businesses. Proceeds benefit the Museum's operating, acquisitions, and endowment funds.

Now a major fund raising event, the first Auction was held in Dec. 1970 and netted over \$35,000. Auction 94 netted over \$290,000.

For more information call the Museum of the Southwest.

Ball scheduled

Midland Symphony Guild presents February Fantastique, its ninth gala weekend.

The special date for the Ball is Friday, Feb. 14. The Ball, which for the first time will be an alcohol-free event, will feature the returning New York entertainment sensation La Macherade, an elaborate Senior Belle Presentation, a fabulous Dinner Buffet, and a Symphony Surprise Package. The Brunch, with our Freshman Belle Introduction and a unique fun-filled Style Show presented by Skibell's, will conclude the "Fantastique" festivities on Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997.

This magical weekend filled with fantasy, feast, and fun is the major Guild fund raiser for the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Choral. Also, many outstanding young women, who have participated in the four-year Belle Program of the Guild, will be honored.

Seating is limited. The contribution is tax deductible and will benefit the MOSC.

Scripts accepted

Midland Community Theatre is accepting scripts until Jan. 31 for its annual McLaren Comedy Playwriting Competition.

The winning playwright will receive a \$400 cash prize and his or her play will be produced as part of the next MCT season. MCT is seeking only unproduced comedy scripts. length, number of characters and setting is not limited. A \$5 entry fee per script is required.

Send typed scripts and entry fee to McLaren Comedy Playwriting competition, Midland

Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

Scripts wanted

The Summer Mommers of Midland Community Theatre is looking for an original Melodrama to be performed during the summer of 1997. Scripts should contain the traditional heroes and villains, with good triumphing over the evil in the end.

Authors are requested to send scripts to Summer Mommers, c/o MCT, 2000 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705.

Exhibit displayed

ODESSA — An exhibition "Bugs and Dreams & Other Things" is on display at Proteus Gallery, 112 W. Fifth, here, through Feb. 1.

Works in the exhibit are by Carol Bailey, Kathleen Kuchar and Susan Randle.

Live entertainment

ODESSA — Chelsea Street Pub and Grill, located in the Music City Mall here, features live entertainment beginning at 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Also, Karaoke is on Sundays from 8 to 11 p.m.

Those attending are asked to use the outside entrance after mall hours.

January performances are as follows: Jan. 13-18, Billy Pritchard; Jan. 20-25, Reed Boyd; Jan. 27-31, Toy Subs. For more information call Chelsea's at 368-0949.

Maze is open

The Amazing Science Maze is open at the Freda Turner Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. This giant walk-through maze will challenge and entertain children and adults alike as logic and memory are tested to find a way out.

For information about classes and other activities at the Children's Museum call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Hours for the Maze are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Women's Care Update

by Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology

WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE

The fact that heart disease is the leading cause of death for all women is something that most women fail to recognize. According to a recent Gallup Poll, 46 percent of the women surveyed feel that they are ten times more likely to die from breast cancer than from heart disease; however, just the opposite is true. Heart disease is responsible for 34 percent of female deaths, versus 4 percent for breast cancer. Estrogen generally protects women from cardiovascular disease, but the risk increases as estrogen levels decline after menopause. For this reason, women should be screened once before menopause and once after menopause for risk factors. Recent research indicates that women's risk factors for heart disease differ significantly from men's. By recognizing these factors and treating them, heart disease in women could be significantly slowed. The first step in this direction comes with recognizing the problem.

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EDUCATION

SCHOOL BRIEFING

Scholars sought

Permian Basin MENSA is seeking applicants for the 1997 MENSA Education and Research Foundation Scholarship Essay Contest. Awards will be made on the basis of an essay of not more than 550 words describing the applicant's academic or career goal.

To be eligible, the applicant must be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited United States institution of post-secondary education for the 1997 fall/winter term; and must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident (a student visa does not qualify). The general awards are unrestricted to age, sex, level of education or financial need. Special awards may have more specific criteria.

Applications are available from high school counselors or college student aid. All applications must be post-marked by Jan. 31. For applications or more information, write Permian Basin MENSA Scholarship, Will R. Clark, Box 929, Colorado City, Texas, 79512.



Kurita

LHS grad elected

Sen. Rosalind (Culbertson) Kurita, a 1965 Lee High School graduate, took the oath of office as a Tennessee State Senator in Nashville on Saturday. The daughter of former Midlanders Tom and Lela Culbertson, Ms. Kurita was recently elected to the Tennessee State Senate.



Seminar offered

Deadline for teachers to receive a "3 for 1" offer to attend the Feb. 3-4 Permian Basin Tech-Prep/School-to-Work Partnership is Tuesday.

In the "3 for 1 Offer," for every teacher who registers for the conference "Connecting the Classroom to the Workforce" before Wednesday, Tech Prep will pay substitutes and registration fees for two additional representatives to attend.

For every counselor who registers before Wednesday, Tech Prep will pay for registration fees for two additional representatives to attend.

The two-day regional conference will be conducted at the Radisson hotel in Odessa, 5200 E. University Dr. Registration is \$15 before Wednesday and \$25 after.

Keynote speaker is Sandra Sarvis, associate superintendent of Lexington School District 4 in South Carolina. Under her leadership, the district has been recognized as a model in vocational/technical programs.

Other speakers include Sally Cain, United States Department of Education School-to-Work regional representative; Barbara Bolin of Dell Computers in Austin who developed a model for employers to aid educators in identifying core competencies for the area; and Ben Helmandollar, of Roanoke Area Tech Prep.

Conference topics will include "The Role of Skill Standards in Public Education," "School-to-Work Including Students with Disabilities," "Career Development with Activities for the Classroom," "Liability Issues for Students in the Workplace," "Teaching Workplace Skills," and "Competency Based Education: A True School-to-Work Initiative."

Registration fees are payable to Midland College. Discount room rates are available at the Radisson for seminar participants.

EDUCATION PAGE EDITOR
MYRA LEE SALCEDO



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Carving out a niche in culinary arts

ODESSA — When hordes of people are crowded outside of the Odessa College cafeteria, it usually means one thing — the culinary arts students are in the kitchen whipping up the kind of gastronomical delights — veal scallopine, sirloin of beef with Yorkshire pudding, or home-made spicy sausage — that result in diners clamoring to get in.

"There is some fighting over reservations and even a little arm twisting going on when we are in the kitchen. It's because people know what they will get to eat is comparable to a high-class restaurant in Dallas or Houston," said Peter Lewis, certified chef and chairman of the college's culinary arts department.

"100 years ago, a chef's apprentice learned in 15 years what you can learn in 16 weeks in our culinary arts program," Lewis recently said to a roomful of prospective students. As one who apprenticed with chefs in Europe, he isn't kidding about the numerous skills and techniques the serious student can learn in his program.

Would-be chefs have entered his program hesitant to boil water and left with the skills to create a hazelnut crust cream-filled dessert concoction swimming in blueberry sauce and topped with a delicate swirl of spun sugar.

"You have to work fast with spun sugar, you only have so many seconds before it hardens," Lewis said.

MORE THAN just food preparation, students in OC's culinary arts program can learn to create buffet tables — laden with ice sculptures, butter and tallow displays, and non-edible food artwork — worthy of a cruise ship or upscale restaurant.

"The non-edible art is called pastillage," Lewis said. "It involves making bonbons, and things with powdered sugar and gelatin. They are display pieces and really edible, but you wouldn't want to eat them. They are hard and brittle."

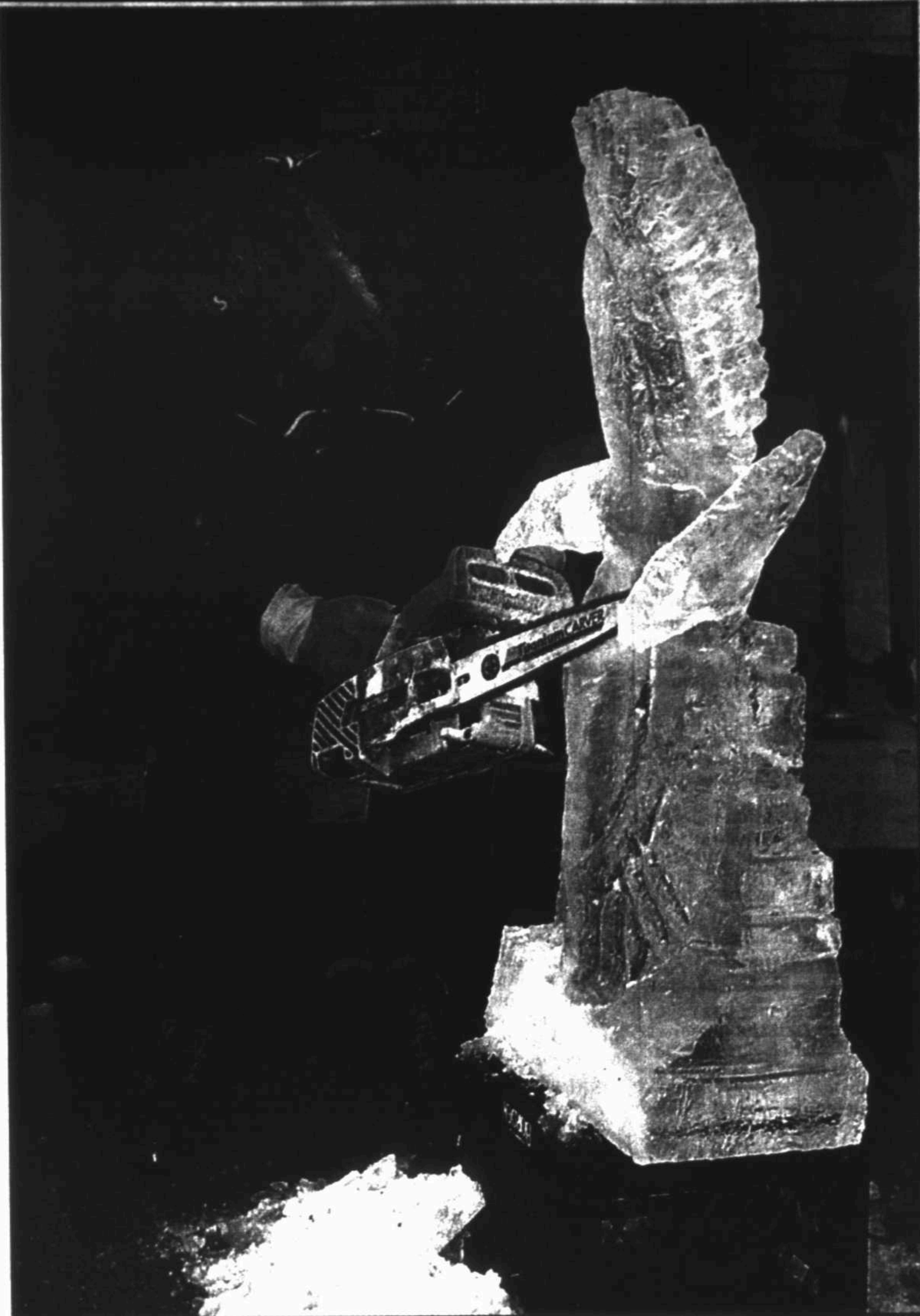
And like the magic Lewis creates in his kitchen, the chef and educator took a basic ground round culinary program of continuing education courses in 1990 and whipped up a buffet of courses leading to an associate's degree or certification. "We looked to see what the industry wanted," said Lewis, who earned a master's degree in culinary arts from Sam Houston University. "Our students are being offered four or five jobs before they finish the program. We are starting to see the validity of our program, after four or five years, by measuring the success of our students."

Lewis said his students often start out at \$7 an hour. "We are seeing their salaries range from \$24,000 to \$38,000 a year," he said.

OC students hone their skills through the college's Culinary Arts Club. The club serves upscale fare at country clubs and fund-raisers. Money earned goes to the department fund to benefit students. A previous class of students chose to go to Las Vegas to visit with top chefs and tour the kitchens of Caesar's Palace.

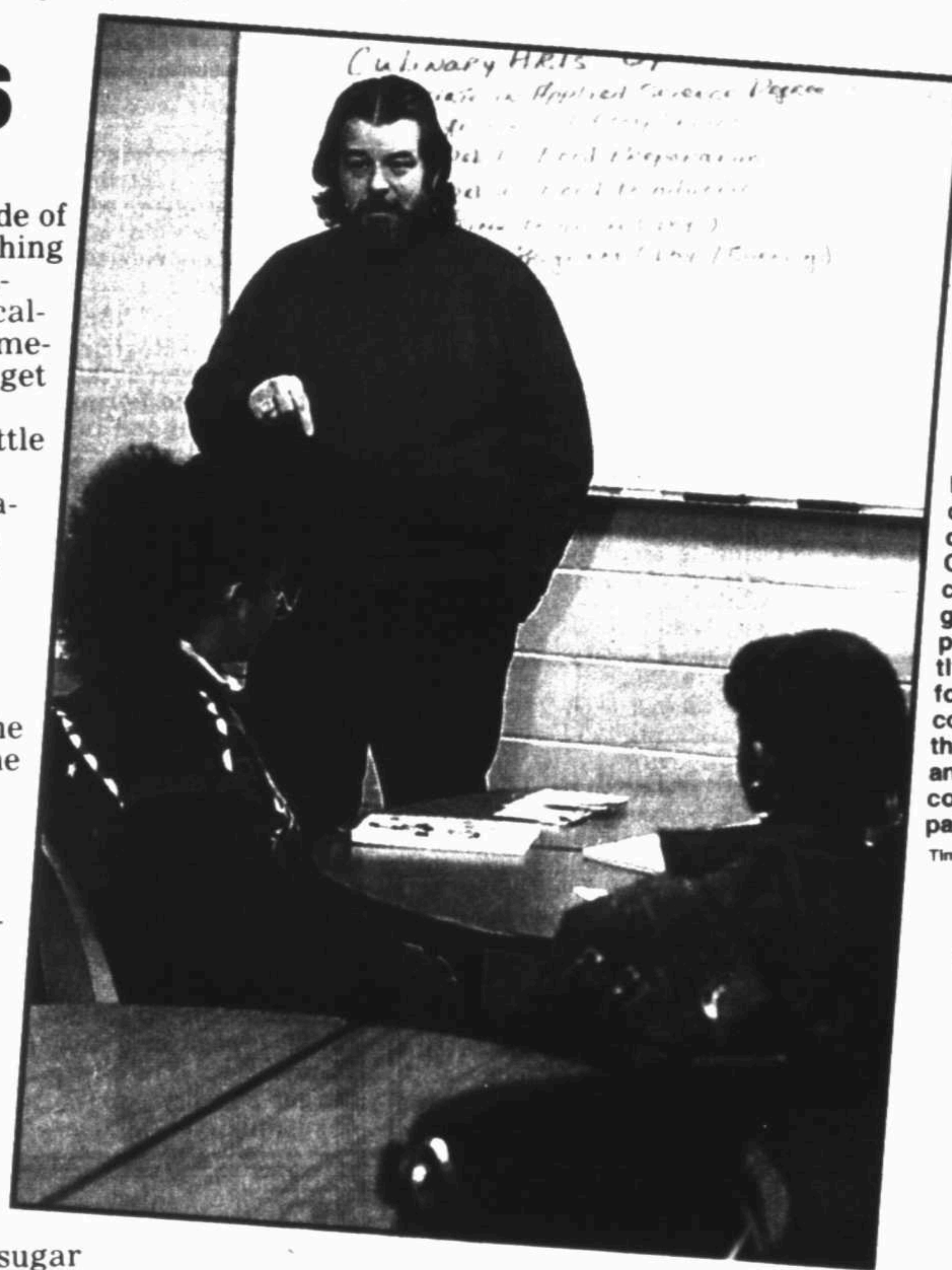
FOR TERRY GOULEY, OC Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts, carving ice is the fun part. He recently took chain saw and chisel in hand to create an eagle in flight for the buffet table at a reception for country singer Larry Gatlin.

Disadvantages of the course include a tendency to eat up the



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Terry Gouley, above left, an assistant professor of culinary arts at Odessa College, carves ice outdoors on a recent wintry day. Gouley, above, shapes an ice block into an eagle (tilted sideways in flight). The eagle served as a centerpiece for the local reception for country singer Larry Gatlin. OC teaches ice carving in its comprehensive culinary arts program.



Peter Lewis, left, certified chef and department chair of Odessa College's culinary arts program, describes the program to prospective students. The food preparation courses teach everything from nutrition and sanitation to concocting a perfect pate.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Story by
Myra Lee Salcedo

class assignments and gain weight, Lewis said.

"Another is that some people take courses to learn to cook and learn more than they expect," Gouley said. "We have one business man, 45, who couldn't make a hamburger, take our class. Now he can make a salmon mousse pate stuffed with caviar, but he still can't make a hamburger," Gouley joked.

Not that basics aren't offered. Everything from baking bread loaves to making soup stocks is taught.

"And not everybody wants to be a chef," Lewis said. "Some people are perfectly happy being a breakfast cook or working on the line."

As for Lewis and Gouley, their tastes run more to the gourmet, and multi-course meal. They once dined with two other people at a European bistro and didn't bat an eye when the \$533 bill was presented.

"It was worth it," Gouley said. "We got a tremendous sausage plate. Every sauce, every soup was perfect."

"We had beluga caviar and filet mignon with a coating of Roquefort cheese and truffles," Lewis added. "And a dessert platter of a sampling of 12 desserts. It was the house special."

"Then they brought the cheese cart," Gouley said. "Ahhhh."

OC registration for the spring semester is Tuesday through Thursday. Students with the last names beginning with letters A through L register 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday; M-Z registers 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday; and the same hours Thursday for general registration.

MAKING THE GRADE

Linda Nelson has been named student of the week by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Kit and Ester Nelson and a senior at Lee High School.

Her honors and activities include student council, Drug Free Youth In Texas, Texas Scholar, Sunday school secretary, church choir secretary, church youth group, 2-year member of Texas Youth and Government, and elected Princess of the Midland Morning Lions Club. She plans to participate again this year in the Texas Youth and Government News Media or Forum in Austin.



Nelson

Joseph White, son of Tommy and Trenna White of Midland, recently received his doctoral degree from the School of Forestry at the University of Montana. He graduated from Midland High School in 1983. He received both bachelor's and masters degrees from Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth.



White

Church. Vacation Bible School, Midland/Odessa Symphony, Midland Community Theater, Christmas in April, and UIL State Marching Band. She is a four-year letterman in the Lee High School Band; three years Colorguard, and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.



Dobey

Heidi Dobey, daughter of Michael and Kathryn Dobey, has been named Student Guest of the Week by Midland West Rotary Club.

She is a member of Drug Free Youth In Texas, First Baptist

Kelly Singletary, voice student of Vivian Moss, advanced to the semi-finals in the Youth Women Division of N.A.T.S. (National Association of Teachers of Singing) Texoma student auditions held in Lubbock at Texas Tech University. The annual com-

petition included 670 participants from Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Kelly is a senior at Lee High School and a member of Origin and Chorale choirs at Lee and Koinonia vocal ensemble and youth choir at Crestview Baptist Church.



Singletary

Negro Business and Professional Women's Club has named its Students of Recognition Honorees are Shelly Ray, Talitha Belcher, Tremanisha Washington, Dreyfus Andrews.

Shelly, a Midland High School student and the daughter of Sharon Davis, is a member of

Student Council, Texas Scholars, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She lettered for two years in varsity basketball and was a two-year regional qualifier in track. She plans to major in accounting at Texas Tech University.



Andrews

Talitha, a Midland High School Senior, is the daughter of Marion Belcher, is a member of the Honor Society. She lettered 2 years in volleyball, 2 year varsity Basketball, Regional qualifier in track. She plans to major in math.

Tremanisha, a Lee High School student, and the daughter of Bobby and Catherine Washington, is a member of the Orchestra, who's who among American High School students, a 3 year Varsity letter-

man, 4 year Orchestra letterman. She plans to attend college and major in nursing.

Dreyfus, a Lee High School student, is a member of Lee Choir for 4 years, Texas Scholars, All-District track. He plans to attend college and study Law.



Ray

Former Midlander Kenneth Watkins of Midland was named to the President's Honor Roll for the fall quarter at Texas State Technical College in Waco.

Watkins is a student in the Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology program.

Some say children could benefit from Ebonics

By Venise Wagner
San Francisco Examiner

OAKLAND, Calif. — Exquisite Akins slips easily in and out of black English, with all its trills, languid intonations, funky words and exaltations.

"He was so bootsy," the 17-year-old senior has overheard saying to a friend about a kid who was acting in a scandalous manner.

But when the situation calls for something else, she packages her ideas in the neat syntax and crisp words of standard English. Even then, the inflection in her voice is still black.

News analysis

"I don't think I could get rid of it totally," said Akins, a senior at Castlemont High in East Oakland. "It's rooted in me. I'm very proud of my culture."

Greg Houchin, who lives in Oakland's Fruitvale District, also finds himself going back and forth from black English to standard English — but with less facility.

Houchin, 14, has no problem understanding his friends, who say things like "I'm a break to the hizzy," meaning "I'm going to the house." But the eighth-grader has a much harder time understanding a "proper" speaking African American teacher at John Swett Elementary in East Oakland.

"She has to make it more clear to me," he said. "She uses words I don't be understanding. Some-

times I don't even listen to her."

The perspectives of Akins and Houchin offer a glimpse into the lives of African American youth floating between worlds. They see one as hip, comfortable and their own; the other as straight-laced, stuffy and someone else's.

Whether they can reconcile the two could ultimately determine where they end up on the social and economic ladder.

A task force of the Oakland school board looked at the academic performance of black students in the district and found that most fail to bridge the two worlds. In response, the board on Dec. 18 unanimously approved a plan to validate black English as the primary language of most African American students and use it to help them learn standard English.

It is not coincidence, board members said, that nearly 20 percent of black students don't graduate.

"We are appalled at the performance of African American children," said board member Toni Cook. "Given the serious nature of this issue," she added, the board took action.

The decision prompted outrage from people concerned that legitimizing black English would lower the standards and expectations of African American students.

Supporters, however, see the plan as the most effective way to help students bridge the gap from home language to standard English.

Linguists and educators say there are varying levels of black

English, which not only includes its own slang words, syntax and grammar rules, but also specific cadence, rhyme and rhetorical styles of speech. Stanford linguist John Rickford estimates that about 80 percent of African Americans speak some level of black English.

Some experts in ebonics have coined the term standard black English, in which the grammar, syntax and vocabulary are clearly standard English, but the intonations, inflections and rhythms are black.

Rickford said various studies in the '60s and '70s found that use of be — "I be working all day" — and double negatives was more frequent among working-class and low-income African Americans.

Many middle-class African Americans, he said, not only know how to move back and forth between standard and black English, but in some cases retain the cadence and rhythmic style of black English as they speak standard English.

In the minds of San Francisco sociologists Julia and Nathan Hare, class and level of education have everything to do with the debate over black English.

Of course, said Julia Hare, African Americans have an "in-house" mode of communication.

"All groups have an in-house way of talking," she said. "I don't care if you're Asian or Catholic, people get together and they speak in a way that's comfortable amongst themselves. We get together and say, 'What's happen-

ing.' It's a sign of sophistication to be able to go in and out of these languages."

Nathan Hare said: "You have to separate the culture of choice and the culture of necessity. We were forcibly cut off from our language. They kept us on the plantation, they kept us enslaved for 400 years. We did the best we could but it was not what we wanted for our language."

The Hares, authors of the book "The Miseducation of the Black Child," object to the Oakland school board's edict on teaching black students standard English. In their minds, it would be more effective for the district to include more phonics and speech drills in the curriculum.

Castlemont English teacher Linda Halpern believes the program could be beneficial if implemented well. She watches her students wrestle daily with the dilemma of maintaining their cultural identity while trying to learn skills that will allow them to function well in society.

All these fancy explanations mean little to Carl Mack Sr., 82, who believes black dialect is nothing more than broken English. For him the lilt, the "bad" grammar and syntax are ugly reminders of his segregated past in Houston.

"If my instructors were living today, they'd be twirling in their graves," said the retired dean from Merritt College in Oakland. "It's just bad English. It was OK in the days of slaves."

Teacher, former student team up for long-distance challenge

By Kelly L. Adams
Midland Daily News

MIDLAND, Mich. — When a teacher joined forces with a former pupil as equals, putting two schools in touch from half a world away, the experience became a magical exchange for everyone involved.

Shannon Macartney, who graduated in 1990 from H.H. Dow High School here, has been teaching art for nearly two years at the American International School in Cairo, Egypt.

She's paired up long-distance with her former high school art teacher, Dave Morrison. Their students trade artwork and letters to learn about America and Egypt's different cultures, enriching their studies.

The two teachers gain much more.

"It really has been a great opportunity for us to kind of pull together our opportunities and resources on an equal level after she was my student," Morrison said. "I was so happy to see her go into art education."

Morrison, a photography buff, plans to document the art exchange with photocopies, pictures and slides.

"I think it's good we've kept in touch, and just to bounce

ideas off of him," Macartney said.

The two developed their hands-across-the-sea approach to art after years of keeping in touch while Macartney attended Michigan State University and then went to Egypt.

Life in Egypt was tough at first, she reports.

"I was just bombarded at first. I got my class roster and looked at the list of names and I didn't even know who was a boy or a girl. It was an opportunity of a lifetime. I didn't know anything when I got there."

"I just held my breath and took the plunge, but it's paid off."

Macartney didn't plan to teach abroad until a professor at MSU encouraged her to consider the option.

"I thought I'd go on this interview for the experience, and I thought, 'It'll never happen. I wasn't even really nervous. I thought this was for my own experience.'"

"I'd like to come back here to develop some other areas of my life. And being away from my family and friends, it's tough," she said. "You make some incredible friends there, but I miss the closeness of my family and friends here."

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Ladies Auxiliary for Christian Education (LACE), the parent-teacher organization of Midland Christian School, will meet 7 p.m. Monday in the school library. Jenny House will speak on "Nutritional Cooking."

GREENWOOD — Principal Jill Lankford of Greenwood Independent School District was named District 18 TEPSAN of the Year by Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA). She was honored at the asso-

ciation's annual convention recently. She was selected for excelling in improving education for students and furthering the effectiveness of the educators' association.

Sam Houston Elementary School will host its annual meeting 7 p.m. Monday to discuss 1996 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test scores. Test scores will be explained and compared to local and state scores. Houston's "Basic School" philoso-

phy pilot program will also be discussed. Parents will have an opportunity to view the video "The Basic School."

ODESSA — Registration for the spring semester at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin is set for Monday and Tuesday in the UTPB gymnasium. Registration hours are 3-7 p.m. Monday; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Tuesday. Classes will begin Jan. 15. For more information call the UTPB admissions office at 552-2605.

SCHOOL MENUS

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday - Breakfast: Cream of Wheat, Cinnamon Toast or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers or turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes & gravy, glazed carrots, wheat roll, milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Scrambled egg & sausage patty, or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Nacho grande or Fiesta salad, refried beans, lettuce & tomato, cinnamon twist, milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Pancakes & syrup, little smokies, or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Fried chicken or cheesy beefy bake, mixed vegetables, pineapple, wheat roll, milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast taco, or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Italian lasagna or ham & cheese sandwich, green beans, garden salad, French bread, milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Energy muffin, hot rice cereal, or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger or corn dog, French fries, vegetable soup, fresh fruit wedges & dip, milk.

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Wednesday - Breakfast: Bacon, eggs, biscuits/jelly, orange juice,

milk. Lunch: Fiesta salad, refried beans, hot sauce, cheese cups, Jell-O w/fruit, milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Pancakes w/syrup, sausage links, apple juice, milk. Lunch: Corn dogs, French fries, garden salad w/dressing, critter crunch, milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cereal, orange juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad w/pickles, Ranger cake, milk.

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February 25, 26, and 27, 1997

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 25, 26, and 27, 1997, the exit level sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test will be administered to eleventh and twelfth grade students who have failed to master one or more parts of the test, and to eleventh and twelfth grade students taking the test for the first time. During the same testing period, TAAS and the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests will be administered to out-of-school students who have completed all course requirements for graduation but have not mastered all sections of the tests.

TAAS test registration for students no longer enrolled in a Texas public high school and all students taking TEAMS must be received in Iowa City, Iowa no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 1997. High school campuses will not be responsible for out-of-school registration. Registration packets, however, may be picked up in the high school counseling centers, district central office or regional service center.

Test dates are as follows:

Dates	TAAS (Exit Level)	TEAMS
Tuesday, February 25	Writing	Mathematics
Wednesday, February 26	Mathematics	Language
Thursday, February 27	Reading	

Students must be present each day at the assigned test location no later than 8:45 a.m. There are NO make-up days. If there are questions regarding the test, please contact the Department of Guidance and Testing at 689-1009.

Introduction to the Internet

Tuesday and Wednesday Evening, January 14th and 15th
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Prerequisite: Basic computer and Windows skills



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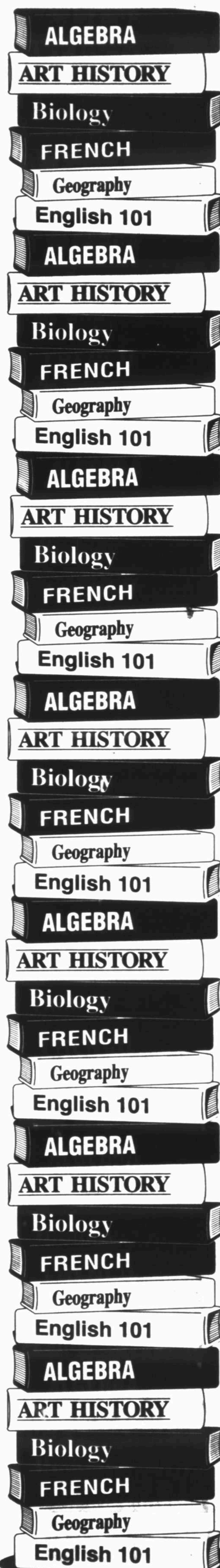
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Co-op program helps students, employers

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Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) is a way for employers to get employees and contribute to students' career development by hiring candidates training to work in a specific career field, according to Workforce Education coordinator Terry Dummer.

The CWE program combines classroom learning with work experience in a field related to a student's academic or career goals.

The student and the employer work as a team through CWE to achieve on-the-job learning for the student while providing the employer with qualified help.

Students work a minimum of 20 hours a week in temporary or permanent positions. They also receive course credit for their work. For more information, contact Dummer at 685-6469.

Pottery class offered

A pottery classes will be offered through the Midland College Continuing Education program 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 28-March 25.

The class is for anyone, and during the eight-week session individuals with clay experience can work toward raku firing, pit firing and wood firing. Beginners wanting to learn basic wheel technique are welcome.

Wear old clothes and bring a large box of trash bags (garbage or lawn size). Class is limited to 13. The course fee is \$74, and instructor is Jack Hickman.

For more information about registering for this class, call 685-4518.

GED classes offered

Midland College can help you study and increase your earning power by preparing you for the General Education Development program (GED) test designed for people who have not completed high school. Students are given instruction in writing, social studies, science, reading and math.

Midland College offers all-level GED classes at Midland College, Cogdell South Facility and Casa de Amigos.

Midland College provides individualized instruction. Call 685-4566 for more information.

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Businesses serve as resource for Beverage Servers training course

Midland College is offering a Responsible Beverage Servers Training course under the college's Continuing Education program.

The course consists of classroom and on-the-job internship training, designed to teach and train bartenders.

Along with understanding the role of a responsible beverage server, additional topics of the course focus on customer relations, business ethics, legal abilities, and TABC certification.

Local business owners and directors serve as resource persons, advisors, and instructors of the class. Certain local businesses will serve as training stations as well. These include: Scott Gunn, Owner of The Bar; Shauna Stamps, Service Director of The Plaza Club;

Rich Eten, Owner of Jazz, a Louisiana Kitchen; Fay Higgins, Stop DWI; Herman Stokes, TABC Certification Provider; Tino Quiroz, Owner of Crown Royal Club; and Alois Munzer, President of La Bodega Restaurants.

The course is made up of 50 hours of training and will be held at the Midland College Cogdell South Facility, located at 210 W. Florida.

Class time is 6 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 21 through March 4.

Enrollment is limited to 10 people, and the course fee is \$277. An additional fee of \$25 is required for TABC Certification, payable at the time of certification. For more information, please contact Jack Scarbrough at 684-4100.

Late registration continues

Late registration for Midland College's spring semester continues through Jan. 16 with extended registration hours of 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Jan. 13 and 16.

To get started, students need to come to Student Services in the Scharbauer Student Center where they can see a counselor, arrange for testing, get information about financial aid and register for classes. Counselors are available to help with information about specific programs, financial aid, testing, concurrent enrollment or any other questions students may have about what the college has to offer.

For more information about spring registration at Midland College, call 685-4501.

Business, massage therapy, sign language Continuing Education offers 48 courses beginning this week

The next class in Truck Driver Training for Class A Commercial Drivers License (CDL) begins Jan. 20, and registration for the class is going on now. The six-week, 240-hour course consists of 80 hours in the classroom and 160 hours of road and range driving, with new classes starting every four weeks. Call 570-4767 for more information.

The following computer courses will be offered during the spring semester:

Accounting/Micro Computer will be taught from 7 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 15 through May 7. Tom Vannaman is the instructor and the fee is \$138.

Elementary Accounting I will be taught from 7 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 13 through May 9. The fee is \$131.

Elementary Accounting II will be taught from 8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 13 through May 9. Dale Westfall is the instructor and the fee is \$131.

Air Conditioning/Controls will be taught from 6 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 14 through May 8. Wayne Young is the instructor and the fee is \$138.

Air Conditioning/Theory will be taught from 6 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 13 through May 7. Wayne Young is the instructor and the fee is \$138.

Business Law I will be taught from 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, Jan. 13 through May 9. Omar Belazi is the instructor and the fee is \$116.

Business Law II will be taught from 7 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Mondays, Jan. 13 through May 5. Omar Belazi is the instructor and the fee is \$116.

Business Law III will be taught from 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 14 through May 8. Nancy Hart is the instructor and the fee is \$116.

Intro to Business will be taught from 8 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 14 through May 8. Omar Belazi is the instructor and the fee is \$116.

Intro to Business will be taught from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, Jan. 13 through May 6. Omar Belazi is the instructor and the fee is \$116.

Intro to Business will be taught from 7 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 14 through May 6. The fee is \$116.

Cake Decorating Basic/Course I will be taught from 7 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 16 through Feb. 6. Pat Fisher is the instructor and the fee is \$30.

Case Management III will be taught from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 14 through Feb. 25. Robyn L. Ott is the instructor and the fee is \$75.

Computer & You will be taught from 9 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 13 through Jan. 23. The fee is \$84.

Computer & You will be taught from 2 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 13 through Jan. 23. The instructor is Mark McDonald and the fee is \$84.

Computer Applications will be taught from 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, Jan. 13 through May 9. Robert Stuart is the instructor and the fee is \$143.

Computer Applications will be taught from 7 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 13 through May 9. The fee is \$143.

Computer Operations & Maintenance will be taught from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 14 through May 8. Don Mullins is the instructor and the fee is \$143.

Computer Operations & Maintenance will be taught from 7 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 14 through May 8. Don Mullins is the instructor and the fee is \$143.

Corel WordPerfect 7 For Windows will be taught from 5:30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 13 through Jan. 23. Susan Crenshaw is the instructor and the fee is \$84.

CPR Health Care Provider will be taught from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18. Gary Roberts is the instructor and the fee is \$30.

CPS Review will be taught from 5 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 14 through May 8. Rebecca Bell is the instructor and the fee is \$131.

Desktop Publishing: Coreldraw will be taught from 7 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 13 through May 7. Curt Per-

vier is the instructor and the fee is \$131.

EMT-MCE will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 13 through May 9. Gary Roberts is the instructor and the fee is \$203.

Health Unit Coordinator will be taught from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 16 through May 20. Lois Diane Mosley is the instructor and the fee is \$198.

Health Unit Coordinator Insurance will be taught from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 16 through May 20. The fee is \$15.

How To Buy A Computer will be taught from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13. Ivan Meissner is the instructor and the fee is \$19.

Intoxilizer will be taught from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 13 through Jan. 17. The instructor is Will Luft and the fee is \$150.

Massage Therapy will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturday, and Sunday, Jan. 14 through April 21. Patsy Sayers is the instructor and the fee is \$985.

Massage Therapy Insurance will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, Jan. 14 through April 21. The fee is \$15.

Medic First Aid and CPR will be taught from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 and Thursday, Jan. 16. Alan Kilgore is the instructor and the fee is \$30.

Medic First Aid & CPR in Spanish will be taught from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18. Alfred Berosa is the instructor and the fee is \$30.

Medical Manager Software will be taught from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Fridays, Jan. 17 through March 7. Leanne Jamison is the instructor and the fee is \$55.

MS Office for Windows will be taught from

11:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 13 through Jan. 23. The instructor is Charlotte Cooke and the fee is \$84.

MS Office For Windows will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday through Sunday, Jan. 17, 18, and 19. Susan Crenshaw is the instructor and the fee is \$79.

MS Word For Windows will be taught from 11:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 13 through Jan. 23. The fee is \$84.

Quicken For Windows will be taught from 9 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 13 through Jan. 23. Charlotte Cooke is the instructor and the fee is \$84.

Sign Language I will be taught from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Jan. 13 through March 3. Shirley Campbell is the instructor and the fee is \$41.

Spanish I Conversational will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 16 through Feb. 20. Jan Vernon is the instructor and the fee is \$52.

Spanish Medical Introduction will be taught from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18. Jan Vernon is the instructor and the fee is \$50.

Welding/Electric Arc will be taught from 8 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 14 through May 8. Joe Smith is the instructor and the fee is \$197.

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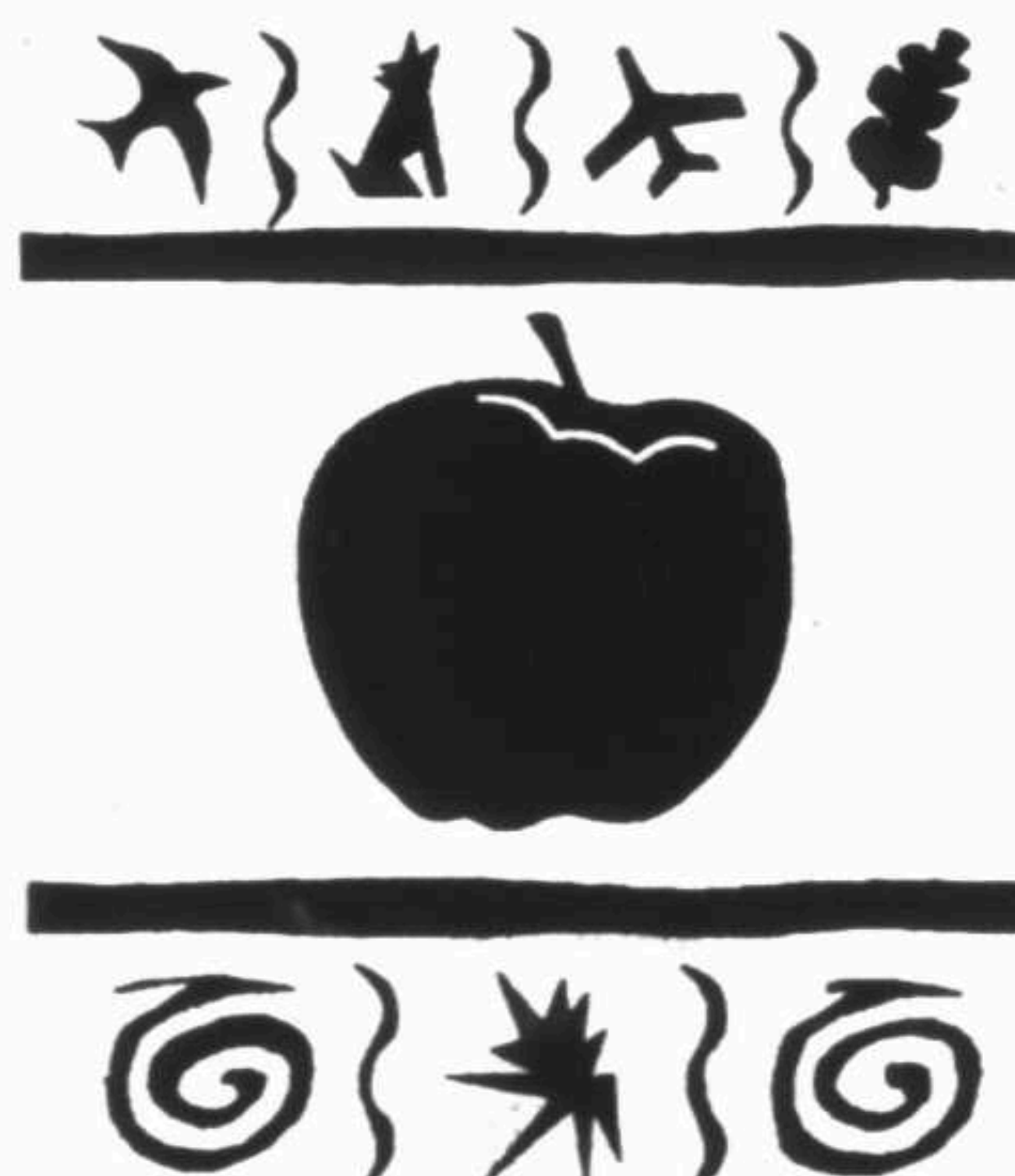
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Windows '95, Introduction will be taught from 2 p.m. to 4:20 p.m., Monday through Friday, Jan. 13 through Jan. 23. Ivan Meissner is the instructor and the fee is \$84.

Windows '95, Introduction will be taught from 5:30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18. Ofelia Bustamante is the instructor and the fee is \$84.

For more information about these and other Continuing Education classes, call 685-4518. For information about Defensive Driving courses, call 685-4518 or 560-2400, ext. 2806.



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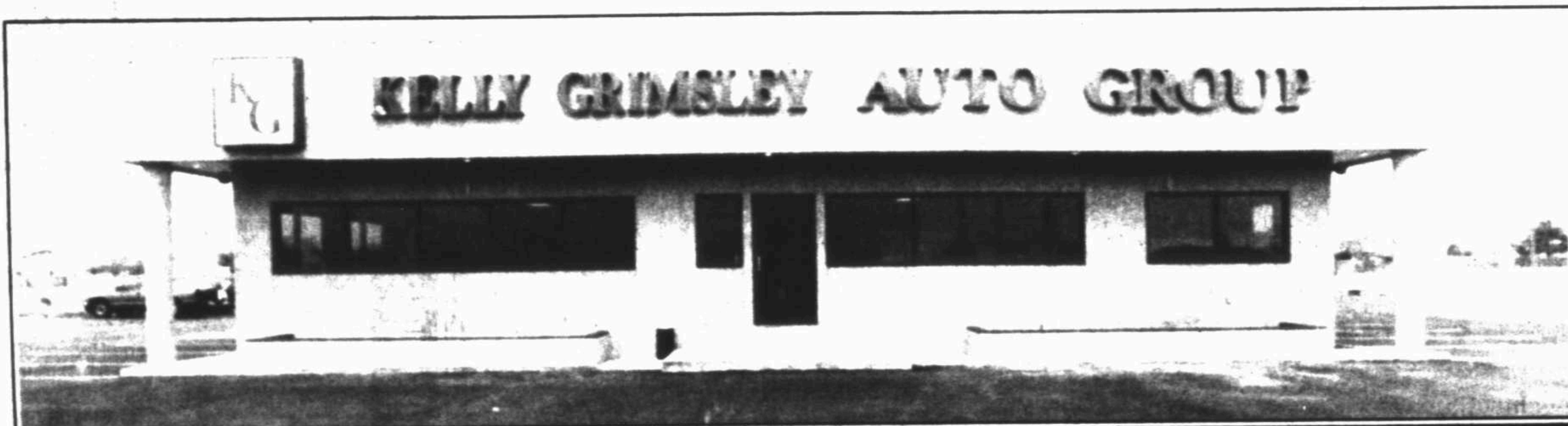
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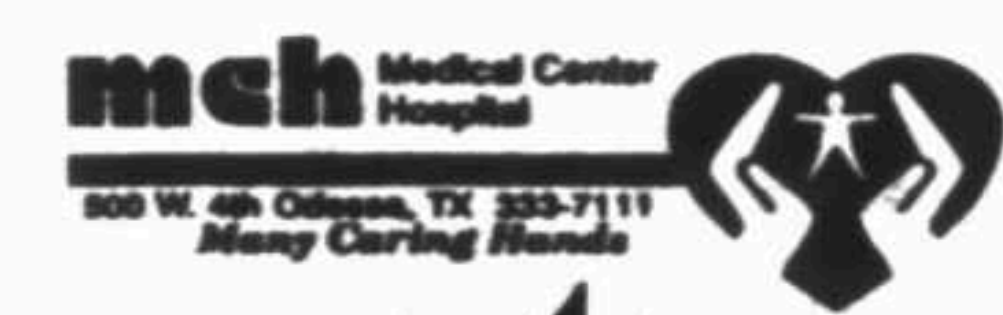
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REGION 18 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER P.O. Box 60580 Midland, Texas 79705

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Resumes must be received by 1-17-97 at 118th District CSCD, 315 Main, Suite B, P.O. Box 1951, Big Spring, TX 79721-1951.

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Full charge preferred or will consider general bookkeeping skills. Payroll experience a plus. Salary \$7.50/hr-\$8.00/hr No fee. Call LeAnn.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (Temp to Perm)

MUST be bilingual: MS Word & Excel needed. Great opportunity with advancement. Temp starting salary \$7.00/hr No fee. Call LeAnn.

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BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY (Temp to Perm)

One person or a gas oil. Full charge bookkeeping preferred. Secretarial skills needed. MUST have excellent computer skills. Excel & Word. No fee. Starting salary \$10.00/hr. Call LeAnn.

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CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Temp position with possibility of perm. MUST have MS Word & Excel with heavy clerical exp. Salary \$6.50-\$7.00/hr No fee. Call LeAnn.

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GAS BALANCING

MUST have gas balancing experience. Working with formulas, calculations & volumes. \$11.00-\$12.00/hr. No fee. Call LeAnn.

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LAND SECRETARY

2-3 day week, possibly turn into full-time. Must have land secretary exp. MS Office & Lotus required. Salary DOE. No fee. Call LeAnn. ASAP.

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LEGAL SECRETARY (Indefinite part-time)

2-3 hrs a day. Legal secretary exp. preferred. MS Word, Excel needed. MUST have proficient computer skills & type 55+ wpm. Starting salary \$8.50/hr No fee. Call LeAnn.

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PAYABLES CLERK (Temp to Perm)

MUST have heavy AP exp. with oil & gas or drilling. Coding, data entry and accounting software exp. needed. Non-smoking office. Salary DOE. No fee. Call LeAnn.

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SECRETARY (Part-Time)

One person etc. 4-5 hrs/week, may become full-time. Oil & gas exp. preferred. MS Word & Excel needed. Starting salary \$7.50/hr. No fee. Call LeAnn.

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Your rewards for making a commitment to our program and selling prescription products to doctors and pharmacists in the MIDLAND/ODDESSA AREA will include:

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(Part-Time) Non-smoking etc. seeking experienced full charge bookkeeper. 20 hours/week, may become full-time. Position a Salary \$9-\$10/hr. No fee. Call Lisa Ann.

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Knowledge and experience with land documents, Microsoft Office, Lotus.

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Opportunity is knocking at your door! Preferred Personnel has immediate openings for candidates with experience in: Bilingual Secretaries, Receptionists, Secretaries with Word and Excel, Part Time Administrative Assistant, Professional Receptionist, Mail Clerk with O & G, Gas Production Accounting, Revenue, JIB, Enrichment, Accounting Clerk with Lotus.

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Commercial Metals Company accepting applications for these positions. Apply in person at 1605 Garden City Hwy.

OFFICE MANAGER—a take charge, goal oriented person responsible for 3 person staff to function harmoniously. Need to know A/P, A/R, order entry and computer skills. References. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 11282, Midland, TX 79702. Corrected Box Number.

PART-TIME position for individual

Interested in working with teens. 15 Hours per week. Apply in person 4500 W. Illinois, #112, DOE.

PART-TIME payroll/bookkeeper position

Payroll, general ledger and computer knowledge required. Multiple parents and bookkeeping. Good job for Mother with school age children or others. Send resume to 11074. Hurstfield, Ste 120, Midland, Texas 79701.

RECEPTIONIST—Law office in Midland currently taking applications. Must be bilingual, type 35 wpm, be professional in appearance. Apply in person, 507 E. Front, Midland.

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For Bryan/College Station, Tx

BJ Services Company, a leader in the oil field industry, has immediate opportunities available for Equipment Operator trainees at our facility in Bryan/College Station, Tx.

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The job is hard; you work outdoors in all types of weather, requiring some heavy lifting and long on-call hours. The rewards are excellent benefits and an opportunity for an outstanding career.

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- Earn up to \$25,000 in the first year
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SECRETARY needed full time

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- Opportunity for advancement
- No cold calling or prospecting
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- Immediate opening

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reliable ride to Midland schools for two children from Odessa. Hourly pay plus gas. Must have local references. Leave message at 550-8349.

LOOKING FOR a special person

to care for my sweet 15 month old 4 days a week, 7:30-2:30. Own phone, transportation and yard needed. English speaking. Garfield Street vicinity a plus. Call 687-3640.

340 Child Care Needed

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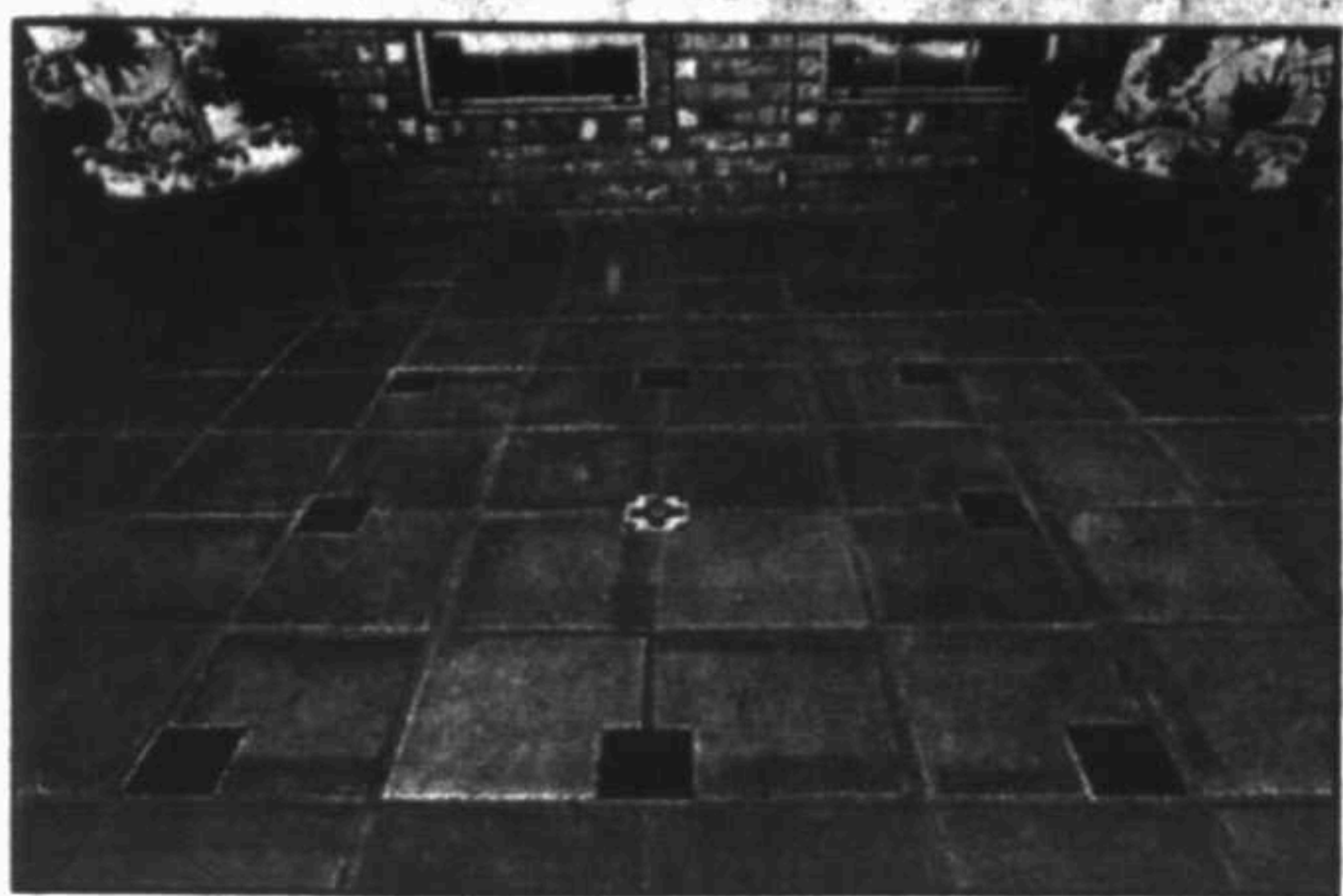
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Creative house solutions



This charming four bedroom home is sure to delight even the most jaded of home hunters as it is packed full of elegant features.

From the spacious, custom-tiled patio to the cathedral ceiling in the family room, there is something here for anyone looking for a dramatic home.

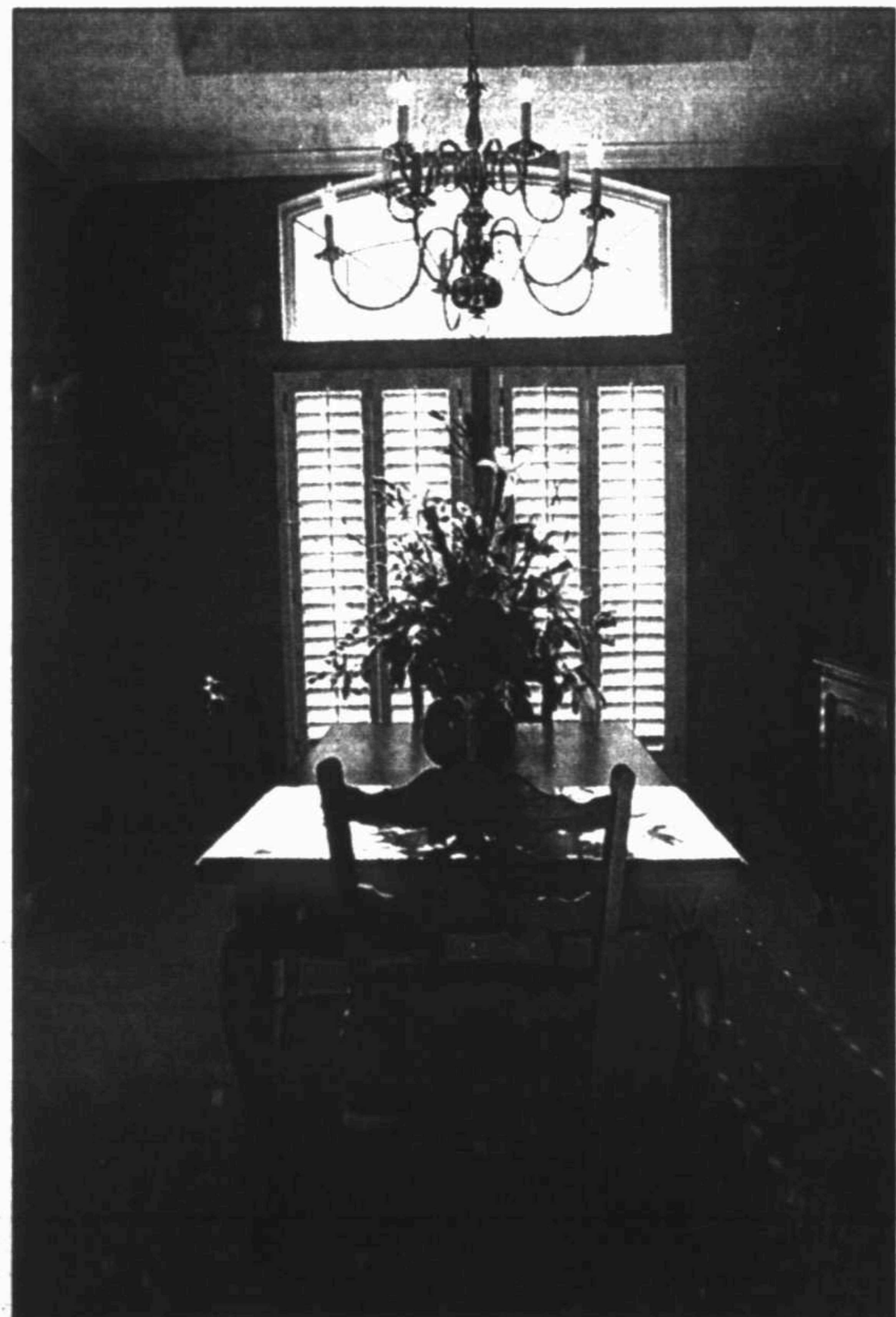
Whilst the formal rooms are

incomparably gracious, the soul of this home is, without doubt, the open-plan combination of den, breakfast area and kitchen. With its high ceiling, fireplace and flanking bookcases, the den is reminiscent of a Victorian library - an effect highlighted by the plaid carpet. Hip windows either side of the imposing brick chimney let natural light in, as does the glass patio door.

The kitchen is separated from the den by a curved breakfast bar. This design retains the open feeling while demarcating the rooms. As with many houses in this caliber, high traffic areas are tiled for convenience.

The galley-esque kitchen is full of all the features one would expect from a house listed for \$159,900. A built-in wine rack, double ovens and a counter top range are just some of the features in this pale-hued kitchen.

For more information about this home at 4408 Rosewood Drive, contact Cheryl Parrish of Kay Sutton, Realtors at 570-8200.



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This will get your Realtor excited and make their job of working for you much easier. Not only that, but having an approved loan is a strong bargaining tool that will give you an edge when making an offer on a property. When you and a seller of a property know that the process of credit checking and confirming employment and income have been taken care of, you are both in a better position to negotiate. You can see how this position would make the seller more ready to meet your terms.
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This story submitted by Norma Pine, Owner/Broker of Chaparral, Realtors

Pricing your home

When you go to sell your home, should you start with a higher price than what you will actually accept? Legally, as the owner of a home, you are entitled to ask any price you like. The idea of starting high so you have room to come down should, however, be studied very carefully.
Prospective buyers often know the maximum price they can pay to still qualify for financing. They may eliminate an overpriced property from consideration without ever looking at it or realizing that the seller might be willing to sell at a lower price that would better fit their financing limits.
Another consideration in pricing your property should be to look at the competition. Today, many buyers shop for a home by comparison. They look at several homes and then eliminate from consideration the ones they feel are not competitively priced.
Sellers often think only in terms of the cash they will receive when someone buys their home. What they need to remember is that buyers borrow money to buy a home, and that the mortgage institution will nearly always require that the home be appraised to ensure that the home is being purchased at fair market value.
You can see what an inconvenience it would be for all parties concerned to have a transaction for the sale of your home fall apart at the last moment because the property was priced unrealistically and either refused or the buyer required to increase his cash down payment.
Overpriced homes may become "stale" in the market place. It is very difficult to maintain interest in property that is not priced competitively.
Sellers should also be aware that there are hidden costs involved when overpriced homes don't sell rapidly such as:
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This story submitted by Kay Sutton, Owner of Kay Sutton Realtors

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HEART OF GOLD
Single white female, 50s, 5'10", enjoys movies, dining out, the arts, music, seeks single, white/Hispanic male, with similar interests, for friendship/possible long-term relationship. #2212 (exp/2/1)

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White female, 26, with reddish-brown hair and green eyes. If you're a romantic, fun-loving white male with lots of energy, you need to apply! #2110 (exp/1/25)

JINGLE MY BELL
Single, brown-haired, brown-eyed beauty, 26, tired of the bar scene seeks single/divorced, white male, 25-37, must be employed, relatively tall, attractive, athletic, and fun loving. #2112 (exp/1/25)

Men's Personals

EDUCATED BLACK MALE
I'm curious if there's someone out there who expects a lot of themselves: female, under 35, who enjoys movies, music, life. Race unimportant. #2887 (exp/3/2)

SAGITTARIUS SEEKS LEO
Single male, 5'6", 175lbs, brown/brown, seeks single white or Hispanic female, 20-40, for possible relationship. #2886 (exp/3/2)

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SEEKING MRS. RIGHT
Single Hispanic male, 27, enjoys softball, racquetball, basketball, and romantic evenings. Seeking single Hispanic/white female, 25-30, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #2880 (exp/3/2)

ATTRACTIVE
White male, 22, seeks single white female, 25-40, for possible relationship. #2481 (exp/1/19)

SINGLE
White male, 39... nice, and nice-looking, seeks nice-looking, attractive woman, in similar age group, maybe younger. #2579 (exp/2/9)

HOLIDAY BLUES
A holiday wish for one lady: 42+, medium-sized, who enjoys fireplaces, romantic times. I am a Caucasian gentleman, early 50s, professional, educated. I want someone to spend my life with. Long-term relationship desired. #2628 (exp/2/16)

FUNNY GUY
Divorced white male, 31, 6'1", slender, blond/blue, musician and rancher (but not a country boy), enjoys dancing, playing guitar, rock-n-roll. Seeking petite single white/Hispanic female, 25-38, for friendship, dating and possible relationship. #2578 (exp/2/9)

LONELY SOLDIER BOY
Divorced male, 31, enjoys country music, movies, quiet evenings at home and looking for someone special, 29-33 to become friends. Smokers, drinkers welcome. No drugs. #2576 (exp/2/9)

Men's Personals

ALL CALLS RETURNED
White male, 33, 5'7", 155lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys traveling, sports, dining out, movies, and quiet times, seeks slender white female, 26-33, with similar interests. #2881 (exp/2/3)

ITALIAN, 37
New year's resolution: attractive single white male looking for fun-loving, easygoing, spontaneous female who likes the finer things in life, for friendship, possible relationship. #2830 (exp/2/23)

WHITE MALE, 39...
nice, and nice-looking, seeks nice-looking, attractive woman, in similar age group, maybe younger. #2579 (exp/2/9)

ROMANCE
Single black male, 32, 5'11", 175lbs, seeks companion-ship, possible relationship with single white or Hispanic female who enjoys all sporting activities, romantic evenings, walks, dining out, etc. #2575 (exp/2/9)

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Blonde, green-eyed, Christian female, 34, 5'6", 125lbs, seeks once-in-a-lifetime love with white Christian male, 30-40, serious callers only. #2113 (exp/1/25)

FUNNY, HANDSOME, OUTGOING
Single white male, 5'9", 170lbs, athletic, loves dancing, movies, cooking. Seeking romantic, intelligent, attractive female, 20-34, height/weight proportionate. #2483 (exp/1/19)

**I AM DESPERATELY SEEKING...
a good friend, Hispanic, 31, cosmetologist, seeks, clear-minded, easygoing friend who enjoys watching Dallas, Cowboys, movies, staying fit and eating healthy. #2417 (exp/1/26)**

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ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "PROPOSAL #267-010397 ENCLOSED". Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from respondents be accepted. All proposals must be received in the Office of the Materials Manager by 1:00 PM, FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1997. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL MAY 30, 1997. All proposals will remain confidential until after the Board of Directors has met and voted an award. Offers will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Midland County Hospital reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities. Director of Materials Management Midland County Hospital Memorial Hospital and Medical Center 2200 West Illinois Midland, Texas 79701 (Maintenance Project) NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK Sealed proposals for the following projects: Bridge Spall Repair, Control No. 6001 53.001, on IH 20 in Midland County, Estimate \$89,600. Bid Guaranty \$1,800. Pavement Edge Repair, Control No. 6005 20.001, on IH 10 in Pecos County, Estimate \$71,562. Bid Guaranty \$1,500. Remove and Replace Wire Fence, Control No. 6001 21.001, on IH 10 in Pecos County, Estimate \$17,911. No Bid Guaranty. Replace Adopt-A-Highway Signs, Control No. 6005 22.001, on SH 18 in Pecos County, Estimate \$27,260. Bid Guaranty \$600. Curb and Gutter, Control No. 6005 25.001, on Loop 338 in El Paso County, Estimate \$76,715. Bid Guaranty \$1,600. and Cleaning and Sweeping Highways, Control No. 6010 23.001, on IH 20 in Midland County, Estimate \$88,474. Bid Guaranty \$1,800. in the Odessa District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation, 3901 E. Highway, Odessa, Texas until 2:00 P.M., February 11, 1997, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals, plans, and specifications will be available at the District Operations office of Charles E. Martin, (915) 333-9140. Usual rights reserved.	590 Legal Notices REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION Sealed proposals for 3.729 km of grading, base, and asphalt concrete pavement on BS 158B from SH 349 to IH 20 in Midland County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 5, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery. This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will not discriminate against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the Office of Paul Hoelscher, Area Engineer, Fort Stockton, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bids must be received by 2:00 P.M. on Friday, January 31, 1997. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder. Usual rights reserved. 06-D-173 06-76-0463-03-029 LEGAL NOTICE Midland College is now accepting sealed bids for (1) Network cabling & electrical contracting and (2) Network hardware and software. Specifications may be picked up in the Midland College Accounting & Business Services Office. Bids will be accepted no later than 3:00 pm, Friday, January 17, 1997 at which time they will be read aloud. Bids should be addressed to: Rick Bender, Director of Accounting & Business Services, Midland College, 3600 N. Garland, Midland, Texas 79705. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted.	590 Legal Notices NOTICE TO BIDDERS Quotes on Office Furniture for the Midland Independent School District, Quote #702-0004 addressed to Mr. Leon Harter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, January 23, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Quote forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1752. REGION 17 Education Service Center is accepting sealed bids for goods in (1) paper products, (2) office products/teaching supplies. Bid packages will be available in room 137 beginning Monday, January 13, 1997. Bid packages can be obtained by calling (806) 792-5468, Ext. 859. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. February 7, 1997 in room 137, Region 17 Education Service Center, 111 West Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79416. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE GOING BUSINESS Notice is hereby given that SDS, transferor, heretofore a proprietorship composed of Shawn Jantzen and Laura Jantzen, doing business at Midland 4 Texas, will be dissolved and that after 1, 1997, the business will be conducted under the name of Signature Data Solutions, Corp., transferee, a Texas Corporation, at Midland, Texas. This notice is given pursuant to Article 1302.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act, Section 6.103(7) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, and Section 35 of Article 6132b of the Texas Civil Statutes.	590 Legal Notices NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MATTIE B. LANG, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of November, 1996, Letters Testamentary were issued to RALPH H. LANG, JR., as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of MATTIE B. LANG, Deceased", being Cause No. 11,620 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to RALPH H. LANG, JR., within the time prescribed by law at the following address: c/o Morgan, Leeton & Meyers, P.C. 306 West Wall, Suite 700 Midland, Texas 79701 Dated this 13th day of November, 1996. MORGAN, LEETON & MEYERS, P.C. By James R. Leeton, Jr. Attorneys for Ralph H. Lang, Jr., Independent Executor of the Estate of MATTIE B. LANG, Deceased	590 Legal Notices THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Jesus Solis-Rios, Deceased, Docket No. 2653, County Court, Duval County, Texas, Alicia O. Rios, Applicant, filed in the County Court of Duval County, Texas, on the 23rd day of December 1996 an application for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Jesus Solis-Rios, Deceased. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on Friday, the same being the 17th day of January, 1997, at the County Courthouse in San Diego, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday following the expiration of ten days after the posting of this citation. The Court may enter orders concerning the estate with binding effects upon said persons. The officer executing this citation shall post the copy of this citation at the courthouse door of the county in which this proceeding is pending or at the place in or near said courthouse where public notices customarily are posted, for not less than 10 days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of posting and return the original copy of this citation to the clerk stating in a written return thereon the time when and the place where he posted such copy. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in San Diego, Texas, this 6th day of January, 1997. Oscar Garcia, Jr., Clerk of the County Court, Duval County, Texas By Minerva Chapa, Deputy Clerk's Address: P.O. Box 248, San Diego, Texas 78384 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL- COMPUTERS The Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District requests proposals from qualified vendors to provide personal computers for either purchase or lease. Personal computers will be purchased in lots of twelve. The District will negotiate the number of computers for a lease arrangement. Additional equipment to be acquired will be a file server, and a CD-ROM tower. Proposals must include delivery, installation, and one-year, on-site warranty. Specifications for the computers and equipment may be obtained from the school district administration office by calling (915) 639-2512 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 pm, Friday, January 24, 1997. Any proposals received after 2:00 pm, Friday, January 24, 1997, will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Proposals will be recommended at the next meeting of the Iraan-Sheffield S.D. Board of Trustees. When submitting your proposal(s), please insure that the outside of the envelope is clearly marked, identifying the contents as "Iraan-Sheffield I.S.D.- Proposal for Computer Lease/Purchase". The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal or all or part of the proposal, waive minor technicalities and accept the proposal to best serve the interest of the school district.	610 Apartments Unfurnished Proposals should be addressed to: Bobby D. McCall, Superintendent Iraan-Sheffield ISD P.O. Box 486 Iraan, Texas 79744-0486 Phone 915-639-2512 Fax 915-639-2501 695 Public Notices MIDLAND CENTER PUBLIC NOTICE The parking lot immediately east of the Midland Center, bordered on the west by Main Street and on the south by Wall Street, is intended for use only by patrons, visitors, employees and lessees of the Midland Center. Signage is posted indicating such at the entrances to the parking lot. As indicated on the signs, violators will be towed at their own expense. Midland Center, 105 North Main, Midland, Texas, 79701. 604 Want to Rent WANTED 1 Bedroom rental unit, Single male, 42 years, handyman will trade work or cash. 25 Years in this area. Call 553-5867, answering machine, please leave message. 605 Apartments Furnished 610 BURLESON, 3 Large rooms, \$275 monthly, \$100 deposit. Water paid. 689-7107.	610 Apartments Unfurnished STUDIOS 1 & 2 Bedrooms Available. All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff, 697-3155. 4406 PRINCETON- Clean, quiet neighborhood. Acre, trees and yard. Utilities paid. 2 bedroom unfurnished apartment. 1 bedroom furnished apartment. No pets. 694-4768. 1210 COLLEGE. Efficiency apartment. \$250 monthly. \$75 deposit. All bills paid. Inquire near apartment C.
500 Pets & Supplies AB-FAB New Year's Anomalies! 1/2 Miniature Dachshund, 1/2 Dalmatian puppies. All with spotted bellies, weenie personalities \$35. 697-6435. BIRDS: Hand fed Love Birds Blues \$40 each. Yellow \$60 each. Finches \$5 each. 686-8419. PUPPY HOUSEHOLD and competitive obedience classes starting January 15th. Classes offered for dogs of all ages. \$70-HEEL. AKC REGISTERED Akita puppies. 6 weeks old, excellent markings. Call (806) 799-3489. AKC Registered Miniature Schnauzers, ready to go to their new homes! 3 gorgeous females left. Championship breeding, super friendly companions. (915) 573-7967. AKC SCHIPPERKE Puppy. 9 weeks old, first shots. Perfect indoor/outdoor family pet! Great with children. Parents on premises. \$300. Call 694-1967. 90 GALLON Freshwater aquarium setup with fish. \$150. Call 520-9107 after 5:30 pm. SMALL TERRIER mix, Neutered male approximately 5 years old. Adopted out to approved home. Call 683-3428. START THE New Year off right with obedience training for your puppy or adult dog. Group and private lessons. Waggin' Tails Dog Training. 550-9876. AKC LAB Kennel. Quality bred Lab pups. Chocolate, Black, Yellow. Championship bloodlines. 806-633-4364. GORGEOUS Golden Retriever puppies. AKC registered, champion bloodline, parents on premises. 520-0810. BRITANNY PUPS. Born 11/26/96. Tails Dock, Decays removed. Parents AKC Registered. Gun dogs \$100. 694-6531, 686-9992. AKC SHIH TZU Puppies. 2 males. Tri color. \$250 each. Call 682-7751.	570 Oil Field Equip. & Supplies WATERFLOOD Plant, built 1992 by Best Equipment. Skid mounted, enclosed, complete auto, controlled by PLC. Autodialer and 8 alarms. 125 HP with softstart. FMC 1622AB. 3700 BPD. 1650" WP. 915-529-4281, 668-7881. AUCTION January 23rd Thursday 10 am By order of U.S. Bankruptcy D & K Diversified Inc. 25 - Truck Tractors, 1984-1996. 23 - Trailers, Vacuum, End Dump, Flat & Drop to 1993 plus Service Vehicles. Terms: Payment in full day of sale. Everything sold as is. (805) 833-1963 Russ Allen Auction 2 SCOTT Escape packs, excellent condition, H2S Monitor, Johnson Pumptrol, mobile telephone. Reasonably priced. 699-6688. PIPE YARD With 22 pipe racks for sale or lease. Call 694-4052. 1964 LINCOLN SA200 Weider. Original condition. \$3,500. 915-684-7800, (806) 866-4517. FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682-1546.	590 Legal Notices REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for a VOICE/DATA/CCTV/PAGING CABLEING DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS. Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Monday, January 6, 1997. A pre-bid conference and site inspection will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 17, 1997 in Room E-12 (Human Resources Classroom) of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. All interested contractors must attend this meeting. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "PROPOSAL #267-010397 ENCLOSED". Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from respondents be accepted. All proposals must be received in the Office of the Materials Manager by 1:00 PM, FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1997. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL MAY 30, 1997. All proposals will remain confidential until after the Board of Directors has met and voted an award. Offers will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Midland County Hospital reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities. Director of Materials Management Midland County Hospital Memorial Hospital and Medical Center 2200 West Illinois Midland, Texas 79701 (Maintenance Project) NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK Sealed proposals for the following projects: Bridge Spall Repair, Control No. 6001 53.001, on IH 20 in Midland County, Estimate \$89,600. Bid Guaranty \$1,800. Pavement Edge Repair, Control No. 6005 20.001, on IH 10 in Pecos County, Estimate \$71,562. Bid Guaranty \$1,500. Remove and Replace Wire Fence, Control No. 6001 21.001, on IH 10 in Pecos County, Estimate \$17,911. No Bid Guaranty. Replace Adopt-A-Highway Signs, Control No. 6005 22.001, on SH 18 in Pecos County, Estimate \$27,260. Bid Guaranty \$600. Curb and Gutter, Control No. 6005 25.001, on Loop 338 in El Paso County, Estimate \$76,715. Bid Guaranty \$1,600. and Cleaning and Sweeping Highways, Control No. 6010 23.001, on IH 20 in Midland County, Estimate \$88,474. Bid Guaranty \$1,800. in the Odessa District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation, 3901 E. Highway, Odessa, Texas until 2:00 P.M., February 11, 1997, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals, plans, and specifications will be available at the District Operations office of Charles E. Martin, (915) 333-9140. Usual rights reserved.	590 Legal Notices REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION Sealed proposals for 3.729 km of grading, base, and asphalt concrete pavement on BS 158B from SH 349 to IH 20 in Midland County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 5, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery. This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will not discriminate against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the Office of Paul Hoelscher, Area Engineer, Fort Stockton, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bids must be received by 2:00 P.M. on Friday, January 31, 1997. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder. Usual rights reserved. 06-D-173 06-76-0463-03-029 LEGAL NOTICE Midland College is now accepting sealed bids for (1) Network cabling & electrical contracting and (2) Network hardware and software. Specifications may be picked up in the Midland College Accounting & Business Services Office. Bids will be accepted no later than 3:00 pm, Friday, January 17, 1997 at which time they will be read aloud. Bids should be addressed to: Rick Bender, Director of Accounting & Business Services, Midland College, 3600 N. Garland, Midland, Texas 79705. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted.	590 Legal Notices NOTICE TO BIDDERS Quotes on Office Furniture for the Midland Independent School District, Quote #702-0004 addressed to Mr. Leon Harter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, January 23, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Quote forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1752. REGION 17 Education Service Center is accepting sealed bids for goods in (1) paper products, (2) office products/teaching supplies. Bid packages will be available in room 137 beginning Monday, January 13, 1997. Bid packages can be obtained by calling (806) 792-5468, Ext. 859. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. February 7, 1997 in room 137, Region 17 Education Service Center, 111 West Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79416. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE GOING BUSINESS Notice is hereby given that SDS, transferor, heretofore a proprietorship composed of Shawn Jantzen and Laura Jantzen, doing business at Midland 4 Texas, will be dissolved and that after 1, 1997, the business will be conducted under the name of Signature Data Solutions, Corp., transferee, a Texas Corporation, at Midland, Texas. This notice is given pursuant to Article 1302.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act, Section 6.103(7) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, and Section 35 of Article 6132b of the Texas Civil Statutes.	590 Legal Notices THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Jesus Solis-Rios, Deceased, Docket No. 2653, County Court, Duval County, Texas, Alicia O. Rios, Applicant, filed in the County Court of Duval County, Texas, on the 23rd day of December 1996 an application for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Jesus Solis-Rios, Deceased. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on Friday, the same being the 17th day of January, 1997, at the County Courthouse in San Diego, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday following the expiration of ten days after the posting of this citation. The Court may enter orders concerning the estate with binding effects upon said persons. The officer executing this citation shall post the copy of this citation at the courthouse door of the county in which this proceeding is pending or at the place in or near said courthouse where public notices customarily are posted, for not less than 10 days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of posting and return the original copy of this citation to the clerk stating in a written return thereon the time when and the place where he posted such copy. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in San Diego, Texas, this 6th day of January, 1997. Oscar Garcia, Jr., Clerk of the County Court, Duval County, Texas By Minerva Chapa, Deputy Clerk's Address: P.O. Box 248, San Diego, Texas 78384 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL- COMPUTERS The Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District requests proposals from qualified vendors to provide personal computers for either purchase or lease. Personal computers will be purchased in lots of twelve. The District will negotiate the number of computers for a lease arrangement. Additional equipment to be acquired will be a file server, and a CD-ROM tower. Proposals must include delivery, installation, and one-year, on-site warranty. Specifications for the computers and equipment may be obtained from the school district administration office by calling (915) 639-2512 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 pm, Friday, January 24, 1997. Any proposals received after 2:00 pm, Friday, January 24, 1997, will			



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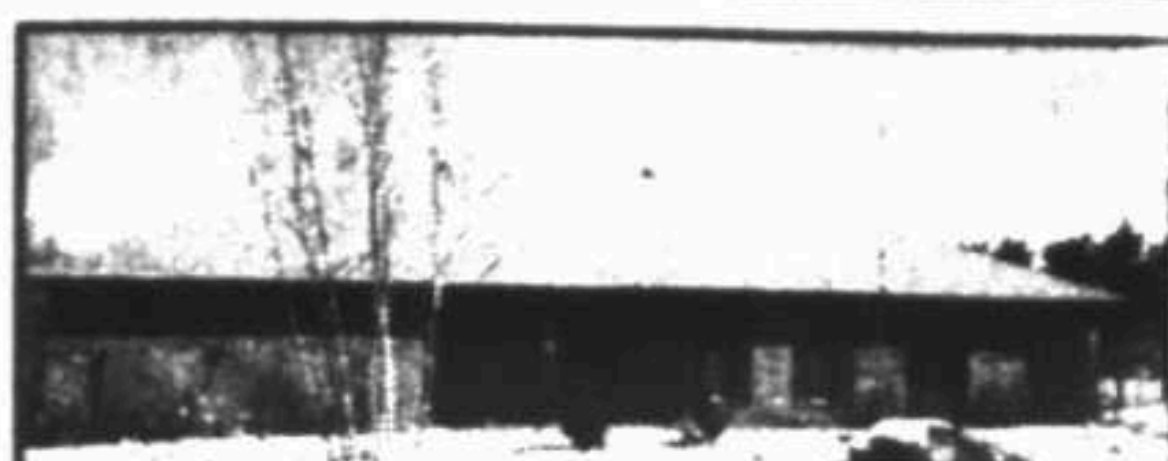
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to take a second look at this 2-story townhouse with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, high ceilings, mirrors, shutters and more. Irresistible...\$72,500.



Hey, Cowboy!

Trees, trees & country too. 3 bedroom plus study off master, large living, double garage, all acreage on sprinkler system. Priced to sell at \$82,500.



The Right Neighborhood The Right Price

Hurry to secure this Solomons Lane home with 3 living areas, 2 1/2 baths, double fireplace, new tile & carpet, mature trees, quality stables, kennel and roomy pasture lands. \$158,000.



Something Special

On 6 acres in Midland's Northwest area, recently remodeled brick home, with 3-car garage, pool, barn, corals, sprinkler system. A true value at \$127,000 & Owner wants offers!

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Vicky Garrett looks back on 1996 and is happy she was able to help so many families with their real estate needs.

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Nifty In The 50's

Large open living space with fireplace, oversized bedrooms, recent paint, carpet and vinyl in the Fannin area. Grab this bargain for only \$59,500.



Exquisite!!

Five bedrooms plus study, 4-1/2 baths, 5 fireplaces, gorgeous windows and fabulous location in Greentree North. Price reduced and owner ready for offers...\$339,900.



SOLD

Four bedrooms, 3 full baths, fantastic floorplan with mother-in-law suite, sequestered master & great second living area perfect for game room, home office, library. Just listed, call today \$120,000.



Ban the Blahs!

Unique 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with separate study, gorgeous garden room with spa, skylights, raised ceilings, master bath with his & her vanities, sunken tub & separate shower. Too good to last at just \$87,500.

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1004 W. KANSAS
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COMFORTABLE FAMILY HOMES

C.R. 1213...\$269,000

QUIET, RESTRICTED, SUBURBAN AREA

Only 10 Minutes from Downtown. Custom built in Southwest style, on 1.5 acres, lots of Mexican tile, beautiful cabinets, 2 Vermont Cast stoves, separate guest house, direct access to highway, & 58'x60' hangar, workshop & apartment, hundreds of trees.

STONLEIGH...\$166,000

Super location on quiet street in Palo Park Addition. Spacious living open to kitchen & breakfast area. Formal dining room, large game room. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, sequestered master & guest room.

6401 W. CO. RD. 56...\$119,750

Over 1 acre in Northwest Midland, and only five minutes from the grocery store. 4 bedrooms, 2 living areas, workshop, & sprinkler system. Lots of oak & pecan trees.

KESWICK...\$119,750

Elegance from top to bottom with a kitchen that will satisfy any cook. Spacious with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, & a corner lot. Custom built by Jim Leonard.

SPRINGMONT...\$119,750

Just like new Quality construction by Greg Frasier. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, secluded from traffic and less than a short walk to a park. In Fairmont Park Addition.

2305 STANOLIND...\$99,950

Beautiful pool, great landscape & trees. Fabulous location off of Garfield. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, formal dining, 2 car garage.

GREENHILL TERRACE...\$92,900

Custom built in sequestered family neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, newly remodeled master bath. Open living & formal dining. Many built-ins.

2817 DURANT...\$89,500

Pride of ownership shows in this immaculately maintained home. Newer carpet & paint, updated kitchen. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, convenient to shopping & schools.

"C" STREET...\$84,480

2-story with formal living, formal dining, den, game room, fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large yard. Located on a quiet street. Many recent improvements.

FANNIN ELEMENTARY...\$68,500

Large living area with fireplace, sequestered master, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, neutral carpet & paint, 2 car garage. Carpet allowance!

FRONTIER...\$66,000

Nice condition. Giant oak trees, neutral carpet and paint, updated kitchen. 2 living areas and formal dining. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Fannin Elementary.

COMFORTABLE FAMILY HOMES

KANSAS...\$69,500

"Old Midland" updated stucco. Many recent improvements include appliances, carpet & paint. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas plus separate apartment with living, bedroom & kitchen.

1009 KANSAS...\$59,900

In great "Old Midland" location. Hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, laundry room, 2 car garage.

GREENWOOD AREA...\$40,000

1 Acres, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath home with tons of storage. All bedrooms are large and have walk-in closets. Formal dining area, 4 car carport, RV covered parking. Lots of fruit trees.

1201 KENTUCKY...\$29,900

Many recent improvements. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors, formal dining, appliances in kitchen, fenced yard on corner lot.

KENTUCKY...\$27,000

2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Lots of updating. New carpet, vinyl and paint. Located on a corner lot. Great for investor.

LAND & LOTS

CO. RD. 307...\$175,000

Approximately 14.87 acres, 100 pecan trees, 5 water wells, underground irrigation system. One bedroom efficiency apartment with basement. 30x60 barn, 20x18 shed, corals, windmill.

CO. RD. 1130...\$15,000

Approximately 10 acres, building site with cotton farm.

NE OF MOCKINGBIRD HEIGHTS...\$29,900

Agricultural Estate lots, restricted area, convenient to schools.

CO. RD. 1297...\$34,800

10 acres with paved frontage road. Northwest Midland area. Land may be subdivided into 5-acre tracts.

N. CO. RD. 1297...\$74,900

32 acres in Northwest Midland area. Can be subdivided into smaller lots.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

W. INDUSTRIAL LOOP...\$160,000

Over 9800 sq. ft. warehouse & offices. 7 overhead doors, 2 overhead lifts. Lots of storage!

Lori Lanier

Bill Lanier

Billie Lanier



DENE KELLY 686-7809

ANNA Crawford 699-4434 LYNN Cook 550-0595

LINDA Fieseler 694-2609 LISA Buescher 687-4419

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BEN Maxey 699-1088 WILLA DEAN Cecil 682-5177

NEW-ON-MARKET country living! 3/2, 2 bdrm, 2.39 ac with barn & lots of storage. Breathe clean air! Call LINDA Fieseler 687-0595, 694-2609

MAGNETIC ATTRACTION Experience it inside this attractive 2-story, 4/2, 2.1 ac, heated pool, in-ground hot tub. Gorgeous! Call DENE Kelly 687-0595

40X40 SHOP with 2 bdrm, mobile home on 1/2 acre, 1-20 access (Odessa) Call LYNN Cook 687-0595

WYDEWOOD & WONDERFUL Just your cup of tea if you want the best 3/2 with office off of master. Simply call LISA Buescher 687-0595, 684-4419

COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL (frontage on Andrews Hwy, whose to be moved or used. Approx. 1/2 to 3/4 ac, bring offers on land or house. Call ANNA 687-0595

BRING THE NEW YEAR in lovely Fairmont Park. 3/2, 1.1 ac, formal dining, sprk. sys., fresh paint & new appliances. Call GINGER Koen 687-0595

LIVABLE, LOYABLE & AVAILABLE! Don't wait move into spotless 4/2, 2.1 ac, on cul-de-sac. Abel, LHS, Greathouse Schools. Call DENE Kelly 687-0595

SIMPOOL PLEASURES long list of extras in 4/2, 2.1 ac, formal dining, topped off w/large pool, 3.89 acres. Call LINDA Fieseler 687-0595, 694-2609

FOR SALE (OR RENT) \$15,000 for 3/2, open flowing dining/living, much recent, screened back porch. Call ANNA Crawford 687-0595

ESCAPE FROM THE BEST MONSTER! Nice home on Michigan 3/2, 1.1 ac, lg. yard w/sprk. sys., steel siding on trim. Only \$55,000! Call DENE Kelly 687-0595

SUM FUN! Add up benefits here - lovely 3/2 on cul-de-sac, Merrill Ct. \$76,500. Call LINDA 687-0595

OWNER WILL PAY \$1,000 Toward Buyers closing cost. Recently updated 3/2, 3-carport, 1.1 ac, cinderblock shop, RV hook-up. Call GINGER Koen 687-0595

HEALTHY COUNTRY LIVING 4/2, 2.1 ac, 1.50 ac, indoor pool & hot tub only \$140,000. DENE Kelly 687-0595

MAKE MONEY! Fully leased quadplex, LHS dist. non-qual assumpt make a deal! Call and ask for ANNA Crawford 687-0595

MINUTES TO THE MALL. Score over & shop from absolutely adorable 3/2 townhome. With the amenities you crave. Call LINDA Fieseler 687-0595, 694-2609

URBAN COWBOY move up to country living. Windmill Estates, 5/2ac, 3/2, 2 master seq. 1.1 ac, with firepl. Only \$67,000! Call DENE Kelly 687-0595

CHURCH W/HOUSE Call DAVID Carlson 687-0595

7.78 FENCED ACRES completely cleared. 2 w. roads to build on. Call LINDA Fieseler 687-0595, 694-2609

INVEST IN A CONDO Fairmont area. Call LYNN Cook 687-0595

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LAUREL-GREENWOOD whetpck & water well, ready for "move-on" ANNA Crawford 687-0595

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN GREENWOOD 3 & 4 bedrooms, 2 ha, 2 gar on 5/2ac. \$90,000 to \$110,000. Call DENE Kelly 687-0595

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3/2 on 15 ac, 3/2 MH, barn, corals, workshop, storage. Seller might help w/ some closing costs. (Will sell land/barn/corals separately for \$55,000) \$44,900

3/2 on 3 acres, 2 living areas, 2 water wells, septic. Near schools, HOME WARRANTY \$89,900

"BUSINESSES FOR SALE" Answering/secretarial service. Specialty Foods Boutique. Call LYNN Cook or ANNA Crawford

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Your house could be here-SOLD

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Your house would be here-SOLD

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770 Resort Property

GRANDBURY, TX, new brick home, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, marble jacuzzi, large pecan trees, private club, 2 golf courses, air strip, secured addition, Brazos River. Very plush! Pecan Plantation Addition, priced to sell at \$135,000. 915-263-4548, Thompson Homes.

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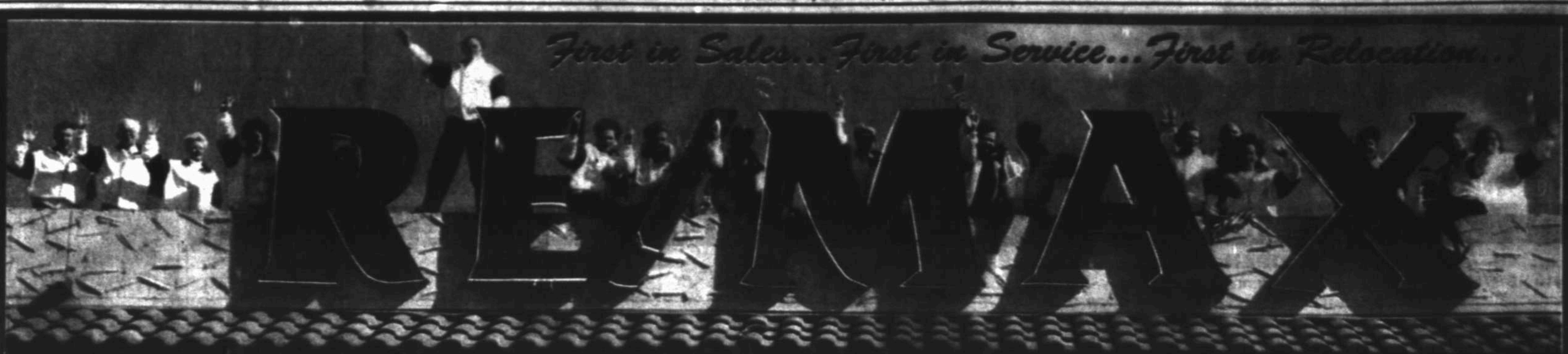
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Chasing the Ghosts

Today's Packers build new legend but Titledown memories still alive

GREEN BAY, Wis. — At the Lombardi Middle School on Packerland Drive, this was "Spirit of Lombardi Week," celebrated by kids growing up on tales of

Story by Dave Goldberg Associated Press

teams that 30 years ago made a small northeast Wisconsin city into the capital of pro football.

Even as Mike Holmgren, Reggie White and Brett Favre build

a new Packers legend, the old one lives in a hundred ways — from the Packer Hall of Fame to the voice of John Facenda describing the "frozen tundra" on replay after replay of the 1967 "Ice Bowl."

For the Packers, the shadow of Vince Lombardi and the teams that made Green Bay "Titledown, USA" during the 1960s is an added burden going into Sunday's NFC championship game against Carolina, a team in just its second year.

"What people don't understand outside Green Bay is that here we have to exorcise those ghosts — Willie Wood, Willie Davis, Bart Starr, Ray Nitschke," says defensive end Sean Jones, who has been in the playoffs in 11 of his 13 NFL seasons but has never gone to a Super Bowl.

"I think Ray Nitschke thinks we stink."

Not so, says Nitschke. "This is a championship football team now," he says.

But until they win a Super Bowl, these Packers are still a team trying to get rid of those ghosts.

Yes, Favre is all over television in numerous commercials, but so is Lombardi, who has been dead for more than 26 years. As the present Packers ascended to the top of the NFL, advertisers jumped not only on Favre and White but on the old Packers, with Nike running a spot in which actor Jerry Stiller plays a gruff Lombardi wandering around present-day NFL stadiums and locker rooms.

That era isn't an easy one to top, and Green Bay, population 96,000, isn't an easy town to please.

In 1960, Lombardi's Packers lost the NFL title game to Philadelphia. In the next seven years, they won five championships, including the first two Super Bowls — over Kansas City and then Oakland.

Lombardi stepped down, the team aged, and Green Bay was caught in a time warp, one that's captured perfectly in the team's media guide. The five championship seasons are covered in gold and green print; every season from 1968 is in black and white, as if only a title is worthy of any notice.

"The '60s were the time that pro football came of age, with television and the rest of it," says Nitschke, the Hall of Fame middle linebacker who has remained a Green Bay resident all these years.



"The '60s were the time that pro football came of age, with television and the rest of it," says Ray Nitschke, the Hall of Fame middle linebacker who has remained a Green Bay resident all these years. While today's fans (above) are nuts about Brett Favre, Reggie White and Desmond Howard, and while blocks of cheese are carved into likenesses of the Packers' MVP quarterback (at left), the fans will always remember the glory years whenever Green Bay, Wis. was known as Titledown USA and the Packers won their first NFL Championship (trophy at far right). "The Packers are what people remember, the mystique of those teams," Nitschke said.



"The Packers are what people remember, the mystique of those teams. Lombardi still comes at you — the values of Lombardi, the discipline, the pride you should have in your job. It's something people are always looking for, a universal thing."

The problem for Green Bay, more than for larger cities with more diversions, is that when the winning stopped, it was a psychological blow. The city's identity was football — championship football, not mediocrity.

But mediocrity or worse is what Green Bay got for a quarter century.

Lombardi stepped down after the 1967 Super Bowl, handing the team over to Phil Bengtson, his top assistant. In three seasons, the Packers went 20-21-1. Bengtson was out, Dan Devine was in.

But except for a 10-4 record and the NFC Central title in 1972 — the last title of any kind until 1995 for Titledown — the fans had to wait.

"I live and breathe Packers," says 83-year-old Paul Mazzone, who as an 8-year-old helped carry water for the 1921 Packers and has been a season ticket holder since 1935.

"If the Packers lose, it takes me until about Tuesday to unwind. I can't sleep Sunday night. If they win, it's the start of a good week."

What compounds the expectations is that the Packers are owned by the citizens of Green Bay and Wisconsin. And like many owners, they often look to rekindle the past.

So when Devine went on to Notre Dame — in many ways the Green Bay of college football — Green Bay looked to the past.

The next coach and general manager was Bart Starr, quarterback of the Lombardi teams. In nine years under his

direction, the Packers were 53-77-3.

In 1984, it was Forrest Gregg, another old Lombardi Hall of Famer who had coached Cincinnati to the AFC title in 1981. He went 25-37-1 in four years.

"Everywhere I'd go," says Nitschke, "they'd say 'Ray, they need guys like you again.' It made me feel good, but it made me feel bad for the people in Green Bay. We needed a winner."

It wasn't until 1991 that the Packers did the right thing.

When Bob Harlan was elected president that year, he got the board of directors out of the football business and put an end to making a Green Bay background a prerequisite for a job.

His first hire was Ron Wolf, who

had been with the Raiders and Jets, to run the football side.

Wolf hired Mike Holmgren as the coach, stole Favre in a trade with Atlanta, and signed White and Jones.

The ascent began.

"We've heard a lot of talk about the old Packers and how we have to meet their standard," says Favre, the two-time NFL MVP who's finally eclipsed Starr as the definitive quarterback in the minds of Green Bay fans.

"I've said until we win a Super Bowl that's fine. But we've done a lot of things the past few years. I don't think we have to live in that shadow any more."

But the past is never far away.

"You know," Jones says, "all those old guys never leave this place. They come to practice. When you walk off the field, sometimes you feel like Ray Nitschke doesn't like the way you took on the lead blocker and is going to curse you out. The only way we can be validated is to win the Super Bowl."

Not as hard as all that, Nitschke is a friendly man who only looks like the man who annually challenged Dick Butkus for the title of "meanest man in football."

"As a fan," Nitschke says, "I can only say it's been a long dry spell."

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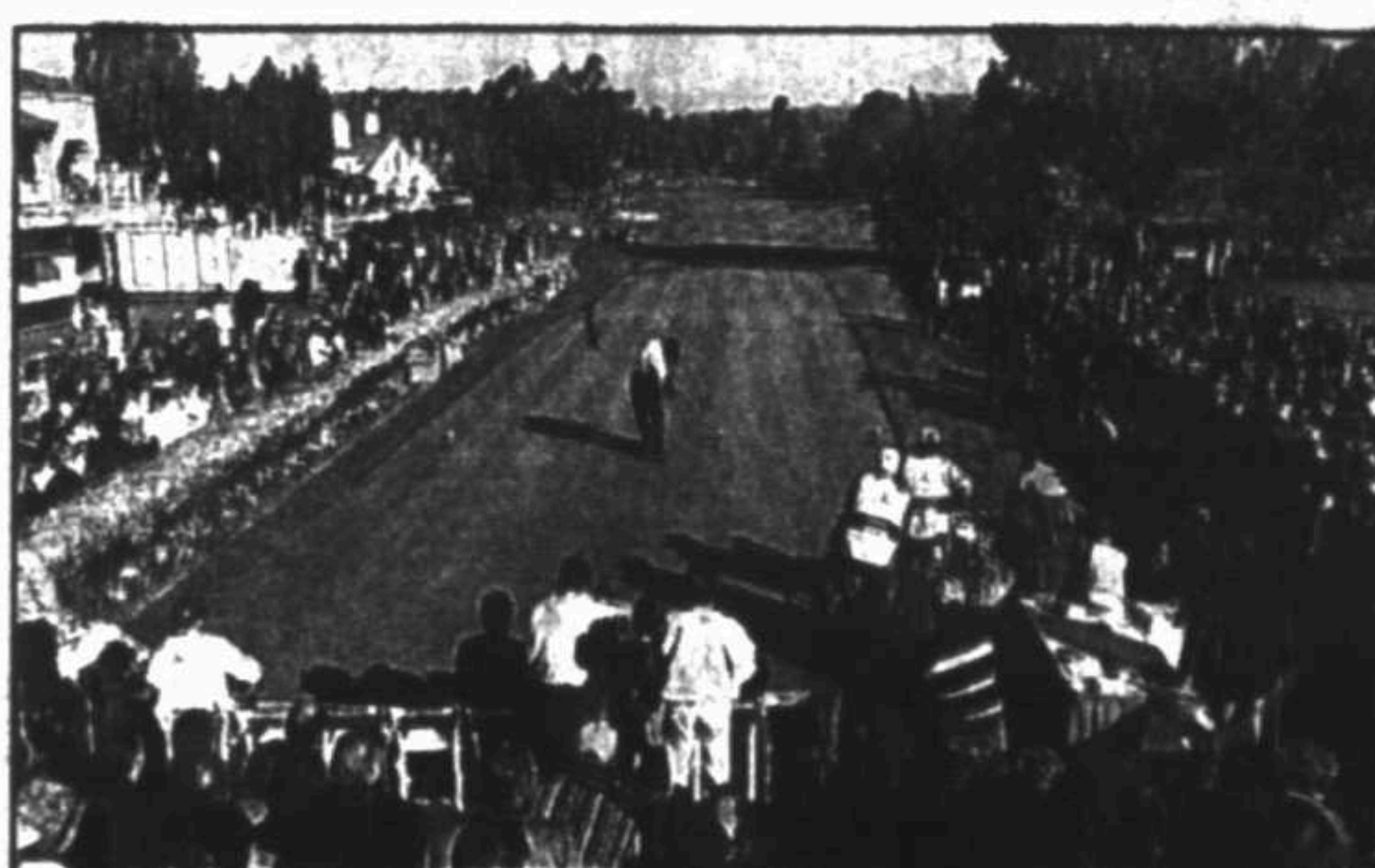
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John Weber often hears snickers when he tells people he is the volunteer chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys, who have been in the news headlines more often than in the sports pages lately. Page 3.

Notebook

Associated Press

Where are the young QBs? In the playoffs

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

Jacksonville and Carolina aren't the only fresh faces in the conference championship games. The quarterbacks are new, too. For the first time since 1992, none of the following is in a championship game: Troy Aikman, Steve Young, Joe Montana, John Elway, Jim Kelly or Dan Marino.



Instead it's Brett Favre, Drew Bledsoe, Mark Brunell and Kerry Collins, a true changing of the guard.

"I feel like a senior citizen and I'm 27," says Favre, the only one of the quartet who's been there before, losing last year to Dallas in the NFC title game.

Now, as the first man to win two consecutive league MVP awards since Montana did it in 1988 and 1989, he's the torchbearer for a new generation.

"I think there was a perception out there that there were no young quarterbacks because

all those guys from 1983 were still so successful," says Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren. "But you can't prove yourself if you're a backup. Some of these guys are finally getting a chance."

Holmgren should know. As recently as two seasons ago, he had three playoff quarterbacks in Green Bay — Favre, Brunell and Ty Detmer. Brunell was traded to Jacksonville and Detmer signed with Philadelphia as a free agent, taking over the starting job when Rodney Peete was injured.

Without free agency, Brunell and Detmer might have languished behind Favre, just as Young did behind Montana, finally getting a starting job at age 30, and Jeff Hostetler did for six years in New York behind Phil Simms.

The same is true for another up-and-comer, Elvis Grbac, who could leave San Francisco this year.

"Only one person can take the snap from center and for us, that is Brett Favre," Ron Wolf, Green Bay's general manager, says when he's asked about losing Brunell and Detmer.

"He's won two MVPs in the span that Mark has been gone. Mark asked to leave and we gave him the opportunity and that's the way it is. We had a good situation until free agency came along with Favre, Brunell and Detmer."

There are more good, young quarterbacks out there.

Washington's Gus Frerotte had a solid year after beating out Heath Shuler for the starting job. Shuler might develop away from Washington, just like Rick Mirer could blossom if he left Seattle.

Steve McNair is likely to be the starter next season in Houston. Tony Banks showed promise starting for St. Louis as a rookie, and two other rookies — the New York Giants' Danny Kanell and Denver's Jeff Lewis — are viewed as future starters.

There are other quarterbacks in their 20s who still have potential.

Kent Graham showed enough in Arizona that he might have a future as a starter there, and Scott Mitchell, who's a free agent, may just have had a bad year in Detroit.

There's also Minnesota's Brad Johnson, who fizzled in his last two games after signing a \$15 million, four-year contract; Craig Erickson, whom Jimmy Johnson signed in Miami as a possible successor to Marino; and Dave Brown of the Giants, who could benefit from the tutelage of Jim Fassel, expected to be named the team's new coach next week.

And, of course, there's Jeff George, who visited Kansas City this week. No one questions his talent, but almost everyone questions his attitude.

If any coach can make George a team player, and Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer is one who could, he might finally reach his potential.

MORE GEORGE: One player who thinks highly of George is Andre Rison, his former teammate on the Falcons who's now with Green Bay.

"Jeff George is just like me — misunderstood," says Rison, who has floated from Baltimore to Jacksonville to the Packers this year, labeled a me-first player.

Rison says it isn't true, that he loves Green Bay and Brett Favre, that he doesn't mind running patterns when he doesn't get the ball, and that he's glad to be with a winner.

But ask him why he likes George and Rison replies: "One year he threw me 31 passes (actually 26) in the first two games. He knows who his big receivers are."

COACHES, ETC.: The odd man out in the coaching caravan may be Sherm Lewis, the Green Bay offensive coordinator, who isn't allowed to interview for one of the eight head coaching vacancies until the Packers are finished with the playoffs. That's not likely to be until Jan. 27, the day after the Super Bowl.

On the other hand, at the pace teams are making decisions, there could still be some openings by then.

Unless Detroit and Bobby Ross agree on a deal this weekend, the first hiring should come next week, when the Giants sign Arizona offensive coordinator Jim Fassel.

While Fassel was their first choice, the Giants did Emmitt Thomas, Philadelphia's defensive coordinator, a big favor by interviewing him. Thomas impressed general manager George Young, one of the most respected GMs among his peers. Thomas is a top candidate in St. Louis and could be one in New Orleans, where the Saints want to hire a GM first.

If Ross doesn't go to Detroit or Atlanta, that leaves Dan Reeves as the first choice for the Falcons.

But Reeves lost two of his best assistants this week when Washington grabbed defensive coordinator Mike Nolan and defensive line coach Earl Leggett. Don Blackmon, the linebackers coach, could be next.

PANIC TIME: Having failed to make the NFC Championship game for the second year in a row, the 49ers are trying to reinvent themselves again. The latest move is putting Bill Walsh in charge of personnel.

But that ignores the 49ers' basic problem: age, the salary cap and mediocre drafting are finally catching up with them.

The 49ers have had a 15-year run at the top. Since 1981, the 49ers have won five Super Bowls and missed the playoffs just twice.

But three offensive linemen — Harris Barton, Jesse Sapolu and Steve Wallace — are past their prime and hurting, and so is tight end Brent Jones, a big part of the offense for a decade. And there's no heavy-duty running back.

Those factors make Steve Young more vulnerable. At 35, he was excellent this year, but only when he was healthy. And if San Francisco commits big bucks to Elvis Grbac, there's nothing left under the cap for the offensive linemen and extra wide receivers the offense needs.

So maybe it's time to congratulate owner Eddie DeBartolo, president Carmen Policy, coach George Seifert and the rest of the hierarchy on a great run and wish them good luck in rebuilding. If next season is 8-8, so be it.

By Howard Uman
AP Sports Writer

FOXBORO, Mass. — It should have been a happy day when Clive Rush was introduced as the New England Patriots head coach in 1989. But as he touched the microphone, he was jolted by electricity for several seconds.

The team's history has been the same. Its good days have been accompanied by painful shocks, many of them self-inflicted.

All that seems far in the past now that the Patriots — with Bill Parcells, Drew Bledsoe and the stable ownership of Robert Kraft — are a win away from the Super Bowl with a young team that should be a contender for years.

They have the advantage of being in familiar surroundings, their bare-bones home stadium in biting cold, against the warm-weather Jacksonville Jaguars. They're even one-touchdown favorites in today's AFC championship game.

"This team is on an all-time high now," said former Patriots line-backer Andre Tippett, now the team's director of player resources.

As usual, though, the future is cloudy.

Parcells, whose contract expires after the season, may be headed to the New York Jets. And Kraft, rebuffed in his bid for a new stadium by officials and residents of the insular South Boston neighborhood, may be stuck in the antiquated stadium he owns.

Just another piece of the Patriots' not-so-proud tradition.

Sure, there have been outstanding players — Tippett, John Hannah, Steve Grogan, Steve Nelson, Mike Haynes, Nick Buoniconti, Jim Nance, Stanley Morgan, Gino Cappelletti and others.

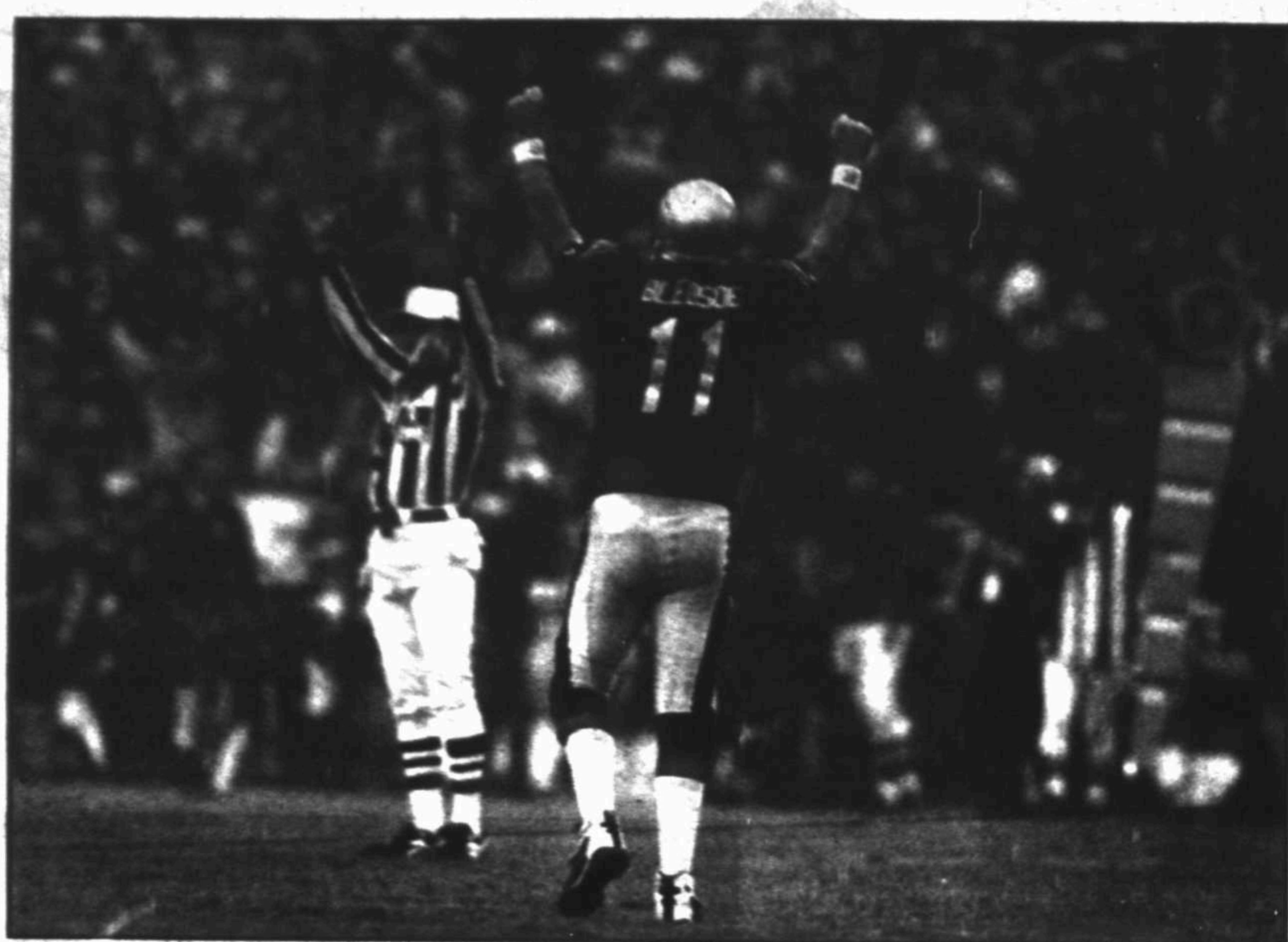
And there have been good seasons — 11-3 in 1976, 11-5 in 1978, 10-6 in 1980, 11-5 in 1985 and 1986. But the team's lore is littered with embarrassing episodes.

Rush was OK after being zapped, but he was gone after compiling a 5-16 record in a season and a half. And the club was in just 11 playoff games in its 36 seasons before this one. The one Super Bowl the Patriots played in, following the 1985 season, was a humiliating loss.

The team has suffered shame in other ways.

Chuck Sullivan, the team's executive vice president when father Billy Sullivan owned the team, took a financial bath as producer of Michael Jackson's 1984 Victory Tour. The balding, rumped lawyer was misplaced amid the glitz of show biz.

That hurt the Patriots financially. The Lisa Olson case in 1990



Even though the Patriots have good, young players like quarterback Drew Bledsoe, visions of a dynasty are cloudy. It seems even the good days for New England have been accompanied by shocks, many self-inflicted.

hurt them morally. The Boston Herald sports writer alleged she was sexually harassed in the locker room. Three players were fined as a result of the scandal.

Remington shaver king Victor Kiam owned the team then but left before the 1992 season after presiding over a 18-3 record under three coaches. He sold it to James Orthwein, who sold it to Kraft, giving the team its fourth owner in six years.

"You look back at some of the stuff and say, why did that happen and how could that have happened?" said Grogan, a Patriots quarterback from 1975 through 1990.

Some of the Patriots' best seasons were 1976, 1978 and 1985. But all ended in disappointment and controversy.

The team won its last six games in 1976 and was a legitimate Super Bowl threat. But a questionable roughing-the-passer call in the final two minutes helped Oakland eliminate them from the playoffs 24-21.

In 1978, the Patriots had another championship contender. But an irate Billy Sullivan suspended coach Chuck Fairbanks for the final regular-season game because Fairbanks had agreed to coach Colorado University the next season. Fairbanks returned for the playoffs, but the Patriots lost 31-14

to Houston in their last home playoff game before this season.

"I'd like to think it didn't affect me, but you never know," center Bill Lenkaitis said then of the Fairbanks flap.

The good Patriots-bad Patriots syndrome peaked in the 1985 season. They became the only team to get to the Super Bowl with three road playoff wins, something the Jaguars can do today.

But top wide receiver Irving Fryar missed the AFC title game in Miami after he was cut with a knife in a mysterious incident involving his wife. And the day after the Super Bowl, amid reports of drug use, the Patriots voted to accept a voluntary testing program.

"It tarnished all of us, even the guys that weren't involved," Tippett said. "It hurt us even from an endorsement standpoint. A lot of guys had things going and they were put on hold because companies didn't know which names would come out."

By the way, the Patriots lost the game 46-10 to the Chicago Bears.

"The time leading up to the game was one of the most exciting times of any of our lives," Grogan said. "Then the game started and things didn't go well. You kind of end your memories at three minutes into the game."

Parcells' arrival in 1993 sig-

naled a new era of hope. The Patriots won their last four games but finished at 5-11 amid rumors that they would move to St. Louis.

Kraft, a Boston-area native, ended them when he bought the team 19 days after the season and exactly one year after Parcells was hired.

Until settling in Foxboro in 1971, the Patriots had been nomads, playing at Boston University, Fenway Park, Boston College and Harvard in their first 11 seasons.

Kraft wants to move, but the stadium squabble isn't likely to be resolved quickly. And he and Parcells don't plan to discuss the coaching situation until after the season.

There are similarities between the current ownership and Sullivan's tenure, which ended in 1988. Both Kraft and Sullivan were local businessmen and both appointed two of their sons to key positions within the Patriots organization.

But Kraft's team is close to something Sullivan's teams never got — an NFL championship.

"We're determined to bring a championship to New England and make up for that experience," Kraft said of the Super Bowl fiasco. "It was not pleasant. I personally am not going to rest until we bring one home. That's one of the major goals in my life."

Panthers don't seem to mind role as underdog

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers gave up sun and green grass for snow, ice and wind, only to find that their new surroundings weren't completely unfamiliar.

"Underdogs again," fullback Howard Griffith said. "That's OK. We've been in this role pretty much all year long, so we're used to having to make believers out of people."

The Panthers (13-4) arrived in Green Bay on Friday night, armed with an eight-game winning streak as they seek to complete their improbable journey to the Super Bowl. Coach Dom Capers and his players insisted they didn't feel slighted about oddsmakers listing them as

substantial underdogs for today's NFC championship against the Packers (14-3). Green Bay was installed as a 10-point favorite, but by Friday, the line had crept up to 12.

"It's understandable why we'd probably be an underdog," Capers said. "The Packers have won 17 straight at home and 27 of 28. They've got the No. 1 scoring offense and the No. 1 scoring defense in the NFL. That doesn't bother me."

"I would anticipate it because of what they've done. You look at what they've done statistically, and you say this is the best team in the NFL."

Carolina made NFL history in 1995 by more than dou-

bling the previous record for victories by an expansion team with seven, and this season, the Panthers swept San Francisco, won the NFC West and ousted defending Super Bowl champion Dallas from the playoffs last week.

Before that game, the Packers talked publicly about looking forward to playing Dallas for the NFC crown. Network executives no doubt also were anticipating a matchup between the Cowboys and Packers, two of the most storied teams in NFL history. Instead, they're getting a team that has existed for just 33 games and isn't based in one of the league's biggest media markets.

FINAL REGULAR SEASON INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Green Bay Packers

Associated Press

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Favre	543	325	3899	7.18	38
McMahon	4	3	36	9.00	0
Hentrich	1	0	0	0.00	0
Totals	548	328	3935	7.19	38

Rushing	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Bennett	222	899	4.0	2
Levens	121	566	4.7	5
Favre	49	136	2.8	0
Henderson	39	130	3.3	0
Jarvey	26	106	4.1	0
R. Brooks	4	2	0.5	0
Simmons	4	1	0.2	0
Totals	465	1838	4.0	9

Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Freeman	40	505	12.6	10
Jackson	36	323	8.9	10
Beebe	39	899	17.9	4
Levens	31	226	7.3	5
Bennett	31	178	5.7	1
Chmura	28	370	13.2	0
Henderson	27	203	7.5	1
R. Brooks	23	344	15.0	4
Midkiss	18	161	8.9	2
Rison	13	135	10.4	0
Hawes	13	95	7.3	0
Moyle	4	46	7.7	2
Thompson	3	45	15.0	0
Totals	328	3938	12.0	38

Punt Returning	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Howard	58	875	15.1
Prior	0	0	0
Totals	58	875	15.1

Kickoff Returning	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Howard	22	480	20.9
Beebe	15	403	26.9
Levens	5	84	16.8
Henderson	2	38	19.0
Freeman	1	16	16.0
Jarvey	1	17	17.0
Thompson	1	20	20.0
Totals	47	1038	22.1

Interceptions	No.	Yards	TD
E. Robinson	5	107	0
Butler	5	149	1
Evans	5	102	1
Koonce	3	84	1
Nawson	2	32	0
Nawson	1	46	0
Prior	1	5	0
Dowden	1	5	0
Hollingshead	1	2	0
Simmons	1	2	0
Totals	38	534	3

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	FGA	Pts.
Hentrich	58	2388	41.2	0	0
Totals	58	2388	41.2	0	0

Kicking	XP	FGA	Pts.
Hentrich	51	53	21
Totals	51	53	21

Carolina Panthers

Associated Press

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Collins	364	204	2454	6.74	14
Bauerlein	123	69	870	7.15	8
Totals	487	273	3323	6.84	22

Rushing	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Johnson	300	1120	3.7	6
Blakabuluka	71	229	3.2	0
Oliver	47	183	3.9	0
Immel	8	90	10.0	1
Collins	32	36	1.2	0
Phillyaw	12	36	3.0	1
Bauerlein	12	17	1.4	0
Board	5	11	2.2	0
Griffith	12	7	0.6	1
Stone	1	6	6.0	0
Green	1	1	1.0	0
Muhammad	1	1	1.0	0
Totals	502	1729	3.4	9

Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Watts	81	713	11.7	10
Carrier	58	808	13.9	6
Green	46	614	13.3	3
Griffith	27	223	8.3	1
Johnson	26	192	7.4	0
Muhammad	25	407	16.3	1
Oliver	15	144	9.6	0
Immel	12	214	17.8	0
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Cota	5	83	0
Devil	5	57	0
Cook	3	28	0
Terrill	3	6	0
Lifton	1	42	0
Madd	1	35	0
Poole	1	1	0
Mills	1	10	0
King	1	5	0
Totals	23	277	0

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	FGA	Pts.
Keary	77	3128	40.6	0	0
Totals	77	3128	40.6	0	0

Kicking	XP	FGA	Pts.
Keary	51	53	21
Totals	51	53	21

New England Patriots

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	Passing				
	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Bledsoe	623	373	4086	6.56	27
Tupai	2	0	0	0.00	0

Long, hard season

Cowboys accepted loss with no excuses

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — It all started with the NFL bombshell ordering Michael Irvin to miss the first five games of the season because he was found in a hotel room with drugs.

It ended with Irvin standing on the sidelines in a gold suit and designer sunglasses with his arm in a sling as the defending Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys lost 26-17 to the Carolina Panthers. Irvin hurt his shoulder in the first quarter and the Dallas offense couldn't do without him.

■ 1996 Recap

At the end of the game, the Cowboys trudged to the locker room, seemingly numbed by a rough season that took its toll.

There was little anger shown. There were no excuses. The Cowboys accepted their fate like they knew it was inevitable at the end of one of the longest, hardest seasons in their history.

At least this crippled and psychologically shell-shocked team didn't have to go to Green Bay and face the possibility of getting ripped apart on the tundra of Lambeau Field by the revenge-seeking Packers.

The preseason started in an unsettled manner for the Cowboys, who were involved in money-making scrimmages and international exhibition games instead of getting down to the repetitions a team needs going into the regular season.

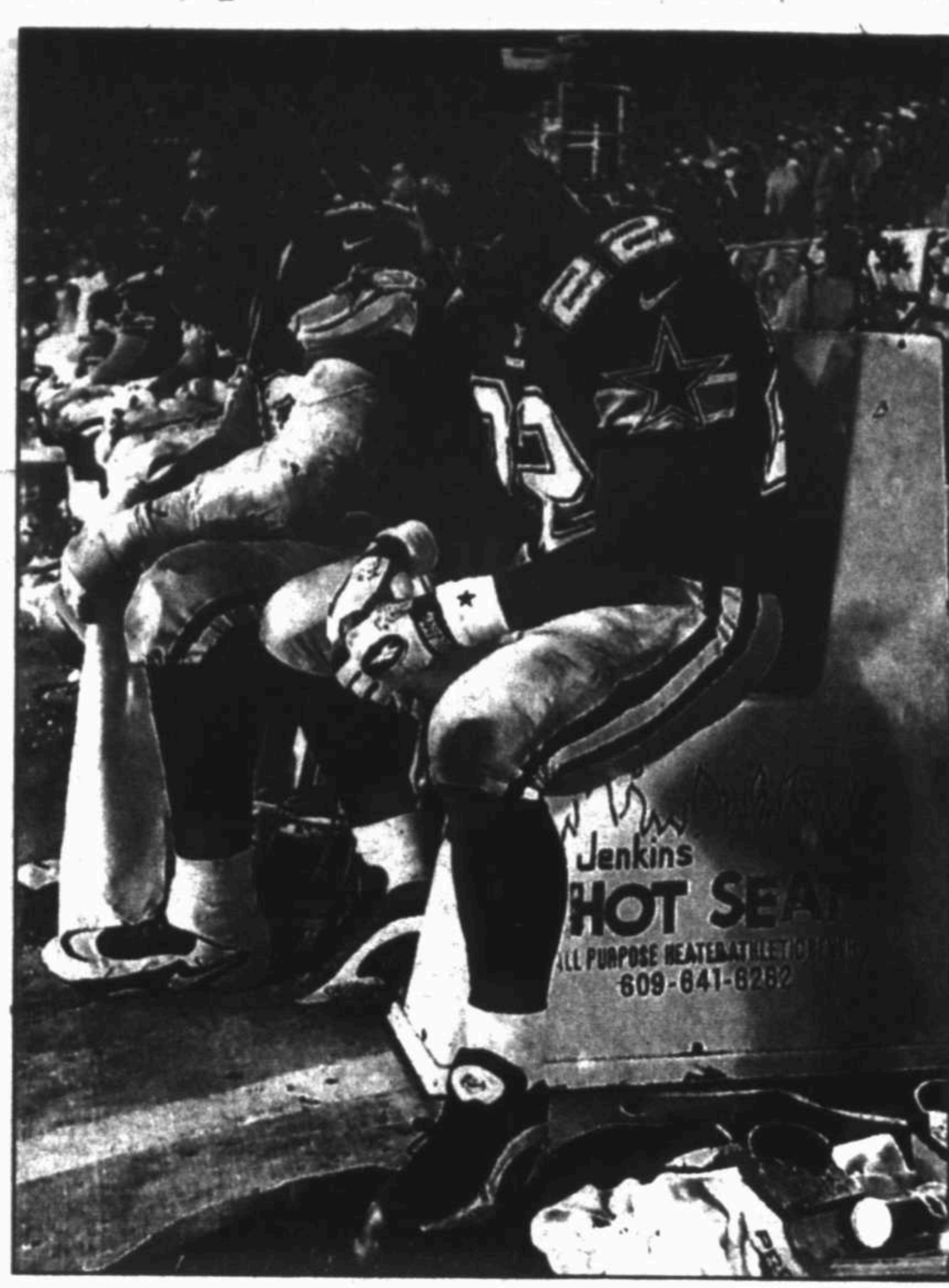
Quarterback Troy Aikman often referred to the preseason as "unfortunate."

He needed more time to get on the same page with his receivers, particularly since Irvin was going to miss the early part of the season and tight end Jay Novacek was out with a bad back.

The Dallas passing game was a hit-and-miss affair even when Irvin came back after a 2-3 start. Tight end Eric Bjornson was injured most of the time and Aikman couldn't get into a pattern.

Running back Emmitt Smith, injured in the season opener against Chicago when he fell on his head, struggled in the offense.

The defense, although it only had four starters (Tony Tolbert, Darrin Smith, Darren Woodson and Deion Sanders) available in the playoffs back from the 27-17



Cowboys Emmitt Smith, right, and Erik Williams watch from the sidelines as their season ended two games short of the Super Bowl.

Super Bowl win over Pittsburgh, held the team together.

Dave Campo's defense was rated No. 1 the entire season until the last game of the year against Washington when players were rested for the first game of the playoffs.

Dallas won the NFC East for the fifth consecutive season, then whipped Minnesota 40-15 in the wild-card playoff game which was the Cowboys best offensive performance of the season.

It said a lot for the Cowboys they could win without their best receivers, Irvin and Novacek, and their best defenders, Charles Haley with a back problem, and Leon Lett, who missed the last three games of the regular season and the playoffs when he ran afoul of the NFL's substance abuse testing.

Defense and placekicker Chris

Boniol carried the team. Boniol kicked seven field goals in one game to beat Green Bay and four in another to beat New England. Dallas couldn't score a touchdown in either game.

It also should be remembered Boniol kicked the game-winning field goal in overtime to beat San Francisco.

The story of the season for Dallas was the team couldn't score touchdowns and had to settle for field goals.

It was the main reason the Cowboys fell two games short of winning a record fourth Super Bowl in five seasons.

"The playoff game against Carolina was the same old story for the season," Switzer said. "We were inside their 20 four times and scored one touchdown. We have to find a way to get that corrected for next season."



Michael Irvin ended and began the season on the sidelines.

Valley Ranch High —and Lows

Associated Press

THE LOWS
—A miserable training camp in which the Cowboys played in two countries and scrimmaged in five different cities. Quarterback Troy Aikman said not having the training camp regime hurt during the regular season.

—Michael Irvin missing the first five games of the season on NFL suspension after receiving a four-year probation sentence for a no contest plea of drug possession.

—Running back Emmitt Smith falling on his head in the first game of the season against Chicago. Smith quit trying to dive for touchdowns after that and never had the monster season expected of one of the NFL's all-time top runners.

—Dallas losing 10-7 to Buffalo to fall to a 1-3 record. No team has ever started 1-3 and won a Super Bowl.

—The realization that, because of back problems, tight end Jay Novacek wasn't going to play this year and defensive end Charles Haley needed an operation on his back.

—Leon Lett running afoul of the NFL's substance abuse program. The Cowboys were able to get into the playoffs without the league's top run stopper but the Carolina Panthers ran at will against the defensive line in the divisional playoff game.

—Irvin and Erik Williams accused of rape by a 23-year-old woman who claimed Irvin videotaped the scene while Williams attacked her. The pair denied the allegations but it was the big story, not football, the week before the Carolina game.

—Irvin and Sanders both getting injured against the Panthers, who won 26-17 and applied what many deemed a mercy killing for a distracted, beat-up football team that probably would have been doomed on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field.

—Sanders as a receiver bust. He caught only 36 passes for 475 and just one touchdown.

THE HIGHS
—Despite every piece of bad luck one could imagine, the Cowboys still won their fifth consecutive NFC East title with a 10-6 record.

—They flashed their old Super Bowl form, both defensively and offensively, in running over Minnesota 40-15 in the NFC wild-card game.

—Beating Green Bay, San Francisco, New England and Miami and former coach Jimmy Johnson.

—Chris Boniol tying an NFL record with seven field goals in the Cowboys seventh consecutive defeat of Green Bay in Texas Stadium.

—Boniol's field goal in overtime to beat the 49ers.

—Beating Washington on Thanksgiving Day to get into a tie for the NFC East lead.

—Beating Bill Parcells and the Patriots in the 15th game of the season to clinch the division tie on four field goals by Boniol.

—Having Troy Aikman say he'll likely play again next year.

—Late last week, the woman who accused Williams and Irvin recanted her allegation.

Chaplain sees all sides of players

By Jeffery Weiss
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — John Weber is the Dallas Cowboys' team chaplain. Don't snicker.

No, he says, he doesn't feel like God's man in Gomorrah. And yes, he says, he does get funny looks and questions these days when people find out about his volunteer duties.

"I have people who look askance at me," he said. "They say, 'You're not doing your job.'"

Weber, who is also the chaplain for the Texas Rangers baseball team, has been ministering to professional athletes since 1980. This season, as during all others, he said, he has found men with high moral standards among the Cowboys. And he has found, well, others.

"We don't break God's law. God's law eventually breaks us," he said. "I have seen the sad story of men who — and I'm not speaking of anyone specifically — have broken God's law and have come back in great pain."

Weber will betray no confidences about any of the players tarred by scandals over the past couple of years. And he has nothing specific to say about recent allegations concerning Cowboys Michael Irvin and Erik Williams.

But he said he has seen the impact of repeated accusations and admissions of illegal and immoral behavior. One day this week, he pushed his way through the media mob drawn by the latest scent of possible dishonor at Valley Ranch and spent time in the locker room talking to Cowboys players and coaches.

"I know hearts are hurt, and I know that questions exist," Weber said. "I know that loyalties from player to player are very, very strong. The players do not take those relationships lightly and for granted."

Weber, 48, is the area director of the non-denominational Athletes in Action, an affiliate of the Campus Crusade for Christ ministry. Wrestling with the moral and theological dilemmas faced by athletes comes naturally: He was a varsity wrestler in college. And he was in a Bible study class run by his college athletic director.

His contact with professional athletes started while he attended Dallas Theological Seminary, where he obtained a master's degree in theology. First with the Rangers, and a couple of years later with the Cowboys, he started conducting Bible classes and chapel services and counseled athletes, coaches and others affiliated with the teams.

Weber's wife, Carol, teaches Bible study for wives of the Rangers and the Cowboys. The Webers have five children and live in Grapevine.

About half of last year's Texas Rangers team regularly attended chapel services, said manager Johnny Oates.

"That's a reflection not only on the character of our team but what John had to offer and the quality of the people he brought in to speak," Oates said.

Weber also gets high marks from the other professional team chaplain in town. The Rev.



John Weber gets snickers whenever he tells people about his volunteer job as the chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys.

Tony Evans works with the Dallas Mavericks and was Weber's predecessor with the Cowboys. Evans is pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church and president of the Urban Alternative ministry.

"He has a passion for the athlete, and he's not lulled to sleep by who they are," Evans said of Weber. "He's not impressed with them."

Weber said one of the Cowboys gave him lighthearted advice when he started working with the team.

"He said to me, 'John, you need to look at your ministry like you're a junior high youth minister in a church. The guys have about that level of maturity, and you have them about that long.'"

Though some players exceed that jocular evaluation, these are adults playing a kids' game. And dealing with wealthy, top-flight jocks isn't quite the same as being the pastor in a neighborhood church, Weber said.

In these troubled times, with scandals hardly limited to the Cowboys or to professional football, Weber said, he tailors his services to the challenges of this age.

"I talk to players about individual responsibility before God and before the community," he said. "I address issues of individual accountability and responsibility."

Bill Bates, a special teams player and safety for the Cowboys, said Weber is consistently supportive of team members in times of need.

"He is truly a friend and someone that has a relationship with the players," Bates said. "He is not there to use the players, but instead is there for fellowship and to bring the word of God to the team."

"From there, it's up to the players to find out what the right thing to do is."

Backup quarterback Jason Garrett said Weber offers unique insights during prayers before the game and in conversations with players.

'I feel like I failed the guys and have not done my job as well as I should. There's always something I could do a little better. I always feel like I could have done more.'

— John Weber, the chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys, who says he takes some of the negative headlines personally.

Because players miss Sunday services for the games, they said they count on the chaplain to bring prayer to them.

"The logistics of our football season are such that traditional Sunday services are not part of our lives during the season," Garrett said.

"It's nice to have John's perspective and his chapel. He helps everyone out immensely in that way."

Most of what a team chaplain does never makes headlines, Evans said.

"The good it does is that it keeps a lot of names out of the paper that would otherwise be in it," he said.

Last season, the Rangers made the playoffs for the first time. Some who followed the team attribute some of the unprecedented success to the intangible quality of "character."

There WAS something special about that squad, Weber said. Talk in the locker room frequently turned to matters more significant than the game of the day or the entertainment of the night.

"Baseball was important to them, and batting averages and home runs and win-loss records were important," Weber said. "But I would have numerous conversations about kids and families and lives and the delights of being a husband and a father, and sometimes just the difficulties of those roles."

Helping players and coaches to maintain their emotional and moral balance is part of what makes Weber valuable, Oates said.

"There's a special strength we gain from our faith. John helps us stay focused," he said. "We can get so wrapped up in our profession, so wrapped up in ourselves, we can lose focus on what's really important."

Weber has great respect and affection for many of the Cowboys. And he said he takes some of the negative headlines personally.

"I feel like I failed the guys and have not done my job as well as I should," he said. "There's always something I could do a little bit better. I always feel like I could have done more."

Dallas Morning News staff writer Charles Ornstein contributed to this report, which was distributed by The Associated Press.

Cowboys' Season

Associated Press

Here is a thumbnail recap of the Dallas Cowboys 1996 season:

GAME 1-Chicago 22, Dallas 3.
Emmitt Smith fell on his head and got hurt after gaining 70 yards and the Dallas offense went with him, getting two field goals from Chris Boniol in what was to become a familiar offensive refrain for the season. The defending Super Bowl champions finally went down when Brian Cox recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

GAME 2-Dallas 27, New York Giants 0.
The defense held the Giants to a total of 105 yards while Troy Aikman threw two touchdown passes. Smith, nursing a neck injury, still gained 82 yards on 24 carries and Aikman went over 20,000 yards (career) in passing.

GAME 3-Indianapolis 25, Dallas 24.
Boniol's 57-yard field goal attempt at the gun bounced off the crossbar and the Cowboys lost a heartbreaker to the Colts. Cary Blanchard's 43-yard field goal with a minute remaining sealed the deal for the Colts, who got two touchdown passes from Jim Harbaugh.

GAME 4-Buffalo 10, Dallas 7.
Dallas dropped to 1-3 for the first time since 1990 in this defensive struggle. Smith's two-yard touchdown run was all the offense the Cowboys could muster. He gained only 25 yards on 15 carries while Thurman Thomas rushed 22 times for 51 yards and scored a touchdown for the winners.

GAME 5-Dallas 23, Philadelphia 19.
Herschel Walker's 49-yard kickoff return set up the Cowboys first touchdown after they trailed 10-0 and it inspired Dallas to this important win at Veterans Stadium. Boniol had three field goals, Aikman passed for a touchdown and Smith rushed 22 times for 92 yards and a touchdown in the last game Dallas would have to play without the suspended Michael Irvin.

GAME 6-Dallas 17, Arizona 3.
Michael Irvin returned after his NFL suspension and caught five passes for 51 yards as the Cowboys evened their record at 3-3. Aikman completed 12 of 14 passes in the second half and finished with 199 yards for the day.

GAME 7-Dallas 32, Atlanta 28.
It was a wild shootout and Dallas rallied on a 60-yard touchdown pass from Aikman to Kelvin Martin to pull the game out in the fourth quarter. Smith scored two touchdowns and rushed for 50 yards as the defense took the day off. Aikman was 17 of 24 for 265 yards and two touchdowns.

GAME 8-Dallas 29, Miami 10.
Jerry Jones and Barry Switzer wanted this game and they got it, the scalp of former Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson. Aikman's 363 passing yards were the second highest of his career. He had three touchdown passes, including one to Irvin. A crowd of 75,283 fans watched the Dolphins go down in their own stadium.

GAME 9-Philadelphia 31, Dallas 21.
The Cowboys fell to 5-4 with the loss at Texas Stadium. Herschel Walker returned the opening kickoff 86 yards and Smith scored but the promising beginning fizzled out as Ricky Walters rushed for 166 yards and scored a touchdown.

GAME 10-Dallas 20, San Francisco 17.
Boniol's 29-yard field goal in overtime won it for the Cowboys, who knocked Steve Young out of the game. Aikman hit 24 of 39 passes for 230 yards and a touchdown as Dallas won the much anticipated showdown in 3Com Park. Linebacker Fred Strickland made a key interception in the final period that set up the Dallas touchdown pass from Aikman to Eric Bjornson to tie in regulation.

GAME 11-Dallas 21, Green Bay 6.
Boniol kicked an NFL record-tying seven field goals as Dallas dominated the Monday Night Football defensive struggle. His field goals traveled 45, 37, 42, 45, 35, 39 and 28 yards. Coach Barry Switzer called time out so Boniol could hit the last one, infuriating the Packers.

GAME 12-New York Giants 20, Dallas 6.
Giants Stadium proved to be a poor place for offense as two Boniol field goals were all the Cowboys could get. The record fell to 7-5 with the loss as the Dallas offense hit the eight quarter mark without a touchdown. Smith was benched in the fourth quarter.

GAME 13-Dallas 21, Washington 10.
Winning games when they had to, the Cowboys moved into a tie for the NFC East lead with the important Thanksgiving Day win over the Redskins. Smith had his best day of the year, gaining 155 yards and scoring three touchdowns as the rested Cowboys rolled.

GAME 14-Dallas 10, Arizona 6.
The Cowboys beat their favorite NFL pals for the 13th consecutive time. It didn't take much offense; Aikman hit Irvin with a 50-yard touchdown pass and Boniol kicked a 31-yard field goal to beat the Cardinals at Sun Devil Stadium. The win gave Dallas the NFC East lead.

GAME 15-Dallas 12, New England 6.
The Cowboys earned their fifth consecutive NFC East title with the win at Texas Stadium over the playoff-bound Patriots. Boniol was muy bueno again with four field goals as the Dallas defense dominated Drew Bledsoe, who served up three interceptions.

GAME 16-Washington 37, Dallas 10.
Dallas mailed this one in because there was nothing to be gained by a win, ending the regular season at 10-6. Aikman and Smith and other stars didn't play. Dallas went into the game with the NFL's No. 1 rated defense but because Switzer played all of his backups they came out of the game No. 3 in the league.

GAME 17-Dallas 40, Minnesota 15.
Dallas gave one of its best offensive performances of the year in the NFC wild-card rout of the Vikings. Aikman even ran two yards for a touchdown, his first rushing score in 12 playoff games. Dallas rushed for a season high 255 yards and had a total of 438 yards, second highest of the season.

GAME 18-Carolina 26, Dallas 17.
Irvin went down with a shoulder injury in the first quarter and Deion Sanders got knocked out of the game in the fourth quarter. Aikman was intercepted three times and the season was over for the defending Super Bowl champions, who didn't have top defensive star Leon Lett in the playoffs because of NFL suspension. Carolina made hay by running up the middle. Dallas was inside the Carolina 20 on four occasions and got one touchdown. "That was the story of our season," Switzer said.

Notebook

Associated Press

Referee ratings to clip and save: See if they measure up

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

Next time you're watching an NBA game and find yourself saying, "These refs are terrible," see if your opinion matches the opinion of the official judges.

The following are the classified, internal ratings for each referee employed during the 1995-96 season, as appraised by coaches, general managers, league vice president Rod Thorn, chief of officiating staff David Garretson and a group of observers hired by Garretson.

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They were first published in the Rocky Mountain News.

1. Dick Bavetta, 2. Hugh Evans, 3. Joe Crawford, 4. Ed T. Rush, 5. Jose Kerssey, 6. Mike Mahris, 7. Dan Crawford, 8. Steve Javin, 9. Bill Oakes, 10. Hue Hollins, 11. Bennett Salvatore, 12. Joe Forti, 13. Ronnie Nunn, 14. Ron Garretson, 15. Jack Niles, 16. Paul Mihalek, 17. Ed Middleton, 18. Bob Delaney, 19. Bernie Fryer, 20. Tommy Nunez, 21. Terry Durham, 22. Don Vaden, 23. Eddie F. Rush, 24. Derrick Stafford, 25. Ron Olesiak, 26. Joe DeRosa, 27. Jimmy Clark, 28. Nolan Fine, 29. Greg Willard, 30. Ken Meuser, 31. David Jones, 32. Ted Bernhardt, 33. Luis Gillo, 34. Lee Jones (retired), 35. Bill Spooner, 36. Blaine Reichert, 37. Mike Callahan, 38. Tom Washington, 39. Bruce Alexander, 40. Sean Corbin.

41. George Toller, 42. Mark Wunderlich, 43. Hank Armstrong, 44. Joe Borja, 45. Monty McCutchen, 46. Gary Benson, 47. Jim Kinney, 48. Woody Mayfield, 49. Michael Smith, 50. Scott Foster, 51. Tim Donaghy, 52. Tommy Wood, 53. Tony Brothers, 54. James Capers, 55. Scott Wall, 56. Beanie Adams, 57. Kevin Fehr, 58. Leroy Richardson.

Coaches say Kerssey is the top ref in the game, and general managers say he's second, behind Evans.

Ed T. Rush is rated fifth by general managers and sixth by coaches, but Garretson, Thorn and the observers all say he's first.

POLLS TO CLOSE: All-Star balloting ends next Friday, and it looks like the fans will elect the following starters:

For the Eastern Conference, Patrick Ewing, Michael Jordan, Penny Hardaway, Grant Hill, Scottie Pippen.

For the Western Conference, Hakeem Olajuwon, Gary Payton, John Stockton, Charles Barkley and Shawn Kemp.

Coaches vote for the reserves, and among those deserving the seven spots in the East are Alonzo Mourning and Rony Selkaly at center, Anthony Mason, Dennis Rodman, Vin Baker, Glenn Robinson, Chris Webber, Kendall Gill and Christian Laettner at forward, and Tim Hardaway, Terrell Brandon, Mookie Blaylock, Reggie Miller, Joe Dumars and Damon Stoudamire at guard.

Look for Mourning, Mason, Baker, Robinson, Hardaway, Miller and Brandon to make the cut. Rodman would be the biggest snub.

In the West, top reserve candidates are Shaquille O'Neal and Arvydas Sabonis at center, Karl Malone, Tom Gugliotta, Kevin Garnett, Joe Smith, Detlef Schrempf and Sean Elliott at forward, and Clyde Drexler, Eddie Jones, Latrell Sprewell, Mitch Richmond, Mark Jackson and Kenny Anderson at guards.

Look for O'Neal, Malone, Gugliotta, Garnett, Drexler, Jones and Richmond to get the spots. Sprewell could get left out just like Rodman.

HIGH SOX: It's difficult to make a fashion statement while wearing an NBA uniform, but a few players have found a way to stand out on the court.

They wear their socks knee-high.

Glenn Robinson and Elliot Perry of the Milwaukee Bucks, Walt Williams of the Toronto Raptors, Lawrence Moten of the Vancouver Grizzlies and Gary Trent of the Portland Trail Blazers are the ones who look like nerds or trend-setters, depending on your point of view.

"In college, I pulled them up as a joke. But I've been wearing them like that ever since," Robinson said. "I think it puts you in the mindset of the old-school guys like Michael Cooper, who used to wear them that way back in the days."

"I'll tell you what, though, I see a lot of college players with No. 13 that are wearing them high. I like that."

Perry said Ron Harper of the Chicago Bulls teased him the most when he was a rookie with Phoenix. These days, he mostly hears it from the fans.

"They say: 'Just pull them down, let me see your calves, let me see your legs!'" Perry said.

New Jersey Nets rookie Kerry Kittles wears one sock high and one low.

"There's no significance. I've worn them this way since high school. It's just my style," he said.

TIE-DYE GUY: Minnesota Timberwolves head coach Flip Saunders recently received two Grateful Dead ties as an early Christmas present. He wore the first tie on Dec. 21 against the Los Angeles Lakers, and it produced a win. He wore the second Dec. 23, and the Wolves surprised the Utah Jazz.

Wanting the good luck to not fade away, assistant coach Jerry Sichting bought Saunders another one for a Dec. 26 game against the New York Knicks, and yes, it brought another win.

Since then, a box of 20 of the ties showed up on Saunders' doorstep. And the Wolves have gone 7-2 — the best nine-game stretch in franchise history — since the ties arrived.

"I'm surprised Phil Jackson's not wearing them," Saunders said of the Chicago Bulls coach, an avowed Deadhead.

If the Wolves can turn the 20 new ties into 20 wins, they'd finish the season with 34 victories. That would break the team record of 29, and undoubtedly would leave the fans twirling in the aisles at the Target Center.

Saunders, by the way, attended one Grateful Dead concert in his younger days. He could not recall exactly when or where.

MORE ON KNUCKLEHEADS: Not surprisingly, Charles Barkley agrees with Karl Malone's assessment that the NBA is full of young "knuckleheads."

Barkley took it one step further: It's the NBA's own fault.

"You come in making a lot of money, you got your own shoe deal, and all these teams are looking for hope and talk you up better than you are," Barkley said before a game in Cleveland last week. "I blame the NBA."

"In the old days, you had veterans to slap you down and make you carry their luggage. Now, the rookies make so much money, they make you carry their luggage."

"Everybody talks about all the great players that are in the NBA now," Barkley said. "There can't be that many great players, because there wouldn't be this many bad teams."

As the halfway point of the season approaches, Barkley said the best rookie so far has been Allen Iverson. But he was quick to point out that the Philadelphia 76ers point guard is still a little shaky on fundamentals.

"That would be an understatement," Barkley said. "When you're 19 and you average 20 points, two assists and 10 turnovers and people are making you rookie of the year already, that could cause your head to blow up a little bit."

Barkley wasn't finished.

"And to lose 16 of 17..." he continued, "even the crappiest team I played on I don't think lost 16 of 17. I thought I was good enough to make sure that didn't happen."

Of course, Barkley's facts were a little off. Through Wednesday's games, Iverson was averaging 22 points, six assists and four turnovers. He was right about the 76ers' losing skid, though.

Motta's Crew

Former coach returns to unfamiliar Reunion

By Richie Whitt
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DALLAS — When Mavericks owners Ross Perot Jr., David McDavid and Frank Zaccarelli purchased the team last spring, they immediately determined 65-year-old Dick Motta wasn't the head coach for their hard-working rebuilding project.

The new Mavericks didn't think much of Motta's work ethic or, apparently, his skill as a talent evaluator, either.

When Motta returned to Reunion Arena Saturday night as head coach of the Denver Nuggets, he found a building full of memories from his two coaching stints, but a Mavericks team with only three players (Jim Jackson, Jamal Mashburn and George McCloud) remaining from last season.

"It seemed like a couple of years ago we were really on to something with coach Motta here," Jackson said recently. "Now it's almost all gone. He's landed on his feet elsewhere, and we're headed in a totally different direction."

Bothered by a stretch during which the Mavericks practiced only four times in 35 days and the bubbling feuds between stars Jackson-Mashburn and Jackson-Jason Kidd, new ownership decided to fire Motta May 1 in place of a younger, more energetic leader, 47-year-old Jim Cleamons, who could relate to the team's young players and aggressively tackle the demanding work schedule.

Motta agreed to accept a consultant's role, but soon joined close friend Bernie Bickerstaff as a Nuggets assistant.

Motta, still earning \$600,000 from the Mavericks, replaced Bickerstaff as Denver's head coach Nov. 26.

Although he did recently give the Phoenix Suns the edge in the blockbuster six-player trade involving Kidd — "usually the team getting the star winds up with the better end of it," he said — Motta has moved from the Mavericks to his next reclamation project.

"I must be a masochist," said Motta, in his NBA-record 25th season as a head coach.

"When things are going bad,



When former Mavericks coach Dick Motta came back to Dallas as the coach of the Denver Nuggets he saw very few familiar sights. (Above) Jim Jackson, middle, was one of only three players who were on the team with Motta. (At left) Sam Cassell, middle, is a recent addition to the Mavs.



they get rid of the coach. Somebody has to take the job, and a lot of times that somebody has been me."

Just two seasons ago, Motta

returned to a job he walked away from seven years before and led the '94-95 Mavericks to a 36-46 record and the NBA's sixth-best all-time improvement at 23 games. Kidd was co-rookie of the year, Jackson and Mashburn each produced a 50-point game and the Mavericks flirted with a late-season playoff race.

Then came the feuds, the firing, and now, a fragile future in Denver.

Under threats from Nuggets owners of a major overhaul if the team doesn't go 500 and make the playoffs (they were 9-24 before last night), Motta is relying heavily on 13-year veteran

Dale Ellis and 14-year veteran Ricky Pierce.

And he's approaching it with the same wit, wisdom and knowledge that has him second on the NBA's all-time victory list but also nearing 1,000 losses.

"I feel 20 years old and I have energy," Motta said. "If I owned a \$125 million team that was in trouble and in need of as good a guidance as I could get, I'd probably hire me."

"I've done it before. I can do this job. I'm not going to panic. I'm a plodder. I told them not to expect miracles but that we'll get better each game, each year."

Trade no joke for Suns players

By Norm Frauenheim
The Arizona Republic

PHOENIX — Wesley Person walked into America West Arena, heard a question, asked a question and waited for the punch line.

"Somebody asked me: 'What did you think of the trade?'" Person said. "I didn't know what he was talking about. I asked: 'What trade?'"

"That's when the guy said Joe Kleine and Robert Horry had just been traded to the Lakers. I thought he was joking."

No joke.

Not too many laughs, either.

But Person and his fellow Suns accepted Friday's news that former teammates Kleine and Horry were dealt to the Lakers for Cedric Ceballos and Rumeal Robinson.

It was time to move on, and the Suns did exactly that by beating the Charlotte Hornets, 102-90, for a rare win in a season with nearly more trades than victories.

Person's reaction summed up mixed feelings expressed throughout the Suns locker room. There were some regrets at the departure of two players. There was also an acknowledgment that the deal was a business decision. And there was optimism at the acquisition of Ceballos, who returns to his original NBA team.

Suns guard Kevin Johnson applauded the return of Ceballos, who got a standing ovation from the crowd when he walked onto the floor in the third quarter. KJ and Ceballos were Phoenix teammates from 1990 through the middle of the 1993-94 season.

"I was very excited to hear he was coming back," said KJ, who was first told of the deal by a security guard when he arrived at the arena. "I really enjoyed playing with him. He was part of our transition, when our team went from

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— Suns player Wesley Person, about his reaction to Phoenix's trade of Klein and Horry to Los Angeles for Cedric Ceballos.

the Tom Chambers era to the Charles Barkley era.

"He contributed to both of them. We had some good days there, and I think with Jason Kidd running the point and Ced running up and down the court, there's going to be some exciting basketball out there."

Kidd foresees a dynamic combination between himself and Ceballos.

"He's probably one of the best around the basket," said the injured Kidd, who sat in street clothes next to Ceballos on the bench throughout most of the second half. "It doesn't matter who he's up against. He finds a way to get the ball in the basket."

"He excels in the open and fast-break situations. I think it'll be great for myself. He also brings experience to the court. He understands what it takes to win. He's been there before, and he'll help us go in that direction."

Most of the Suns also were happy for Horry. For one thing, he didn't have to face Phoenix fans for the first time after the infamous moment in which he angrily tossed a towel in Coach Danny Ainge's face at Boston.

"To be honest, I was waiting to see how many towels the fans would bring and wave in Robert's face," said Person, who had 27 points and a career-high 15 rebounds.

The timing, KJ said, saved Horry from what could have been an ugly scene.

"I think it's a great trade for Robert," KJ said. "He can go play in LA, get away from the towel incident, which really bogged things down for him here. That's unfortunate. But people can be cruel."

"He realized he made a mistake. He apologized. What else can he do?"

Of all the Suns, center Mark Bryant probably will miss Horry most. Bryant and Horry also were teammates in Houston.

"I'm hoping that Robert will play well in LA," Bryant said. "I haven't talked to him yet, but I will. I just hope everything works out for him on the other guys I was with in Houston."

Meanwhile, Bryant is the only player remaining from the August trade in which the Suns traded Barkley to Houston in a deal that also included Sam Cassell, Horry and Chucky Brown. Cassell is in Dallas; Brown is in Milwaukee.

But Bryant doesn't feel lonely. He, too, is confident that Ceballos can make the whirlwind of trades worthwhile for him and the Suns.

"Ceballos is a great active player," Bryant said. "He wipes the glass. He makes his own plays."

Still, there was a sense that the Suns were stunned by this latest trade. Danny Manning said he first heard about it on the radio while driving to the arena.

Manning's reaction?

"Damn."

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Federal judge changes Bullets to Wizards

■ Washington will unveil new nickname later this year for use next season.

By Jeffery Gold
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NEWARK, N.J. — Because fans will not mistake the Washington Bullets with the Harlem Wizards, a comedy basketball troupe, the NBA team can change its name to the Washington Wizards, according to a federal judge.

The Harlem Wizards pledged to appeal Friday's ruling, while the Bullets president said the team would unveil its new logo, to be used next season, during the playoffs.

The name change prompted the Harlem Wizards to file a trademark infringement lawsuit, arguing that the NBA team would come

to dominate all associations with the Wizard name, hurting the troupe's business.

The Bullets, joined by the NBA, argued that even with the same name there would be no confusion, and contended that the Harlem Wizards had a weak claim because other sports teams use the Wizards name.

In his 33-page ruling, U.S. District Judge William H. Walls determined that the Harlem Wizards would not be hurt when Washington adopted the Wizards name because basketball fans know they offer different services.

He noted that the Harlem Wizards have billed themselves as the "Avis of comedy basketball," with the renowned Harlem Globetrotters being Hertz, and that the Harlem Wizards play against amateur athletes at schools, camps and charity events, mixing

comedy and tricks with serious basketball.

In contrast, an NBA team plays strictly competitive games in a league filled with elite professionals.

Another reason consumers will not confuse the teams, Walls wrote, is that while Harlem Wizards tickets generally cost \$5-\$8, "NBA tickets are significantly more expensive, requiring somewhat of an inheritance as a paying source."

Even though Harlem Wizards players testified that some people who saw them wearing "Wizards" shirts asked if they played for the Washington team, the judge said "these examples are too weak and few to establish actual confusion."

Walls heard testimony for five days in August in a non-jury trial. Witnesses included Bullets gener-

al manager Wes Unseld, a Hall of Fame member, and Wizards president Todd Davis, whose late father founded the troupe about 1960.

"We still believe that the use of the 'Wizards' name by two professional basketball teams will be very confusing," Davis said. "The Harlem Wizards cannot hope to compete with the marketing muscle of the NBA to overcome the confusion and distinguish ourselves from the Washington team."

Wizards lawyer Peter E. Nussbaum said the dispute is a clear case of "reverse confusion."

"Inevitably, when a large entity starts to use a trademark of a smaller entity, the resulting perception is that the smaller company is merely trying to capitalize on the larger entity's visibility," Nussbaum said.

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Freshman-laden Syracuse hits rock bottom

By John Kekke
AP Sports Writer

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse point guard Jason Hart summed up his team's situation, saying: "We can't go anywhere but up." That's for sure. The team has hit rock-bottom. Nine months after becoming the darlings of college basketball for their improbable run to the NCAA championship game, the Orangemen have fallen on very hard times, unable to beat teams they used to pummel, unable to win consistently at home, and unable to keep many of their fans in the seats at the Carrier Dome.

They even lost the Carrier Classic for the first time in 15 years — to Eastern Michigan. Prior to this season, the Orangemen had won 82 of their previous 84 Dome games against nonconference teams, and both losses were to Notre Dame, now a member of the Big East.

Their 8-6 record as of Friday includes no wins in four Big East games — a first for the team in its 18 years in the league.

Last season, Syracuse was 15-1 at home. Now, it is 5-3 in the Dome, and the wins have come against patbies — Winthrop, Pepperdine, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Colgate and UNLV, the latter a shadow of the powerhouse teams of the past under Jerry Tarkanian.

Last week the Orangemen hosted Boston College, which entered the game ranked 23rd in the nation. A midweek game against a ranked Big East rival in the dead of winter in a city that loves the Orangemen drew an announced crowd of 19,818 in the 32,000-seat building. Sure, the weather outside was frightful — a blinding snow squall — but so, too, has been the play of the Orangemen.

If this all comes as a surprise, it shouldn't. Coach Jim Boeheim warned before the season: "You can't win in the Big East with freshmen."

So far, with four freshmen on his roster, he's been a pretty good prophet.

"We're just not structured right now to be able to play against a good team," Boeheim said. "We're just not quick enough. Inexperience shows at times. When people change defenses, we don't react to it well. We don't have the team that we thought we'd have. We just don't have enough weapons right now."

Three of those weapons are gone for good. Power forward



Syracuse head basketball coach Jim Boeheim, right, scolds freshman Etan Thomas during a recent loss against Boston College. The Orangemen were 0-4 in the Big East, their worst start since joining the conference.

John Wallace, who led the team last season, and point guard Lazarus Sims graduated. Winfred Walton, one of the top five recruits in the country and the player Boeheim had hoped to build the team around, never played a minute. He left school when his college boards didn't measure up.

To complicate matters, Syracuse's leading scorer, Todd Burgan, is in the midst of a seven-game suspension handed down by the university for violating the student code of conduct. That ruling was much more severe than expected and has left Boeheim with the prospect of his worst record in 21 years. That was 16-13 in the 1981-82 season. "We're not going to be a better team until we get Todd back," Boeheim said. "We're struggling at the forward position with speed and guys that aren't ready to play at that position."

And not only because of the gang of four freshmen. The veterans have been wildly inconsistent.

— Senior Otis Hill, expected to be a leader, has frustrated Boeheim at times with his shot selection and did not score last week in a victory over Maryland-Eastern Shore (to be fair, he had the flu). And Syracuse rallied against Boston College after Hill fouled out.

— Marius Janulis, who also had the flu, had a career-high 22 points against Maryland-Eastern Shore, but on Tuesday night against the Eagles he missed all seven of his shots from the floor

and finished with 2 points.

— Jason Cipolla has had his moments, too — 26 points against Colgate and 28 against Boston College. He also has had moments to forget — 5 points in a 101-79 home loss to West Virginia, and an 0-for-8 game last week in a 69-52 loss at Notre Dame.

Still, the opposition remains wary, and the comeback against the Eagles should have a positive effect.

"Those guys have got a lot of depth, and they're going to be great in the future," Boston College's Danya Abrams said.

"Wait until the second half of the season when they start getting some confidence. Once they get that first (conference) win, it's going to be hard (to beat them)."

Georgia Tech falls on lean times

■ Without Stephon Marbury, Drew Barry, coach Bobby Cremins wonders if Yellow Jackets are on verge of another slump like in 1994, 1995.

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Bobby Cremins insists that he doesn't let the pressure of coaching get to him like it once did. Good thing.

This is the kind of season that would have sent most coaches into a red-alert panic. As it is, even at peace-with-himself Cremins admits to a few restless nights as he ponders the problems at Georgia Tech.

A year ago, the Yellow Jackets won their first Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title and made it to the NCAA round of 16 with one of the best backcourts in the country.

But Stephon Marbury is in the NBA and Drew Barry is gone, too. They left behind a team that has lost its first three ACC games for the first time since Cremins became coach in 1982.

"It weighs on me," he said. "I accept the challenges of coaching. There's a lot of pressure with coaching today when you don't do well. And it's tough. I don't sleep a soundly."

"But I'm not going to let it ruin my life. I'm

going to keep going and try to put this thing back together."

Cremins has his work cut out for him. The Yellow Jackets (6-6) are a poor shooting team (40 percent) with a shaky backcourt and an overworked star.

Matt Harpring, an All-ACC player last season when teamed with Marbury and Barry, is the top scorer at 19.8 points per game, but his shooting percentage is down (51 percent to 44 percent) and he looks exhausted at the end of most games as he tries to compensate for less-talented teammates.

Then there are the guards. A strong point last season, they are a source of much concern this season.

Freshman Kevin Morris, supposedly the latest in a long line of star Tech point guards, arrived at school late because of a disputed high school class and is still struggling to make the transition to the college game.

"When I'm going to shoot I start to look around at the last minute to see if somebody else is open instead of just shooting my shot," said Morris, who is averaging only 7.8 points per game and hitting less than 31 percent from the field. "I've got to learn that when I'm open, I've got to take the shot and stop worrying about passing to somebody else all the time."

Morris' poor play has drawn even more attention because of who once ran the court in

his place. Before Marbury, the Yellow Jackets had point guards Kenny Anderson and Travis Best, both of whom are in the NBA.

"I'm just trying to come in and be myself, play my own game," Morris said. "I'm not trying to compare myself to them and do the things they've done."

Tech's other guard, Gary Saunders, missed the first six games because of academic problems and has struggled to regain his shooting touch since moving into the lineup. He is shooting less than 38 percent from the field.

"Gary and Kevin have been under a lot of pressure," Cremins said. "They're not playing as well as I hoped they would."

Cremins admits that he didn't realize the depth of his rebuilding job after losing Marbury and Barry.

"I thought we would be OK," Cremins said. "I underestimated Drew Barry's leadership. I knew Stephon was a great player. I knew he was a rare player. I didn't underestimate his talent, but I underestimated his determination."

Cremins worries that his team is slipping back into the rut that plagued the program before the brief Marbury era. After nine straight trips to the NCAA tournament, Tech failed to make it in both 1994 and '95 and faces the prospect of another postseason blackout.

Summitt, Lady Vols not panicking

By Tom Sharp
AP Sports Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Only once in the past decade have the Tennessee Lady Vols lost six games in an entire season, let alone in six weeks.

But the defending national champions are 10-6 after losing three of their last four. At No. 9, they are on the brink of falling from the Top 10 for the first time since 1986.

A lot of teams would be happy to be ranked ninth. But for a program with four national titles, 10-6 hurts. "Coach Summitt over-scheduled," Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt said.

All six losses have been to Top 10 teams in Summitt's always demanding schedule, including the top five — No. 1 Connecticut, No. 2 Old Dominion, No. 3 Stanford, No. 4 Louisiana Tech and No.

"I'm not going to call names, but if I had the schedules of some teams we could be sitting here now with a much better record. That's not the way we elect to do things"

— coach Pat Summitt, pointing out that all six losses suffered by the Tennessee women have been against Top 10 teams.

5 Georgia. The other was to No. 10 Arkansas.

Three of the losses were by a total of five points, one in overtime, and four were on the road.

"I don't want to say I expected to lose, but I expected this team to have a tough time," Summitt said. "I absolutely hate losing. It's not something any of us are enjoying."

"I have to keep reminding myself this is a young team. We don't have the weapons we had a

year ago or that we'll have in another year. This is all we've got and we've got to do the best with it."

Tennessee lost backcourt leaders Michelle Marciniak and Latina Davis to graduation, then lost projected starter Kellie Jolly to a knee injury during the pre-season. Freshman Kyra Elzy has been slowed by a foot injury.

Sophomore Chamique Holdscrow has played to expectations,

averaging 21 points and 10 rebounds per game. The Lady Vols' most persistent problem has been in the backcourt against pressure defenses.

Still the Lady Vols have beaten four ranked teams, so they're no pushovers.

"I'm not going to call names, but if I had the schedules of some teams we could be sitting here now with a much better record," Summitt said. "That's not the way we elect to do things."

Some Tennessee fans might be ready to write off this season and wait until next year, when a highly regarded recruiting class is due to arrive.

But Summitt, with more than 600 wins in 22 years of coaching, expects her team to be tournament-tough when the regular season ends.

"I expect this team to be alive in March," she said. "It's still early."

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Streak-ending week

By Jim O'Connell
AP Basketball Writer

For fans who enjoy rooting for the underdog, there haven't been many weeks better than last week. It was, simply put, the week to snap a streak.

The king of all college basketball losing streaks ended when Rutgers-Camden beat Bloomfield College 77-72 for its first victory since Jan. 18, 1992, a span of 117 games. To put it in perspective, the Division III school's losing streak is 70 games longer than the second-longest losing streak on any level of college basketball.

Rutgers-Camden freshman Dawson Bodey was truly optimistic after the Pioneers improved their season mark to 1-0.

"We're on a one-game winning streak," he said.

Also starting one-game winning streaks last week were:

— Wisconsin, which beat Indiana 71-58 to snap a 31-game losing streak to the Hoosiers that dated to Jan. 5, 1990.

— Chicago State, which defeated Central Connecticut State 101-99 to end a 23-game losing streak, the longest current one in Division I, to improve to 1-11 for the season with its first win since last Jan. 20.

— Akron, which edged Toledo 60-75 to snap a 19-game Mid-American Conference losing streak that included an 0-18 mark last season.

— Colorado, which beat Missouri 87-78 to end a 25-game losing streak at Missouri. The Buffaloes' last victory in Columbia was on Jan. 15, 1973, when Norm Stewart was in his sixth season at Missouri and the Hearnes Center was a brand new building.

With Chicago State's victory, the longest current Division I losing streak belongs to Lehigh at 18 games, 13 this season.

CRUM MILESTONE: Louisville coach Denny Crum entered the weekend with 599 career victories, leaving him one shy of joining 18 other coaches in the 600 club, seven of whom are active.

Only to Fresno State's Jerry Tarkanian reached the 600-win mark faster, getting there in the first game of his 24th season. Crum is in his 26th season, and the Cardinals entered the weekend with a 12-1 record. Next on the list is Dean Smith of North Carolina, who got win No. 600 in the 23rd game of his 26th season.

In addition to Tarkanian and Smith, the other coaches with 600 victories are: Jim Phelan of Mount St. Mary's, Bob Knight of Indiana, Don Haskins of Texas-El Paso, Norm Stewart of Missouri and Lefty Driesell of James Madison.

TOOTH AND NAIL: In what may be the strangest injury of the season, Pitt center Mark Blount will be out about two weeks after accidentally being bitten near the right wrist by a teammate during practice. The 7-foot Blount found his arm in the mouth of teammate Andre Howard while both were going for a rebound. The laceration became infected, and Blount spent three days in a hospital for treatment, finally undergoing surgery. Pitt coach Ralph Willard said doctors told him they could see teeth marks on the bone. Blount has averaged 8.5 points, 9.1 rebounds and 3.4 blocks per game.

LONG SHOT: Unless you missed every sports highlight package shown last weekend, you have seen a replay of Kwan Johnson's 70-foot buzzer-beater that gave New Orleans an 82-79 overtime victory over Arkansas-Little Rock. It was the second straight time the Privateers had beaten Arkansas-Little Rock at the buzzer. Tyrone Garri made a layup at the buzzer to give New Orleans a 57-56 victory last March in the Sun Belt Conference tournament championship game with an NCAA tournament berth at stake. New Orleans coach Tic Price is 6-0 in overtime games in his three seasons with the Privateers.

BENCH PRESS: If a sign of an improving team is the play of its bench, then Washington State is ready to make a big move in the Pac-10. In 29 games last season, the Cougars reserves contributed a total of 288 points. In the first 13 games of this season, Washington State has gotten 332 points from the bench.

COW PALACE: California's 83-71 victory over Southern California on Thursday night was the first of three games the Golden Bears will play in San Francisco's Cow Palace this season. The last time California played anybody but San Francisco in that building was in 1980, when the Bears lost to Ohio State 75-55 in the NCAA tournament championship game.

Teammates outline preseason All-Americans

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

Kara Wolters of Connecticut, La'Keshia Frett of Georgia and Shalonda Ellis all made The Associated Press preseason All-America team and all are playing well. But as the season reaches its halfway point, all three have teammates who are putting up even better numbers.

Women
Junior forward Nykeshia Sales is having a dynamic season for No. 1 Connecticut. She's the Huskies' leading scorer with a 16.9 average, she's shooting 50.6 percent from the field and has made 81 percent of her free throws. Sales also is playing outstanding defense and twice made eight steals in a game. At Georgia, Kedra Holland-Corn has been sizzling from the perimeter since day one this season. The 5-foot-6 senior went into the weekend averaging 18.8 points and shooting 39 percent from 3-point range. She scored 30 points in a victory over Tennessee, 29 at Wisconsin and 27 against Louisiana Tech.

Sophomore Dominique Canty is outscoring Ellis at Alabama. She was averaging 17.1 points on a balanced team through 13 games and also was averaging 8.3 rebounds. Not bad for a 5-10 guard.

Sales, Holland-Corn and Canty all will merit consideration when All-America teams are chosen in March. So will several others who were left off the five-member preseason team, which also included Stanford's Kate Starbird and Tennessee's Chamique Holdscrow.

Here's a look at some other potential All-Americans: — Keisha Anderson, Wisconsin. A fleet point guard, Anderson had to take on more of the scoring load following the graduation of Barb Franke and a season-ending knee injury to Katie Voigt. Anderson has responded by leading the Big Ten with a 21.3 average that was helped by a school-record 45-point outburst against UC Santa Barbara.

— Katryna Gailher, Notre Dame. This lanky 6-3 center leads the Big East in scoring (22.3), rebounding (9.4) and field goal percentage (.622) while helping the No. 21 Irish to a 12-4 record. She had 40 points in one game and 17 rebounds in another.

— Marton Jones, North Carolina. The sprinter in sneakers is back after sitting out last season to concentrate on track. Jones began the week leading the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring (21.7) and was shooting 62 percent from the field. Not surprisingly, she was leading the league in steals at 3.6 a game.

— Clarisse Machanguana and Ticha Perichero, Old Dominion. The 6-6 Machanguana dominates inside for the nation's No. 2-ranked team, averaging 18.6 points and 6.7 rebounds while shooting 63 percent. Perichero is the consummate point guard. She averages 12.1 points and 7.8 assists and has an assist-to-turnover ratio of better than 2-to-1.

— Alicia Thompson, Texas Tech. Tech coach Marsha Sharp always seems to come up with a big-time scorer and Thompson is the latest. The 6-1 junior from Big Lake is averaging 22.6 points and shoots 50 percent from the field.

— Tina Thompson, Southern Cal. While Starbird and her Stanford teammates get most of the attention in the Pac-10, Thompson is quietly putting together a sensational season. The 6-3 senior leads the league with a 23-point scoring average, shoots 52 percent and is averaging 10.5 rebounds.

— Kim Williams, DePaul. A playground star in Chicago, Williams has elevated her game this season following the departure of high-scoring Latasha Byers, a first-team All-American last season. Williams began the week leading Conference USA in scoring (24.1) and steals (4.4) and was second in assists (6.0).

TRIVIA TIME: The first Associated Press women's basketball poll appeared on Nov. 25, 1976. Only two teams from the latest Top 25 were in that poll. Who are they? Hint: It's not Tennessee and Connecticut, although those states were represented.

TRIVIA TIME ANSWER: Old Dominion and Stephen F. Austin are the only teams in the current AP poll that were in the first one.

Stephen F. Austin was 12th and Old Dominion 20th. Delta State led that poll and Wayland Baptist was second, followed by Immaculate, Tennessee Tech, Cal State-Fullerton, Mercer, William Penn, Montclair State, Queens and Mississippi College. The second 10 had UCLA, Stephen F. Austin, Baylor, Southern Connecticut, Maryland, Illinois State, UNLV, Long Beach State, Kansas State and Old Dominion.

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Tartabull, Gross, Drabek among players still available

By Ben Wadell
Associated Press Baseball Writer

One month until the start of spring training, and most players know where they're going. Others, though, are still in limbo, including the likes of Danny Tartabull, Doug Drabek and a few other familiar names.

Terry Pendleton might still be able to help someone. So might career saves leader Lee Smith, along with starters Kevin Gross and Scott Kamieniecki and hitters Greg Colburn and Darryl Hamilton. Those guys all are still available, many at hard-to-resist prices.

The Cincinnati Reds, who have made a habit of scooping up free agents for practically nothing — like Eric Davis last year — made an offer to Tartabull this week.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden admits that he probably offered less than Tartabull is seeking. Tartabull hit 27 home runs with 101 RBIs last season for the Chicago White Sox and isn't looking to take any kind of major pay cut.

Then again, it may be better than no job at all. The Baltimore Orioles were once thought to be interested in Drabek, who went 7-9 in 30 starts for Houston, and the Chicago Cubs may make a deal with Pendleton.

Gross surely could eat up a lot of innings for some team, a year after going 11-8 for Texas. Colburn, who hit .286 with 16 homers for Florida, was cut loose after the Marlins went on a spending frenzy for free agents. Hamilton hit .293 with 15 stolen bases for Texas and would fit in nicely in someone's outfield.

Pitcher Steve Avery and designated hitter Harold Baines are also free — for the moment. But Avery, let go by Atlanta, is expected to sign with the Boston Red Sox and Baines may wind up re-signing with the Chicago White Sox.

There's no telling, of course, where bargains can show up. Who would've known that Kevin Elster, signed by Texas last January for \$180,000, would have 99 RBIs or that Rick Honeycutt, signed by St. Louis, would make 61 relief appearances and have a 2.65 ERA?

A last free agent item: Nothing may come of this, but Bowden and the Reds have been talking to Deion Sanders' representatives about a return to baseball. The early ending to Sanders' season with the Dallas Cowboys may leave him lousy for action before the NFL starts up again, and the Reds are said to be the team that would interest him.

GETTING BIGGER: The Arizona Diamondbacks and Tampa Bay Devil Rays finally will get assigned to leagues this week when owners meet at Scottsdale, Ariz.

It's virtually certain that Arizona will be assigned to the NL and Tampa Bay to the AL, creating two 15-team leagues and making it easier for interleague play.

While the Diamondbacks will fit nicely into the NL West, the AL has a more delicate problem. It would make sense to put Tampa Bay in the East, but Detroit or Toronto would have to shift into the Central and Kansas City most likely would have to shift to the West.

"I think we will resist it," Royals CEO David Glass said last week. Look for the AL to appoint a committee to study the matter, which must be resolved before the 1998 draft schedule is presented to the players' association in late June.

The expansion draft for Arizona and Tampa Bay, by the way, will likely be held on Nov. 17 in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

SEARCHING: While some owners want to pressure Bud Selig to finally accept the commissioner's job on a permanent basis, it appears likely owners will appoint the executive council as a search committee.

When owners last searched (from September 1992 to January 1994), the two finalists were Harvey Schiller, then with the U.S. Olympic Committee, and Arnold Weber, then president of Northwest Airlines.

Neither interested owners, and they decided to put off the search until after a labor agreement was reached with the union.

FEELING CHARITABLE: Look for baseball owners to designate the Boys and Girls Clubs of America as the sport's official charity.

Yankees hold early lead in luxury tax race

By Murray Chass
New York Times News Service

Not surprisingly, the Yankees hold the early lead in the luxury tax race. With only 17 players signed, they have already exceeded the \$51 million threshold that could trigger the new tax next season. But the Yankees were expected to be there. The Florida Marlins were not, and they are right there with the Yankees.

Following a flurry of expensive free-agent signings, the Marlins have already qualified for a visit from baseball's new tax man. Based on current payrolls, the Atlanta Braves, the Cleveland Indians and the Baltimore Orioles are the other leading contenders for the maximum contingent of five teams that will pay the luxury tax in its first season.

With \$5 million in benefits costs included, the Yankees already have a payroll of \$52.8 million and are followed by the Marlins at \$51.2 million, the Braves' \$50.9 million, the Indians' \$49.4 million and the Orioles' \$49 million. Just behind that group are the Toronto Blue Jays at \$46.6 million and the Chicago White Sox at \$44.8 million.

Although the lawyers who are drafting the final language have not settled on all of the details of the key components of baseball's new collective bargaining agreement, the basics of the luxury tax have been established. In the first year of the new economic system, the teams with the highest payrolls — up to a maximum of five teams — will be assessed a 35 percent tax on the portions of their payroll over \$51 million.

Until now, payrolls were calculated based on players' salaries for that particular year. Now the tax men will use the average annual value of each player's contract. And instead of using the 25 players on the major league roster, plus those on the disabled list, as of Aug. 31, the payroll people will use a team's 40-man roster throughout the entire season.

If the new method had been in effect last year, the Marlins would have had a \$36.7 million payroll, which would have been 16th among the 28 teams. But that was before Alex Fernandez, Moises Alou and Bobby Bonilla added \$18 million to the mix. Their current total of \$51.2 million is for only 16 players.

Fortunately for their treasury, the Marlins are not expected to have high-priced players among the other 24.

Andy Pettitte and Derek Jeter are not eligible either, but Bernie Williams is, meaning the Yankees can figure on adding more than \$5 million to their payroll for their star center fielder, through arbitration or a negotiated contract. Last year Williams won a \$3 million salary.

The Braves, whom the Marlins are trying to catch in the National League East, have signed only 11 players and face arbitration with Mark Wohlers, Javier Lopez and Ryan Klesko. The Indians, on the other hand, have signed virtually all of their front-line players and have no one eligible for arbitration among the 24 unsigned, younger players.

Mike Mussina's yet-to-be-determined salary will send the Orioles beyond the tax-triggering threshold. One of 27 unsigned Baltimore players, Mussina earned \$4 million last season when he won 19 games.

The Texas Rangers are a team with a top-10 payroll that faces the addition of several sizeable salaries. With 13 players signed, the Rangers have a \$39.4 million payroll, and they still must sign Ivan Rodriguez, Dean Palmer and Roger Pavlik, whose 1996 salaries totaled \$7.25 million.

The White Sox, who have 11 signed players and a \$44.8 million payroll, still must sign Roberto Hernandez and Wilson Alvarez, whose eligibility for salary arbitration will enable them to raise their combined \$4.93 million income significantly.

Under the new system, the Yankees would have had a \$56 million payroll last year. They will break \$60 million this year, but do not figure to reach \$60 million unless they trade for one or two high-salaried players during the season. They could, on the other hand, reduce their payroll by trading Cecil Fielder and the \$7,237,500 average annual value of his contract. No one wants to take on Fielder's contract, but the Yankees would be ahead of the tax game if they agreed to trade him and pay some portion of his salary. That average annual value plus 35 percent, an additional \$2,539,125, would cost the Yankees just under \$10 million.

Quitting business

Son to end long-time reign of O'Malleys

By Beth Harris
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Born into baseball, Peter O'Malley grew up with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Now, the man whose father took over the team in 1950 has decided it's time to dispose of the beloved family business.

Lamenting that family ownership of professional sports franchises is waning, O'Malley announced last week that the Dodgers, their stadium, and properties in Vero Beach, Fla., the Dominican Republic and Venezuela are on the block.

"It finally occurred to me that this is the time," O'Malley said at Dodger Stadium, standing in front of a blue-and-white banner listing the team's five World Series championships. "If you look at all sports, it's a high-risk business. Professional sports today is as high risk as the oil business. You need a broader base than an individual family to carry you through the storms."

The announcement came as a shock from a family known for its consistency. Despite being located near Hollywood, the Dodgers have never been a loud or flashy organization. O'Malley's late father, Walter, wouldn't have allowed it.

Few things have changed with the team over the years. Decisions on everything from having the ushers wear straw hats to installing a new grass field are not made without careful consideration.

There have been just five managers and four general managers in 47 years under the O'Malley family.

"The O'Malleys have owned the Dodgers for so long, I just see that as sort of a fixed thing on the horizon," City Councilwoman Rita Walters said. "You don't anticipate change there. It's sad to see the era passing."

Walter O'Malley gained control of the Dodgers 47 years ago and moved the franchise from Brooklyn to Los Angeles after the 1957 season, triggering the nationwide expansion of the major leagues.

"There is a lot of emotion here," the bespectacled O'Malley said, his voice never wavering. "When my dad became president, I was 14 years old. I will continue to follow the Dodgers forever, and ever."



Los Angeles Dodgers owner and team president Peter O'Malley, bottom right, was born into baseball as the son of Brooklyn Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley. Left, Walter O'Malley hugs manager Walter Alston at Yankee Stadium on Oct. 4, 1955 in New York after the Dodgers beat the Yankees to win the World Series. Above right, O'Malley shakes hands with his overjoyed manager Chuck Dressen at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn after the Dodgers clinched the pennant in Oct. 1952. Saying the time is right and citing estate planning as the primary reason, Peter O'Malley said he intends to sell the team, which has been in his family since 1950.

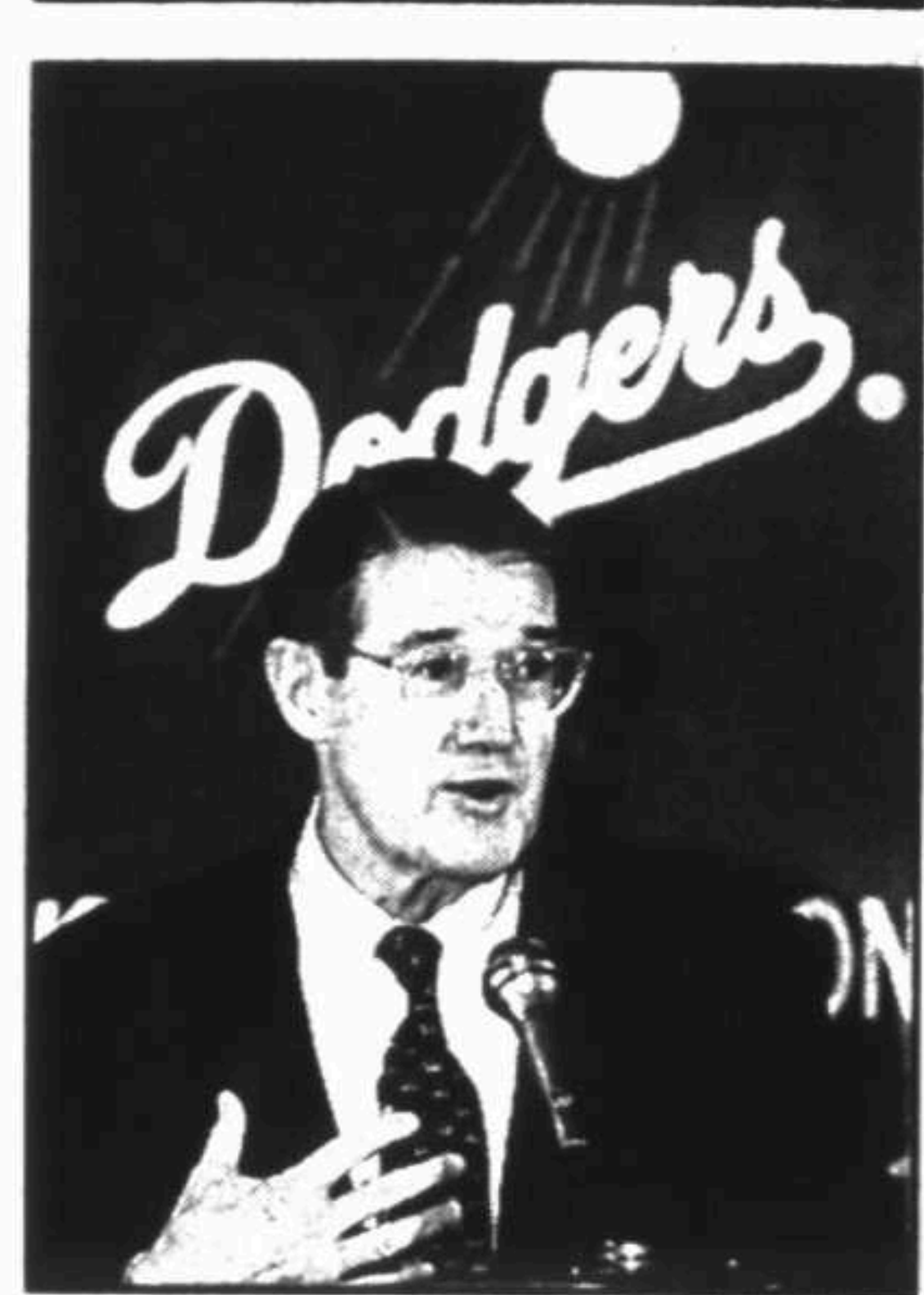
Peter O'Malley has been president of the team since March 17, 1970, and is the longest active team president in major league baseball. O'Malley has three children — Katherine, 24, Kevin, 21, and Brian, 19.

"I've never talked to any of the children about running the Dodgers," he said. "My father never put any pressure on me. He saw I was interested. All three of our children worked here last summer part-time and thoroughly enjoyed it. They've started their own careers."

O'Malley has been around

major league baseball since he was born. Two years after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in 1960, O'Malley began his career with the Dodgers as director of Dodgertown, the team's spring training camp at Vero Beach, Fla.

He worked his way up, becoming president and general manager of the Dodgers' Triple-A farm club in Spokane, Wash., in 1965. Two years later, he moved to Los Angeles, when he became vice president of stadium operations. In 1969, he was appointed executive vice president.



Dodger price tag not conducive to family ownership

NEW YORK (AP) — From Ebbets Field in Brooklyn to the palm trees of Los Angeles, in dusty memories and on dustier ball fields, the Dodgers have come to represent a piece of Americana.

In the world of big business, the story is quite different. Sports teams aren't valued by points scored and championships won, rather by cash flow, licensing fees and debt. In this world, the Dodgers are seen as an asset and as programming.

"The cost of doing business in that game has accelerated very substantially," said Dennis McAlpine, a media and entertainment analyst at Josephthal, Lyon & Ross Inc., a brokerage firm. "There aren't that many people able to put that much money into a plaything."

At an estimated \$200 million or more, the Dodgers' next owner probably will be either a major corporation — perhaps a media company with a use for sports programming — or an investment group whose net worth reads like a nine-inning line score.

McAlpine touches on the big unknown that makes handicapping potential bidders impossible. Ego may drive the decision to a frightening extent. The winner becomes a celebrity overnight.

The Walt Disney Co., based just up the freeway in Burbank, Calif., owns the Anaheim Mighty Ducks of the NHL, with chairman Michael Eisner one of its biggest fans. Disney also owns 25 percent of the Angels baseball franchise and operates the team.

"I would think if I was going to sell that team, the first place I'd go is to call Mr. Eisner," McAlpine said, allowing that Disney would have to sell the Angels stake to buy the Dodgers.

Many other big media and entertainment companies also have ownership interests in sports teams. Some of the pairings: ITT Corp. and the Knicks and Rangers of New York; Time Warner Inc. and the Braves and Hawks of Atlanta; Tribune Co. and the Chicago Cubs; Comcast Corp. and the Flyers and 76ers of Philadelphia. Those companies all own either

broadcast or cable outlets capable of airing the sports programming the teams provide.

Peter O'Malley, the Dodgers' president, said it's become more difficult for families to continue to own major league baseball teams. Costs, from player salaries to facilities, have become a major issue.

For big companies that can spin sports into gold, like broadcasters and cable operators, the economics are different. One other way to change the formula would be to tap public funds — the stock market.

That concept has become popular recently, with H. Wayne Huizenga, known best as the former chief of Blockbuster Entertainment, taking the Florida Panthers hockey team public. The company, Florida Panthers Holdings Inc., trades on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Its ticker symbol: PUCK.

Ascent Entertainment Group Inc., ticker GOAL, owns basketball's Denver Nuggets and hockey's Colorado Avalanche. The Boston Celtics basketball team has been public for some time as Boston Celtics L.P. Baseball owners would have to approve a policy change to allow public ownership, not likely in a sport where small-market owners fear the huge cash of large-market teams.

"It could be possible for a group to come together, purchase to Dodgers and take it forward as a public entity," said Christopher Dixon, a media analyst at PaineWebber Inc. He noted it's even possible O'Malley could decide to sell stock to the public himself.

Of course, it's all speculation at this point. O'Malley has said a sale could take some time and no potential bidders have been identified. The owners have not even named a price, expected to easily surpass the baseball record of \$173 million paid by Peter Angelos' group for the Baltimore Orioles in 1993.

There are the wild cards, too. The nation's richest individuals could easily afford the \$200 million-plus price tag. For example, Paul Allen, who founded Microsoft with Bill Gates and is estimated by Forbes magazine to be worth \$7.5 billion, owns the Portland Trail Blazers.



Could baseball return to Brooklyn? It won't take place at Ebbets Field, shown in 1954, because the stadium was torn down when the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles. Still, Brooklynites, who have never gotten over the departure of their beloved Bums 40 years ago, are hopeful.

Can Bums come back to borough of their births?

NEW YORK (AP) — It was be-still-my-heart time last week for Brooklynites who have never gotten over the departure of their beloved Bums 40 years ago.

With the hated O'Malley — and that means any member of the owning family — selling the Dodgers, can the team be brought back from Los Angeles to the borough of its birth?

Brooklyn's borough president, Howard Golden, sent letters to Gov. George Pataki and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani asking them to join in setting up a commission to look at how it might be done.

"We've got a lot of money in New York City and a lot of good developers who might be interested," Golden said.

"Bring 'Em Back!" the New York Post shouted on page one. Columnist Jack Newfield said announcement by the Dodgers owner Peter O'Malley that the team is for sale could mean an end to what he called "40 years lost in the desert."

Newfield said he still ranks Peter's father, Walter, who took the team west, as one of the centuries three worst people — the other two being Hitler and Stalin.

Newfield laid out a scenario in which he assigned various politicians, public relations men, money and power brokers and show biz stars to organize, finance and promote the effort.

"It'll happen when Camelot reappears in England," was the cold-eyed appraisal of author Roger Kahn, a Brooklyn native whose book "The Boys of Summer" chronicled the great Brooklyn Dodger team that beat the Yankees in 1955.

He pointed out that a thumbs down by the Yankees or Mets would block any Dodger return, even if the economics were doable.

"Nobody's going to bring them back to Brooklyn," Kahn said. "It's not a sky-box place, is it? It's 2 1/2 million people with a major league team in Queens (the Mets) and a major league team in the Bronx (the Yankees)."

The city couldn't support three teams 40 years ago, he maintained. "The Giants, with Willie Mays in center field, drew 600,000," he said, and the team would have gone under if it hadn't joined O'Malley's shift to California.

Giuliani, a Yankees fan while growing up in Brooklyn, called Golden's proposed commission a good idea, but said, "It has to start with the following premise: Keep the Mets in New York."

Realistically, the Mets have the right to block any attempt to move within 35 miles of Shea Stadium or the city limits.

The mayor said the Mets and Yankees had been loyal to New York and he would do nothing to jeopardize them. The city and Yankees owner George Steinbrenner remain at odds over the future of the team with the lease on Yankee Stadium due to expire in five years.

Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes, a petition circulator in Newfield's scheme, said although it was a long shot, he would gladly join any campaign to bring the Dodgers home.

"I remember how bitter I was when O'Malley took them away," Hynes said. "I always remembered they made a million bucks a year for the five years prior to leaving."

But a site in downtown Los Angeles for a new ballpark was more than the city could offer Walter O'Malley.

"His father brought them away from Brooklyn because of greed, and I think Peter's doing it for the same reason," Hynes said of the sale.

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Hitchcock's tale

Stars come full circle in coach's first year

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — A year ago last Thursday, Ken Hitchcock arrived in Dallas for his first day as an NHL coach. That was the good news. The bad news was that the team he inherited was in last place and seemingly stuck there.

Now Dallas leads the Central Division and is second in the Western Conference. And, this week, Hitchcock will be at the NHL All-Star Game coaching his conference's best players, including three of his own.

Hitchcock credits Dallas' turnaround to a newfound confidence the players have in themselves and in his system, which is vastly different from that of his predecessor, Bob Gainey, who remains the team's general manager.

"We decided as a group that we would stop talking about commitment and we would make a commitment," said Hitchcock, who spent much of the offseason getting to know his players better, often traveling to their homes.

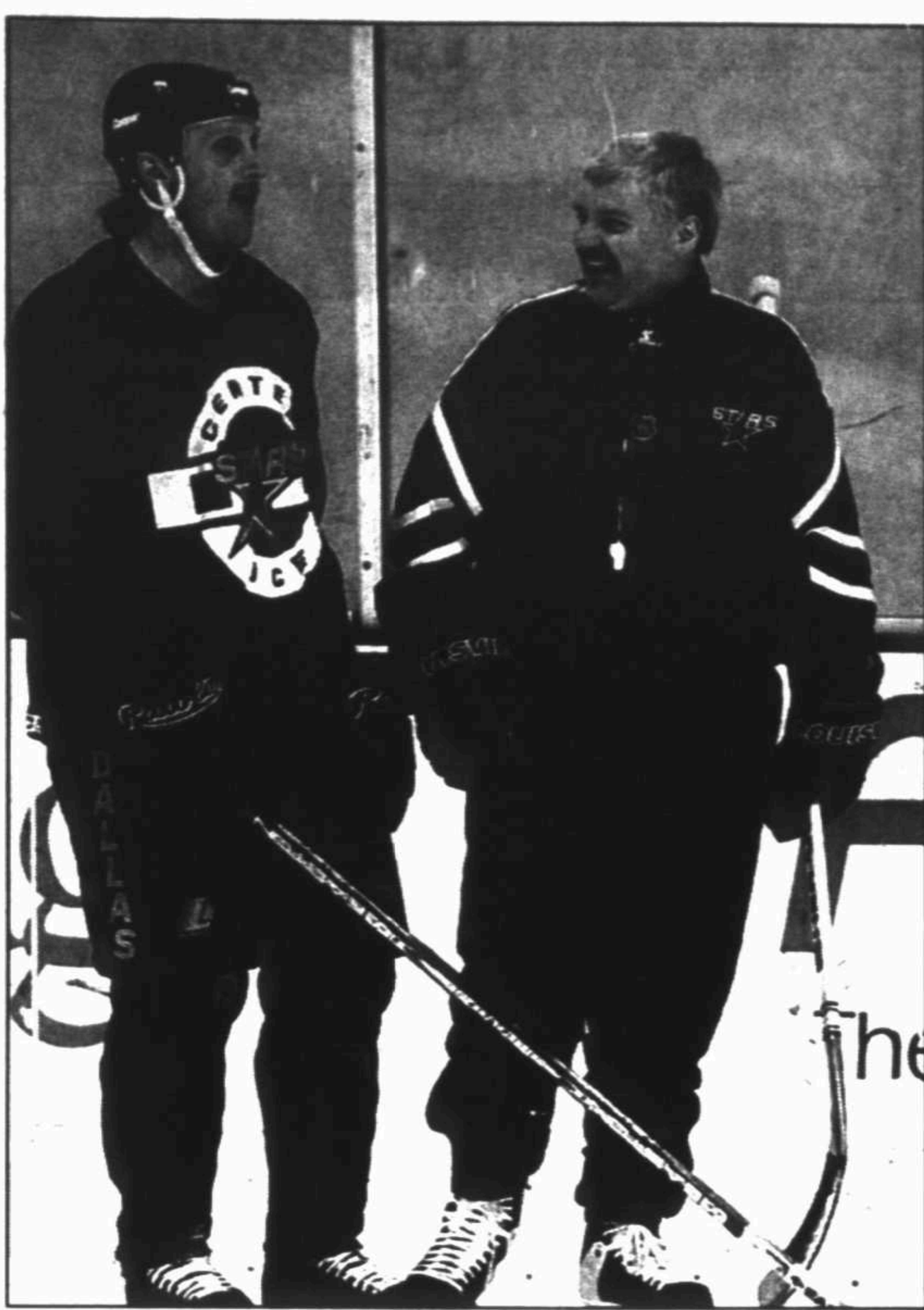
"We poured everything into this season early on because we didn't want last season to happen again. Then we found out that by pouring it in, we had success. Then it started to be fun and we wanted more. That's where we're at now."

Dallas, which opened the year 6-0, is 24-15-3 going into Friday night's game at home against Phoenix. Entering Thursday night action, the Stars' 51 points were four more than second-place Detroit and five behind conference-leading Colorado.

That's quite an improvement from last year's 26-42-14 mark, which sunk the Stars to 11th among the 13 Western Conference teams and out of the playoffs for the first time in three seasons in Dallas.

"Right now, I think everybody says, 'Yeah, they're good. You've got to be ready for them.' But I don't think people are in fear of us yet. We still have to be taken more seriously against the good teams," Hitchcock said.

Dallas leads the NHL with a .675



Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock, right, talks with Craig Ludwig during practice recently. Hitchcock, who was hired a year ago last Thursday, will coach the Western Conference team in the All-Star Game this weekend.

winning percentage on the road. The Stars bolstered their 13-6-1 record away from Reunion Arena with a seven-game unbeaten streak from Nov. 20-Dec. 21.

Another highlight has been the play of goaltender Andy Moog, who was coming off the only two losing seasons of a 17-year NHL career.

Moog, who turns 37 next month, has rebounded to become an All-

Star for the fourth time and his 2.15 goals-against average is a career best. He recently moved to sixth on the NHL's career victory list and is 13 away from fifth.

His stellar play, along with better defense in front of him, is a key to Dallas' turnaround. The Stars have given up 103 goals, third-least in the West, over 42 games, compared to 145 at the same point last

season.

That improvement has come despite All-Star defenseman Derian Hatcher missing the last month with a partially torn ligament in his left knee. He's expected back as soon as Friday.

The improved defense has been complemented by a rise in scoring, from 112 at this time in 1996 to 124.

All-Star center Mike Modano still leads the way with 26 goals and 37 points, but he has more help. Free-agent signee Pat Verbeek has nine goals and 27 points, while Joe Nieuwendyk and Sergei Zubov — both acquired through trades within the last 13 months — each have 21 points.

"Going undefeated the first couple of weeks gave us a great lift of confidence," said Modano, among the league leaders with six game-winning goals. "We committed ourselves to the team and to each other, looking at the big picture instead of the small one."

Hitchcock credits part of the revival to extra scoring punch from guys on the third and fourth lines. That was never more evident than Wednesday night, when Dave Reid picked up just the second hat trick of his 14-year career in a 6-3 victory over Detroit. Dallas' six goals were two more than Red Wings goaltender Chris Osgood has allowed in a game all year.

More importantly, the victory was the Stars' second over the Red Wings in six days and their third in four tries this season. Dallas was 0-10-1 against Detroit the previous two seasons.

"I think we've finally caught up to them, with the speed of the game and the talent level," Modano said.

For all their splendor, the Stars do have several areas where they could improve in the second half. They've suffered several last-minute losses and they're just 11-9-2 at home, easily the worst among the division leaders.

"The opportunity was there to be even stronger in the first half," Modano said. "Who knows? Maybe we'll win those in the second half and be even better."

League sensitivity moves Kennedy

By Jimmy Golen
AP Sports Writer

WILMINGTON, Mass. — They like to knock each other into walls in the NHL, the crowd cheering louder the longer they stay down. It is a world where violence is the norm and sensitivity is the gap in your gums where your tooth used to be.

And yet sensitivity is just what Boston Bruins forward Sheldon Kennedy is seeking, revealing this week a secret so deep that he didn't tell his wife until they were married for four months, a secret so dreadful that the only other person who knew about it is now serving 3 1/2 years in jail because of it.

Starting when he was 14 and continuing every Tuesday and Thursday for six years, Kennedy was sexually abused by his junior hockey coach. Kennedy said Graham James abused him more than 300 times and generally kept him so close "it was like we were married."

What happened to the 27-year-old Kennedy as a teen-ager is undeniably awful. But what has happened since he decided to go public has the chance to make a difference, for him and for hockey.

"Hockey is this macho, man's world. It's a scary thing to come out and say this has happened," Kennedy's wife, Jana, said this week. "But it's been totally, overwhelmingly supportive. You'd hoped that everybody would be, but it was a nice surprise. It made us proud of the hockey community."

Before Kennedy's first game since going public, on Tuesday in Philadelphia, Flyers captain Eric Lindros visited him in the visitors' locker room to express his support.

"Coming from a guy like that, to me, it means a lot," said Kennedy, who had never met Lindros before. "The Flyers on the ice would

say stuff — good stuff. It meant a ton to me, I'll tell you. When you're going through something like that, you feel like you're alone. Deep down, behind the hockey equipment and away from the game, I think a lot of people are sensitive and understanding."

Hockey fans once threw sugar at Flyers captain Bobby Clarke, a diabetic, and fans in Philadelphia once booed Santa Claus. But no one at the CoreStates Center booed Kennedy that night. And Thursday night, when he scored a goal and assisted on the game-winner in a 5-4 victory over the Canadiens on the Bruins' home ice, hockey was all that mattered. Kennedy wasn't surprised. Nor were his teammates.

"If you've got any sense of decency, you would be professional about it and support him," Bruins forward Adam Oates said.

Said Bruins coach Steve Kasper: "The hockey part of it is irrelevant, except that it's a credit to him that he was even able to put it behind him and play hockey."

But Kennedy hasn't completely put it behind him. As a teen-ager from Elkhorn, Manitoba, Kennedy first met James at a hockey school near Winnipeg. Then coach of the Winnipeg Warriors, James traded for Kennedy's rights; soon, the boy was staying at James' home.

James, now 43, was one of the leading junior coaches in Canada, helping develop several current NHL stars and leading the Swift Current Broncos of the Western Hockey League to a national title in 1989. Kennedy scored 58 goals that year.

In his best NHL year, with Detroit in 1992-93, Kennedy scored 19 goals. He spent the last two seasons with Calgary. The Bruins signed him as a free agent in the offseason, but he has played in just 16 games this year, missing much of the season to attend James' trial in Calgary.

"The organization essentially told Sheldon that whatever he needed, it would be available to him," said Dr. Fred Neff, the Bruins team psychologist.

"What it comes down to is that (Bruins general manager) Harry Sinden is a pretty compassionate and understanding guy underneath the tough GM veneer. He certainly displayed it with Sheldon."

At 16-19-6, the Bruins haven't done much right on the ice this season. But it is widely agreed they have played this one well.

Kennedy sat at his locker at the team's practice rink last week, his eyes scanning the newspaper while a smile came over his face. It wasn't the sports page; it was the editorial page, and he was being called a hero.

And each sentence he reads, each pat on the back he gets from a teammate and each letter he gets from a fan dissolves his doubts about going public, Neff said.

Under Canadian law, sexual abuse victims' names cannot be published. Kennedy acknowledged that most people in Canada were aware of his role in James' conviction; still, the decision was not an easy one.

"Instead of hiding behind something that has bothered me my whole life, I'd like to turn it into a positive and try to help people," he said. "I think it's going to help me dealing with it, too."

Even as he was being led off to prison because of Kennedy's testimony, James said he still wants to be friends with his former player. Kennedy doesn't expect that will happen.

"Physical pain is nothing. There's no sense of beating the guy up," he said. "What I'd like to do is invent a pill to give him that would mentally screw him up as he screwed me up, and have him deal with life. That's what I would like to do."

Granato feels blessed by second chance

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Physically, the only lingering evidence of Tony Granato's brain surgery is a six-inch scar and a helmet full of extra padding. Emotionally, however, he is a different man.

"When you're a little bit sore and a little bit tired, and you've got to get on a bus for a long trip, it's not that big of a deal to me any more," said the San Jose Sharks left wing. "I realize that I've been given an opportunity — I've been very lucky and blessed to get a second chance to do this."

Just 11 months ago, Granato was preparing for surgery to remove a blood clot in his brain, thinking his hockey career was over. He has made it back, all the way to becoming a special selection for the NHL All-Star Game to be played next week in San Jose.

"Tony represents every player who has ever had an injury and has had to struggle to come back, although he won't let us think of it that way," said Sharks defenseman Marty McSorley, who was

Granato's teammate with the Los Angeles Kings last season when it all started.

During a game at Hartford late last January, Granato chased a puck alongside Whalers defenseman Jeff Brown, tripped and ended up smashing head-first into the boards.

Despite a splitting headache, Granato didn't think the injury was all that serious. He finished the game and was on the ice again two nights later.

But his headache got worse, and then he started to forget things.

"I can remember, vividly, being downstairs looking at some things and not knowing what was going on," he said. "I can remember looking at Christmas cards and not recognizing people that I should have, not coming up with names. I mean, I knew the people, but coming up with names was hard."

That night, Granato went to his wife, Linda, and told her something was wrong.

On Valentine's Day, Granato underwent a craniotomy to remove a blood clot in the left temporal lobe of his brain. During

surgery, his doctor discovered a cluster of abnormal blood vessels, which also were removed.

Immediately following the operation, Granato refused to entertain thoughts of playing hockey again. Instead, he focused on his wife and four children.

"I thought it was done. I thought it was taken away from me. I didn't think I'd be able to come back to play," he said. "So mentally I didn't want to have to go through the depression of my career being over. I didn't want that to wear me down."

A month after surgery, Granato was riding a stationary bike. By July, he was skating again — and thinking about hockey. But Granato needed medical clearance and a team; the Kings, assuming his career was over, let him go as an unrestricted free agent.

His neurosurgeon, Dr. Neil Martin, had been skeptical about the 32-year-old Granato playing again, telling his patient he didn't know of another athlete who had resumed his career after similar surgery.

But after seeing Granato's strong recovery, Martin was the

first to clear him to play. Doctors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., also gave their blessing.

"I can't even say it is a dream come true because I would have never imagined he would come so far from major neurological surgery," said Martin, head of neurovascular surgery at UCLA Medical Center.

In August, he signed with the Sharks. Through his first 40 games with San Jose, Granato was tied for second on the team in goals with 12. He also had seven assists.

Earlier in the week, Granato learned he was one of NHL commissioner Gary Bettman's special selections for the Western Conference All-Star team. It will be Granato's first All-Star appearance in his nine-year career.

"We're really thrilled for Tony," said goaltender Kelly Hrudey, another former Kings teammate now with the Sharks. "For the guys from L.A., it's really special after going through what he did and what his family did. It was a fitting tribute for a great guy."

NHL Notebook

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Bigger hasn't made Red Wings better by midway point

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Last season, the Detroit Red Wings went up and down the ice like the Harlem Globetrotters on skates, scoring goals easily. But that wasn't good enough in the Stanley Cup playoffs.



Detroit coach Scotty Bowman believes his new strategy will eventually work out for the best.

This season, the Red Wings have slowed to a crawl. They dropped Dino Ciccarelli and Paul Coffey, and picked up Joey Kocur. And this is supposed to be good?

At the halfway mark last season, the Red Wings were 29-9-3 for 61 points. They had scored 154 goals, while giving up 89. After last week's 3-3 defeat at Dallas, the Red Wings were 20-14-7 for 47 points. They had scored 120 goals and given up 91.

Somehow, the new and supposedly improved Red Wings do not seem to be much of either. Yet coach Scotty Bowman, and many of the fans, believe this is the way to go. The theory is that bigger is better. And the reason seems clear.

"If fighting is going to be part of the game, we have to have that part of the game," Bowman said. "We will get bigger."

Thus, the signing of Kocur. Everyone agreed it was great that the Red Wings won 62 regular-season games last season. It was, after all, an NHL record. However, what happens over a span of 82 games doesn't seem to mean much. That's not the measure of a true champion. The Stanley Cup is what's important.

"When we win 62 games and lose in the playoffs, we've got some work to do," forward Martin Lapointe said. "We had a great team last year. But that's gone."

After failing twice in the playoffs with the best team in hockey, Bowman decided to remake the Red Wings. He felt the officials didn't make the right calls two years ago in the Stanley Cup final against the New Jersey Devils. And he saw how Colorado built his team in the playoffs last season. Now the move is on to make the Red Wings more like those teams. It started on opening night with the trade for Brendan Shanahan, a big forward who is not afraid to fight.

"Fighting is still part of our game, even when you have a heavyweight," Shanahan said. "Team toughness is a lot more intimidating than one hit man and a bunch of guys who hide behind him."

There is talk that reserve goalie Mike Vernon is being shopped around. Bowman denies it. Yet there is little doubt Vernon would make nice trade bait for a player with good skills and a fighting reputation. Somebody like Boston's Rick Tocchet.

Meanwhile, there is Kocur, 32, who played for the Red Wings in 1984-1991. He was out of hockey until Detroit signed him recently for the remainder of the season for \$250,000.

If nothing else, it goes to show what people will put themselves through for money. Kocur's right hand was so badly damaged from years of fighting that bare bone was showing through his knuckles.

"It was unrecognizable as a hand," Red Wings trainer John Wharton said.

Kocur was lucky. The hand was repaired by surgery. He was delighted when Bowman called. The chance to be a goon again was too good to pass up.

Sentence caps McNail's fall

By Ken Rapoport
AP Hockey Writer

The man responsible for bringing Wayne Gretzky to Los Angeles and triggering the West Coast hockey boom took the final step in the saga that took him from powerful team owner to bankrupt businessman.

Former Los Angeles Kings owner Bruce McNail was sentenced to 70 months in federal prison Thursday after pleading guilty to two counts of bank fraud and single counts of conspiracy and wire fraud. He also owes \$5 million in restitution to several banks and other financial institutions.

Rogie Vachon, who worked for McNail when he owned the Kings and remains an executive with the team, thinks his former boss just got in over his head financially.

"He bought a new plane (to carry the team to their road games) and all that other stuff (including the Rolls Royce he presented to Wayne Gretzky for scoring his record-breaking 802nd goal), and went and borrowed money again," Vachon said. "Bruce, unfortunately, was the type of guy who just could not say no — to anybody. He loaned money to a lot of people and gave money away to a lot of people."

"His dream was to win the Stanley Cup, especially with Wayne in the lineup, and he went overboard. I found that out a little later when I was a GM here. We brought in (defenseman) Paul Coffey and these type of guys with big salaries. And if I knew at that time, maybe I wouldn't have brought them here because, financially, he couldn't afford it. But he didn't say no. He said, 'Let's go ahead. If it's going to improve our team, let's do it.' And he wound up paying the price."

Vachon, the Kings' chief hockey operations officer, also thinks McNail can rebuild his life after serving his prison sentence.

"He's a very good salesman and he still has friends in business," Vachon said. "And after he does his time and pays his dues, hopefully he'll start all over again."

ONE MORE SHIFT: Under the heading of Where Are They Now?: Dave Poulin, who spent most of his 13-year career with the Philadelphia Flyers, is currently coaching the Notre Dame hockey program. Meanwhile, Grant Mulvey and Al Secord have joined the IHL's Chicago Wolves — Mulvey as head coach and Secord as a strength and conditioning coach. Mulvey played 10 years in the NHL with Chicago and New Jersey, while Secord had a 12-year career, most prominently with the Blackhawks. And ex-Blackhawk goaltender Darren Pang, now a broadcaster, is also a volunteer goaltending coach for the Fighting Irish.

FASHION STATEMENT: The Chicago Blackhawks, New York Rangers and Tampa Bay Lightning will all unveil alternate jerseys this season, bringing to seven the number of teams using the new looks for certain occasions.

The Rangers will unveil their new jerseys Monday at home against the New York Islanders, Chicago on Jan. 24 while hosting Toronto, and Tampa Bay at home Feb. 8 against Boston.

Boston, Pittsburgh and Vancouver are still wearing the special jerseys they introduced last season. The Islanders have already unveiled theirs this season in conjunction with their 25th anniversary.

Rick Dudley, president of NHL Enterprises, says each club will wear its third jersey six to nine times during the rest of the season.

Sportlight

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Jan. 12

1951 — Ezzard Charles knocks out Lee Oma in the 10th round at Madison Square Garden in New York to retain the heavyweight title.

1958 — Dolph Schayes of the Syracuse Nationals sets an NBA record for career points in a 135-109 victory over the Detroit Pistons. Schayes scores 23 points to bring his career mark to 11,770, breaking the record of 11,764 held by George Mikan.

1958 — The NCAA rules committee makes the first change in football scoring rules since 1912 by adding the two-point conversion.

1960 — Syracuse's Dolph Schayes becomes the first player in NBA history to score 15,000 career points.

1969 — New York Jet quarterback Joe Namath "guarantees" a victory before the game against the 17-point favorite Baltimore Colts, then leads the AFL to its first Super Bowl victory, a 16-7 triumph over a Baltimore team that had lost only once in 16 games all season.

1975 — The Pittsburgh Steelers totally shut down Minnesota's offense, handing the Vikings their third Super Bowl defeat, 16-6. Franco Harris, the game's MVP, set a Super Bowl rushing record with 158 yards.

1986 — Chicago's Denis Savard ties an NHL record for the fastest goal to start a period by scoring four seconds into the third period of the Blackhawks' 4-2 victory over the Hartford Whalers.

Jan. 13

1962 — Wilt Chamberlain scores an NBA regulation-game record 73 points to lead the Philadelphia Warriors to a 135-117 triumph over the Chicago Bulls.

1971 — At age 33, Lenny Wilkens of the Seattle Supersonics becomes the oldest All-Star MVP, scoring 21 points to give the West a 108-107 victory over the East.

1974 — The Miami Dolphins win their second straight Super Bowl in their third straight appearance with a 24-7 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. Larry Csonka, the game's MVP, gains 145 yards on 33 carries and scores a touchdown.

1986 — NCAA schools vote overwhelmingly in favor of adopting the controversial Proposition 48. The rule requires that incoming freshmen maintain 2.0 grade-point average and score 700 or more on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or a 15 on the American College Testing program.

1987 — Lewis Lloyd and Mitchell Wiggins of the Houston Rockets become the third and fourth National Basketball Association players to be banned from the league for using cocaine.

Jan. 14

1943 — Montreal's Alex Smart scores three goals in his first NHL game and leads the Canadiens to a 5-1 victory over the Chicago Black Hawks.

1962 — Margaret Smith wins her third straight Australian Open with a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Jan Lehane.

1968 — The Green Bay Packers win their second straight Super Bowl. The game draws the first \$3 million gate in football history. Bart Starr, the game's MVP, completes 13 of 24 passes for 202 yards.

1973 — The Miami Dolphins, who went 14-0 in the regular season and won two playoff games, beat the Washington Redskins 14-7 in the Super Bowl to become the only undefeated team in NFL history.

Jan. 15

1987 — The NFL's Green Bay Packers open the Super Bowl series by defeating the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10.

1972 — Joe Frazier knocks out Terry Daniels in the fourth round at New Orleans to retain the world heavyweight title.

1978 — The Dallas Cowboys take advantage of eight Denver turnovers en route to a 27-10 victory over the Broncos in the Super Bowl. Butch Johnson's diving catch of Roger Staubach's 45-yard touchdown pass puts the Cowboys ahead 20-3 in the third quarter.

Jan. 16

1972 — The Dallas Cowboys dominate the Miami Dolphins, setting a Super Bowl record of 252 yards in a 24-3 victory.

1974 — Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford are elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Mantle was elected in his first year of eligibility and Ford in his second year.

1988 — Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, the CBS NFL Today tout for 12 years, is fired for his racial comments during an interview with a Washington television station the previous day.

Jan. 17

1971 — The first Super Bowl under the new merger of the NFL and AFL ends with rookie Jim O'Brien kicking a 32-yard field goal to give the Baltimore Colts a 16-13 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

1986 — Tim Winterspoon wins a majority decision over Tony Tubbs at the Omni in Atlanta to win the WBA heavyweight title.

1988 — The Denver Broncos beat the Cleveland Browns for the second straight year in the AFC Championship game. Defensive back Jeremiah Castille strips running back Earnest Byner at the Denver 3-yard line with 65 seconds left in the game to preserve a 38-33 victory.

Jan. 18

1976 — Pittsburgh wins the Super Bowl for the second straight year. Terry Bradshaw's 64-yard touchdown pass to Lynn Swann and Glen Edwards' interception on the last play of the game gives the Steelers a 21-17 win over the Dallas Cowboys. Swann, with four receptions for 161 yards, was named the game's MVP.

Quotebook

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"You get off the plane and you feel the cold wind. You walk out of the hotel and you feel the cold wind. You put on as much as you can in the locker room and you walk out on the field, and you still feel it. And then you look up in the stands and the first thing you see is some guy without a shirt." — Carolina wide receiver Willie Green, a former member of the Detroit Lions who used to play at Green Bay's Lambeau Field every year.

"I think the weather situation's going to be a little overrated. A lot of us have played in this kind of weather, and we don't really want to play in it, either. But it's three hours. And if you can't get psyched for the game and block the weather out for that amount of time, you don't want to be playing." — Panthers fullback Howard Griffith about playing in Green Bay.

"When I was a kid, all I ever dreamed about was being a professional quarterback in the NFL. I used to go out in the backyard with my brothers and dream of playing in the Super Bowl." — Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre.

"If we get to New Orleans, damn Hawaii." — Desmond Howard on being snubbed for the Pro Bowl.

"He is one of my favorite guys I ever coached with. It's simple, really. I like him. Of all the things that are very important in a coach, he is all of those things. And he is not afraid. That is the main thing. He's got conviction." — New England coach Bill Parcells on his counterpart in the AFC Championship game, Jacksonville's Tom Coughlin, a former Parcells assistant.

"It's a black day for the whole hockey world. Hockey is going to have to take a close look at itself." — Ben Welts, chairman of the NHL. Swift Current Broncos, whose former coach, Graham James, was convicted of sexually abusing two of his players.

"I told her if it's a girl, I want to sign her to a letter of intent the day she's born." — Texas Tech women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp about the impending birth of Sheryl Swoopes' first child.

"(The media) ignored me when I played, and they keep ignoring me now. Even when I had good games, they wouldn't ask me, they'd ask someone else or the manager. Back then, they had the excuse: because my English wasn't perfect. Now I don't know what excuse they have." — Tony Perez, who wonders if the reason he failed to make the Hall of Fame is because he's Latin.

"I would have liked to have a Tom Seaver fastball or a Bob Gibson slider, but I didn't. The only way I was going to stay in the majors was to throw a knuckleball." — Phil Niekro, baseball's newest Hall of Famer.

LIVING LARGE

Texan in big demand after Olympic exposure

By Chad Eric Watt
Beaumont Enterprise

SILSBEE — As an Olympic weightlifter and sports celebrity, Mark Henry is often depicted as a role model to youth, but to the children in his hometown of Silsbee, he is a friend.

Henry, now a member of the World Wrestling Federation, took time last week to talk with about 500 fifth- and sixth-graders at Laura Reeves Elementary School in Silsbee.

"People listen to me because of what I've done," Henry said.

In July 1996, Henry competed in the super-heavyweight division of the Atlanta Olympic weightlifting competition. A back injury forced him to withdraw early.

Henry returned to Southeast Texas in the style appropriate for a national star, but his fame and its accoutrements haven't changed him.

Henry is still touched that the students in Silsbee also care about him. After talking to the students, Henry let them ask him questions.

"They miss me — they were concerned about my future," he said. "Silsbee's always had a lot of good kids."

Henry still attributes much of his success and character to his upbringing in the Hardin County town.

"If I'd grown up somewhere larger, I'd probably be in trouble," he said. "I'd probably be successful, but I'd be a guy like (Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman) Erik Williams."

Williams was under investigation because of allegations he sexually assaulted a Dallas-area woman in late December. The woman, however, recanted those charges late last week. Williams



Former Olympian and current professional wrestler Mark Henry returned to his hometown of Silsbee last week to speak to a group of fifth- and sixth-graders about his achievements.

settled out of court with another woman making a similar charge two years ago.

Henry is not shy about mentioning his own mistakes.

"There's so much I wish I could go back and change," he said. "But I've learned from my mistakes."

In particular, Henry said he wished he had worked harder on his grades during school. He encouraged the Reeves Elementary students to do the same.

School secretary Patti Gietzen,

who knew Henry when he was in school, said fame has not changed the Silsbee native.

"He's been in national magazines, yet he still walks up to you and shakes your hand," she said.

Reeves Elementary Principal Fred Miller said the students enjoyed Henry's visit.

"They were really absorbed," he said.

Henry was back in Texas to go to Austin to have pins removed from an ankle he injured in training. He

will return to Stamford, Conn., to resume wrestling training.

He is scheduled to appear at a Jan. 20 World Wrestling Federation event in Beaumont.

Henry said he was confident he could return to his Olympic weightlifting form in time for the 2000 Olympics. He said he was fully recovered from his summer back injury.

"I'm back now," he said.

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Motocross pros can earn big money

■ Going professional is the dream for many amateurs who compete in indoor racing event.

By Simon Gonzalez
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Between his sore wrist and his sixth-place finish in the first heat of the 125cc intermediate class, it hadn't been a good day for Mark Thompson.

This wasn't the way it was supposed to go. The 16-year-old Marcus High School student entered the ArenaCross event recently at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum with the kind of expectations that accompany a reputation as one of the best young motocross riders in the nation.

The titles won in various classes in various events from California to Florida, not to mention his dominance at local tracks, suggested a better result in this sport of tight turns, huge jumps and bumps big and small.

This was his first major race in the intermediate class after stepping up from the novices, but Thompson refused to use that as an excuse.

"I can hang with these guys," he said. "I've beaten them before. Most of these guys I've been racing against all around the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

The wrist was a bigger problem. He injured it the previous weekend when, in a tight turn, it was hit by a competitor's bike. Wrist is key to the sport of motorcycle racing because they work with the hands to operate the clutch and the throttle, so it was more than a minor nuisance.

"My wrist is hurt," he said to explain his unaccustomed finish



Mark Thompson, a 16-year-old student at Flower Mound Marcus, participates in a motocross event at the Arena Cross Nationals at Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth recently. Most of the amateurs who are the right age dream of going professional, where their earning potential is great.

back in the pack.

Whether it was the wrist, or whether it was just a bad day, or whether it was the competition, it did nothing to detract Thompson from his dream, his goal.

"I want to turn pro," he said. The professionals competed two days before in the sixth stop of the 13-event ArenaCross series. On Sunday it was the amateurs' turn.

Dozens of them came, ranging in age from the 4- to 6-year-olds to the 30-somethings in the open classes, riding bikes ranging from the 50cc mini-motocycles to the noisy, powerful 250cc machines.

Except for the ones too young to think about it and the ones old enough to know their window of opportunity already has closed, the dream was the same.

"All the kids have the ambition to go pro," said Mike Kidd, the

Fort Worth-based promoter of the ArenaCross series.

And why not? For the best riders, motorcycle racing can be quite rewarding.

Between the prize money, sponsor incentives and bonuses, Kidd said there is about \$1 million up for grabs in his four-month series. The top competitor can expect to pocket about \$100,000.

And then there's the more lucrative SuperCross series with events in large stadiums, and outdoor motocross.

It's not Michael Jordan or Albert Belle money, but those who are good enough can make a nice living in the sport.

Many dream about doing it. Few are good enough.

"Probably five percent of them will go pro," Kidd said. "One percent will make a living at it."

You've got to be in the right place at the right time and have the right talent."

Those are sobering odds, but they don't deter those with dreams. Such as Thompson.

"Ever since I was big enough to watch those guys race on TV, I've wanted to do it," he said.

He knows he is not alone in his dreams.

"Probably everyone out here wants to turn pro," he said. "Since I'm at the top of my class I know I can do it. I just have to put more effort into it to get better."

Thompson's father, Matt, knows all about the odds. He raced in motocross and enduros for about 20 years, but wasn't good enough to turn pro.

But Matt Thompson, who acts as his son's mechanic, still supports Mark in his dreams.

"I told him if you want to do it, we'll get you to the races," Matt Thompson said.

After Mark gets to the races, he frequently finishes out front. He has won at local tracks in Euless, Lake Whitney, Fort Worth and Greenville. He won the 125 Open points series title at Village Creek in Fort Worth by winning every race he entered.

Matt, his wife Marsha — who helps Team Thompson by locating sponsors — and 13-year-old Marcee — who also races — accompanied Mark to Florida over Thanksgiving for the motocross "Winter Olympics," and saw him win four titles in his farewell to the 125cc novice class.

Those are the kind of results that hint that Mark Thompson's dream might be more than just a fantasy.

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Study on genes only predicted trends

By Ira Dreyfus
Associated Press Writer

When it comes to success in sports, training can only go so far. Athletic ability may be mostly in the genes.

A recent study attempted to determine which is more important in determining a child's athletic skill level: nature, in the form of genes, or nurture, in the form of opportunities to develop skills.

"The majority of the evidence comes down to the nature side of the equation," said researcher Michael C. Neale, an associate professor at the Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics in Richmond, Va.

However, the findings only predicted trends, not individual cases, so parents can't tell for sure whether their children will be like them or unlike them, he said.

The scientists looked at athletic test scores by 105 pairs of 10-year-old twins and their parents who were taking part in a long-term study in Belgium. About half the twins were identical, so their genes were the same. The rest were fraternal, so their genetic similarity was no more than would be expected of other siblings.

The team, led by researcher Hermine H.M. Maes, then looked at how likely the children and parents were to have similar scores.

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In aerobic fitness tests, heredity was associated with about two-thirds of ability in male children and almost 90 percent in females.

However, the associations can only indicate a likely relationship. They are not proof that genes are the cause.

"It's not like we can turn the genes on and off," said Neale, whose findings were reported in the American College of Sports Medicine's journal. "We are only estimating through the correlation."

The fact that it's hard to put precise numbers

on unknown genes means that environmental factors should not be downplayed, researcher Larry A. Tucker of Brigham Young University said.

"For example, with obesity, genes are shared — and the kitchen is shared," he said.

In a separate study, Tucker and his colleagues found that parents who were fit were more likely to have children who were fit, and parents who were unfit were more likely to have out-of-shape children. The study did not look for genetic causes, but researchers suspected that parents influenced their children through the power of example.

And another expert, David B. Allison of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, cautioned that the findings do not mean that the unfit should blame their parents and give up.

"What this suggests is that we are not all created equal," Allison said. "We need to take these inequalities into account, so everyone can experience some level of success."

This could mean downplaying competitive team sports in schools and encouraging activities in which kids can go for personal bests, Allison said.

"The most obvious ones are walking and swimming and weightlifting," he said. "Things you can do when you are 6 and you can do when you are 70 are the kinds of things we need."

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Texas cracks down on poachers

By Bob Hood
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The call came over the radio in game warden Rick Medford's pickup truck at 3 a.m. It wasn't the first report of a person with a spotlight being watched by a team of wardens working in the dark from the air and ground.

What made this call different was that, finally, six hours into a long night of patrolling and surveillance in a five-county area last week, spotlighters had been caught.

The voice on the radio was that of game warden Pat Canan.

"I've got them shut down," Canan said. "There are three of them, all 20-year-olds. Two males and one female."

The three Wichita Falls residents were detained and ticketed for a Class C misdemeanor for hunting from a public road with the aid of a vehicle. They were released, minus one gun. J.N. Dunlap Jr., Jack County justice of the peace, fined each \$332 and said he will return the firearm when the fines are paid.

This time, the hours of air and ground search resulted in only one group of spotlighters being nabbed near Archer City early Sunday morning, but the night's activity serves as an example of the commitment game wardens make to curb poaching.

"I have some of the most aggressive wardens in the state working in my district," said Medford, district law enforcement supervisor from Wichita Falls. "And that's what it takes to catch some of these people."

Spotlighting deer, which can draw fines of \$25 to \$500, is one of the more common violations Texas game wardens encounter this time of year. The offense is one of many examples of illegal hunting and fishing activities, which go on year-round in virtually every county of the state.

Other common poaching activities include hunting from public roads, possession of untagged deer, hunting deer with dogs, using electronic equipment to shock fish, exceeding bag limits, selling game fish or game animals, and using traps and nets to catch fish.

Medford said people who hunt and fish illegally have various motivations. Some do it for fun. For others, it is a cat-and-mouse game they like to play with law enforcement. For still others, it's a way to make a few bucks by selling deer, fish and other game.

"You don't have many people who kill a deer illegally so they can feed their family," Medford said. "Some of them will tell you that ... but when you see them driving around in a new pickup truck, I find that reason difficult to believe."

Many poachers are what regional law enforcement supervisor Gary Tarpley of Fort Worth calls "opportunists," those who aren't actively hunting from a road but who shoot a deer when an opportunity arises.

Other poachers are well-organized and clever, hunting and fishing illegally on a regular basis.

"Those are the ones we really like to get," Tarpley said. No matter the reason, the illegal activities are all too common.

"I have had some instances where I used to catch some family members on a fairly regular basis, and now I am catching their grandsons," Medford said. Illegal fishing is the biggest problem facing Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement officials in the North Texas area, Tarpley said.

"We have our biggest problems with persons catching and selling fish, especially below the Lake Texoma dam," Tarpley said. "The fish are caught on rod and reel, in cast nets, and some of them are snaggled. Then the fish are sold to markets in the Fort Worth-Dallas area."

Calls to the Operation Game Thief hot line, a toll-free telephone number informants may call to report game or fish violations, are credited with putting the clamps on many fishing violators. In fact, the biggest bust made on illegal freshwater fishing activity in Texas history occurred at Lake Texoma a few years ago after a tip from an anonymous caller, Tarpley said.

Illegal fishermen at Texoma were selling fish to restaurants and markets in the Fort Worth-Dallas area, he said. After receiving the tip, the department set up a sting operation involving a "fish house" where illegal fishermen could sell their catches. The bust



Game warden Gary Hobbs sets up a deer decoy used in the battle against illegal road hunting. The decoys are put on private property with the landowner's permission; and, when a poacher shoots at it, game wardens close in to arrest the culprit.

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resulted in the arrests and convictions of numerous individuals who were charged with selling striped bass and other game fish they had caught from below the Lake Texoma dam.

Texas laws prohibit the selling or buying of game fish taken from public waters, but hybrid striped bass and some other species may be sold if they are raised by a commercial fish pond owner who operates under a permit issued by the department. Also, some fish sold at restaurants and markets are imported from out of state, where they were raised by commercial facilities operating under a similar permit system.

The biggest problem game wardens face, other than nabbing those who catch and sell fish, is backtracking the paperwork at the restaurant or fish market to ensure that the fish being sold are not illegally taken game fish.

"Catching market people is difficult," Tarpley said. "They are shuffling invoices around and making it difficult for us to determine if the hybrid stripers were bought in Mississippi or caught here."

Also, many illegal fishermen are learning how to avoid detection, Tarpley said. "At Texoma, there is a particular problem with groups of anglers, and they are becoming very sophisticated in ways of avoiding getting caught."

"Between the time the fish is caught and the time it reaches a vehicle, it may have changed hands four or five times," Tarpley said. "And a guy running through the parking lot to his vehicle may change shirts three times as he is running."

Poachers apparently have little difficulty finding buyers for their catches, and one former illegal fisherman said a grocery store owner made regular trips to the Lake Texoma dam to buy fish for a Denton business.

"There were about six of us who went to the Texoma dam regularly to catch fish and sell them to a grocery store owner from Denton," the former poacher told the Star-Telegram.

"We caught mostly stripers. I lived up there at the time. I rented a picnic site at a marina, threw a bed roll over the picnic table and slept there. I would catch a limit of stripers in the morning, clean them, and ice them down. Then I would go back and catch another limit that afternoon. I never kept anything that wasn't legal size, though."

"I didn't know that it was illegal (to sell the fish). I thought that when you caught fish, they belonged to you and you could do what you wanted to do with them," the former poacher said. "The guy who owned the grocery store in Denton bought them from us. We sold them to him by the pound. We cleaned the fish and bagged them up. The guy carried a pair of scales in his truck. He would come to the dam, weigh our fish and then pay us for them."

"I never made a lot of money, but it did pay for all of my beer and cigarettes," he said.

Although most of the illegal anglers in the group sold their fish to the Denton grocery store owner, some of the fish were sold in Dallas, he said.

"One of the guys was selling his fish to a restaurant in Dallas because he could get more money for them there," the man said. "He would load up a bunch of fish in his truck — whole fish, not cleaned — and tell us he would be back in about three hours. Sure enough, he would come back in about three hours with a load of cash."

The man said he left the Texoma area at about the time the hot-line called tipped officers of the illegal activity.

The equipment used by game wardens and some poachers has turned high-tech in recent years.

Illegal fishermen who once used old, crank-type telephones with long pieces of wire attached to produce electricity to shock fish to the surface now have small electronic devices that do the same thing. These devices are no larger than an ordinary prescription medicine bottle or 35mm film canister.

Often called "crickets," these devices not only are easier to handle, but their small size makes them easier to hide or dispose of when a warden approaches.

Illegal hunters often use regular 12-volt spotlights, but some have turned to lights with red lenses, which are more difficult for wardens to see from a distance and can be mistaken for the taillights of a vehicle.

To quiet the muzzle blasts of their rifles, some poachers have attempted to create "silencers" by placing 2-liter soda bottles and other devices on their barrels.

The improvements for law enforcement are no less significant.

To curb road hunting, deer decoys are being used by officers. The decoys, which are used on private properties with landowners' permission, are placed in areas with "safe" backdrops — away from live-stock, buildings and roads.

"The best thing about using decoys is that we catch road hunters without losing a deer," Tarpley said. "We don't have to wait for them to actually kill a deer before we can file on them. Also, we usually avoid a high-speed chase, which could result in an injury."

To gain speed and mobility on water, many game wardens use modern "bass boats" equipped with large outboard engines to aid in making quick surprise investigations of people suspected of violations, such as netters. Some wardens also use video cameras to record poaching activities, and the tapes are used as evidence in court.

The use of aircraft during the day and at night, plus improved radio equipment, binoculars and cellular telephones, have stepped up game wardens' capabilities.

But despite the new equipment on both sides of the law, whether the organized poacher or repeat offender gets caught

or gets away often is the result of who wins a cat-and-mouse game, Medford said.

"There are some who simply will keep on poaching," Medford said. "Some of the ones I catch regularly just tell me they will see me again sometime. You know they are going to do it again, and you soon learn everything about them ... where they travel, who their friends are."

During 1996, game wardens made three significant busts on poachers.

In early November, less than 20 minutes after receiving an anonymous phone call to the Operation Game Thief hot line, wardens arrested four Florida men who were in possession of 70 boxes of venison from deer they took illegally on a Medina County ranch.

The poachers, who officers said may have intended to sell the venison, had placed the processed deer meat in small boxes about the size of restaurant-to-go boxes, were fined a total of \$2,656 and are expected to be assessed a total of \$2,500 in civil restitution.

Just eight months earlier, a well-orchestrated blitz on a Sunday morning by 40 game wardens in a four-county southeast Texas area resulted in the arrests of 23 hunters who were charged with hunting deer with dogs as well as other hunting violations.

The arrests culminated a 13-month covert investigation, the largest ever by the parks and wildlife department, and involved two game wardens who worked undercover and infiltrated what officers called "a close-knit group of poachers in Jasper, Newton, Hardin and Orange counties."

The investigation began in March 1995, in response to concerns from hunters and landowners who complained that poachers had intimidated them and threatened them in an effort to take over public hunting lands, including national forests and state wildlife management areas.

When it all came down, the 23 individuals were charged with 46 offenses, and maximum fines of \$1,000 each were assessed most of the violators, the department said.

Last month, a call to the Operation Game Thief hot line resulted in the apprehension of several people charged with illegal fishing on the Texas coasts. More than \$40,000 in fines were assessed the individuals, the department said.

Medford said approximately 150 illegal hunters have been caught in his eight-county Northwest Texas district during the past 12 months. Officials estimate the number of illegal hunting cases filed annually to be several hundred.

With a force of 450 game wardens in Texas, and aided by improved equipment and an Operation Game Thief program that rewards people who supply information on poachers, some inroads are being made to stop poaching.

"We are not a solution to poaching," said Gary Hobbs, a game warden from Mineral Wells. "We are just a deterrent. We are here to enforce the game and fish laws, and I think we are doing a pretty good job of doing that."

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Capriati back in Melbourne for first time in four years

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — The last time Jennifer Capriati played the Australian Open, four years ago, she left in a flood of tears, her voice trembling, her career and life on the skids.

She was 16. She took little pleasure in the Olympic gold medal she had won the previous summer, dwelling instead on the losses she suffered, the pressures she felt, the image of the happy, precocious teen she had come to see as a fake.

When she tumbled out of the Australian in the quarter-finals, just a week after winning a tuneup in Sydney, she looked shattered, as if her whole career would be defined by failure.

By the end of that year, she would be gone from the tour, pursuing what passed for normalcy — high school, alcohol, drugs — until she wound up arrested for marijuana possession in a seedy motel, her police mug shot splattered in newspapers and on TV screens around the world.

She is back now, without the slender silver ring in her nose, the black nail polish, the purple hair, the disoriented gaze. At 20, after two treatments for alcohol and drug abuse, after aborted comebacks and injuries, after the breakup of her parents' marriage and a dispute over training with her father and former manager-coach, Stefano, Jennifer Capriati is once again a force in women's tennis.

Capriati, coming in unseeded, may not be ready yet to win the Australian starting Monday, to upset No. 1 seed and four-time champion Steffi Graf, or to overshadow top men like No. 1 Pete Sampras and defending champion Boris Becker.

But there is triumph enough in coming back as far as Capriati has, to be fit enough to beat Chanda Rubin and last summer's Olympic gold medalist, Lindsay Davenport, the past week en route to the final in Sydney, and Monica Seles in Chicago last fall.

Capriati's resurgence couldn't have come at a better time for the Australian Open. The year's first Grand Slam event has been socked by injuries to defending champ Seles, French champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Wimbledon champ Richard Krajicek and several other high-ranking players. All that plus the decision by burned-out former champion Andre Agassi to stay on vacation after months of poor play.

With her mother, Denise, cheering her from courtide and Australian fans showing their affection with cries of "C'mon, Jenny," Capriati is showing the kind of gritty determination on court she once had.

She is moving well on court, not as light on her feet as players like Graf or Martina Hingis but with a good sense of anticipation. She looks as if she's dropped about 20 pounds from when she made a brief comeback in 1994.

There is even the occasional toothy smile that once lit up magazine covers, though the pain of Capriati's passage over the past few years is still evident in the dark, guarded side of her personality. She is uncomfortable talking about her past and is distrustful of strangers.

"It's other people who seem to be hung up on the past," she

says, her demure new style marked by elegant diamond earrings and no makeup. "I'm just interested in now. It's like I'm starting my career as a different person because I'm older and more mature. I'm just enjoying the moment."

She never completely gave up on her career, she insists, never thought she would stay away from the game forever. Even now, she believes, she

can still become the No. 1 player and fulfill all the promise she once showed.

"I hope I could some day be in that top place," she says.

Graf, for one, doesn't doubt it.

"She's got the talent for much more than the top 10," Graf said.

"From what I've heard, her mind is getting on the court

again, and she's been training a lot harder. We'll just have to see how it is going to be the whole year long. Hopefully she'll stick to it, and she'll definitely be a threat."

The toughest part of coming back, Capriati says, is getting used to the whole tennis scene again, the travel, the rigors of practice, the matches, and, most dreaded, the interviews. She answers questions as if she can't wait to leave, sighing heavily at times to indicate her discomfort.

"This is just what I want to be doing," she says curtly. "I don't have to be playing."

There was a time, after the initial fun of signing more than \$6 million in endorsement deals and turning pro at 13, that Capriati didn't want to be playing and practicing but felt obligated to do both while also posing for numerous ads. Her arrests — for shoplifting and drugs — quickly closed out her endorsement career and, in a way, simplified her life.

"Jennifer is excited to be out there hitting balls again," her mother says. "She has been training really hard and has grown physically and matured mentally since she was last here. She really wants it."

"Since she has returned to the circuit full-time, there have been some questions about that (drug) stuff, but thankfully not too many. But Jennifer has learned to deal with it. She is very focused on her tennis and knows you can't go ahead if you are dwelling on the past."

What she wants most now is to be known as a consistent player, to keep up a high level of quality from match to match and tournament to tournament, and build from that.

If there's anything she resents as much as talk of her past, or what she considers invasions of her privacy, it's her status as the poster girl for early tennis burnout.

Asked about the budding careers of 16-year-old Hingis and 15-year-old Anna Kournikova, Capriati responded with rather poetic diffidence: "You can't really stop a flower from growing."

As much as critics have blamed her father for pushing her, her mother for not exerting control, agents, advertisers and the tennis establishment for celebrating her jump to the pros, Capriati knows she went along gladly because she had the talent and desire to do it.

She can only hope that, at 20, it's not too late to reclaim that talent and desire and live up to a championship destiny she once took for granted.



Tour veteran Mark O'Meara has spent some time on the course with Tiger Woods (above), who made his professional debut near the end of last year. But recently, a reporter asked O'Meara what it was like getting to play a practice round with the youngster. The veteran reminded the reporter that he was the one with 12 tour wins, three Ryder Cups, was eighth on the career money list and is the defending champion of this week's event.

Getting past the Woods

O'Meara sets writer straight: He's the man

By Larry Dorman
N.Y. Times News Service

CARLSBAD, Calif. — The middle-aged man thrust a piece of paper at Mark O'Meara as the golfer stepped from the 18th green at La Costa Resort and Spa.

"Hey," he said, as O'Meara autographed it, "guess it was quite an experience for you playing with Tiger Woods, huh?"

The pen paused and O'Meara looked up, half-smiling. Here he was, the defending champion in the Mercedes Championship — the season-opening tournament for winners only that began Thursday — a 40-year-old veteran entering his 17th season on the PGA Tour, and he was supposed to be grateful because he got to play a practice round with a 21-year-old?

O'Meara started to laugh. "I told him, 'Hey, pal, I think you've got that backwards,'" O'Meara said. "I'm the guy with 12 tour wins, three Ryder Cups, eighth on the career money list. I'm the defending champion here. This week, I'm the man. I think maybe Tiger Woods should be glad for the chance to play with Mark O'Meara."

"Touche," the man replied. O'Meara's mock indignation was half put on. He has befriended Woods, served as his mentor and golf partner at the Orlando course where both of them live. He knows exactly how good Tiger Woods is, and he appreciates his game. But as a competitor, he doesn't appreciate being slighted in comparison, and he doesn't mind telling people that.

In a sense, this serves as a theme for the 1997 season: The world has learned about

Tiger Woods, now it's his turn to learn about the world. He has arrived at La Costa for what used to be called the Tournament of Champions faster than anyone in the game's history. His two victories in only seven events at the end of the 1996 season cured plenty of skepticism about whether he is the genuine article.

Now begins the season where Woods will be competing against the best players at each tournament he enters, beginning with this one.

You can see the difference, up and down the range at La Costa. Warming up to the task at hand are Tom Lehman and Fred Couples and Nick Faldo and Corey Pavin and Phil Mickelson.

It's true that there are 12 first-time champions in the field, all part of the youthful wave that swept across the golf landscape last year (14 of 44 tournaments were won by players in their 20s), but the veterans are hardly ready to cede the keys to the kingdom.

"Who knows what's going to unfold?" Faldo said. "In truth, he's been on tour for about five minutes, hasn't he? Give him a full year."

Said O'Meara: "There's no doubt in my mind that he's going to do well, but the future is a very, very long time. There are a lot of things that can happen. He definitely has a lot of pressure on him to perform."

For his part, the young man in the center of all this seems unchanged. He is outwardly calm, still smiles easily, still bombs his tee shots to almost unfathomable spots on the golf course he has seen only three times now.

"This course sets up good for me. It's play-

ing very long, and the rough is thick and lush so you'll have to be straight," Woods said.

"I needed that time off to reflect and regroup and clear my mind out. I had a lot to deal with. But I'm feeling fresh and ready to go again."

Woods once said that he comes into every tournament he plays believing he can win, with the goal to win, and his performance so far has earned him the respect of one of the players who will be trying to beat his brains out weekly.

"It's refreshing to see somebody whose goal or whose primary concern is to win golf tournaments," Mickelson said. "We went through a period of time when a top 10 finish was a good event, money was important."

So far, Mickelson has nine victories at age 26. Can Woods get seven more in the next five years to match that? Can he surpass it? Can he come out here and dust the veterans in a continuation of his amazing start? Will he win a major or two this year?

These are the sort of questions that most of the players on the PGA Tour haven't had to ponder about 21-year-old kids. They do now. Most of them think it's a good thing.

"Some guys might be hoping for Tiger to fail," O'Meara said, "but not many. What I've tried to tell him not to lose sight of is that he's a human being and the people on the other side of the ropes are human beings, too. You need to treat those people right and you need to treat your fellow competitors right. Never lose sight of that."

If that lesson sinks in, then O'Meara was right. Woods should have been glad for the opportunity to play practice rounds with him.

Lehman stays on top to start year

■ In hiatus between last year and this, the same player who finished 1996 as No. 1 started 1997 in same place.

By Larry Dorman
N.Y. Times News Service

CARLSBAD, Calif. — If there were any doubts remaining about the seamlessness of the pro golf season, they were laid to rest Thursday during the first round of the Mercedes Championships at La Costa Resort and Spa.

In the roughly 15-second hiatus between last year and this, neither the names nor the games nor the themes have changed. The same fellow who was atop the leaderboard at the official end of the 1996 season was atop the leaderboard at the official start of the '97 season. The same young fellow who attracted hitherto untold millions to golf galleries is back with a big following.

Tom Lehman, the '96 player of the year, kicked off his new season with a round of 6-under-par 66, good for a one-stroke lead over Paul Goydos and Jim Furyk and a three-stroke lead over Fred Couples, Justin Leonard and Guy Boros.

Tiger Woods, the '96 rookie (not to mention Sportsman) of the year, shot a round of 70 in front of the largest gallery of the day.

All this took place on one of those spectacular southern California days, crisp and clear, at a La Costa layout that was as fluffed and buffed as a country clubber after an herbal wrap in the spa. After something of a slow start that included a bogey at the fifth hole, Lehman got his ball rolling. He birdied five of the next seven holes, dropped a 20-footer for birdie at the 16th to get five under

par and then topped it off with a 20-footer for birdie at No. 18.

"It felt really good to get back," said Lehman, whose victory in the season-ending Tour Championship was the most convincing in a season that included 13 top 10s in 22 starts and a victory at the British Open. "It seems like the older you get, the more you realize that the way to approach the game is to whack the ball, go chase it, knock it at the hole and see what happens."

What happened Thursday was what happened most of last year when Lehman, 37, took his game to another level. He is now the No. 2-ranked player in the world according to the Sony World Rankings, trailing only Greg Norman. His iron play, which has always been strong, was in mid-season form. He hit 17 greens.

Woods, on the other hand, felt somewhat tentative in his first competitive round since the JCPenney team event last month. "My iron play was not really comfortable," he said, "so I didn't try to fire it in at any pins. I know that I'm not tournament tough, that there were going to be some rusty shots, so I figured I'd play conservative and not blow myself out of the tournament."

As usual, Woods caused the biggest stir, anyway. He chipped in for birdie on the third hole — which went down as the first official birdie of the season — and he eagled the 541-yard 12th hole with a perfect drive, a 4-iron to 35 feet and a putt that never wavered. The only blemish on his round was a three-putt bogey at the 15th, where he missed a 4-footer.

"I'm still in the ball game," he said after the first round.

Very much so, as were just about the all the 22 players who broke par at La Costa. But that's only if Lehman decided to let everyone into it, something he has

been disinclined to do once he gets into a commanding position in a golf tournament. This latest of bloomers — the first of his four PGA Tour victories came in the 1994 Memorial Tournament — has discovered a formula for front-running, which is to take the bit and run with it.

He is playing with confidence, putting well — "The hole just started looking bigger and bigger," he said — and seems determined to continue his rather

unlikely rise to the top of the game. After his final practice round this week, he was asked if he was ready to be the No. 1 player in golf. Matter-of-factly and without any false modesty, he said, "I think so."

If Lehman can keep it going, we'll know so. It used to be that he was the perfect poster boy for his equipment company, which has the slogan, "Find your game." Last year he did that. It appears he didn't lose it.

Golf Glance

By John Nicholson
Associated Press Writer

Mercedes Championships
Site: Carlsbad, Calif.
Dates: Final round today.
Course: La Costa Resort and Spa (7,022 yards, par 72).
Purse: \$1.2 million.
Winner's share: \$216,000.
Television: ABC (Today, 2-5 p.m.).
Last year: Mark O'Meara closed with a 4-under 68 for a three-stroke victory over Nick Faldo and Scott Hoch. O'Meara had a 17-under 271 total.
Last week: Greg Norman made a 15-foot birdie putt on the 36th hole to beat Hoch 1-up in the final of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf at Scottsdale, Ariz. Norman earned \$1 million.

Notes: The PGA Tour's player of the year, rookie and comeback award winners will be announced Friday night. Tom Lehman is nominated for player of the year along with O'Meara, Mark Brooks, Phil Mickelson and Steve Stricker. The rookie nominees are Tiger Woods, Tim Herron and Jerry Kelly, and the comeback candidates are Steve Jones, Clarence Rose and Willie Wood. Woods also is scheduled to play in the Phoenix Open in two weeks, and will join his father, Earl, in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am on Jan. 30-Feb. 2. Norman is the only eligible player not entered in the winners-only tournament. Jack Nicklaus won the tournament five times from 1963-77. Calvin Peete set the tournament record in 1988 with a 21-under 267 total. Lee Janzen holds the 18-hole mark with a 9-under 63 in the second round of the 1995 tournament. The tournament moved to La Costa in 1989 after 16 years in Las Vegas. The PGA Tour's

new web address is <http://www.pgatour.com>. The Bob Hope Chrysler Classic is next week at Palm Desert, Calif.

LPGA TOUR
Chrysler-Plymouth Tournament of Champions
Site: Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Dates: Final round today.
Course: Weston Hills Country Club (6,090 yards, par 72).
Purse: \$700,000.
Winner's share: \$105,000.
Television: NBC (Today, 12:30-2:30 p.m.).

Notes: Sweden's Liselotte Neumann won the first of three 1996 titles, shooting a tournament-record 18-under 275 for an 11-stroke victory over Australia's Karrie Webb at Grand Cypress in Orlando. Webb, a 22-year-old Australian, won the LPGA Tour Championship in November to take the money title with a record \$1,002,000. She led Dottie Pepper and England's Laura Davies for the tour lead with four victories. Davies also won the unofficial LPGA Skins Games along with three tournaments in Europe and two in Japan. Swedish star Annika Sorenstam married David Each on Saturday at Reno, Nev. The tournament moves to Weston Hills after three years at Grand Cypress. Weston Hills was the site of the PGA Tour's Honda Classic from 1992-95. Dottie Pepper won the inaugural tournament in 1994 and Dawn Coe-Jones took the 1995 event. The HealthSouth Inaugural is next week at Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

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Australian PGA Tour: Victorian Open, today, Victoria Golf Club, Melbourne, Australia.

Cooperstown questions

Models of inconsistency

Hall of Fame voting raises eyebrows, again

By Furman Bisher
Cox News Service

I've said it before, but it bears saying again: I'd hate to go on trial with a bunch of baseball writers as my jury. Even for a parking violation. It's tougher to get past them than it is to slip the rising sun by a rooster.

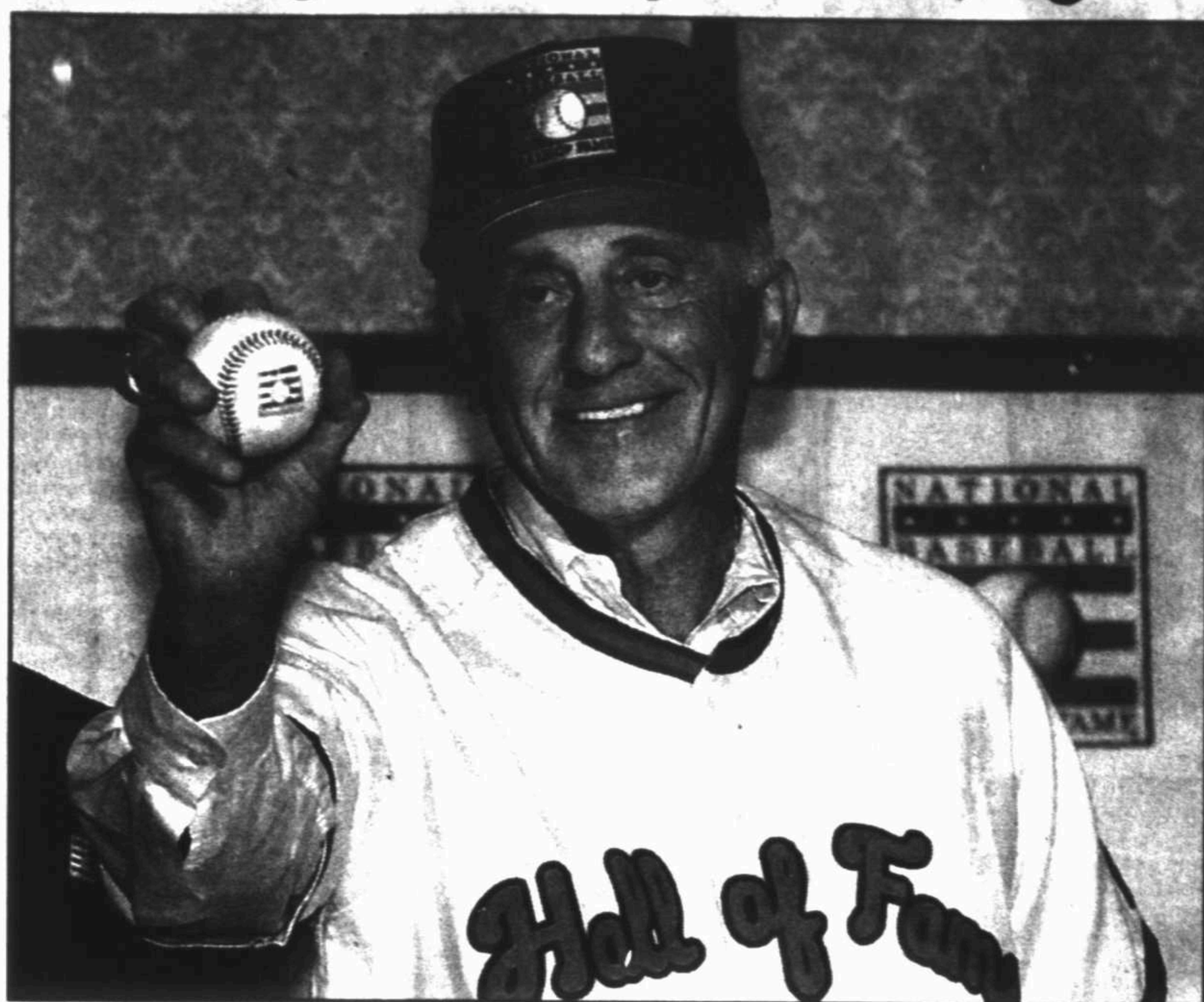
Commentary

They take you back to the days of hanging juries in the old West.

I'm at it again, sparring with the BBWAA (Baseball Writers' Association of America). For that matter, the whole Baseball Hall of Fame bunch, models of inconsistency. To please the baseball writers division, you just better be no worse than Babe Ruth or Rogers Hornsby. To get past the Oldtimers Committee, you better have been a pal and harmonized at the bar into the wee hours.

I've written my Phil Niekro Hall of Fame column at least four times, so there isn't much left to say about that. He finally has made it on the fifth ballot, and all his credentials have been clearly established. He may be the only member who got sent down to the minor leagues because nobody could catch his knuckler. He is surely only the second full-time disciple of that fluttering pitch, and both pitched for the Braves, he and Hoyt Wilhelm at the same time, working that catching department over time in 1969.

I'm saving my ammunition this time for Don Sutton, who now pitches for the Braves from the broadcast booth. The ex-Dodger and ex-several-other-teams missed by nine votes. Maybe the same nine guys who refused to vote for Henry Aaron. Here we have the inconsistency of a stubborn constituency voting in Don Drysdale, who won only 209 games, Dizzy Dean, who won only 150, and Sandy Koufax, who won only 165, but turning back Sutton, who won 324. Egad!



Phil Niekro finally crashed the pearly gates of Cooperstown on his fifth try at a Hall of Fame induction.

He won more games than Niekro, had a better earned-run average, pitched more shutouts, struck out more batters. In fact, only four other pitchers in the wide world struck out more, only nine more pitched more shutouts. There are no other 300-game winners outside the hallowed confines of Cooperstown. While they grudgingly were voting in Niekro, why could the same guys whiff on Sutton? It's logic like that that has turned Washington into a political slum.

There are not many hard and fast guidelines. One in particular is that the player must have had 10 seasons in the major

leagues. That has been violated at least three times, in the cases of Addie Joss and Ross Youngs, who died in their prime after nine seasons, and Dean himself. Three of his 12 "seasons" were only one-game appearances, the last an inning pitched for the St. Louis Browns when he broadcast their games. They needed the gate.

Koufax? Of course he belongs with his abbreviated career. His was a case of condensed brilliance. Sutton's is a case of elongated consistency, a 20-game winner only one time, but that is hardly a felonious act. I look at Ron Santo's record, and I'm looking at one of the best

third basemen of the ages, equal efficiency at bat and in the field. Next year will be his last on the ballot.

But, three cheers for old Knucksie, who finally crashed the pearly gates. Funny thing, he's sitting there telling us all how much it has meant to him to wear the cap of the Braves while wearing a cap that bore the initials "SB" — for Silver Bullets, the female team he manages at times. Ah, well, a job's a job, and it's still baseball. As they say, it's great to be a part of the grand old game.

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Female Jordan

does what 'His Airness' can't

By Jim Little
AP Sports Writer

Commentary

She was billed as the Michael Jordan of women's basketball and anybody who has seen her game knows why.

Sheryl Swoopes can flat-out play. She has a great jump shot, an NCAA championship trophy, an Olympic gold medal, a winning smile and a way of gliding to the hoop that recalls you know who. She's also the kind of competitor who will knock you down and make it look like an accident when she steps on your windpipe running back upcourt. She even has her own Nike shoe.

Later this year she'll give birth to her first child — something not even Jordan can do. The only drawback is that it will take place about the same time she is supposed to help launch the inaugural women's NBA season.

Some people will hear that news and ask: After all the campaigning and millions of dollars that were raised to get women a pro game of their own, isn't it dumb for the marquee player to get pregnant and miss almost the entire season?

But only truly dumb people would think of it as an inconvenience before anything else.

Getting pregnant isn't like making an appointment for a haircut. There are things in this life that can't be planned for and the truth is Swoopes and husband Eric Jackson didn't plan this. It happened.

"I'm very excited about it," Swoopes said Thursday. "People can have a lot of injuries, and this is one sort of an injury we know about ahead of time."

For all the differences between men and women highlighted by an episode like this one, it also illustrates what they have in common as athletes. Only a true jock of either sex would compare pregnancy to a separated shoulder or an ACL tear — that is, think of it as a period of down time followed by a period of rehab, like a stretch on injured reserve.

"I always told myself when I had a family, that would be it," tennis player Kathy Rinaldi recalled. "Having a son changed things, certainly, but being able to go back and play made me love playing even more."

Rather than go to the Australian Open to compete later this month, Rinaldi was at home Thursday tending to her 2-year-old son,

Duke. Now 29, she has been playing on the women's tour since age 14 and might have been cutting back the number of events she played annually, anyway. But she has not.

Rinaldi, one of only three or four women among the top-ranked 1,000 players with children still active, plans to play 18-to-20 tournaments this year.

"It's a balancing act, all right. I know now if I have a late match, I'm still going to have to wake up early. But I'll tell you what," Rinaldi said, "there are a lot of working women out there and I'm one of the really fortunate ones because I've been able to structure things the way I have."

Only a handful of women have become pregnant during their athletic careers and continued to play or returned to competition after a child's birth. But those who have, did so with grace and a quiet acceptance that should make their male counterparts blush.

Some golfers threaten to withdraw from any tournament if the blow dryer in the locker room isn't working. But two years ago, Dawn Coe-Jones trudged up and down the hills of the tough Broadmoor Course in Colorado Springs, Colo., through four days of heat and humidity, and nearly stole the U.S. Open. She was 7 1/2 months pregnant at the time.

"You aren't going to be able to persuade the Neanderthals that this is a good thing," LPGA commissioner Jim Ritts said. "Any individual that doesn't see the pregnancy as something worth celebrating, as an opportunity to bring a new life into the world, as a good thing, because it denies the chance to see Sheryl play basketball for six months, has their priorities way, way out of whack."

Golf isn't basketball, obviously. The physical demands of Swoopes' game will make it impossible for her to fulfill the complete commitment she made. But just like Jordan when he went off to try his hand at baseball, she is already counting the days until her return.

"There are days when I get lazy. That's where the hard part comes in. I have to be more disciplined from now on," she said. "I know I have a goal of being back on the court five to six weeks after having the baby."

Athletes just numbers to NCAA

By Gwen Knapp
N.Y. Times News Service

A federal lawsuit filed against the NCAA last week revives one of the most difficult and protracted debates in college athletics. Does Proposition 48, the decade-old measure establishing uniform academic standards for eligibility in Division I sports, discriminate against black athletes?

Commentary

The lawsuit contends that it does, by using racially and socio-economically biased standardized test scores as a gatekeeper. Prop 48 requires high school students to achieve a minimum of 820 out of 1,600 points on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and a 2.0 grade-point average. Those who don't must forgo competition during their freshman year, losing one of their four years of eligibility.

The lawsuit addresses a damaging side effect, the recruiters who vanish when an athlete with four years of adequate grades cannot apply a No. 2 pencil to the proper little circles.

The Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, who filed the challenge, illustrated their point by citing track stars from Philadelphia. Tai Kwan Cureton, according to the lawyers group, ranked 27th in a class of 305 from Simon Gratz High and drew countless letters from Division I track coaches. But his SAT scores ultimately fended off the recruiters, and he ended up at Division III Wheaton, which does not grant athletic scholarships.

A few hours after the suit was filed, the NCAA released its most recent survey of graduation and enrollment rates for black athletes at Division I schools that offer sports scholarships. Earlier studies had shown that Proposition 48 resulted in an immediate and substantial reduction in the enrollment of black athletes. The latest figures — from the class that entered school in 1989 — indicate a steady rally in enrollment and an increase in graduation rates.

The NCAA also points out that graduation rates for black athletes rose instantly when the standards of Proposition 48 took effect. In other words, the measure achieved some of its desired effect — ensuring that scholarship athletes had a greater chance of succeeding academically. But the NCAA cannot say how much of that improvement can be attributed to the use of test scores.

Between 1983 and 1986, the year that Prop 48 began, the NCAA shows that enrollment of black athletes dropped by 548 students. Of those 548, how many had grades that ranked them in the top 10 percent of their class, as Cureton's? How many might have raised the graduation rates even higher?

I've been to Simon Gratz High School several times and seen many other Philadelphia schools like it. When I first started covering high school sports in the inner city, I wondered how any C-plus student could fail to achieve the required SAT score, a standard set very low. (The score was 700 at the time, but the SAT scale has been moved upward, and the NCAA requirements took a corre-

sponding jump.)

After about a year in the job, I knew why and how. I met one young man, just 17, living in an apartment by himself. Another teenager had to move in with the director of his recreation center after his grandmother died.

On a typical day at Gratz, as many as 35 percent of the students were absent. Drug dealers lurked near the campus, which is probably a misnomer. The closest piece of open land is a weed-filled lot. One year, a football player spent several weeks in the hospital, the victim of a drive-by shooting. A year earlier, the same thing had happened to a basketball player.

The basketball player, Harry Moore, went on to St. Bonaventure University, but he had to sit out his freshman year because of insufficient SAT scores. He became what is commonly called a Proposition 48 casualty.

I became convinced that some of these students, placed in a better learning environment, would rise to the challenge. The SATs measured what they had been taught in inadequate schools, not what they could achieve in college.

Bill Hogan, the athletic director at the University of San Francisco, has studied the issue and, like others in his field, learned that family income is the best indicator of performance on standardized tests. The wealthier the parents, the higher the test score.

Yet, Hogan also has determined that such tests are the best way to assess students who come from different schools and different parts of the country. Grades are simply too subjective.

The lawsuit misses this point and ignores another racial bias. The academic potential of black athletes is often disregarded and under-cultivated, on the assumption that sports will be that individual's only path to success. In high schools and colleges, this neglect has manifested itself in bogus grades, designed only to keep the kid eligible.

White athletes have certainly benefited from this insidious form of teacher largesse, but young black students are more vulnerable. They are constantly viewed through a cultural prism that normalizes treating them as one-dimensional athletic performers, as prized sports chattel.

A high school coach — whose reputation depends partly on sending athletes to college — can cajole fellow faculty members into boosting grades for a star. The SAT forces the coach to seek out potential tutors, to make the kid learn something — even if it is culturally biased information.

Still, the NCAA should view the lawsuit as impetus toward reform of Prop 48. Its annual convention opens this weekend in Nashville, and these suggestions seem worth consideration.

Allow "casualties" to play for a full four years, treating the inactive freshman season as a redshirt year. The intent of Prop 48 was to remove pressure from first-year students with academic shortcomings. But taking

away a year of eligibility is punitive, not remedial.

A similar proposal is already under review, requiring student-athletes to maintain a specified grade average in college to regain the lost year.

Some administrators worry that Prop 48 students would be automatically diverted into variations on Basket Weaving 101.

The solution: Assemble the necessary grade average from core academic courses. This is how the mandatory 2.0 in high school must be achieved.

Acknowledge that many Prop 48 casualties have become graduates of reputable colleges. (Notre Dame quarterback Tony Rice is a prime example.)

Yet, several conferences stringently limit the acceptance of Prop 48 students among its members. These limits are designed only to ensure that the higher-brow schools can compete on the court, field or track. They do not reflect a genuine interest in the welfare of student-athletes.

The NCAA cannot dictate to conferences, but it can exert pressure to change this practice. If an individual school is willing to accept a student with low SAT scores, that school should be monitored to assure that it is providing a legitimate education to its athletes. But it should not be prevented from accepting the young people that it favors, particularly if they are willing to skip a year of competition.

One of the more radical suggestions has been forbidding freshman competition altogether, the way colleges did years ago. The idea will never take hold for practical reasons, but even on an idealistic level, it lacks merit. Female athletes would be unduly penalized because they tend to reach physical maturation earlier than men. In some sports — gymnastics, for example — they might peak as freshmen.

But if reducing competitive stress is an NCAA goal, how about scheduling all basketball games on Fridays and Saturdays? Or allowing only four midweek games per season? Why not make the NCAA Tournament regionally geographically accurate?

Stanford had to travel to Rhode Island for the first round last year. Competitive balance was the reason. The NCAA needs to balance its priorities instead.

Refocus NCAA investigations on maintaining academic integrity rather than monitoring rules of amateurism — which is an outdated ideal anyway. Permit the acceptance of gifts as long as they aren't unearned grades. This re-emphasis might ultimately allow for a vital shift in Prop 48 penalties. Imagine deferring the year off for partial qualifiers — those with proper grades but low test scores. They would compete as freshmen on quasi-probation. If they achieved certain grades, they could keep playing as sophomores. If they didn't, then they'd have to sit out.

The solutions might sound hopelessly simplistic, but so does determining an individual's future by a test score. And colleges do that all the time.

Rodriguez price backs Rangers into corner

By Jim Reeves
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Commentary

They've been playing Christmas carols at The Ballpark in Arlington since sometime in October and, if you listen closely, you can still hear the sounds of "Deck the Halls" emanating from Tom Schieffer's office.

It has been that kind of off-season for the Rangers.

Never have there been so many reasons to celebrate in Rangerland: the team's first American League West title; an outfielder's glove chock full of individual awards, from Juan Gonzalez as MVP to Doug Melvin as executive of the year; skyrocketing season-ticket sales that haven't crested yet; even a bona fide closer under co-manager of the year Johnny Oates' Christmas tree.

Yep, John Wetteland is arguably the most significant free-agent signing in Rangers' history.

All those good feelings will vanish in an instant if the Rangers let Ivan Rodriguez slip away to free agency. A Wetteland-for-Rodriguez deal just won't do.

It may, unfortunately, be exactly the trade-off the Rangers are considering.

The negotiations with Rodriguez have gone almost nowhere since the two sides exchanged initial proposals in November. General manager Melvin and Rodriguez's agent, Jeff Moorad, had lunch at the Diamond Club two days after Christmas. They haven't spoken since.

Meanwhile, the clock is ticking. Rodriguez has until Wednesday to file for arbitration. Hearings begin Feb. 1. The last thing the Rangers should want is to find themselves again sitting across the table from their All-Star catcher, trying to find things bad to say about him as he ponders the benefits of baseball's open market.

Yes, the numbers we're talking about here are staggering, but did you expect anything less? The Rangers have offered a four-year deal at somewhere in the neighborhood of \$22 million — less than they paid new closer Wetteland. Moorad's first proposal is believed to have been for five years at

around \$37.5 million.

Not to take sides, but it seems to me that Rodriguez has the Rangers up against it here. He can, without blinking, argue that he could easily get what he's asking for on the open market.

You think the Red Sox, Orioles or White Sox wouldn't wet their pants at the chance to get Rodriguez, not to mention the new Arizona Diamondbacks or Tampa Bay Devil Rays? Rodriguez would be a 25-year-old jewel that any team could build around.

That's why the Rangers simply cannot let him get away. Matching a step forward with a step backward gets you exactly nowhere.

"I certainly want to be optimistic," Moorad said, "but I have to say that I'm less optimistic now than at the beginning. Still, I believe that if the Rangers are committed to signing Pudge, the process will take care of itself."

That goes to the heart of the issue. Are the Rangers committed to keeping Rodriguez or, having opened their vault for Wetteland, have they thrown away the key?

For the Rangers, it may have become a question of direction and philosophy. Four-fifths of their rotation can be free agents after next season. Dean Palmer has to be a consideration.

But what this can't be is a simple trade.

Getting Wetteland was a great, even historic, move for the Rangers. But there's not a general manager in baseball who would swap Rodriguez for him, even up.

When you get down to it, there's not a whole lot of room for negotiation here. The Rangers either keep Rodriguez, at something relatively close to his price, or they lose the best catcher in baseball before he even gets to his prime years.

If you think that wouldn't put a damper on the high spirits at the corner of Ballpark Way and Nolan Ryan Expressway, you've had too much bubbly.

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MATCHUPS FOR TODAY'S CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Panthers at Packers 11:30 a.m., FOX NFC Championship

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Matchups for today's NFC Championship game between the Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars:

WHEN THE PANTHERS HAVE THE BALL
Carolina runs a low-risk offense, using defense and special teams to get it field position. Second-year quarterback Kerry Collins (12) doesn't always get big numbers but produces in the clutch. He threw for just 100 yards against Dallas but had two touchdown passes. Anthony Johnson (23) has been cut by the Colts, Bears and Jets but is an effective inside runner who led 1,120 yards rushing in the regular season and added 104 against the Cowboys. His backup, rookie Winslow Oliver (20), is better outside.

The offensive line is a group of no-names, with right guard Greg Stjepanek (75) the only one with significant experience. But they've become a cohesive unit that was able to move the Dallas defensive line off the ball and has protected Collins well.

The most dangerous matchups for the Panthers on offense are probably rookie right tackle Norberto Garrido (76) against Reggie White (92), the NFL's all-time sack-leader, and left tackle Matthew Campbell (66), a converted tight end, against Sean Jones (96). To run the ball effectively, Stjepanek, left guard Matt Elliott (52) and center Frank Garcia are going to have to move the immovable 325-pound Gilbert Brown (93).

The most effective Carolina receiver has been tight end Wesley Walls (85). The Panthers will try to get him into coverage by a linebacker, either Wayne Simmons (59) or Brian Williams (51).

Williams will team with Ron Cox (54), who takes over in the middle for the injured George Koonce. The Packers don't lose much there, because Cox was signed to be a starter until Williams, a second-year man, came along so well that Koonce could be moved to the middle.

Carolina's two starting wide receivers are Willie Green (86) and Mark Carrier (83), both veterans with ordinary careers who have been steady producers for the Panthers. Rocket Iremal (81) is the deep threat, but his hands are questionable, and rookie Muihin Muhammad (87) may be a future star but has been hampered by injuries.

They will go against one of the NFL's best secondaries, led by strong safety LaRoy Butler (36), who may shadow Walls. Second-year man Craig Newsome (21) is a potential Pro Bowler at one corner, and Doug Evans (33) is steady at the other. Free safety Eugene Robinson (41) is the glue — a 12-year veteran picked up from Seattle in the offseason.

WHEN THE PACKERS HAVE THE BALL
The offense revolves around quarterback Brett Favre (4), the NFL's MVP the past two seasons. His 39 touchdown passes this season broke his own NFL record, set last year. But the timing game, where coach Mike Holmgren has been using Dorsey Levens (25) to spell Edgar Bennett (34), carried the offense on a muddy field against San Francisco. The ground game also will be important against Carolina's 3-4 zone blitz scheme, which is least effective against teams that run straight ahead.

That makes the key matchup center Frank

Winters (52) and guards Aaron Taylor (73) and Adam Timmerman (65) against the heart of the Carolina defense: alternating nose tackles Greg Kragen (71) and Les Miller (69) and ILBs Sam Mills (51) and Carlton Bailey (54). Bailey's nine NFL seasons make him the least experienced of that four-man group, and the 5-foot-9 Mills, at 37, had an All-Pro season.

Ends Mike Fox (93) and Gerald Williams (96) are both good run-stoppers who are used to keep the offensive linemen off the linebackers.

If the Packers can run, that will neutralize the Panthers' league-leading pass rush, led by OLBs Lamar Lathon (57) and Kevin Greene (91). Greene and Lathon had 28 of the team's 60 sacks, and Greene could cause trouble for Bruce Wilkerson (64), a 12-year veteran shifted from the backup spot at right tackle to fill a hole on the left side.

Favre's receivers are led by Antonio Freeman (86), who has emerged as his prime target in the absence of the injured Robert Brooks. Andre Rison (84) is dangerous but still learning the offense after being signed after the 11th game of the regular season. Doc Beebe (82) is the third WR, and Mark Chmura () and Keith Jackson (88) form the best tight end tandem in the league. Chmura, a Pro Bowler a year ago, is the better blocker; Jackson is primarily a receiver.

The Carolina secondary is often used in the zone blitz package, in which the linemen drop into coverage while corners or safeties rush the passer. Nickel back Teri Cook (41), for example, had four sacks. The Packers are likely to throw at Tyrone Poole (38), the right corner, who was penalized three times against Dallas, because Eric Davis (25) is one of the league's best cover corners. The safeties, Brett Mazie (39) and Pat Terrell (40), are both veterans, but second-year man Chad Cota (37) has had key interceptions in Carolina's last two games and is emerging as a force.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Carolina's special teams were the best in the NFL, leading the league in getting field position after kickoffs and ranking second in allowing field position. Michael Bates (82) led the NFL with 30.2 yards per return, including a 93-yarder for a touchdown. Bates is also key in kickoff and punt coverage. The Panthers' punt coverage led the league, allowing just over 5 yards per kick.

John Kasay (4) set an NFL record with 37 field goals (he had 45 attempts.) Inside 50 yards, he was 34-of-38 and missed only one of 28 kicks inside 40. In his 15th year, punter Rohn Stark (3) averaged only 40.6 yards a kick. But his experience helped avert a disaster against Dallas when he was savvy enough to knock a high snap out of the end zone.

Green Bay presents a special problem, because it has Desmond Howard (81), who returned three punts for touchdowns in the regular season. Against San Francisco last week, he had a 71-yarder for a score and a 46-yard return that set up another touchdown.

Chris Jacke (13) has not had a consistent year, but he's made some big kicks, like a 53-yarder that beat San Francisco in overtime during the regular season.

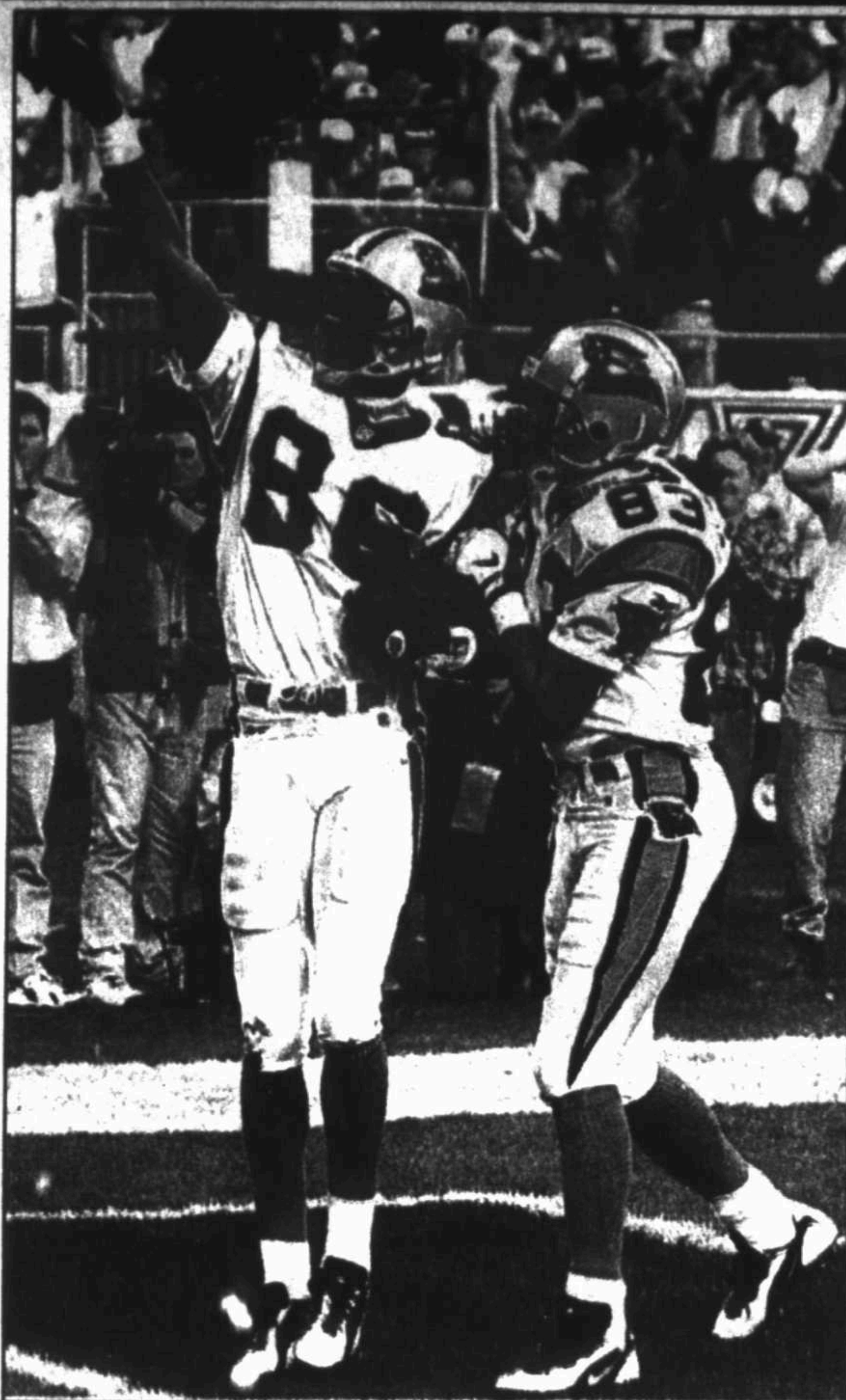
COACHING AND INTANGIBLES

The weather in Green Bay is expected to be in the teens or lower at game time. But even when it's not frigid, Green Bay is a tough place to play. The Packers have won 17 straight and 27 of 28 at home. The Panthers were 9-0 at home but have won their last three road games.

Carolina also has more experience than the average expansion team. Twelve players have been in Super Bowls and six have won rings. By contrast, Green Bay has only two players who were in the title game: Beebe, who played in four with Buffalo, and backup quarterback Jim McMahon, who led Chicago to a victory after the 1985 season.

Carolina's Dom Capers was the NFL's coach of the year and has perfected the zone blitz of the 3-4. His strength has been getting the most from players that other teams considered rejects, like Anthony Johnson.

But Mike Holmgren, now in his fifth year with Green Bay, is also considered among the NFL's top coaches, a Bill Walsh disciple who has



AP Laserphoto
(Above) Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell scrambles for 29 yards and a crucial first down during the fourth quarter of the Jaguars' 30-27 upset victory over Denver, which put the expansion team into the AFC Championship against the New England Patriots. (Left) Carolina wide receiver Willie Green (86), left, is joined by wide receiver Mark Carrier as Green celebrates his second quarter touchdown during the Panthers' 26-17 victory over the defending Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys. The Panthers will play Green Bay in today's NFC Championship.

well the past six weeks, it could be vulnerable up the middle. That could mean lots of traps in which the Jaguars try to get Boselli or Searcy working against DTs Pio Sagapolite (75) and Mark Wheeler (97).

The job of keeping Brunell from scrambling falls on DE Willie McGinest (55) and OLB Chris Stale (95), who also will apply most of the pass-rushing pressure. The premier matchup figures to be McGinest vs. Boselli.

If Brunell gets time, he could work over a secondary that improved throughout the season but remains a major question mark. CB Otis Smith (45) can be beaten deep, but he also has a knack for interceptions. The other cornerback, Ty Law (24), made his mark by shutting down Michael Irvin last month.

Look for safeties Lawyer Milloy (36) and Willie Clay (32) to provide some pressure with blitzes, but only if Means is under control. And nobody has controlled him in the postseason, when Means has run well inside and out. Two of his TD runs came when he found the middle clogged and broke outside, showing his speed. But a 62-yard run against Buffalo came straight up the middle as he powered through a hole, then nearly outran everyone.

The Patriots, however, shut down Jerome Bettis last week.

Le'Shaun Maston (35) does most of the blocking at fullback, while James Stewart (33) spells Means, particularly in passing situations.

WHEN THE PATRIOTS HAVE THE BALL
This should sound familiar: New England's offense has been sensational, led by QB Drew Bledsoe (11) and running back Curtis Martin (28).

While Bledsoe isn't the runner Brunell is, he has developed a tremendous feel in the pocket. He also has learned to go to secondary

receivers and at 6-foot-5 and 233 pounds, he can take a pounding.

Bledsoe has two excellent deep threats in Terry Glenn (88) and Shawn Jefferson (84). Glenn set a rookie record for receptions with 90 and set the tone last week against Pittsburgh by catching a 53-yard bomb on the Patriots' first offensive play. He could go up against rookie CB Aaron Beasley (21), who did a strong job in the second half at Buffalo and Denver against some quality wideouts.

Jefferson has played in a championship game (with San Diego), as has the man who figures to cover him, Mickey Washington (25), who played for Buffalo. The Patriots could have a decided edge there.

Look for tight end Ben Coates (87) to re-emerge after only 12 receptions in the final month of the season. Safeties Chris Hudson (37), Dana Hall (28) and Travis Davis (45) will have their hands full.

The best way to slow down New England's attack, of course, is to stop Martin — he had 166 yards and three touchdowns vs. Pittsburgh — and then get pressure on Bledsoe. Jaguars OLBs Kevin Hardy (51), getting better each week in his rookie year, and Eddie Robinson (50) must close the outside lanes and force Martin in toward MLB Tom McManus (55), who's had a superb playoffs.

Martin's best lead blocker was fullback Sam Gash, but he's out. That leaves Keith Byars (41) at the position, but Byars is more dangerous as a receiver. He and David Meggett (22) will get the occasional run.

To control the line, the Patriots need tackles Bruce Armstrong (78) and Max Lane (68) to handle Clyde Simmons (96) and Jeff Lagema (56), Jacksonville's veteran ends, and rookie Tony Brackens (80). Simmons and Brackens have been forces in the playoffs.

Right guard Todd Rucio (61) and center Dave Wohlabaugh (64) have improved. They face good run-stuffers in DTs John Jurkovic (64) and Don Davey (92), but should have an edge when the Patriots pass.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Meggett gets lots of publicity for his punt returns (11.3 average, one TD), but Hudson was just behind at 10.9. He isn't the breakout threat Meggett is.

The Jaguars have struggled in kickoff coverage, ranking 23rd. Meggett could make a difference there.

Bucky Brooks (22) averaged 24.2 per kickoff return when he took over the duty late in the season for Jacksonville.

Mike Hollis (1) has lived a charmed life recently, with two field goals bonking off the uprights and falling through. But he also has been reliable, making all but one of his seven postseason attempts; the miss was from 58 yards at Buffalo.

New England rookie Adam Vinatieri (4) missed only once inside 40 yards. His 40-yarder in OT beat Jaguars and was his fifth field goal of game.

Neither Jacksonville's Brian Barker (4) or New England's Tom Tupe (19) did anything special as punters.

COACHING AND INTANGIBLES

Perhaps the most intriguing element of the game is the coaching matchup. The Jaguars' Tom Coughlin worked for the Patriots' Bill Parcells when Parcells coached the New York Giants, and they are good friends.

Coughlin admits he patterned much of what he does after Parcells. But Coughlin never has been this far as a head coach, while Parcells was 2-0 in championship games (and Super Bowls) with New York.

Both teams are hot. The Jaguars, in just their second year, are mimicking what Indianapolis did last year. The Colts also were the No. 5 seed, won two games on the road — including a second-round game against the top seed, which was unbeaten at home heading into the game. But Indy's run ended with a dropped desperation pass in the end zone in the title game.

The Patriots got a week off, then routed the Steelers. They won't take Jacksonville lightly, as the Bills and Broncos might have.

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RIG COUNT



The sun setting behind this rig is a beautiful omen to this weeks rising rig count.

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NEW LEADERSHIP

Matthews New TRC chairman

Railroad Commissioner Charles R. Matthews was named Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas and he pledged to his colleagues to continue efforts in making the Railroad Commission more efficient and user friendly.

Matthews, who was elected to the Railroad Commission in 1994, has been instrumental in the restructuring of the commission in making it less bureaucratic and more cost effective.

In voting Matthews Chairman, fellow Commissioners Carole Keeton Rylander and Barry Williamson cited their confidence in Matthews' proven leadership skills and ability to move the Railroad Commission forward.

Prior to his election to the Railroad Commission in 1994, Chairman Matthews served on The Texas Turnpike Authority and served as Mayor of the city of Garland.

Hondo sale final

Southwest Royalties, Inc., has finished with the acquisition of all of the oil and gas properties of Hondo Drilling Company. The purchase included 41 wells in 13 fields.

The properties are situated in the Turkey Tract and Palmito fields of Eddy County, New Mexico and Tonfo field of Scurry County, Texas. Also acquired were various non operated properties in the Permian Basin.

Texaco laterals makes Cherry Canyon winner

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Texaco is taking a new look at an old problem in the Delaware Basin and achieving extraordinary results.

The Cherry Canyon play was kicked off two years ago by IP Petroleum when it initiated drilling in the lower zone of the Cherry Canyon. Since then, the play, in which about 80 wells have been drilled, has yielded successful vertical hole result for explorers such as Texaco, RK Petroleum, Chevron, Parker & Parsley, and Enron. But now, Texaco has gone horizontal to find even greater success.

Using multi-lateral horizontal wells, the company has completed, without fracing or acidizing, four flowing wells in the War-Wink East field that have produced over 85,000 barrels of oil, with IP rates as high as 650 bopd and 600 mcf/d. That success is causing other operators in the Permian Basin to take another look at the way Cherry Canyon wells are drilled and completed, and may even cause operators to take a second look at every Cherry Canyon, Bushy Canyon and Bell Canyon well drilled in West Texas and New Mexico.

That's a lot of wells and if the concept proves valid in all areas, it could radically increase drilling activity in the Permian Basin. Texaco is already testing it in other areas," says Chuck Atherton, Texaco Asset Team Leader for the Texas Delaware Basin. Atherton thinks the Texaco success was a prime factor in

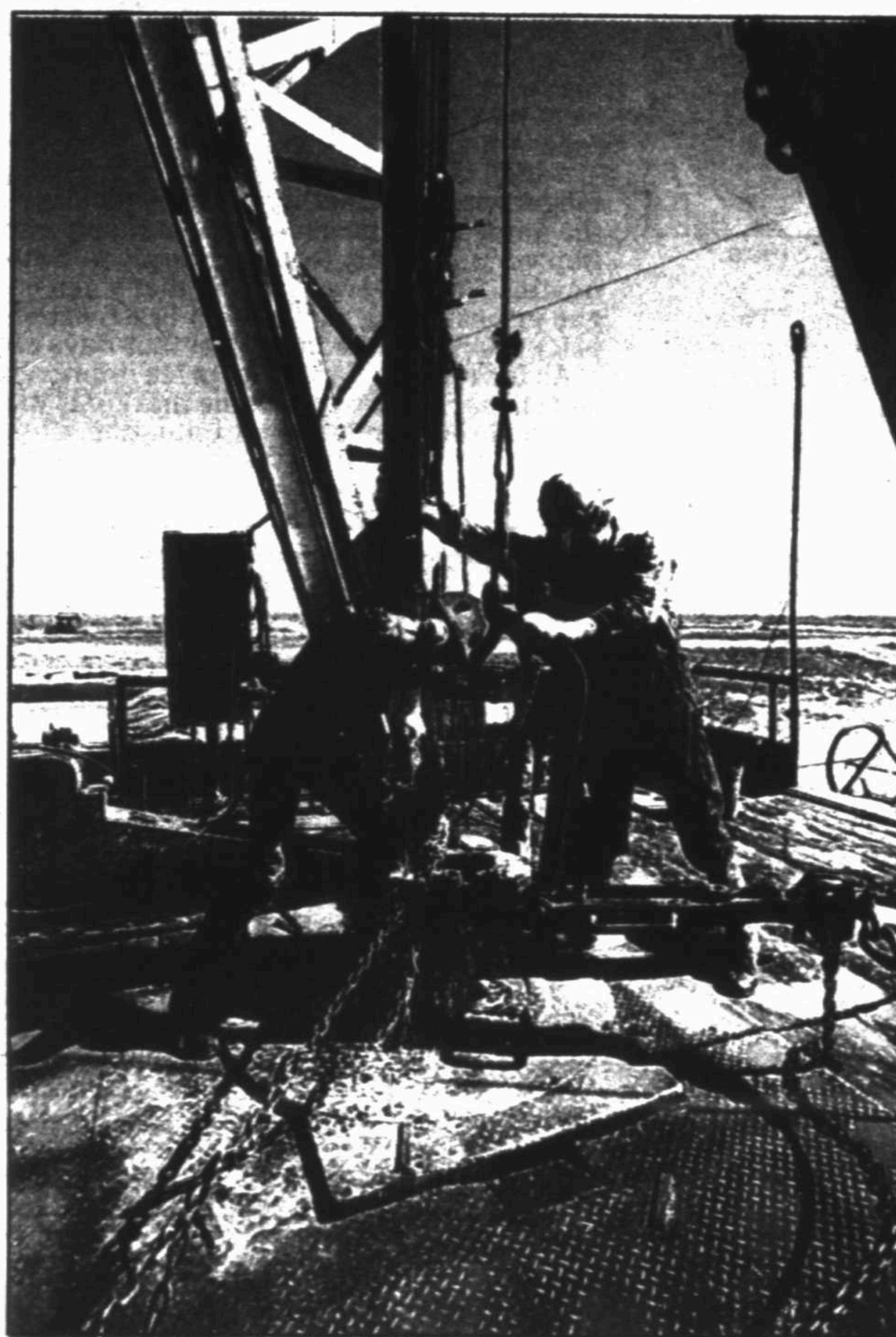


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If Texacos Multilateral concept proves valid, drilling rigs such the recent success of the University Lands Sale.

Too much of the history of

as the one above could be making many more connections

the Cherry Canyon has been to drill a well, put a big frac on it, get a lot of water and a little

oil, then walk away. A good completion was 50-60 bopd with 200 bwpd.

By drilling multi laterals, says Atherton, we have been able to complete flowing wells without a frac or acid. He speculates that many of the fracs of the past, shattered all the way through the oil zone to the water zone and brought in hundreds of barrels of water.

In some of the wells drilled by Texaco the water cut has not only decreased, but in most cases has decreased. In one instance, produced water almost disappeared to one barrel per day.

Atherton notes that drilling flowing wells, with no frac or acid completion cost and no water will significantly improve the economics of any play. "We can drill a well with multi-laterals for about two-thirds the cost of two vertical wells. This eliminates extra tank batteries pipelines and ameliorates the environmental impact to the surface.

Atherton says it has been a very lucrative play for Texaco who has produced over 85,000 barrels of oil from its four wells and has 8-10 more possible drilling locations planned. "Production from our four wells is better than your average four-well drilling program."

Field rules, amended this week to treat, each lateral as a separate zone and increases allowable, could push the drilling program even higher above average. See Winkler County Completions for latest Texaco completion.

Parker & Parsley back in the international arena

By Jeff Limbacher
Staff Writer

After selling its Australian interests, Parker & Parsley is back in the international arena, this time in Argentina with the successful completion of three development wells testing at 3,727 BOPD.

The wells are in the Confluencia Sur Field, located in the Neuquen Basin, Mendoza province of West Central Argentina. P&P has been drilling in this field since late 95 and early 96, said Lon C. Kile, spokesman for Parker & Parsley.

Kile said the lucrative area was brought to their attention in the Bridge Oil Acquisition of 94. Bridge Oil already had interest in Argentina, so when P&P acquired Bridge they were able to get their hands on this dynamic piece of property.

The company has now completed four prolific wells in the field. The initial well, Sierra de Reyes-1, tested at 820 BOPD. The other three wells, Sierra de Reyes 2,3 and 4, tested at 2,000, 500 and 800 BOPD respectively from the Troncoso formation between 6,100 thru 6,700 feet. Current

total production is at 2,520 BOPD.

In the next six months P&P expects to drill 2 or 3 more wells, so by June production should go to 6,000 BOPD, according to Kile. He also said that these new wells will be targeting the same formations. P&P also expects to enhance the current capacity of their production facilities by putting in a pipeline. Currently, this is being taken care of through trucks. P&P owns a 14.43% interest in the Confluencia Sur Field.

Kile said Argentina is now the primary foreign focus of the Midland-based company, but Canada is also a possibility for future activity. "We haven't started drilling in Canada yet," said Kile, "but we are looking."

Parker & Parsley is one of the largest public independent oil and gas exploration and production companies in the United States. Parker & Parsley's oil and gas properties are located in the United States principally in the Permian Basin of West Texas, the onshore Gulf Coast region of South Texas and Louisiana, the Mid-Continent region and in Argentina.

Nabors Industries announce merger with Nicklos Drilling

HOUSTON --Nabors Industries announced that it completed the previously announced merger with Adcor-Nicklos Drilling Company (Adcor). The transaction will be accounted for as a pooling-of-interest with the Adcor shareholders having received approximately 3.4 million shares of Nabors common stock. The Adcor-Nicklos fleet consist of 30 active and six stacked rigs. Eleven of the active and three of the stacked rigs are diesel electric SCR. The assets also include significant amounts of drill pipe, spare drilling equipment, yards, vehicles and other support equipment. The rigs are located in East and South Texas, Arkoma, the Rocky mountain region and the Williston basin.

Gene Isenberg chairman and chief executive officer of Nabors commented that, "We are pleased to welcome the Adcor customers, employees and shareholders to Nabors. This addition is not only accretive to both earnings and cash flow but will further enhance Nabors' ability to service its customers and their requirements for quality rigs and crews. Most of Adcor's existing operations and customer base coincides with Nabors' and the integration of the two companies is yielding the expected synergies and has proceeded smoothly.

Nabors actively markets approximately 360 land drilling and 78 land well servicing rigs. Offshore, the company operates 23 platform rigs, six jack-ups, and five barge rigs. The company is a participant in most of the significant oil, gas and geothermal drilling markets in the world. Complementing its drilling and workover services, Nabors provides comprehensive oilfield engineering, civil construction, logistics and management services.

JOHN PAUL PITTS

Will the last Mcf out of the ground set the price

Why are natural gas prices so volatile? That is a question of special interest at this time when prices continue to go higher, all the while everyone knows they will also come crashing down.

For many inside and outside the industry, it is both a mystery and a source of disappointment as to why natural gas prices can soar and crash so quickly. While there have been many complicated theories advanced on this topic, energy analyst David Garcia, has put it in simple terms with an interesting and informative paper that explains the roller coaster pricing of natural gas.

The fundamental key, Garcia says is that natural gas in North America is subject to marginal pricing. "This means that it is the last Mcf of gas coming out of the ground that determines the price. If the marginal Mcf is an orphan, price goes down. If the marginal Mcf is in demand, price goes up."



Since 80 percent of the natural gas sold keys off the 30-day spot price, the analyst for The Principal Financial Group, says there is a mismatch between the pricing mechanism and the underlying asset. The mismatch and the volatility is created when natural gas which takes two to three years to bring on stream is sold on a 30-day basis. "As long as natural gas is traded on this short term spot, prices will remain volatile."

The 30-day spot pricing mechanism came about when the natural gas industry was deregulated at the federal level, and life-of-the-field contracts went by the way. Garcia calls it a "hair trigger" mechanism.

Added to the problem of short term pricing and long term deliverability is the cyclical problem of the natural gas business. "Over supply can flip flop very suddenly to under supply in winter months," said Garcia, noting that when natural gas prices swung radically in 1996 most of the price change came in the last four days of trading.

As for recent year-round price improvement, Garcia says it is because the market is moving into a chronic under supply situation after a

decade of chronic over supply. The volatility is still there, but the plateaus are higher. But the difference in the plateaus can be significant. "The difference between \$1.50 and \$2.00 gas," said one producer, "is like the difference between a canoe and a yacht."

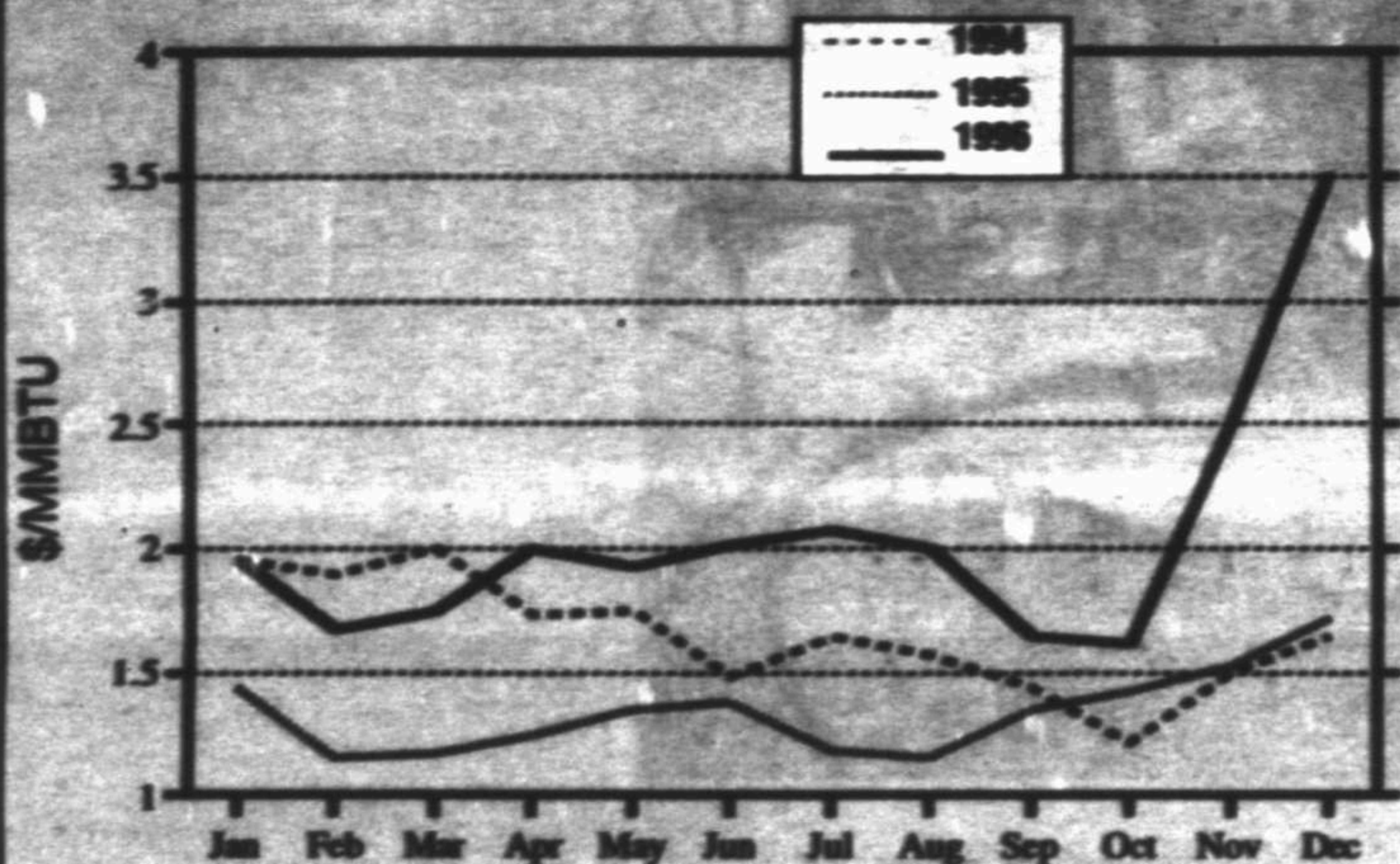
The researcher predicts the plateaus will change periodically as the supply situation changes. He says Canadian gas and deepwater gas and technology which improves production economics could add significant new supplies to the market. "By 1996, the industry could be recalling with envy the golden days of 1996."

He estimates that the industry operated at about 97 percent capacity in January 1996, with Canadian gas imports accounting for 4 billion cubic feet a day and U.S. production accounting for 53 billion cubic feet.

John Paul Pitts is editor of the Permian Basin Oil & Gas Report.

Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



Courtesy Robert K. Anderson Companies

*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County.

Waha Averages

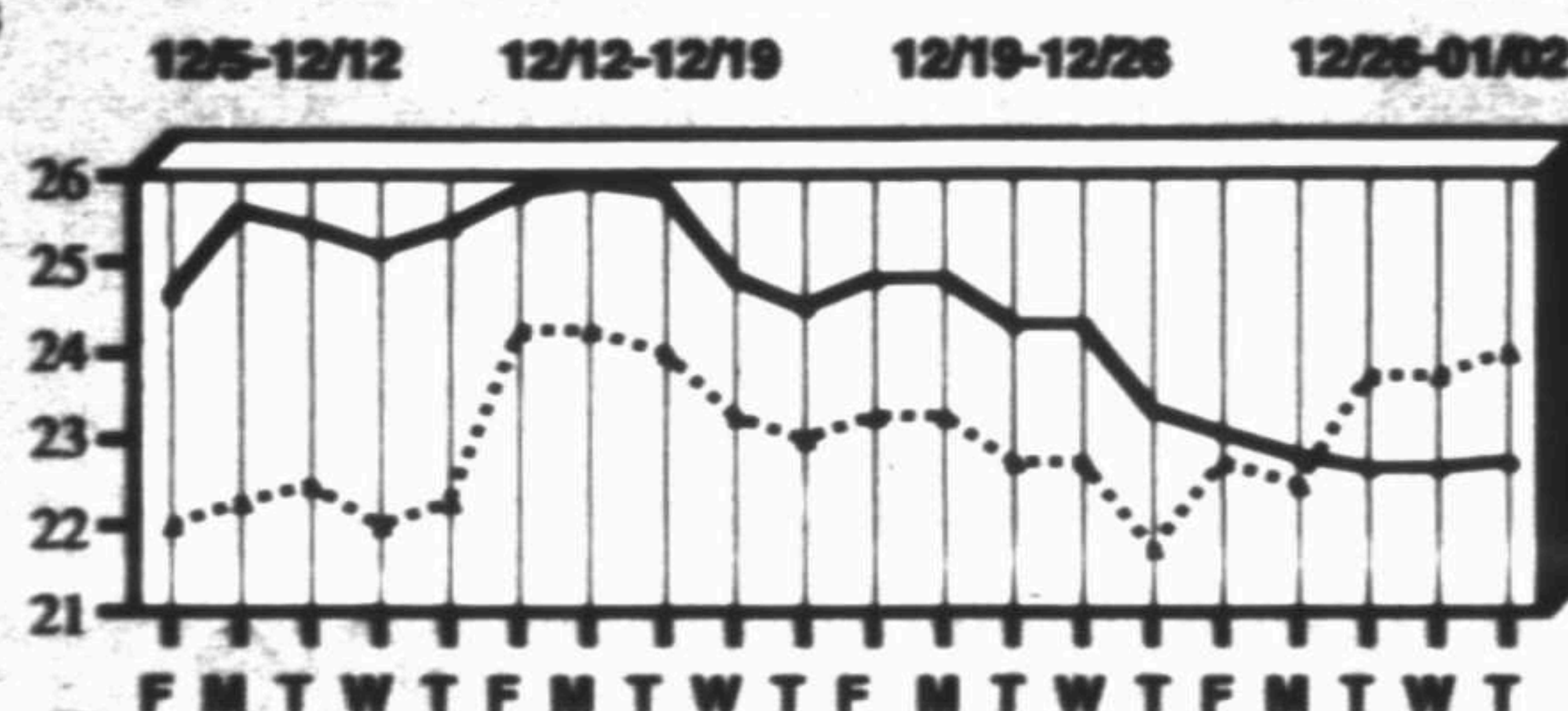
Last Month: \$4.20
Last Month: \$3.50

Current Spot Prices

Mid Continent (Arkoma) \$4.15
Gulf Coast (Louisiana) \$4.09
Rocky Mountain (Wyoming) \$4.20

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:



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Current Posted Prices

Amoco*	\$25.75	Exxon	\$25.75	Phillips*	\$25.00
Arco	25.00	Fina*	24.75	Scurlock	
Basis*	24.75	Koch*	25.00	Permian*	25.00
Chevron	25.50	Marathon*	24.50	Shell*	25.25
Citgo*	24.75	Mobil*	25.25	Sun*	24.75
Conoco	24.75	Navajo*	24.75	Texaco	25.00
E.O.T.T.	24.75	Navajo*	24.50	Unocal	25.75

*New Mexico Intermediate

*Net price without transportation charges

Note: Prices are effective Thursday prior to publication.

PROPERTIES AND PROSPECTS

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NEW MEXICO

EDDY CO., NEW MEXICO

One Active Well.
Cedar Lake East Field.
MORROW Formation. 11,700 Ft.
3.75% Non-Operated WI. & 2.8% NRI.
Est. Stabilized Prod.: 2.5 MMCFD.
Est. Monthly Cash Flow: \$9,000 MM.
Have Current: 13.8 BCF Since Nov 1992.
PP 0568FR

LEA CO., NM SALVAGE OPP

(10) Well Bore. (8) Expired Leases.
One Well Was Shut-In At 35 BOPD.
Several Leases Have Some Equipment.
PP 0885AL

LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO PROD

Chavero Field.
100% OPERATED WI. & 75% NRI.
Current Prod.: 140 BOPD & 315 MCFD.
PP 0880

RIO ARRIBA CO., NEW MEXICO

(8) Wells. (2) Active (3) (1) Testing.
W. Puerto Chiquito Extension Field.
37,793 Gross Acres. 13,293 NET Acres.
MUNICO Formation. 4,400 Ft.
Additional Exploration Potential.
32-57% OPERATED WI. & 25-50% NRI.
Gross Prod.: 60 BOPD & 700 MCFD.
Supporting Equipment & Infrastructure.
PP 0814DV

MCKINLEY CO., NM PROJECT

(50) Total. (22) Active. (28) SI.
Miguel Creek Gallup Field For Sale.
Hospiash Zone. 800 ft. 5,124 Acres.
Excellent Waterflood. Horizontal.
EOR Target/Project For Sale.
100% OPERATED WI. 70% NRI.
Est. Reserves: 1,750 MBO In Place.
Data Package/Reserve Report Avail.
PP 0896DV

WEST TEXAS

DAWSON COUNTY, TEXAS

One Prospect. (10) Possible Locations.
Permian Basin. 640 Acres.
1st Qty: Spraberry 'Gir'. 7,500 Ft.
60% Non-Operated WI. & 76% NRI.
Offsets Producing Development Well.
SubSurface Geology Control.
Estimated Reserves: 120 MBO/Well.
Est. DHC: \$210M. Comp: \$336M.
DV 2956

ECTOR, CRANE & UPTON COS., TX

(12) Active Wells.
Concho, Bluff & North Queen Fields.
QUEEN Formation. 4,400 Ft.
3-D Seismic Drilling Plan In Progress.
~17% Non-Operated WI. & ~13% NRI.
Current Production: 220 BOPD.
Avg Monthly Cash Flow: \$18,000 MM.
PP 0895DV

GAINES CO., TX PRODUCTION

(3) Producing (3) (1) (1) (1) P&L.
Brumley Field. 640 Acres.
7-RIVERS Formation. 3,450 Ft.
Potential For Sand-Flood Revitalization
& Additional Development Drilling.
87.5% OPERATED WI. & 68% NRI.
Current Production: 15 BOPD.
Past 12-Month Cash Flow: \$85,000 /YR.
PP 0821

GARZA COUNTY, TX ROYALTY

(2) Active Wells.
200 Gross Acres.
Producing From One Zone: STRAWN B.
Additional Proven Multi-Play Zones.
Development Locations ID'd From 3-D.
Current Production: 300 BOPD.
Avg Monthly Cash Flow: \$17,000 MM.
Long Life Reserves. Flat Decline.
Sophisticated Principals Only.
RR 3446DV

HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

One Plug-Back ReCompletion.
Est. Reserves: 500 MBO To 1.5 MMBO.
Cost Estimated At: \$79,000.
RE 3142PP

HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

Snyder Field.
Possible Waterflood Candidate.
100% OPERATED WI. & 75% NRI.
Current Production: 70 BOPD.
PP 0861

IRION CO., TX DEVELOPMENT

(3) Existing Active Wells. \$21 Acres.
(1) Proposed Developmental Well.
To Be Drilled Between (2) Active Wells.
Spraberry & Dean Zones. 4,400-6,400 Ft.

Existing Wells Drilled In 1980 To 1981

40% Non-Oper. WI In Active & Dvlpmt Well.
Current Production: 15 BOPD & 40 MCFD.
Lease Has Current: 165 MBO & 371 MMCF.
PP 0833DV

MARTIN CO., TEXAS

(2) Wells (1) Active (1) SWD.
Breedlove Field. 95 Acres.
DEVONIAN Zone. 6,500 Ft.
Oil/Sol Potential in Spraberry.
100% OPERATED WI. & 82% NRI.
Current Production: 9 BOPD.
40 Gravity Crude. New Tubing.
New Packer in SWD Well.
PP 0588DV - NEGOTIATED SALE.

PECOS CO., TX RE-ENTRY

One Proposed Well.
Delaware Basin. 6,400 Acres.
1st Qty: ELLENBURGER. 20,300 Ft.
2nd Qty: Devonian. 16,500 Ft.
Dual Sealth Seismic & SubSurface.
100% OPERATED WI. & 75% NRI.
(8) Additional Development Locations.
1st ReEntry/ Deepening Existing Well.
Est. Res: 50 BCF/Well & 500 BCF/Proj.
DHC: \$1,870,000. Comp: \$531,000.
DV 3479FE - PRINCIPALS ONLY!

PECOS CO., TX SALES PACKAGE

(8) Wells. (4) Active (3) Shut-In &
(2) SWD Well On (2) Leases.
UpSide Potential Yates & Ft. Stockton.
~44-88% OPERATED WI. ~33-70% NRI.
Current Avg Monthly Prod.: 20 BOPD.
Another WI Owner May Sell 37.5% WI.
Seller Wants Out Of Area - NonStrategic.
Package Available Thru PLS.
PP 0886DV - Offers Needed Quickly.

REEVES CO., TEXAS ROYALTY

One Active Gas Well.
Athens Field. 640 Acres.
SILURIAN Zone. 12,700 Ft.
Includes A 1.0% ORRI.
Gross Production: 3.4 MMCFD.
NET Cash Flow: ~\$19,000 /Year.
Make Offer.
RR 3422

REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS

One Active Well.
Orla, Southeast Field. 40 Acres.
DELAWARE Formation. 3,570 Ft.
Well Was Completed March 1992.
~81% OPERATED WI. & ~65% NRI.
Current Prod.: ~8 BOPD & 9 MCFD.
Approx NET Prod.: 5.5 BOPD & 6 MCFD.
PP 0880

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WILDCATS

Southeast New Mexico

EDDY COUNTY

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC

■ SKELLY UNIT #902
WILDCAT - D: 17S-31E-15; ne sw nw, 1650 fml 990
fml, 8 mi NE of Loco Hills. EL: 3888 GR. Obj: 12300
(Morrow). NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29322. ID# T-480793

LEA COUNTY

PAULSON RAND OIL CO INC

■ STATE 26 #1
WILDCAT W: 13S-37E-26; se nw sw, 1800 fml 990
fml EL: 3859 GR. Obj: 12000 (Alto). NL: 12/31/96.
API# 30-025-33748. ID# T-480877
■ AMERIND OIL CO LTD
BIRD CREEK RESOURCES INC
■ STATE 22 #1
WILDCAT PENN - PLUG BACK WP: 17S-35E-22;
2c nw nw, 660 fml 660 fml Summary Original Drift.
Oper: PHILLIPS
PETROLEUM CO Field: SHOE BAR SOUTH
ATOKA EL: 3965 KB. TD: 12596. Compl: on 12/30/96
GASZone: 12002-12008 (Alto). IP: CAOF 576 - F
463 MCFGPD; no oil; no wtr during 1 hr test; FTP 342
- Five Point: 204 MCFGPD in 1 hr, FTP 931; 308
MCFGPD in 1 hr, FTP 735; 407 MCFGPD in 1 hr,
FTP 560; 448 MCFGPD in 1 hr, FTP 425; 473
MCFGPD in 1 hr, FTP 342; SITP 1170, BHT 206 F @
12,005. SLOPE: 839
YATES HARVEY & CO INC
■ FLINT UNIT #3
WILDCAT BONE SPR - W: 17S-36E-31; w2 se sw,
560 fml 1650 fml EL: 3860 GR. Obj: 11100 (Bone
Spring). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33745. ID# T-480730
CHEVRON U S A INC
■ SCOTT - E FEDERAL #1
WILDCAT STRW - W: 18S-32E-28; c ne sw, 1980 fml

1980 fml, 15 mi S of Maljamar. EL: 3710 GR. Obj:
12200 (Strawn). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-27442.
ID# T-480723
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ QUEST - AQS STATE COM #1
WILDCAT MOR - W: 24S-33E-3; c sw se, 660 fml
1980 fml EL: 3592 GR. Obj: 15700 (Morrow). NL:
12/26/96. API# 30-025-33742. ID# T-480728

CHAVES COUNTY

YATES EXPL CO INC

SARDINE #1
WILDCAT SA - WPD: 9S-28E-19; se ne nw, 990 fml
2298 fml EL: 3898 GR. Obj: 2330 (San Andres). NL:
12/26/96. API# 30-005-62753. ID# T-430136. Spud:
04/05/90. TD: 2340. P&A on 08/30/95. (Last Info:
12/30/96)
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
■ MCCLINTOCK FEE #1
WILDCAT TWIN LAKE SW DEV - WPD: 9S-28E-30;
sw sw nw, 2139 fml 508 fml EL: 3888 GR. Obj: 7500
(Devonian). NL: 09/09/96. API# 30-005-63107. ID# T-478127. Spud: 09/25/96. TD: 6977 on
10/13/96. Compl: on 11/02/96 OIL (Last Info:
12/31/96) PZone: 6785-6977 IP: (6785-6977) P 42
BOPD; GTSTM; 167 BWPD Notes: (Possible new
pool discovery)

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CROCKETT COUNTY

ECHO PRODUCTION INC

■ UNIVERSITY LAND 39-6 #1
WILDCAT - W: UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 39 sec 6,
890 fml 1980 fml of sec, and lse. 343.15 acre lse. 25
mi NE of Ozona. EL: 2563 GR. Obj: 8500 test. NL:
12/27/96. Permit# 456276. API# 42-105-37499. ID# T-480777

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RUNNELS COUNTY

NOVO EXPL CORP

■ SPILL NANCY #1
WILDCAT - W: JOHN C MCKEAN #534 sur, A-371, 3

fml 8680 fml of sur, 647 fml 1637 fml of lse. 117.2 acre
lse. 6 mi SE of Winters. EL: 1758 GR. Obj: 4500
test. NL: 12/27/96. ID# T-480745
SHAMROCK MINERALS CORP
■ POE EST #1

WILDCAT - W: C T RY CO #57 sur, 2761 fml 660 fml
of sur, 1200 fml 660 fml of lse. 145 acre lse. 6 mi W
of Winters. EL: 1935 GR. Obj: 5000 test. NL:
12/31/96. ID# T-480855.

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Southeast New Mexico

EDDY COUNTY

MARBOB ENERGY CORP

■ KEELY BURCH UNIT #837 GRAYBURG JACKSON
SR QU GB SA - D: 17S-29E-26; e2 se ne,
1980 fml 1295 fml, 20.7 mi E of Artesia. EL: 3587 GR.
Obj: 4800 (San Andres). NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29311. ID# T-480785
■ TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ SKELLY UNIT #902
WILDCAT - D: 17S-31E-15; ne sw nw, 1650 fml 990
fml, 8 mi NE of Loco Hills. EL: 3888 GR. Obj: 12300
(Morrow). NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29322. ID# T-480793
■ WISER OIL CO
■ SKELLY UNIT #191
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D: 17S-31E-15;
ne nw se, 2564 fml 1415 fml, 5.4 mi SW of
Maljamar. EL: 3876 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres).
NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29312. ID# T-480797
■ WISER OIL CO
■ SKELLY UNIT #192
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D: 17S-31E-15;
ne ne se, 2630 fml 17 fml, 5.4 mi SW of
Maljamar. EL: 3885 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres).
NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29313. ID# T-480784
■ WISER OIL CO

■ SKELLY UNIT #284
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - D: 17S-31E-28;
nw nw se, 2586 fml 2535 fml, 7.5 mi SW of
Maljamar. EL: 3763 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres).
NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29314. ID# T-480798
■ NEARBURG PRODUCING CO
■ FAIRCHILD 25 FEDER COM #1
CEMETERY MORROW - D: 19S-25E-25; e2 nw sw,
1980 fml 990 fml, 15 mi SW of Artesia. EL: 3435 GR.
Obj: 9720 (Morrow). NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29315. ID# T-480786
■ S D X RESOURCES INC
■ SANTA NINA - A FEDERAL #2
UND SANTO NINA DEL - D: 19S-30E-7; se nw nw,
670 fml 834 fml, 35 mi SE of Artesia. EL: 3378 GR.
Obj: 5000 (Delaware). NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29325. ID# T-480796
■ POGO PRODUCING CO
■ RIVERBEND 22K FEDER #12
CEDAR CANYON DEL - D: 24S-29E-22; nw ne sw,
2310 fml 1750 fml, 5 mi ESE of Maljamar. EL: 2976
GR. Obj: 5500 (Delaware). NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29317. ID# T-480788
■ POGO PRODUCING CO
■ RIVERBEND 22J FEDERAL #13
CEDAR CANYON DEL - D: 24S-29E-22; sw nw se,
1650 fml 2310 fml, 5 mi ESE of Maljamar. EL: 2995
GR. Obj: 5500 (Delaware). NL: 12/30/96. ID# T-480787
■ POGO PRODUCING CO
■ JACKAL 22 FEDERAL #2

CEDAR CANYON DEL - D: 24S-29E-22; sw nw sw,
1710 fml 630 fml, 5 mi ESE of Maljamar. EL: 2967 GR.
Obj: 5500 (Delaware). NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29324. ID# T-480795
■ POGO PRODUCING CO
■ JACKAL 22 FEDERAL #1
CEDAR CANYON DEL - D: 24S-29E-22; nw sw sw,
990 fml 230 fml, 5 mi ESE of Maljamar. EL: 2938 GR.
Obj: 5500 (Delaware). NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29323. ID# T-480794
■ POGO PRODUCING CO
■ RIVERBEND - B FEDERAL #11
PIERCE CROSSING EAST BONE SPR - D: 24S-29E-23;
nw nw ne, 330 fml 2310 fml, 5 mi ESE of Maljamar.
EL: 2975 GR. Obj: 8250 (Bone Spring). NL: 12/30/96.
API# 30-015-29320. ID# T-480791
■ POGO PRODUCING CO
■ CANYON 23J FEDERAL COM #1
OWEN MESA MORROW - D: 24S-29E-23; w2 ne
se, 1750 fml 660 fml, 5 mi ESE of Maljamar. EL: 3036
GR. Obj: 14250 (Morrow). NL: 12/30/96. API# 30-015-29318. ID# T-480789
■ POGO PRODUCING CO
■ RIVERBEND - A FEDERAL #10
PIERCE CROSSING EAST BONE SPR - D: 24S-29E-23;
nw ne ne, 330 fml 1160 fml, 5 mi ESE of Maljamar.
EL: 2991 GR. Obj: 8250 (Bone Spring). NL: 12/30/96.
API# 30-015-29319. ID# T-480790
■ POGO PRODUCING CO
■ RIVERBEND 24D FEDERAL #1

PIERCE CROSSING BONE SPR - D: 24S-29E-24;
ne nw nw, 330 fml 730 fml, 5 mi ESE of Maljamar.
EL: 3063 GR. Obj: 8250 (Bone Spring). NL: 12/30/96.
API# 30-015-29321. ID# T-480792
LEA COUNTY
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ QUOTA - AQT STATE #1
BAR-U PENN - D: 9S-32E-1; c se nw, 1980 fml 1980
fml EL: 4415 GR. Obj: 9500 (Pennsylvania). NL:
12/26/96
API# 30-025-33743. ID# T-480732
■ PAULSON RAND OIL CO INC
■ STATE 26 #1 - WILDCAT
W: 13S-37E-26; se nw sw, 1800 fml 990 fml EL: 3859
GR. Obj: 12000 (Alto). NL: 12/31/96. API# 30-025-33748. ID# T-480877
■ AMERIND OIL CO LTD
■ MEDLIN STATE COM #1
TOWNSEND MORROW - D: 16S-35E-5; se nw se,
3625 fml 1875 fml, (Located in lot 10) EL: 4038 GR.
Obj: 12750
(Morrow). NL: 12/31/96. API# 30-025-33749. ID# T-480878
■ WISER OIL CO
■ CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT #265
MALJAMAR GB SA - SP: 17S-32E-24; e2 ne nw,
660 fml 2072 fml, 3 mi SE of Maljamar. EL: 4072 GR.
Obj: 4800 (San

Andres). NL: 12/31/96. API# 30-025-33752. ID# T-480882
■ WISER OIL CO
■ CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT #267
MALJAMAR GB SA - SP: 17S-32E-24; ne ne nw,
1956 fml 20003 fml, 3.2 mi SE of Maljamar. EL: 4072
GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres). NL: 12/31/96. API# 30-025-33751. ID# T-480881
■ WISER OIL CO
■ CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT #269
MALJAMAR GB SA - SP: 17S-32E-24; nw sw se,
730 fml 2045 fml, 3.2 mi SE of Maljamar. EL: 4072
GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres). NL: 12/31/96. API# 30-025-33750. ID# T-480879
BIRD CREEK RESOURCES INC
■ STATE 22 #1
WILDCAT PENN - PLUG BACK WP: 17S-35E-22;
2c nw nw, 660 fml 660 fml Summary Original Drift.
Oper: PHILLIPS
PETROLEUM CO Field: SHOE BAR SOUTH
ATOKA EL: 3965 KB. TD: 12596. Compl: on 12/30/96
GASZone: 12002-12008 (Alto). IP: CAOF 576 - F
463 MCFGPD; no oil; no wtr during 1 hr test; FTP 342
- Five Point: 204 MCFGPD in 1 hr, FTP 931; 308
MCFGPD in 1 hr, FTP 735; 407 MCFGPD in 1 hr,
FTP 560; 448 MCFGPD in 1 hr, FTP 425; 473
MCFGPD in 1 hr, FTP 342; SITP 1170, BHT 206 F @
12,005. SLOPE: 839

COMPLETIONS

Southeast New Mexico

EDDY COUNTY

MARBOB ENERGY CORP

■ GRBG JACKSON SR Q GRBG SA #258
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - DO: 17S-29E-23;
e2 nw ne, 1295 fml 1980 fml, 20 mi E of Artesia.
EL: 3597 GR. Obj: 5000 (San Andres). NL: 04/02/96.
API# 30-015-28914. ID# T-474698. Contr: L & M Drilling Co #3. Spud: 10/08/96. TD: 4555 on
10/18/96. PB: 4548. Compl: on 11/02/96 OIL (Last
Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 4102-4405 (Grayburg/San
Andres) IP: (Grayburg/San Andres 4102-4405) P 41
BOPD; 63 MCFGPD; 801 BWPD
■ MARBOB ENERGY CORP
■ GRBG JACKSON SR Q GRBG SA #259
GRAYBURG JACKSON SR QU GB SA - DO: 17S-29E-25;
e2 nw ne, 1245 fml 1980 fml EL: 3595 GR. Obj: 4800
(San Andres). NL: 07/18/96. API# 30-015-29039. ID# T-476989. Spud: 10/20/96. TD: 4845 on
10/29/96. PB: 4750. Compl: on 11/18/96 OIL (Last
Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 4300-4697 (Grayburg/San
Andres) IP: (Grayburg/San Andres 4300-4697) P 33
BOPD; 292 MCFGPD; 885 BWPD
■ DEVON ENERGY CORP
■ HAWK #1 FEDERAL #6
RED LAKE QU GB SA - DO: 18S-27E-8; se nw sw,
1750 fml 1190 fml, 7 mi SE of Artesia. EL: 3411 KB.
Obj: 2500 (San Andres). NL: 08/05/96. API# 30-015-29068. ID# T-477346. Spud: 10/07/96. TD: 2200 on 10/11/96. PB: 2154. Compl: on 11/11/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 1352-1986 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 1352-1986) F 112 BOPD grav 38; 112 MCFGPD; 288 BWPD
■ S D X RESOURCES INC
■ STATE 647 - AC 711 #134
ARTESIA QU GB SA - DO: 18S-28E-27; se nw ne,
990 fml 1650 fml EL: 3567 GR. Obj: 3100 (San Andres).
NL: 09/18/96. API# 30-015-29149. ID# T-478330. Spud: 09/26/96. TD: 3025 on 10/11/96. PB: 2968. Compl: on 11/15/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 2750-2856 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 2750-2856) P 3 BOPD grav 34.1; GTSTM; 70 BWPD
■ MYCO INDUSTRIES INC
■ TURKEY TRACK EAST FEDERAL COM #2
TURKEY TRACK NORTH MORROW - DG: 18S-29E-26;
se nw nw, 1880 fml 990 fml, 8.5 mi SW of Loco Hills.
EL: 3445 KB. Obj: 11600 (Morrow). NL: 07/08/96.
API# 30-015-29022. ID# T-476701. Contr:

Peterson #6. Spud: 07/16/96. TD: 11790 on 08/17/96. PB: 11741. Compl: on 11/01/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 11279-11302 (Morrow class) gross interval IP: (Morrow class 11279-11302) 26 hr test - F 49 BC grav 55; 4.1 MCFGPD; 1654 dk; 1 BW; FTP 2050 - (Morrow class 11279-11302) F 45 BCPD grav 55; 3.78 MCFGPD grav 6390 on 1664 dk; 0.9 BWPD; FTP 2050, BHSP 2983, SLOPE 0.727 - Four Point test ran 11/9/96; Four Point: 2636 MCFGPD in 1440 min, FTP 1525, 2878 MCFGPD in 1440 min, FTP 1217; 3058 MCFGPD in 1440 min, FTP 908; 3207 MCFGPD in 1440 min, FTP 600
YATES HARVEY & CO INC
■ PMS 8 FEDERAL #4
SHUGART YATES SEV RIV QU GB - PLUG BACK DO: 18S-31E-8; 2v2 se ne, 1880 fml 1980 fml, 9 mi SE of Loco Hills. Summary Original Drift: Field: SHUGART NORTH BONE SPR. Compl: on 12/11/89 OIL PZone: 7932-8347 (Bone Spring) IP: P 91 BOPD grav 38; 110 MCFGPD; 36 BWPD
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ BOYD - BN #5
DAGGER DRAW NORTH UPR PENN - DO: 19S-25E-14; c nw sw, 1980 fml 660 fml EL: 3440 GR. Obj: 8300 (Canyon). NL: 08/23/96. API# 30-015-29116. ID# T-477779. Contr: Peterson #3. Spud: 10/05/96. TD: 8300 on 10/28/96. PB: 8237. Compl: on 11/12/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 7771-7800 (Canyon) gross interval IP: (Canyon 7771-7800) P 109 BOPD grav 42.6; 400 MCFGPD; 1820 BWPD
NEARBURG PRODUCING CO
■ OSAGE BOYD 15 COM #8
DAGGER DRAW NORTH UPR PENN - DO: 19S-25E-15; c se nw, 1980 fml 1980 fml EL: 3454 GR. Obj: 8300 (Canyon). NL: 05/31/96. API# 30-015-28992. ID# T-476009. Spud: 06/18/96. TD: 8135 in Canyon. PB: 8034. Compl: on 10/26/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 7682-7827 (upr Pennsylvania) IP: (upr Pennsylvania 7682-7827) P 40 BOPD; 100 MCFGPD; 425 BWPD
NEARBURG PRODUCING CO
■ OSAGE BOYD 15 #5
DAGGER DRAW NORTH UPR PENN - DO: 19S-25E-15; c sw sw, 660 fml 660 fml EL: 3470 GR. Obj: 8300 (Canyon). NL: 03/25/96. API# 30-015-28885. ID# T-474513. Spud: 04/20/96. TD: 8350 on 05/13/96 in Cisco. PB: 8047. Compl: on 10/19/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 7726-7845 (upr Pennsylvania) IP: (upr Pennsylvania 7726-

7845) P 40 BOPD; 65 MCFGPD; 550 BWPD
NEARBURG PRODUCING CO
■ BOYD SOUTH 27 #8
DAGGER DRAW NORTH UPR PENN - DO: 19S-25E-27; c sw ne, 1980 fml 1980 fml EL: 3449 GR. Obj: 8300 (Canyon). NL: 09/17/96. API# 30-015-29138. ID# T-478286. Spud: 09/19/96. TD: 9620. PB: 9483. Compl: on 11/15/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 7762-7824 (upr Pennsylvania) IP: (upr Pennsylvania 7762-7824) 4 hr test - P 20 BO; 103 MCFG; 385 BW
CONOCO INC
■ SAVANNAH STATE #2
DAGGER DRAW NORTH UPR PENN - DO: 19S-25E-32; c nw ne, 660 fml 1980 fml EL: 3510 GR. Obj: 8600 (Cisco). NL: 06/13/96. API# 30-015-29004. ID# T-476275. Contr: Peterson #7. Spud: 07/26/96. TD: 8098 on 08/13/96. PB: 7995. Compl: on 09/18/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 7714-7900 (Pennsylvania reef) gross interval IP: (Pennsylvania reef 7714-7900) P 236 BOPD; 349 MCFGPD; 1099 BWPD
STEPHENS & JOHNSON OPERG
■ MILLMAN EAST POOL UNIT TRACT 7 #8
MILLMAN EAST QU GB SA - DO: 19S-28E-13; sw se nw, 2574 fml 1392 fml EL: 3388 KB. Obj: 2650 (San Andres). NL: 08/23/96. API# 30-015-29122. ID# T-477784. Spud: 10/12/96. TD: 2650 on 10/19/96. PB: 2640. Compl: on 11/01/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 2183-2453 (Grayburg) gross interval IP: (Grayburg 2183-2453) P 103 BOPD grav 40; 215 MCFGPD; 95 BWPD
STEPHENS & JOHNSON OPERG
■ MILLMAN EAST POOL UNIT TRACT 4 #7
MILLMAN EAST QU GB SA - DO: 19S-28E-13; sw se nw, 1276 fml 1314 fml EL: 3394 KB. Obj: 2650 (San Andres). NL: 08/23/96. API# 30-015-29121. ID# T-477785. Spud: 10/28/96. TD: 2650 on 11/03/96. PB: 2626. Compl: on 11/12/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 2234-2515 (Grayburg) gross interval IP: (Grayburg 2234-2515) P 114 BOPD grav 40; 200 MCFGPD; 113 BWPD
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ DOMINO AQJ FEDERAL #2 SHUGART YATES SEV RIV QU GB - DO: 19S-31E-8; sw sw se, 330 fml 2210 fml, 17 mi SE of Loco Hills. EL: 3457 GR. Obj: 4350 (Grayburg). NL: 11/01/94. API# 30-015-28179. ID# T-464350. Contr: WEK #3. Spud: 11/02/94. TD: 2555 on 11/09/94. Compl: on 10/28/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 2423-2424 (Yates) IP: (Yates 2423-2424) P 14 BOPD grav 29.3; 426

BWPD
CONOCO INC
■ PRESTON FEDERAL #12
DAGGER DRAW SOUTH CISCO - DO: 20S-24E-34; sw se ne, 1880 fml 990 fml EL: 3704 GR. Obj: 8200 (Cisco). NL: 08/05/96. API# 30-015-29070. ID# T-477344. Contr: Peterson #7. Spud: 08/18/96. TD: 8131 on 09/08/96. PB: 8040. Compl: on 10/31/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 7626-7736 (Cisco) gross interval IP: (Cisco 7626-7736) P 125 BOPD grav 39; 3249 MCFGPD; 480 BWPD
CONOCO INC
■ PRESTON FEDERAL #14
DAGGER DRAW SOUTH UPR PENN - DO: 20S-24E-35; c se sw, 660 fml 1980 fml EL: 3684 GR. Obj: 8200 (upr Pennsylvania). NL: 08/12/96. API# 30-015-29089. ID# T-477507. Contr: McVay #7. Spud: 08/24/96. TD: 8100 on 09/15/96. PB: 7965. Compl: on 10/09/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 7610-7718 (Cisco) gross interval IP: (Cisco 7610-7718) P 310 BOPD grav 39; 2612 MCFGPD; 773 BWPD
EXXON CO USA
■ AVALON DELAWARE UNIT #238
AVALON DEL - SP: 20S-28E-30; nw ne sw, 2301 fml 1485 fml EL: 3295 KB. Obj: 4500 (Delaware). NL: 09/29/96. API# 30-015-28659. ID# T-471058. Contr: Nabors #468. Spud: 08/27/96. TD: 3926 on 07/08/96. PB: 3890. NW on 09/24/96. (Last Info: 12/31/96) Notes: (Permitted for production, completed as injection well)
EXXON CO USA
■ AVALON DELAWARE UNIT #523
AVALON DEL - DO: 20S-28E-31; ne sw nw, 1336 fml 1314 fml, 5.5 mi N of Carlsbad. EL: 3298 KB. Obj: 4500 (Delaware). NL: 04/01/96. API# 30-015-28910. ID# T-474658. Contr: Nabors #468. Spud: 06/04/96. TD: 3800 on 06/16/96. PB: 3730. Compl: on 10/31/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 2556-3738 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 2556-3738) P 62 BOPD grav 41.8; 152 MCFGPD; 244 BWPD
WILLIAMSON J C
■ T O G FEDERAL #6
BURTON EAST DEL - REPERMIT DO: 20S-29E-16; 2nw sw se, 990 fml 2160 fml, 13 mi NE of Carlsbad. Summary Original Drift: ABND LOC on 05/13/93. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3278 GR. Obj: 5100 (Delaware). NL: 05/13/92. API# 30-015-27004. ID# T-447274. Resume: 02/15/96. TD: 5905 on 03/03/96. PB: 4900. Recomp: on 05/15/96

OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 4346-4358 (Cherry Canyon) IP: (Cherry Canyon 4346-4358) P 34 BOPD grav 38; 30 MCFGPD; 265 BWPD
MARATHON OIL CO
■ INDIAN BASIN UNIT NORTH #30
INDIAN BASIN MORROW - DO: 21S-23E-10; c ne ne, 660 fml 660 fml, 10 mi SW of Lakewood. EL: 3759 KB. Obj: 8500 (Morrow). NL: 07/25/96. API# 30-015-29059. ID# T-477170. Spud: 08/23/96. TD: 9502 on 09/26/96. PB: 8955. Compl: on 10/31/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 7650-7766 (upr Pennsylvania) IP: (upr Pennsylvania 7650-7766) P 389 BOPD grav 43.1; 4520 MCFGPD; 1169 BWPD
MARATHON OIL CO
■ BONE FLATS FEDERAL 12 #6
DAGGER DRAW SOUTH UPR PENN - DO: 21S-23E-12; c se sw, 660 fml 1980 fml, 10 mi SW of Lakewood. EL: 3854 KB. Obj: 8500 (upr Pennsylvania). NL: 10/04/96. API# 30-015-29192. ID# T-478753. Spud: 10/08/96. TD: 8100 on 10/29/96. PB: 8007. Compl: on 11/22/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 7796-7888 (upr Pennsylvania) IP: (upr Pennsylvania 7796-7888) P 636 BOPD grav 43; 1515 MCFGPD; 204 BWPD
MARATHON OIL CO
■ INDIAN BASIN - E #2
INDIAN BASIN UPR PENN - DG: 21S-23E-27; nw se nw, 1850 fml 1950 fml, 10 mi W of Lakewood. EL: 3925 KB. Obj: 8000 (upr Pennsylvania). NL: 07/25/96. API# 30-015-29017. ID# T-477173. Spud: 07/17/96. TD: 7306 on 10/25/96 in upr Pennsylvania. Compl: on 11/18/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 7260-7306 (upr Pennsylvania) IP: (upr Pennsylvania 7260-7306) F 2 BCPD grav 54.5; 2177 MCFGPD; no wtr; FTP 360
KERR MCGEE CORP
■ MARTHA CREEK #3
INDIAN BASIN MORROW - DG: 21S-24E-30; se ne sw, 1650 fml 2075 fml, 24 mi NW of Carlsbad. EL: 3760 KB. Obj: 9600 (Morrow). NL

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

(From 4)

YATES HARVEY E CO INC

FLINT UNIT #3
WILDCAT BONE SPR - W: 17S-36E-31; w/2 se sw, 560 fsl 1650 fsl EL: 3860 GR. Obj: 11100 (Bone Spring). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33745. ID# T-480730

CHEVRON U S A INC
SCOTT - E FEDERAL #1
WILDCAT STRW - W: 18S-32E-28; c ne sw, 1980 fsl 1980 fsl, 15 mi S of Maljamar. EL: 3710 GR. Obj: 12200 (Strawn). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-27442. ID# T-480723

WESTALL RAY

TONTA FEDERAL #1
TONTA DEL - RE-ENTRY D: 19S-32E-12; 2c nw se, 1980 fsl 1980 fsl, 30 mi WSW of Hobbs. Summary Original Drill: Oper. AMOCO PRODUCTION CO. Well: BOUNDARY FEDERAL #5. Field: TONTA WEST. Summary Re-entry: Oper. MITCHELL ENERGY CORP. Well: FEDERAL SB #1. Field: TONTA WEST. Re-compl: on 04/24/96 OILPZone: 5809-8888 (Bone Spring) IP: (Bone Spring 8809-8888) P 57 BOPD grav 40; GTSTM; 382 BWPD. Tops: L/T Bone Spring 7520/Wolcamp 10682/Strawn 12077/Alto 12426/MD Morrow 12671. Summary Plug Back: Oper. MITCHELL ENERGY CORP. Well: FEDERAL SB #1. Field: WILDCAT DEL. TD: 13689. Re-compl: on 04/07/96 OILPZone: 7446-7476 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 7446-7476) P 36 BOPD; 17 BWPD; - gas not measured Summary Re-entry: Field: TONTA WEST DEL. CA CELLED on 09/10/96. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3650 GR. Obj: 7500 (Delaware). NL: 04/15/96. API# 30-025-25884. ID# T-406739

MALLON OIL CO

MALLON 27 FEDERAL #4
LEA NE DEL - D: 19S-34E-27; c sw se, 660 fsl 1980 fsl, 36 mi E of Hobbs. EL: 3719 GR. Obj: 8300 (Delaware). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33737. ID# T-480725

MALLON OIL CO

MALLON 33 FEDERAL #1
LEA NE DEL - D: 19S-34E-33; se ne se, 1880 fsl 560 fsl, 36 mi E of Hobbs. EL: 3671 GR. Obj: 8300 (Delaware). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33738. ID# T-480726

MATADOR OPERATING CO

COMPLETIONS

(From 4)

60 min, FTP 1710; 295 MCFGPD in 60 min, FTP 1630; 388 MCFGPD in 60 min, FTP 1540; 702 MCFGPD in 60 min, FTP 1388

LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS
PINNACLE STATE #3
HERRADURA BEND EAST DEL - PLUG BACK DO: 22S-28E-36; 2w/2 se sw, 1980 fsl 1650 fsl Summary Original Drill: Oper. FORTSON OIL CO. Compl on 10/13/92 OILPZone: 5990-6010 (Delaware) IP: 6.75

hr test: F 43 BO grav 40; 240 MCFG in 48/64 ck; 85 BW, FTP 50-950. CP 1205 - Calc: F 153 BOPD grav 40; 240 MCFGPD on 48/64 ck; 302 BWPD; FTP 50-950 CP 1205

LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS
PINNACLE STATE #13
HERRADURA BEND EAST DEL - REPERMIT DO: 22S-28E-36; 2sw sw se, 330 fsl 2310 fsl Summary Original Drill: Oper. FORTSON OIL CO. ABND LOC on 07/21/94. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3095 GR. Obj: (Delaware) NL: 12/08/93. API# 30-015-27763. ID# T-458326. Resume: 09/18/96 TD: 6372 on 09/28/96. PB: 6333. Re-compl: on 10/17/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 6184-6194 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 6184-6194) P 11 BOPD grav 40.4; 23 MCFGPD; 163 BWPD

LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS
PINNACLE STATE #12
HERRADURA BEND EAST DEL - RECOMPLETION DO: 22S-28E-36; 2sw se sw, 330 fsl 1650 fsl Summary Original Drill: Compl on 01/02/96 OILPZone: 5960-6198 (Delaware) gross interval IP: (Delaware 5960-6198) P 36 BOPD grav 41.2; 134 MCFGPD; 107 BWPD

MARALCO INC
GR 30 STATE #2
NASH DRAW BRUSHY CAN COMMINGLED - DO: 23S-30E-30; ne se nw, 1650 fsl 2310 fsl EL: 3124 GR. Obj: 7400 (Bone Spring). NL: 04/18/96. API# 30-015-28931. ID# T-475063. Contr: Hondo #11. Spud: 09/14/96 TD: 7400 on 09/30/96 in Bone Spring. Compl on 11/09/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 6588-6597 (Bw Brushy Canyon) IP: (Bw Brushy Canyon 6588-6597) P 90 BOPD grav 42.2; 140 MCFGPD; 166 BWPD

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
JAMES RANCH UNIT #76
LOS MEDANOS SOUTH WOLF - DO: 23S-31E-6; nw sw nw, 1900 fsl 360 fsl, 48 mi W of Jal. EL: 3298 GR. Obj: 11300 (Delaware). NL: 09/24/96. API# 30-015-29173. ID# T-478485. Contr: T M B Sharp #23. Spud: 09/29/96 Mud drg. TD: 11250 on 10/12/96. PB: 11224. Compl on 10/29/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 11122-11137 (Wolcamp) IP: (Wolcamp 11122-11137) F 81 BOPD; 162 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck; 27 BWPD; FCP 340

SANTA FE ENERGY RES INC
H B - 10 FEDERAL #1
CEDAR CANYON BONE SPR - DO: 24S-29E-10; nw se ne, 1650 fsl 990 fsl EL: 3026 GR. Obj: 8200 (Bone Spring). NL: 09/18/96. API# 30-015-29157. ID# T-478339. Spud: 10/06/96 TD: 8290 on 10/30/96. PB: 8203. Compl on 11/18/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 7882-7932 (Bone Spring) gross interval IP: (Bone Spring 7882-7932) F 182 BOPD grav 44.1; 835 MCFGPD on 20/64 ck; 160 BWPD; FTP 620; SICP 1170

SONAT EXPL & PROD INC
TODD 2 STATE #3
INGLE WELLS DEL - DO: 24S-31E-2; c se se, 660 fsl 660 fsl EL: 3501 GR. Obj: 8700 (Delaware). NL: 04/01/96. API# 30-015-28906. ID# T-474653. Contr: Nabors #142. Spud: 04/25/96 Mud drg. TD: 8511 on 05/26/96. PB: 8460. Compl on 06/18/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 8112-8136 (basal Brushy Canyon) IP: (basal Brushy Canyon 8112-8136) P 105 BOPD grav 41; 146 MCFGPD; 102 BWPD

LEA COUNTY

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP
BRONCO FARMS 5 FEDERAL #5

LEA - AQ STATE #9
PEARL WEST SA - D: 19S-35E-32; sw ne nw, 880 fsl 1700 fsl EL: 3727 GR. Obj: 6000 (San Andres). NL: 12/31/96. API# 30-025-33753. ID# T-480884

MEWBOURNE OIL CO
HUYSTON COM #2
EUMONT YATES SEV RIV QU - D: 19S-37E-21; ne sw sw, 990 fsl 860 fsl EL: 3647 GR. Obj: 3800 (Queen). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33746. ID# T-480731

ARCO PERMIAN
PHILLIPS J R - B #7
EUMONT YATES SEV RIV QU - D: 19S-37E-31; c se nw, 1980 fsl 1980 fsl EL: 3582 GR. Obj: 3600 (Queen). NL: 12/31/96. API# 30-025-33754. ID# T-480885

CONOCO INC
BARBER FEDERAL #1
MONUMENT ABO - D: 20S-37E-7; se ne sw, 1773 fsl 2017 fsl EL: 3545 GR. Obj: 7350 (Abo). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33736. ID# T-480724

PENWELL ENERGY INC
CHECKERS 24 FEDERAL #4
RED TANK BONE SPR - D: 22S-32E-24; sw ne ne, 790 fsl 790 fsl, 35 mi E of Carlsbad. EL: 3723 GR. Obj: 9000 (Bone Spring). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33739. ID# T-480733

PLAINS PETR OPERG CO
BAYLUS CADE FEDERAL #8
TEAGUE BLINE - D: 23S-37E-35; nw se sw, 900 fsl 1650 fsl, 10.6 mi NE of Jal. EL: 3248 GR. Obj: 6000 (Blinberry). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33740. ID# T-480727

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
QUEST - AQS STATE COM #1
WILDCAT MOR - W: 24S-33E-3; c sw se, 660 fsl 1980 fsl EL: 3592 GR. Obj: 15700 (Morrow). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33742. ID# T-480728

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
FRISTOE C C - B FEDERAL - NCT-2 #19
JUSTIS TUBB DRKD - D: 24S-37E-28; sw se se, 450 fsl 990 fsl, 5.1 mi NE of Jal. EL: 3167 GR. Obj: 10000 (Drnkard). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-025-33744. ID# T-480729

MAC DUSTY RESOURCES INC
MADERA 12 FEDERAL #1
JABALINA SW BONE SPR - RE-ENTRY D: 26S-34E-12; 2c ne sw, 1980 fsl 1980 fsl, 13 mi WSW of Jal. Summary Original Drill: Field: WILDCAT BONE SPR. TD: 12680. P&A on 06/30/96

WILDCAT DEV - WPO: 10S-38E-5; sw nw ne, 1034 fsl 2189 fsl, 15 mi E of Crossroads. EL: 3921 GR. Obj: 12500 (Devonian). NL: 05/03/96. API# 30-025-33414. ID# T-475441. Contr: Ziadri #7. Spud: 09/05/96 TD: 11918 on 10/15/96 in Devonian. Compl on 11/14/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/28/96) PZone: 11873-11918 (Devonian) IP: (Devonian 11873-11918) F 164 BOPD grav 41.2 on 16/64 ck; no gas; no wtr; FTP 30 Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
MALJAMAR SOUTHEAST GB SA UNIT #615
MALJAMAR GB SA - DO: 17S-33E-29; se ne sw, 1900 fsl 2630 fsl EL: 4082 GR. Obj: 4500 (San Andres). NL: 09/20/96. API# 30-025-33591. ID# T-478374. Contr: Lakota #6. Spud: 11/05/96 Mud drg. TD: 4400 on 11/11/96 in San Andres. PB: 4318. Compl on 12/12/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 4278-4297 (Premier ss) gross interval IP: (Premier ss 4278-4297) P 39 BOPD grav 37.0; 32 MCFGPD; 38 BWPD

CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
MALJAMAR SOUTHEAST GB SA UNIT #711
MALJAMAR GB SA - DO: 17S-33E-29; se ne se, 1040 fsl 330 fsl EL: 4104 GR. Obj: 4500 (San Andres). NL: 09/20/96. API# 30-025-33592. ID# T-478375. Contr: Lakota #6. Spud: 10/25/96 Mud drg. TD: 4405 on 11/04/96 in San Andres. PB: 4394. Compl on 12/12/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 4299-4355 (Grayburg) gross interval IP: (Grayburg 4299-4355) P 72 BOPD grav 37.0; 59 MCFGPD; 13 BWPD

CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
MALJAMAR SOUTHEAST GB SA UNIT #908
MALJAMAR GB SA - DO: 17S-33E-32; ne ne ne, 330 fsl 330 fsl EL: 4089 GR. Obj: 4500 (San Andres). NL: 09/20/96. API# 30-025-33593. ID# T-478377. Contr: Lakota #6. Spud: 10/16/96 TD: 4450 on 10/23/96 in San Andres. PB: 4411. Compl on 12/13/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/28/96) PZone: 4261-4399 (Grayburg) gross interval IP: (Grayburg 4261-4399) P 17 BOPD grav 37.0; 14 MCFGPD; 132 BWPD

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
VACUUM WEST UNIT #57
VACUUM GB SA - DO: 17S-34E-34; sw se se, 75 fsl 1305 fsl EL: 4030 GR. Obj: 4800 (San Andres). NL: 09/23/96. API# 30-025-33599. ID# T-478430. Contr: Nabors #467. Spud: 10/16/96 TD: 4800 on 10/22/96. PB: 4757. Compl on 11/21/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 4482-4676 (Grayburg/San Andres) gross interval IP: (Grayburg/San Andres 4482-4676) P 60 BOPD grav 39.4; 67 MCFGPD; 146 BWPD

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
VACUUM WEST UNIT #56
VACUUM GB SA - SP: 17S-34E-34; sw sw se, 100 fsl 2450 fsl EL: 4030 GR. Obj: 4800 (Grayburg/San Andres). NL: 09/20/96. API# 30-025-33587. ID# T-478370. Contr: Nabors #467. Spud: 10/24/96 TD: 4800 on 10/30/96. PB: 4750. IW on 11/20/96 (Last Info: 12/31/96) Notes: (Permitted for production, completed as injection well)

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
NEW MEXICO O STATE NCT-1 #34
VACUUM BLINE - RECOMPLETION DO: 17S-34E-36; 2se se se, 380 fsl 330 fsl Summary Original Drill: Field: VACUUM DRKD. Compl on 01/07/94 OILPZone: 7551-7872 (Drnkard) IP: (Drnkard 7551-7872) F 232 BOPD grav 39.8; 84 MCFGPD; no wtr; FTP 280 - RETEST (Drnkard 7452-7872 11/08/96) P 71 BOPD grav 39.8; 1 MCFGPD; 135 BWPD

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
NEW MEXICO O STATE NCT-1 #36
VACUUM BLINE DUAL RECOMPLETION DO: 17S-34E-36; 2se se sw, 330 fsl 2210 fsl Summary Original Drill: Well: NEW MEXICO O STATE NCT #36. Field: VACUUM DRKD. Compl on 03/20/94 OILPZone: 7498-7762 (Drnkard) IP: (Drnkard 7498-7762) P 64 BOPD grav 39.4; 54 MCFGPD; 2 BWPD

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
NEW MEXICO O STATE NCT-1 #35
VACUUM BLINE COMMINGLED - RECOMPLETION DO: 17S-34E-36; 2se sw se, 355 fsl 1875 fsl

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YATES PETROLEUM CORP
SKINNY QO STATE #7
PECOS SLOPE ABO - DG: 6S-25E-2; e/2 sw sw, 660 fsl 990 fsl EL: 3898 GR. Obj: 4300 (Abo). NL: 05/31/96. API# 30-005-63082. ID# T-476007. Contr: Artesia #2. Spud: 08/12/96. TD: 4204 on 09/18/96 in Abo. PB: 4125. Compl on 10/24/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 3702-3873 (Abo) IP: (Abo 3702-3873) F 523 MCFGPD on 28/64 ck; FTP 130; SICP 190

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
FEDERAL H J #11
PECOS SLOPE ABO - DG: 6S-26E-31; se sw ne, 2080 fsl 1650 fsl, 32 mi NE of Roswell. EL: 3669 GR. Obj: 4400 (Abo). NL: 06/13/96. API# 30-005-63091. ID# T-476277. Spud: 08/13/96. TD: 4252 on 10/08/96. PB: 4190. Compl on 10/31/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 3678-3911 (Abo) gross interval IP: (Abo 3678-3911) F 993 MCFGPD on 18/64 ck; FTP 525; SICP 700

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
THORPE - MI FEDERAL COM #12
PECOS SLOPE ABO - DG: 7S-25E-10; c sw nw, 1980 fsl 660 fsl EL: 3846 GR. Obj: 4400 (Abo). NL: 02/14/95. API# 30-005-63045. ID# T-466422. Contr: A T #2. Spud: 09/26/96. TD: 4244 on 10/20/96. PB: 4160. Compl on 11/17/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 3683-4006 (Abo) gross interval IP: (Abo 3683-4006) F 374 MCFGPD on 32/64 ck; FTP 100; SICP 290

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
THORPE - MI FEDERAL COM #13
PECOS SLOPE ABO - DG: 7S-25E-13; c se nw, 1980 fsl 1980 fsl, 30 mi NE of Roswell. EL: 3694 GR. Obj: 4250 (Abo). NL: 10/05/94. API# 30-005-63024. ID# T-463838. Contr: Artesia #2. Spud: 09/26/96. TD: 4204 on 11/01/96 in Abo. PB: 4150. Compl on 11/17/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 3693-3913 (Abo) IP: (Abo 3693-3913) F 766 MCFGPD on 24/64 ck; FTP 225

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
COFFMAN NY FEDERAL #3
PECOS SLOPE ABO - DG: 7S-25E-25; c ne nw, 660 fsl 1980 fsl, 25 mi NW of Roswell. EL: 3838 GR. Obj: 4400 (Abo). NL: 05/31/96. API# 30-005-63089. ID# T-476008. Contr: Artesia Fishing Tool #2. Spud: 09/26/96. TD: 4315 on 11/19/96 in Abo. PB: 4220. Compl on 12/01/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 3664-3913 (Abo) IP: (Abo 3664-3913) F 1028 MCFGPD on 24/64 ck; FTP 300; SICP 435

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
NICKY - RF FEDERAL #3 PECOS SLOPE ABO - DG: 7S-26E-18; ne ne sw, 2310 fsl 2310 fsl, 24 mi NE of Roswell. EL: 3631 GR. Obj: 4400 (Abo). NL: 02/14/95. API# 30-005-63044. ID# T-466420. Contr: Artesia Fishing Tool #2. Spud: 11/02/96. TD: 4330 on 11/09/96 in Abo. PB: 4260. Compl on 11/29/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 3685-4179 (Abo) IP: (Abo 3685-4179) F 536 MCFGPD on 24/64 ck; FTP 170; SICP 320

YATES EXPL CO INC
SARDINE #1
WILDCAT SA - WPD: 9S-28E-19; se ne nw, 990 fsl 2298 fsl EL: 3898 GR. Obj: 2330 (San Andres). NL: 12/26/96. API# 30-005-62753. ID# T-430136. Spud: 04/05/90. TD: 2340. P&A on 08/30/95 (Last Info: 12/30/96)

MARBOS ENERGY CORP
MCCLINTOCK FEE #1
WILDCAT TWIN LAKE SW DEV - WPD: 9S-28E-30; sw sw nw, 2139 fsl 508 fsl EL: 3888 GR. Obj: 7500 (Devonian). NL: 09/09/96. API# 30-005-63107. ID# T-478127. Spud: 09/25/96. TD: 6977 on 10/13/96. Compl on 11/02/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 6785-6977 IP: (6785-6977) P 42 BOPD; GTSTM; 167 BWPD Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
VACUUM WEST UNIT #58
VACUUM GB SA - DO: 18S-34E-3; ne sw ne, 1330 fsl 1330 fsl EL: 4027 GR. Obj: 4800 (Grayburg/San Andres). NL: 09/20/96. API# 30-025-33588. ID# T-478371. Contr: Nabors #467. Spud: 10/08/96. TD: 4800 on 10/14/96. PB: 4770. Compl on 11/06/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 4562-4718 (Grayburg/San Andres) gross interval IP: (Grayburg/San Andres 4562-4718) P 98 BOPD grav 39.4; 40 MCFGPD; 230 BWPD

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
FEDERAL U S A - J #5
LUSK WEST DEL - DO: 19S-32E-30; se sw se, 330 fsl 1653 fsl, 15 mi S of Maljamar. EL: 3542 GR. Obj: 7200 (Delaware). NL: 03/08/94. API# 30-025-32449. ID# T-459868. Spud: 08/03/95. TD: 7300. P&A on 08/20/95 (Last Info: 12/28/96) Notes: (Repermit, original permit approved 3/3/94)

READ & STEVENS INC
QUAIL FEDERAL #2
LEA NE DEL - DO: 20S-34E-3; s/2 se nw, 2310 fsl 1980 fsl, 30 mi SW of Hobbs. EL: 3653 GR. Obj: 8400 (Delaware). NL: 11/01/96. API# 30-025-33663. ID# T-479543. Spud: 10/19/96. TD: 8350 on 11/20/96. PB: 8306. Compl on 11/24/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 8066-8212 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 8066-8212) P 83 BOPD; 75 MCFGPD; 75 BWPD

READ & STEVENS INC
TRUMAN FEDERAL #5
LEA NE DEL - DO: 20S-34E-4; n/2 se sw, 990 fsl 1980 fsl, 30 mi SW of Hobbs. EL: 3631 GR. Obj: 8400 (Delaware). NL: 10/30/96. API# 30-025-33665. ID# T-479543. Contr: Peterson #7. Spud: 10/28/96. TD: 8340 on 12/05/96. PB: 8300. Compl on 12/15/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 8046-8196 (Delaware) IP: (Delaware 8046-8196) P 200 BOPD; 94 MCFGPD; 46 BWPD

CONOCO INC
HARDY 36 STATE #21
HARDY SIMPSON ELLENBURGER - DO: 20S-37E-36; w/2 nw sw, 1980 fsl 330 fsl EL: 3491 GR. Obj: 10625 (Ellenburger). NL: 07/18/95. API# 30-025-33028. ID# T-469583. Contr: Norton #16. Spud: 09/07/96 TD: 10561 on 10/13/96. PB: 10513. Compl on 11/25/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 10086-10344 (McKee/Connell) gross interval IP: (McKee/Connell 10086-10344) P 75 BOPD; 108 MCFGPD; 125 BWPD

STEVENS & TULL INC
D K #4
D-K ABO WARREN EAST TUBB - DO: 20S-38E-25; c sw ne, 1980 fsl 1980 fsl EL: 3567 GR. Obj: 8000 (Abo). NL: 09/13/96. API# 30-025-33577. ID# T-478246. Contr: Sifton. Spud: 09/10/96 Mud drg. TD: 7975 on 10/04/96 in Abo. PB: 7900. Compl on 11/18/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZone: 6705-6920 (Tubb) IP: (Tubb 6705-6920) P 25 BOPD grav 34.6; 25 MCFGPD; 200 BWPD

CONOCO INC
WARREN UNIT #134
WARREN SA - DO: 20S-38E-28; sw se ne, 2180 fsl 890 fsl EL: 3543 GR. Obj: 4650 (San Andres). NL: 06/17/96. API# 30-025-33487. ID# T-476345. Contr: Capstar #8.

4400 (Abo). NL: 05/31/96. API# 30-005-63089. ID# T-476008. Contr: Artesia Fishing Tool #2. Spud: 09/26/96. TD: 4315 on 11/19/96 in Abo. PB: 4220. Compl on 12/01/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZone: 3664-3913 (Abo) IP: (Abo 3664-3913) F 1028 MCFGPD on 24/64 ck; FTP 300; SICP 435

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
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More uncertain times in the oil patch

By AGIS SALPUKAS
N.Y. Times News Service

After a year of unexpected swings in oil prices, only one thing seems certain about the year ahead: that the swings are likely to be even wilder and harder to predict.

Crude oil has always been a volatile commodity, but industry officials and the experts who follow it say that a number of factors are combining to increase volatility.

But while such swings are often disheartening to consumers — and to the politicians who feel the heat when prices jump — the industry, except for refiners, had an excellent year in terms of profits. That seems likely again this year, even though there is a widely held belief that crude prices should be somewhat lower in 1997.

The volatile outlook for 1997 comes after a year in which prices had been predicted to remain relatively flat.

Crude oil prices began 1996 at about \$20 a barrel, and industry analysts expected prices to range from \$18 to \$20 barrel through the year. In the spring, however, they rose to \$26, sending gasoline prices soaring. Crude prices then plunged to \$17.50 in early summer, climbed to the \$25 range in November — sending heating oil and diesel prices up — only to fall back to about \$23 in early December. They rose again to \$26 by the end of 1996. The average for the year was about \$22 a barrel.

Analysts point to three main factors for the

increased volatility. Perhaps the biggest is the trend by refiners to keep stocks of both crude and refined oil as small as possible. That lowers their costs but means less of a cushion if demand or prices shift.

Second is what some analysts call supply anxiety: the fear that a political event will tip supply and demand out of balance.

Both of those concerns contribute to the final factor: a growing sense among traders that the fundamental balance between supply and demand is no longer a solid guide to prices.

Such an outlook has made some executives in the industry cautious in their planning. For example, Texaco chairman and chief executive Peter Bijur said his company was projecting a price of about \$19.50 a barrel for 1997 and about \$18.50 a barrel for 1998.

But, like most oil companies, Texaco is using a gloomier forecast. Bijur said that Texaco would proceed only with those projects that could make money if the price of oil dropped to \$15 a barrel.

"Today's oil prices should not blind us to the cyclical nature of the market," he said. When he spoke, the price of oil was more than \$25 a barrel. More swings are expected in 1997.

"The markets are going to be more tightly balanced," said Vahan Zanooyan, the chief executive of Petroleum Finance Co., a consulting group in Washington.

With the Organization of

Petroleum Exporting Countries keeping to its quota of about 25 million barrels a day and with no large new sources of oil on the horizon, the supply should meet the modest growth in demand estimated at about 1.5 percent to 2 percent for 1997, Zanooyan said.

"Any slight variations such as sudden jerks in demand or supply will have a bigger impact," he added.

MEETINGS

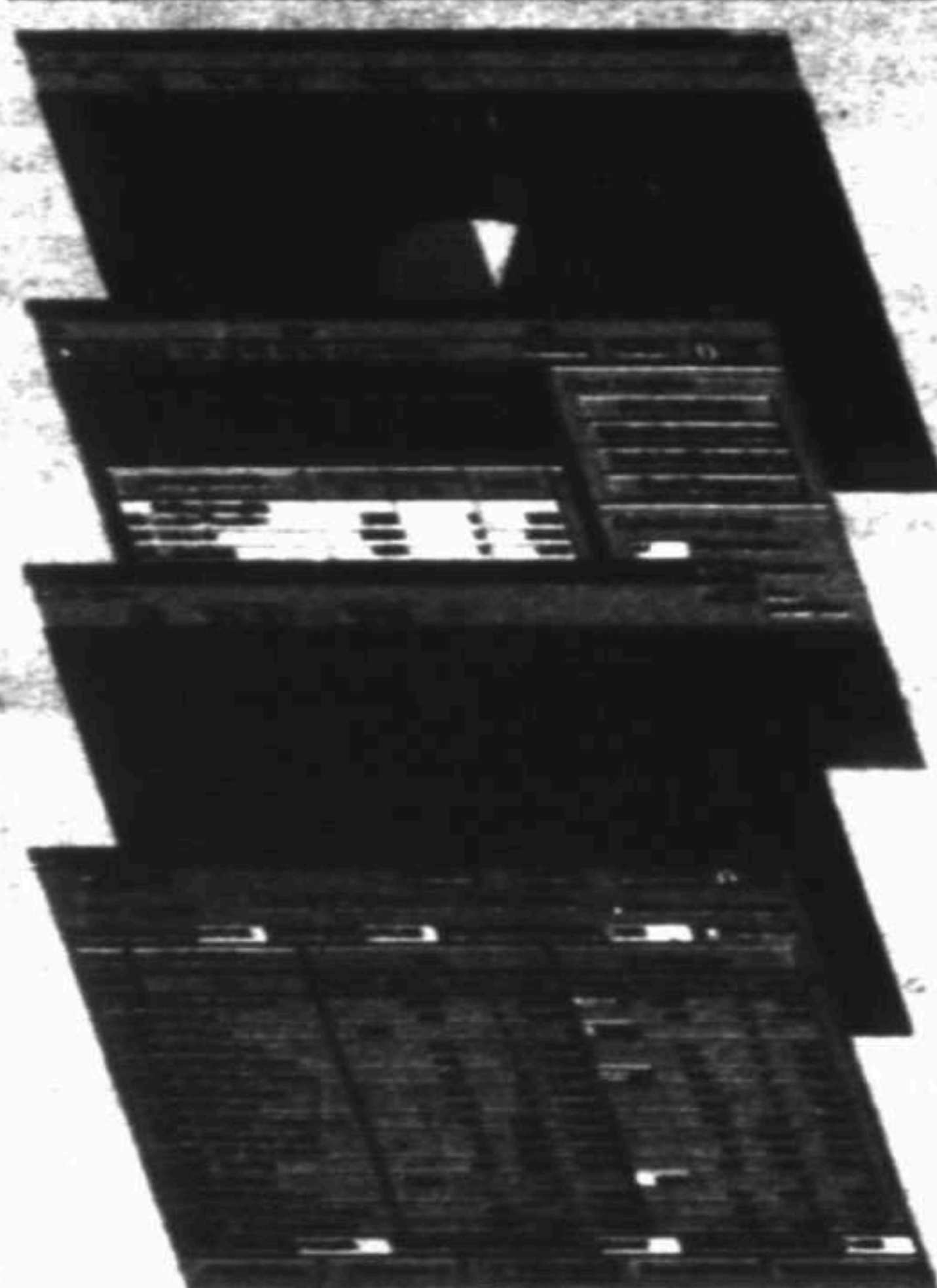
IADC chairman to speak

The Permian Basin Chapter of the International Association of Drilling Contractors will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 14 starting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall Street, and will feature Mr. Frits van Riet as the guest speaker. Mr. Riet is the 1997 IADC National Chairman. To make reservations contact Fred Schwiening at (915) 683-7880 or David McCullough at (915) 550-7767. The Petroleum Club is located at 501 W. Wall Street in Midland, Texas.

SPE environmental study group

The Society of Petroleum Engineers Environmental Study Group will hold their next meeting at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, January 16, 1997 at the Midland Center. Mr. William M. Dingler will present an overview of Environmental Litigation. Attendance is open to anyone interested. Cost of the luncheon is \$10 and reservations may be made by calling 686-7329 by noon, January 15.

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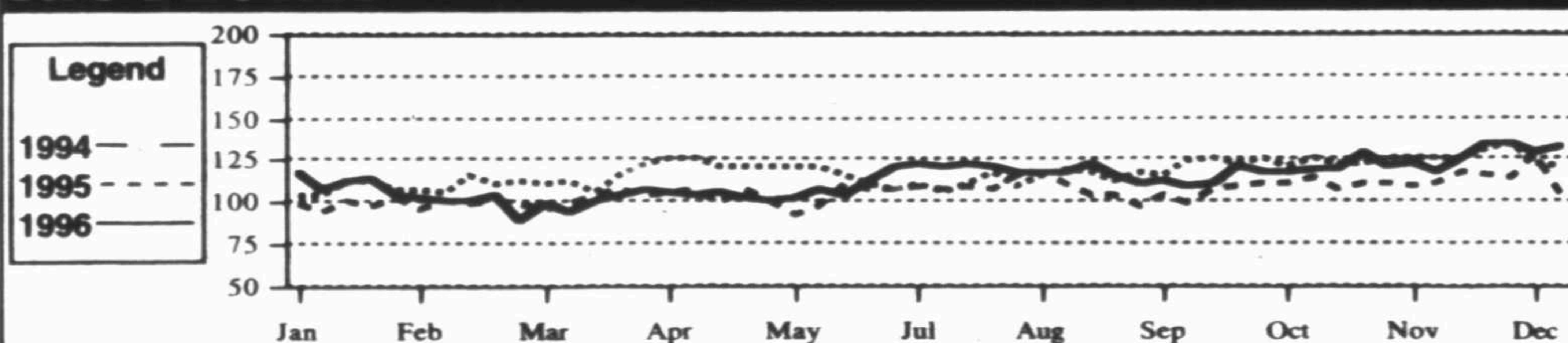
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■ TAMARACK PETROLEUM CO

■ SUTTON #1108
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk XX sec 1, 2600 fsl 1300 fsl of sec, and lse. 2880 acre lse. 17 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2405 GR. Obj: 6800 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480814

■ UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES

■ FRIEND - A #3
OZONA EAST (ELLENBURGER)- RECOMPLETION D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk GH sec 93, A-3980, 1548 fsl 1413 fsl of sec, 1548 fsl 1247 fsl of lse. 328.845 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 1.9 mi SE of Ozona. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2508 GR. Obj: 6390 (Ellenburger).NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 455833. API# 42-105-11040. ID# T-480823

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■ HOOVER EST #0915
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 15, 850 fsl 2000 fsl of sec, 3494 fsl 2000 fsl of lse. 1920 acre lse. 30.8 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2418 GR. Obj: 7800 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480798

■ UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES

■ UNION PACIFIC #71
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk I sec 5, A-2414, 600 fsl 2080 fsl of sec, 10128 fsl 2080 fsl of lse. 4304.3 acre lse. 11.7 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2476 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480818

■ UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES

■ UNION PACIFIC #72
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk I sec 5, A-2414, 1730 fsl 1750 fsl of sec, 8998 fsl 1750 fsl of lse. 4303.30 acre lse. 11.5 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2472 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480817

■ UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES

■ UNION PACIFIC #73
OZONA (CANYON SS)- D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk I sec 5, A-2414, 2580 fsl 660 fsl of sec, 8147 fsl 660 fsl of lse. 4304.3 acre lse. 11.2 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2483 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480815

IRION COUNTY

■ ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG-15 #1501
KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 15, A-362, 560 fsl 760 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2604 GR. Obj: 4700 (Clear Fork).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480816

■ ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG-15 #1502
KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 15, A-362, 660 fsl 2080 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2584 GR. Obj: 4700 (Clear Fork).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480819

■ ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG-15 #1504
KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 15, A-362, 660 fsl 660 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2683 GR. Obj: 4700 (Clear Fork).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480822

■ ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG-15 #1505
KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 15, A-362, 1680 fsl 660 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2610 GR. Obj: 4700 (Clear Fork).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480824

■ ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG-15 #1506
KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 15, A-362, 1730 fsl 1980 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2579 GR. Obj: 4700 (Clear Fork).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480825

■ ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG-15 #1507
KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 15, A-362, 1980 fsl 1980 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2572 GR. Obj: 4700 (Clear Fork).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480827

■ ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG-15 #1508
KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 15, A-362, 1780 fsl 960 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2596 GR. Obj: 4700 (Clear Fork).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480829

■ ANTELOPE ENERGY CO LLC

■ SUGG-ELA #3 #5
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- RE ENTRY D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 53, 1980 fsl 1584 fsl of sec, 660 fsl 1584 fsl of lse. 480 acre lse. 9 mi NE of Barnhart. Summary Original Drift Oper: ENERGY RESERVES GROUP TD: 5000. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 5200 test.NL: 12/31/96. API# 42-235-32579. ID# T-480853

■ LIMARK CORP

■ CRAVENS - B #5
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 78, 1991 fsl 1980 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 9 mi N of Barnhart. EL: 2592 GR. Obj: 6515 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480805

MCCULLOCH COUNTY

■ NAUTILUS EXPL INC

■ WHITE #2
NEEDLE CREEK- WP; JOHN W HAGERLUND #80 sur, A-1757, 440 fsl 300 fsl of sur, 220 fsl 247 fsl of lse. 10 acre lse. 8 mi S of Melvin. Obj: 1750 test.NL: 12/27/96. API# 42-307-31026. ID# T-480752

REAGAN COUNTY

■ MARINER ENERGY INC

■ MARINER S A U 28-3 #3
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk B sec 28, A-759, 540 fsl 1962 fsl of sec, and lse. 80 acre lse. (A-759 originally known as W J Cutbirth) (Rule 37 exception granted) 35 mi NW of Big Lake. EL: 2655 GR. Obj: 8200 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 455700. API# 42-383-34662. ID# T-480828

■ MCCAMMON OIL & GAS INC

■ YOUNG CHICO #1
PRISCILLA (GRAYBURG)- DEEPEN D; G C & S F RY CO #2 sur, A-825, 1980 fsl 660 fsl of sur, and lse. 160 acre lse. (A-825 originally known as J H Wilson) 3.5 mi S of Big Lake. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 2600 (Grayburg).NL: 12/27/96. API# 42-383-31905. ID# T-480746

■ ODESSA EXPL INC

■ RICKER 36 #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 36, 660 fsl 660 fsl of sec, and lse. 80 acre lse. 22 mi N of Big Lake. Obj: 8900 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480858

■ ODESSA EXPL INC

■ RICKER 38 #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 38, 1980 fsl 660 fsl of sec, and lse. 80 acre lse. 22 mi N of Big Lake. Obj: 8900 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480862

■ ODESSA EXPL INC

■ RICKER 45 #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 45, 1980 fsl 660 fsl of sec, 660 fsl 660 fsl of lse. 80 acre lse. 22 mi N of Big Lake. Obj: 8900 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480860

■ PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ MERCHANT UNIT #2088

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- HORIZONTAL D; T & P RY CO sur blk 36 hwp 55 sec 45, 660 fsl 1985 fsl of sec, 1980 fsl 1985 fsl of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 2) 16 mi NW of Stiles. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 2005 fsl 1595 fsl of sec. 45 - 635 fsl 1595 fsl of unit - N30 deg W 1400 ft from surf loc. Obj: 7482 test.NL: 12/27/96. ID# T-480754

■ PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ MERCHANT UNIT #3221N
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; L & S V RY CO sur blk B sec 14, A-757, 807 fsl 1816 fsl of sec, 16758 fsl 15019 fsl of unit. 22080 acre unit. (A-757 originally known as W J Cutbirth) 10 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2670 GR. Obj: 8100 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 455527. API# 42-383-34675. ID# T-480919

■ PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1933A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 hwp 55 sec 37, 660 fsl 1980 fsl of sec, 11149 fsl 7414 fsl of unit. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 193) 16 mi SE of Stiles. EL: 2670 GR. Obj: 8290 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480846

RUNNELS COUNTY

■ NOVO EXPL CORP

■ SPILL NANCY #1
WILDCAT- W; JOHN C MCKEAN #534 sur, A-371, 3 fsl 8880 fsl of sur, 647 fsl 1637 fsl of lse. 117.2 acre lse. 6 mi SE of Winters. EL: 1758 GR. Obj: 4500 test.NL: 12/27/96. ID# T-480745

■ SHAMROCK MINERALS CORP

■ POE EST #1
WILDCAT- W; C T RY CO #57 sur, 2761 fsl 660 fsl of sur, 1200 fsl 660 fsl of lse. 145 acre lse. 6 mi W of Winters. EL: 1935 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480855

■ T K P PETROLEUM INC

■ EUBANKS #1
ANDERGRAM- WP; G C & S F RY CO #1 sur, 1688 fsl 3948 fsl of sur, 506 fsl 1055 fsl of lse. 185.5 acre lse. 8 mi S of Winters. EL: 1727 GR. Obj: 4900 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480809

SUTTON COUNTY

■ BURLINGTON RES O&G CO

■ DEBERRY - A #40
SONORA (UPR CANYON)- D; H E & W T RY CO sur blk B sec 120, A-1025, 1500 fsl 2592 fsl of sec, and lse. 3202.74 acre lse. (A-1025 originally known as J T Morris) 5.4 mi NE of Sonora. EL: 2285 GR. Obj: 6900 (upr Canyon).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480812

■ BURLINGTON RES O&G CO

■ DEBERRY - A #41
SONORA (UPR CANYON)- D; H E & W T RY CO sur blk B sec 120, A-1025, 1800 fsl 1000 fsl of sec, and lse. 3202.74 acre lse. (A-1025 originally known as J T Morris) 5.7 mi NE of Sonora. EL: 2314 GR. Obj: 6900 (upr Canyon).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480811

■ INTERCOAST OIL & GAS CO

■ GENINI #3802
SAWYER (CANYON)- D; T T RY CO #36 sur, A-1248, 560 fsl 2110 fsl of sur, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-1248 originally known as L M Walters) 13.4 mi S of Sonora. Obj: 7500 (Canyon).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480813

■ LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

■ GENINI #3104
SHURLEY RANCH (CANYON)- D; T T RY CO #31 sur, A-756, 1150 fsl 1618 fsl of sur, and lse. 1248 acre lse. 13 mi SW of Sonora. EL: 2053 GR. Obj: 7200 (Canyon).NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456429. API# 42-435-34656. ID# T-480750

■ LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

■ PFLUGER 104 #9
SAWYER (STRAWN NORTH)- D; T W NG RY CO sur blk 14 sec 104, A-910, 1450 fsl 2000 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-910 originally known as E W Willis) 12 mi SE of Sonora. EL: 2290 GR. Obj: 7500 (Strawn).NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456835. API# 42-435-34660. ID# T-480831

6350 (Strawn).NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456835. API# 42-435-34660. ID# T-480831

■ LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

■ SHURLEY 147 #13
SAWYER (CANYON)- D; H E & W T RY CO sur blk C sec 147, A-453, 500 fsl 1800 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 8.8 mi SW of Sonora. EL: 2205 GR. Obj: 7200 (Canyon).NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456432. API# 42-435-34655. ID# T-480751

■ LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

■ WARD 114 #12
SAWYER (CANYON)- D; H E & W T RY CO sur blk B sec 114, A-952, 2420 fsl 850 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-952 originally known as M B Atkinson) 4.2 mi SW of Sonora. EL: 2264 GR. Obj: 7000 (Canyon).NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456430. API# 42-435-34659. ID# T-480749

■ LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

■ WARD 114 #13
SAWYER (CANYON)- D; H E & W T RY CO sur blk B sec 114, A-952, 500 fsl 1800 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-952 originally known as M B Atkinson) 4.2 mi SW of Sonora. EL: 2263 GR. Obj: 7000 (Canyon).NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456431. API# 42-435-34658. ID# T-480748

■ LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

■ WILSON 32 #6
SAWYER (CANYON)- D; T T RY CO #32 sur, A-1270, 1900 fsl 2150 fsl of sur, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-1270 originally known as W C Bryson) 10 mi SW of Sonora. EL: 2142 GR. Obj: 7000 (Canyon).NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456428. API# 42-435-34657. ID# T-480747

■ LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

■ WILSON DUKE #1532
SHURLEY RANCH (CANYON)- D; H E & W T RY CO sur blk C sec 153, A-456, 660 fsl 660 fsl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-456 originally known as E W Willis) 12 mi SE of Sonora. EL: 2290 GR. Obj: 7500 (Strawn).NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456835. API# 42-435-34660. ID# T-480831

DEVELOPMENTS/12

HALLIBURTON PROVIDES SOLUTIONS

Case History #197

TYPE OF JOB: Clean-out injection wells with HES Coiled Tubing Unit.

LOCATION OF JOB: Andrews Co., TX.

CUSTOMER CHALLENGE:

To economically clean out injection wells to evaluate injection profiles and increase injection performance.

HALLIBURTON SOLUTION:

Halliburton recommended using a coiled tubing unit and jet nozzle to clean tubing and perforated interval, flow back iron sulfide deposits and spot 15% HCL acid.

MAJOR OBSTACLES:

Four wells have 2.375" ceramic lined tubing and two wells have 2.0625" ceramic lined tubing.

JOB DETAILS & PROCEDURE:

Rig up HES body load Coiled Tubing unit with 1.25" coiled tubing on well and trip into hole, circulating fresh water. Once through packer, increase rate to jet iron sulfide and scale deposits to surface pit. Make four to five passes to insure no fill covering perforations. Spot 800-2000 gallons of 15% HCL acid on perforations and trip out of hole with coiled tubing and move to next well. On the smaller diameter tubing HES spliced 500' of 1" coiled tubing on the bottom and changed the annular BOP for positive pressure control.

DETAILS OF JOB:

County: Andrews
Well Depth: ±4500 ft
BHST: 115° F
Formation: Grayburg
Services Used: Coiled Tubing and acid services
Equipment Used: Body load Coiled Tubing Unit

RESULTS:

All six wells were cleaned up and after acid, injection rates increased on four of six wells. On the two that did not increase it was determined that more acid was needed.

CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL:

Customer said that this was a very economical way to clean out injection wells without losing pressure in the field. It also

eliminates possible mechanical contingencies associated with conventional pulling machines even if you own your pulling units.

UNIQUENESS OF JOB:

Two of the wells had small ID packers and HES spliced enough 1" coiled tubing on to the 1.25" tubing to clean out these wells with the same unit.

FUTURE WORK:

This customer will continue to use this method because of the cost savings encountered.

INFORMATION TO DETERMINE ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE CUSTOMER:

Cost Analysis:

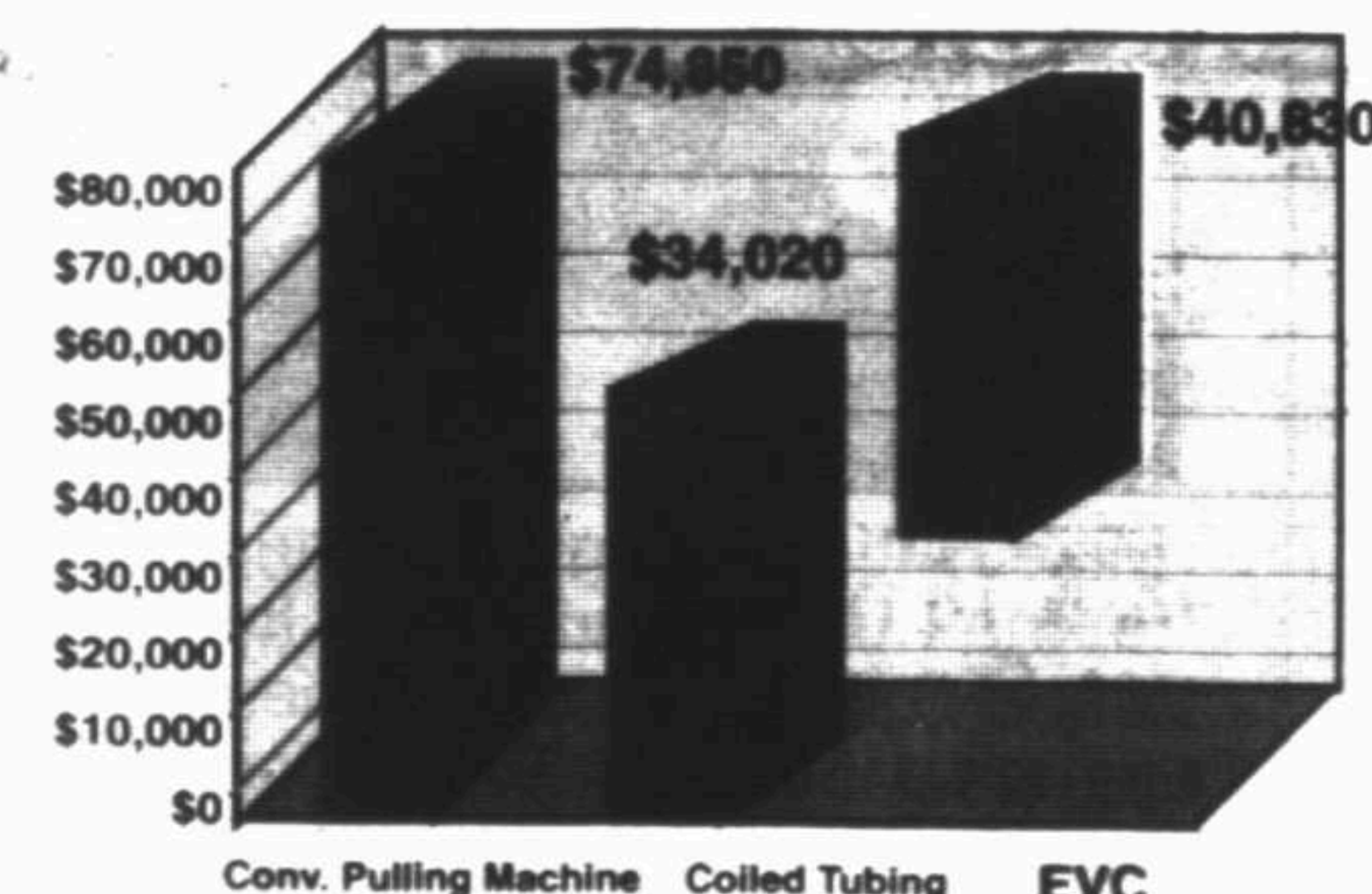
Conventional Pulling Machine:	
4 days @ \$1500/Day	\$6,000.00
Reverse unit for 2 days @ \$650/day	\$1,300.00
Trucking Fee	\$ 200.00
Packer Redress	\$ 300.00
Water Hauling 4 Loads	\$1,000.00
Dig Flowback Pit	\$ 400.00
BOP Rental	\$ 200.00
Work string rental 4500' @ \$.05/day x 3 days	\$ 675.00
Trucking work string	\$ 400.00
Packer for acid job	\$ 500.00
1000 gallons acid	\$1,500.00
TOTAL PER WELL	\$12,475.00
SIX WELL TOTAL	\$74,850.00

COILED TUBING WORK OVER WITH ACID TREATMENT:

Coiled Tubing Unit per well with Acid Service	\$5,000.00
Flow back Tank rental @ \$170/week	\$ 170.00
Water hauling @ \$250/load	\$ 500.00
TOTAL PER WELL	\$5,670.00
SIX WELL TOTAL	\$34,020.00

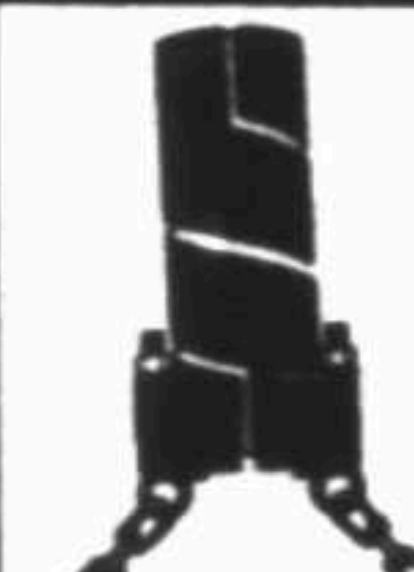
Benefit Analysis:

Economic Value To The Customer \$40,830.00



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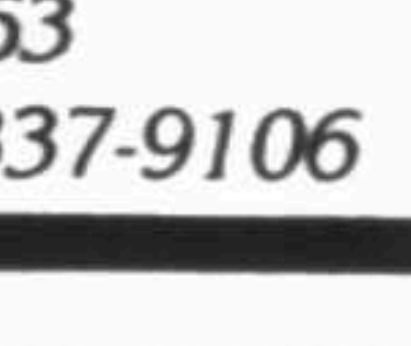
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COMPLETIONS

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09/19/96 TD: 6850 on 09/27/96 PB:
6762 Comp. on 11/04/96 GAS (Last Info:
12/30/96) PZ: 6044-6594 (Canyon ss) gross interval
IP: (Canyon ss 6044-6594) CAOF 1075 MCFG-
PD - F 11 BCPD grav 62.1; 788 MCFGPD grav 754
on 14/64 ck; 13 BWPD; FTP 515, SITP 954, SICP
706, BHSIP 1161, BHT 199 F @ 6319, SLOPE
1.000 One Point: 788 MCFGPD on 14/64 ck in 4320
min, FTP 515, BHP 604
HARRISON INTERESTS LTD
HENDERSON JOHN W III - N 44
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG: G C & S F RY CO sur
bit 1 sec 8, A-5020, 1350 fml 1980 fml of sec, 1350
fml 660 fml of sec, 320 acre lse. (A-5020 originally
known as J H Baker) 17 mi SW
of Ozona. EL: 2479 GR. Obj: 8900 (Canyon ss). NL:
07/01/96. Permit: 449904. AP# 42-105-37333. ID#
T-476593. Contr: Wes Tex #18. Spud: 08/02/96. TD:
8915 on 08/11/96 PB: 8836. Comp. on 11/22/96 GAS
(Last Info: 12/28/96) PZ: 6886-6900
(Canyon) IP: (Canyon 6886-6900) CAOF 14401
MCFGPD - F 21 BCPD grav 63.5; 899
MCFGPD grav 669 on adj ck; no wtr; FTP 1920,
SITP 1986, BHSIP 2491, BHT 175 F @ 6893,
SLOPE 1.000 Four Point: 89 MCFGPD on adj ck in
60 min, FTP 2004, BHP 2480; 172 MCFGPD on adj
ck in 60 min, FTP 2037, BHP 2474; 356 MCFGPD on
adj ck in 60 min, FTP 2017, BHP 2456; 899 MCFG-
PD on adj ck in 60 min, FTP 1920, BHP 2412
O J B INC
PIERCE V J #206
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG: A VASQUEZ #2 sur, A-
5032, 2166 fml 551 fml of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse.
(Rule 37 exception granted) 19 mi SW of Ozona. EL:
2382 GR. Obj: 6900 (Canyon ss). NL: 05/16/96.
Permit: 446163. AP# 42-105-37234. ID# T-
475686. Contr: Wes Tex #7. Spud: 08/30/96 Air drg.
TD: 6700 on 09/13/96 PB: 6623. Comp. on 11/18/96
GAS (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZ: 6357-6384
(Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 6357-6384) CAOF 157
MCFGPD - F 1.29 BCPD grav 66.0; 152 MCFGPD
grav 760 on 27/64 ck; 1.19 BWPD; FTP 135, SITP
1425, BHSIP 1773, BHT 170 F @ 6371, SLOPE
1.000 One Point: 152 MCFGPD on 27/64 ck in 4320
min, FTP 135, BHP 300
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
DAVIDSON #1710
DAVIDSON RANCH (PENNSYLVANIAN 7890)- DG:
G C & S F RY CO sur bit 1 sec 17, A-3124, 843 fml
774 fml of sec, and lse. 1009.1 acre lse. 7 mi SE of
Ozona. EL: 2447 GR. Obj: 8600 (Pennsylvanian
7890). NL: 02/05/96. Permit: 444413. AP# 42-105-
37188. ID# T-473484. Contr: Wes Tex #2. Spud:
09/25/96 TD: 8350 on 10/02/96 PB: 8146. Comp. on
11/11/96 GAS (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZ: 7846-
7980 (Pennsylvanian 7890) IP: (Pennsylvanian 7890
7846-7980) CAOF 133 MCFGPD - F 0.43 BCPD
grav 53.9; 127 MCFGPD grav 651 on 18/64 ck; 3.15
BWPD; FTP 203, SITP 2135, BHSIP 2609, BHT 201
F @ 7913, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 127 MCFGPD
on 18/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 203, BHP 549
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
MCMILLAN #5
DAVIDSON RANCH (PENNSYLVANIAN 7890)- DG:
G C & S F RY CO sur bit 1 sec 3, A-2405, 1910 fml
1970 fml of sec, 1910 fml 726 fml of sec, 320 acre lse.
(Rule 37 exception granted) 10 mi SE of Ozona. EL:
2447 GR. Obj: 8600 (Pennsylvanian 7890). NL:
05/02/96. Permit: 447753. AP# 42-105-37270. ID#
T-475387. Contr: Wes Tex #2. Spud: 08/05/96 TD:
8400 on 08/10/96 PB: 8300. Comp. on 10/16/96
GAS (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZ: 8094-8220
(Pennsylvanian 7890) IP: (Pennsylvanian 7890
8094-8220) CAOF 736 MCFGPD - BHSIP 2798,
BHT 196 F @ 8157, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 592
MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 915, BHP
1237

IRON COUNTY

HALLWOOD PETROLEUM INC
ROCKER - 886 #2
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- WP: L H SALTER sur
bit 1 sec 86, A-1153, 1980 fml 660 fml of sec, and
lse. 323 acre lse. (L H Salter sur also known as T &
P Ry Co) 15 mi NE of Big Lake. EL: 2517 GR. Obj:
4900 test. NL: 09/05/96. Permit: 439457. AP# 42-
235-33432. ID# T-470592. ABND LOC on
12/17/96 (Last Info: 12/30/96)
MUNSON DAVID M INC
MUNSON 23-1 #2301
LAVAN (WOLF CAMP)- DO: W C RY CO #23 sur, A-
675, 500 fml 467 fml of sec, and lse. 80 acre lse. 4 mi
E of Barnhart. EL: 2576 KB. Obj: 7100 test. NL:
10/24/96. Permit: 454177. AP# 42-235-33577. ID#
T-479300. Contr: Capstar. Spud: 10/30/96 TD: 7094
on 11/09/96 PB:
7093. Comp. on 12/12/96 OIL (Last Info:
12/30/96) PZ: 6392-7073 (Wolfcamp) IP:
(Wolfcamp 6392-7073) F 30 BOPD grav 48, 778
MCFGPD on 10/64 ck; no wtr; FTP
260, SICP 500

REAGAN COUNTY

BROTHERTON PRODUCTION CO
UNIVERSITY #17 #9
FARMER (SAN ANDRES)- DO: UNIVERSITY LAND
sur bit 49 sec 12, 1650 fml 2310 fml of sec, 990 fml
330 fml of sec, 166.5 acre lse. 7.5 mi SE of Big Lake.

EL: 2741 GR. Obj: 2700 (San Andres). NL: 09/04/96.
Permit: 452233. AP# 42-383-34618. ID# T-
478015. Contr: Rod Ric #2. Spud: 10/09/96 TD: 2615
on 10/11/96 PB: 2591. Comp. on 12/10/96 OIL (Last
Info: 12/30/96) PZ: 2315-2565 (San Andres) IP:
(San Andres 2315-2565) P 45 BOPD grav 34; 10
MCFGPD; 5 BWPD
MARATHON OIL CO

RUNNELS COUNTY

H & S PRODUCTION INC
GARDNER #1
WILDCAT- WD: HENRY L BAYS sur, A-17, 480 fml
1500 fml of lot 22 of sec, 1080 fml 1500 fml of sec, 200
acre lse. .5 mi SE of Wilmet. Obj: 5000 test. NL:
11/13/96. Permit: 454959. AP# 42-389-34489. ID#
T-479791. Contr: Ringo. Spud: 12/15/96 TD: 5000 in
Gardner. P&A on 12/22/96 (Last Info: 12/26/96)
LADD OPERATING CO

TERRELL COUNTY

CHEVRON U S A INC
UNIVERSITY 29 #1
PAKENHAM (WOLF CAMP)- DO: UNIVERSITY LAND
sur bit 35 sec 29, 467 fml 467 fml of sec, and lse.
648 acre lse. 25 mi SW of Shellfield. EL: 2579 GR.
Obj: 9055 (Wolfcamp). NL: 05/08/96. Permit:
447834. AP# 42-443-30633. ID# T-475520. Contr:
Wes Tex Drig #6. Spud: 05/11/96 Mud drg. TD: 8445
in Wolfcamp. PB: 6369. SUSP on 08/10/96.
CONOCO INC

TOM GREEN COUNTY

GRUY PETROLEUM MGMT CO
LEE #1
WILDCAT- WD: W C RY CO #11 sur, A-4041, 892 fml
2079 fml of sec, 1788 fml 601 fml of sec, 559.3 acre
lse. 4 mi S of Orient. EL: 1960 KB. Obj: 5500
test. NL: 07/01/96. Permit: 449818. AP# 42-451-
32358. ID# T-475595. Contr: Cleere Drig #5. Spud:
07/16/96 TD: 5500 on 07/31/96 P&A on
11/11/96 (Last Info: 12/30/96)
T K P PETROLEUM INC
JONES #1A
JONES- WPO: LEWIS YARBOUGH #35 sur, A-
7639, 800 fml 1049 fml of sec, and lse. 184 acre lse.
3 mi E of Knickerbocker. EL: 2101 GR. Obj: 6500
test. NL: 08/09/96. Permit: 451192. AP# 42-451-
32360. ID# T-477496. Contr: Win Tex. Spud:
09/17/96 TD: 5400 on 08/29/96 PB: 5370. Comp. on
08/30/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/30/96) PZ: 5250-5260
(mid Palo Pinto) IP: (mid Palo Pinto 5250-5260) F 80
BOPD grav 40.0; 750 MCFGPD; no wtr; FTP 1025
Notes: (Possible new pool discovery)

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ANDREWS COUNTY

MINIHAN OIL & GAS CORP
UNIVERSITY - AU #6
FULLERTON (ELLENBURGER)- DO:
UNIVERSITY LAND sur bit 13 sec 41, 890 fml 790
fml of sec, and lse. 480 acre lse. 14 mi NW of
Andrews. EL: 3315 GR. Obj: 12000
(Ellenburger). NL: 09/16/96. Permit: 452686. AP#
42-003-37986. ID# T-478256. Contr: V & B #5. Spud:
09/27/96 TD: 11348 in Ellenburger. PB
11281. Comp. on 11/28/96 OIL (Last Info:
12/26/96) PZ: 8810-8820 (Fullerton) IP: (Fullerton
8810-8820) 207 BOPD grav 45, 20 MCFGPD
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
T X L SOUTH UNIT #5109
T X L (TUBB) COMMINGLED - DO: T & P RY CO sur bit 45
sec 7, A-383, 2543 fml 1320 fml of sec, 5383 fml 6773
fml of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Located in tract 51) 7.5
mi SSE of Notrees. EL:
3057 GR. Obj: 6600 (Tubb). NL: 10/24/96. Permit:
454301. AP# 42-135-37318. ID# T-479295. Contr: B
R W #3. Spud: 11/18/96 Mud drg. TD: 6580 on
11/30/96 PB: 6529. Comp. on 12/30/96 OIL - DO: T
& P RY CO sur bit 45 sec 7, A-384, 0 fml
1320 fml of sec, 7926 fml 9358 fml of unit. 10560 acre
unit. (Located in tract 52) 7.5 mi SSE of Notrees. EL:
6600 (Tubb). NL: 10/11/96. Permit: 453716. AP# 42-
135-37303. ID# T-478921. Contr: B R W #1. Spud:
11/22/96 Mud drg. TD: 6589 on 12/03/96. Comp. on
12/30/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZ: 5490-5900
(Clear Fork 5600) gross interval - 6053-6446 (Tubb)
gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5490-6446)
P 53 BOPD; 43 MCFGPD; 138 BWPD
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
T X L SOUTH UNIT #5208
T X L (TUBB) COMMINGLED - DO: T & P RY CO sur bit 45
sec 7, A-384, 2640 fml 200 fml of sec, 10560 acre unit.
(Located in tract 52) 7.5 mi SSE of Notrees. EL:
3057 GR. Obj: 6600 (Tubb). NL: 10/11/96. Permit:
453716. AP# 42-135-37301. ID# T-478919. Contr: B
R W #1. Spud: 11/12/96 Mud drg. TD: 6580 on
11/21/96. Comp. on 12/24/96 OIL (Last Info:
12/31/96) PZ: 5524-5876 (Clear Fork 5600) gross
interval - 6006-6405 (Tubb) gross interval IP: (Clear
Fork 5600/Tubb 5524-6405) P 41 BOPD; 59 MCFG-
PD; 117 BWPD ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
T X L SOUTH UNIT #5303

T X L (TUBB) COMMINGLED - DO: T & P RY CO sur
bit 45 sec 25 sec 7, A-384, 1370 fml 150 fml of sec,
5334
fml 10646 fml of unit. 10560 acre unit. (Located in
tract 53) 7.7 mi SSE of Notrees. EL: 3049 GR. Obj:
6600 (Tubb). NL: 10/11/96. Permit: 453713. AP# 42-
135-37300. ID# T-478918. Contr: B R W #3. Spud:
11/09/96 Mud drg. TD: 6585 on 11/18/96. Comp. on
12/23/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZ: 5452-5843
(Clear Fork 5600) gross interval - 6030-6413 (Tubb)
gross interval IP: (Clear Fork 5600/Tubb 5452-6413)
P 42 BOPD; 69 MCFGPD; 147 BWPD MENT
ENERGY CORP
ALMA #7
T X L (TUBB) - PLUG BACK DO: T & P RY CO sur
bit 45 sec 1N sec 42, A-1279, 1983 fml 2005 fml of
sec, 1983 fml 668 fml of sec, 324.83 acre lse. 8 mi W
of Goldsmith. Summary Original Drig. West: ALMA
#7. Field: T X (ELLENBURGER). EL: 3334
KB. Comp. OIL

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP
CALVERLEY 29 #1
GARDEN CITY WEST- WPO: T & P RY CO sur bit
34 sec 35 sec 29, A-231, 1018 fml 1358 fml of sec,
and lse. 200 acre lse. 5 mi NW of Garden City. EL:
2602 GR. Obj: 9500 test. NL: 09/17/96. Permit:
452709. AP# 42-173-32662. ID# T-478273. Contr:
Patterson #17. Spud: 09/18/96 TD: 7725 on
10/09/96 PB: 7530. Comp. on 11/29/96 OIL (Last
Info: 12/28/96) PZ: 7446-7480 (Wolfcamp) gross
interval IP: (Wolfcamp 7446-7480) P 84 BOPD grav
39.1; 60 MCFGPD; 132 BWPD Notes: (Possible new
pool discovery)

MIDLAND COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
BRADFORD - O #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO: T & P RY CO sur
bit 38 sec 35 sec 34, A-1456, 1980 fml 660 fml of
sec, 660 fml 660 fml of sec, 160 acre lse. (A-1456
originally known as V M Lunde) 13 mi SW of
Spraberry. EL: 2776 KB. Obj: 9200 test. NL:
10/21/96. Permit: 454096. AP# 42-329-33606. ID#
T-479157. Contr: FWA #21. Spud: 11/06/96 Mud drg.
TD: 9200 on 11/19/96 PB: 9163. Comp. on 12/14/96
OIL (Last Info: 12/26/96) PZ: 7516-8082
(Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean
7516-8082) P 49
BOPD grav 39.9; 32 MCFGPD; 234 BWPD
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
CUNNINGHAM - B #2
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO: T & P RY CO sur
bit 38 sec 45 sec 16, 1980 fml 1980 fml of sec, 1980
fml 761 fml of sec, 320 acre lse. 14 mi SW of
Spraberry. EL: 2793 KB. Obj: 9150 test. NL:
09/26/96. Permit: 453147. AP# 42-329-33386. ID#
T-478549. Contr: FWA #21. Spud:
10/24/96 Mud drg. TD: 9150 on 11/05/96 PB:
9121. Comp. on 11/23/96 OIL (Last Info:
12/26/96) PZ: 7453-7689 (upr Spraberry) - 8167-
8395 (lwr Spraberry) - 8859-9025 (Dean) IP:
(Spraberry/Dean 7453-9025) P 120 BOPD grav 39.9;
100 MCFGPD; 230 BWPD

MITCHELL COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
FOSTER MARY #374
LATAN EAST HOWARD- DO: T & P RY CO sur bit
29 sec 15 sec 17, A-599, 2013 fml 1335 fml of sec,
3306 fml 6616 fml of unit. 3881.93 acre unit. 9 mi SW
of Westbrook. EL: 2265 KB. Obj: 3185 test. NL:
05/30/96. Permit: 448540. AP# 42-335-33818. ID#
T-475974. Contr: Riley #2. Spud: 07/30/96 TD: 3185
on 08/04/96 PB: 3159. Comp. on 10/19/96 OIL (Last
Info: 12/26/96) PZ: 2428-3078 (upr Clear Fork)
gross interval IP: (upr Clear Fork 2428-3078) P 50
BOPD; 3 MCFGPD; 271 BWPD

PECOS COUNTY

SHENANDOAH PETR CORP
UNIVERSITY - 4A #2
VIEJOS (DEVONIAN)- DG: UNIVERSITY LAND sur
bit 16 sec 4, 2194 fml 2211 fml of sec, 467 fml 861 fml
of sec
247.418 acre lse. 5 mi NE of Bakersfield. EL: 2366
GR. Obj: 6500 (Devonian). NL: 10/23/96. Permit:
454342. AP# 42-371-36648. ID# T-479256. Contr:
Patterson #38. Spud: 11/05/96 Mud drg. TD: 6320
on 11/19/96 PB: 6295. Comp. on 12/15/96 GAS (Last
Info: 12/28/96) PZ: 6215-6283 IP: (6215-6283) F
83 BOPD; 3200 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck; 6 BWPD.
FTP 1850

WARD COUNTY

APACHE CORP
UNIVERSITY 3 #2
ABRAJAS (CHERRY CANYON)- DO: UNIVERSITY
LAND sur bit 17 sec 3, 1980 fml 467 fml of sec, and
lse. 320 acre lse. 2 mi NW of Pyote. EL: 2647 GR.
Obj: 7100 (Cherry Canyon). NL: 10/09/96. Permit:
453379. AP# 42-475-34404. ID# T-478827. Contr:
Patterson #51. Spud: 10/15/96 Mud drg. TD: 825 on
10/19/96. P&A on 10/21/96 (Last Info:
12/26/96) Notes: (Flag skidded 25 ft west, replaced by
API #42-475-34422; plugged & abandoned 10/21/96)

WINKLER COUNTY

B T A OIL PRODUCERS

HUTCHINGS-SEALY - A-7477 JVS #1
WAR-WINK (CHERRY CANYON)- DO: G & M M B &
A sur bit F sec 88, A-124, 467 fml 2173 fml of sec,
467 fml 468 fml of sec, 320 acre lse. 6 mi S of Wink.
EL: 2687 GR. Obj: 7500
(Cherry Canyon). NL: 09/13/96. Permit: 452632
AP# 42-495-32580. ID# T-478231. Contr: Patterson
#17. Spud: 10/13/96 TD: 7100. PB: 6638. D&A on
12/23/96 (Last Info: 12/31/96)
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
WADDELL #2
KEYSTONE (HOLT)- DO: PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND
sur bit B-2 sec 18, A-1648, 330 fml 330 fml of sec,
and lse. 600 acre lse. (A-1648 originally known as
Keystone Cattle Co) 7 mi NE of Kismet. EL: 3962
GR. Obj: 5800 (Holt). NL: 11/20/96. Permit: 454861.
AP# 42-495-32618. ID# T-480008. Contr: Riley #6.
Spud: 11/14/96 TD: 5389. P&A on 11/26/96 (Last
Info: 12/26/96)
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
UNIVERSITY 40-21 - A #1H
WAR-WINK EAST (7000)- HORIZONTAL DO: UN-
IVERSITY LAND sur bit 21 sec 40, 1980 fml 660 fml
of sec, and lse. 320.6 acre lse. 5 mi SW of Wink.
BH-LOC: ACTUAL @ TD: 2574 N 785 E of surf loc.
(TVD: 6779) - Survey ran by D M. EL: 2753 GR.
Obj: (Cherry Canyon 7000). NL: 12/31/96. Permit:
451865. AP# 42-495-32522-02. ID# T-
480890. Contr: Nabors #403. Spud: 09/22/96 TD:
9507 on 10/24/96 in Cherry Canyon. Comp. on
11/19/96 OIL (Last Info: 12/31/96) PZ: 6603-9507
(Cherry Canyon 7000) IP:
(Cherry Canyon 7000 6603-9507) P 313 BOPD; 105
MCFGPD; 142 BWPD; - IP reflects production from
two horizontal drainholes. Notes: (Operator lacked of
existing vertical wellbore reference ID #473568 com-
pleted oil well 424/96, for two horizontal drainholes,
H2 DH #1 reference ID #477947 completed oil well
11/19/96)

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BORDEN COUNTY

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO
JO MILL WEST UNIT #612W
JO MILL (SPRABERRY)- SPO: T & P RY CO sur bit
33 sec 16, A-505, 505 fml 2490 fml of sec, 5785 fml
2490 fml of sec, 3620 acre lse. (A-505 originally
known as J A Johnson) 12 mi SW of Gail. Obj: 8000
test. NL: 08/13/96. Permit: 451363. AP# 42-
331-31658. ID# T-477555. Contr: Bandera #11. Spud:
09/03/96 TD: 7600 on 09/16/96. Comp. on 12/07/96
OIL (Last Info: 12/28/96) PZ: 7436-7466 (lwr
Spraberry) IP: (lwr Spraberry 7436-7466) P 160
BOPD; 76 MCFGPD; 70 BWPD Notes: (Injection
well)

DICKENS COUNTY

EASTERN ENERGY CORP
SMITHLEY - A UNIT #6164
NAVIGATOR (TANNEHILL B)- DO: H & G N RY CO
sur bit 1 sec 164, A-567, 2415 fml 1525 fml of sec,
225 fml Nty to 200 fml Nty of unit. 40 acre unit. (A-
567 originally known as F M Kelsey) (Rule 37 excep-
tion granted) 9 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2151 KB. Obj:
4800 (Tannehill B). NL: 11/05/96. Permit: 454401
AP# 42-125-30614. ID# T-479582. Contr: Ringo.
Spud: 11/10/96 TD: 4550 on 11/18/96 in
Tannehill B. 4508. Comp. on 11/29/96 OIL (Last
Info: 12/31/96) PZ: 4410-4432 (Tannehill B)
gross interval IP: (Tannehill B 4410-4432) P 115
BOPD grav 37; no gas; no wtr
LECLAIR OPERATING CO INC
WADE #1
DUCK CREEK- WPD: H & G N RY CO sur bit 1 sec
153 A-83, 467 fml 2327 fml of sec, 467 fml 467 fml
of sec, 169 acre lse. 7 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2181 GR.
Obj: 4700 test. NL: 12/12/96. Permit: 456164. AP#
42-125-30620. ID# T-480481. Contr: Win Tex #2
Spud: 12/19/96 TD: 4610. P&A on 12/30/96 (Last
Info: 12/31/96)

GAINES COUNTY

MINIHAN OIL & GAS CORP
JONES 22 #1
TEX-PAC (YATES)- DO: PUBLICSCHOOL LAND sur
bit A-7 sec 22, A-537, 467 fml 467 fml of sec, and
lse. 400 acre lse. (A-537 originally known as G F
Kleibold) 1 mi S of Higginbotham. Obj: 3500
(Yates). NL: 10/07/96. Permit: 453186. AP# 42-165-
35059. ID# T-478760. Spud:
09/28/96 TD: 3422 on 10/05/96. P&A on
10/06/96 (Last Info: 12/26/96) Notes: (Replaced by
API #42-165-35068)
SHELL WESTERN E&P INC
FLANAGAN UNIT #92W
FLANAGAN (CLEAR FORK CONS)-
RE-ENTRY SP: L L COBB sur bit A-23 sec 13, A-
391, 660 fml 660 fml of sec, 3300 fml 1980 fml of sec
5280 acre lse. 13 mi SW of Seminole. PRESENT
OPERATIONS: Obj: 7300 (Clear Fork cons). NL:

11/07/96. Permit: 441638. AP# 42-165-02361.
ID# T-471752. Resume: 11/06/96 TD: 6500. NW on
11/22/96 (Last Info:
12/28/96) Notes: (Injection well) Parts: 6014-6050
(Glorieta) w/19 holes total
- spud w/250 gal 20% NEFE HCI

GARZA COUNTY

SHENANDOAH PETR CORP
MACY-LOTT 18 #1
LAZY - L (LWR SPRABERRY)- DO:
JASPER HAYS sur bit 1 sec 18, A-570, 1000 fml
1350 fml of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 10 mi S of
Post. EL: 2456 GR. Obj: 6000 (lwr Spraberry). NL:
08/15/96. Permit: 451525. AP# 42-169-33392. ID#
T-477606. Contr: Palmer Oil Field #1.
Spud: 10/22/96 TD: 5915 on 11/03/96. PB:
5859. Comp. on 12/16/96 OIL (Last Info:
12/28/96) PZ: 5789-5820 IP: (5789-5820) P 17
BOPD; 42 BWPD Notes: (Encountered water flow
from San Andres at 20 BPH)

SCURRY COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
STERLING J M ET AL #15
SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK)- SP: H & T C RY
CO sur bit 97 sec 160, A-2091, 572 fml 550 fml of
sec, and lse. 415 acre lse. (A-2091 originally known
as W B Moore) 8 mi SW of Snyder. BH-LOC: PRO-
POSED: 330 fml 330 fml of sec, 160 - and lse.
ACTUAL @ TD: 230 N 219 W of surf loc. (TVD:
3329) - Survey ran by Baker Hughes INTD EL:
2307 GR. Obj: 3400 (Clear Fork). NL: 08/07/96.
Permit: 451252. AP# 42-415-33428. ID# T-
477424. Contr: Bandera #9. Spud: 10/30/96 Mud
drg. TD: 3365 on 11/10/96. NW on 12/21/96 (Last
Info: 12/31/96) Notes: (Injection well) ANADARKO
PETROLEUM CORP
STERLING J M ET AL #3R
SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK) COMMINGLED -
DO: H & T C RY CO sur bit 97 sec 160

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

(From 8)

660 fml 5940 fml of 80 acre portion of lse. 14537.3 acre lse. 12 mi SW of Sonora. EL: 2221 GR. Obj: 7000 (Canyon).NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456634. API# 42-435-34661. ID# T-480834

LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

WILSON DUKE #1612

SHURLEY RANCH (CANYON)-D; H

E & W T RY CO sur blk C sec 161, A-460, 802 fr Nly ni 788 fr Nly of sec. 802 fml 11380 fml of lse. 14537.3 acre lse. 12.5 mi SW of Sonora. EL: 2110 GR. Obj: 7200 (Canyon).NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456633. API# 42-435-34662. ID# T-480832

TERRELL COUNTY

ARCO PERMAN

GOODE EST - C UNIT #5

BROWN-BASSETT (WOLF CAMP)-D; G C & S F

RY CO sur blk 161 sec 26, 2573 fml 1600 fml of sec. 2573 fml 998 fml of lse. 740 acre lse. 30 mi NE of Dryden. EL: 2374 GR. Obj: 6200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480806

ARCO PERMAN

GOODE EST - C UNIT #7

BROWN-BASSETT (WOLF CAMP)-D; G C & S F

RY CO sur blk 161 sec 27, 1400 fml 899 fml of sec. 899 fml 697 fml of lse. 740 acre lse. 30 mi NE of Dryden. Obj: 6200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480807

CHEVRON U S A INC

MITCHELL 1B #14

PAKENHAM-WP; C C S D & R G N G RY CO

sur blk 1 sec 1, 2311 fml 1046 fml of sec. and lse. 175.87 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 25 mi SW of Sheffield. Obj: 8470 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480810

MITCHELL 1C #15

PAKENHAM-WP; C C S D & R G N G RY CO

sur blk 1 sec 1, 1171 fml 1911 fml of sec. and lse. 175.87 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 25 mi SW of Sheffield. Obj: 8515 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480808

MITCHELL 68 #10

PAKENHAM-WP; T C RY CO

sur blk 1 sec 68, 467 fml 2800 fml of sec. and lse. 781.56 acre lse. 25 mi SW of Sheffield. Obj: 8200 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480857

CHEVRON U S A INC

UNIVERSITY 31 #6

PAKENHAM-WP; UNIVERSITY LAND

sur blk 35 sec 31, 1941 fml 605 fml of sec. and lse. 323.7 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 24 mi SW of Sheffield. Obj: 8535 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480833

TOM GREEN COUNTY

ELCO OIL & GAS

LOS NINOS #5

HALL (SAN ANDRES)-D; T T RY CO

sur sec 1121, A-4363, 393 fml 660 fml of sec. 487 fml 660 fml of lse. 720 acre lse. 2.5 mi S of Water Valley. EL: 2178 GR. Obj: 1500 (San Andres).NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456369. API# 42-451-32368. ID# T-480769

UPTON COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO

MCCAMEY UNIT #2751

MCCAMEY-D; M K & T RY CO

sur blk 2 sec 27, A-305, 990 fml 1650 fml of sec. 330 fml 1650 fml of lse. 9890 acre lse. 7.9 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2756 GR. Obj: 2950 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480804

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO

MCCAMEY UNIT #2761RW

MCCAMEY-SP; M K & T RY CO

sur blk 2 sec 27, A-305, 990 fml 2300 fml of sec. 927 fml 2300 fml of lse. 9890 acre unit. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 9.8 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2791 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480803

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO

MCCAMEY UNIT #3505R

MCCAMEY-D; M K & T RY CO

sur blk 1 sec 35, A-323, 303 fml 2216 fml of sec. 5670 fml 3081 fml of lse. 9890 acre unit. (Rule 37 exception applied for) 8 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 2909 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480802

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO

MCCAMEY UNIT #N129RW

MCCAMEY-SP; M K & T RY CO

sur blk 3 sec 1, A-333, 2371 fml 2456 fml of sec. 3668 fml 7766 fml of lse. 9890 acre unit. 9.6 mi NE of McCamey. EL: 3048 GR. Obj: 2900 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456553. API# 42-461-33702. ID# T-480917

MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM

PEGASUS SPRABERRY UNIT #5104

PEGASUS (SPRABERRY)-D; T & P RY CO

sur blk 40 hwp 5S sec 6, 1980 fml 1980 fml of sec. 8672 fml 1980 fml of lse. 11680 acre unit. (Located in tract 51) 27 mi NW of Rankin. EL: 2850 GR. Obj: 8800 (Spraberry).NL: 12/27/96. ID# T-480755

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ANDREWS COUNTY

ARROW OPERATING CO

BLOCK 10 FUHRMAN-MASCHO UNIT #228

FUHRMAN-MASCHO-D; UNIVERSITY LAND

sur blk 10 sec 11, 1236 fml 1244 fml of sec. 3692 fml 6892 fml of lse. 6134 acre unit. 13 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3207 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456454. API# 42-003-38112. ID# T-480776

ARROW OPERATING CO

BLOCK 10 FUHRMAN-MASCHO UNIT #301

FUHRMAN-MASCHO-D; UNIVERSITY LAND

sur blk 10 sec 26, 1333 fml 662 fml of sec. 3976 fml 3374 fml of lse. 6134 acre unit. 13 mi SW of Andrews. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456452. API# 42-003-38111. ID# T-480775

ARROW OPERATING CO

FUHRMAN-MASCHO BLK 10 UNIT #303

FUHRMAN-MASCHO-D; UNIVERSITY LANDS

sur blk 10 sec 26, 1759 fml 1596 fml of sec. 3550 fml 3824 fml of lse. 6134 acre unit. 13 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3199 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456455. API# 42-003-38116. ID# T-480906

ARROW OPERATING CO

FUHRMAN-MASCHO NORTHEAST UNIT #110

FUHRMAN-MASCHO-D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND

sur blk A-43 sec 6, A-1371, 1159 fml 1788 fml of sec. 3801 fml 857 fml of lse. 3770 acre unit. (A-1371 originally known as W L Sherrill) 6 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3197 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456684. API# 42-003-38115. ID# T-480908

ARROW OPERATING CO

FUHRMAN-MASCHO NORTHEAST UNIT #124

FUHRMAN-MASCHO-D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND

sur blk A-43 sec 6, A-1371, 1288 fml 1662 fml of sec. 1288 fml 983 fml of lse. 3770 acre unit. (A-1371 originally known as W L Sherrill) 6 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3213 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 12/31/96. API# 42-003-38113. ID# T-480914

EXION CO USA

FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT #2708W

FULLERTON-DEEPEEN SP; PUBLIC

SCHOOL LAND

sur blk A-48 sec 1, 690 fml 642 fml of sec. 690 fml 3317 fml of lse. 29541.59 acre unit. 17 mi WNW of Andrews. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 7600 test.NL: 12/31/96. API# 42-003-05021. ID# T-480861

EXION CO USA

WALKER B S #19

FUHRMAN-MASCHO-SP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND

sur blk A-43 sec 6, 1531 fml 1288 fml of sec. and lse. 320 acre lse. 6 mi SW of Andrews. BHL: PROPOSED: 1294 fml 1330 fml of sec. 6 - and lse. EL: 3194 GR. Obj: 4900 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480912

EXION CO USA

WALKER B S #20

FUHRMAN-MASCHO-SP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND

sur blk A-43 sec 6, 1542 fml 1051 fml of sec. and lse. 320 acre lse. 6 mi SW of Andrews. BHL: PROPOSED: 1424 fml 1168 fml of sec. 6 - and lse. EL: 3196 KB. Obj: 4900 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480910

EXION CO USA

WALKER B S #6

FUHRMAN-MASCHO-RE-ENTRY D; PUBLIC

SCHOOL LAND

sur blk A-43 sec 6, 777 fml 1873 fml of sec. 777 fml 773 fml of lse. 320 acre lse. 6 mi SW of Andrews. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3206 GR. Obj: 4900 test.NL: 12/31/96. API# 42-003-02611. ID# T-480913

CRANE COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O & G MID

WADDELL W N ET AL #1504

SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT)-D; PUBLIC SCHOOL

LAND

sur blk B-26 sec 17, A-1264, 2640 fml 660 fml of sec. 2677 fml 15180 fml of lse. 23771.00 acre lse. (A-1264 originally known as W N Waddell & Co) 5 mi NW of Crane. EL: 2657 GR. Obj: 3600 (McKnight).NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456510. API# 42-103-34454. ID# T-480737

BURLINGTON RES O & G MID

WADDELL W N ET AL #1506

SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT)-D; PUBLIC SCHOOL

LAND

sur blk B-26 sec 19, A-1266, 1200 fml 300 fml of sec. 6776 fml 20830 fml of lse. 23771 acre lse. (A-1266 originally known as W N Waddell & Co) 15 mi NW of Crane. EL: 2636 GR. Obj: 3600 (McKnight).NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456509. API# 42-103-34455. ID# T-480739

ECTOR COUNTY

TITAN RESOURCES INC

JOHNSON J L JR UNIT - EO #56 DONNELLY-

WP; T & P RY CO

sur blk 43 hwp 1S sec 42, A-621, 2300 fml 1500 fml of sec. and unit. 640 acre unit. (A-621 originally known as James M McComb) 11 mi W of Odessa. EL: 3053 GR. Obj: 4300 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456599. API# 42-135-37371. ID# T-480887

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1423A

SPRABERRY TREND AREA-D; T & P RY CO

sur blk 35 hwp 5S sec 26, 660 fml 660 fml of sec. 15236 fml 23188 fml of lse. 61256 acre unit. (Located in tract 142) 7 mi SW of St Lawrence. EL: 2687 GR. Obj: 8340 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480841

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

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SPRABERRY TREND AREA-D; T & P RY CO

sur blk 35 hwp 5S sec 17, 660 fml 1980 fml of sec. 1985

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RANGELAND PETROLEUM CORP

COOPER 34 #2

COBHA (WOLF CAMP)-D; T & P RY CO

sur blk 35 hwp 2S sec 34, A-932, 2057 fml 2334 fml of sec. 50 fml 2334 fml of lse. 624 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception applied for) (A-932 originally known as D W Brunson) 14 mi NW of Garden City. EL: 2549 GR. Obj: 8500 (Wolfcamp).NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456731. API# 42-173-32717. ID# T-480840

HOWARD COUNTY

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP

CHRISTIAN 48 #1

TALBOT-WP; T & P RY CO

sur blk 32 hwp 2N sec 48, A-1182, 1096 fml 2453 fml of sec. and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-1182 originally known as Joel W Rice) 10 mi NE of Big Spring. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456688. API# 42-227-35110. ID# T-480835

COSTILLA PETROLEUM CORP

FRYAR 47 #1

TALBOT-WP; T & P RY CO

sur blk 32 hwp 2N sec 47, A-286, 1771 fml 1053 fml of sec. 1498 fml 917 fml of lse. 160 acre lse. 10 mi NE of Big Spring. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456689. API# 42-227-35109. ID# T-480836

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA #40

HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-D; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 136, 2.70 fml 420 fml of sec. 370 fml 420 fml of lse. 160 acre lse. 1.25 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2758 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480873

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA #41

HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-D; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 136, 1040 fml 2310 fml of sec. 1040 fml 330 fml of lse. 160 acre lse. 1.25 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2754 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480871

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA #42

HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-D; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 136, 970 fml 1650 fml of sec. 990 fml 990 fml of lse. 160 acre lse. 1.25 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2765 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480870

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA #43

HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-SP; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 136, 1330 fml 1970 fml of sec. 1330 fml 670 fml of lse. 160 acre lse. 1.25 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2759 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480869

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA #44

HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-SP; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 136, 1340 fml 1290 fml of sec. and lse. 160 acre lse. 1.25 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2760 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480868

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA #45

HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-SP; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 136, 1330 fml 1970 fml of sec. and lse. 160 acre lse. 1.25 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2755 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480866

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA #46

HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-SP; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 136, 1370 fml 40 fml of sec. and lse. 160 acre lse. 1.25 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2757 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480865

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA B D & E #294

HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-SP; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 137, 660 fml 120 fml of sec. 660 fml 2520 fml of lse. 480 acre lse. 1.5 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2789 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480888

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA B D & E #295

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sur blk 29 sec 137, 670 fml 910 fml of sec. 670 fml 1730 fml of lse. 480 acre lse. 1.5 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2766 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480886

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA B D & E #296

HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-SP; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 137, 640 fml 1450 fml of sec. 640 fml 1190 fml of lse. 480 acre lse. 1.5 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2751 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480883

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ROBERTS DORA B D & E #297

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ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA B D & E #4112 HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-D; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 136, 706 fml 699 fml of sec. and lse. 480 acre lse. 1 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2763 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480859

ORYX ENERGY CO

ROBERTS DORA B D & E #4113 HOWARD-GLASSCOCK-SP; W & N W RY CO

sur blk 29 sec 136, 670 fml 1310 fml of sec. and lse. 480 acre lse. 1 mi SE of Forsan. EL: 2779 GR. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480863

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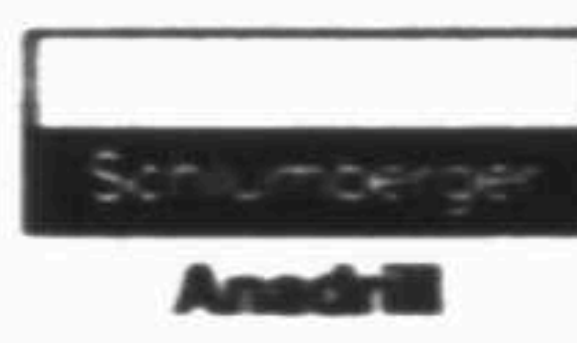
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ABRAXAS- WP; G & M M B & A RY CO sur blk N sec 98, A-52, 1980 fml 660 fml of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 2 mi N of Pyote. Obj: 7200 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480856

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■ HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN #1553
WILDCAT- W; G & M M B & A RY CO sur blk O sec 6, 2340 fml 1956 fml of sec, 2340 fml 3324 fml of lse. 39459 acre lse. 1 mi SE of Wickliff. Obj: 7500 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480842

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■ HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN #1554
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WINKLER COUNTY

VISTA RESOURCES INC

■ WADDELL #154
KEYSTONE (HOLT)- HORIZONTAL D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 13, 660 fml 1800 fml of sec, 330 fml 1800 fml of lse. 1000 acre lse. 5 mi NE of Kermit. BHLac: PR POSED: 790 fml 1100 fml of sec. 13 - 460 fml 1100 fml of lse - Topol PZone: 660 fml 1950 fml of sec, 330 fml 1950 fml of lse. Obj: 8000 (Holt).NL: 12/31/96. API# 42-495 01307-01. ID# T-480851

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BORDEN COUNTY

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■ GOOD T J 38 #1
JO MILL (SPRABERRY)- PLU BACK D; T & P RY CO sur blk 33 sec 38, A-785, 660 fml 660 fml of sec, and lse. 182.25 acre lse. (A-785 originally known as W L Cranfill) 7 mi E of Ackerly. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 6807 (Spraberry).NL: 12/31/96. API# 42-033-00206. ID# T-480911

CROSBY COUNTY

TEXLAND RECTOR & SCHUMAC

■ CANYON VALLEY UNIT #206
FORBES (GLORIETA)- D; R L ADAMS sur sec 1110, A-1067, 1320 fml 1200 fml of sec, 2640 fml 1200 fml of lse. 720 acre lse. (A-1067 originally known as A B & M) 6 mi S of Caprock. EL: 2558 GR. Obj: 3800 (Glorieta).NL: 12/27/96. ID# T-480736

DICKENS COUNTY

MEDDERS OIL CO INC

■ FORKS 5A #1
TTAC (TANNEHILL)- D; JOHN H GIBSON sur sec 5, A-301, 2429 fml 2000 fml of sec, 367 fml 2000 fml of lse. 490 acre lse. 19 mi NE of Spur. EL: 2115 GR. Obj: 4300 (Tannehill).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480847

GAINES COUNTY

AMOCO PRODUCTION CO

■ CEDAR LAKE UNIT #362
CEDAR LAKE- RECOMPLETION D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk C-30 sec 3, 2648 fml 2 fml of sec, 5296 fml 6616 fml of lse. 6797.52 acre lse. 12 mi SE of Loop. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 4785 test.NL: 12/27/96. API# 42-165-10746. ID# T-480743

AMOCO PRODUCTION CO

■ CEDAR LAKE UNIT #363
CEDAR LAKE- RECOMPLETION D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk C-30 sec 3, 2645 fml 2543 fml of sec, 5299 fml 4772 fml of unit. 6797.52 acre unit. 12 mi SE of Loop. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 4867 test.NL: 12/27/96. API# 42-165-10747. ID# T-480742

ASPEN EXPL CORP

■ ASPEN-AMROW SOUTH #1
AMROW- WP; PARMER COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 660 fml 660 fml of lab 3 lge 316 of sur, 2118 fml 660 fml of lse. 838 acre lse. 16 mi SE of Seminole. EL: 3109 GR. Obj: 13000 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480892

HAT OIL & GAS INC

■ YOUNG W C #1
ADAIR- WP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LANDS sur blk C-31 sec 8, 2173 fml 100 fml of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 7 mi E of Loop. EL: 3180 GR. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480907

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC

■ SYCO UNIT #54
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YOAKUM COUNTY

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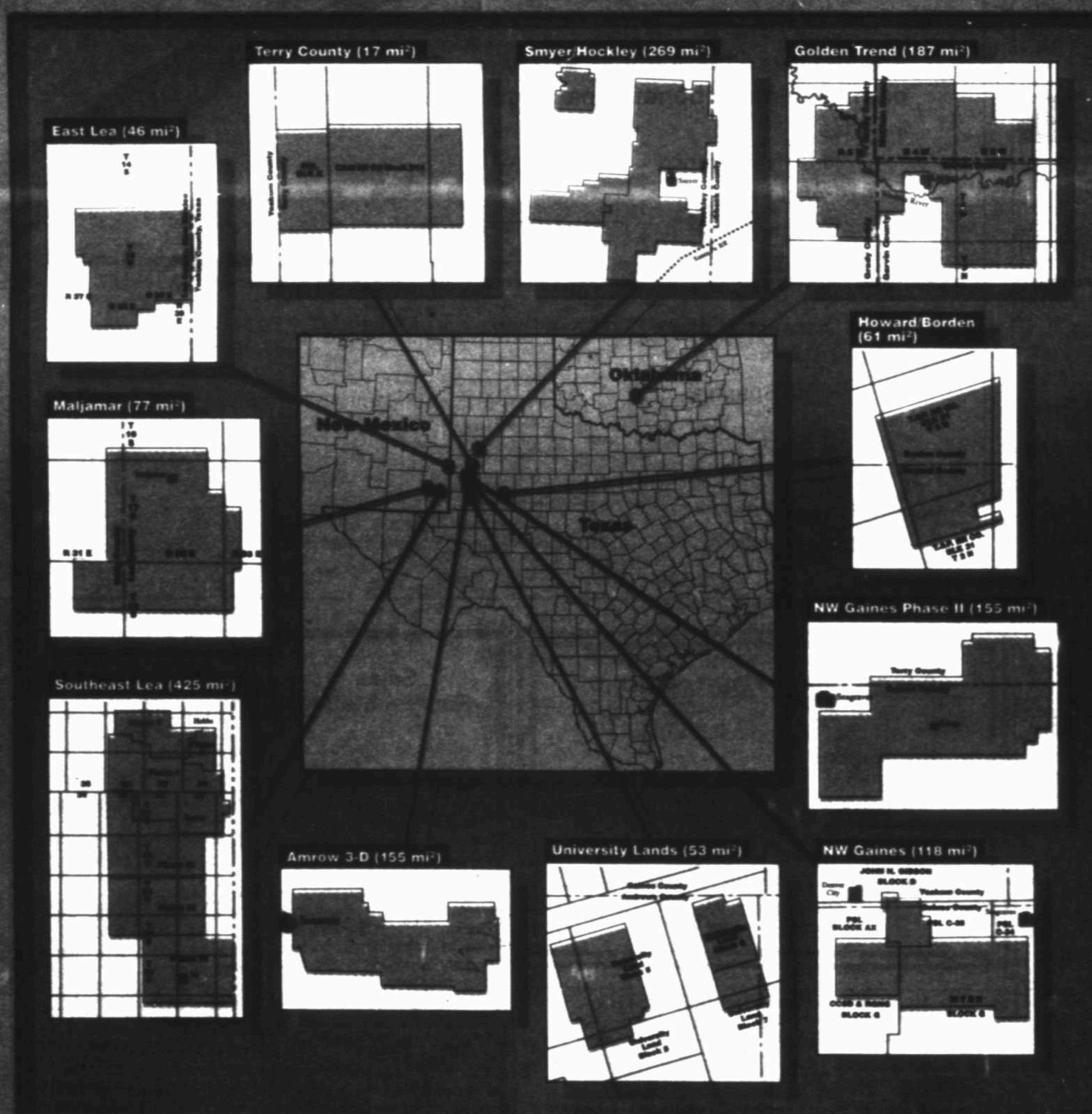
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■ CAPRITO 98 #15
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CHEVRON U S A INC

■ HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN #1553
WILDCAT- W; G & M M B & A RY CO sur blk O sec 6, 2340 fml 1956 fml of sec, 2340 fml 3324 fml of lse. 39459 acre lse. 1 mi SE of Wickliff. Obj: 7500 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480842

CHEVRON U S A INC

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WILDCAT- W; G & M M B & A RY CO sur blk O sec 7, 1855 fml 2527 fml of sec, 7135 fml 2753 fml of lse. 30450 acre lse. 3 mi SE of Wickliff. Obj: 7500 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480845

WINKLER COUNTY

VISTA RESOURCES INC

■ WADDELL #154
KEYSTONE (HOLT)- HORIZONTAL D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 13, 660 fml 1800 fml of sec, 330 fml 1800 fml of lse. 1000 acre lse. 5 mi NE of Kermit. BHL: PR POSED: 790 fml 1100 fml of sec. 13 - 460 fml 1100 fml of lse - Top of PZone: 660 fml 1950 fml of sec, 330 fml 1950 fml of lse. Obj: 8000 (Holt).NL: 12/31/96. API# 42-495 01307-01. ID# T-480851

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BORDEN COUNTY

ENERVEST OPERATING LLC

■ GOOD T J 38 #1
JO MILL (SPRABERRY)- PLU BACK D; T & P RY CO sur blk 33 sec 38, A-785, 660 fml 660 fml of sec, and lse. 182.25 acre lse. (A-785 originally known as W L Cranfill) 7 mi E of Ackerly. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 6807 (Spraberry).NL: 12/31/96. API# 42-033-00206. ID# T-480911

CROSBY COUNTY

TEXLAND RECTOR & SCHUMAC

■ CANYON VALLEY UNIT #206
FORBES (GLORIETA)- D; R L ADAMS sur sec 1110, A-1067, 1320 fml 1200 fml of sec, 2640 fml 1200 fml of lse. 720 acre lse. (A-1067 originally known as A B & M) 6 mi S of Caprock. EL: 2558 GR. Obj: 3800 (Glorieta).NL: 12/27/96. ID# T-480736

DICKENS COUNTY

MEDDERS OIL CO INC

■ FORKS 5A #1
TTAC (TANNEHILL)- D; JOHN H GIBSON sur sec 5, A-301, 2429 fml 2000 fml of sec, 367 fml 2000 fml of lse. 490 acre lse. 19 mi NE of Spur. EL: 2115 GR. Obj: 4300 (Tannehill).NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480847

GAINES COUNTY

AMOCO PRODUCTION CO

■ CEDAR LAKE UNIT #362
CEDAR LAKE- RECOMPLETION D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk C-30 sec 3, 2648 fml 2 hml of sec, 5296 fml 6616 fml of lse. 6797.52 acre lse. 12 mi SE of Loop. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 4785 test.NL: 12/27/96. API# 42-165-10746. ID# T-480743

AMOCO PRODUCTION CO

■ CEDAR LAKE UNIT #363
CEDAR LAKE- RECOMPLETION D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk C-30 sec 3, 2645 fml 2543 fml of sec, 5299 fml 4772 fml of unit. 6797.52 acre unit. 12 mi SE of Loop. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 4867 test.NL: 12/27/96. API# 42-165-10747. ID# T-480742

ASPEN EXPL CORP

■ ASPEN-AMROW SOUTH #1
AMROW- WP; PARKER COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 660 fml 660 fml of lab 3 lge 316 of sur, 2118 fml 660 fml of lse. 838 acre lse. 16 mi SE of Seminole. EL: 3109 GR. Obj: 13000 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480892

HAT OIL & GAS INC

■ YOUNG W C #1
ADAIR- WP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LANDS sur blk C-31 sec 8, 2173 fml 100 fml of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 7 mi E of Loop. EL: 3180 GR. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 12/31/96. ID# T-480907

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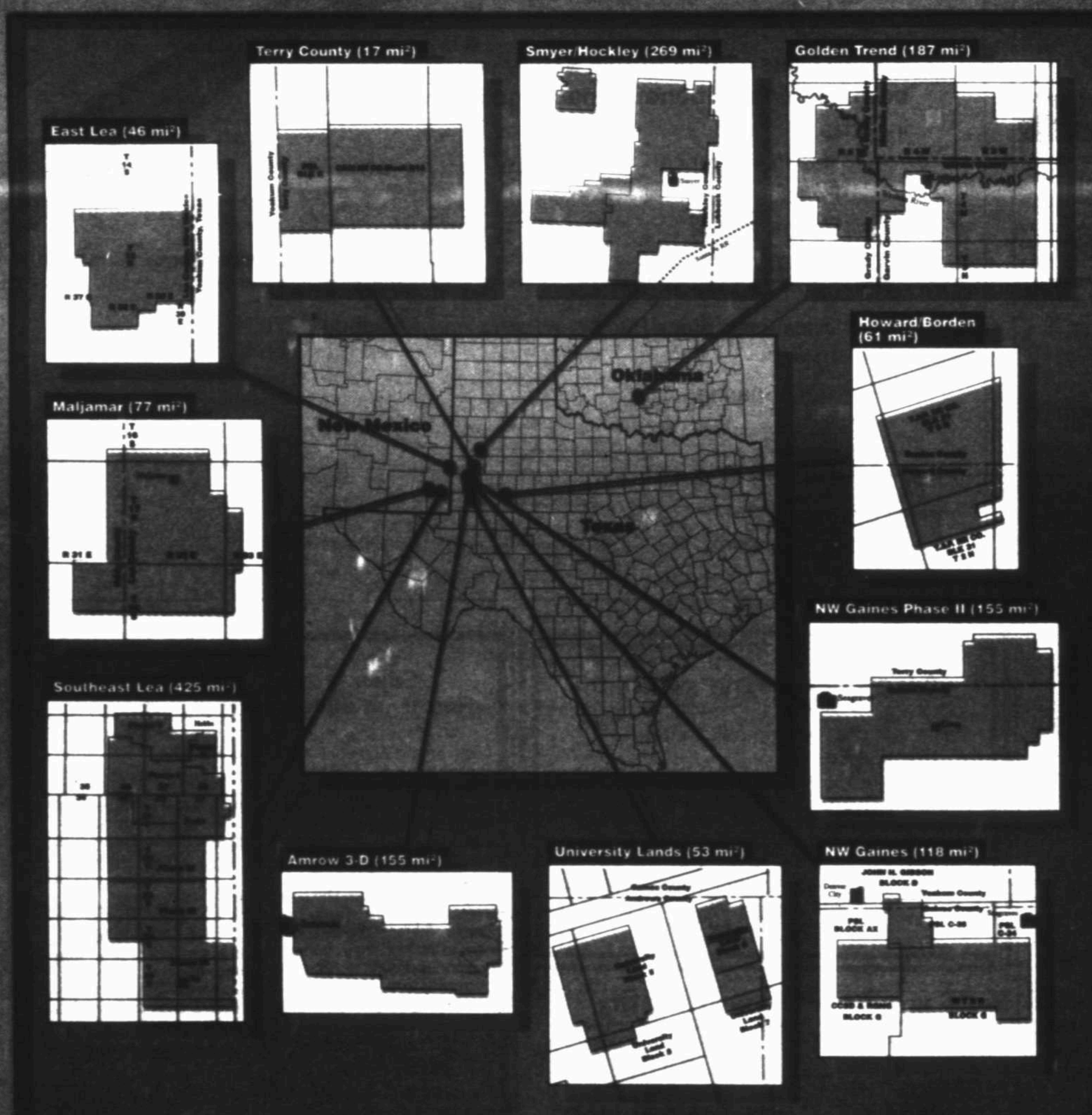
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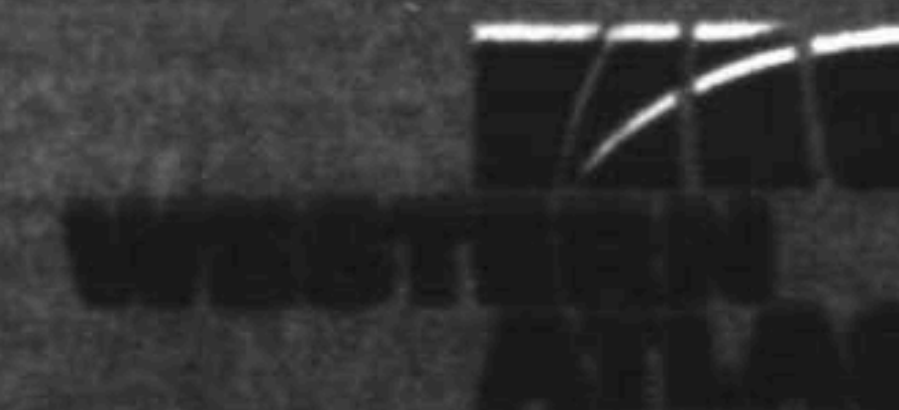
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