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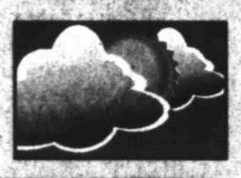
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Partly cloudy with high in upper 60s. Weather on 6A





AP photo

Iraqis conduct business in front of a money exchange office in downtown Baghdad Saturday. Almost a week after the U.S. and Britain launched a four-day campaign of airstrikes, prospects for an improved economic situation for Iraqis are as dim as they were before. The eight-year old U.N. embargo remains in place.

Iraq warns U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq will fire on U.S. and British warplanes patrolling the no-fly zones that the United States and its allies imposed after the Persian Gulf War, Iraq's vice president said Saturday. Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan told Qatar's Al-Jazeera television that Iraq would not accept the flights of U.S. and British aircraft in the zones over northern and southern Iraq.

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Senate different?

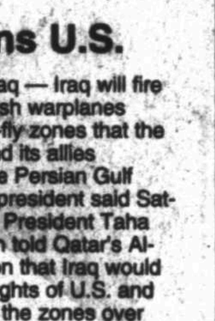
WASHINGTON — Alexis de Tocqueville, that observant Frenchman who wrote a book explaining what makes America work, poked around the Senate and the House and concluded that the former was superior. Bill Clinton, having been impeached by narrow and partisan votes in the House, is surely among those who hope the Senate marches to a different drummer.

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Childhood memories help one fend off depression.

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3 die in plane crash at airport

Midland man, his son and grandson perish in crash of small plane

By Richard Acosta and Rick López
Staff Writers

Men representing three generations of a Texas family died Saturday in the crash of a single-engine airplane at Midland International Airport.

Authorities identified the victims as Midlander James Donald Bozzell, 74, a retired urologist; his son, James Wilson Bozzell, 49, of Weatherford; and grandson James Wilson Bozzell Jr., 24, of Fort Worth.

The men died after their 1976 Cessna 182 crashed 432 feet short of the airport's runway at about 2 p.m., Department of Public Safety Sgt. Carey Matthews said.

The plane landed east of the runway between State Highway 80 and the National Weather Service office. Officials did not immediately know what caused the accident, but said the plane was making a final landing approach when it nosedived and flipped over with the impact.

"We have no information on where the plane was going or why it crashed," Matthews said.

Matthews said all three men appeared to have died upon impact. Firefighters used the Jaws-of-Life lifesaving apparatus to remove the pinned bodies from the plane.

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Three men, who have been identified as Midlander James Donald Bozzell, 74; his son, James Wilson Bozzell, 49, of Weatherford; and grandson James Wilson Bozzell Jr., 24, of Fort Worth, were killed Saturday when the small plane in which they were flying crashed at Midland International Airport.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

City officials ponder possible uses for former Airpark land

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

A broad patch of centrally located land in Midland is becoming available, and city officials are busy cataloging possible uses of this prime space.

With the closing of the third runway at Midland Airpark general aviation facility, two patches of land totaling 99.25 acres soon will be available for development, said Glen Hackler, deputy city manager.

This land is in the heart of the city's retail and office hub, and would be a benefit if developed into commercial or residential space, but other agencies would like the land for their own development needs.

Both Midland Independent School District and Midland College officials have expressed interest in the land, although no formal requests have been made, city officials said.



"(Sale of the land) could literally change the face of the city."
— Mayor Bobby Burns

The most choice piece of land is 53.26 acres located just northeast of the existing Midland College buildings.

MC already owns land abutting Garfield Street stretching north from the existing buildings to about 1,000 feet south of Loop 250. This last 1,000-foot stretch can never be developed as long as the east-west runway of Airpark is active.

MC in the past purchased as much land to the north of their existing structures as possible, but was unable to buy this new parcel as it was banned for development by federal height restrictions associated with the third runway at Airpark, said Ken Day, director of airports for the city.

The third runway ran transverse, from southeast to northwest, so the MC-owned land runs a diagonal along this same course.

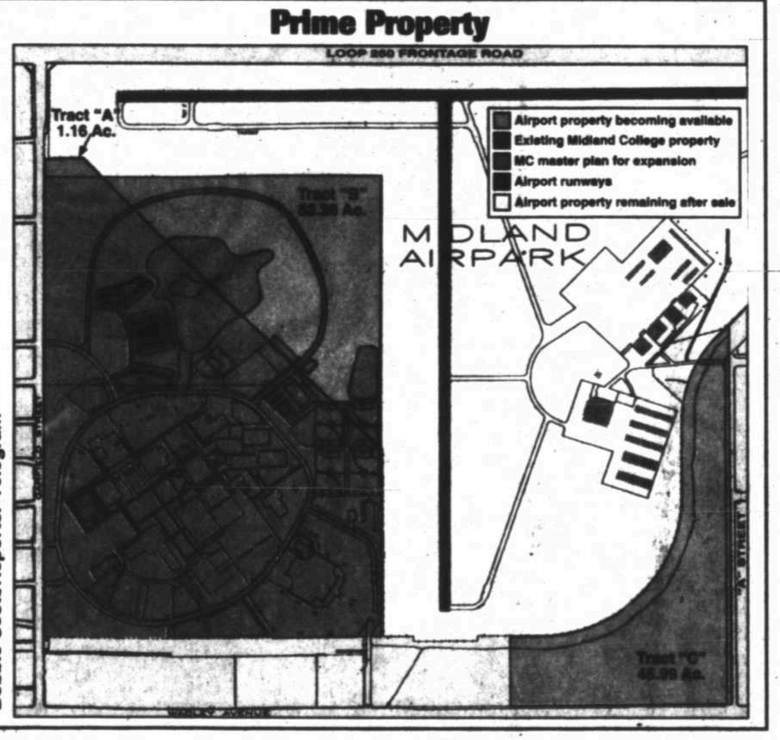
The third runway was closed, however, in 1996 to allow the bridge at Garfield and Loop 250 to be constructed, said Mike McGregor, Midland city manager.

It is this closure that has allowed this new land to become available for development.

The plot of land lies northeast of this diagonal line. The land area forms a right triangle with the hypotenuse stretching for 3,046 feet along this diag-

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Prime Property



Bobbie Scott/Reporter-Telegram

Changes could be in Airpark future, but city committed to keeping facility

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Airpark general aviation facility, which was built around 1942, once occupied land outside the city when no civilization stretched north of Wadley Avenue.

For those who use the Airpark, it is of great importance, but the pressures of a growing city are forcing municipal leaders to evaluate options regarding this property.

There are between 75 and 85 aircraft based at the Airpark and many more that use the facility from time to time, said Ken Day, director of airports for the city.

There are about 25,000 operations each year at the Airpark, Day said. An operation is either a takeoff or a landing, so each flight of a based aircraft is two operations, he said.

By comparison, the Midland International Airport sees about 120,000 operations each year.

On City Hall's fifth floor, aerial photographs of Midland dating back to 1960 show a progressive encroachment of the city around the facility.

Right now, developers and local institutions in need of more space are looking over the fence at this vast expanse of prime land.

In 1996, when the Loop 250 overpasses were constructed, one of the three runways at the Airpark was closed, leaving 53 acres of prime, developable land available northeast of Midland College and another 46 acres along A Street and Wadley.

Midland College officials already are making sure city planners are aware of their need for expansion to the north at some point in the future.

The northern tract of new land is already part of the Midland College master plan for expansion, even though the Federal Aviation Administration has not yet officially sanctioned the sale of this

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MISD hoping to get piece of land for new high school site

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

If Midland Independent School District cannot get its hands on a piece of Airpark, it may be in for an even tougher battle to build a new high school than it bargained for.

Garnering more community support than it has in the past will be necessary before MISD can build the new Midland High School officials say is sorely needed. Securing a portion of Airpark would afford the district a few key selling points, while the 97 acres it already owns on the so-called Abell-Hanger site — directly north of Loop 250 and west of Lamesa Highway — could raise controversy.

The Airpark property is attractive to the district because:

- its central location in the city would allow access from both A Street and Wadley Avenue;
- its proximity to Midland College would allow the two institutions to share facilities such as classrooms and parking lots;
- because of the expanse of unde-

Please see **MISD**/7A



"Right now, the communication (between the city and MISD) ... is the best I've seen in years. The city is more interested, from my perspective, in talking about closing Airpark."
— MISD Superintendent Joseph P. Baressi Jr.

Midland College looks to city to complete the circle

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

A triangular plot of Midland Airpark — severed from campus grounds by an unused runway — is the key to realizing Midland College's long-range vision.

Administrators and planners foresee a figure-eight loop of driveway, enveloping enough academic, residence and dining halls to accommodate growth for the next 25 years.

What they see now is only half of that plan: a single circle enclosing a campus that has outgrown its boundaries. Enrollment has increased in the last two years by almost 600 students, to a record 4,603 this fall. MC had to put up portable classrooms this year for the first time in its history.

Simple operations like scheduling classes are becoming increasingly difficult, officials said.

"Our facilities are full all

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Iraq says it will fire on U.S., British planes patrolling no-fly zones

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq will fire on U.S. and British warplanes patrolling the no-fly zones that the United States and its allies imposed after the Persian Gulf War, Iraq's vice president said Saturday.

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan told Qatar's Al-Jazeera television that Iraq would not accept the flights of U.S. and British aircraft in the zones over northern and southern Iraq.

"We say frankly now that any violation of Iraqi airspace will be met by Iraqi fire," Ramadan said.

The United States, Britain and France set up the no-fly zones in 1991-92 to halt air attacks against Kurdish rebels in the north and Shiite Muslim rebels in the south.

French aircraft no longer take part in enforcing the no-fly zone over northern Iraq, but still help to maintain the southern zone.

Ramadan, however, seemed to make an exception for French warplanes, saying, "It appears, but we cannot confirm it, that France has for sometime not been participating in these sorties."

Iraq has never recognized the zones and has occasionally confronted aircraft flying in the area.

In Washington, National Security Council spokesman P. J. Crowley said the threat would not compel the United States to change its policy in the region.

"We will continue to enforce the no-fly zones in the north and the south," Crowley said. "Iraq knows that it should not interfere with those flights, and our pilots can act in self-defense if they feel threatened at any time."

Crowley said U.S. aircraft had flown over Iraq but "reported no incidents of fire directed against them," although one aircraft "reported anti-aircraft fire well off in the distance."

In London, a Defense Ministry spokesman said on condition of anonymity that a British pilot Saturday "did sight anti-aircraft fire but he did not consider it hostile."

There was no immediate reaction from Britain's Foreign Office.

Ramadan's interview was conducted in Baghdad hours after Iraq said its anti-aircraft gunners had driven off an attack by "enemy" warplanes that flew in from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

The official Iraqi News Agency did not identify the nationality of the aircraft, but it usually uses the word "enemy" to describe warplanes from the United States and Britain. The United States has aircraft in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Britain also bases aircraft in Kuwait.

Asked why Iraq had not fired previously on planes enforcing the no-fly zones, Ramadan said, "When you want to restore your rights, you choose the suitable time and circumstances."

State-controlled Iraqi media have issued almost daily reports of violations of the country's airspace since the United States and Britain ended four days of airstrikes against Iraq on Dec. 19.

The strikes were carried out after U.N. weapons inspectors released a report saying that Baghdad was blocking their work.

Iraq has said 62 soldiers and more than 40 civilians were killed in the bombardment.

The Iraqi News Agency said a formation of warplanes Saturday "attacked one of our air defense sites, which confronted it and forced it to drop its load randomly."

The report did not say where the apparent attack took place and gave no other details.

Also Saturday, the Babil newspaper criticized Iraq's most powerful sympathizers on the U.N. Security Council — France, Russia and China — for not taking stronger action toward easing U.N. sanctions against Iraq.

The newspaper, owned by a son of President Saddam Hussein, said that Russia's and China's positions "did not accomplish any positive results for Iraq."

It added that the "fluctuation of the French stand has made us wonder if they are with us or against us."

Security Council diplomats have said the sweeping sanctions — imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990 — will not be lifted until U.N. inspectors certify that Iraq has dismantled its programs to build weapons of mass destruction.

France, Russia and China, along with the United States and Britain, are permanent members of the Security Council.

The last major incident in the no-fly zone was in June. U.S. officials said that a U.S. F-16 warplane fired a missile at an anti-aircraft site after Iraqi radar targeted British warplanes patrolling the zone. Iraq denied that its forces threatened the British aircraft.

Sierra Leone rebels claim 60 killed; 2 burned alive in riots in nation's capital

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — Fearing an impending rebel assault on Sierra Leone's capital, angry residents surged through the streets Saturday and burned alive at least two men accused of being rebel spies.

The rebel Revolutionary United Front, meanwhile, reported it had killed 60 Nigerian soldiers belonging to a West African intervention force while capturing the town of Makeni, 60 miles east of the capital, Freetown.

Fighting has intensified in recent weeks in the West African nation that is slightly smaller than Indiana. The country, with a population of 4.7 million people, was settled two centuries ago by freed slaves from the United States, Britain and Jamaica.

The rebels, who controlled Freetown after a bloody May 1997 coup, are seeking revenge for their ouster from the capital in February.

Rebel commander Sam Bockarie said Saturday his forces dragged the bodies of the dead Nigerian soldiers through the streets of Makeni with an armored car "as an example to everyone."

But the government denied that Makeni had been captured and said the Nigerian-led forces, known as ECOMOG, continued to battle rebels for the town. Troops remained firmly in control of the country, the Information Ministry said in a statement.

The government bolstered Freetown's defenses Saturday by trucking in Kamajors, traditional militiamen from rural villages. It also flew in soldiers from Nigeria and Ghana to reinforce ECOMOG troops.

At a downtown square in the capital, a mob singled out two young men accused of being rebels in civilian disguise.

The men were severely beaten before some in the crowd thrust gasoline-filled tires around their necks and set them on fire. Their charred remains were carried away by police, who did not attempt to stop the killings.

Several other mob attacks were reported around Freetown but could not be confirmed.

The Kamajor militiamen, members of a secret society of hunters and traditional fighters, wore leather tunics and carried rusty guns and machetes in the bustling city streets, setting up checkpoints and carrying out random searches of pedestrians and drivers.

Together with ECOMOG, the militia has been given defense duties by Sierra Leone's government, which dissolved the country's rebellious military earlier this year.

Remnants of that military and their rebel allies who took power for a 10-month period following the May 1997 coup have over the past week launched lightning attacks against loyalist forces throughout the country.

The rebels are widely believed to have killed, maimed and raped thousands of villagers.

Refugees fleeing the fighting have flooded into Freetown and rebels have threatened to attack the capital unless the government releases their imprisoned leader, Foday Sankoh, who is awaiting an appeal on a death sentence handed down for treason.

On Saturday, Bockarie, one of the rebels' top commanders, demanded that President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah resign or face a rebel assault on Freetown before New Year.

"Failure of Kabbah to resign, and we will start bombarding Freetown and will not stop until victory is won," Bockarie told The Associated Press.

That was a change from a day earlier when Bockarie demanded only talks and Sankoh's release.

By late Friday, a British-led evacuation had airlifted about 100 foreigners, mostly Britons, from Freetown to London and also to Senegal's capital, Dakar.

The U.S. Embassy was expected to close soon, although only a handful of staff were in the country and most Americans have been advised to stay out of Sierra Leone for security reasons since 1997.

A United Nations observer mission has withdrawn some of its military observers in the interior to Freetown while nonessential staff were evacuated to neighboring Guinea.

In a state radio broadcast, Kabbah's government condemned the British airlift, saying it played into rebel designs to spread panic.

Milosevic continues army reshuffle; calm restive in Kosovo

LAPASTICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Hundreds of refugees fleeing fighting in northern Kosovo crowded into a rebel stronghold Saturday and rummaged for firewood to help get through another subfreezing night.

Most of the refugees in the area west of Podujevo made their way by foot to Lapastica, a village still held by the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army after a two-day crackdown by Serb police and Yugoslav army units.

The rebels want independence for Kosovo, a province of Serbia, the dominant republic in Yugoslavia. Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of the province's population.

Others in and near Lapastica combed the surroundings in the winter sun for firewood.

Several villages in the region were destroyed in two days of fierce fighting that threatened to unravel an already shaky truce reached Oct. 12.

The province was reported to be largely calm Saturday, but a Serb farmer was killed west of Podujevo by the KLA, according to international peace monitors. Ethnic Albanian sources reported a police attack in the same region.

The farmer was killed by the KLA in his home in Obranca, 20 miles north of the province's capital Pristina. The rebel force controls much of the area.

The Kosovo Information Center, close to ethnic Albanian pro-independence leaders, said that shortly before noon, Serb police approached Obranca and opened fire on nearby KLA positions.

The reports came after Serb and Yugoslav forces launched an offensive in the region Thursday, reportedly killing at least nine people. The crackdown posed the gravest threat yet to the agreement that halted months of violence between Serbs and guerrillas trying to gain Kosovo's independence.

William Walker, head of an international force monitoring the Kosovo situation, said the newest fighting had led to the "tensest period since the agreement was signed."

The United States, France and the European Union have warned both sides not to continue the violence.

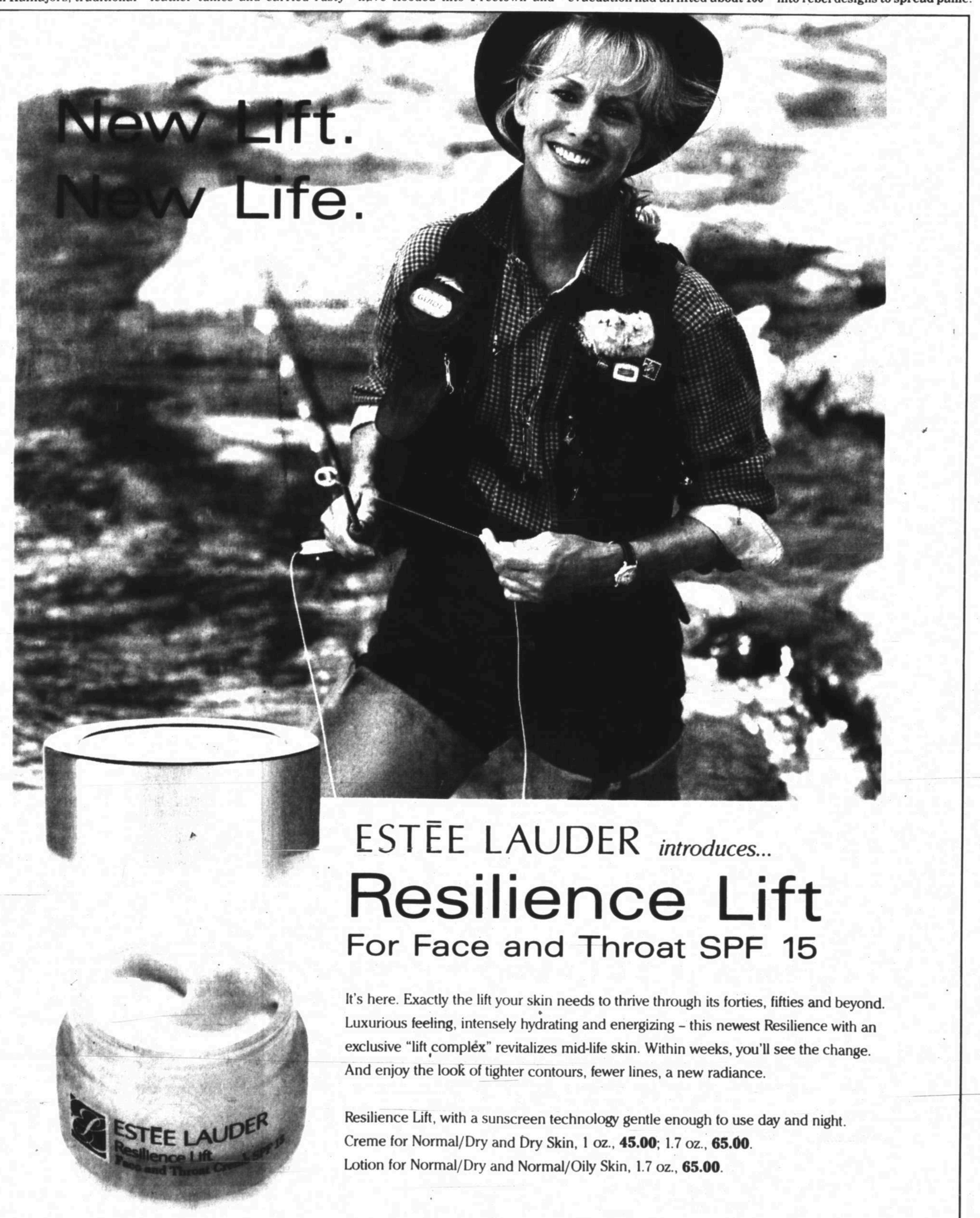
In October, NATO threatened airstrikes against the Serbs as punishment for their crackdown that began in February, in which hundreds died and 300,000 were forced to flee their homes. The NATO attacks were put on hold after a cease-fire was reached and Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic pulled out some of his forces.

In Belgrade, meanwhile, Milosevic consolidated his support among the military by appointing loyalists to senior positions and promoting others involved in the Yugoslav army's campaign in Kosovo.

The daily Politika said Lt. Gen. Spasoje Smiljanic was appointed commander of the air force, a position that had been vacated in October when the former air force chief was removed. He also promoted seven army generals and made other moves.

Milosevic also relieved three high-ranking army officers of their duties but it was not immediately clear whether they were purged for suspected disloyalty.

Another loyalist was appointed new commander in the region of Pristina.



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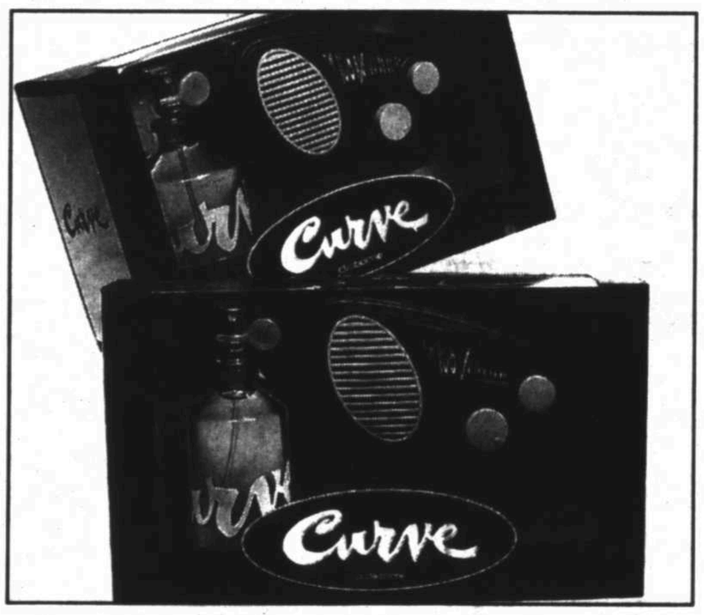
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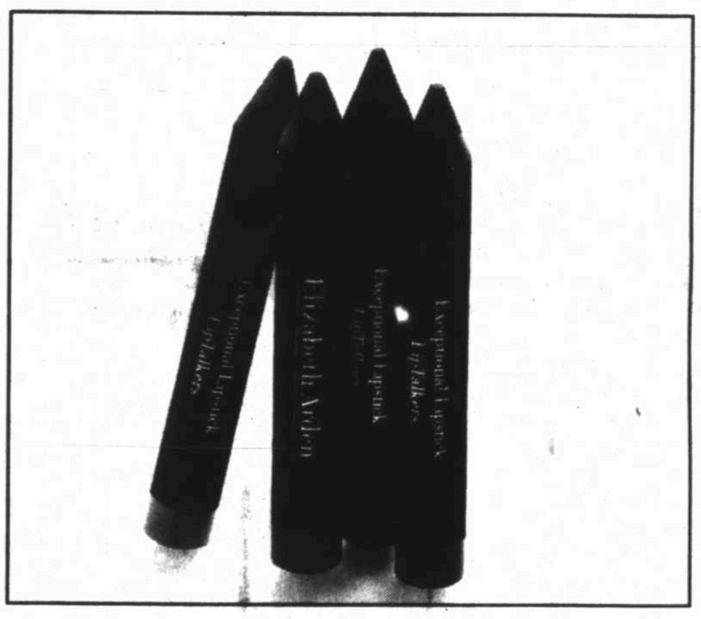
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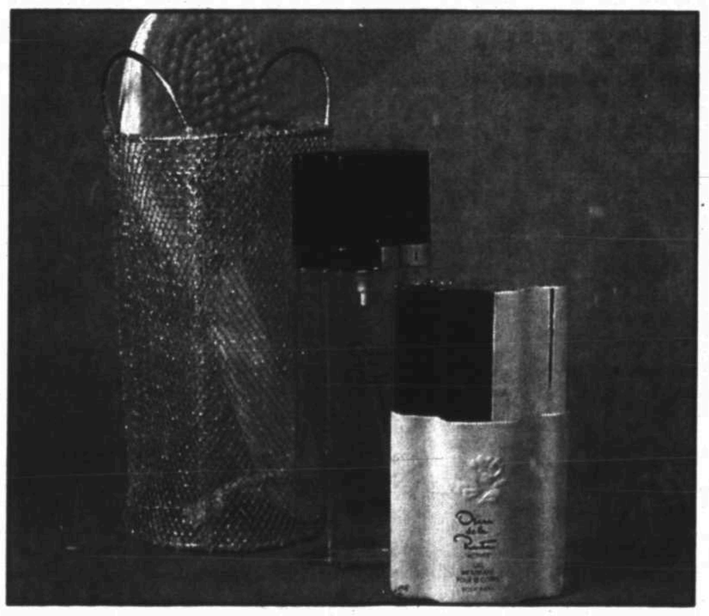
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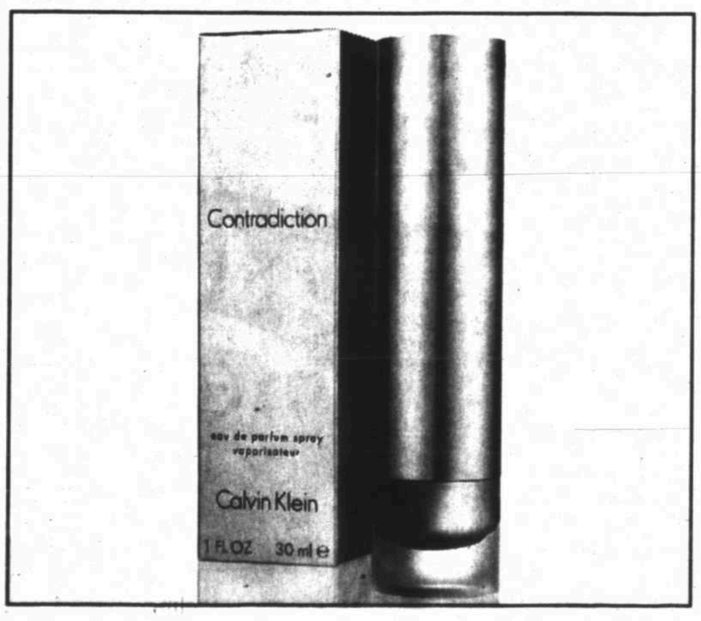
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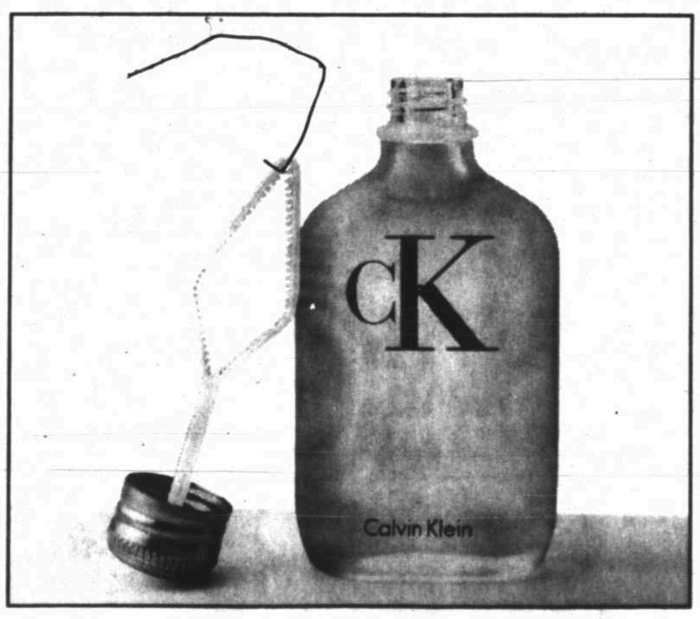
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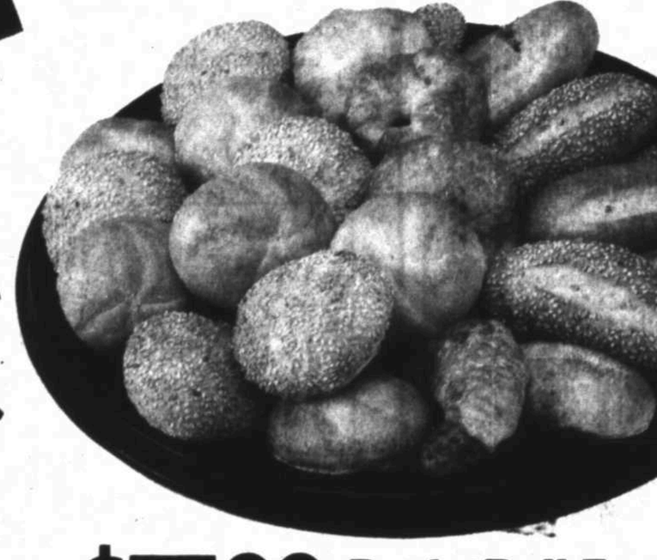
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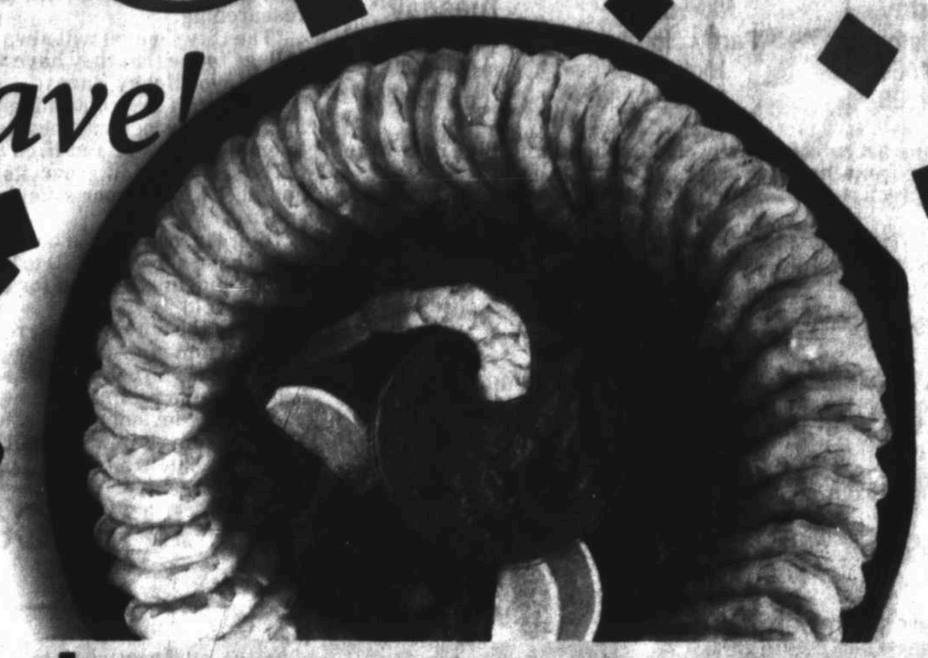
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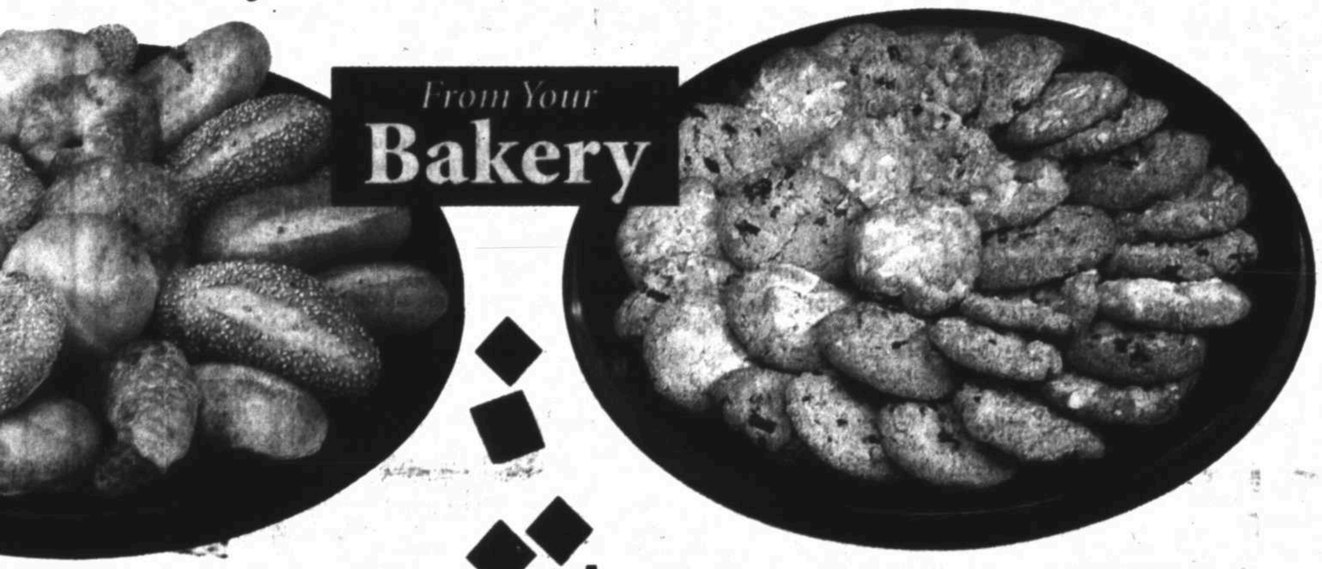


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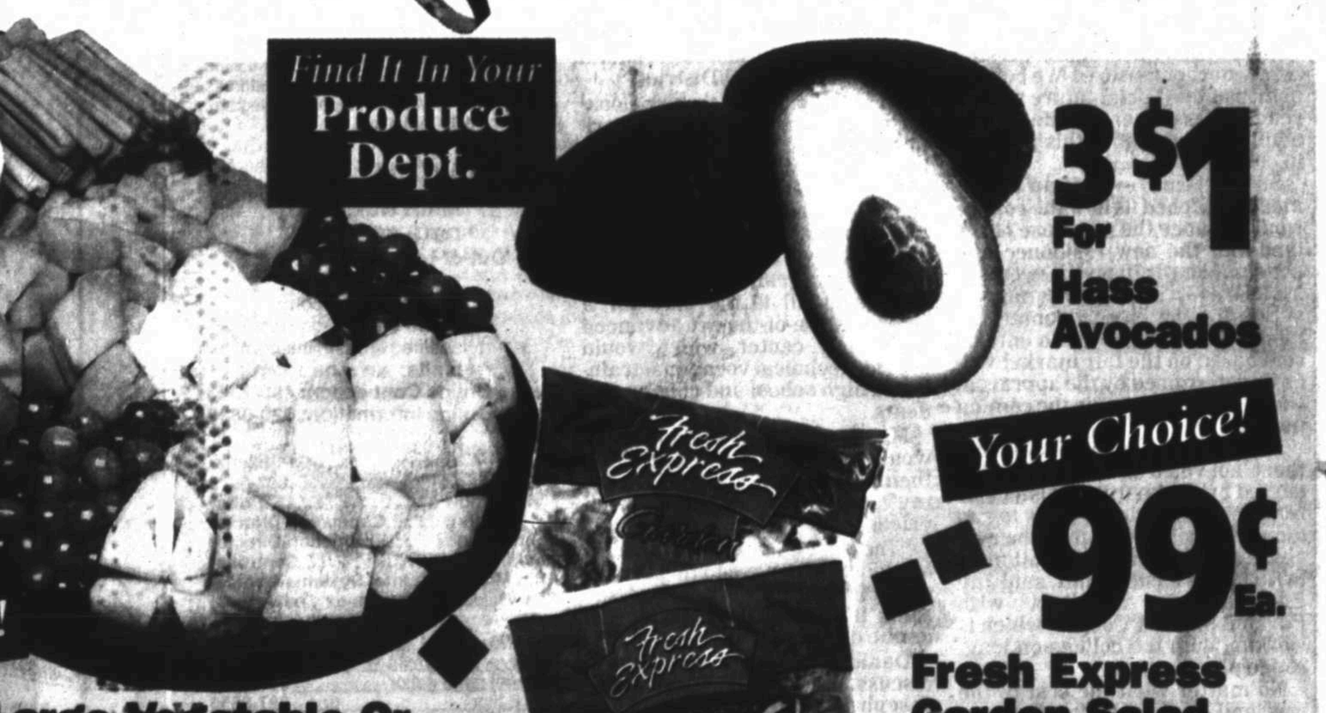
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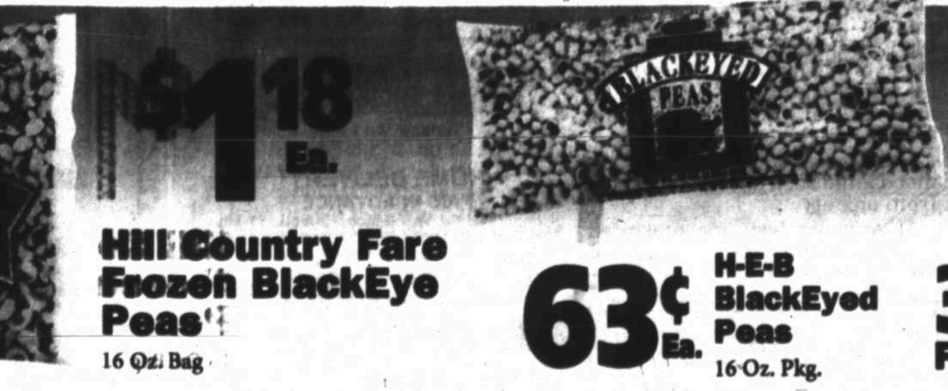


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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny
High 69	High 63	High 64
Low 36	Low 36	Low 36

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 70 and winds blowing from the southwest at 10-20 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the mid-30s.

Monday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the lower 60s and a low in the mid-30s.

After an overnight low of 24, Saturday's high reached 65, compared to the record high for that date of 77 set in 1955. The record low of 11 was set in 1939.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.58 in.
Total for year	5.14 in.
Normal total yr to date	14.88 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	65
low	24
Normal high	57
Normal low	29

Sunrise ... 7:48 a.m. **Sunset** ... 5:52 p.m.

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y	32	16	cdy	
Albuquerque	50	23	cdy	
Anchorage	10	4	clr	
Asheville	41	27	clr	
Atlanta	48	33	cdy	
Atlantic City	31	8	cdy	
Baltimore	32	9	cdy	
Billings	47	17	cdy	
Birmingham	45	39	.01	cdy
Bismarck	27	-9	.04	sn
Boise	44	34	.10	cdy
Boston	35	23	cdy	
Buffalo	32	15	.02	cdy
Burlington,Vt	34	22	cdy	
Casper	39	24	cdy	
Charleston,S.C	39	35	1.43	clr
Charleston,W.Va	41	14	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C	44	29	clr	
Cheyenne	39	29	cdy	
Chicago	28	22	cdy	
Cincinnati	40	15	cdy	
Cleveland	33	20	cdy	
Columbia,S.C	44	32	.08	clr
Columbus,Ohio	38	19	cdy	
Concord,N.H	29	5	cdy	
Dayton	37	18	cdy	
Denver	48	24	cdy	
Des Moines	27	13	cdy	
Detroit	34	23	cdy	
Duluth	9	-5	cdy	
Evansville	59	19	cdy	
Fairbanks	10	14	clr	
Fargo	13	-7	sn	
Flagstaff	52	20	clr	
Grand Rapids	30	24	sn	
Great Falls	39	9	clr	
Greensboro,N.C	35	23	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	30	15	cdy	
Helena	43	21	cdy	
Honolulu	80	70	clr	
Indianapolis	35	19	cdy	
Jackson,Miss	44	30	cdy	
Jacksonville	44	39	.21	cdy
Juneau	19	8	cdy	
Kansas City	41	19	cdy	
Las Vegas	54	38	clr	
Little Rock	46	21	cdy	
Los Angeles	66	46	cdy	
Louisville	41	21	cdy	
Memphis	43	24	cdy	
Miami Beach	83	68	cdy	
Milwaukee	25	20	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	18	-1	cdy	
Nashville	41	24	cdy	
New Orleans	45	41	.14	cdy
New York City	34	27	cdy	
Norfolk,Va	40	32	clr	
North Platte	52	15	cdy	
Oklahoma City	50	20	cdy	
Omaha	33	14	cdy	
Orlando	64	62	cdy	
Philadelphia	32	18	cdy	
Phoenix	66	41	clr	
Pittsburgh	35	12	cdy	
Portland,Maine	33	13	cdy	
Portland,Ore	48	45	.01	rn
Providence	34	15	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	36	26	clr	
Rapid City	50	17	cdy	
Reno	55	27	cdy	
Richmond	36	23	clr	
Sacramento	52	29	cdy	
St Louis	38	25	cdy	
Salt Lake City	36	25	sn	
San Diego	64	47	cdy	
San Francisco	50	38	cdy	
San Juan,P.R	82	74	rn	
Santa Fe	49	24	cdy	
St Ste Marie	24	19	.15	sn
Seattle	44	41	.18	rn
Shreveport	46	23	clr	
Sioux Falls	20	-1	.04	cdy
Spokane	34	27	.28	cdy
Syracuse	37	14	cdy	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	66	62	.14	cdy
Topeka	48	18	cdy	
Tucson	68	33	cdy	
Tulsa	47	22	cdy	
Washington,D.C	34	23	cdy	
Wichita	46	18	cdy	
Wilkes-Barre	34	13	cdy	
Wilmington,Del	31	13	cdy	

National Temperature Extremes for Saturday

High 83 at Miami and Pompano Beach Fl

Low -18 at Williston Nd

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	65	25	
Alice	59	31	
Amarillo	60	19	
Arlington	50	21	
Austin Bergstrom	56	19	
Austin Mueller	56	25	
Beaumont	51	28	
Brownsville	63	36	
Burnet	58	23	
Childress	62	20	
College Station	53	24	
Conroe	55	25	
Corpus Christi	55	31	
Corsicana	51	25	
Cotulla	61	27	
Dalhart	59	16	
Dallas Love Field	50	24	
Del Rio	62	25	
Denton	50	19	
DFW Airport	59	25	
El Paso	59	24	
Fort Stockton	74	38	
Fort Worth Alliance	51	19	
Fort Worth Meacham	52	24	
Galveston	50	34	
Harlingen	61	32	
Hondo	57	20	
Houston Hobby	55	29	
Houston Intrctnl	56	27	
Huntsville	56	23	
Junction	65	20	
Kingsville	M	M	
Laredo	63	27	
Longview	49	21	
Lubbock	67	19	
Lufkin	55	22	
Marfa	66	19	
McAllen	60	33	
McKinney	48	20	
Mineral Wells	57	22	
Navy Corpus	53	36	
New Braunfels	57	22	
Palacios	53	29	
Paris	46	23	
Rockport	52	31	
San Angelo	66	25	

LAND: City weighing options for newly available property

(From 1A)

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The MC master plan for the future calls for expansion into this newly available land with a second looped drive enclosing more buildings. This second circular street will essentially form a conjoined duplicate of the current MC structure, plus some additional sports and agriculture fields.

MC wants all of this new patch of land, and that is one of the alternatives the city staff is researching.

"The City Council will always work with the college to see that they have what they need," said Mayor Bobby Burns.

MISD staff are continuing to search for an appropriately located plot of land large enough to build a new Midland High School.

The school has outgrown its current location and needs more sports fields and classroom space.

Voters turned down a bond issue in 1996 that would have allowed MISD to build another high school, placing the need for centrally located land on hold.

Among the options being researched for the future is moving Airpark aviation facility.

Moving the airport out of the city would leave behind ample room for a new high school and many other development projects, Burns said.

A coliseum, a new football stadium, a new Midland Center, a baseball park — the possible uses are endless, Burns said.

"It could literally change the face of the city," he said.

In the late 1980s, the City Council purchased land for the expressed purpose of building a new general aviation facility.

This land lies northeast of the city and straddles the Midland/Martin county line.

This would require great expense, however, to expand city infrastructure — streets, water, wastewater — out to this new airport facility.

A less costly option is to build a new general aviation facility near Midland International Airport, where city infrastructure could be brought to a new facility along a much shorter distance, Hackler said.

No decisions are being made and will not be for some time regarding the possible move of the general aviation facility, but planning and research will continue.

"From a city planning point of view, it is almost incumbent upon us to find the best use for it in the future — it's the last large piece of land we'll ever have," Burns said.

For the much smaller parcels of land that will come available sooner, city staff are digging through city archives from the 1940s to prove to the FAA that this land was purchased with city funds and not with federal aviation dollars.

The Airpark facility has a substantial federal investment in land, buildings and runways, but these parcels of land are not among them and will require no payback to the FAA, city staff said.

It is unknown how much this newly available land is worth and city officials declined to hazard a guess.

The council has provided funds for McGregor to hire an appraiser who specializes in determining the worth of airport property.

"It's the first step in the procedure to get written authorization (from the FAA) for release of the land," Day said.

The second piece of land becoming available is 45.99 acres, which is too small for use as a high school and too far from MC to be used for its expansion needs, but it is a prime tract for development, Burns said.

The odd-shaped parcel fronts A Street all the way from Wadley Avenue past the north end of A Street to Airpark Road and the northwest drainage channel.

It also includes more than 1,700 feet of Wadley frontage and is a stone's throw from the ClayDesta Plaza area.

No decisions are being made as yet, but the land would obviously lend itself to development from commercial to residential use, depending on the thoughts of the City Council at the time requests are made.

The prime positioning of the land makes it readily available for some "high-end use," Burns said.

AIRPARK: Centrally located land becoming increasingly precious

(From 1A)

land.

As the city continues to grow, however, the large tracts of centrally located land are going to become more and more precious.

Perhaps 10 years down the road, or even sooner, the option of moving the Airpark will have to be addressed, city officials said.

"That is a prime piece of land right in the heart of our city," said Midland Mayor Bobby Burns.

"I think it is incumbent upon us to plan for the future and do what is in the best interest of Midland," Burns said.

At this point, the only option that is not available is closing the Airpark without replacing it.

"We are committed to having a viable general aviation facility," said Glen Hackler, deputy city manager.

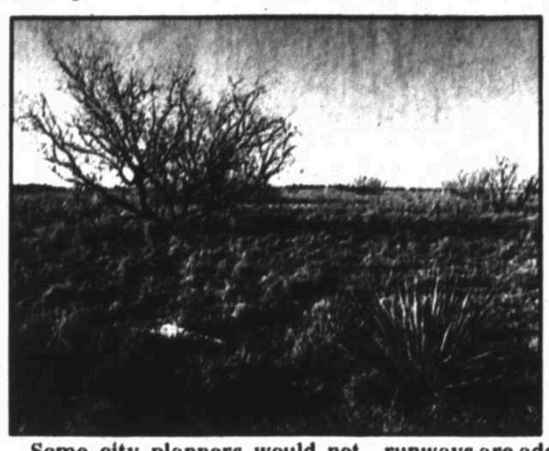
The future of the Airpark, however, "is very speculative," he said.

Fifteen years ago, the city purchased land off Texas Highway 349, which straddles the Midland/Martin county line, specifically for the construction of a new general aviation facility.

Staff and council are on a "fact finding" mission to determine what the cost of relocating the airport might be, who wants the land and what it might be used for, they said.

"The council is taking the issue of the Airpark under consideration," said Glen Hackler, deputy city manager. A decision regarding the future of this facility is not expected soon, however.

If the facility is ever moved, the FAA will be deeply involved, because there are considerable federal investments in the existing Airpark facility.



With the closing of the third runway at Midland Airpark general aviation facility, a broad patch of centrally located land in Midland is becoming available, and city officials are considering possible uses for this prime space.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Some city planners would not expect federal assistance in moving the Airpark, with the recent $9 million in FAA funds expended in the creation of the new terminal complex at the Midland International Airport — although Burns said he would not write off the possibility of more federal help in moving the Airpark facility.

Some citizens living north of the airport express safety concerns, with an aircraft having crashed into homes there as recently as 1995.

But Airpark meets all federal safety guidelines and one need only look at Love Field in Dallas to see that the FAA has no problem with an airport being surrounded by development, Hackler said.

The bottom line for the FAA is runways, Hackler said. Federal officials want two runways constructed for the two that would be lost.

The third runway was not an FAA concern because the federal government never expended funds to build or maintain this diagonal runway.

The east-west and north-south runways are adequate for greater than 95 percent of the wind conditions experienced at the Airpark, so the FAA chose to support only those two, said Hackler and City Manager Mike McGregor.

While it seems the obvious plan might be to build a new airport on the raw land off Highway 349, to move Midland's general aviation out there, the city would have to extend infrastructure to this land.

The cost of extending streets, water lines and sewer lines out to that property would be exorbitant, Hackler said.

A less costly but less popular option is to build a new general aviation facility near the Midland International Airport, where city infrastructure could be brought to a new facility along a much shorter distance, Hackler and McGregor said.

"We could make a first-class facility out there for a lot less money," Burns said.

There would be some opposition to this from local pilots who like the short drive from the business district to the Airpark, city officials said.

With the longer infrastructure runs, however, the cost of moving the Airpark to new land to the north would be three times the cost of moving the facility near the airport, Hackler said.

City Council members prefer that city-owned facilities — such as Hogan Park golf course or the sanitation department — break even on fees taken in and operating expenses.

"The Airpark is not quite self-sufficient," Burns said.

If all of the existing Airpark property were sold and all of this money used to build a new Airpark to the northeast — the city could still face a shortfall of $10 million to $15 million that would have to come from somewhere, Hackler and Day estimated.

"The chance of fully replacing the Airpark is very slim," said City Manager Mike McGregor.

"We (didn't use) local tax money in building our new international airport — so it would be very hard to put (tax funds) into the general aviation facility," Burns said.

While city officials continue to explore options regarding the long-range future of the Airpark, city staff are working with the FAA to get the newly available land cleared for sale.

Day and his staff have been scouring the city's archives, finding proof that the federal government did not assist in the purchase of this land.

McGregor will be hiring a specialist to appraise the value of this 100 acres, which will be part of the submission to the FAA.

It is expected that the land will be cleared for sale within 60 days.

MC: College has eye on 53 acres that border it

(From 1A)

morning long, all night long," said Deana Savage, vice president for instruction. "We're remodeling where we can and coming up with creative solutions where we can, but ... we're starting to really feel it."

"We're running into a situation where there simply aren't enough classrooms," said David Daniel, president of the college. "Our ability to continue our growth is highly dependent on our ability to acquire more acreage."

This cannot be done, however, without a deal being struck between the college and the city of Midland, as well as the rest of Airpark. The city still owns the raw plot of land — about 53 acres — that MC officials want.

Midland College, though, is in a good position. First, the area of land is owned by the city outright. Unlike most of the rest of the Airpark property, it is not being used and is not federally funded, and selling it would not necessitate protracted federal consultation or the relocation of even a portion of Airpark.

Second, there are no other interests vying for the land, said city manager Mike McGregor.

Though Airpark is in a prime location in the city, the triangle of property is bordered by campus grounds to the west and Airpark to the east. It does not stretch as far north as Loop 250 — land that would be aggressively sought after by commercial developers.

"This part (the city's land) really is an internal part of that (Midland College's) land, and we are the only neighbor, so to speak," Daniel said.

That factor alone did not prevent the city from ultimately ignoring an MC inquiry into Airpark property in the early 1980s. At that time, the runway was still in use and plans to close the Airpark altogether were scrapped in the wake of the oil bust.

Interest from the college was rekindled when the city closed the runway in 1996. MC officials have had multiple meetings since then with city officials about the possibility of acquiring the land. While no formal or even informal commitment has been made by either party, Daniel said he is optimistic.

"Everybody's singing off the same sheet of music. ... We believe in the not too distant future we will reach agreement," he said, adding, "Nothing, at this point, is in concrete."

Still at issue, even if an agreement is reached, is how the college would finance the purchase of the land and the new residence and academic halls it says it needs.

McGregor said it was not an option for the city to donate the land to the college; it can only be sold based on the fair market value as determined by the appraisal, which should happen in the coming months.

MC's general plan for development, not voted on or officially discussed by the board of trustees, is for a row of residence halls to run along the western edge of the new circle and for academic buildings to fill up the eastern half, said Jay Edwards, an architect with Parkhill Smith & Cooper, which is working with the college on long-range planning.

No matter what the cost of the raw land, the kind of development the college envisions would be costly.

"I can't even speak to that yet," Daniel said. "There has been no discussion of any financial arrangement because the appraisal has not been done."

Should endowment funds prove inadequate for future growth, the answer may lie in donations, which the college has been successful in securing in recent years. If all else fails, MC could conceivably ask for bond elections, as it did in 1976 to build the fine arts building.

But many of those decisions are far down the road. Daniel said it was up to the college foundation board to determine availability of funds. To his knowledge, the board has not yet discussed the matter even in regards to the land.

Looking further into the future, MC could receive a financial boost from an unlikely source: Midland Independent School District.

MISD officials say they are looking into acquiring land in Airpark to the east of Midland College to build a new Midland High School. The proximity would allow for shared-use buildings between the two entities, which both say will save taxpayers' money.

Perhaps grandest and most remote of all is the plan for a shared, state-of-the-art advanced technology center, which would provide technical vocational training to high school and college students.

Ms. Savage said such a center would address "this continuing theme of diversifying our economy" in the face of dropping oil prices.

"The No. 1 issue when companies are looking to move to this area is the ability of its work force," she said. "It's a critical vehicle for economic development."

Daniel said he has had several discussions with Superintendent Joseph P. Baressi Jr. about the possibility of collaboration.

"That (an advanced technology center) is very much a part of our future with MISD," Daniel said. "We don't anticipate the campuses would join, but ... there are many acres out there."

Not all of those acres will be as easy to come by as the area north of Midland College may prove to be. MISD faces more obstacles than MC if it wants to secure its chunk of the Airpark pie. And ultimately, the district's success will have an impact on the success of Daniels' vision of a shared use learning complex — vital, he believes, to Midland's economic future.

But Daniel said his prevailing mood amid such uncertainty is far from anxiety.

"I've never been more excited than I am today about the future of Midland College," he said.

CRASH: Pilot didn't report any problems during flight

(From 1A)

After an initial investigation, DPS and airport officials secured the crash site until National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration officials arrive, some time this morning.

Matthews said the plane's pilot, the elder James W. Bozzell, didn't report any problems as he made his final landing approach.

The plane was registered out of Midland, Matthews said, but its owner's identity was not released. Justice of the Peace Joe Matlock pronounced the men dead and ordered autopsies to be done in Lubbock.

Although officials know the plane was en route to Midland, its place of departure was not immediately known, DPS officials said. Airport operations supervisor Rick Arellano said the Bozzells didn't submit a flight plan before heading for Midland.

"There was no flight plan turned in," Arellano said. "It is entirely up to the pilots (of small planes) on whether or not they want to schedule one."

Arellano said that after the accident, emergency crews immediately checked out the plane's damage and tried rescuing the pilot and passengers. The crash did not cause any problems with regular airport business.

"We closed two runways when the incident happened," Arellano said. "We have reopened one. The other will remained closed until after the wreckage is cleared and the investigation has concluded."

Local doctors who knew James Donald Bozzell said he retired from medicine in 1989.

"I see a lot of his former patients and they all really, really liked him," local urologist John Staub said. "It's tragic. A lot of people liked him."

Dr. Bozzell was originally from Weatherford and claimed to have grown up with actress Mary Martin, who played Peter Pan in the Broadway play, said retired Midland physician, Ed Mickle.

"He was a very fine doctor and a very good friend," Mickle said. "He said he became an M.D. at 21. He said he could have begun even before that, but he needed to be 21 to get his license.

"He was well-thought of in our profession and a very popular man," Mickle said.

Bozzell was an avid marathon runner and liked flying with his son, who was a certified flight instructor. Other activities the man enjoyed were swimming, cycling and other vigorous sports, Mickle said.

"He liked running marathons, but he got bad knees, and hadn't been doing it lately," Mickle said.

Bozzell was so involved in sports that it was thought he retired to spend more time on his fitness, Staub said.

"A lot of people say he retired so he can devote his time to fitness and athletics every day, all day," he said.

Odessan Jay Kelly said he developed a friendship with Bozzell at local athletic events, such as the Tall Town 10K and Oktoberfest marathon. Bozzell had won several awards at the events, Kelly recalled.

"He was an excellent runner and cyclist. He had a few problems with his hips and wasn't able to ride bikes for a while," Kelly said.

Bozzell wouldn't let his physical problems become a setback in his athletic performance, Kelly said.

"Kept on exercising. He still was quite athletic and could keep up with anyone running or hiking," he said.

Pick 3 Texas

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

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MISD: MHS facilities were built for 1,400 student capacity; 2,350 currently enrolled

(From 1A)

veloped land in Airpark, the prospect of uproar from neighboring residents against a new school would be eliminated; and

■ officials would not have to address safety concerns about building a school next to an airport, as they would if they built on current property holdings.

The district has had its eye on Airpark as a possible high school site for years now. During the oil boom, in the early 1980s, when sale of the land seemed imminent, district officials asked the city to reserve a section for a new high school.

But then the bust hit and both the city's and the district's plans for development fell by the wayside.

For the past few years, ever since they first heard the renewed rumblings that the city might want to sell the land, MISD officials have been expressing their interest in acquiring anywhere from 52 to 75 acres of it for the same purpose as more than a decade ago.

"Right now, the communication (between the city and MISD) ... is the best I've seen in years," said Superintendent Joseph P. Baressi Jr. "The city is more interested, from my perspective, in talking about closing Airpark."

"I'd like to see it (Airpark) opened up. I think it's really detrimental to growth in that area," said MISD Board President Martha Manulik.

MISD has asked the city for the right of first refusal should Airpark be moved and the vacated property be put up for sale. But the city has made no commitments at this point.

"They've listened to us. They have indicated it's something we can talk about," said Wilson Heidelberg, executive director of auxiliary and construction services.

The reason the city is not going any further than that is because relocating Airpark is no easy task or decision. Because most of the Airpark — used by small private planes — has been purchased and maintained with the help of federal money, the city would need to coordinate any sale with the FAA.

The city also may be waiting to see what other interests vie for portions of the prime plot of land.

District officials say they need to locate new land because Midland High School is landlocked on 18 acres. Facilities were built to a capacity of 1,400 students; MHS enrollment this fall was 2,350. State standards recommend a high school with that many students be located on at least 52 acres of property.

"We've just outgrown the building," said MHS Principal Neil Richmond. "Time is running out. If we don't make a move in the next year, we're going to be in terrible shape."

Despite the urgency expressed by many, the idea of building a new MHS has not tended to assemble overwhelming support in the community. In 1996, MISD tried to pass a $110 million bond issue that would have funded MHS construction, but the proposal was rejected by voters.

A year later, a smaller bond issue for elementary school renovations was approved, but district officials have never discarded the belief that a new MHS is necessary. Likewise, opponents have never discarded the belief that it could be wasteful.

"I have a bad feeling that this administration and this school board are more interested in building monuments than they are in improving education for children," said former Mayor Ernest Angelo.

Yet, here is where an Airpark location might take some of the steam off the waste argument: MISD and Midland College officials rarely fail to mention that shared facilities would save money for Midlanders in the long run.

"The more joint-use buildings we can put there, the better for the taxpayer," Heidelberg said.

"It eliminates waste," said Deana Savage, vice president for instruction at Midland College. "The whole community gets more return on their investment that way."

The type of buildings they are considering may also prove attractive to the fiscally motivated. One idea is for a technical vocational training center, which proponents claim will keep well-paying jobs in Midland and diversify the economy.

Angelo had less harsh words for the joint-use proposal than he did for the new high school alone.

"There may be some things that make sense about that," he said. "Sometimes you've got to dream, but dreaming doesn't always come true."

With oil prices dropping, district officials seem in no hurry to push another bond issue. Board members are especially wary after the '96 bond election.

"I really don't think that if we call a bond issue today, it will pass," said board member Adela Marmolejo.

She said she thought MHS was overcrowded and a new facility was appropriate, but added, "As long as we don't get the support (from the community), it really doesn't matter what I think about it."

Airpark was the location cited in the '96 bond that failed, but at the time, district officials say, uncertainty about MISD's chances of acquiring the land was a major factor.

"The general comment from the city was that they weren't ready to close Airpark at that time," Baressi said. "There was serious question as to whether that would be possible." Baressi said that in his opinion, the possibility appears stronger now.

It may be necessary, though, to nail down location for certain before a bond issue would fly.

"For us to pass any kind of secondary bond, we need to know where it's going," Ms. Manulik said. "There were just a lot of unanswered questions (in the 1996 bond election) that we have to answer before we go back to the public."

The security of ownership MISD has in the Abell-Hanger property is probably the only factor recommending it over Airpark. But for people like Richmond, who see the need for a new high school as urgent, it might end up being the only factor worth considering.

"I would prefer to be next to Midland College because of location," Richmond said. "But we need to make a move in one direction or another. ... We've got to do something now. We can't just keep talking about it."

Should the district try building on the Abell-Hanger property, where it already has started building four soccer and two softball fields for the high school, it risks running into stiff opposition.

In the early 1990s, when the district launched a failed campaign to build Abell Junior High on that property, their neighbors-to-be to the north cried foul; they promise to do the same if a new MHS is proposed.

"People choose to live near a school. You don't come and dump it in their neighborhood," said Kay Thorpe, one of the residents along Carol Lane, which abuts the Abell-Hanger property. "It will totally destroy the way of life that people moved out here for."

Carol Lane and the surrounding neighborhood are zoned agricultural estates. Residents drawn to the area years ago by the rural lifestyle say a new high school in their back yard would send property values down and them and their neighbors out.

"A lot of people out here will put their houses up for sale. I've talked to two neighbors already who say they will," Ms. Thorpe said.

"I love this house and I love this neighborhood," said her husband, Paul Thorpe. "But I would not stay here with a school back here (to the south of us)."

Abell-Hanger's proximity to what would probably still be a functioning airpark also promises to raise a few eyebrows. Last August, a single-engine plane crash-landed at Masters Golf and Training Center, which is part of the same plot of land.

District officials said they would be concerned about airplane crashes in considering the Abell-Hanger site.

"Having an airpark across the street from the high school, to me, has some safety considerations," Ms. Manulik said.

"I think we should certainly study that with the city or the FAA," Heidelberg said. "I don't know if we're really in their approach line or not, but we'd have to determine that."

Thorpe said if the district could acquire the Airpark site, it "would solve every problem ... But this site here (Abell-Hanger) is a disaster waiting to happen."

Airpark and Abell-Hanger may not be the only options MISD has, but Baressi said they are the top two in the eyes of the district, with Airpark being first.

Looking at a map of Airpark, the best option seems to be the 53 acres north of Midland College. The plot is just the right size and certain to become available regardless of whether the rest of Airpark closes. But Midland College has already asked for that land, and officials said competing with the college for the property is not an option.

"We're not going to jump in and vie for the same land," said Heidelberg, who also ruled out the smaller, similarly available 45-acre plot in the southeast corner of Airpark.

Instead, district officials said they will wait and see what, if anything, happens to Midland Airpark. If it does open up, they reason, so will the possibilities.

"It's kind of a once-in-a lifetime chance that you have land that's interior to the loop available for development jointly by taxing entities," Heidelberg said. "That's a unique situation for any city."

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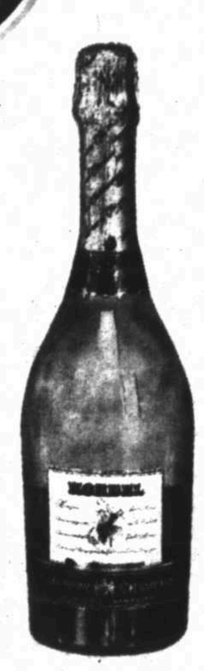
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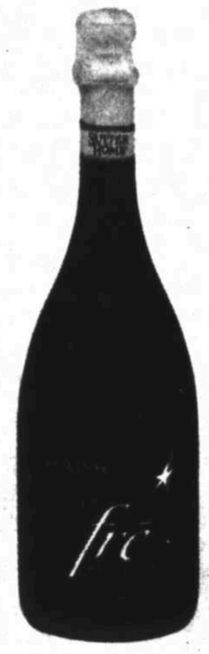
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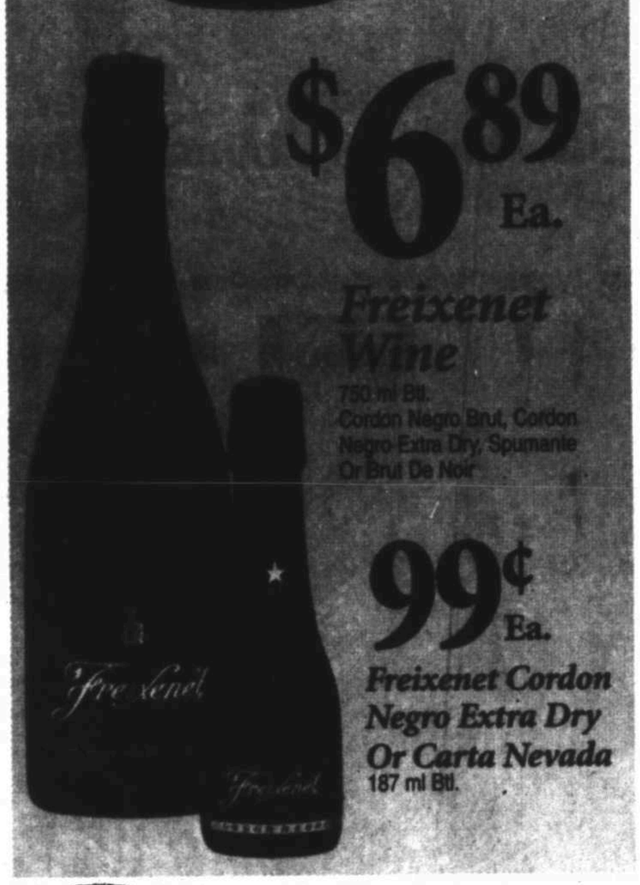
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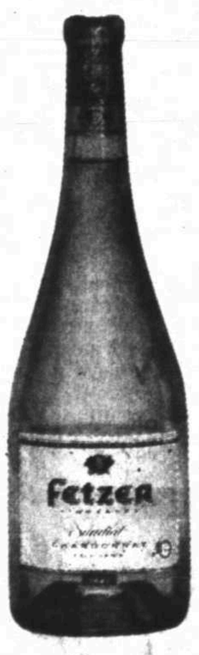
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He was "struck by the vulgar demeanor" of the House, he wrote in "Democracy in America," but thought the Senate was "composed of eloquent advocates, distinguished generals, wise magistrates and statesmen of note."

At any given time, there are probably at least 100 people — all members of the U.S. Senate — who agree.

Bill Clinton, having been impeached by narrow and partisan votes in the House, is surely among those who hope the Senate marches to a different drummer. He'd like the Senate, in its wisdom, to spare him a trial or, if it can't work that out, to acquit him and keep him from becoming the nation's first fired president.

Senators like to see themselves as above the fray, as reasoned and deliberate. They call themselves members of the "upper body."

It is considered bad form for a House member to refer to the Senate in debate as "the Senate" or for a senator to speak of "the House." Instead, each refers to the other body as "the other body."

That attitude came through in the House debate on impeaching Clinton. Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., argued that the House constitutionally could not censure the president, even if senators thought they could.

"Censuring the president is not a function permitted in this chamber," said Hyde with a touch of sarcasm. "Maybe across the rotunda ... That's another situation. I daresay they are innovative and creative over there on Mount Olympus, but here we're confined by the strictures of the Constitution."

With 435 members, the House is necessarily a more disciplined body, a more partisan one, but, with its leaders running the show, a more manageable one. Members tend to become experts in one narrow area and speak up only when their area of expertise is before the House.

The Senate, by contrast, comprises 100 individuals, asserting themselves whenever they want to, each able to stop the proceedings at will by simply standing up and speechifying.

As a result, the House operates by majority rule pure and simple, but the Senate must operate by accommodation and compromise or not at all. There are no backbenchers there.

Republican Mike DeWine of Ohio spent eight years in the House before he moved over to the Senate four years ago. He had barely arrived when he tuned in to C-Span and listened to the Senate debating repeal of the national speed limit.

He had no expertise on that subject — except for the most deeply personal kind: a daughter, 22, had been killed in crash on a rain-slick highway. He opposed lifting the speed limit.

"So I walked on the floor," he recalled in an interview. "Five minutes later I was in the debate. That's more difficult in the House."

He didn't prevail, but he got his two cents' worth in.

DeWine says the very act of running statewide — and, in his case, representing 11 million people — tends to give a senator a broader outlook, to make him aware of the diversity of his state.

The founding fathers intended for the Senate to be more deliberative. At any time, two-thirds of its members are four or six years away from having to face the voters, long enough for passions to cool. George Washington is said to have compared the Senate to a saucer into which issues, hot from the House, are poured and get a chance to cool.

Citrus growers hold out hope as mercury continues to climb

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The ice is starting to melt on California orange and lemon trees, and growers are cautiously optimistic that the worst of a freeze that has hobbled California's citrus industry is over.

Early morning temperatures Saturday hovered around 30 degrees in central California after a week in which they bottomed out at a fruit-killing 21 degrees.

With industry officials considering the region's $90 million lemon crop a total loss, the challenge comes in finding salvageable fruit hanging among oranges that are frozen through, their juice sacs burst.

Growers were banking on a slow warm-up to allow some table oranges to heal and save them from a profitless season.

"I think everyone is still holding out hope that some fruit will be good," said Terry Barker, who believes he lost almost his entire crop of navel oranges in Woodlake.

The past week's low temperatures are expected to seriously hurt California's $1.5 billion citrus industry, of which $853 million last year came from the oranges and lemons that have borne the brunt of the freeze.

Growers this week will begin making delicate judgment calls — slicing open navel oranges to determine which can be left on the tree a few more days to heal and which must be picked immediately for juice.

A matter of days can turn orange byproducts rancid and unusable, but turning eating oranges into juice is a last resort because they won't turn a profit for the farmer.

Growers can expect to recoup only the costs of picking the fruit and hauling it away, said Nick Hill, manager of Greenleaf Farms in Orange Cove and Sanger. Many farmers face a total loss in profits this season, he said.

California grows about 80 percent of the nation's fresh oranges that are used for eating.

The state's industry needed two years to recover from a 1990 freeze that destroyed nearly 90 percent of the citrus crop.

Eighty-five packing houses were shut down, leading to 12,000 layoffs. The state estimates at least $591 million in damage this year to oranges, lemons and tangerines, although farmers said Saturday that they expected to rebound next year.

Hundreds of workers have already been laid off by a handful of packing houses. A trickle-down effect may well hit harvesters and truckers.

"There's going to be obviously a boatload of people out of work, that's for sure," said Shann Blue, director of grower services for California Citrus Mutual, a trade group.

Grandparents enlisted in war on drugs

BOSTON (AP) — In its war against drugs, the government has enlisted drug-sniffing dogs, SWAT teams and the military. Now it's calling on even more powerful weapons: grandma and grandpa.

The Office of National Drug Control Policy has launched an ad campaign to coax grandparents into talking to their grandchildren about the dangers of drugs. It's part of a larger effort to get adult role models of all sorts to teach kids about addiction, AIDS and violence.

"There is an air of honesty that comes through in a relationship between a child and their grandparents," said Leigh Leventhal, spokeswoman for the New York-based Partnership for a Drug-Free America, which is co-sponsoring the campaign.

A nearly full-page advertisement ran this month in The Boston Globe featuring a photo of a young boy looking attentively at an elderly woman, his hand on her shoulder.

"Grandparents are cool. Relaxed," the ad states. "They're not on the firing line every day. Some days a kid hates his folks. He never hates his grandparents."

Leventhal said talk between children and grandchildren about drugs should be part of an ongoing dialogue about everything in their lives — hobbies, schoolwork, friends.

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Travel delays



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John Izzo, left, and his mother Bernadette, of Houston, play gin rummy at Lambert Field Airport while waiting for a flight Friday in St. Louis. Their flight to North Carolina had been cancelled. Trans World Airlines reported far fewer cancellations Saturday, after a judge ordered union flight attendants back to work. Dozens of disgruntled attendants called in sick, paralyzing the airline's St. Louis hub during the busy holiday season. The sickout started Thursday.

Desert Fox commander knows about protracted conflicts

WASHINGTON (AP) — When the man who leads U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf talks to his troops, he remembers asking his commanders in Vietnam what their objectives were, and the hazy answers he received.

"I suddenly began to realize that no one knew what we were trying to do there," said Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni. "I asked senior officers that I respected what my objectives were, what we were trying to do, and I never got satisfying answers."

In the years since, as he rose through the ranks to his current four-star position as head of the U.S. Central Command, Zinni has made clarity a watchword.

"I promised myself after that I would always explain to the troops why we were doing what we were doing and I would never accept a mission or a tasking that I didn't feel was right or that I couldn't understand," Zinni told The Associated Press in an interview en route home after a visit to some of the 20,000 troops he commands in the Gulf region.

With his Popeye arms, stocky build, jutting jaw and fondness for cigars, Zinni, 55, is the picture of a Marine general. But two years in what is arguably the most sensitive command post in the U.S. military has required Zinni to function as a diplomat as well as a commander, negotiating with touchy Arab allies over the kinds of U.S. forces and missions that are acceptable in the region.

"If you constrain yourself to military thinking and military learning, you're going to be fairly narrow," Zinni said. "More and more, senior officers have to be a blend of diplomat, statesman, humanitarian."

In the days leading up to last week's Operation Desert Fox airstrikes on Iraq, Zinni would walk through the strike list, target by target, with President Clinton, Defense Secretary William Cohen and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Henry H. Shelton.

"It was basically the Zinni plan," said Cohen, although he, Clinton and Shelton made revisions based on the risk of damage to civilian facilities.

Some criticized the strikes, saying the stated goal of "degrading" Iraq's weapons of mass destruction threat was too vague.

Zinni contends the latest intelligence supports his claims of success and, more important, indicates that Iraq has no plans to challenge U.S. forces in the Gulf.

The nation must have patience concerning Iraq and Saddam, he said.

"We've had remarkable patience in places like Korea, Cuba or the Soviet Union," he said. "In this part of the world, we don't seem to have that. We impatiently want to resolve it right away."

Zinni's road to high command began in 1917, when his teen-age father, Antonio, an Italian immigrant, was drafted into the U.S. Army. When he returned home a year later he was granted citizenship, and the military tradition in Zinni's family was firmly established.

"My parents were not strict at all. I think they got things done through a lot of love and a lot of patience," said Zinni, who grew up in Conshohocken, Pa., a working class town outside Philadelphia.

Anthony, the youngest, was the first the family could afford to send to college, and he signed up for the Marines on his first day at Villanova University. When he graduated in 1965, Vietnam was under way and, two years later, the Philadelphia kid who'd never been outside the urban environs of the East Coast found himself living in a Vietnamese village, speaking the local language and training South Vietnamese regulars in combat tactics.

Unlike many officers embittered by their experience, Zinni, who was wounded in a firefight in 1970 and earned two Bronze Stars for his efforts in Vietnam, left Southeast Asia disappointed and frustrated but determined to apply lessons he learned.

Zinni helped plan the emergency relief effort for Iraqi Kurds after the Gulf War, ran the relief effort Operation Provide Hope in the former Soviet Union in 1992 and 1993, and led the successful withdrawal of U.S. forces from Somalia in 1995. Today he's reading up on Central Asia, just added to his sphere of command.

Operation Desert Fox, though waged with high-tech weapons, was at least partly shaped by Zinni's experience with messy modern wars. By avoiding damage to Iraq's civilian infrastructure such as roads, bridges and the electrical grid, Zinni was protecting what he hopes will be the building blocks of a stable Iraq after Saddam's regime.

If Saddam is toppled, Zinni said, "I just hope it doesn't happen in a way that fragments the country or causes a lot of infrastructure damage. Then the ability to be able to police it up and put it back together again gets tougher. I've been through this with Somalia and everything else and it can be really messy."

Clinton calls for tougher drunken driving standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking at the dark side of the holidays, President Clinton asked Congress Saturday to impose a lower and uniform blood-alcohol level for drunken driving across the nation.

And he said the Justice and Transportation departments will use the leverage of federal grants to persuade states to adopt low-tolerance standards on their own.

In his weekly radio address, the president pointed to new research showing that in 1996, more than 46 million Americans drank or took drugs within two hours of driving.

"The sight of a car weaving through traffic is an all-too-familiar and frightening one for many Americans," Clinton said.

Clinton asked Congress to enact legislation next year to make a blood-alcohol content of .08 percent the national legal standard for driving while drunk. That level currently is used by 16 states and the District of Columbia.

The Senate voted earlier this year to penalize states that did not adopt the .08 standard. But the House declined to go along, deleting the provision from the six-year highway spending bill Congress passed in May.

Clinton said it is important to call attention to drunken driving during the Christmas holidays, when millions of Americans take to the road to visit families and friends and alcohol often flows freely.

Thirteen hundred people were killed in alcohol-related crashes in December 1997 even though such deaths overall were at an all-time low for that year, Clinton said.

He urged American drivers this year to "think before getting behind the wheel."

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Virginia town house fire kills 6; 3 die in California blaze

DALE CITY, Va. (AP) — An early-morning town house fire killed six people Christmas morning — including three children, authorities said.

In Santa Clara, Calif., a blaze killed a father and two of his children when their home was engulfed Friday morning.

Authorities identified the Virginia victims as: Carlos Vera Denicia, 29; Martha Ortiz Barranco, 28; their sons, Carlos Ivan Denicia Ortiz, 9; Jeremy Christian Denicia Ortiz, 8; Ruben Denicia Ortiz, 4; and Denicia's niece, Maria Antonia Serrano Hernandez, 17.

Authorities have not determined the cause of the fire, which appears to have started in the basement.

Relatives said the dead were immigrants from Mexico and had lived in the town house for about two years.

A seventh person was flown to a Washington hospital for emergency treatmen. Two others in the town house were not seriously injured.

"This is the worst fire this county has seen in a long time ... maybe ever," said Dale City Volunteer Fire Chief Bob Hedge.

Santa Clara Deputy Fire Chief Phil Kleinheinz said 7-year-old Amanda Hirsch, her 9-year-old brother Gregory and their father Todd Hirsch, 34, were killed in the fire.

Ten-year-old Kaylianne Hirsch was hospitalized in critical condition with smoke inhalation and burns to 20 percent of her body. The mother, Debbie Hirsch, escaped with minor injuries, along with her 3-year-old son, Trevor.

Investigators were trying to determine the cause of the fire.

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DPS life-saving effort worthy of recommendation

The long holiday period stretching from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day traditionally has been a bloody one on Texas highways. The long distances traveled and congested traffic conditions contribute to holiday accidents.

But an even bigger contributor to the holiday death toll on Texas highways is the number of travelers who drive while intoxicated. Statistics from the Department of Public Safety reveal that last year 88 people died on Texas roadways over the holiday period.

Twenty-three of those accidents were alcohol related.

This holiday period, which is already under way, DPS officials estimate that 60 people will lose their lives in traffic accidents. A large number of them would still be alive in 1999 if people simply would not drink alcoholic beverages until reaching their holiday destination.

It sounds so easy to do, but the statistics show that year after year, many people drink and then climb behind the wheel of an automobile — setting in motion a destructive force that unnecessarily takes lives and shatters others.

One of the main deterrents to some of what pushes the death toll up — namely drunk driving, speeding and failure to wear seatbelts — is the presence of DPS patrol cars on the highways. This year the DPS is again performing Operation Holiday during the period from just before Christmas through New Year's Day. The operation calls for on-duty troopers putting aside their office duties to carry out patrol duties in the interest of slowing down drivers and causing them to obey traffic rules.

The DPS effort is particularly noteworthy. It saves lives — and during the holidays, noting is more important.

Another View

Bipartisan resolution needed in Senate

As the debate wound down, as it became inevitable that President Clinton would become the second U.S. president to be impeached by the House of Representatives, there was much talk of cleansing.

Impeachment, Republicans intoned, was part of a constitutional cleansing process, an extraordinary but essential step to root out corruption.

Now it will be up to the U.S. Senate to bring some reflection and reasonableness to a process that had too little of either in the House. The brinkmanship, by the White House and Republican leaders, must stop. Senators must strive for a bipartisan resolution that the American people now demand and future generations can respect.

— San Francisco Chronicle
San Francisco, Calif.

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Dec. 27, the 361st day of 1998. There are four days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 27, 1968, Apollo VIII and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.

On this date:

In 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a voyage to the Pacific aboard the HMS Beagle. (Darwin's discoveries helped to shape his theories on evolution.)

In 1900, militant prohibitionist Carry A. Nation carried out her first public smashing of a bar, at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kan.

In 1947, the children's television program "Howdy Doody" made its debut on NBC.

In 1985, Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; a total of 20 people were killed, including five of the attackers, who were slain by police and security personnel.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of residents of Lockerbie, Scotland, paid silent tribute to five of the Americans killed in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, as coffins containing victims' remains began the journey home.

Five years ago: U.S. officials said that Strobe Talbott, who had served as the Clinton administration's chief Russia policy architect, would take over the number-two spot at the State Department.

One year ago: Billy Wright, Northern Ireland's most notorious Protestant militant, was shot to death by three members of the Irish National Liberation Army at the Maze Prison outside Belfast.

Jack Anderson

Cyberterrorism has become a palpable threat

WASHINGTON — We interrupt the impeachment proceedings to bring you some news whose impact on our daily lives could be far more serious than the fate of our adulterous president.


Anderson

Those of you who fear that the world as we know it will come to a crashing halt at the turn of the millennium may not have to wait that long. As we speak, thousands of the world's most capable minds are working on ways of bringing the U.S. military — and economy — to a standstill. Cyberterrorism, much talked-about in this space before, is emerging as the single biggest threat to our national security.

In a case of tragically inopportune timing, a report was released on Dec. 15 that should be required reading for anyone wondering what kinds of global threats remain now that Saddam Hussein has once again been bombed into submission. It comes from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, one of those fabled Washington "think tanks" that churn out innumerable Very Important Reports that nobody pays any attention to.

But this one, "Cybercrime... Cyberterrorism... Cyberwarfare: Averting an Electronic Waterloo," is different. It outlines, in starkly graphic terms, the threats America's information economy faces from outside forces intent on doing harm.

"The United States is now exposed to a host of new threats to the economy, indeed to the whole of society," it begins. "It has erected immensely complex information systems on insecure foundations. The ability to network has far outpaced the ability to protect networks. The economy is totally dependent on these systems. America's adversaries recognize this dependency and are developing weapons of mass disruption and destruction."

Indeed, the next great terrorist attack on America is unlikely to come from a religious fanatic parking a truck bomb next to a remote foreign embassy. It's more likely to come from a gifted 20-year-old sitting at a computer thousands of miles away. With the stroke of a keyboard, a skilled hacker can penetrate and disrupt the Pentagon's most sensitive sites.

And foreigners aren't the only ones who've caught on. Inside the super-secret National Security Agency, programmers are working on ways of waging offensive informational warfare. It doesn't get as much attention as other weapons systems, but our military has developed a complex array of cyberweapons designed to cripple everything from computer networks to phone lines and power grids.

The trouble is, at least eight countries currently have cyberwarfare capabilities equal to our own. Nations that couldn't hope to compete with America's conventional military might have found a powerful, convenient shortcut. No longer does a rogue nation — or a developed one, for that matter — have to spend decades, and many billions of dollars, to develop weapons of mass destruction. It can now be done on the cheap, relatively speaking, by acquiring the latest technology and recruiting the brightest minds to exploit it.

More than 100 nations are trying to develop offensive technological warfare capabilities, and at least 23 countries have targeted U.S. systems, according to intelligence sources who spoke with the report's authors.

Here at home, the front lines in the new war are manned not by generals, but by young computer whizzes. "The sandal culture is challenging the wingtips," reads the report. "The National Security Agency's new electronic sheriff, responsible for protecting NSA's ground stations, is a 23-year-old GS-14. In the civilian sector, 'techies' have moved into senior management positions."

Early indications are that the Pentagon is woefully unprepared to repel — or even detect — a cyberterrorist attack. The generals and colonels have finally awoken to the threat but have little notion of how to combat it. Last year, for example, 35 computer specialists pretending to be North Koreans managed to "shut down large segments of America's power grid and silenced the command and control system of the Pacific Command in Honolulu." Even scarier is the fact that the attacks were launched using tools freely available on Internet hacking sites.

Or consider this: The Defense Information Systems Agency recently tested its vulnerability by launching 38,000 attacks against its own systems. "Only 4 percent of the people in charge of targeted systems realized they were under attack, and of these only one in 150 reported the intrusion to superior authority."

Scarcely a year from now, the world will brace itself as we find out if the dreaded Y2K bug wreaks the kind of havoc that many have predicted. The bright side is, we know about the bug and how to fix it.

Far more discomforting is the enemy as yet unseen, typing away on a keyboard, somewhere in cyberspace.

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William Safire

U.S. response to riot outrageous

WASHINGTON — Not since the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran has U.S. territory been so egregiously invaded as last week — and nobody in the distracted Clinton administration seems to care.


Safire

In Damascus, where the Syrian dictator Hafez Assad rigidly controls the populace, tens of thousands massed in protest, ostensibly about our bombing of Iraq. A selected part of the mob — about 1,000 drawn from the ruling Baath Party — was permitted to march at night where demonstrators are never allowed to go: through the upscale al-Rawdha neighborhood, where the U.S. Embassy and the ambassador's residence are located.

Assad's mobsters, chanting "down with America" and bringing large stones for the occasion, shattered windows and breached the outer defenses of the embassy. The U.S. Marine guards fired tear gas vainly as Syrian intruders scaled the walls and tore down the U.S. flag.

Unhindered by Assad's police, the mob then smashed the windows of the residence of U.S. Ambassador Ryan Croker. The dictator's supporters destroyed the ambassador's car, broke into the residence and rampaged through the ground floor smashing everything in sight and terrorizing his wife, Christine, who fled upstairs to take refuge in a locked "safe haven" room that shielded her from flying glass and intruders.

Then the mob withdrew, having expertly carried out its assignment, and stoned the British Embassy on the way home.

"Large demonstrations are rare in the Syrian capital," wrote the AP stringer, "which is under tight security control, and today's marches throughout downtown could not have occurred without government approval."

Here's proof of Assad's complicity: Film crews accompanied the invaders of our territory and Syria's official television proudly showed the rapacious triumph.

What was the response of the U.S. government to this outrage against our diplomats and their families, our territorial sovereignty and our embassy flag?

"Demarche-mallow," as one State Department hand privately mocked our feeble reaction. Croker lodged a formal protest; Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering summoned Syria's representative to listen to a stern lecture; and Syria's foreign minister, pretending the demonstration was spontaneous, offered his regrets.

State's response has been trivial; not even a recall of ambassador or suspension of relations in the face of state-sponsored terrorism. The rest of the Arab world fully understands what signal Assad was sending them: he, and not Saddam Hussein or Yasser Arafat, is the central actor in the region, and is unafraid of twisting the U.S. paper tiger's tail.

Assad's message to the White House is also unmistakable: Pay attention to me.

He despises Arafat and cannot abide the nine days of attention given him at Wye, plus the presidential visit to Gaza. He hates Saddam, too, and the new prestige conferred on him by Clinton's pinprick-plus air strikes. Because he considers himself snubbed and his Golan Heights claim marginalized, Assad escalates Hezbollah attacks on Israelis in Syrian-occupied Lebanon and trashes the U.S. Embassy in Damascus.

Reached in Raleigh, N.C., an indignant Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms said: "This is where Clinton has brought us. There's no respect for this country anymore. But the Senate won't sit on its hands about this." He plans hearings on the Damascus break-ins, perhaps in conjunction with Armed Services, when Congress convenes.

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George Will

Senate may not deliver impartial Clinton verdict

WASHINGTON — Many cynics are really sentimentalists wallowing in their disappointments. Washington fancies itself hard-bitten but actually is easily unnerved, and as the impeachment spotlight shifts to the Senate, the city is reassuring itself by bathing the Senate in sentimentality. World's Greatest Deliberative Body, as the Senate fancies itself, will, say people who evidently have slept through the 20th century, be an elevating force, "as the Founders intended."


Will

Before examining that peculiar expectation, consider a puzzlement. There has recently been an eruption, in unlikely quarters, of reverence for the Founders' intentions.

Many professors, serving as President Clinton's poodles, say the Framers' meaning of the constitutional phrase "high crimes and misdemeanors" is perfectly clear and absolutely binding today. Many of these professors usually say the Constitution is a "living," "organic," "evolving" document that means whatever contemporary construers want it to mean — as, for example, when a right to abortion is suddenly discovered in it.

Now, about the idea that the prescient Founders designed a Senate splendidly suited to devise a Solomonic solution to today's impeachment unpleasantness. The theory, wonderfully contradictory, is:

The Senate will be judicious about impeachment because, being more insulated than the House is from public opinion, the Senate is made for intellectual sobriety and moral independence. And the Senate will demonstrate judiciousness by correcting the House's reckless disregard of public opinion.

This theory about the Senate's inclination toward disinterestedness is slain by a slew of facts, one of which is that the Senate today is a more "popular" body — more controlled by public opinion — than the House. This is so because almost all Senate seats can be closely contested, while about 85 percent of House seats are not, thanks to the natural political homogeneity of many districts and to increasingly sophisticated gerrymandering.

No Senate seat is inherently out of reach of either party. But analyst Charles Cook says that in the 1998 House races, 76 winning candidates were unopposed (that is, they faced no major party opposition) and only 62 of the 435 races were competitive. Cook defines "competitive" broadly, to mean this: Without stretching plausibility too far, you could imagine either major party candidate winning. Even though the Senate re-election rate is rising, and is approaching that of the House, that reflects the role of money and incumbents' advantages in raising it.

Unfortunately, 85 years ago the 17th Amendment produced popular election of senators. And because so many Senate elections are competitive, Senate campaigns, particularly the fund-raising dimensions, are six years long.

Besides, the Founders, being realists, only stipulated the kind of virtues suited to the different branches. They did not say what kind of people the representatives, senators and judges would actually be. Instead, they said what kind of people each body required. Consider, for example, the judicial branch.

Alexander Hamilton considered it the "least dangerous" branch (Federalist 78) because it supposedly is the least responsive to opinion. But it has become the most dangerous, in part because it is the most susceptible to gusts of opinion.

When delivering prompt action to appease public opinion, the Senate can be as nimble as a pony, and as thoughtful. Senate rules are rife with blocking mechanisms, but the polls are speaking to the pols, who for that reason — please, spare us further reflections on Senate's special reflectiveness — may quickly cobble together a censure motion as a way of liquidating the public's impatience about further consideration of Clinton's crimes.

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LETTERS

City should do what we must, tighten belt

Pity our poor beleaguered city officials, who are now faced with finding ways to make up the recent sales tax shortfall, caused by the "cooling of the city's retail boom."

Instead of emulating our Big Brother federal government, perhaps the city fathers (mothers?) should consider cutting expenditures. That's what we ordinary citizens do when we have a shortfall in our expected income. Just tighten the belt and make do.

Is that so difficult to understand? (I think it's in Economics 101.)

Hugh G. White

Thanks to those who helped after accident

Having lived in Midland so many years I have always known its citizens to be special. I was so fortunate to have two such ladies stop during a busy lunch hour at a main intersection on Feb. 2, 1996 when I was hit by another car that ran a red light. Carlotta Ellis pulled out of her lane of traffic and offered to call the families of the other car's driver and myself. She gave her name and address to my husband when he arrived and again offered to help. Dorothy Montuano, who was following me through the intersection, came to me to offer her assistance and also left her name and address. Then these two ladies came to court to again help me on a cold, rainy day last October. I am eternally grateful to these special ladies and to the ladies and gentlemen of the jury who also had to come to court in the rain and spend their time to evaluate the facts. To all, I give many, many thanks.

Norma Haltom

Does writer think Midlanders ignorant?

If the person who wrote last week is the same Bobbye Gilbert who, in December 1994, was published on your Letters page saying that "Rush Limbaugh was broadcast five to six hours a day," I asked, how could anyone except a liberal get five to six hours a day out of a total time of less than three hours per day, Monday through Friday? I received no reply from the writer, which is standard for a misstatement.

I am amazed at how the liberals turn their backs when they know not of what they speak. They just use the catch phrase "that is not the question." When it may be "the question" if it is what you ask.

Hence I am amazed that Bobbye Gilbert really could believe that (as published in the Reporter-Telegram) "...any Midlander with good sense does not want President Clinton impeached."! Is that an assumption that everyone in Midland is ignorant?

I would suspect that the author of the letter might be in bed with Richard Gephardt ... Judy Woodruff ... Leslie Stall ... Maxine Waters — or alone! (I excluded James Carville because, as Mary Matlin would say "take a deep breath and go on your stupid way.")

As I stated in my previous "Limbaugh letter," I am a simple being, so do not sign me Ph.D, just sign me "person."

Max Howard

Be thankful despite tough times in basin

Holiday greetings to my best friend Nate and his Midland neighbors! Seventeen years ago my boyhood best friend moved to Midland to pursue a career in an oil-related field. I have visited Midland five or six times to see my friend over the years. I discovered a community that was founded on the great petroleum wealth that this country has been blessed with there in the Permian Basin! I realize how much you all depend on the oil industry for your livelihoods! I know that times have been tough lately (oil below $10 a barrel) and some are out of work! But let us not forget at this Christmas time to be thankfull for our Savior's birth and his blessings! He would want us to be there for those who are affected the most in this economic down time! From the heart of a Hoosier, I want you to remember that we are all in this together and we wish you all the best for a happy and prosperous new year!

Christmas is a time when we all think of family and friends far and near. We all have that one special best friend that we will never forget. Thanks to your caring and thoughtful editor along with the Internet, I have been given this opportunity to wish you all, along with my special boyhood best friend Nate Helvie, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! From your friends in Ossian, Indiana!

The Dan Stove family

You don't have to be perfect to be moral

While the Dec. 19 was indeed a sad day in our country's history, it was also a day that enraged me.

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt said, and I quote; "We must stop sacrificing imperfect people on the altar of unattainable morality."

It goes without saying that people are imperfect, but to tell people that morality is unattainable is not only wrong, it is the beginning of the end of civilization.

Can you imagine living in a world without morals? I'm sure you can because we are perilously close to that world now.

You don't have to be perfect to be moral. Morality involves the capability of making the distinction between right and wrong. Let's not muddy the water and try to change what we know is right and wrong behavior just to suit our own egos.

Our forefathers would groan in disbelief at some of the things we try to pass off as right when we know in our souls that a thing is wrong. What are we telling our children, future adults who will make decisions for us, when we say, "Don't worry about being moral people, it's unattainable."

Does President Clinton seem like a stable person to you? Is he clear on what is right and wrong behavior? To quote Peggy Noonan, who has had articles in the Wall Street Journal and the Reader's Digest in December, "The question is not 'Do we respect the president?' but, 'Does he respect us?'" That is what morality is all about. Do we as individuals respect other people enough to do the right thing and preserve goodness and esteem humanity, or do we give up on being moral people and, as Gephardt would have us do, pave the way for living in a rude and uncaring "me first" world? President Clinton is a product of the 60s rationale, "If it feels good, do it."

The choice between right and wrong may sometimes be very difficult because we may have to deny self, but it can be done. Good, imperfect people make right choices every day and we all reap the benefits.

Debbie Bruno

Father's influence extends beyond area

I want to express my appreciation for the Dec. 12 article on Fr. James F. Wathen, O.S.J., prior of our small chapel for the Midland—Odessa area. Father's influence extends much farther than our area.

Many families have re-established their roots in our tradition but then moved to other areas where weekly Mass is offered. Father instills a desire to follow our traditions by his books, taped sermons and lectures on both the Old and New Testaments. His challenging, detailed critique of the catechism of the Catholic Church, published by the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, is available on audio tapes.

It should be noted that Pope Saint Pius V (1566-1572), universally regarded as one of our greatest popes, must have had a premonition to have established that the traditional holy Mass be preserved forever in that most precise, unchangeable language — Latin.

Men change, but God is immutable! As should be his most holy Roman Catholic Church!

Wanda H. Skees

Impeachment more historic than Lee win

This Sunday I woke up and picked up the paper. I thought someone had already gotten it, because the Sports page was all I thought I had. I then realized that what I had was indeed the entire paper, the front page proclaiming "Lee State Champs." Then, in much smaller print, I read "House Impeaches Clinton." The impeachment of a president seems to be a much more important issue than a high school football championship. I must admit, I was not too surprised, but I was still disgusted.

Football is more than a mere game in West Texas, it seems to be a religion, or even more accurately, a cult. And apparently the Reporter-Telegram has bought into the cult.

I thought that the incredibly ridiculous emphasis on football might be over when I got out of high school at Lee. Maybe I should have realized that people in our city actually care more about football than, well, anything else, including the impeachment of a president.

The paper went on to proclaim the football game as being "historic." If the history of a high school football team is more important to West Texans than the history of the country's second-ever impeachment, then I'm quite embarrassed to be in West Texas.

The newspaper is supposed to be that, a newspaper. Yes, there is room in the paper for sports, but not the front page, especially when these insignificant sports shadow such an important political event.

I hope the Reporter-Telegram is proud that it prioritizes high school sports over the impeachment of Bill Clinton, because I certainly am not.

Scott Williams

Dollahite should cut ribbon for terminal

As the completion of the new Midland International Airport Terminal Building nears, I would like to recommend to our mayor and City Council that during the grand opening of this building my good friend Tom Dollahite cut the ribbon.

W. J. Mewhorter

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Friends appreciate community support

The board of the Friends of the Library would like to express appreciation to the community for supporting the annual book sale. Proceeds from the October sale will be used by the library to purchase computers, computer furniture, a printer and additional shelving for the Children's Department; additional computers, printers and software for public use and instruction. We would like to thank ABC Movers for transporting books to the sale, Albertson's for the use of the shopping carts, the volunteers who sort books every week and help at the sale, and the people who donate their used books. We are keeping books in circulation. The book drop and book nook are open every Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at 2305 W. Michigan. Come by and see us.

Fran Harrington, president
Friends of the Midland Public Library

Correction

Dr. Maria K. Montemayor's name was misspelled on the Dec. 20 op-ed page. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

HISTORICAL MARKER

Legacy of the Outlaw: 'Black Jack' resigned to being hellbound

Editor's Note: Information for this article came from the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library, newspaper and magazine articles, and the books "Desperadoes of New Mexico" by F. Stanley, "High Plains Yesterdays," by John C. Dawson Sr., and "Black Jack Ketchum, Last of the Hold-up Kings" by Ed Bartholomew.

By Bill Modisett

One of the most notorious outlaws to roam the area of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico at the turn of the century was Tom Ketchum — better known by the nickname "Black Jack."

He was called "the most noted highwayman of the late nineteenth century," who "was forever obsessed with the fear, or the gleeful acknowledgement, that he was headed for the infernal shades below and only fate could change this hellish direction."

Ketchum was, as one writer put it, "a mortal born for hell."

His beginning was humble enough. Ketchum was born in 1866 "on Richland Creek in western San Saba County, Texas" and was the youngest of three sons in the Ketchum family. Although he grew up and cowboyed in the Concho country around San Angelo and Tankersley, Ketchum came to be known around the Midland region and in New Mexico as a train robber.

His train robberies gained him the attention one would expect from the early-day law enforcement community. Eventually he was captured in New Nexico and was hanged in Clayton, N.M. on April 26, 1901.

That's where "Black Jack" Ketchum's other claim to fame occurred. The hanging was carried out by a novice hangman who did not know how to tie a proper hangman's knot.

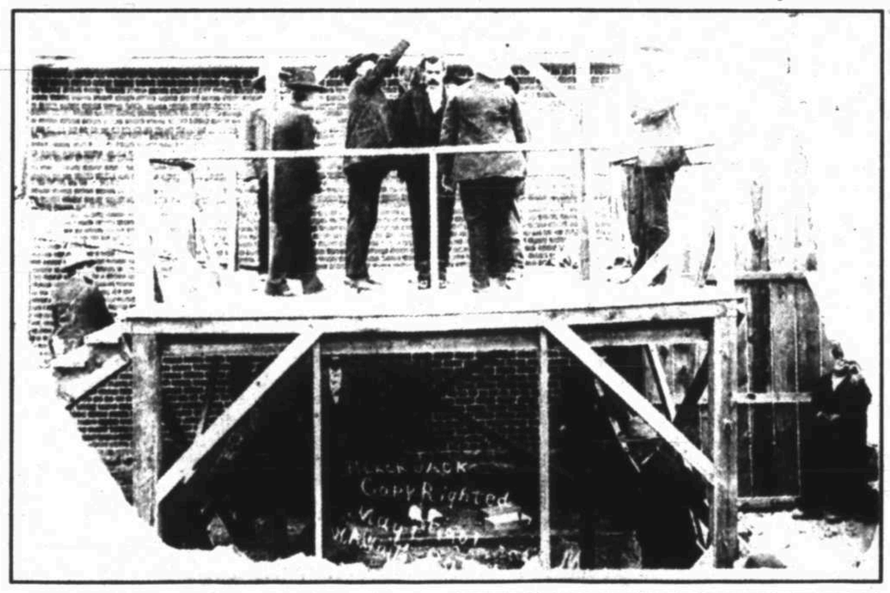
When the trapdoor fell out from under Ketchum, his body plummeted down and when it reached the end of the rope, his head snapped off his body!

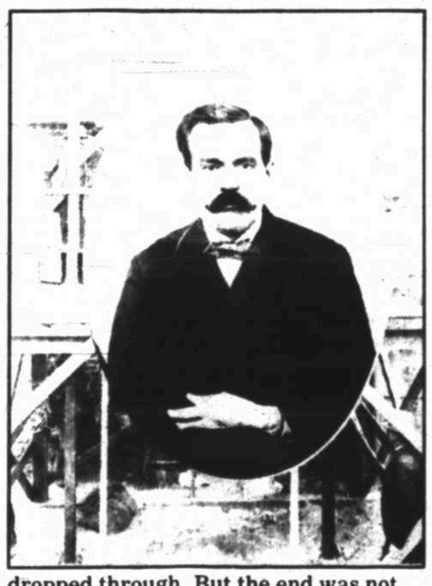
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The grisly hanging drew the interest in the mid-1980s of John C. Dawson of Houston, who had grown up in the Dalhart area, 45 miles from Clayton, N.M.

In an article he wrote for "The Roundup" magazine in October, 1986 Dawson said he had never doubted the story about Ketchum's head snapping off during the hanging because "a number of Dalhart old-timers had told me they had been present and witnessed the event."

Dawson did in-depth research to determine what might have caused Ketchum's head to detach from his body. Some people speculated the length of the fall from the gallows had been miscalculated. Others said Ketchum had grown much heavier in jail while awaiting his date with the hangman. And there were other suggested reasons for the unusual occurrence, but Dawson found no good explanations until he visited a little museum in Cimarron, N.M.





AT RIGHT: Tom "Black Jack" Ketchum was a mustachioed outlaw who became the most noted highwayman of the late 19th century. Born near San Angelo, he robbed trains near Midland and in New Mexico.

ABOVE: Taken shortly before he was hanged, this photograph shows Ketchum dressed in a white shirt and black suit facing forward. Moments after this photograph was taken, the trap door swung out from under Ketchum and he fell to a bloody and gruesome death.

Photos courtesy Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library

"There," he wrote in his article, "the curator showed me two knots that looked exactly alike. But he then showed me that one was tied as it should be for a neat hanging. It would not slip, as a result of which, the knot would cause the neck to snap and be broken. The other, however, permitted the rope to slip. That, he said, had to have been the way (Fructuoso) Garcia had tied the hangman's knot used on Black Jack."

An account of the hanging in "Desperadoes of New Mexico" by F. Stanley, which had been published more than three decades before Dawson's book, noted, "Ketchum's last walk was from his cell to the scaffold. On the platform were the sheriff assisted by Sheriff Clark of Trinidad, Captain Fort of Las Vegas and two deputies ....

"'Are you ready?' asked the sheriff in his customary Spanish-American polite tone."

Black Jack responded calmly by saying, "Ready. Let her go."

The trapdoor fell and Black Jack dropped through. But the end was not what the crowd gathered for the hanging had been expecting.

Stanley detailed the hanging as follows, "Black Jack wore a white shirt, a white bow-tie, a black suit, shoes shined. The rope was placed about his neck and a black hood over his face. His right empty sleeve was pinned to his coat, the left secured to his back by a thin chain. He was the tallest man on the scaffold. The sheriff raised the hatchet, cut the rope that supported the trap. The trap door gave way under the weight of Black Jack's body which fell through with such terrific impact that the head was severed from the body. By one-thirty all was over. In the surrounding buildings a number of deputies put away their rifles. No one came to make a last minute stand for the desperado as predicted. The crowd dispersed. Gibbets that serve their purpose always disperse crowds. Some strike their breasts; others wag their tongues. After all, the one who really got hurt for the crime that hung Black Jack was the desperado himself. He lost an arm. Funny he was never tried for murder.

"The undertaker from Trinidad had come all prepared for a burial but not for sewing a head back on a body. This delayed the burial. Borrowing a large needle and some strong white thread, he worked for two hours. At three thirty a spring wagon drawn by one horse passed up Clayton's main street so that all the citizens could see the plain yellow pine box draped by a black cloth. Several of the more curious followed the casket to the grave. Captain Fort asked the undertaker to open the coffin before lowering it into the earth. Not a tear was shed, not a muffled sound was heard as the pebbles and dirt covered the mortal remains."

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In his youth, Tom Ketchum had lived in the outdoors and learned to be self-reliant. According to Stanley, while growing up on the Edwards Plateau around San Angelo "...Tom rode often with his older brother Sam and learned how to trail and read signs as well as any Indian. He was forever outdoors, which helped build up his huge frame, for he was a tall lad even in a country that grew tall men. The vastness of Texas appealed to him and he was forever entering feats that tested his strength and endurance .... In tracking down strays he came to know the whole Concho country as well as the Edwards Plateau area ...."

Stanley continued, "The whole Ketchum family was agreed that Tom had the brains, which explains why he took over the leadership in running the male members of the household. Berry respected his brother's talent but would have no part of the lawlessness in which this talent was used. Later on Tom and Sam cowboyed for the Tankersley outfit. Expert riders, they practiced for hours the use of Winchesters, Sharps, revolvers and pistols as they were definitely decided on easy money from the start."

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The thought of easy money drove Tom Ketchum to prepare for a life of crime.

Stanley wrote, "Besides the range Tom came to know the schedule of the Southern Pacific. He studied every spot where the trains would have to slow up because of climbs, gradings, slopes waterings, sidings and the like. One day he entered San Saba and sat down to a card game. Before long he accused a player of cheating. A fight ensued. For the first time in his life Tom felt how uncomfortable a frontier jail could be."

Tom Ketchum learned from the experience, but not what he should have learned. In fact, Stanley wrote that in 1892 when he was jailed a second time for disturbing the peace, Ketchum "went all-out as a desperado. His first train robbery was at Stein's Pass."

From then on until his capture, Black Jack Ketchum alternated between train robberies and time spent working on ranches. Although the Ketchum gang was wanted in Texas and the territory of New Mexico, Stanley observed that "not one of the cowboys they worked with suspected them as desperadoes. They had a suave, polished manner and were gentlemen at all times except of course when engaged in harmless pranks that produced hearty laughs from the rest of the boys who liked jokes as well as the next."

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In July of 1898, Black Jack and his gang robbed a westbound Texas & Pacific train hauling a load of watermelons and chickens to Midland for a Fourth of July celebration.

Before leaving with their loot, the gang made the train crew eat watermelons with them!

But Black Jack's festive days were rapidly coming to an end. He had killed some men and became wanted.

In his book "High Plains Yesterdays," Dawson stated that the Ketchums became associated with "Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch when on the dodge in Alma, New Mexico, in July 1899. The train robbery which resulted in Sam Ketchum's death, followed. Tom (Black Jack) did not participate, and the solo effort in August that year ended his career, is the only one in which the book says he participated."

When Black Jack pulled the solo train robbery near Folsom, N.M., he was shot in the arm with a shotgun blast. Later he was found along the tracks, suffering from a serious loss of blood. His badly damaged arm was amputated by a doctor.

Ketchum watched as the doctor cut his arm off, telling the physician he didn't want anything to deaden the pain because "I want to see what's going on — or what's coming off."

Stanley wrote, "So he watched the skillful surgeon at work. He never flinched or moved. At last the arm was off."

Ketchum was born for hell.

Stanley noted that "Tom Ketchum believed there were two kinds of people in the world: good and bad — no middle ground. This is attributed to two worlds in the after life. He was convinced that hell was created for the bad. His way of thinking led him to believe that a man was born bad, lived that way and continued that way after death ....

"Ketchum lived dangerously because he believed he was born for hell. Whether he was right or wrong is not for us to moralize in this type of work; it will make a nice treatise for a theologian."

Hurry, hurry, hurry! Step right up to the frantic 20th century!

Editor's Note: This is the first story in an occasional series to run through the next 12 months, examining the 20th century.

By Ted Anthony
Associated Press

ON INTERSTATE 80 IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY — In a realm where few want to slow down, he stops. As other cars barrel toward New York City, he calmly backs his into the foliage that separates the two coursing forks of I-80. He has come to watch people hurry.

THE XX CENTURY

New Jersey State Police Trooper John Salamone knows fast, resents fast, tries to prevent fast. Just west of the most frenetic town of all, on one of the busiest stretches of one of the busiest roads, he polices a rush-hour parade.

He switches on his radar, and as trucks, cars, sport-utility vehicles pass the 55-mph sign, the LED readout clocks each. 66. 69. 73. 77. Hurtling toward Hackensack. 67. 71. 76. Pushing toward Parsippany. 80. 69. 74. 86. Flying toward Fort Lee. Drivers cutting off drivers, tailgating, passing on the shoulder.

Each with a foot on the gas and a century of hurry in the rearview mirror.

"That really frightens me, when you see how oblivious people are," Salamone laments. A Lexus whooshes by. "This overwhelming desire to get from A to B, it's madness,"

A hundred-year madness. The 20th century: It started with horses and hours. It ends with Maseratis and microseconds, with cars speeding across highways, airplanes streaking across skies, microprocessors burning across desktops and magnificent metal birds called Discovery and Endeavour and Columbia circling the earth. This century's mad dash of innovation has produced all of these things — and the most frantic human era ever.

We phone. We fax. We page. We e-mail. We stuff day planners. We race from one end of life to the other, rarely glancing over our shoulders. Technology, mass media and a desire to do more, do it better and do it yesterday have turned us into a world of hurriers.

"Don't look back," the baseball pitcher Satchel Paige once said. "Something might be gaining on you."

In these jumbled days, something probably is.

STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES? No more. Instead, better wake up and smell the coffee. What an exhilarating, exhausting world we've created in our haste to create a world we can manage.

A world of seven-day diets and 24-hour news channels and one-hour photo processing and 30-minute pizza delivery and 10-minute facials and two-minute warnings and Minute Rice.

Fast food. Fast computers. Fast cars in fast lanes. (Or, if you prefer, rapid transit.) And Nestle Quik and Quik Marts and quick-cut commercials. A superhero faster than a speeding bullet and a bullet train faster than a speeding car. VCRs with five fast-forward settings. Sound bites and the rat race and instant coffee and microwave popcorn and radio stations that make a breathless promise: "You give us 22 minutes, we'll give you the world."

And now a brief pause — but only for station identification.

Get rich quick. Get fast-tracked. Get your 15 minutes of fame. Live fast, die young, leave a good-looking corpse. Run on empty. Just do it.

"Most people are trying to figure out what it is that they need to do. Before they even get up in the morning, they feel like the day's half over," says Joan DesCombes, a Florida interior designer who helps busy people streamline their homes.

About this time a century ago, America was still a rural nation.

Meals could take entire afternoons to prepare; trips into town ate up whole days. Those with telephones made calls by turning a crank and dialing "central" to connect them.

Yet people were already open-mouthed at life's fast pace. A man named Simon Newcombe looked back at the 19th century and observed: "A beggar today riding in a boxcar can travel faster than a king could 100 years ago."

Then, everything accelerated. The innovations in transportation alone boggle the mind:

- **1903**: the first speed limit (England, 20 mph).
- **1908**: the Ford Model T, top speed 45 mph (speeded-up assembly-line manufacturing began in 1913).
- **1911**: the world's earliest airmail delivery (in India).
- **1933**: the Boeing 247 (600 miles in four hours).
- **1947**: Test pilot Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier (700 mph).
- **1969**: Apollo 10's three astronauts become the fastest humans ever (24,791 mph).

And consider this standard of speed: a North Atlantic crossing. By sea, the leisurely old-fashioned method, the liner SS United States set the record in 1952 with a trip of 3 days, 10 hours, 40 minutes.

By air, Charles Lindbergh took 33 1/2 hours in 1927. In 1976, the supersonic plane Concorde cut that to three hours (1,453 mph).

Quick transit begetting quick access begetting quicker, busier, more compressed lives.

"No century has been like this. And we're only speeding up," says David Grubin, producer of the recent PBS documentary "America 1900." To him, fast often means progress: "We're always complaining about the pace of life, but prosperity and speed go together."

What caused it all? Was it the Industrial Revolution, which automated tasks, created a vast off-the-farm labor force and infused the twin dreams of Bigger and Better into American life? Was it the urbanization that brought heartland job-seekers and northward-migrating blacks and foreign immigrants pouring into spaces too small for them, racing to build the national industrial behemoth and catch the American dream?

Was it the technology? The radio and the telephone, which transmitted the human voice instantaneously? The movie, which condensed life into a fast-moving tale? Or the microchip, whose speed, according to Moore's Law, doubles every 18 months and makes us view gadget efficiency as a birthright?

It was all of the above — vast forces working together, condensing life, collapsing events into one big glob of Franklin Planner complexity.

"My dad was born in 1897. And he moved from a farm in the Central Valley of California to Los Angeles in a covered wagon. And then he sat there in his living room and watched guys walk on the moon. I don't know how his mind held both of those events," says Carroll Pursell, a technology historian and author of "White Heat," a book that examined the cultural impact of technology.

"We're witnessing the annihilation of time and space," Pursell says. "Who knows what it means?"

MILESTONES FROM A HURRIED CENTURY (pared down, of course, to keep this quick):

- In 1922, Reader's Digest was founded to give busy people the "nub" of articles they wouldn't otherwise have time to read.
- The "Twentieth Century Limited," a luxury train said to "make New York a suburb of Chicago," covered the 961 miles between the two cities in just 16 hours. It shut down, outdated by airliners, on Dec. 2, 1967.
- During the 1980s, when disc jockeys played "oldies," they meant songs from the 1950s. Today, "oldies" can be from 1990. Will we lap ourselves?
- In 1968, in an allegorical episode of the original "Star Trek," Captain Kirk encounters a species whose existence is far faster-paced than humans'. But there is a price. "At this level, they are easily damaged," Kirk says, "as if accelerated living burns them out."
- In Japan, the modern era has coined two new words: "karoshi" and "karojisatsu" — death from overwork and suicide from overwork.
- And right now, labs in New Mexico, California and New York are competing to build the fastest computer ever — one that performs more than 1 trillion calculations per second. That's equivalent to every person on Earth doing 200 sums on a pocket calculator.

All in that same second.

A YEAR AFTER IT BEGAN OVERNIGHT DELIVERIES in 1973, Federal Express was handling 4,000 of them on an average day. In 1998, the company delivers 3 million packages across the globe, dispatching them in a post-postal way that would have made Benjamin Franklin's head spin. But even overnight has its shortcomings.

"Sometimes the next morning by 10:30 isn't fast enough," says Jim Lyski, the company's vice president of marketing. So three years ago, the company introduced "First Overnight" — delivery by 8:30 a.m. But...

"Sometimes early morning delivery isn't fast enough," says Lyski. So same-day delivery was born. And yet...

"Sometimes six days a week isn't enough," says Lyski. So last year came the next step: Sunday delivery.

Federal Express, by the way, has been painting its trucks with its new name: FedEx. Those extra syllables, it seems, took too long to say.

People do recognize this kind of hurry in their lives. They talk of fixing it, but they don't have the time. A survey conducted for Hilton hotels found 71 percent of Americans think time is moving too quickly, but only half of them would slow down if they could. And even fewer — 43 percent — don't think thinning their packed schedules would make them happier.

Even the fastest man around — DC Comics' "The Flash" — is having trouble keeping up. When he was conceived in the 1940s, The Flash could race at four, maybe five times the speed of sound. Today, he can almost catch light. But even that's not enough.

"The world's overtaking him," says Mark Waid, who writes the stories that are made into "Flash" comic books. "It becomes increasingly harder to come up with real-world superspeed stunts for this character to do. I recently had him try to outrace a modem signal from computer to computer."

Can we slow down? Is it still possible?

Well, there's always baseball — the patient pastime and official evoker of Elysian-field relaxation. But has it, too, been supplanted by the video-age spectacles of pro basketball and pro hockey?

After watching one game of the 1997 World Series, a decidedly impatient Commissioner Bud Selig was heard to say, "The 'Unfinished Symphony' had a better chance of finishing before that game last night."

HELLO. THIS IS YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE SPEAKING. Why not consider letting that tension ebb out of you for a while? How about a nice, deep, oil-saturated back rub. Or perhaps aromatherapy. Some nice scented candles, plush pillows, a nice down comforter. How does that sound?

Or how about a slow walk through the Pennsylvania woods? A gentle snow falling on the crisp leaves of late autumn. Squirrels meandering up old oaks. Slow, deep breaths of clear air. Stroll, maybe, with the Rev. Geoff Kohler of Marketplace Community Church in suburban Philadelphia, who has started to preach about the virtues of slow.

"I went for a walk the other day, and I made myself walk slow," he'll tell you. "I walked three miles in 2 1/2 hours. ... I was completely relaxed and refreshed. I came back feeling so good."

But his is a family of athletes, he said, and their response was different: "They told me that my body missed all the benefits by not going fast."

Keep walking — forward, just a little more now. What's that in the distance? A fence?

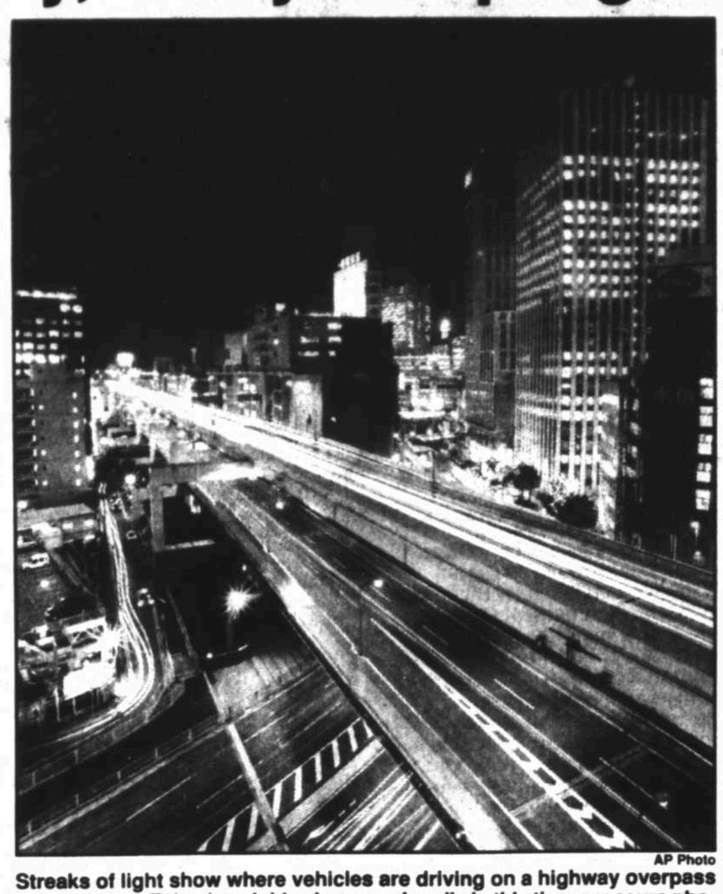
And just beyond it? An interstate?

Cars moving faster than any human did in 1900. Eighteen-wheelers roaring along. Caffeinated drivers push, push, pushing from Point A to Point B as their counterparts across the median whiz from B right back to A.

So much for getting away from it all.

We're busy beings, we 20th century humans. Places to go, people to meet, planners to fill, files to download, shows to tape, bills to pay, planes to catch, frozen dinners to nuke, Web sites to surf, kids to pick up, stress to manage, thromboses to have, speeding tickets to pay. Gotta move on.

Twentieth century's about over, folks. Hurry along, now. Nothing more to see here.



AP Photo

Streaks of light show where vehicles are driving on a highway overpass in Yokohama, Tokyo's neighboring magalopolis in this time exposure photo. The 20th century started with horses and hours. It ends with Maseratis and microseconds, with cars speeding across highways, airplanes streaking across skies and microprocessors burning across desktops.

MY CHILD DIED—WILL I EVER GET BETTER?

Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people

Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C., SWA

If this devastating event has occurred in your life your grief at first will resolve around the past, the memories you shared with your child. But grief over the future—the loss of dreams—can make mourning the death of a child extend indefinitely. There are so many milestones that parents look forward to in the lives of their children. The first word, the first step, the first day of school. High school and college graduation nights. Marriage. Grandchildren. Having an adult child to be a special friend in your old age. The absence of these events may tend to trigger fresh grief throughout your life.

You don't ever "get over it." But in struggling with the sadness you become stronger and, eventually, better equipped to carry it. Along the way you also become able to carry the other burdens—and enjoy the joys—of life gracefully again. Yes, you will get better. But if you live to be 100, the face of your child will never be far from your mind. And that is a bittersweet fact of life that you wouldn't want to change even if you could.

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Deck the malls with gifts unwanted

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

On Saturday morning, shoppers headed out to the stores with gifts in one hand and receipts in the other to wrap up the holiday shopping experience by returning gifts and looking for the big sales.

Karen Webster said she enjoys hunting through the stores for all good deals.

"I'm a day-after-Christmas shopper," Ms. Webster said. "There are sales on clothes, Christmas items and ornaments — stuff I can use next year."

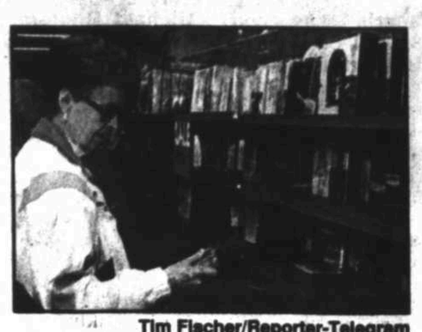
Brandy Couch said the sales are a good enough reason to get up before the sun.

"I was here (Target) at 7 a.m.," Ms. Couch said. "This is my big shopping day, 'cause everything is half off."

For Gigi Gutierrez, Saturday was a normal shopping day. She likes to get her returns done and her shopping out of the way.

"I always try to get my exchanges done the first day after Christmas," Ms. Gutierrez. "As long as I am here (Target), I'll take advantage of the sales.

For some shoppers, this was the first year they ever ventured into a store after a holiday. Patty Fiske said that the only reason she was out was because she needed some items.





Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Wilda Ratliff, above, looks over Christmas cards at the Hallmark store at Midland Park Mall. Ms. Ratliff said she usually looks for sales on the day after Christmas. At right: Brandy Couch, left, takes advantage of the day-after-Christmas sales at Target.

"This is not a usual shopping day for me," Ms. Fiske said. "Most of the time I have my shopping done before Christmas. This year, I was low on wrapping paper and I had a few items to returned so decided to come out to the mall and see what they have."

Others just wanted to turn their gifts into something more to their liking.

Steven McKleer said he was just looking to do a quick trade-in on his gift.

"I came to the mall to return this shirt. I didn't really like it," McKleer said. "I'm just going to return it — get my money back and see if there is anything else I like."

Sherry Whittle, manager of Sears, said crowds are about what they expected for the day after Christmas.

"This morning has been very brisk," Ms. Whittle said. "We have seen Christmas stuff, toys and cold-weather items fly out the door. We have not had very many returns this morning, which is

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BASIN BRIEFING

Tree pick-up

Lee Rebel Band members will be raising funds by picking up live Christmas trees for disposal. The band is charging $5 to pick up trees from residence curbs. For more information or to arrange pick-up, call 694-8362.

Herpetology

SAN ANGELO — The West Texas Herpetological Society is to meet 2-4 p.m. Jan. 10 at San Angelo Nature Center, 7409 Knickerbbocker Road. Guest speakers are to be Sgt. J.D. Gould, game warden with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Wall teacher Jeff Wright. Gould is to discuss new laws that effect hunting, collection, possession and sale of non-game species. Wright is to discuss raising hissing cockroaches as food for reptiles and amphibians. For more information call 915-942-8925 or 942-0121; or visit club's Web site at www.kingsnake.com/wths.

Staff openings

BIG SPRING — The U.S. Census Bureau has openings for field staff positions in the Big Spring area. The job consists of walking through neighborhoods and updating accuracy of maps and address lists. Applicants must pass a written exam, which is to be administered 2 p.m. Sundays beginning today through Jan. 31 at 1607 E. Third St. For more information call 756-4545; 888-325-7733.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

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.

Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street. 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 7 p.m., 1904 Rankin Highway.

(lic.: 1-51-0171588-4).

Alpha/Omega Group, 11 a.m. 311 S. Pecos St.

Study group, "A Search for God," 6:30 p.m, 689-9331.

Sex Addicts Anonymous—Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

MONDAY'S AGENDA

Texaco Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Texaco Heritage Center, 688-2932.

Clogging, basic & intermediate levels, 7 p.m., 2800 W. City Rd. 130.

Midland Area AIDS Support, for family & friends of people with AIDS, 7 p.m., 684-6161 or 684-7821.

West Texas Singles dance class, 7:30 p.m., 550-6960.

Midland Rape Crisis support for incest survivors. For group information call 682-7273.

Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., MARC clubhouse, 699-5441.

Rebekah Lodge No. 91, 8 p.m., 610 E. Florida St.

Wall Street Toastmasters Club, 5:30 p.m., Midland Co. Library, 697-2084.

Barbershop Singing Society, Permian Basin Chapter of SPEBSQSA, Our Savior's Lutheran, 7 p.m., 685-1831

Singles Bible Study, Interdenominational, Timothy Bldg, 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., 7 p.m.

Clara Mills Chapter, 7:30 p.m., Spraberry Lodge Hall.

Permian Basin Genealogical Society, 8 p.m., Ector County Library, 622 N. Lee St., Odessa.

Norman Read Assembly No. 299, Order of Rainbow, 7 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Knights of Columbus No. 3071, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave..

Military Family Support Group, 7:30 p.m., 2306 Elizabeth, 684-6161.

Civil Air Patrol, adults and cadets, 7 p.m., CAP building at Midland Air Park, 685-3384 or 694-2035.

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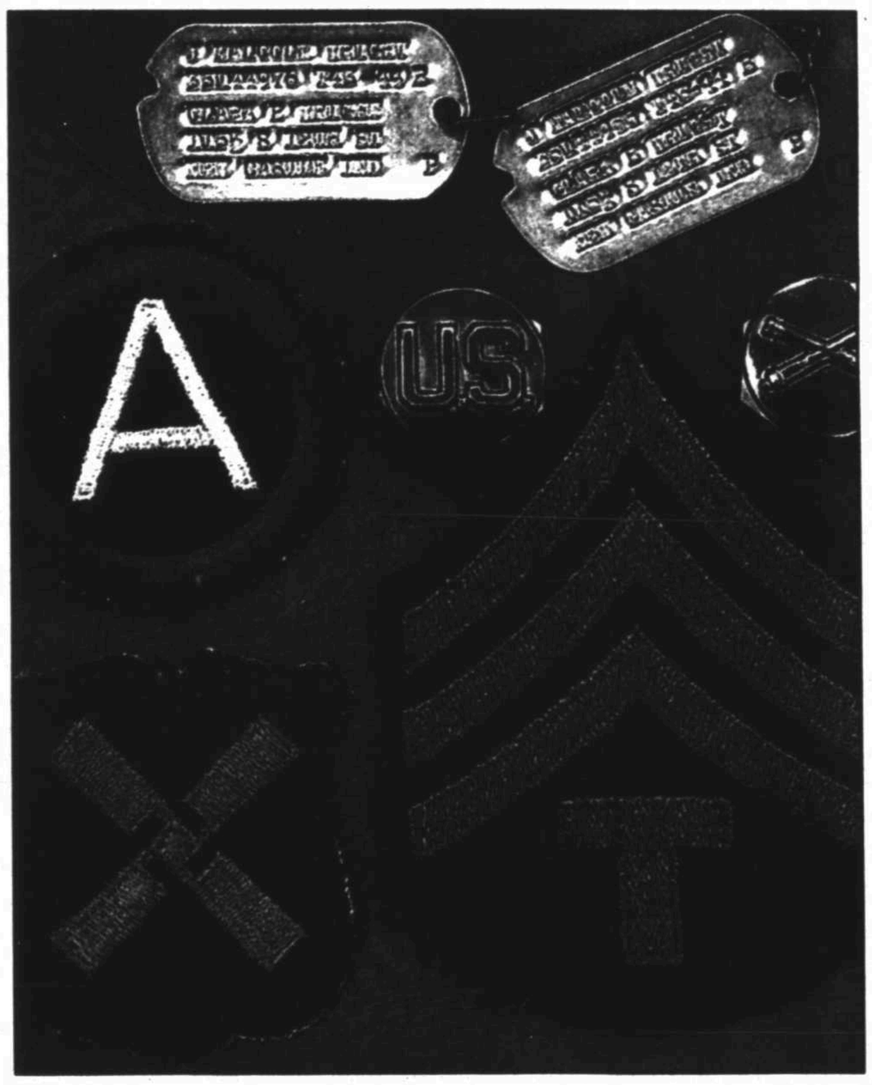


Following in his father's footsteps...

Midland man traces trail in Europe his father blazed as soldier in World War II



Story by Ed Todd Photos by Brian Adamcik



It was a series of miracles more than coincidences that wedded an American family to a French family, transformed ventures into Europe into spiritual experiences and again bridged the American Revolutionary War to World War II.

The adventure simply began as a student-exchange program in which Trinity School French teacher Richard Catania arranged for his students to visit France in 1992.

The group included Cathleen Wright, the then-13-year-old daughter of Max and Rosemary Wright of Midland. She stayed on the Bernard Redouin family farm outside Vendome in the Loir Valley in the Chateau region about 100 miles southwest of Paris. While there she developed a friendship with Emeline Redouin, the then-teenage daughter of the Redouin family.

The next year, Emeline visited Cathleen in Midland. And in 1994, the Redouins invited the Wrights to France.

"The truth was, I never had any great desire to go to Europe," Wright said. "'I can't take the time, and we don't have the money,' " he had reasoned, since he had just started his own practice after leaving a law firm.

But they went anyway, stayed with the Redouin family, and traveled in the Chateau region.

"The French are proud of being French," Wright, 50, said. "And what's wrong with that? We are proud of being Americans."

Wright's father, the late Malcolm Wright, was a World War II veteran who had served in the field artillery in France. He was in the Third Army commanded by U.S. Army Gen. George S. Patton.

"Dad never talked a lot about the war," Wright said. "But he talked about how beautiful France was and how graciously they (American soldiers) had been received" by the French people in 1944.

His father, who had lived in Lovington, N.M., died at age 72 in 1984. He died at about the time when he and his wife, Clara Belle, had planned a trip to France for their 50th wedding anniversary. "He always wanted to go back," Wright said.

One day in 1994 when Wright was walking in one of Bernard Redouin's wind-blown fields, "I looked around me, and I had this sense of presence," he said.

"I wondered if this was the country my dad was talking about. Sunflower fields were in bloom as far as the eye could see. We had a wonderful time. The Redouins were wonderful people."

Later that year, Wright found his father's war mementos, including campaign ribbons and battle stars for the Normandy invasion, the Bat-

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Midlander Max Wright, upper left corner, and his family have visited towns in France where Wright's father, Malcolm, upper right, was stationed during World War II. Wright has military memorabilia, left, that once belonged to his father, who died in 1984.

GARY OTT

Reviving childhood memories helps avert depression

At first, the thought was downright discouraging: spending Christmas Eve alone in a one-bedroom apartment with no decorations, no gifts, no eggnog, no holiday cheer.

But that's what I was facing as I left the office Thursday afternoon.

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Then a plan began to emerge.

I would take matters into my own hands. I would turn this potentially depressing night into a festive celebration, and I would do it all alone.

Yes, it would take some effort, but I was determined. In the end, I knew I could pull it off.

I had to. It was Christmas Eve, my favorite night of the year.

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Christmas Eve, to my way of thinking, doesn't officially arrive until it gets dark outside. Then, and only then, can one of my all-time favorite holiday traditions, dating back to childhood, take place: which is, of course, riding around town and looking at lights.

Appropriately enough, that is how I chose to begin my Christmas Eve alone.

And like in my childhood I did not like waiting for it to get dark outside. Repeatedly, I went to the window and checked. But it was still too light. And no amount of pacing would speed up the process.

Then, shortly after 6:30 p.m., I made my move.

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Two things never change:

No. 1. The sight of a lavishly — yet tastefully — decorated home still takes my breath away.

No. 2. The sight of a gaudily decorated home — complete with tacky cardboard ornaments — still makes me giggle out loud.

I saw plenty of both during my tour. But I was in a festive, and forgiving, mood so I decided everyone who put up exterior lights deserved credit for trying to get into the Christmas spirit.

Some people, I concluded, just don't have taste.

So be it.

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I was back home by 8:15 p.m. The proper mood was getting there, but it was still falling a bit short.

Christmas carols. That's what I needed. So I went to the stereo and located a radio station that was playing back-to-back Christmas songs all night long. New ones, old ones, you name it, this station was playing it.

And I was enjoying them all, but especially the more traditional ones, those classics to which I knew the words ... "Silent Night," "Joy to the World," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and my personal favorite, "Little Drummer Boy."

I didn't sound too good, I'm sure, but I tried. My voice rang out.

After all, it was Christmas Eve.

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By 10 p.m. it was time to move on to other things, like maybe an old Christmas movie. But, again, I emphasize the word "old." Anything produced in the past 25 years simply would not do.

Indeed, a pattern was beginning to emerge. More and more of my thoughts were flashing back to my childhood ... the Christmas lights, the old carols and now the movie, "Miracle on 34th Street."

It was as though I had been thrown back in time. Throughout the movie I smiled and remembered the past. A warm feeling rushed through my body. I thought of people ... my parents, my three sisters, their children, several cousins, an uncle or two.

I wondered what they were doing.

I started to pick up the telephone and call, but for some reason decided not to. It was getting late. Besides, I was more in the mood to reflect than to talk. There would be plenty of time to visit later on.

So I retrieved an old family photo album, the one my mother had given me several years ago. It featured pictures of my early years.

As midnight approached, I turned the pages and I tried to recall each and every photograph. Many were taken at Christmas. In one — I couldn't have been more than 7 years of age — I was all dressed up in a football uniform. In another, I was wearing a holster and pointing a toy gun at the camera.

It was all so long ago.

Yet, on this night it didn't feel that way.

For a few fleeting hours I was a kid ... and it was Christmas Eve.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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OBITUARIES



Linda Buchanan

Linda Cheryl (Wooten) Buchanan passed from this world on December 23, 1998. She was the loving mother of Emily Michelle Buchanan and Sarah Ashley Buchanan. To her husband, Bruce David Buchanan, she gave 21 wonderful years. She was born October 22, 1958. Her parents, A.C. and Mary Wooten, shared the light of this wonderful angel with all who met her. Her brothers, Al and Steve Wooten, also shared in the love of this family.

She knew J.D. and Evelyn Buchanan as not only her in-laws, but her other parents. She comforted Evelyn before her passing on August 6, 1998.

Her many nieces and nephews knew and loved her.

She graduated from Midland High School in 1977 and attended Midland College.

She was room-mother to many lucky elementary children and a giving volunteer.

Her smile and gentle nature will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Our world is dimmer with her passing, but one more star shines bright.

She now has her wings and peace.

For all who wish to celebrate her life, a memorial service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Monday, December 28, at 3 p.m. Visitation with the family will be on December 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Love Ya Babe.



Hanford Morris

Services for Hanford Morris are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church Glass Chapel with the Reverend Molly Krueger officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Morris died at a local hospital Wednesday, December 23, 1998.

Hanford Morris was born August 29, 1918, in Electra, Texas, to George Hanford and Nora (Edwards) Morris. He graduated from Electra High School and later attended the University of Texas at Austin. While attending the university in the late 1930s, he met Louise Benson of Temple and Austin. After a long courtship, they were married October 16, 1941, in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he was employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, seeing action around the western perimeter of the Pacific from New Caledonia to the Aleutian Islands. He continued in the U.S. Naval Reserve on both active and inactive status until 1951.

After his discharge from active military service late in 1945, he returned to the University of Texas at Austin where he received his baccalaureate degree in petroleum engineering in 1947.

He joined the Texas Company, now Texaco Inc., that same year as a petroleum engineer at Drumright, Oklahoma. He continued with Texaco for 31 years, working in the Mid-Continent, Latin American and West Texas areas. After retiring from Texaco in 1978, he worked for several years as a drilling consultant, finally leaving the petroleum industry in 1984.

He was active in the First United Methodist Church, the Midland Southside Lions Club, and various volunteer organizations.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years in January 1998; and a son, Benson, who was killed in an oil-field accident in 1985.

He is survived by three sons, Michael Hanford Morris III of New Haven, Connecticut, Paul E. Morris of Midland, and Dr. G. Stephen Morris of Houston; a sister, Ms. Walter F. Welch of Chattanooga, Tennessee; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be directed to: American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland, Texas 79703, or M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas.

Patsy J. Brice

KINGSLAND — Patsy J. Brice, 65, died Saturday, December 26 at Llano, Texas.

Funeral services will be noon Monday, December 28, 1998, at the First Baptist Church in Kingsland with the Rev. Doug Lindley officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet County. Pallbearers will be Terry Exline, Gabriel Duran, Weldon Boggus, Bill Mitchell, T.R. Snider, and Gary Pharris. Honorary pallbearers will be M.L. Davis, Bill Groves, Bill Alspaugh, Claude Cobb, C. W. Hamilton, and Jim Bickley.

She was born November 5, 1933, in Coleman, Texas. She married Weldon Brice on January 14, 1953, in Gainesville, Texas. She was a real estate broker. She moved from Midland to Kingsland in 1993. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kingsland, Adult 3 Sunday School Class, Bluebonnett Club and Lady Lions.

Survivors include her husband, Weldon Brice of Kingsland; her mother, Mable Sparkman of Kingsland; three daughters, Sherry Lynn Brice of Abilene, Lori Ann Exline and husband, Terry, of Mansfield, and Mary Kay Duran and husband, Gabriel, of Austin; a brother, Ted Hatcher of Kingsland; and three grandchildren, Marshall, Andrea and Laura.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Kingsland, or the American Heart Association.



Sally Hollowell

Sally Aretta Hollowell was born June 26, 1906, in Hico, Texas, to Samuel and Emma (Jolly) Gamble. She was preceded in death by Dr. Howard H. Hollowell. Dr. Hollowell served as minister of numerous Methodist churches in Texas during his ministry. He was pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Midland from 1945 until 1951. Hollowell United Methodist Church of Midland was named in his honor.

Survivors include her daughter, Helen Joyce Bybee and her husband, W. Cecil Bybee of Midland; two granddaughters, Luretta Grimsley and her husband, Greer, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, and Laura Rubinstein and her husband, Mitchell, of Los Angeles, California; two great-granddaughters, Emma Joyce Grimsley of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, and Hannah Rae Rubinstein of Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Hollowell died Thursday, December 24, 1998, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church, Glass Chapel, with the Reverend Molly Krueger officiating. A 3 p.m. graveside service will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to First United Methodist Church of Midland or Hollowell United Methodist Church, also of Midland.

DEATH NOTICES

Charles Stough

Charles Randolph Stough died Dec. 22 in Midland.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with the Revs. Cletus Beights and Richard Edwards officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 22, 1928, in Blooming Grove.

He worked for Lyon Gray Lumber Co. in Corsicana. He bought Andy's Lumber Co. in Midland in 1960. He served on the Lumberman's Association of Texas board from 1976-1980 and 1982-1986, and was on the nominating and executive committees; and on the Board of Appeals for the city of Midland 1972-1975.

Survivors include one son, Charles R. Stough Jr. of Thermopolis, Wyo.; three sisters, Cynthia M. Harwell and Vivian R. Harper, both of Dallas, and Elizabeth M. Emery of Arlington; two brothers, John R. Stough and Leon M. Stough of Corsicana; and one grandson.

Memorials may be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas, 79174; St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Midland; or Hospice of Midland Inc.

Calvin Lockett

Calvin Bosco Lockett, 49, died Monday, Dec. 21, in Galveston.

Services are to be 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Jackie Warren Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Homer Avery officiating. Burial is to follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 9, 1949, in Stanton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elvert and Vennia Lockett.

Survivors include a brother, Roy S. Harris of Midland; one niece and two nephews.

Clarence Young

ANSON — Clarence Young, 85, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, at a local hospital.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at First United Methodist Church in Anson with the Revs. Jo Gay and Loren Gardner officiating. Burial is to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery under the direction of Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home in Anson.

He was born April 26, 1913, in Jones County.

He moved to Midland in 1992. He worked at Bonner Department Store in Anson, Brown's Department Store in Lockney and Hale's Department Store in Floydada. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church and the Lions Club International.

He was preceded in death by his wife, June Young on June 2, 1998; four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include a son, John Young of Midland; and two grandsons.

Inthy Lamb

Midlander Inthy Inez McKay Lamb, 91, died Thursday, Dec. 24.

Services are to be noon Monday, Dec. 28, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Merle McDaniel and Earl Lamb officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 22, 1907 in Tishimingo, Oklahoma Territory.

She moved to southeastern New Mexico in 1942 and Midland in 1973. She was a member of the First Apostolic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jewel S. Lamb in 1975; a daughter, Mary L. L. Cessna in 1976; two brothers, Dewey McKay and Johnny McKay; a sister, Pearl M. Lock; a granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include one sister, Juanita M. Hubbard of San Antonio; 11 children, Arthur D. Lamb of Alexander, Ark., Helen L. Fry of Midwest City, Okla., Katheryn J. Leak and Buddy J. Lamb, both of Midland, Clara M. Sims of Diboll, Kenneth M. Lamb of Ben Wheeler, Olen G. Lamb of Kankakee, Ill., Nancy R. Brown of Granbury, Carolyn Y. Hill of Arcadia, Miss., Donna P. Allison of Garrison, and Judy F. Griffin of Garland; 37 grandchildren; 82 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth Summers

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Former Midlander Elizabeth Harris Summers, 89, of Fayetteville, Ark., died Thursday, Dec. 24, at a Fayetteville care center.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28 at Evergreen Cemetery in Fayetteville under the direction of Moore's Chapel in Fayetteville. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Monday at Butterfield Trail Convocation Room with the Revs. Dr. James D. Johnson and James Ragsdale officiating. Visitation is to 4-5 p.m. today, Dec. 27, at the funeral home.

She was born March 26, 1909 at Newport, Ark.

She had been a secretary for the First Christian Church in Midland. She was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, and Daughters of American Colonists, and First Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Summers of Fayetteville; a son, William H. Summers of Nashua, N.H.; a sister, Fannie Ragsdale of Aurora, Colo.; a grandson; three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Earline Jones

Earline W. Jones, 78, died Friday, Dec. 25, at her Midland home.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Gayle Wilson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home. Visitation is to be 6 to 7 p.m. today, Dec. 27, at the funeral home.

She was born Jan. 23, 1920 in Sterling County.

She moved to Midland in 1934. She was a housewife and had worked for Dowell Chemicals.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bob Welch and Charlie Welch; and two sisters, Jerry Cobble and Anna McIntire.

Survivors include her husband, Fred B. Jones of Midland; a son, Fred B. Jones Jr. of Ozona; three brothers, Buster Welch of Rotan, Darrell Welch of San Antonio and Myrle Welch of Seminole; two stepbrothers, Jay Chambers and Howard Chambers, both of Midland; two sisters, Nann McCoy of Austin and Beth Guy of Cresson; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, 79701.

Emma Knott

EUNICE, N.M. — Midlander Emma Knott, 89, died Friday, Dec. 25, in Midland.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Eunice First United Methodist Church in Eunice, N.M., with the Revs. Tommy Jared and Gilbert Cherryholmes officiating. Burial is to follow at Brunson Memorial Cemetery in Eunice under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home in Eunice. Visitation is to be 2 to 4 p.m. today, Dec. 27 at the funeral home.

She was born April 13, 1909, in Frost.

Before moving to Midland in 1998, she lived in Odessa, Eunice, N.M., and Oil Center. She worked for Whitehead's Grocery. She was a member of Eunice First United Methodist Church and Women's Society of Christian Service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy H. Knott on June 7, 1998; and 12 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Nelta Whitley and Martha Farris, both of Midland; a son, LaRoy Knott of Albuquerque, N.M.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, 79701, or Eunice First United Methodist Church.

Leon Ferguson

McCAMEY — Leon Ferguson, 74, of McCamey died Friday, Dec. 25 at his residence.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Bethel Baptist Church in McCamey. Graveside services are to be 3:30 p.m. at Crane County Cemetery with the Rev. Ted Creech officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home in McCamey.

He was born Aug. 11, 1914 in Dell, Ark.

He was a self-employed mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Taylor Ferguson of McCamey; three daughters, Claudette Tipton of Breckenridge, LeeAnn Davis of Monett, Mo., and Mary Partney of McCamey; three sons, Frank L. Ferguson of Seminole, Rick Ferguson of Rankin and Ben Ferguson of Midland; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Tommy Hamm

TEMPLE — Former Midlander Tommy Hamm, 68, of Temple, died Saturday, Dec. 26, at a Temple hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Sheffield Funeral Home in Temple with the Rev. Mark Bumpus officiating. Burial is to follow at Bellwood Memorial Park in Temple under the direction of Sheffield Funeral Home. Visitation is to be 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at the funeral home.

He was born in Temple.

He moved to Temple eight years ago from Midland, where he had the Firestone dealership. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Troy and Mended Hearts.

Survivors include his wife, Dean Hamm of Temple; a son, Mickey Hamm of Clifton; two daughters, Margie Creech of Midland and Jackie Cox of Denver; a brother, Jackie Hamm of Temple; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Scott and White Memorial Hospital for Heart Disease Research.

Lenora Daniels

Lenora Lee Daniels, 73, of Midland and Odessa, died Saturday, Dec. 26, at her Midland home.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

She was born June 5, 1925, in Clovis, N. M.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie L. Daniels, in 1976.

Survivors include four daughters, Debi Goodman of Midland, Barbara A. Hankins of Sulpher Springs, Ark., Sadie Thompson of Porterville, Calif., and Brenda J. Wade of Odessa; two sons, Danny L. Daniels of Hobbs, N. M., and Johnnie L. Daniels of Conroe; 18 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Dr. James Bozzell

Midlander Dr. James Donald Bozzell, 74, died Saturday, Dec. 26, in Midland.

Funeral services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

James W. Bozzell

James W. Bozzell, 49, of Weatherford died Saturday, Dec. 26, in Midland.

Funeral services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

James Bozzell Jr.

James W. Bozzell Jr., 23, of Fort Worth died Saturday, Dec. 26, in Midland.

Funeral services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

Juan Gonzalez

Juan Gonzalez died Thursday, Dec. 24, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

C.J. Parsons

C. J. Parsons died Friday, Dec. 25 at a local hospital.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Gerald Cox

DE QUEEN, Ark. — Gerald Cox, 60, of DeQueen, Ark., died Saturday, Dec. 26, at a DeQueen hospital.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home in Midland.



DAY AFTER: Stores filled with shoppers

(From 1B)

about what we expected. This afternoon when more people come out we should have more."

Although her store may get busy, Ms. Whittle said they will probably do as well this weekend as they did during the peak of Christmas shopping.

"The two days after Christmas are good days for store sales," Ms. Whittle said. "Even with the returns we should do very well. Today (Saturday) and tomorrow should be as good as the three days before Christmas."

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POLICE REPORTS

Assault

Police are looking for two men in connection with an attempted sexual assault of a woman in northwest Midland.

When a 17-year-old female answered her door at 9 p.m. Friday night, two men forced their way into her house and assaulted her, police said.

The woman told police that one of the men tried to sexually assault her but did not.

Both men fled the scene and the woman called police.

Descriptions of the men was not available; the case is still under investigation, police said.

Aggravated robbery

Police arrested two men in connection with an aggravated robbery Friday night in the 1100 block of North Big Spring Street.

A juvenile told police that he was robbed by two men who had a sharp object, according to reports.

Police found two men in the area with the stolen items, according to reports.

Jimmy Jones Montour, 17 and David Lee Harden, 17, were arrested in connection with the robbery.

Both men were charged with aggravated robbery and Harden was charged with public intoxication; according to reports.

As of Saturday night, both were held at Midland County Detention Center in lieu of $15,000 bonds.

Midland Police Department
Saturday

Theft: A theft was reported at 5010 W. Loop 250. It was reported at 11 p.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 3310 W. Loop 250. It was reported at 9:30 p.m.

Graffiti: Graffiti was reported at 1300 W. Missouri Ave. It was reported at 7 a.m.

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 1707 E. Walnut Ave. It was reported at 2:30 a.m.

Criminal mischief: Eggs were thrown at the door of a house at 1404 N. Midland Drive. No time was available.

Criminal mischief: The windshield was broken out of a vehicle at 2401 Princeton Ave. It was reported at 5:46 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 211 Dewberry Drive. It was reported at 7:15 p.m.

Theft: A 1982 Ford F-150 pick-up was taken at 4500 W. Illinois Ave. It was reported at 4 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 2201 Garden City Highway. It was reported at 10:30 p.m.

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 3207 Ward St. It was reported at 9 a.m.

Criminal mischief: A window was broken out at 2509 Storey Ave. It was reported at midnight.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Saturday

Theft: Friend's Convenience Store on 13220 W. Highway 80 reported $10.47 in gas stolen. It was reported at 9:27 p.m.

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

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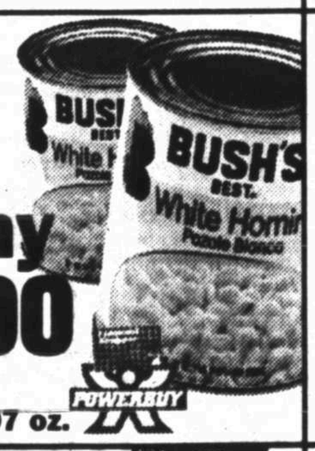
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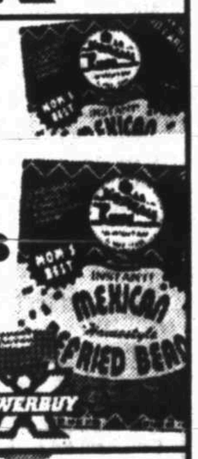


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CHECKING OUT THE LIBRARIES

By Sandra Wegner

Midland County Commissioners Court has appointed Meta Minton, Sharon Yeager, and Suzette Gill to three-year terms on the Library Advisory Board.

The trio joins five other court appointees and the current Friends of the Library president, Fran Harrington, in making up the nine-member board. Other appointees are David Diaz, Shirley Gist, Bruce Leggett, Diana Olien, and Roger Robles.

Leaving the board are Carolyn Gilbert, current board chairman, and Betty Edgar.

The board serves in an advisory capacity to the county librarian and to the Commissioners Court. The board reviews the library budget but has no financial power. The board is asked by the librarian to approve sensitive library policy, such as the recent Internet Use Policy.

The board approves the library materials selection policy and has on at least one recent occasion helped decide the fate of a book that a patron had asked to be removed from the library.

An Advisory Board Committee worked with the Arts Assembly of Midland in getting the Tom Ryan mural on the Library building. The Advisory Board also wrote and brought before the Commissioners Court for approval the current long-range plan for the county libraries.

Ms. Minton is the new editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, Ms. Yeager is a long-time resident of Midland and very active member of VALS, the library volunteer group and Mrs. Gill is an employee of Chevron.

Chevron Production Co., at Mrs. Gill's request, recently provided funds for a new computer table in the Children's Department.

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Centennial Branch Library, located at Midland Park Mall, has a new head librarian. Jo Ann Clark, former assistant librarian, moves up to new responsibilities.

Ms. Clark has worked at the branch since 1986.

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"View From the Bridge at Cave Creek," is the latest addition to the library's permanent art collection.

Helen Pogue painted and donated the oil painting to the library. Mrs. Pogue, who has won numerous awards in area shows, recently had a painting on exhibit at a New York gallery.

Funds to frame Mrs. Pogue's gift are part of an Arts Assembly of Midland grant, which includes funds from the Texas Commission on the Arts, matched by the Friends of the Library.

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The Children's Department is gearing up for a new series of story times on transportation in January and February.

Beginning Jan. 19, there will be sessions 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 3-5 year olds.

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A 22-roll set of National Archives microfilm listing 166,000 graves of Union veterans is the latest major addition to the John and Rosalind Redfern Genealogical Research Center. These are the men who survived the war, who went home to villages and farms, and whose families later applied for government gravestones.

Information on the microfilm includes the veteran's death date, his rank and regiment, and the location of his gravesite. Rank and regiment data is necessary in acquiring service records from the National Archives. Many families did not apply for a government gravestone, but for the descendants of those whose families did, these records can be very useful.

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The main and Centennial branches of the Midland County Public Library will be closed Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King Day.

Both branches will be open Jan. 16.

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Sandra Wegner is director of the Midland County Public Library.

ARMED FORCES NEWS

Veterans of the Second Marine Division are invited to attend events and ceremonies in honor of the division's founding. The anniversary events are set for Jan. 28-29 at Camp Lejeune, N.C., the home of the Second Division.

Anyone who served in or was ever attached to the division since its formation in early 1941 is eligible for membership in the Second Marine Division Association.

To join the association and participate in the anniversary celebration please contact the association's headquarters office: P.O. Box 8180, Camp LeJeune, N.C. 28547, Att: retired Col. C.W. Van Horne, (910) 451-3167.

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Aleutian Island military veterans reunion and luncheon is scheduled for Jan. 20 in Lubbock.

There will be videos by veterans who revisited the Aleutian Islands 50-plus years later.

Send self addressed, stamped envelope to Al King, P.O. Box 130327, Sunrise, Fla. 33313 for registration blank by Jan. 4.

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Navy **Fireman Joseph Stanton**, son of Cliff and Joan Stanton of Midland, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

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Marine **Pfc. Joshua R. Madison**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Madison of Stanton, recently completed the electrical equipment repair course.

Students received training on the operation, maintenance and repair of field power generated equipment.

Madison is a 1997 graduate of Stanton High School.

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Navy **Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Hathaway**, son of Wayne and Vicki Hathaway of Midland, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Hathaway is a 1989 graduate of Midland High School.

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Marine **Pvt. Rodney T. Morgan**, son of Tami and Rodney Morgan of Midland, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Morgan successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

He is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School.

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Nathan Young, a graduate of Midland High School, earned the title "United States Marine" upon graduation of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.



Young

He will continue his training as an infantryman and will serve four years in the Marine Corps.

He is the son of Carl and Diane Young of Dallas.

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Edward Olgin, a graduate of Midland High School, earned the title "United States Marine" upon graduation of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.



Olgin

He will continue his training as a data system specialist and will serve four years in the Marine Corps.

He is the son of Lynda Garza of Midland.

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Navy **Dentalman Mateo Hernandez**, son of Anita and Mateo Hernandez of Midland, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Hernandez is a 1994 graduate of Midland High School.

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Navy **Seaman Apprentice Kenneth P. Russell**, son of Nancy J. Russell of Midland, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Navy **Seaman Kimberly S. Garcia**, daughter of Oscar Garcia of Midland, recently completed U.S. Navy Basic Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Doctors address first serious complications for octuplets

HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors treating the week-old Louis octuplets reported the first notable medical setbacks for the tiny infants Saturday, a respiratory problem for the first-born boy and abdominal surgery for one of the six girls.

Ikem, the first of two sons born to Nkem Chukwu, was receiving 30 percent oxygen after suffering from early-morning breathing problems. Three of his siblings also needed ventilators Saturday night.

Gorom, the last of seven babies delivered by Caesarian section Dec. 20, underwent surgery to repair an intestinal perforation. Dr. Allen Milewicz performed the surgery at Texas Children's Hospital, where all eight infants remain in critical condition.

Another girl, Odera, required 100 percent oxygen in her ventilator Saturday, an increase from 80 percent during the week. Born at just 10.3 ounces, experts have estimated her survival chances to be as low as 20 percent, compared to more than 80 percent for her siblings.

Odera also was on medication to fight infection and to control blood pressure, the hospital said. Dr. Patti Savrick, the octuplets' pediatrician, earlier had described doctors as "guardedly optimistic" about Odera.

"We're quite worried. She's literally on minute-to-minute care," Savrick said.

The fourth octuplet using a ventilator Saturday was Ebuka, a girl born Dec. 8 by natural means. She had been off a ventilator for most of last week, and the hospital did not explain why she needed oxygen again.

The other four — girls Chidi, Echerem and Chima and boy Jioke — were breathing on their own Saturday night and their doctors had reported no complications.

The eight infants remained in critical condition at the Texas Children's neonatal intensive care unit. All weighed less than 2 pounds at birth and are expected to remain in the hospital through at least February.

Ms. Chukwu, 27, is expected to leave adjacent St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital early next week, said Dr. Brian Kirshon, her obstetrician.

Doctors said she was eating well and gaining strength. She walked from her room, down the hall and back again Saturday morning — the first time she's walked successfully since giving birth a week ago.

Chido Nwangwu, a member of the parents' Igbo (EE'-boh) tribe of Nigeria and publisher of the Houston-based newspaper USAfrica and Web site USAfricaonline.com, said he has remained in frequent contact with the family. He said Ms. Chukwu isn't looking forward to being discharged.

"What it will do is it will turn the place into a circus," said Nwangwu, adding that the mother is aware that a "phalanx of cameras" will try to record her leaving the hospital and returning to the family's southwest Houston home.

Ms. Chukwu also isn't anxious to be farther away from her babies, Nwangwu said. Each of the 50 premature infants in Texas Children's neonatal ICU received two Beanie Babies from the hospital as a Christmas present. Ironically, some doctors had compared Odera's size as approximately that of one of the popular stuffed toys.

The toys were "placed strategically in the babies' beds," according to a hospital news release.

More than toys, what Nwangwu said the babies and their parents will need most in the coming months are volunteers to help nurture the infants. Nwangwu put out a call for any women, especially those of Igbo descent, to pitch in if possible.

To help clear up a persistent question about the father's name, Nwangwu explained that though legally it is Iyke Paul Louis, the 42-year-old respiratory therapist prefers to use the surname Udobi in honor of his father.

Brain tumor didn't keep teen from Scouts' highest honor

By Alicia Gooden
Associated Press

FRIENDSWOOD — A year ago, 16-year-old Brian Stone was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor. But although the tumor developed at a rapid rate, Brian has remained active.

Recently, he received his Eagle Scout badge, the Boy Scouts' highest honor.

It's an award bestowed on fewer than 2 percent of the boys who participate in the 88-year-old program.

The Scout Handbook for Boys says the award is a representation of the "all-around perfect Scout." To be nominated for the badge, a Scout must meet seven requirements, including earning a total of 21 badges and carrying out a service project.

Brian mastered the requirements with ease.

He has been a patrol and a senior patrol leader in his troop, and he organized a group of 16 people to travel to M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston to donate more than 300 books and videos for children to check out.

Brian faces cancer with a positive outlook. Family members say that outlook didn't just occur when he became ill.

"He's always been very intuitive," said his mother, Laurie Stone, who often wraps her arms around him. "He's just really a great kid. He never gave us any trouble or rebellion."

Brian's tumor caught the family by surprise.

Things were hectic in the Stone household last spring. The family was in the middle of moving from Virginia to Texas and had a new baby boy.

"There was a lot of stress in the house when Brian first became sick," said his father, Roger. "My company had just been bought. I was being transferred. We were trying to build another home, and we had a new baby."

Brian had never been very ill before or even complained of headaches.

But the Saturday before Mother's Day, Laurie Stone found out that her son was terminally ill.

"Our daughter came to us and said something was wrong with Brian and when we went to check on him we could tell something wasn't right," said his mother. "He couldn't tell us who he was."

So they rushed him to the hospital. While en route, Brian suffered a seizure.

He suffered another on the emergency-room table.

After a magnetic-resonance-imaging scan revealed a tumor, Brian underwent his first brain surgery to try to remove it.

Doctors could find no contributing factors. Brian had had no childhood injuries. He had been exposed to no poisonous chemicals. The tumor had appeared out of nowhere.

"We were shocked, to say the least, and worried," his mother said.

But Brian bounced back.

He had surgery on a Monday and by Friday he was at a friend's swimming party.

"She had just had her wisdom teeth pulled and was still recovering," his mother said. "Brian had brain surgery and was off pain medication."

A month later, another MRI revealed the tumor was four times the size it had been just four weeks before.

"We've found out the tumor doubles in size every 10 to 11 days, left untreated," Brian's father said.

That's why the family now travels to M.D. Anderson at least once a week for treatment.

Though Brian is almost completely paralyzed on his right side and has difficulty speaking or remembering things, his eyes and face say everything his mouth can not.

His family keeps photo albums of different events and people.

He watches the photographs with a boyish grin because his mother is "embarrassing him."

Asked if he gets sad because he cannot do some of the other things 16-year-olds do, he nods.

Still, he's a fighter. He scaled a wall at camp over the summer and up until two months ago kept track of his own medications, all 24 of them.

Even now he reminds his dad that the trash needs to be taken out or tells his mother whether they need new light bulbs.

"But we don't let him get on the chair and change it himself anymore," his mother said, laughing.

Beth Kerrigan, Brian's homebound teacher, said he is an inspiration.

"I've never seen him depressed," she said.

"He's always in good spirits even when he's not feeling very well. I can think of only once when he canceled a session because he was too sick."

Laurie Stone said the family's faith has gotten them through this traumatic time.

"I could give you a day-by-day, step-by-step account of everything that has happened over the course of the past year. I would be lying if I said this hasn't been the hardest thing for me.

"But my faith in the Scriptures and support from our church have really helped us through this."

Roger Stone said he realizes Brian's condition is worsening but is comforted by the fact that life on Earth is temporary.

"We know that family relationships don't end in this life," he said.

"They continue on, and that gives us hope."

5 other Houston babies fight for life

HOUSTON (AP) — As Nkem Chukwu and her husband, Iyke Louis Udobi, spend the holidays both delighted and worried about their newborn octuplets, another Houston couple involved in a multiple birth this year is somber.

Chris Collins gave birth to five live babies Nov. 11 at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, delivered by the same team that greeted seven of the eight Louis octuplets Dec. 20. The first girl was born Dec. 8.

But Mrs. Collins, with her husband Christopher, said they're also mourning the loss of a sixth baby she carried until Oct. 18, a boy who was stillborn.

Though hospital officials referred to the babies as quintuplets, the second set ever born in Houston, the Collinses consider their children sextuplets.

Unlike the octuplet parents, Nigerian natives who already have received offers of gifts and help from around the world, the Collinses have received help from a handful of mostly local sources.

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Some question aquarium's plan to care for manatees

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas World Aquarium wants to rescue two endangered manatees from a small pen in Venezuela and care for them until people in their native country can build them a larger home.

But some animal-rights groups and marine scientists say the animals belong in Venezuela, and have asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reject an import license for the creatures.

The Antillean manatees — close cousins of the Florida manatees that live in that state's coastal waters — would swim the simulated pond of an artificial rain forest in downtown Dallas.

"The purpose of this is to give them a very good home until a proper facility can be built in Venezuela," said Paula Powell, a marine biologist who works at the Dallas World Aquarium, a private, for-profit attraction and restaurant.

Others argue releasing the slow-moving mammals to the wild when they're grown would be easier if they're in Venezuela.

"There is just no scientific justification for this," Dr. Naomi A. Rose, a marine biologist who works for the Humane Society of the United States, told The Dallas Morning News in Saturday's editions.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has yet to say when it will rule on the permit.

MAKING THE GRADE

The Midland Rotary Club named **Stephen Rae Stoltz** and **Garen Hover** as their students of the week.



Stoltz

Stoltz, son of Mike and Barbara Stoltz of Midland, attends Trinity High School.

His activities include Eagle Scout Award, academic letterman, Honor Roll, varsity golf co-captain and varsity letterman.

Stoltz plans to attend college and study golf course design.



Hover

Ms. Hover, daugther of George and Anne Hover of Midland, attends Trinity High School.

Her activities include varsity volleyball, varsity cheerleader, honor council, Latin Scholar, Optimist Club, Trustee Scholar and President's Medal.

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Tiffany Pehl, daugher of Richard and Donna Pehl, will be attending University of Tulsa Graduate School in January.

Ms. Pehl is a 1994 honor graduate of Midland High School, graduated from Texas Tech University in August with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

Her honors at Texas Tech included the President's and Dean's lists, Psi Chi National Honor Society, Order of Omega and Chancellor's Ambassadors.

Jolliffe receives Eagle Scout award

From Staff Reports



Jolliffe

Sam Jolliffe has completed requirements for his Eagle Scout award.

Jolliffe, a junior at Midland High School, constructed gates at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity as his Eagle project.

Jolliffe is the son of Sam and Terry Jolliffe of Midland.

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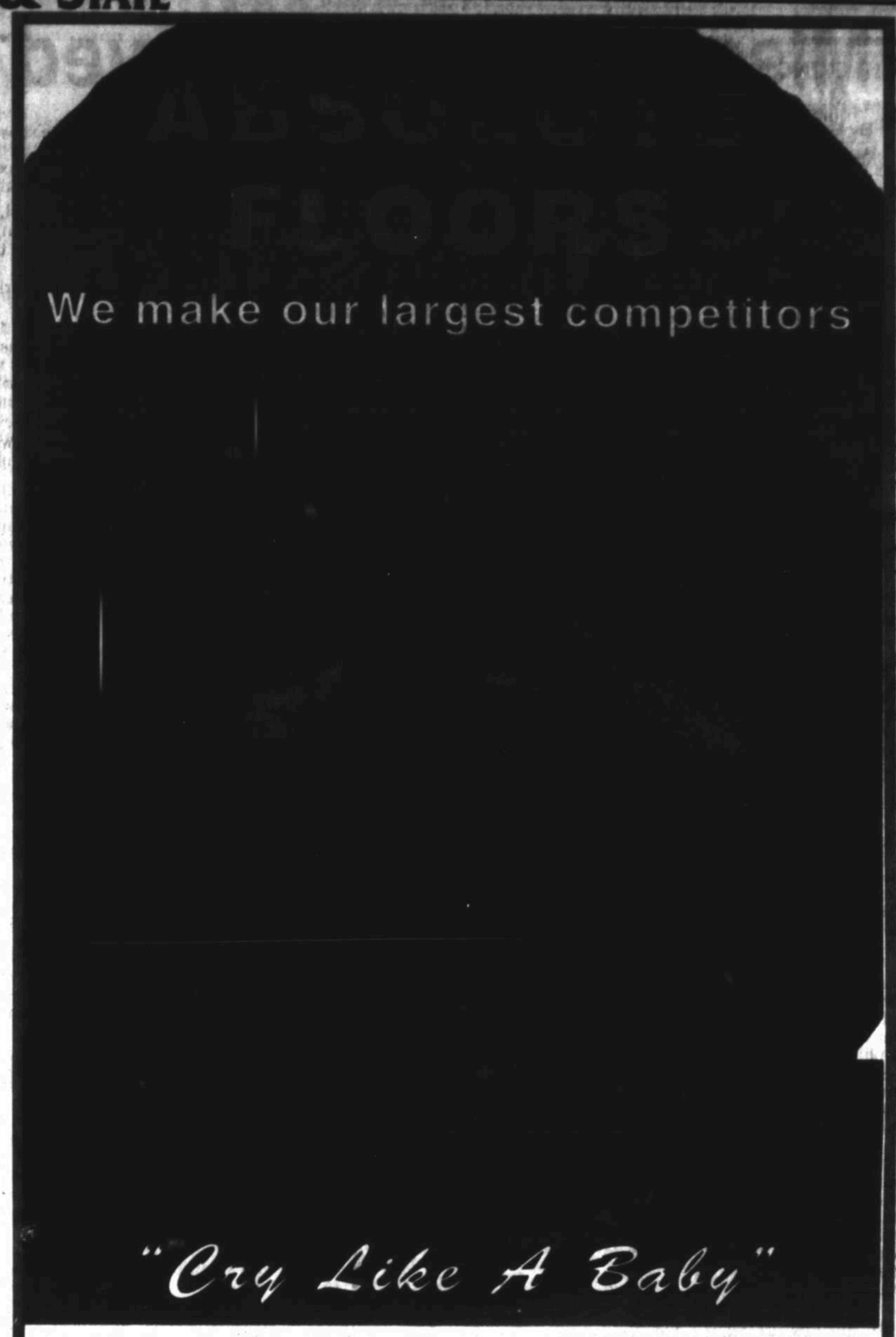
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Missing fugitive played Texas hustler role to hilt

By C. Bryson Hull
Associated Press

DALLAS — Walter Humbert Cushman III considered himself a model citizen of the Lone Star State, and was fond of saying so.

"I have everything a Texan could want: Oil wells and a whorehouse," Cushman frequently bragged to friends and associates.

The whorehouse — under the cover of a tanning salon — was real, authorities say, but the oil wells weren't.

FBI investigators say the 53-year-old Cushman and 15 associates collected at least $16.4 million, mostly through telephone solicitations, to help fund oil wells that either didn't yield a drop or didn't exist.

Cushman's foray into the oil business did land him in a Colorado federal prison in 1993 for fraud, conspiracy and money laundering. But because of a federal judge's error, an appellate court in 1997 ordered a new trial and Cushman was freed.

Federal authorities say Cushman posted $6,000 bond — provided by his 83-year-old pensioner mother in Senatobia, Miss., — in June 1997 and returned to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

On Oct. 6, 1997, Cushman called Gary Jaco, his lawyer in Kansas City, and said he was on his way to Missouri, where he faced potential jail time on a related four-year-old fraud conviction.

"Quite frankly, I thought he'd get credit for time served and go home," Jaco said. "I was surprised he didn't show, since he'd never missed a court date before."

Even his mother, who bankrolled her son's freedom, had no explanation for his 14-month absence.

"I have no information for you," she said.

Cushman's first courtroom absence wasn't his last. He still faced a federal retrial in Fort Worth two weeks later.

With $8,000 of his mother's savings in hand, Cushman vanished.

When he slipped away, Cushman left behind a history of hustles to which any young grifter might aspire.

"He was a pretty bad stinker," said FBI agent Glenn Martin, who worked the federal case against Cushman and his oil business associates.

Cushman's first prison term began in 1983, after he was convicted in Oklahoma of mail and wire fraud for conspiring to sell unlicensed copies of the video game "Pac-Man." That landed him at the federal prison in Big Spring, once home to famed West Texas swindler Billy Sol Estes.

Cushman met convicted drug dealer Rodney Lee Holloman — and opportunity.

While doing minimum-security prison time in the heart of West Texas oil country, the pair took a correspondence course introducing them to the oil and gas business. Holloman and Cushman apparently studied up, because it became their next line of work after their release from prison in 1984.

Authorities say the duo founded several oil companies designed to lure investors into funding the exploration and drilling of nonexistent or nonproducing wells.

FBI agent Allen L. Stidger characterized the setup as a typical oil and gas scam in which "a very insignificant amount of money would go to actually drilling the well."

Holloman and Cushman hired sales representatives to lure elderly people and white-collar investors into putting money in bogus drilling corporations. The representatives, many of whom were later convicted of federal offenses as well, worked for cash commissions.

Some investor money funded an Arlington tanning salon known as Exciting Tans, which offered a sideline in private lingerie shows, Stidger said. Investigators said the business provided more intimate activities, and its principal investor regularly went back to the well.

Exciting Tans also became part of the benefits package Cushman provided employees in his telephone boiler room. "Salesman were rewarded for good performance with an 'Exciting Tan,'" Stidger said.

Exciting Tans also were used to loosen up nervous investors. But the really leery ones would be invited to visit the oil wells with Cushman.

They just weren't always real — or even his. Martin said Cushman once passed off another company's well as one of his own to a group of Canadian investors.

A Massachusetts businessman, who asked that his name not be used, said he visited Texas, met with Holloman and saw an operating well. He even got two dividend checks that cleared, which kept him interested.

He only later learned that his investment in three wells was a scam. He lost tens of thousands of dollars.

"I can't believe how stupid I was," he said.

Cushman's company actually owned and drilled two wells, but neither was meant to strike oil, Martin said. "It was just like a big prop for them. If they struck oil, well, then goody," Martin said.

"In Texas, if you drill and don't find oil, they'll put you in jail," Cushman once said in explaining the facade. "If you don't drill the well, they'll put you under the jail."

Prosecutors contended that the investors' money, which should have gone into Cushman's businesses, was going straight to his bank accounts to fund a lifestyle that included luxury cars and visits to high-end strip clubs.

Cushman's first company, Knightsbridge Petroleum Corp., went bankrupt in 1987 after raking in at least $7 million. As a result, the state of Texas obtained a permanent injunction barring him from selling securities in the state again.

It didn't stop him for long, because Cushman and Holloman founded Great Southwest Energy Corp. in 1989. To get around the injunction, Cushman incorporated the companies in someone else's name and listed himself as a consultant, Stidger said.

Holloman, who is serving an eight-year federal prison sentence in Texarkana, declined to be interviewed about his former partner.

Cushman's high-flying operation, which by 1991 had four offices in the Dallas area, began attracting the ire of bilked investors and the attention of authorities.

The State Securities Board, which issued the permanent injunction against Cushman in 1987, asked the FBI to step in when, as Stidger put it, "they felt they weren't being taken seriously."

But Dallas County and Missouri prosecutors already were working to prosecute Cushman and his associates, based on complaints from victims in their jurisdictions.

The break for investigators came when a falling-out over commissions led two of Cushman's salesmen to begin warning investors to stay away. Cushman's reaction?

Investigators say he offered an enforcer $5,000 and a hotel room to, as Cushman put it, "put a gun to their head and give 'em a good whupping."

Cushman did his hiring from within — he selected a big roughneck who "kind of looked like ZZ Top," Martin said. He wasn't hired to kill the intended victims, just injure them, authorities said.

The hired muscle traveled to Fort Worth in April 1991, but was intercepted by FBI agents tipped off by informants.

By June, Cushman was in jail.

In the two years that followed, Cushman was convicted in Texas on 32 federal fraud, conspiracy and money laundering counts, five federal contempt charges and one state securities fraud charge in Clay County, Mo.

The Missouri conviction came first, but federal agents snatched up Cushman before his sentencing date, and he was convicted in Fort Worth federal court in December 1993.

U.S. District Judge John McBryde, who made recent headlines after his censure for temperamental behavior by a panel of fellow jurists, presided and slapped Cushman with a 25-year sentence.

But Cushman got the last laugh: The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that McBryde should have allowed Cushman's attorneys to cross-examine the government's star witness about his involvement in an unrelated drug case.

McBryde, through a clerk, had no comment about the case.

A few months after the appellate decision, Cushman was free. And then he was gone.

"He decided at the last minute to become a fugitive," Stidger said. "I don't think he did a good job of plotting this."

Stidger said he believes Cushman headed for Houston with the intention of establishing a new identity. He likely rented a room and a mail drop for a month, and established a new identity by mail, Stidger said.

From there, Cushman may have gone to Southern California, Las Vegas or Southern Florida, all areas with a high concentration of fraudulent telemarketing operations, he said.

"Walter Cushman is not the kind of guy who can live under a bridge," Stidger said. "He is working somewhere."

Oklahoma farmers use straw bales for construction

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — It would take a very big, very bad wolf to blow down this straw house.

Actually it's not a house, but a 30- by 40-foot mushroom fruiting facility built partially from straw bales that is under construction at Lost Creek Mushroom Farm southeast of Stillwater.

Although not exactly sweeping the state, straw bale structures are popping up here and there in Oklahoma and are quite popular elsewhere — particularly in the Southwest, according to Robert Freeman, an authority on straw bale construction.

Freeman, whose day job involves being a chemist for Deepwater Chemicals in Woodward, has led workshops around the state on the history, theory and practice of straw bale construction. He founded the Oklahoma Straw Bale Network in 1996, a loose group of 20-30 straw-balers.

Freeman, joining a volunteer work crew of around 15 people, lent his back and brains to the bale barn raising at Doug and Sandra Williams' mushroom farm on a sunny afternoon late last month.

He said he started building things out of straw around 1982 after reading an article about the construction method in Fine Home Building magazine. Growing up in the Panhandle, he watched straw being burned after every year's wheat harvest.

"When I was in college I started doing research into what else could be done with the straw instead of burning it," Freeman said.

The result has been environmentally friendly structures of extreme durability and good looks. Because the straw bales, once in place, are covered with a thick layer of stucco builders can get the look of adobe at a fraction of the cost, Freeman said.

Those who think straw bale architecture is something to sneeze at may be interested to know that the 200-foot-square Interstate Hay Palace in Momence, Ill., erected in 1891 to house the town's 10-day fall festivals, is still standing.

This is according to an article in the publication Building Oklahoma, which says that straw bale construction got its start in the late-1800s in the Sand Hills of Nebraska.

Surrounded by nothing but sand and a few trees, homesteaders in the area who wished to put a roof over their heads turned to the things they had lots of and could stack like blocks.

Besides their durability, straw bale homes and buildings have an exceedingly high R-value (about R-40 for a typical straw bale wall), are simple and relatively cheap to build, have high fire-resistance when stuccoed, are environmentally friendly and do a great job filtering out outdoor noise.

"The thickness of a wall built with straw bales has a psychological sense of security that's really phenomenal," Freeman said. "A straw bale house feels peaceful."

Williams, kneeling every few seconds to place a length of rebar in the jaws of a massive bolt cutter operated by his father-in-law, chatted about the barn going up around him.

"It's a hybrid building really. It's not strictly straw bale," he said, referring to the fact that the barn has a steel roof and corner posts and cinder block door and window frames.

Williams, estimating 288 bales were needed for the walls, used a 2-foot-high "rubble footing" foundation designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. This style footing consists of a 6-inch layer of gravel underneath a double row of concrete blocks, the holes of which are also filled with gravel.

The rebar is used to help hold the bales in place. Corners are secured with heavy wire. Bales, when necessary, are cut to size by with a simple length of wire used like garrote.

Stuccoing methods vary, Williams said. The most primitive method is trowel application, which requires a lathe of some kind, such as six-inch wire netting.

Most use a machine to blow the cement on, although Williams seems to have struck on the best and easiest method: spraying it on.

This is done with a rare, '40s-vintage Gunnite machine, which handily applies the stucco in a fine coating.

"It comes out in a pretty good fan and dryer with much more force," Williams said.

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- $8,000 for the Boys and Girls Club to allow for facility renovations (110 E. New Jersey)
- $50,000 for the Street Paving Program
- $5,000 for the housing Emergency Repairs Program
- $63,154 for the Affordable housing Program

If any or all of the above proposals are approved, the 1998/99 Action Plan to the City's Consolidated Plan must be amended and the amendment must be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The amended plan will be available for public review from January 19, 1999 to February 17, 1999 at the City Secretary's Office, Room 340, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine and the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri. At the conclusion of the 30-day review period and after consideration of any citizen comments, the City will proceed with implementation of the amendments.

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FRANCE: Family visited American cemetery at Normandy

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tle of the Bulge and other engagements, French currency, his technical sergeant's stripes, and a war-time National Geographic Society map on which a red line marked Patton's march from near Vendome, across France, and, eventually, into Belgium for the Battle of the Bulge near Bastogne and into Germany.

In 1995 when Emeline and her brother, Damien, visited the Wrights in Midland, Wright then learned that the siblings' grandfather, Marcel Redouin, was part of the French Resistance and had harbored fugitives in a Vendome farm house to save them from being captured by the Germans.

"I wondered if the two fathers' paths may have crossed at some point there in August 1944," Wright said of the liberation of Vendome.

Returning to Europe in 1996, the Wright family, including Cathleen and her brother, Ryan, by car backtracked the map's hand-drawn red line from Germany to Belgium, Luxembourg, and France to Normandy. They visited American and German cemeteries at Luxembourg and the expansive American cemetery at Normandy.

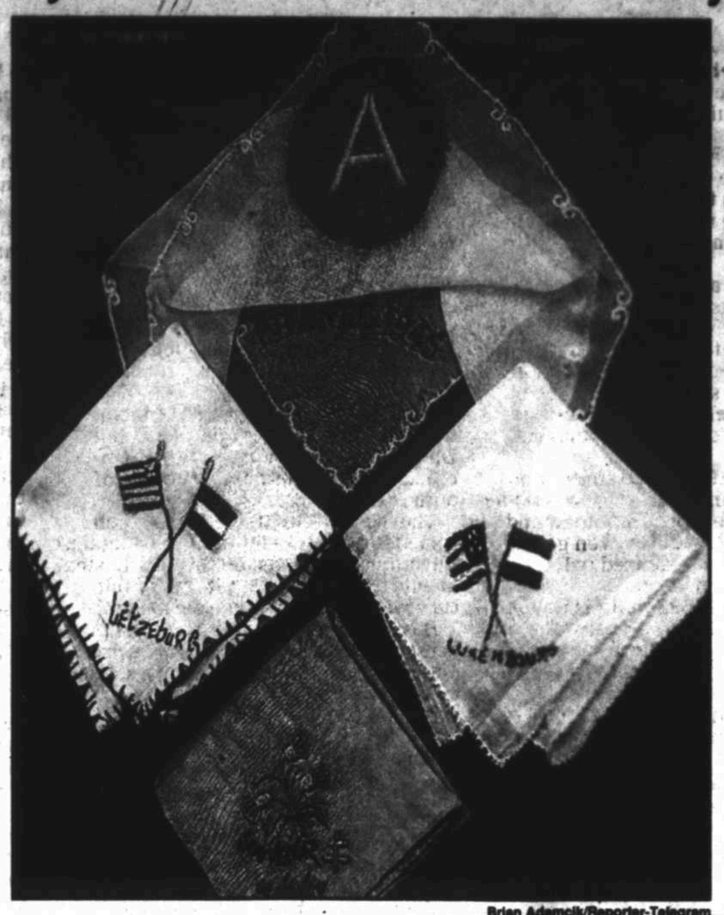
"I don't see how an American could ever walk into that cemetery, particularly in Normandy (where almost 10,000 Americans are buried), and walk out with dry eyes," Wright said. "The cemetery itself sits right on top of Omaha beach and looks down on the bloodiest of the beaches of the D-Day landings."

During the trip, Wright recalled telling his daughter, "'Your granddad fought in that war. I still have a little bit, probably, of anti-German sentiment. And certainly our French friends do not like much of anything German to this day.'"

Cathleen then asked her father, "'What is it going to take'" to end the enmity?.

"'It is probably going to take another generation, your generation, and another generation before the wounds of the war are completely healed as between the nations and the people,'" Wright said. "'Look at our own country: How long has the Civil War been over? In some parts of the country, we are still fighting it.'"

The Wrights returned to Vendome in 1996 and, with the Redouins, visited a restored chapel, Our Lady of Hope, at the village of Rahart near Vendome. Bernard Redouin, a master craftsman, and a friend had restored the old chapel.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Midlander Max Wright and his family have visited towns in France where Wright's father, Malcolm, was stationed during World War II. Wright has military memorabilia that once belonged to his father, who died in 1984.

There at the annual Mass, the Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Hope, the priest told of Wright's father having fought in the Battle of Normandy.

"For the second time, I had this real sense of presence," Wright said. "I wondered if my dad sat in a Third Army chaplain service here or somewhere near here."

His father, who had a background in accounting and was adept in using a mechanical slide rule, was a fire-control director in the 775th Field Artillery of the Third Army's XII Corps.

In August 1997, the mayor of Rahart, Jean Renvoize, wrote to the Wrights and hoped for their return to France. Wright had written to the chapel's congregation thanking the village for its hospitality and donated a gift to the chapel.

In expressing the village's "fondness of the heart," the mayor said that a 1998 Mass would be dedicated to the memory of Malcolm Wright "who contributed to the liberation of France at the peril of his life."

Speaking in French at the 1998 ceremony, Wright told his French friends that "There are gifts that bring tears to the eyes and humbleness to the heart; this is such a gift.

"My father, Malcolm Wright, was an American soldier who did his job to the best of his ability, just like thousands of others, both French and American. He believed in liberty, and his involvement in World War II was his contribution to that long history of two great countries fighting together to preserve liberty for all men."

Out of the Wrights' gift to the chapel came a painting of a saint of healing. Wright said that the priest at the Mass had been a prisoner of war and had served in a forced-labor camp in Germany, where he survived Nazi captivity and Allied bombing and sensed a calling to the priesthood.

At the Mass, Wright cited the coincidence that Oct. 19 was his and his wife's birthdays and that Oct. 19,1781, was when Gen. Charles Cornwallis of England surrendered his troops to Gen. George Washington following the British defeat at Yorktown and marking the end of the American Revolution.

"In the Battle of Yorktown, there were three times as many Frenchmen fighting against the English as there were Americans," Wright said. "We Americans owe a debt of gratitude to you for our freedom.

"And it was my father's privilege to be a part of the American troops who came to your aid when you sought the overthrow the tyranny of Nazi oppression in more recent times," Wright said. "God grant that we never forget our debts to one another and that we may long stand together in the continuing struggle for liberty and peace in our world."

The experience was "a gift in a lot of ways," Mrs. Wright said.

The family's adventure into Europe and, especially, into France "has been not only just a journey of memories," Wright said. "It's been a spiritual journey as well."

The experience "tells me Somebody had the map to this journey drawn a long time before we had any idea of what was going on. God knew where all of this was going to lead. It can't be coincidence."

Arizona owl plan draws feds' approval, environmentalists' ire

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The feds have given the OK for owners of a ranch near here to temporarily harass a 7-inch endangered owl.

The first Tucson-area approval of a habitat conservation plan for the cactus ferruginous pygmy owl, which is listed under the Endangered Species Act, isn't as mean-spirited or horrific as it may sound, officials say. But environmentalists disagree.

The Lazy K Bar Guest Ranch northwest of Tucson will be allowed to disturb up to two owls and their offspring during construction of a barn-like structure for dining and dance on 27 of its 160 acres. In exchange, it has committed to restore 32 acres of pygmy owl habitat, some of it in pasture lands.

But the controversial part is that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also is authorizing the taking — read that as killing — of one owl, covering the ranch from liability in case one of the 32 pygmy owls remaining in Arizona accidentally dies during its construction activity. It also could cover a situation such as someone running over an owl with a bike.

That's illegal, unacceptable and why the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity plans to sue, director Kieran Suckling says.

"This sets a terrible precedent," said Suckling, director of the Tucson-based environmental organization. "This is the first pygmy owl habitat conservation plan in Arizona, and the Fish and Wildlife Service has already gone down the worst road possible."

That's hardly how Jeff Humphrey, a spokesman for Fish and Wildlife, or Peter Evans, owner of the Lazy K Bar, view it.

"We've been encouraging people in Pima County over the course of the last year, that simply because an owl may be utilizing someone's land, it's not a show-stopper," Humphrey said. "In many cases, development may proceed with modifications."

Evans recently purchased the ranch, hoping to continue its operation as a guest ranch, including staging Western-theme parties for large groups.

A survey conducted of the ranch's property included a search last spring for pygmy owls, during which one was heard. As a result, Fish and Wildlife was notified.

"One of the options was to develop a habitat conservation plan," Evans said. He told his survey project leader that since it would be a sensitive issue, he wanted to be certain everyone was kept informed and there were no hidden agendas.

Evans said his intent was to "see if we can work this out so everyone's satisfied and we can do what we want to do."

The county has commended the ranch on how it handled the process, as well as approval from Fish and Wildlife, and "we have a strong endorsement from the neighborhood, most of whom are environmentally sensitive," he said.

The plan will enable Evans to build a barn-like, open-air structure offering weather and noise protection, but without heating or cooling, for large parties.

It also will allow him, or a future owner, to build up to 50 new homes on lots averaging 3.1 acres at some future point if the ranch no longer remains viable because of encroaching development around it.

"The hope is never to have to develop it, but at some point there may be the need for me or someone to" do so, Evans said.

Visitors come to the ranch to see the Sonoran Desert, and it will keep its desert habitat, Humphrey said.

Habitat conservation plans have been developed across the country, some for multiple species, Humphrey said. "It's not new, other than in southern Arizona," he said.

But the ranch's conservation plan is unique in that the species has such low numbers, he said.

It is precisely the pygmy owl's tiny population that makes it improper for Fish and Wildlife to allow any to be killed, Suckling said. "Kids riding bikes are not the threat to pygmy owls. Development is the threat to pygmy owls."

A habitat conservation plan sounds benign, but in reality amounts to "a permitting process to take endangered species," Suckling said.

He said such plans were intended for relatively abundant endangered species, where the loss of one or two animals is not critical to extinction.

Night shift lifeguards battle boredom until trouble occurs

By Gillian Shilby
Associated Press

HERMOSA BEACH, Calif. — It's nighttime at the beach, and it's pitch black out there. The 6-foot swells crash violently. And when the emergency call comes to lifeguards, the riptide is racing.

The sleeping lifeguards at the Southern Section headquarters jump out of bed, throw on their wet suits and sprint across the beach and into the sea.

They hear the panicked victim, a drunken man caught in the current. It's a precarious situation, but the lifeguards bring him to shore.

"It's rare that the water is calm when someone's in trouble," said Capt. Don Souther, a 32-year Los Angeles County lifeguard. "The bad stuff always happens on bad nights. Trying to find people in the water is hard enough; when you add the night element, it's 100 times worse."

Lifeguards working the night shift teeter between quiet monotony and hair-raising rescues.

The long periods of routine beach patrols — which often include warning people not to walk their dogs on the sand or swim at night — are interrupted by adrenalin-pumping calls ranging from suicide attempts to stranded boaters.

"I like to tell people we have several hours of boredom for every second of excitement," Souther said.

One thing's for sure: The toughest calls come during winter nights when the waves are formidable and the water frigid.

Joel Gitelson, a 32-year veteran lifeguard, has worked the night shift for years. He's had his share of rescues, including a recent boat rescue involving a family with three children.

"They got caught in a rip-current," Gitelson said. "It took about seven minutes to get to them from Marina del Rey but 40 minutes to pull them back from El Segundo. That's how strong the current was.

"It was really tough because it was so dark. The kids were really seasick. We had 6- to 8-foot swells, so this boat was rocking and rolling. It was scary because if anyone was to go overboard, even with a life jacket, there would've been big problems. With seas like that, you just can't find people. Luckily, everything turned out OK."

Gitelson has also had to stand in the way of drunks wanting to dive into the ocean.

"There was this one guy who may have been suicidal. He was pulling off his boots and taking off his clothes. I had to tell him I wasn't going to let him in the water. We finally called the police and they took him home."

Seasoned lifeguards say the job requires more than being a good swimmer.

"Not everyone can handle it — the younger lifeguards may be great swimmers, but when they come into contact with a lot of blood and dismemberment, some can't handle it," Gitelson said.

"Most of the time there's a happy ending," Souther said. "Some times there's not.

"Like this is the season for suicides. They usually happen at night, and we're the ones who have to deal with it. That can be pretty tough. There was a guy who put a gun in his mouth and shot himself at Topaz Jetty in Redondo Beach."

Lifeguards working the night shift typically come on at 8 a.m. and stay on for 24 hours. They're scheduled to sleep from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., but often their sleep is interrupted.

At 8 p.m. they hop in their truck, patrolling the beaches, stopping to shine a flashlight on lifeguard shacks, survey the water for surfers and swimmers and lock gates and parking lots.

On their nightly patrols of the beach — stretching from Marina del Rey to just south of Torrance Beach — the county lifeguards see a lot, some they'd rather forget.

Like lovers smooching in lifeguard shacks.

"Our policy is to shine a light on the couple, and wait for them to wave and smile and make sure everyone's happy," Souther said. "People have been assaulted and raped on the beach and we want to make certain that's not going on."

On a recent night, he stopped a man running with his Chihuahua on the sand. It ended up being a fellow lifeguard, who should've known better. And then there are the calls that border on inane.

Like, when the guy called up complaining that seals, which regularly sit on buoys near the Redondo Beach pier, were barking too loud.

"The public is extremely interesting," Souther said. "I just told them that the seals are wild animals and that's part of the beauty of them. I guess they expected us to do something about them."

Then there are calls because people confuse the flashing light on the Redondo Beach weather buoy with distress signals.

"We get calls from as far away as El Segundo and Palos Verdes thinking it's a boat in distress," Gitelson said. "The good thing about it is it flashes every 15 seconds, so when someone calls I'll sit on the phone with them and time when they see it."

Another call came months later when a beachcomber said she saw someone swim out to sea in Manhattan Beach and disappear.

"We took a paddleboard out, and called in Harbor Patrol and Bay Watch," Gitelson said. "We were swimming, doing a search, and had an infrared sensor that senses body heat.

"A guy walks up to a police officer and asks what's going on. He said, 'That was me swimming out there.' He goes swimming every night."



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Mizzou beats WVA

TUCSON, Ariz. — West Virginia couldn't quite keep up with the Joneses in Saturday night's Insight.com Bowl.

Corby Jones rushed for three touchdowns and Julian Jones intercepted a pass and blocked a punt for a safety as No. 23 Missouri (8-4) held on to beat the Mountaineers 34-31.

West Virginia's Marc Bulger completed 34 of 51 passes, both Insight.com Bowl records, for 429 yards and four second-half touchdowns to bring the Mountaineers back from a 21-point deficit.

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USC at Sun Bowl

EL PASO — Southern Cal coach Paul Hackett said his team convinced him during a one-hour practice Saturday that the Trojans are on track for Thursday's match-up with Texas Christian in the Sun Bowl.

"I thought we had a couple of really good practices Monday and Tuesday, but then I thought we had a Merry Christmas practice Wednesday where they weren't really focused," Hackett said.

The Trojans practiced Monday through Wednesday before breaking for the Christmas holiday, then spent most of Saturday traveling to El Paso.

"Today we needed to acclimate ourselves to the field and get an idea of how it feels and get back on track."

"Everything has been kind of disjointed the last few weeks," Hackett said. "At times we've practiced well and at times, not so well. It's just a matter of getting focused and staying focused."

Junior tailback Chad Morton said the focus was definitely there Saturday.

"I think we're all ready to get back to playing football," he said. "We just need to stay focused, have a little fun, and take full advantage of this trip to work on things for next year. I think our focus is right where it needs to be at this stage of the game."

USC, which practices and plays its home games on a natural grass surface, has played only twice this season on astroturf. The Trojans split those games — defeating Washington State in October and losing to Oregon the following week.

It has been nearly eight weeks since the Trojans last played on turf.

"I'm concerned about that," Hackett said. "That's why we took today to practice out there a little, and then again Wednesday, and I may even want to get out there another time this week."

Malibu Stakes

ARCADIA, Calif. — Lightly regarded Run Man Run won Saturday's $200,000 Malibu Stakes at Santa Anita, spoiling Event of The Year's return.

Event of The Year, a Seattle Slew colt considered one of the nation's best 3-year-olds until he fractured a knee last spring, finished third behind Artax in the Grade I Malibu.

The 7-5 favorite ridden by Corey Nakatani, Event of The Year went to the front early in the seven-furlong race, dropped back in the pack, then rallied to get third.

Run Man Run, ridden by Mike Luzzi, finished 1 1/2 lengths in front, with Artax two lengths ahead of previously unbeaten Event of The Year.

The winner carried 115 pounds and was clocked in 1:21 2-5.

Run Man Run, sent off at 13-1 by the crowd of 42,348 on hand for opening day of the 62nd annual Santa Anita meeting, paid $29.20, $9 and $5.40.

Artax, ridden by Chris McCarron and carrying 119, returned $5.20 and $3.60, and the show payoff on Event of The Year, 121 pounds, was $3.

Sea of Secrets, coming off an 8 1/2-length win over Artax at 7 1/2 furlongs at Hollywood Park, went off as the second betting choice in the Malibu but finished fifth.

Cowboys go for sweep in NFC East

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

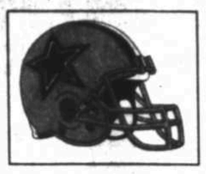
IRVING — Chan Gailey can do something Sunday night no coach in the NFC East has ever accomplished — win all division games in a season.

The Dallas Cowboys have swept the Arizona Cardinals, New York Giants, and Philadelphia Eagles. They beat Washington 31-10 in October, leaving them needing only a victory over the Redskins in the season finale for a perfect 8-0 in the division.

The game has no other bearing on either team's season. Washington is out of the playoff chase, while the Cowboys are locked in as the NFC's third seed. Dallas will host a wild-card team on either Jan. 2 or Jan. 3.

A victory would accomplish another statistical feat for the Cowboys: a 10-6 record that's an exact flip of their disastrous 6-10 finish under Barry Switzer last year.

Gailey, who was the offensive coordinator at Pittsburgh this time last year, said the motivation to hit the NFC East milestone was strong.



"We have a chance to sweep all the games in the division and that's something I would look forward to," Gailey said. "It's a chance to get some confidence and establish a confident mindset going into the playoffs."

If the Cowboys could beat Washington, it would give them a 10-win season for the 23rd time in franchise history, an NFL record. Dallas, which just wrapped up its 19th division title, has been in the playoffs an NFL-record 25 times.

The first time these teams met this season, Oct. 4 in Jack Kent Cooke Stadium, Emmitt Smith rushed for 120 yards and scored a touchdown, Chris Warren reeled off 104 yards and two touchdowns and Jason Garrett, subbing for an injured Troy Aikman, hit 14 of 17 passes for 169 yards and a touchdown.

The Cowboys are a different team since the rout in Washington.

Wide receiver Ernie Mills, who caught a 43-yard touchdown pass in the game, suffered an internal injury that will keep him out the rest of the season. Warren is down again with another groin injury. Deion Sanders has a hurt toe and tight end David LaFleur and defensive end Kavika Pittman are also nursing wounds.

Aikman is back operating the offense but not having

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MINNESOTA'S MAGIC

Almost Perfect

Vikes become third team to reach 15 wins

By Teresa M. Walker
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE — The Minnesota Vikings are going into the playoffs in record fashion.

Randall Cunningham threw two touchdown passes, and Gary Anderson added two field goals as the Vikings beat the Oilers 26-16 Saturday, becoming the highest-scoring team in NFL history.

"We wanted it a great deal," tight end Andrew Glover said of topping the 1983 Washington Redskins' mark of 541 points with 556. "We were very aware of what it took to make those historical marks. We're very elated to go down in history, but at the same time, we have a lot of unfinished business."

That wasn't all that the Vikings accomplished.

Minnesota (15-1) also tied the 1985 Chicago Bears and the 1984 San Francisco 49ers as the only teams with 15 victories in a season. And Anderson became the highest-scoring kicker in a season while extending his record of consecutive field goals to 40 over two seasons.

"Fifteen and one is truly phenomenal," said Vikings coach Dennis Green. "That means that you really had a blessed season. Hopefully, that will give us momentum going into the playoffs."

Anderson became the first NFL kicker to finish a season with a perfect record — 35-of-35 on field goals and 59-of-59 on conversions.

He sealed the victory with a 39-yard field goal with 1:10 left. That gave him 164 points this season, topping Mark Moseley's 161 with Washington in 1983.

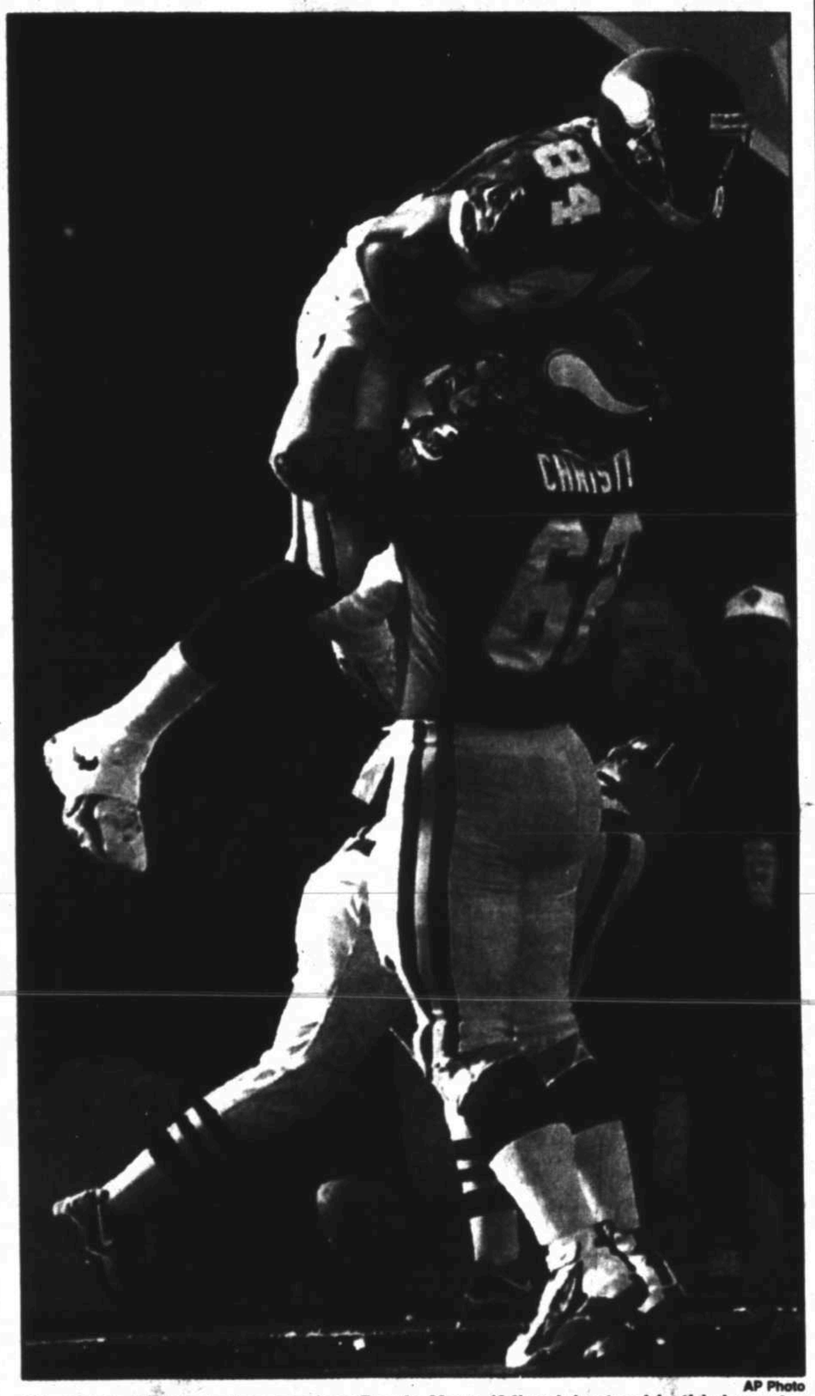
Anderson was relieved to finally end the season and the pressure of trying to stay perfect.

"I can't even describe it," Anderson said. "People often tell me that I'm immune to pressure, but in the last month I can promise you that pressure's been getting stronger and stronger."

The loss ruined Tennessee's final game as the Oilers. The franchise's nickname will be the Titans next season after 39 seasons as the Oilers in Houston and Tennessee.

The ball used on the final play was stashed away and will be shipped to the Hall of Fame. Owner Bud Adams, who had picked the Oilers' nickname in 1959, stayed away from the game.

"It is a very emotional day for me," Adams said in a statement. "I just thought it was better to spend it with our family and grandchildren,"



AP Photo

Minnesota Vikings' wide receiver Randy Moss (84) celebrates his third-quarter touchdown catch with teammate Jeff Christy (62) during the Vikings' 26-16 win over the Tennessee Oilers Saturday in Nashville, Tenn. The score by Moss gave the Vikings 544 points for the season, breaking the old record of 541 by the 1983 Washington Redskins. Minnesota finished the regular season with 556 points.

Trailing 23-16, Tennessee (8-8) had one last chance at ending the Vikings' seven-game winning streak. Cornerback Darryll Lewis intercepted Cunningham with 2:46 left, giving the Oilers the ball at their 16.

Steve McNair hit Yancey Thigpen on a 15-yard pass, but he couldn't move them any farther with a sprained index finger on his passing hand. His

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Buckeyes, Aggies hit Big Easy

By Mary Foster
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Ohio State hit town determined to prove they don't belong here. Texas A&M landed ready to prove they did.

With Dixie Land bands blaring, first the Buckeyes and then the Aggies arrived for the Sugar Bowl on Saturday.

"We're ready to get back to work," said Ohio State coach John Cooper, after the plane carrying him and his coaches, support staff and families touched down. "We gave our players four or five days off, but they're supposed to meet us here this afternoon and we'll go into practice."

There were no players on the Ohio State plane. They arrived separately and were required to be in town in time for an afternoon practice.

The No. 3 Buckeyes (10-1) believe they can make an argument that they deserve consideration as the top team in the country.

Ohio State, ranked No. 2 in the original BCS standings before moving up to the top spot a week later, was on track for a spot in the Fiesta Bowl and the national championship game before an upset at the hands of Michigan State.

A solid victory against Texas A&M on

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Union leader gets anxious about deal

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Union director Billy Hunter, anxious to close a deal but fearful of getting burned, said Saturday that negotiations to end the NBA lockout should resume later this week.

Hunter, speaking by telephone from Oakland, Calif., said he plans to return Sunday to New York.

"Once I get back, I'll reach out to David (Stern)," Hunter said, adding that the next negotiation session probably will include only one or two representatives from each side.

No talks have been held since Wednesday night, when Stern and Hunter met for several hours in Los Angeles at the office of agent Leonard Armato. There was an expectation that talks might resume this weekend, but nothing ever came to fruition.

"There's nothing new," deputy

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STEWART DOREEN

Title game: There had to have been another way

Katy or San Antonio MacArthur? One week later, it still wouldn't have mattered who Lee played, but there had to be a better way of getting one of those two teams to Texas Stadium for Lee to beat.



Doreen

Katy found out Thursday it committed a UIL violation and turned itself in. The Punishment: The Tigers forfeited their spot in Saturday's final, and the UIL offered MacArthur a chance to play in the game on one day's notice.

What followed was as big a blowout as there has been at the Class 5A level and a 54-point difference that tied the all-time UIL state championship record for margin of victory.

Again, the way Lee played it probably wouldn't have mattered who it played, but the way the UIL handled it had many people talking of a "Tainted Title."

What can be done in the future? Here are some proposals, using the Katy-MacArthur situation as the model.

1. Since the violation was reported so late, why not suspend that one player, who falsified his grades, and let Katy and Lee play for a state title?

2. If the UIL feels that bringing in another team is the way to go, allow MacArthur and Lee to have additional time to prepare. TV will be affected here, but it would seem to be more fair.

3. Create some sort of probation system that will deter teams being so careless. For example, allow Katy to play the game, but put the Tiger football program on probation for a period of time afterwards. If Katy violates its probation again then take more severe action.

Since it was Katy's second infraction in less than a year, the UIL could have considered it a lack of institutional control (a phrase the NCAA has made famous) and declared Katy ineligible for the playoffs in 1999.

The third solution is more drastic, but would put the responsibility of grade control back in the hands of the school administration not some teenager.

At any rate, it is a tricky situation. However, the system we have now has serious flaws. Some teams aren't punished enough while others have getting the shaft when it isn't deserved.

IF YOU WIN A TITLE, IT STILL WON'T COME: To the victors come the spoils. Right? Well, maybe not. Lee won its state crown, but not everything will be all sea shells and balloons. The Rebs will still have to play games at that same old home next season.

The argument of building a new football stadium in Midland isn't exactly a new one, but occasionally fuel is added to the fire. Last Saturday ought to be considered one of those occasions.

Lee won the Class 5A Small School title, and that should bring the state spotlight to the Lee program and the city of Midland. With that type of publicity, Memorial Stadium will be exposed to more people as an aged, run-down facility.

It might be unfair to say that Memorial Stadium is one of the worst Class 5A facilities in the state, but it can't be that far away.

It is not the intention here to list all the pros and cons of building a new stadium. That has been done before.

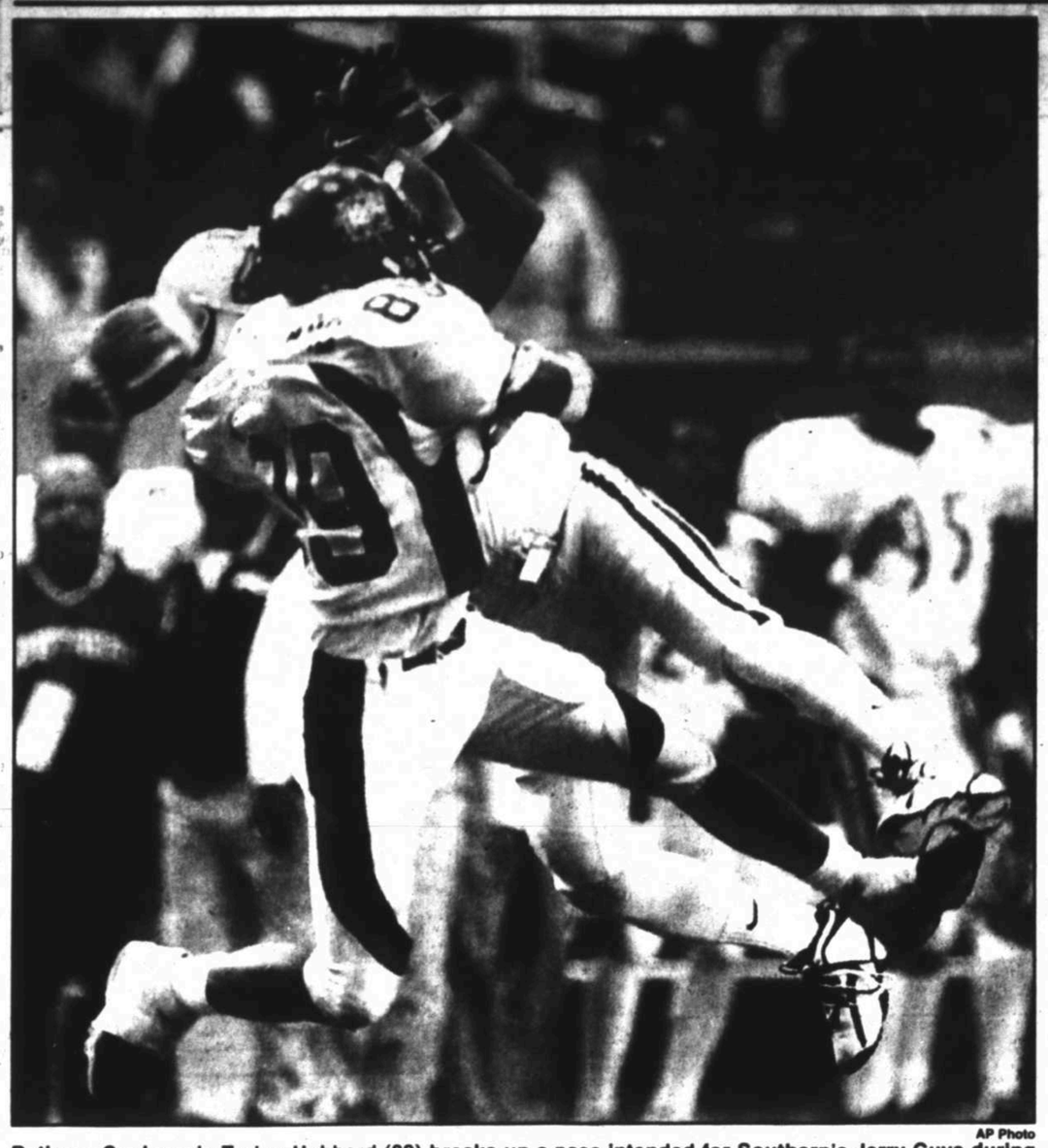
The one argument that I will leave for you to ponder is that while education should always be priority No. 1, football and sports in general have their place in society. With the success of our football teams and the attention it brings, the importance is greater.

In turn, a community, like Midland, should have a stadium with adequate seating, restroom facilities, concession stands and press box. It doesn't have to be as grand as Odessa's Ratliff Stadium, but should be something that even the non-football fans can be proud of.

Like the teams that play in it, the stadium becomes a source of pride in the community.

Stewart Doreen is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Bethune-Cookman's Tarion Hubbard (89) breaks up a pass intended for Southern's Jerry Guye during Southern's 28-2 victory in the Heritage Bowl Saturday in Atlanta.

Bethune-Cookman falls prey to Southern in Heritage Bowl

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Ryan Lewis ran 57 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter and added a 13-yard scoring run, leading Southern to a 28-2 victory over Bethune-Cookman in the Heritage Bowl Saturday.

Lewis, a 5-foot-7, 163-pounder, finished with 84 yards on seven carries. Steve Wofford gained 119 yards on 27 carries for Southern and had an 11-yard scoring run in the first quarter.

The Jaguars (9-3) were making their fourth straight Heritage Bowl appearance as the Southwestern Athletic Conference representative. Southern has won four of five appearances overall in the battle of historically black colleges in the Georgia Dome.

But they gave up a second-quarter safety, when Wofford was tackled in the end zone for a 2-yard loss by Abdul Yates, and struggled on offense until Lewis took a pitch, cut back through the line, then raced down the right sideline, giving Southern a 14-2 lead 2:10 into the second half.

The Wildcats (8-3), making their first postseason appearance in 21 years as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference representative, had seven fumbles and four interceptions.

They lost starting quarterback Pa'tell Troutman to a knee sprain in the second quarter. Backup quarterback Randell Foster was intercepted four times, including Jerry Guye's 35-yard touchdown return in the fourth quarter. Defensive back Jackie Mitchell had two interceptions.

The Wildcats fumbled four times in the first half, including on the opening kickoff. They recovered three of the fumbles, but a first-quarter lost fumble by wide receiver Antonio Stanley set up the Jaguars' first score.

Two plays later, Wofford scored from the 11 four minutes into the game.

Wildcats defensive back Shervin Fulford picked up a fumble by quarterback Sam George and Bethune took over at the Southern 48 with 5:07 left in the first quarter. But the Wildcats wound up at their 15 after three penalties, the last an unsportsmanlike conduct infraction against coach Alvin Wyatt.

After Troutman was sacked, leaving a fourth-and-50, Jody Speir kicked a 47-yard rolling punt that stopped at Southern's 41, and the Wildcats held the Jaguars on the next series.

Bethune blew two scoring opportunities after the second-quarter safety.

Danny Mathis was wide left on a 33-yard field goal attempt with 7:52 left in the half, and after defensive back Carlos Lawrence intercepted a George pass at the Bethune 47, the Wildcats drove to the 4. However, Southern defensive back Lance Jackson sacked Troutman on third down, forcing him from the game with a sprained knee.

On the next play, Mathis lined up for a 32-yard field goal try. But holder Zach Adrian took a low snap, tried to scramble and was caught by defensive back Jackie Mitchell at the 29.

The eighth Heritage Bowl drew 32,955 fans.

Notre Dame quarterback may be able to play in Gator Bowl

By Eddie Pells
AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Notre Dame quarterback Jarious Jackson went through practice without any problems Saturday, although coach Bob Davie said it was too soon to tell if he would be able to play in the Gator Bowl.

"He ran and threw, did everything we asked," Davie said. "Tomorrow will be more telling. We'll be in full pads, there will be more contact. And we'll know more as the week progresses."

Both the No. 17 Irish (9-2) and No. 12 Georgia Tech (9-2) arrived in Jacksonville and went through light workouts, comparable to what the teams would normally do on a Sunday after a game.

They meet Friday at Alltel Stadium, the venue formerly known as the Gator Bowl.

Jackson's health is the big question leading up to the game. He suffered a knee injury Nov. 21 while taking an intentional safety at the close of a 39-36 victory over LSU.

With Arnaz Battle at the helm the next week, the Irish lost 10-0 to Southern California and saw its hopes dashed for a bid into the Bowl Championship Series.

Regardless of Jackson's health, Davie said Battle would play against the Yellow Jackets. He feels it's crucial for the team to prepare to play behind both Jackson and Battle, a freshman who went 7-for-19 for 94 yards and two interceptions in the loss to the Trojans.

"You don't want to put all your eggs in one basket," Davie said. "What if we get geared up for Jarious to play and he goes out after five plays? That can take all the air out of your balloon."

Jackson has thrown for 1,740 yards and 13 touchdowns this season and went 9-1 as a starter.

Neither team reported academic casualties or new injuries.

All but one player — Notre Dame's John Teasdale — arrived on time. Teasdale had two flights canceled because of bad weather as he tried to make it to north Florida from his home in Kansas City.

Georgia Tech coach George O'Leary said he had few complaints about his team's workout or its overall health.

"Everyone who played against Georgia is here," he said, referring to the 21-19 victory in Tech's last regular-season game.

"We got the kinks out, not much else," he said.

SUGAR: A&M's Nguyen has sprained toe

(From 1C)

Jan. 1 could move them back up, Cooper said.

"We're ranked third in the country, got a chance to finish second, maybe first, depending on what happens," Cooper said.

Cooper admitted it would take a couple of things to boost the Buckeyes back to No. 1.

"It all depends on what happens," he said. "It all depends on how well we play and what happens to Tennessee and Florida State. I think it's a long shot. We would have to have an exceptional ball game and Florida State would have to win a sloppy game."

Ohio State will practice without Cooper on Monday and Tuesday. Cooper's mother, Mildred Cooper, of Orlando, Fla., died Christmas Eve. He will fly out of New Orleans for the funeral Monday morning.

"My missing practice won't affect anything regarding our preparation for the Sugar Bowl," Cooper said.

Texas A&M was due in at 3:50 p.m., but plane problems delayed their arrival until 6:30.

"Let's hope that's the only problem we have with this trip," coach R.C. Slocum said.

The late plane trip was the least of Slocum's worries, however. Linebacker Dat Nguyen, Texas A&M's career tackles leader and winner of the Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman, missed the final two days of practice before leaving for New Orleans. He stepped on a teammate's foot in practice, spraining the big toe on his left foot.

"I'll be able to run," Nguyen said. "I've had a couple of days off because of Christmas. I think it will be fine when game time comes around. I'll be ready."

The No. 8 Aggies slipped into the Sugar Bowl unexpectedly with a stunning 36-33 victory in double overtime against Kansas State. The victory gave A&M (11-2), which lost to Florida State in its opener and then to Texas, the Big 12 championship for the first time and an automatic BCS berth. The Aggies last visit to the Sugar Bowl was in 1940 when it wrapped up an undefeated, national championship season.

"We beat some pretty good teams to get here," Slocum said. "We think we deserve to be here and now we want to show what we can do."

Missouri's Jones boys prove too much for West Virginia

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — West Virginia couldn't quite keep up with the Joneses in Saturday night's Insight.com Bowl.

Corby Jones rushed for three touchdowns and Julian Jones intercepted a pass and blocked a punt for a safety as No. 23 Missouri (8-4) held on to beat the Mountaineers 34-31.

"There's not much you can say," said Corby Jones, whose father Curtis, a Missouri assistant coach, died of a heart attack in July. "We just did this for my dad and for the team."

Julian Jones, who also had 10 unassisted tackles and a 39-yard free kick return that helped set up a score, was named the game's outstanding player.

"Julian played a fantastic game," Missouri coach Larry Smith said. "There he was thrown into a tough position, and he responded."

The sophomore started at cornerback because senior Wade Perkins was suspended for the game for unspecified team rule violations.

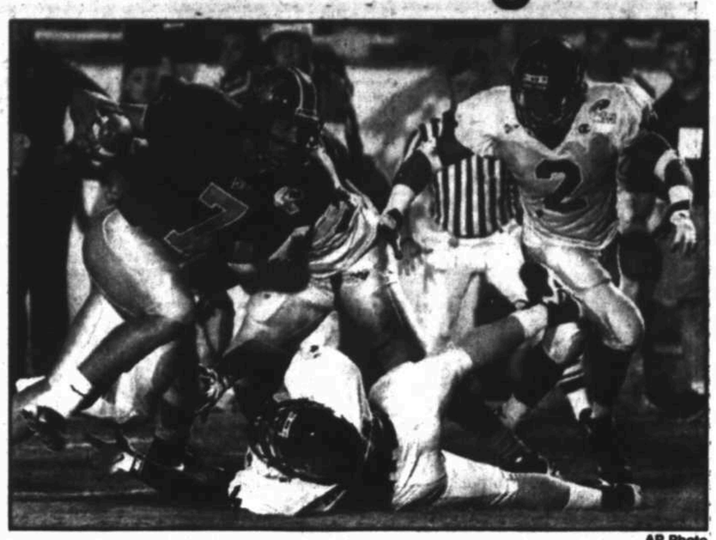
"I was sad for Wade because I knew it would have been his last game," Julian Jones said. "I tried to come in and do the things that he would have done for our team, because he is a big-time player."

West Virginia's Marc Bulger completed 34 of 51 passes, both Insight.com Bowl records, for a school-record 429 yards and four second-half touchdowns to bring the Mountaineers back from a 21-point deficit.

Bulger's four touchdown passes tied an Insight.com Bowl record. His leading receiver, Sean Foreman, caught an Insight.com record 11 passes for 189 yards.

Bulger's 9-yard scoring pass to Amos Zereoue cut Missouri's lead to 31-24 with 10:27 to play, and his 1-yard touchdown toss to David Saunders made it 34-31 with 2:11 to play.

But Missouri's Dwayne Blakley recovered the onside kick attempt and the Tigers ran out the clock.



AP Photo

Missouri quarterback Corby Jones (7) avoids two West Virginia defenders before outrunning a third — Jerry Porter (2) — on his way to a seven-yard touchdown run in the Insight.com Bowl Saturday night in Tucson, Ariz. The 23rd-ranked Tigers defeated West Virginia, 34-31.

West Virginia (8-4) lost its eighth consecutive bowl game, tying South Carolina's NCAA Division I record. South Carolina's skid ended with a victory over West Virginia in the 1995 Carquest Bowl.

"In the second half, our game plan was perfect," Bulger said. "If we could have played like that in the first half — I think that we clearly were the better team — but we didn't. And the streak continues."

Corby Jones and Devin West, in their final collegiate game, led a 76-yard, 14-play fourth-quarter drive that consumed 6:43 before stalling at the West Virginia 1. Brian Long's 18-yard field goal with 3:44 to go put the Tigers up 34-24. A facemask personal foul penalty kept the drive going.

"That really, really put it to us," said West Virginia coach Don Nehlen, who didn't like the call. "But there's not much I can say. We didn't play very well early. We dug ourselves a hole. We made mistakes, and then the penalties."

West, the No. 5 rusher in Division I-A who was held in check most of the night, pounded West Virginia's defense for 46 yards in 12 carries in the critical drive. He finished with 125 yards in 31 attempts. Zereoue, the nation's No. 6 rusher, managed just 32 yards in 22 carries.

Special teams dominated much of the game. Missouri's Jeff Marriott blocked a field goal attempt and Carlos Posey returned the ball 70 yards for a score, West Virginia's Boo Sensabaugh blocked a punt to set up a Mountaineers' score, then Ricardo Rhodes returned a kickoff 60 yards to set up a Missouri touchdown.

The Tigers, who appeared in their first bowl game in 13 years last season, won a postseason game for the first time since the 1981 Tangerine Bowl.

Missouri took a 7-0 lead with 9:17 left in the first quarter when Marriott blocked a field goal try for the second time this season, a 48-yard attempt by West Virginia's Jay Taylor, who had been bothered by a hip injury all year. Posey scooped up the ball near the sidelines and raced untouched for the score.

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Standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	19	9	4	42	94	80
Philadelphia	16	9	8	40	91	73
Pittsburgh	14	10	7	35	85	84
N.Y. Rangers	12	14	7	31	90	90
N.Y. Islanders	13	19	2	28	86	98

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	19	8	5	43	87	51
Toronto	19	13	2	40	107	97
Boston	15	11	6	36	85	87
Ottawa	15	13	3	33	90	76
Montreal	9	16	7	25	73	96

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	16	14	5	37	89	84
Florida	12	12	6	30	76	81
Washington	10	18	3	23	65	81
Tampa Bay	8	23	3	19	69	119

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	17	15	1	35	102	91
St. Louis	12	11	8	32	83	79
Nashville	13	16	3	29	78	97
Chicago	10	20	4	24	77	113

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	14	16	3	31	77	83
Edmonton	14	16	3	31	91	89
Vancouver	13	15	4	30	94	95
Calgary	12	18	3	27	92	100

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	21	5	6	48	98	65
Phoenix	19	6	4	42	87	55
Anaheim	13	12	7	33	76	73
San Jose	9	15	7	25	67	74
Los Angeles	10	20	3	23	73	91

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included

N.Y. Islanders 4, Boston 2

N.Y. Rangers 6, Carolina 3

Florida 3, Tampa Bay 1

Buffalo 2, New Jersey 0

Montreal 2, Toronto 1

Pittsburgh 2, Ottawa 1, OT

Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2

St. Louis 4, Detroit 3

Nashville 3, Washington 1

Dallas 4, Colorado 2

Vancouver at San Jose (n)

Phoenix at Los Angeles (n)

Sunday's Games

Vancouver at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

Colorado at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games

New Jersey at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Anaheim at Ottawa, 6 p.m.

Boston at Washington, 6 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Nashville at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Los Angeles at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Philadelphia at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Rangers 6, Hurricanes 3

N.Y. Rangers	0	6	0	— 6
Carolina	1	0	2	— 3

First Period—1, Carolina, Kapanen 8 (Sheppard, Primeau), 8:00.

Second Period—2, New York, Nedved 6 (Leetch, Beukeboom), 2:13. 3, New York, Stevens 8 (Ndur, Nedved), 6:36. 4, New York, Nedved 7 (Knuble, Sundstrom), 7:33. 5, New York, Graves 14 (Pronger, Beukeboom), 9:00. 6, New York, Popovic 1 (Nedved, Sundstrom), 10:03. 7, New York, Graves 15 (Savard, Knuble), 11:41.

Third Period—8, Carolina, Roberts 6 (Emerson, Rucinski), 12:32. 9, Carolina, Emerson 8 (Dineen, Kapanen), 18:02 (pp).

Shots on goal—New York 2-10-8—20. Carolina 7-5-11—23. Power-play Opportunities—New York 0 of 2; Carolina 1 of 5. Goalies—New York, Richter 10-12-5 (23 shots-20 saves). Carolina, Irbe 11-9-3 (8-5), Kidd (7:33 second, 12-9). A—11,059 (11,059).

Islanders 4, Bruins 2

Boston	0	1	1	— 2
N.Y. Islanders	2	0	2	— 4

First Period—1, New York, Palffy 1 (Chara), 6:57. 2, New York, Linden 11 (Czerkawski, Jonsson), 10:54 (pp).

Second Period—3, Boston, C.Taylor 3 (Bourque, Ferraro), 8:35.

Third Period—4, Boston, Khristich 15 (Allison), 4:15. 5, New York, Walt 5 (Miller, Lawrence), 9:50. 6, New York, Lapointe 9 (Linden), 14:51 (sh).

Shots on goal—Boston 10-7-10—27. New York 5-8-8—21. Power-play Opportunities—Boston 0 of 3; New York 1 of 5. Goalies—Boston, Dafoe 11-9-6 (21 shots-17 saves). New York, Flaherty 1-3-1 (27-25). A—16,174 (16,297).

Panthers 3, Lightning 1

Florida	1	1	1	— 3
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	— 1

First Period—1, Florida, Mellanby 7 (Kozlov, Svehla), 12:54 (pp).

Second Period—2, Florida, Lindsay 5 (Parrish), 6:14. 3, Tampa Bay, Selivanov 4 (Hogue, Lecavalier), 16:57.

Third Period—4, Florida, Lindsay 6 (Hicks), 19:32 (en).

Shots on goal—Florida 16-10-9—35. Tampa Bay 3-15-6—24. Power-play Opportunities—Florida 1 of 3; Tampa Bay 0 of 5. Goalies—Florida, Burke 9-6-5 (24 shots-23 saves). Tampa Bay, Ranford 1-10-2 (35-32). A—17,983 (19,758).

Sabres 2, Devils 0

Buffalo	0	1	1	— 2
New Jersey	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Buffalo, Satan 11 (Grosek), 15:34.

Third Period—2, Buffalo, Satan 12 (Brown, Grosek), 19:10 (en).

Shots on goal—Buffalo 9-9-6—24. New Jersey 7-18-9—34. Power-play Opportunities—Buffalo 0 of 3; New Jersey 0 of 4. Goalies—Buffalo, Hasek 19-5-5 (34 shots-34 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 15-8-4 (24-22). A—19,040 (19,040).

Penguins 1, Senators 1

Ottawa	1	0	0	— 1
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	— 2

First Period—1, Ottawa, Johansson 13, 10:02. 2, Pittsburgh, Moran 1 (Miller, Hrdina), 15:49.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—None.

Overtime—3, Pittsburgh, Jagr 11 (Titov, Slegr), 1:18.

Shots on goal—Ottawa 8-8-13-2—31. Pittsburgh 8-9-1-1—17. Power-play Opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 4; Pittsburgh 0 of 3. Goalies—Ottawa, Tugnutt 8-5-1 (17 shots-15 saves). Pittsburgh, Skudra 3-3-3 (31-30). A—16,226 (16,958).

Canadiens 2, Maple Leafs 1

Montreal	1	0	1	— 2
Toronto	1	0	0	— 1

First Period—1, Toronto, Thomas 12 (Sundin, Modin), :33. 2, Montreal, Weinrich 2, 3:04.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, Montreal, Quintal 1 (Koivu), 15:02.

Shots on goal—Montreal 16-7-5—28. Toronto 9-11-10—30. Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 0 of 4; Toronto 0 of 5. Goalies—Montreal, Hackett 3-6-5 (30 shots-29 saves). Toronto, Joseph 14-11-2 (28-26). A—15,726 (15,726).

Predators 3, Capitals 1

Washington	0	0	1	— 1
Nashville	2	1	0	— 3

First Period—1, Nashville, Boughner 1 (Brunette, Ronning), 2:19. 2, Nashville, Yachmenev 3 (Johnson), 10:21.

Second Period—3, Nashville, Johnson 4 (Yachmenev, Berehowsky), 13:47.

Third Period—4, Washington, Black 3 (Nikolishin, Konowalchuk), 12:53.

Shots on goal—Washington 10-10-7—27. Nashville 13-9-6—28. Power-play Opportunities—Washington 0 of 3; Nashville 0 of 5. Goalies—Washington, Kolzig 8-14-1 (22 shots-19 saves), Tabaracci (0:00 third, 6-6). Nashville, Vokoun 4-3-2 (27-26). A—16,906 (17,298).

Flyers 3, Blackhawks 2

Philadelphia	2	0	1	— 3
Chicago	0	1	1	— 2

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Lindros 18, (Jones), :36. 2, Philadelphia, Desjardins 5 (Brind'Amour), 3:26 (pp).

Second Period—3, Chicago, Gilmour 6 (Probert, Chelios), :58 (pp).

Third Period—4, Philadelphia, Zelepukin 3 (Jones, Brind'Amour), 8:32. 5, Chicago, Gilmour 7 (Probert), 16:09.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 14-9-5—28. Chicago 3-10-7—20. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 8; Chicago 1 of 5. Goalies—Philadelphia, Vanbiesbrouck 11-6-6 (20 shots-18 saves). Chicago, Thibault 8-11-2 (28-25). A—22,392 (20,500).

Stars 4, Avalanche 2

Dallas	0	2	2	— 4
Colorado	1	1	0	— 2

First Period—1, Colorado, Messier 1 (Corbet, Hajduk), 4:20.

Second Period—2, Dallas, Hull 11 (Modano, Sydor), 2:36 (pp). 3, Colorado, Lemieux 10 (Foote, Forsberg), 17:07 (pp). 4, Dallas, Lehtinen 12 (Hull, Sydor), 18:20 (pp).

Third Period—5, Dallas, Hull 12 (Modano, Lehtinen), 2:09 (pp). 6, Dallas, Langenbrunner 6 (Nieuwendyk, Marshall), 4:53.

Shots on goal—Dallas 8-9-6—23. Colorado 6-8-5—19. Power-play Opportunities—Dallas 3 of 4; Colorado 1 of 3. Goalies—Dallas, Turek 5-0-2 (19 shots-17 saves). Colorado, Roy 10-12-3 (20-16), Billington (4:53 third, 3-3). A—16,061 (16,061).

Blues 4, Red Wings 3

Detroit	0	2	1	— 3
St. Louis	1	3	0	— 4

First Period—1, St. Louis, Pellerin 7 (Helmer, Young), 14:04.

Second Period—2, Detroit, Murphy 5 (Yzerman, McCarty), 1:51 (sh). 3, St. Louis, Rheaume 3 (Reasoner, Young), 2:23 (pp). 4, Detroit, Dandenault 2 (Larionov, Lapointe), 5:21. 5, St. Louis, Pellerin 8 (MacInnis), 10:36 (sh). 6, St. Louis, Demitra 18 (MacInnis, Yake), 17:50 (pp).

Third Period—7, Detroit, Larionov 6 (Dandenault, Kozlov), 13:47.

Shots on goal—Detroit 9-16-7—32. St. Louis 9-12-1—22. Power-play Opportunities—Detroit 0 of 8; St. Louis 2 of 5. Goalies—Detroit, Osgood 13-12-0 (22 shots-18 saves). St. Louis, Fuhr 6-3-4 (32-29). A—20,349 (19,260).

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At A Glance

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Eastern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Lake Charles	20	12	2	42	146	118
Shreveport	19	11	4	42	147	119
Arkansas	18	11	1	37	121	96
Monroe	16	14	2	34	117	122
Alexandria	11	16	5	27	126	162
Tupelo	10	21	2	22	94	150

Central Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Corpus Christi	18	12	2	38	125	108
Waco	17	13	2	36	117	104
Fort Worth	17	15	2	36	100	120
Central Texas	13	13	5	31	119	130
Austin	13	15	4	30	100	132

Western Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Abilene	24	9	1	49	139	103
San Angelo	20	9	3	43	136	109
Amarillo	17	13	2	36	135	122
El Paso	17	14	2	36	108	106
New Mexico	16	15	4	36	130	142
Odessa	14	16	3	31	107	105

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Saturday's Games

San Angelo 6, El Paso 1

Alexandria 3, Monroe 1

Amarillo 4, Abilene 3, SO

Waco 3, Corpus Christi 1

New Mexico 5, Odessa 2

Shreveport 4, Arkansas 3

Austin 6, Kristall Elektrostal 3

Fort Worth 5, Central Texas 3

Traktor Chelyabinsk 6, Lake Charles 5

Sunday's Games

New Mexico at Abilene

El Paso at Odessa

Tupelo at Lake Charles

Monroe at Arkansas

Central Texas at Austin

Kristall Elektrostal at Corpus Christi

Traktor Chelyabinsk at Shreveport

Waco at Alexandria

Baseball Free Agency

Free Agent Signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 82 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor-league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (5) — Signed Mo Vaughn, 1b, Boston, to an $80 million, six-year contract; re-signed Jack McDowell, rhp, to a $500,000, one-year contract; re-signed Randy Velarde, 2b, to an $800,000, one-year contract; re-signed Craig Shipley, ss, to a minor-league contract ($400,000); signed Tim Belcher, rhp, Kansas City, to a $10.2 million, two-year contract.

BALTIMORE (8) — Signed Mike Timlin, rhp, Seattle, to a $16 million, four-year contract; signed Albert Belle, of, Chicago White Sox, to a $65 million, five-year contract; signed Delino DeShields, 2b, St. Louis, to a $12.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed B.J. Surhoff, of, to a $14 million, three-year contract; signed Will Clark, 1b, Texas, to an $11 million, two-year contract; signed Xavier Hernandez, rhp, to a $2.7 million, two-year contract; signed Rich Amaral, of, Seattle, to a two-year contract; signed Ricky Bones, rhp, Kansas City, to a one-year contract.

BOSTON (3) — Signed Jose Offerman, ss, Kansas City, to a $26 million, four-year contract; signed Mark Portugal, rhp, Philadelphia, to a $3 million, one-year contract; signed Mark Guthrie, lhp, Los Angeles, to a $3.2 million, two-year contract.

CLEVELAND (2) — Signed Roberto Alomar, 2b, Baltimore, to a $32 million, four-year contract; re-signed Mark Whiten, of, to a $450,000, one-year contract.

DETROIT (2) — Signed Dean Palmer, 3b, Kansas City, to a $36 million, five-year contract; signed Bill Haselman, c, to a $1.75 million, two-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (3) — Re-signed Jeff Montgomery, rhp, to a $2.5 million, one-year contract; signed Rey Sanchez, ss, San Francisco, to a $1.1 million, one-year contract; signed Chad Kreuter, c, Anaheim, to a $725,000, one-year contract.

NEW YORK (3) — Re-signed Scott Brosius, 3b, to a $15.75 million, three-year contract; re-signed David Cone, rhp, to an $8 million, one-year contract; re-signed Bernie Williams, of, to an $87.5 million, seven-year contract.

OAKLAND (2) — Signed Tony Phillips, of, New York Mets, to a $700,000, one-year contract; re-signed Mike Macfarlane, c, to a $600,000, one-year contract.

SEATTLE (3) — Signed Jose Mesa, rhp, San Francisco, to a $6.45 million, two-year contract; signed Tom Lampkin, c, St. Louis, to a $1.55 million, two-year contract; signed Butch Henry, lhp, Boston, to a $750,000, one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY (1) — Signed Jose Canseco, of, Toronto, to a $3 million, one-year contract.

TEXAS (4) — Re-signed Royce Clayton, ss, to an $18 million, four-year contract; signed Rafael Palmeiro, 1b, Baltimore, to a $45 million, five-year contract; signed Mark Clark, rhp, Chicago Cubs, to a $9.3 million, two-year contract; signed Mike Munoz, lhp, Colorado, to a minor-league contract.

TORONTO (2) — Signed Geronimo Berroa, of, Detroit, to a minor-league contract ($500,000); re-signed Dave Stieb, rhp, to a minor-league contract ($400,000)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (6) — Signed Greg Swindell, lhp, Boston, to a $5.7 million, three-year contract; signed Greg Colbrunn, 1b, Atlanta, to a $1.8 million, two-year contract; signed Todd Stottlemyre, rhp, to a $32 million, four-year contract; signed Armando Reynoso, rhp, to a $5.5 million, two-year contract; signed Randy Johnson, lhp, Houston, to a $52.4 million, four-year contract; signed Steve Finley, of, San Diego, to a $21.5 million, five-year contract.

ATLANTA (3) — Signed Brian Jordan, of, St. Louis, to a $40 million, five-year contract; signed Otis Nixon, of, Minnesota, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ozzie Guillen, ss, to a $1 million, two-year contract.

CHICAGO (4) — Re-signed Henry Rodriguez, of, to an $8.9 million, two-year contract; re-signed Gary Gaetti, 3b, to a $2 million, one-year contract; re-signed Glenallen Hill, of, to a $1.15 million, one-year contract; signed Benito Santiago, c, Toronto, to a $2 million, one-year contract.

CINCINNATI (2) — Signed Steve Avery, lhp, Boston, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; signed Mark Lewis, 3b, Philadelphia, to a $500,000, one-year contract.

COLORADO (3) — Signed Lenny Harris, of, New York Mets, to a $2.2 million, two-year contract; signed Brian Bohanon, lhp, Los Angeles, to a $9 million, three-year contract; re-signed Kirt Manwaring, c, to a $950,000, one-year contract.

HOUSTON (2) — Signed Ken Caminiti, 3b, San Diego, to a $9.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Tim Bogar, ss, to a $1.1 million, two-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (3) — Signed Devon White, of, Arizona, to a $12.4 million, three-year contract; signed Alan Mills, rhp, Baltimore, to a $6.5 million, three-year contract; signed Kevin Brown, rhp, San Diego to a $105 million, seven-year contract.

MILWAUKEE (1) — Signed Sean Berry, 3b, Houston, to a $3.6 million, two-year contract.

NEW YORK (3) — Re-signed Dennis Cook, lhp, to a $6.6 million, three-year contract; signed Robin Ventura, 3b, to a $32 million, four-year contract; signed Rickey Henderson, of, Oakland, to a $2.3 million, one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA (2) — Signed Jim Poole, lhp, Cleveland, to a $500,000, one-year contract; signed Tom Prince, c, Los Angeles, to a $600,000, two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH (3) — Signed Mike Benjamin, 2b, Boston, to a $1.4 million, two-year contract; signed Ed Sprague, 3b, Oakland, to a $1 million, one-year contract; signed Pete Schourek, lhp, Boston, to a $4 million, two-year contract.

ST. LOUIS (4) — Signed Eric Davis, of, Baltimore, to an $8 million, two-year contract; signed Scott Radinsky, lhp, Los Angeles, to a $5.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Willie McGee, of, to a $1 million, one-year contract; re-signed Pat Kelly, 2b, to a minor-league contract ($550,000).

SAN DIEGO (5) — Re-signed John Vander Wal, of, to a $1.75 million, two-year contract; re-signed Carlos Hernandez, c, to a $6.5 million, three-year contract; re-signed Mark Langston, lhp, to minor-league contract ($750,000); signed Shane Mack, of, Kansas City, to a minor-league contract ($500,000); signed Dave Magadan, 3b, Oakland, to a $675,000, one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO (3) — Re-signed Mark Gardner, rhp, to a $5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Ellis Burks, of, to a $10 million, two-year contract; signed Trevor Wilson, lhp, to a $350,000, one-year contract.

Free Agents left

NEW YORK (AP) — The 51 remaining free agents (a-declined salary arbitration and may negotiate with former club through Jan. 8):

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (2) — Mike Fetters, rhp; Gregg Jefferies, of.

BALTIMORE (3) — Doug Drabek, rhp; Jimmy Key, lhp; Pete Smith, rhp.

BOSTON (3) — Dennis Eckersley, rhp; Mark Lemke, 2b; Tim Naehring, 3b.

CHICAGO (2) — Jim Abbott, lhp; Wil Cordero, of.

CLEVELAND (4) — Pat Borders, c; Jeff Branson, 3b; Joey Cora, 2b; Doug Jones, rhp.

DETROIT (1) — Frank Castillo, rhp.

KANSAS CITY (3) — Scott Leius, 3b; Hal Morris, 1b; Terry Pendleton, 3b.

MINNESOTA (3) — Paul Molitor, 1b; a-Terry Steinbach, c; Bob Tewksbury, rhp.

NEW YORK (1) — Tim Raines, of.

OAKLAND (2) — Mike Blowers, 3b; Bip Roberts, of.

SEATTLE (4) — a-John Marzano, c; Joe Oliver, c; Heathcliff Slocumb, rhp; a-Bill Swift, rhp.

TEXAS (3) — Scott Bailes, lhp; Greg Cadaret, lhp; a-Roger Pavlik, rhp.

TORONTO (1) — Juan Samuel, 2b.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (1) — Andy Stankiewicz, ss.

ATLANTA (3) — Rafael Belliard, ss; Norm Charlton, lhp; Dennis Martinez, rhp.

CHICAGO (4) — Chris Haney, lhp; Orlando Merced, of; Mike Morgan, rhp; Scott Servais, c.

HOUSTON (1) — Mike Magnante, lhp.

LOS ANGELES (1) — Jim Eisenreich, of.

MILWAUKEE (2) — Darrin Jackson, of; John Jaha, 1b.

NEW YORK (1) — Carlos Baerga, 2b.

PHILADELPHIA (1) — Mark Parent, c.

ST. LOUIS (1) — Bobby Witt, rhp.

SAN FRANCISCO (4) — Joe Carter, of; Danny Darwin, rhp; Shawon Dunston, ss; Orel Hershiser, rhp.

Top 25 Fared

By The Associated Press

How the top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college football poll fared in the bowls:

No. 1 Tennessee (12-0) vs. No. 2 Florida State, Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 4.

No. 2 Florida State (11-1) vs. No. 1 Tennessee, Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 4.

No. 3 Ohio State (10-1) vs. No. 8 Texas A&M, Sugar Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 4 Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue, Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29.

No. 5 Arizona (11-1) vs. No. 14 Nebraska, Holiday Bowl, Dec. 30.

No. 6 UCLA (10-1) vs. No. 9 Wisconsin, Rose Bowl, Jan. 1

No. 7 Florida (9-2) vs. No. 18 Syracuse, Orange Bowl, Jan. 2.

No. 8 Texas A&M (11-2) vs. No. 3 Ohio State, Sugar Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 9 Wisconsin (10-1) vs. No. UCLA, Rose Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 10 Tulane (11-0) vs. Brigham Young, Liberty Bowl, Dec. 31.

No. 11 Arkansas (9-2) vs. No. 15 Michigan, Citrus Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 12 Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. No. 16 Notre Dame, Gator Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 13 Virginia (9-2) vs. No. 19 Georgia, Peach Bowl, Dec. 31.

No. 14 Nebraska (9-3) vs. No. 5 Arizona, Holiday Bowl, Dec. 30.

No. 15 Michigan (9-3) vs. No. 11 Arkansas, Citrus Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 16 Air Force (12-1) beat Washington 45-25, Oahu Bowl.

No. 17 Notre Dame (9-2) vs. No. 12 Georgia Tech, Gator Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 18 Syracuse (8-3) vs. No. 7 Florida, Orange Bowl, Jan. 2.

No. 19 Georgia (8-3) vs. No. 13 Virginia, Peach Bowl, Dec. 31.

No. 20 Texas (8-3) vs. No. 25 Mississippi State, Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 21 Oregon (8-4) lost to Colorado 51-43, Aloha Bowl.

No. 22 Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky, Outback Bowl, Jan. 1.

No. 23 Missouri (8-4) beat West Virginia 34-31, Insight.com Bowl.

No. 24 Miami (8-3) vs. North Carolina State, MICRON PC Bowl, Dec. 29.

No. 25 Mississippi State (8-4) vs. No. 20 Texas, Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1.

Bowl Games

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

Saturday, Dec. 19

Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
North Carolina 20, San Diego State 13

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall 48, Louisville 29

Friday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 31, Blue 24

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado 51, Oregon 43

Oahu Classic
At Honolulu
Air Force 45, Washington 25

Saturday, Dec. 26

Late Game Not Included

Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Southern U. 26, Bethune-Cookman 2

Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Missouri 34, West Virginia 31

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN2)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), 12 p.m. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 4

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 16

East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23

Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 24

Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Maui
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Heritage Bowl
Southern 28,
Bethune-Cookman 2

Bethune	0	2	0	0 — 2
Southern	7	0	14	7 — 28

First Quarter

SU—Wofford 11 run (Mattingly kick), 11:00.

Second Quarter

BCC—Safety, Wofford tackled in end zone, 10:46.

Third Quarter

SU—Lewis 57 run (Mattingly kick), 12:50.

SU—Lewis 13 run (Mattingly kick), 6:48.

Fourth Quarter

SU—Guye 34 interception return (Mattingly kick), 14:05.

A—32,955.

	BCC	SU
First downs	13	18
Rushes-yards	40-13	49-211
Passing	133	127
Comp-Att-Int	15-32-4	8-18-2
Punts	6-43	6-48
Fumbles-Lost	7-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	9-81	11-129
Time of Possession	32:48	27:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Bethune, Troutman 11-12, Stanley 1-12, Gordon 1-4, Speir 1-4, Southern, Wofford 27-119, Lewis 7-84, Smith 4-21, Mills 2-15.

PASSING—Bethune, Foster 8-19-4-77, Troutman 5-10-0-86. Southern, S. George 7-17-2-121, Williams 1-1-0-6.

RECEIVING—Bethune, Adderly 9-103, Williams 3-33, Hubbard 1-12, Hopkins 1-7. Southern, Brown 3-21, Forman 2-52, Riley 2-14, J. George 1-40.

Insight.com Bowl
Missouri 34, West Virginia 31

W. Virginia	0	3	14	14 — 31
Missouri	14	10	7	3 — 34

First Quarter

Mis—Posey 70 blocked punt return (Long kick), 9:17.

Mis—C.Jones 9 run (Long kick), 3:03.

Second Quarter

WV—FG Taylor 28, 14:52.

Mis—Safety, J. Jones blocked punt out of end zone, 6:17.

Mis—C.Jones 3 run (Layman pass from C.Jones), :53.

Third Quarter

WV—Saunders 9 pass from Bulger (Taylor kick), 6:19.

Mis—C.Jones 11 run (Long kick), 5:11.

WV—Ivy 8 pass from Bulger (Taylor kick), :29.

Fourth Quarter

WV—Zereoue 9 pass from Bulger (Taylor kick), 10:27.

Mis—FG Long 18, 3:44.

WV—Saunders 1 pass from Bulger (Taylor kick), 2:11.

A—36,147.

	WV	Mis
First downs	27	21
Rushes-yards	26-39	53-197
Passing	452	130
Comp-Att-Int	35-51-2	8-12-0
Punts	2-25.5	5-32.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	4-29
Time of Possession	27:41	32:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—West Virginia, Zereoue 22-32, Greene 1-12, Saunders 1-0, Bulger 2-(minus 5). Missouri, D.West 31-125, C.Jones 18-51, Dausman 1-9, Layman 1-8, R. West 2-4.

PASSING—West Virginia 34-50-2-429, Foreman 1-1-0-23. Missouri, C.Jones 8-12-0-130.

RECEIVING—West Virginia, Foreman 11-189, Saunders 8-95, Becht 6-87, Greene 4-39, Green 1-20, Zereoue 2-9, Ivy 1-8, Brown 2-5. Missouri, Dausman 3-44, Wise 2-27, Brooks 1-25, Layman 1-23, Blakley 1-11.

NFL Results

Expanded Standings

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-NY Jets	11	4	0	.733	385	256	6-1-0	5-3-0	9-2-0	2-2-0	6-1-0
x-Miami	10	5	0	.667	305	227	7-1-0	3-4-0	7-5-0	3-0-0	4-4-0
x-New England	9	6	0	.600	327	298	6-2-0	3-4-0	7-4-0	2-2-0	4-3-0
x-Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	355	300	6-2-0	3-4-0	7-5-0	2-1-0	4-4-0
Indianapolis	3	12	0	.200	291	417	3-4-0	0-8-0	3-9-0	0-3-0	1-7-0
Central											
y-Jacksonville	10	5	0	.667	371	335	6-1-0	4-4-0	7-4-0	3-1-0	5-2-0
Tennessee	8	8	0	.500	330	320	3-5-0	5-3-0	7-5-0	1-3-0	7-1-0
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	280	282	5-3-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	2-2-0	3-4-0
Baltimore	5	10	0	.333	250	325	3-4-0	2-6-0	5-7-0	0-3-0	2-6-0
Cincinnati	3	12	0	.200	268	417	1-5-0	2-7-0	2-10-0	1-2-0	2-6-0
West											
y-Denver	13	2	0	.867	473	286	7-0-0	6-2-0	10-1-0	3-1-0	7-0-0
Seattle	8	7	0	.533	351	282	6-2-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	3-1-0	3-4-0
Oakland	8	8	0	.

Louisville hands stunning loss to No. 3 Kentucky

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A lot of people were surprised by Louisville's upset of No. 3 Kentucky. However, none of them played for Louisville.

"There was no doubt in my mind we could beat them," forward Tony Williams said after the Cardinals beat the Wildcats 83-74 Saturday at Freedom Hall. "We all knew we could do this. This is our house and we're going to protect our house."

Marques Maybin scored 19 points, including seven straight late in the second half, as Louisville beat its bitter intrastate rival for the second straight season.

Williams and Cameron Murray each added 14 points as Louisville (5-2), banned from postseason play by the NCAA earlier this year, won its third consecutive game.

"This was a big win for our kids because everybody thought it was a fluke last year — and it probably was," said Louisville coach Denny Crum, referring to last year's 79-76 win at Rupp Arena. "These kids played their hearts out today and they played well."

Kentucky (10-3), which was coming off a 71-60 loss to second-ranked Duke, has lost two straight for the first time since 1994.

"Louisville certainly played a great game and really executed when they had to," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, who did not make his players available for interviews after the game.

"We had some breakdowns in our full-court pressure and they were able to capitalize. Their quickness hurt us and their pressure was very effective."

The Cardinals forced Kentucky into 18 turnovers and held the Wildcats to 46 percent shooting from the field, including only 2-of-15 from 3-point range.

Scott Padgett led Kentucky with 13 points, Michael Bradley had 12 and Wayne Turner and Ryan Hogan each had 11. But the Wildcats' trio of seniors — Padgett, Turner and Heshimu Evans — shot a combined 14-of-30 from the field and 0-of-7 from behind the 3-point line.

"The key to stopping Kentucky was stopping the three seniors," said Louisville senior Alex Sanders, who had five points and nine rebounds. "We stopped Wayne Turner's penetration, Heshimu Evans' big plays and Scott Padgett's shooting."

After building a 75-60 lead with 4:56 remaining, Louisville failed to make a field goal the rest of the way. However, the Cardinals went 8-of-11 from the foul line to seal the victory.

No. 16 Clemson 67, Furman 54

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Harold Jamison had 16 points and 16 rebounds, and Vincent Whitt scored 11 of his 13 points in the second half as No. 16 Clemson beat Furman.

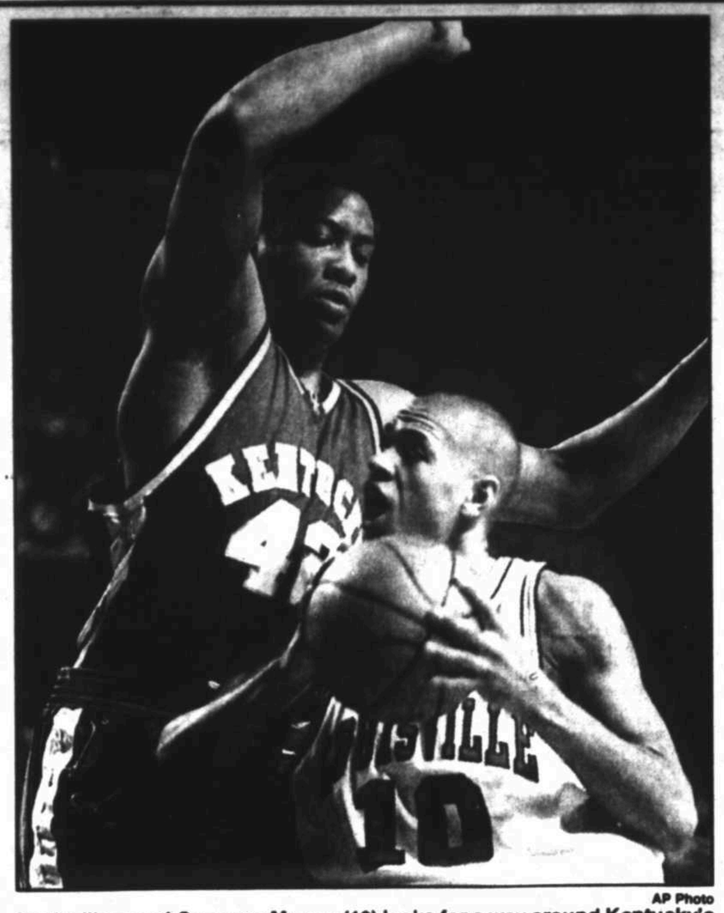
Jamison was 7-of-10 from the field for the Tigers (11-1), who beat the Paladins (6-4) for the 23rd straight time. It was the first basketball game at the new Bi-Lo Center, a $63 million arena that opened in September.

Furman pulled within 43-41 in the second half on a 3-pointer by Kyle Julius, but Jamison's putback with 12:21 left started a 22-4 run by Clemson.

Whitt scored seven points and Clemson's top scorer, Terrell McIntyre, added two baskets during the streak.

McIntyre, who didn't make a field goal until 11:57 remained in the game, finished with 13 points.

■ Top 25 Roundup



AP Photo

Louisville guard Cameron Murray (10) looks for a way around Kentucky's Jamaal Magloire during their game Saturday in Louisville, Ky. Louisville upset its third-ranked in-state rival, 83-74.

Scorpions sting Jackalopes, 5-2

Staff Report

ALBUQUERQUE — Despite outshooting New Mexico 41-25, the Odessa Jackalopes had trouble lighting the lamp and in the process got stung by the Scorpions 5-2 Saturday night.

The second period was typical of the way the Jacks' night went. Odessa out-shot New Mexico 18-8 within the period and had five power play opportunities but only had one goal scored. It was by Jacque Rodrigue, who, last week, was named to Team "Texas" for the 1998 All-Star Game to be played Jan. 9 in Austin.

For the game, the Jacks were just 2-for-10 in power play opportunities. Jacks' coach Joe Clark was obviously upset with the way his offensive stars are failing to finish scoring opportunities. Clark added that he was upset with the Jacks' soft attitude on the road.

"We need to step it up to more of a playoff-like intensity when we're on the road, and we're just not doing that," Clark said.

While the Jacks were coming up empty, the Scorpions made the most of their opportunities on offense. New Mexico scored three times in the third period on 13 shots.

After a Mike Sanderson goal to make the score 3-1 in favor of the Scorpions, New Mexico's Sylvane Naud scored a short-handed goal just two minutes later. Naud's short-handed goal was the first of its kind allowed by the Jacks this year. Odessa had been the only team in the WPHL not give up a short-handed goal.

Odessa's Ryan Equale scored on a power play goal 5:09 into the third period but it proved too little too late for the Jacks, who suffered their fifth straight road loss.

The last goal by New Mexico with 56 seconds left in the game was an empty netter. The margin of defeat matched the largest margin of defeat this year. It's quite a step up from last year when the Jacks were manhandled in New Mexico by scores of 9-0 and 11-0.

The Jacks make a quick turnaround and play at home today against the El Paso Buzzards. The game is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. at the Jack Shack, otherwise known as the Ector County Coliseum.

New Mexico Scorpions 5, Odessa Jackalopes 2

Odessa	0	1	1	—2
New Mexico	1	1	3	—5

First Period — 1. NM, LaQuinta (Marcellos, Naud), 5:39.

Second Period — 2. NM, Shmyr (Sanderson), 2:44; 3. Od, Rodrigue pp (Morque), 4:20.

Third Period — 4. NM, Sanderson (Naud), 2:41; 5. NM, Naud (Sanderson), 4:44; 6. Od, Equale pp (Ohrstedt, Morin), 5:09; 7. NM, Naud (Dupont, Sanderson), 19:04.

Shots on goal — Odessa 10-18-13—41; New Mexico 8-8-9—25. **Power-play Opportunities** — Odessa 2 of 10; New Mexico 0 of 2. **Goalies** — Odessa, Pye 7-7-6 (24 shots, 20 saved); New Mexico, Pottle 10-17-12 (41-39). A — 3,787.

Hofstra gets big win vs. inconsistent Georgia Tech

NEW YORK (AP) — The game against Georgia Tech in the opening round of the ECAC Holiday Festival was the one Hofstra had been looking forward to all season.

Now it will go down as one of the biggest wins in school history.

The Flying Dutchmen beat Georgia Tech 61-42 Saturday as Norman Richardson matched his career high with 23 points, a game Hofstra had in hand the whole way.

"Playing over the holidays in Madison Square Garden and against Georgia Tech no less, it doesn't get any better," Hofstra coach Jay Wright said. "Our players are all New Yorkers and were good high school players and they expected to win this game more than I did."

The Flying Dutchmen (6-4) will play Penn, which beat Iona 67-61, in Sunday's championship game.

The victory was the fourth straight for Hofstra, but it was arguably the biggest for the Long Island school since beating Temple in the East Coast Conference championship game in 1976.

"We came out sky high and we thought we had a chance to win," Richardson said. "We beat a great team and we feel good about ourselves winning in Madison Square Garden. It's special."

The loss kept the wild roller coaster ride of Georgia Tech (8-3) going. Over their last five games, the Yellow Jackets have rallied for an overtime win over archrival Georgia, played poorly in a win over Wofford, lost 80-39 to No. 3 Kentucky then beat No. 7 North Carolina.

"Sometimes if you try and figure things like this out all it does is drive you crazy," Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins said. "That wasn't our team that played the last game."

Hull's goals lift Stars

DENVER (AP) — Brett Hull scored two power-play goals, giving him seven goals in seven games, as the Dallas Stars extended their unbeaten streak to 11 with a 4-2 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Saturday night.

Hull, with 13 points in his last 11 games, added an assist and Mike Modano had two assists for Dallas to reach the 300-assist plateau.

Jere Lehtinen and Jamie Langenbrunner also scored for Dallas, 8-0-3 in its last 11 games.

Roman Turek stopped 17 of 19 shots to extend his unbeaten streak to a career-best seven games (6-0-1).

Eric Messier scored his first goal of the season and ended a 143:07 team drought at home without a goal and Claude Lemieux had a power-play goal for Colorado. The Avalanche last scored at home on Dec. 4 when Aaron Miller connected at 6:13 against St. Louis.

Patrick Roy, who had not allowed more than three goals in his previous 19 starts, left the game with a sprained left knee after giving up Langenbrunner's goal at 4:53 of the third period. Roy will miss 7-to-10 days.

Colorado led 1-0 after one period on Messier's goal at 4:20, in his first game back after missing two games with an eye injury. Turek turned aside a shot by Milan Hejduk, but Rene Corbet skated down the puck, centered it in front and Messier sent a shot through a pile-up in front of the net past Turek.

NBA: Labor negotiations continue going nowhere

(From 1C)

commissioner Russ Granik said Saturday.

Stern hasn't commented publicly in more than a week, but Granik used a familiar line after the Los Angeles meeting in saying the discussions "went nowhere."

"Nowhere Man was right," Hunter said. "We basically spent a lot of time covering old ground and restating what our concerns were.

"I'm not sure when David will be back from Aspen, but I'll speak by phone with him or Russ."

NBA Lockout

By The Associated Press

A look at the NBA lockout through Saturday, Day 179:

TOTAL DAYS OF SEASON MISSED: 64.

GAMES LOST: Saturday: 13. TOTAL GAMES MISSED: 373.

EARLIEST ESTIMATED DATE SEASON CAN START: Jan. 22.

NEGOTIATIONS: David Stern and Billy Hunter did not meet Saturday, and nothing was scheduled for Sunday, with the league having set a Jan. 7 deadline to cancel the season.

PROJECTED PLAYER SALARY LOSSES (through Jan. 22): $480 million.

SUNDAY'S BEST CANCELED GAME: Houston at Los Angeles Lakers, 9:30 p.m. The speed and fadeaway jumper of Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon meets the power of the Lakers Shaquille O'Neal.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "We basically spent a lot of time covering old ground and restating what our concerns were. I'm not sure when David will be back from Aspen, but I'll speak by phone with him or Russ (Granik)." — Union director Billy Hunter, commenting about Wednesday's meeting.

The opposing sides, fighting over how to distribute some $2 billion in annual revenue, must make a deal by mid-January to save a 45- to 50-game season. The league has scheduled a Board of Governors meeting for Jan. 7, and Granik said he will recommend canceling the season if a deal isn't reached by then.

Although many complicated issues remain in dispute, it has become apparent that the one critical area that is the key to a settlement is the league's insistence on setting an absolute maximum salary for players with more than six years of experience. The owners want the maximum salary tied to a percentage of the salary cap, while the players have proposed a luxury tax on any owner who signs a player to a multiyear contract starting at more than $15 million.

The union has already offered a $10 million limit on the starting salary for any player with less than seven years of experience.

Hunter has said he will not accept a maximum salary on veteran players unless the league reciprocates with an equally concessionary gesture that brings the sides to closure. Presumably, that would include the union's proposed minimum salaries and an additional salary cap exception tied to the median salary.

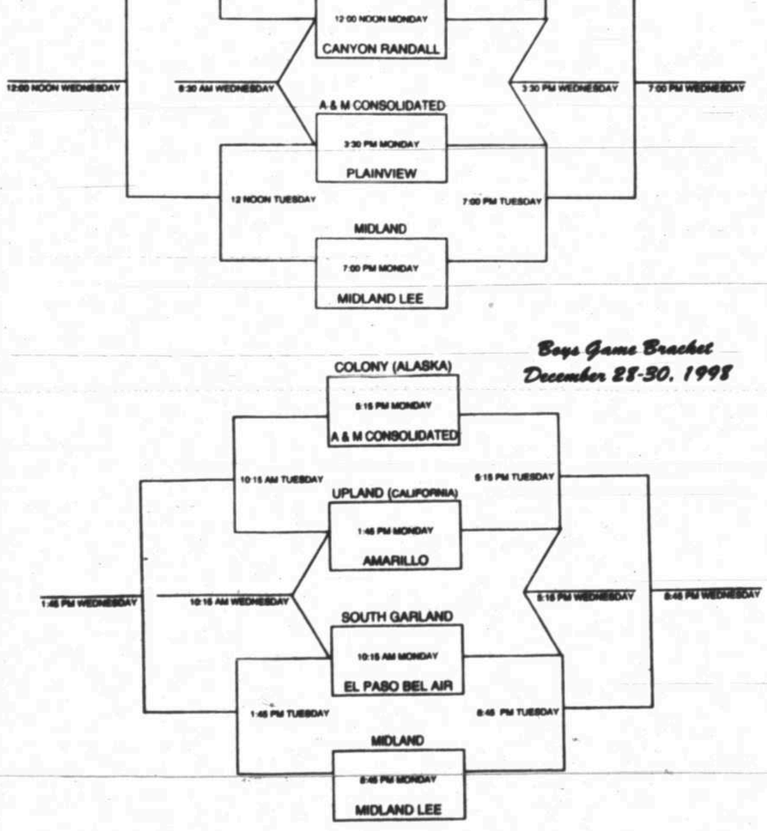
The union also would want the league to withdraw several proposed changes to salary cap rules, including the elimination of opt-out clauses, the toughening of trade rules, the reduction of performance bonuses and the elimination of signing bonuses and trade kickers.

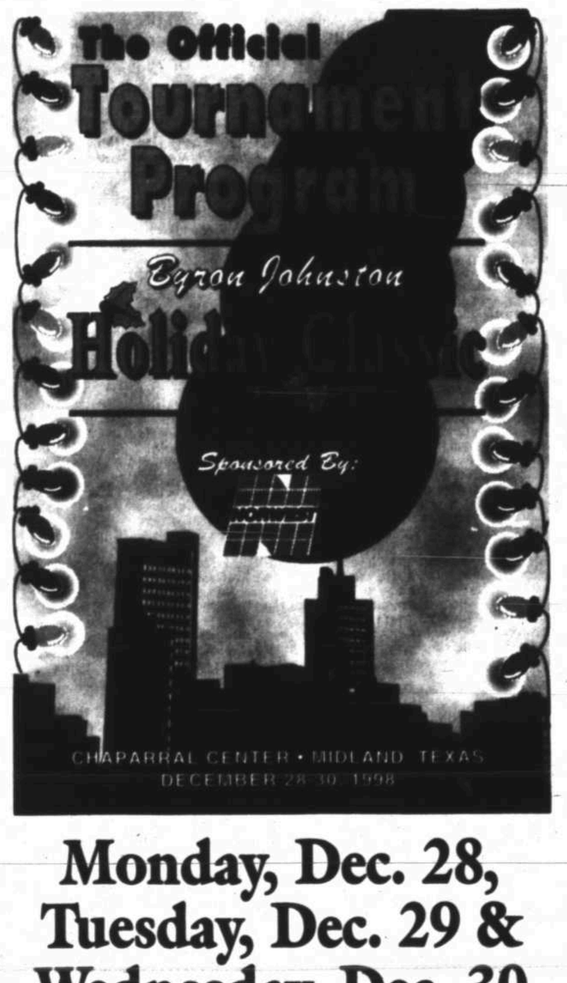
Hunter admitted Saturday he is wary of giving the owners another concession and then having them walk away from the bargaining table saying it isn't enough.

Some agents are counseling Hunter to wait until the Jan. 7 deadline before trying to close the deal.

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Cards have chance to make playoffs for 1st time since '82

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

When the Cardinals moved from St. Louis to Arizona 11 years ago, more than 100,000 people claimed the rights to season tickets at 73,273-seat Sun Devil Stadium.

But they were quickly turned off by inept play and high ticket prices and the only time the place has been sold out since has been when Dallas comes to town and Cowboys fans buy tickets.

They might as well head for Houston if they don't sell out Sunday, when the Cardinals have only to beat San Diego to make the playoffs for the first time since 1982, when they were in St. Louis.

As the NFL enters its final weekend, there is only one playoff berth at stake, the last NFC wild card. Arizona (8-7) controls it: a win and the Cardinals are in, leaving Tampa Bay (7-8) and the New York Giants (7-8) out.

The difference between these Cardinals and the old Cardinals is Jake Plummer, who was rewarded for eight game-winning drives over his first two seasons with a $29.7 million, four-year deal that includes a $15 million signing bonus.

"At the beginning of the year, I didn't set out to get a new contract, I set out to get in the playoffs," Plummer said.

Last week, Plummer kept the Cardinals in control of their fate by engineering a 76-yard drive to beat the Saints after New Orleans had taken a 17-16 lead with 1:21 to go. Then he got the huge contract extension.

The other two teams in contention made the playoffs last year and were considered likely playoff teams entering the season — some even picked the Bucs to go to the Super Bowl.

But both might have started too late.

The Giants have won three straight and four of five with Kent Graham at quarterback in place of Danny Kanell. Included is the 20-16 win over Denver two weeks ago that ended the Broncos' quest for an unbeaten season.

But to make it, the Giants have to win at Philadelphia (3-12) and hope both Arizona and Tampa Bay lose.

The Bucs started 4-7, then won three straight, but blew a game at Washington last week that made their playoff chances problematic. They must win at Cincinnati (3-12), the Cardinals must lose and the Giants must win. That would put the Bucs in a three-way tie that they win.

As far as coach Tony Dungy is concerned, the Bucs were eliminated by last week's loss. "I felt like we were going to have to win them out to get in and I don't feel like we'll get in now," he said.

In Saturday games, Minnesota beat Tennessee 26-16 and Kansas City knocked off Oakland 31-24.

In other Sunday games, Buffalo is at New Orleans, Carolina at Indianapolis, Detroit at Baltimore, Green Bay at Chicago, Miami at Atlanta, New England at the New York Jets, St. Louis at San Francisco, Seattle at Denver, and Washington at Dallas. Pittsburgh is at Jacksonville Monday night.

■ NFL Games Today

Miami (10-5) at Atlanta (13-2)

The Dolphins have the incentive — a win and they're guaranteed a home game in the first-round of the playoffs. The Falcons, locked into the second seed in the NFC, could rest key players.

But ...

"People talk about this game not meaning something. It means a ton," said Atlanta defensive end Lester Archambeau, who plans to play with a broken thumb. "Anytime you can go into the postseason with some momentum, it's going to carry you."

There's also a "win one for Dan," mentality working for the Falcons: Dan Reeves, back in the hospital after heart surgery, gave them a pep talk by speakerphone during the week.

Green Bay (10-5) at Chicago (4-11)
St. Louis (4-11)
at San Francisco (11-4)

If the Packers win early, then the 49ers will try late.

That's because while the Packers and 49ers know they'll play each other in the first round of the playoffs, they're not sure where. Right now it would be at San Francisco, but if they both finish 11-5, it would be at Green Bay, because the Packers beat the Niners during the season.

That means that if the Packers win, the 49ers' Steve Young, who sprained his knee on the last offensive play of the game at New England, could start against a team that the San Francisco has beaten 16 straight times.

Seattle (8-7) at Denver (13-2)

A more important game than it looks for the Broncos, who need to get their momentum back after losing two straight in what they hoped might be an unbeaten season. Last season, they lost their 14th and 15th games and won the Super Bowl, but a 16th week loss would be a major negative.

Seattle could finish over .500 for the first time since 1990 if it wins. A win also might save Dennis Erickson's job — but probably not.

Pittsburgh (7-8)
at Jacksonville (10-5)

What was supposed to be a showdown for the AFC Central title, but the Steelers are out of the playoffs for the first time in Bill Cowher's seven years as coach and the Jaguars have clinched. So Jacksonville can continue to rest Mark Brunell's sprained ankle and play rookie Jonathan Quinn, who was battered in the 50-10 loss in Minnesota last week.

New England (9-6)
at New York Jets (11-4)

Don't expect the Jets to play soft in this one. Bill Parcells still has a chip on his shoulder about the Patriots and he always plays hard in seemingly meaningless games. In 1986, his Giants beat the Packers 55-24 in a meaningless final game and went on to win the Super Bowl.

The Patriots could get a home playoff game next week if they win and Miami loses. Scott Zolak, who beat San Francisco last week, will be at quarterback again.

Buffalo (9-6) at New Orleans (6-9)

The Bills are 9-3 after an 0-3 start. The Saints are 3-9 after a 3-0 start, good reason why Buffalo is in the playoffs and New Orleans is not.

Also good reason why Ralph Wilson, the Bills' owner, has rewarded Doug Flutie by paying him a bonus for a game they lost — the one the officials gave to New England.

Washington (6-9) at Dallas (9-6)

The Redskins come in having won six of eight after an 0-7 start and Norv Turner may retain his job, depending on who ends up owning the team. The Cowboys would like some momentum entering the playoffs after four straight bad games: three losses and a 13-9 win over Philadelphia.

Still, with a win, Dallas can become the first team ever to sweep the NFC East; the Giants were 7-0-1 last year.

Detroit (5-10) at Baltimore (5-10)

A tale of two disappointments.

The Ravens have five Pro Bowlers, one for each win.

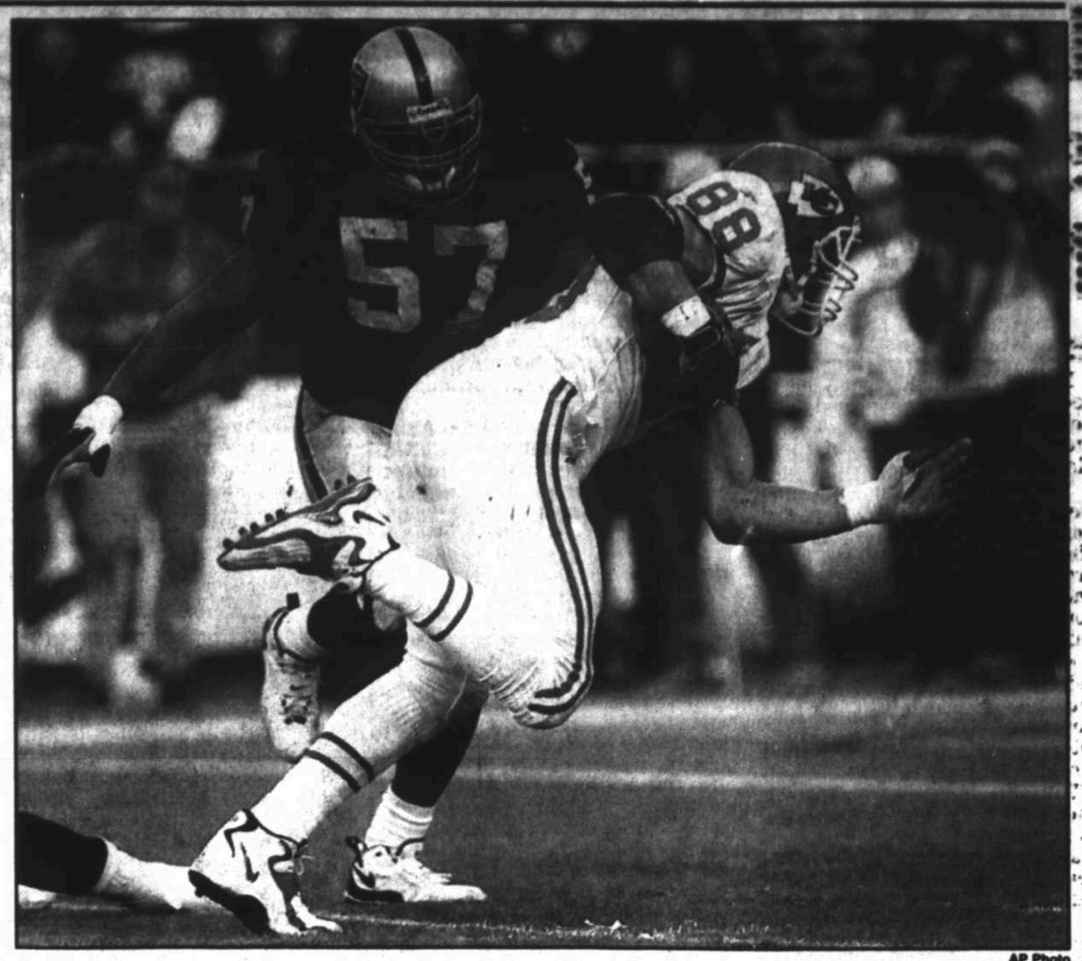
The Lions have Barry Sanders. They are 78-81 for his 10 seasons in Detroit.

Carolina (3-12)
at Indianapolis (3-12)

A tale of two coaches.

Dom Capers took the Panthers to the NFC title game in the franchise's second season. This is likely his last game, only two years later.

Jim Mora has done a nice job bringing along Peyton Manning. But last week, he got angry at his defense in the kind of tirade that led him to quit at New Orleans.



AP Photo
Kansas City Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez slips past Oakland defensive back Terry Wooden on his way to score the game-winning touchdown Saturday in Oakland, Calif. Kansas City defeated Oakland, 31-24.

Chiefs rally past Raiders, 31-24

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Even though they're among the NFL's biggest disappointments this season, one thing hasn't changed for the Kansas City Chiefs — their dominance of the Oakland Raiders.

Derrick Thomas returned a fumble 44 yards for a score and Tony Gonzalez caught a 20-yard touchdown pass to break a fourth-quarter tie as the Chiefs defeated the Raiders 31-24 Saturday in their season finale.

Kansas City has won 17 of its last 19 games against the Raiders, who lost two quarterbacks to groin injuries in the contest and finished the game with a third quarterback who has missed most of the season with a groin injury.

Bam Morris had two 1-yard scoring runs and Pete Stoyanovich added a 30-yard field goal for the Chiefs (7-9). Elvis Grbac, in his first start since Nov. 8, was 20-of-32 for 254 with two interceptions and the scoring toss to Gonzalez.

Jeff George had a 15-yard scoring pass to James Jett and Wade Wilson threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Tim Brown for the Raiders (8-8), who have not had a winning season since 1994 — the year before they returned to Oakland from Los Angeles.

Randy Jordan added a 10-yard scoring run and Greg Davis kicked a 44-yard field goal for Oakland, which lost six of its final eight games.

Wilson was 13-of-18 for 127 yards before hurting his groin while dropping back to pass early in the third quarter. He was relieved by Donald Hollas, who also hurt his groin and was replaced by George after just 11 plays. George, who has not played a full game since late September because of a groin injury, was 9-of-18 for 138 yards.

Wilson completed five straight passes, covering 59 yards, as the Raiders took a 7-0 lead midway through the first period on the scoring toss to Brown in the corner of the end zone.

An interception by Charles Woodson, the fifth of the season for the rookie cornerback, led to Jordan's scoring run and a 14-0 Oakland lead.

Grbac's passes of 29 and 14 yards to Derrick Alexander led the Chiefs on their first scoring drive, culminating in Morris' dive over the middle of the line early in the second quarter.

The Chiefs tied the game early in the third period on Morris' second scoring run, following a pass interference penalty on Woodson in the end zone.

After a field goal by each team, Leslie O'Neal sacked Hollas and forced a fumble that Thomas scooped up and returned for a TD and a 24-17 Chiefs lead.

The Raiders tied the game with 9:17 remaining on Jett's scoring reception, the first touchdown pass by George since Sept. 27 at Dallas. But the Chiefs responded with a 76-yard drive, capped by the scoring pass to Gonzalez with 5:56 left.

Anderson breaks scoring record

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gary Anderson added another record to his resume on Saturday.

The Minnesota Vikings' kicker finished the season with 164 points to surpass Washington's Mark Moseley as the highest-scoring kicker for a single season. Moseley accounted for 161 points in 1983.

The 39-year-old Anderson also completed a perfect season — 35-for-35 on field goal attempts and 59-for-59 on PATs.

When it was over, Anderson said he only felt a sense of relief at first at ending the pressure to be perfect.

"I can't even describe it," he said. "People often tell me that I'm immune to pressure, but in the last month I can promise you that pressure's been getting stronger and stronger."

He went into Saturday's game with the Tennessee Oilers needing only eight points to pass Moseley. He wound up the day with 10 points on three field goals and an extra point in the Vikings' 26-16 victory.

Anderson got his chance to pass Moseley when the Vikings stalled late in the final quarter, setting up a 39-yard field goal try with 1:10 left. He easily put the ball through for the record and was hugged by holder Mitch Berger.

"That last one; they figured I had to be tested right to the end," Anderson said. "I was telling myself 'Just put a nice, smooth stroke on it.'"

That final field goal also stretched his other NFL record of consecutive kicks to 40 over two seasons.

Anderson's 164 points were a big part of the Vikings becoming the highest scoring team in NFL history. The Vikings finished with 556 points, topping the 541 scored by the 1983 Washington Redskins.

"He is a big addition to our team, and I think he is part of what we feel has helped make us a great deal better," coach Dennis Green said.

VIKES: Tennessee stays mediocre

(From 1C)

pass to Derrick Mason on fourth-and-10 bounced short.

Then, Anderson followed with his third field goal.

The loss left the Oilers at 8-8 for a third straight season, and they are tired of mediocrity.

"It's sickening watching teams play in the playoffs that we beat or barely lost to," safety Blaine Bishop said. "We have to do something, we can't continue to be conservative."

Even if the Oilers didn't accomplish their goal of their first winning season since 1993, they at least avoided becoming the Vikings' latest road kill.

"We didn't want to be a sparring partner for a heavyweight champion," said Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher.

The Vikings wanted to play all their starters to keep from losing momentum as they head into the playoffs with a first-round bye and home-field advantage. They did, but it took them a while to get their offense going.

Anderson provided their only offensive points in the first half with field goals of 39 and 23 yards. They also got a safety on Tennessee's opening possession when officials ruled McNair threw the ball away as he headed into the end zone.

The Oilers led 13-8 at halftime on two field goals by Al Del Greco and a 2-yard TD run by Eddie George.

Cunningham, playing with a broken bone on his left hand, got untracked in the third quarter, completing 9-of-10 passes for 107 yards and two TDs.

He hit rookie sensation Randy Moss in the end zone for a 5-yarder on the Vikings' first possession, putting Minnesota ahead 16-13. Cunningham connected with Cris Carter on a 38-yarder on the next drive.

The TD to Moss gave the Vikings 544 points for the season, breaking the Redskins' mark.

Cunningham wound up 23-of-35 for 235 yards.

Notes: Carter (11) and Moss (17) combined to break the NFL record for most TD receptions by a receiving duo with 28, topping San Francisco's Jerry Rice (22) and Dwight Clark (5) or Mike Wilson (5) in 1987. Rice and John Taylor also had 27 in 1989. ... Carter's TD gave him 101 and moved him past former Seattle receiver Steve Largent in scoring receptions. ... Vikings punter Mitch Berger kicked a career-long 67 yard punt in the first quarter. ... Ed McDaniel set a Vikings record for sacks by a linebacker when he took down McNair in the first quarter with his seventh this season... McNair topped 3,000 yards passing in a season for the first time in his career. He finished the year with 3,228. ... Tight end Frank Wycheck became the sixth player in Oilers history to lead the club in receptions for three straight seasons. He had a career-high 70 catches. ... Del Greco broke his club record for most points scored in a season with 136, topping his mark of 131 set in 1996.

COWBOYS: Redskins coming in hot

(From 1C)

much success. Dallas has sputtered to move the ball in recent weeks. The Cowboys had lost three straight before struggling to beat lowly Philadelphia 13-9 last Sunday.

The Redskins, meanwhile, have finally settled down under Norv Turner and won six out of their last eight games, including a 20-16 upset of Tampa Bay last Sunday. Washington started the year with seven consecutive losses.

"We finally started believing in ourselves," Turner said. "It's just a shame we couldn't get going like this earlier in the season. We have a lot of faith in each other now."

Turner is a former Dallas offensive coordinator who owns two Super Bowl rings from his days with the Cowboys. Turner is 4-5 against his old team.

Dallas hasn't swept a season series from Washington since 1994.

Smith is still looking for a rushing touchdown that would be the 124th of his career and an NFL record. He's tied with Marcus Allen for career rushing touchdowns.

"The record would be good, but right now the important thing is getting this team going," Smith said. "I feel this team can go as far as we want to go and as far as we have put our minds to go and achieve."

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Softball Booster Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee High cafeteria...

The Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club will meet on the first and third Monday of each month in the Lee cafeteria at 7 p.m...

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club meets once monthly during regular school year and twice monthly during soccer season at 7 p.m. in the school library. Dates are 1/4, 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/1, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/3. For information call Debbie Butts at 520-0248...

The Midland High Soccer Booster club will meet the first Monday of every month in Conference Room A. For more information, call Joe Willis at 570-4453 or Robert Winkler at 683-9585...

Baseball...

The University of Texas High School Baseball Coaches Clinic will take place Jan. 14, 1999 at Disch-Falk Field in Austin from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is $15 (check made payable to the University of Texas) and lunch will be served afterwards...

The annual **Midland Winter Baseball Camp** is at Zachary Field Dec. 28-30. Cost for ages 12-Under is $75 for three days or $25 a day from 9 a.m. to noon and the same price for ages 13-18 with camp from 1-4 p.m. daily. Coaches for the 12-under is Barry Russell, MHS baseball coach and Danny Jordan, MHS assistant as well as college and pro players. Coaches for the 13-up are Kevin Jordan in the Houston Astros organization and Jason Baker in the Montreal Expos organization. Call 689-1194 for information...

Softball...

Fastpitch umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508...

The **Odessa Thunder 12-under girls fast-pitch softball team** is looking for interested players for the 1999 season. If interested, please call Wade Allison at (915) 381-4330 or Andrea Swaim at (915) 550-7721....

Tennis...

The **Midland Women's Tennis Association** will hold its its spring tennis league on Feb. 2, 1999 and it will run for 10 weeks. Play will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. Send dues of $15 to Sherri St. John, 3207 Lockheed, 79707. The **Icicle-Freeze Tournament** will be held on Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at Midland College. Call Melissa Thompson at 686-9420 or Paula Walton at 686-8109 for information...

Clinics for ladies are being held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. Beginners clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The **Club at Mission Dorado** is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707...

The **Permian Basin Tennis Association** is hosting a junior tennis Christmas Camp Dec. 29-31 at the Odessa Country Club and The Club at Mission Dorado. Clinics for high school players will and grades 5-8 will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily while clinics for kindergarten through fourth grade are scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. For more information, call 550-0898, 689-2237 or 563-4707...

The **Permian Basin Tennis Umpires Association** is holding its 1999 certification school Jan. 8-9, at Kimber-Lea Tennis Club. For more information, call Charles Arnold at 697-4827 or Tom McMinn in Odessa at 362-2332 or 550-2338...

Midland College Tennis Center is hosting a Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament Jan. 16-17, 1999. The fee is $10 per team for the tournament, which will be bracket in A, B and C categories. To enter, go to Armstrong Racquet Shop or call 687-4046 for more information...

Basketball...

Registration for **YMCA youth basketball** is under way. The league is for boys in grades 7-10. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for nonmembers with a Jan. 17 deadline. For more information, call 682-2551...

Soccer...

Registration for the **Midland Soccer Association's Spring 1999 season** is underway. Participants must be at least four years old by Dec. 31, 1998 and require a birth certificate if they haven't played in the MSA before. Deadline is Jan. 17, 1999 to turn in the $40 fee. Registration is being held at both 1909 W. Wall St., Suite N, Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or at the Midland Park Mall Jan. 16-17, 1999. For more information, call 684-5425...

The Midland High boys soccer team will hold its first Purple-Gold intrasquad game and their first even-odd Alumni game on Jan. 6 at the C.J. Kelly soccer fields, located at the Northwest corner of Loop 250 behind Lowes. The alumni game will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by the varsity intrasquad game at 7:30 p.m. The format for the alumni game will be even year graduates against odd year graduates. To be eligible to play, you must have been a member of the MHS boys soccer team at the time of your graduation. Each alumni roster is limited to 18 field players and two goalkeepers. To get a roster spot, give your name to even coordinator Steve Parnell at 570-4949 during office hours. Admission to the game will be one can of food or one bar of soap per person to be donated to charity by the MHS boys soccer team.

Miscellaneous...

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teens and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering **Martial Arts Classes**. Tae Kwon Do Classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Aikido Classes are Wednesdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Saturday from 11-12 p.m.. Call 694-2528 for more information...

Citizens for Midland Skaters is a local group dedicated to raising funds for the establishment of a city park for skateboarding and in-line skating , If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Permian Basin Area Foundation/Skate Park Project, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas, 79702. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Pam Sledge at 685-3227...

The **Twin Cities Tigers Boxing Club** is hosting the **Senior Championships Box-off**. Winner from this event will advance to the Texas State Finals in Galveston. Site for the West Texas is in Midland at 200 Plaza at the Midland Downtown Lions Club. Bouts start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. This event is sanctioned by USA Boxing. Admission: $5 adults, $3 students, $1 for children under 6. For more information call 334-6190 or 367-1959...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755...

The **Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program** is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering **water aerobics**. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528...

COM Aquatics - **Learn to Swim** year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

The COM Masters Swim Team is open to anyone 20-over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information...

Family strife, court order divides Moceanus during holiday season

"And my parents were the best. They supported me strongly and encouraged me every way they could. They always showed me their love, and that helped me continue. We discussed everything, good and bad, and they advised me. ... We still have that relationship today. I wouldn't change it for anything."

— Dominique Moceanu in her 1996 autobiography, "Dominique Moceanu An American Champion."

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Dominique Moceanu stood on the podium in Atlanta, a gold medal around her neck, a wide grin on her small face, the world seemingly before her.

At 14, she already was one of the best U.S. gymnasts ever. And with her cute, Nadia Comaneci-like looks, bubbly personality and endearing story of Romanian parents, she was a marketing dream.

But reality has a funny way of rewriting fairy tales, and Moceanu's pretty little story is no different. Not even two years after the Olympics, her life has been ripped apart by money, ambition and family differences that not even love is strong enough to overcome.

Now the 17-year-old gymnast is living on her own, legally an adult, in a two-bedroom apartment. She has a Christmas tree, but only the top half is decorated because her 3-month-old puppy keeps knocking the lights off the bottom. She plans to spend Christmas Day with her 9-year-old sister, Christina, and mother, Camelia.

Moceanu's career, meanwhile, is on hold. She says her money is gone and her father, Dumitru — who is accused of inquiring about hiring a hit man to kill her coach and a close friend — is forbidden from coming near her.

"He's my dad, you can't just say, 'No, I don't love him.' Yeah, deep down inside I do," Moceanu said. "They're your parents, of course you love them. But it's hard to accept what he did, what extent and lengths he went to.

"Maybe right now it's the best thing to be apart. I don't know."

Moceanu was born to be a gymnast. Her parents were gymnasts in Romania, and even before Dominique's birth in 1981 in Los Angeles, where they had moved two years earlier, they decided she would be a gymnast, too.

She was enrolled in classes as a toddler and shortly after her 10th birthday, the Moceanu family moved to Houston so Dominique could train with renowned coach Bela Karolyi, who'd already led Comaneci and Mary Lou Retton to gold.

Four years later, at 13, Moceanu became the youngest U.S. senior champion ever when she won the all-around competition at the national championships.

With the Olympics just a year away, Moceanu-mania went into full swing. She did a commercial, made the cover of Vanity Fair and even published her autobiography.

She didn't win any individual medals in Atlanta, but when the Magnificent Seven became the first U.S. women's team to win gold, the spotlight grew brighter and the money poured in. That's when the problems in Moceanu's life, so carefully covered up over the years, began to show.

"Things at home, well, she's been real stressed since the Olympics," said Adriana Montero, Moceanu's best friend for nine years.

But things at home never had been easy. There were clashes because Dumitru Moceanu made all of the decisions for his family. It may not have been perfect, but the Moceanus wanted the best for Dominique and raised her the only way they knew how, said Katherine Scardino, Dumitru and Camelia Moceanu's lawyer.

"When you have the stardom she has, coupled with being a teenager, a girl and living in America and living in a household run by East European culture, I think that can create a difference or a conflict," Scardino said.

Moceanu's parents were convinced their daughter had that rare talent that could make her an Olympic champion, and her training soon consumed the family.

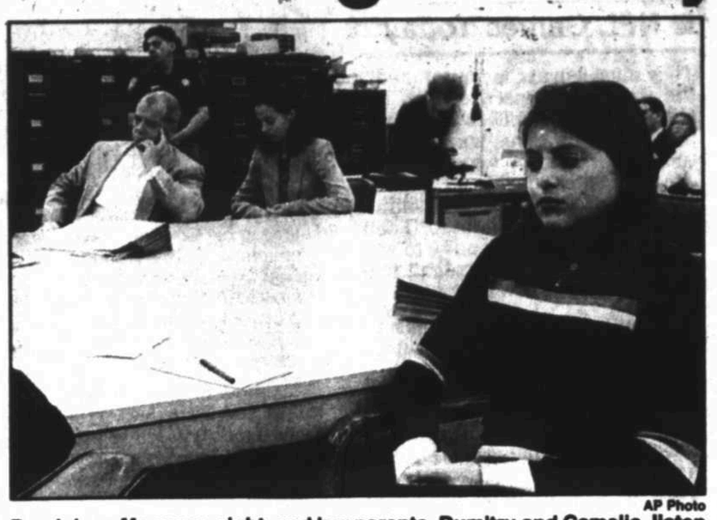
"I'd get home from the gym and it was, 'How was the gym?' 'OK, fine, can you ask me something else?'" Moceanu said. "I was like, 'Leave me alone. It's my gymnastics.' My coaches tell me enough if I'm not perfect."

Aside from the girls she trained with, she had few friends. Montero, who met Moceanu while training at Karolyi's, said Dumitru Moceanu never approved of their friendship because he thought it was a distraction.

"Her dad never agreed with her taking her focus off gymnastics," Montero said. "I knew she wanted to spend time with me, but she couldn't do anything about it."

And there were times when Dumitru Moceanu's dreams for his daughter took an uglier turn. Moceanu said her father occasionally hit her, usually if she gained weight or wasn't doing well at the gym.

"I've never gone public with this and I never wanted to," she said, a troubled look crossing her face. "This was something I kept private and I would have kept private. Some things are things you just keep for yourself and nobody needs to know."



AP Photo

Dominique Moceanu, right, and her parents, Dumitru and Camelia, listen to testimony during a hearing Dec. 9 in Houston. Barely two years after the Atlanta Olympics, her life has been ripped apart by money, ambition and family differences that not even love is strong enough to overcome.

The Moceanus have denied abusing their daughter. Dumitru Moceanu declined to be interviewed by The Associated Press.

"No. No more press," he said, shrugging and smiling sadly. "It's a family matter."

After the Olympics, the Magnificent Seven appeared on a Wheaties box and went on a nationwide tour that made them millions. It was an exhilarating yet scary time, said Amanda Borden, the team captain.

"I don't think any of us totally knew exactly what was going on," she said. "We'd talk and it was like, 'Oh, my gosh, I bought stock.' We didn't know what it meant or what was going to happen with it. But it was cool because we bought stock."

But there was one member of the Magnificent Seven who seemed completely in the dark.

"Dominique just didn't ever seem to know anything about her (money) or ever have money with her," said Mary Lee Tracy, assistant coach of the '96 Olympic team. "She, of course, was younger, but she was still old enough to know what was going on."

Said Borden, "You could tell she had no idea what kind of money she had or what was coming in. Most of us had some kind of guidance and she didn't have anything."

Moceanu estimates she's made $2 million to $2.5 million in her career and that it's now gone. A trust, which she can't touch until she's 35, was established for her earnings, but her parents have control over it.

The family opened a $4 million, 70,000-square-foot gym in suburban Spring. Dumitru Moceanu dreamed the mammoth facility would be where America's next generation of medalists would train.

The architectural firm that designed the building is suing him, claiming he reneged on its contract, and the gym is having other financial problems.

But Scardino says the gym also has been successful. Moceanu may claim her parents have been living off of her, but someone had to run the gym.

"Where do you think all that money comes from?" Scardino said. "It's the students, the fees, the coaches and the money brought in by the gym. That's not organized and run by some little fairy who comes out at night. It's run by him."

As the gym was being built, Moceanu said people were asking about her money, wondering if everything was being handled properly. She initially dismissed the questions, but then began wondering.

"Sometimes I confronted my father. I asked him about certain stuff, and he would get upset or mad," she said. "And I would think, 'Why does this anger you so much?'"

After the Olympics, Moceanu hit a slump. Karolyi retired and she bounced from coach to coach. The teen-ager grew 6 inches, a huge adjustment for a gymnast whose balance can be affected by a pound or two.

Finally, in January, Dumitru Moceanu found the perfect coach for his daughter, fellow Romanian Luminita Miscenco. By summer, Moceanu was back on top.

In July, she became the first non-Russian to win the all-around title at the Goodwill Games. At the national championships the next month, she won gold medals in the vault and balance beam, and was third in the all-around and floor exercise.

"She looked great," Tracy said. "She decided she still wanted to do gymnastics and she trained because she wanted to. You could just tell."

But Dumitru Moceanu didn't trust Miscenco, fearing she was encouraging his daughter to test her independence. He and Miscenco argued frequently, with everything coming to a head Oct. 17.

The two got in a long, loud argument that ended with Dumitru Moceanu firing Miscenco.

Moceanu snapped. She went back to her house and packed as much as she could fit in her Mustang convertible, leaving most of her clothes in her closet so her parents wouldn't notice right away that she was gone.

She took her picture frames and a photo album. The glass case with her gold medal had to be left behind.

"We love her very much," Dumitru Moceanu said, choking back tears at a news conference after his daughter ran away. "And I hope she change her mind and come home, start training again."

Two days later, Moceanu filed a lawsuit asking to be declared an adult.

"It's not about the money," she said. "It's about leading my life, controlling my life and doing the things I want to do with my future, my goals. Being able to be involved in what I'm allowed to do, not being so controlled. Not being kept in the dark and hidden.

"I have my own voice and my own opinions. I should be able to speak out and say what I need and what agent I should work with. It should be my choice, not working through my father."

Though the Moceanus initially opposed their daughter's request for independence, they eventually agreed. On Oct. 28, she was legally declared an adult, giving her the right to investigate her finances.

Less than a month later, Moceanu was back in court, this time saying she feared for her safety and that of Miscenco and Brian Huggins, a family friend who helped her when she ran away. Her father had been following her and showing up at her school, she said, and had hired a private investigator to track her whereabouts.

And on Nov. 13, Moceanu said three Houston homicide detectives told her they had tapes of Dumitru Moceanu discussing having Miscenco and Huggins killed. The tapes haven't been made public, but a source who listened to them told the Houston Chronicle the killings were supposed to cost $10,000, and Dumitru Moceanu wondered if Huggins could be drugged to make his death look accidental.

"I couldn't believe it, but I could. At the stage we were in, I thought anything could be possible," Moceanu said. "One by one, things piled up and I guess he got scared."

At a Dec. 9 hearing on Moceanu's request for a protective order, Dumitru Moceanu took the Fifth Amendment when he was asked about the alleged murder-for-hire plot. He did say he went to her school.

"I see nothing wrong with that," he testified. "I am her father. We are her parents."

Houston police still are investigating but no arrests have been made. Scardino, his lawyer, said she assumed it was "a lot of brouhaha about nothing."

But Judge John Montgomery decided there was a history of violence in the family and it could happen again. When he ordered Dumitru Moceanu to stay away from his daughter for a year, the father looked stunned while his daughter wept.

Moceanu is now living off what's left of her $10,000 winnings from the Goodwill Games, and she talks to her mother almost every day.

She hasn't been back to high school since Nov. 13, but she recently registered at a local junior college to finish up and plans to start in January. She hopes to go to the University of Texas next year.

As for training, Moceanu hasn't been in a gym since she left home Oct. 17. She doesn't know when she'll return.

"I was doing so well that week before, I'd had the best week of my life," she said. "Who knows if I'll ever do it again. I want to, I really do, but there's a lot of stuff involved. I've got to get my life in order. If I don't, my head will be all messy and I won't be able to focus on the gym."

Her future with her father is just as unclear. Though she still refers to her parents' house as "home" and expresses hope they can salvage some kind of relationship, she has no idea when it will happen.

She hopes the year apart will go a long way toward healing the hurts and mistrust.

"I think me and my mom will eventually get closer in a way," she said. "I think we'll regain our trust. I know she never wanted anything bad for me, I realize that, and maybe my dad didn't either."

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BOOMER BLUES

How white am I?

By Myra Lee Salcedo

How white am I? Too white? Not white enough? The votes are in and the racial bean counters are divided.



Salcedo

I knew I was sticking my neck out on the chopping block to use personal incidents to illustrate local racial discrimination. I even knew there would be some backlash. But I never expected the column — intended to open dialogue on racial reconciliation — would result in some folks wasting time trying to figure out just what percentage of white my children (with a grandfather from Mexico) were. Even worse, the readers who posed the questions were sincere.

"If your children are 70 to 90 percent white, which is what I figure by my calculations, and they look 100 percent white, what is your beef?" one man asked by e-mail. "How white do you calculate you are? Surely it's white enough?"

White enough for what? A white legs contest?

Even more confusing, another e-mail later in the day suggested the opposite. "You seemed too eager to point out that you were not Hispanic and that your children don't look that way either," it read. It's as if the reader thought I was gloating over our whiteness. How you misunderstand me.

My point was that stereotypes are so strong that people have often pegged me for Hispanic before they've met me. We're all guilty of that. When you meet Shannon O'Leary for the first time and he is black, it's a surprise. That's because experience has taught us that certain names go with certain ethnicities.

My children have Hispanic heritage and a Hispanic surname and have never concerned themselves with the fact that they didn't blend in when it came time to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Week. When they showed up at the gym to learn traditional Mexican ballads in grade school none of the other kids said, "Hey, you don't look Hispanic. You're at the wrong party." My kids didn't notice that they didn't look the same as the other kids either. It wasn't an issue. Instead all the kids trotted off together to learn some songs and to celebrate a culture. That was the beauty of the incident: how anyone looked didn't matter. I was busting my buttons watching them sing, knowing that race was not an issue for them. Both were youngsters and each one of them (independent of the other) hopped out of their seats and volunteered to participate in the celebration. Racism is something that is taught by example, witnessing it and experiencing it.

If my children were black as pitch, or (Heaven forbid!) lost all of their skin in a fire, I would love them just the same. And I am fully aware that our skin color has played a role in the racism we experienced.

If we had been people of color we would not have become racial targets in a southeast Midland neighborhood in 1982. Neighbors on one side of us were Hispanic and African American on the other side. All of us built new houses at the same time. No one else experienced the vandalism and burglaries that we did. The police officers, in talking to neighbors, got the message that some of our neighbors felt threatened that white people had moved in. While it was painful to bring the episode up, especially for my kids, I felt it necessary to show that racism is not one-sided. I'm told that the demographics have changed in that neighborhood. It is now integrated and a pleasant experience for the people living in it. That shows great progress has been made.

Also, if my kids had been of a dark complexion it's unlikely they would have heard any jokes about Mexicans or "wetbacks." It opened their eyes to stereotyping and insensitivity. So, they are better people for it.

On a brighter note, a great number of responses to the column have been very positive, if not downright uplifting.

One interracial Midland couple has offered to organize a panel of people who "live in racial harmony" (especially with those with friends and families of several ethnicities) to talk about their experiences and to promote racial harmony. The panel would talk to civic groups and churches, maybe even to youth. Sounds like a good idea to me.

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'TATTLER'

"All the news that causes fits prints."

Chocolate Chip Cookie Scam!

Home bakers everywhere vow to wreak revenge for over-priced recipe

Deady rattlers viciously attack innocent child on playground!

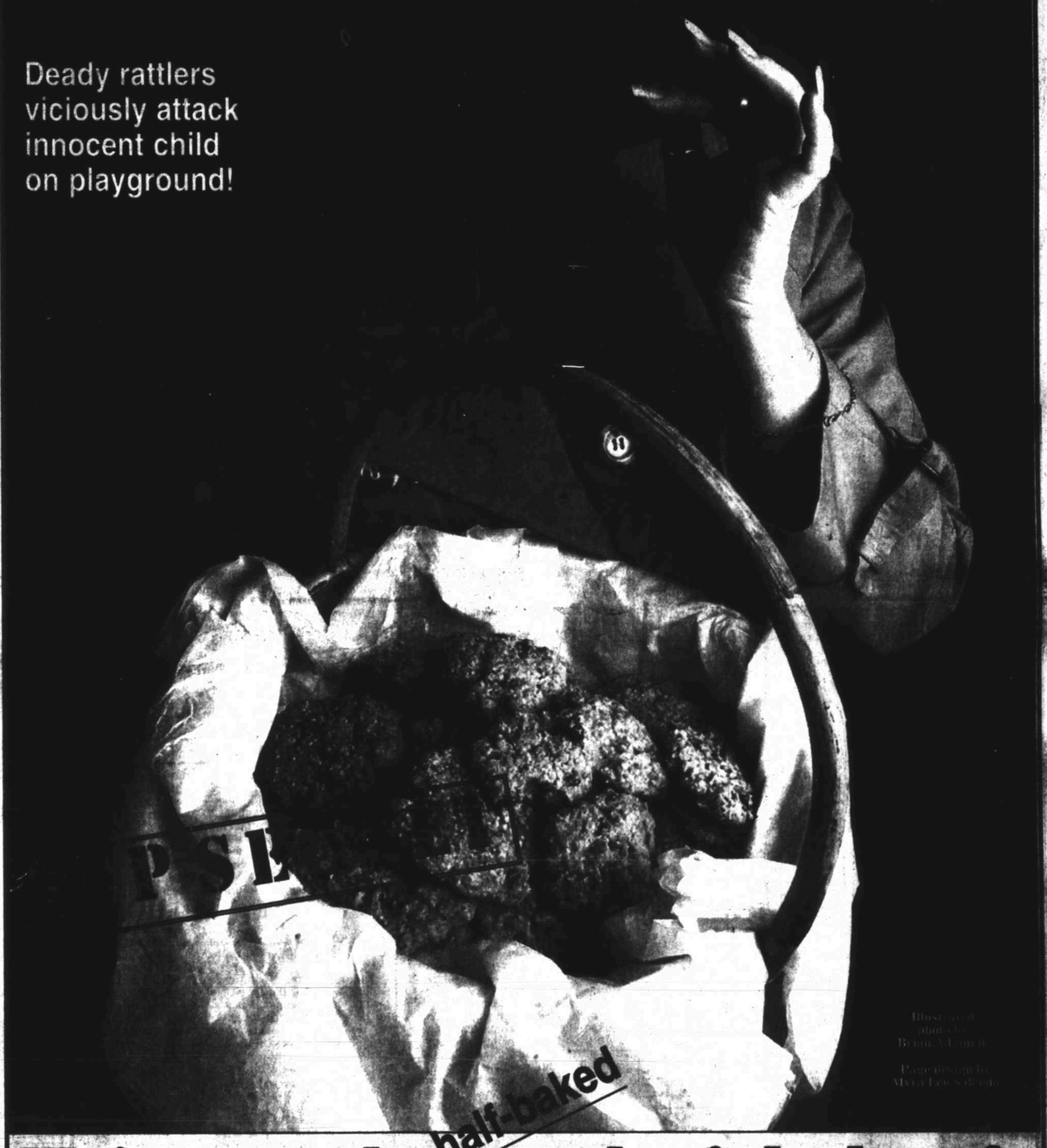


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We've got the half-baked goods right here!

$250 Cookie recipe, snakes on the playground and other fascinating urban legends we love to believe

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Lifestyle Editor

The call came into the Lifestyle food detectives at 3:45 p.m. on a Wednesday. It was one of those strange afternoons, cloudy and gray but warm as toast — the kind of day where something seems out of whack, the kind of day where you're not comfortable in your own skin. It was the kind of day where someone brings in a gift of fruitcake of unknown consistency, a consistency so unusual even the most seen-it-all, tried-it-all journalist hesitates to touch it.

The caller was a woman, she was distraught, agitated. It seemed a friend of hers was billed $250 for a chocolate chip cookie recipe from Nieman Marcus. "The clerk said the recipe cost two-fifty and it would be billed to her account. Of course, she thought two-fifty would be two dollars and fifty cents."

When asked for the phone number of the victimized friend it turned out the friend in question was a friend of a friend's third cousin in Omaha who had been visiting Nieman-Marcus in Dallas. Now the caller was helping the alleged victim get even by distributing the recipe free of charge. Could we publish it in our paper?

Before we got our bearings, a fellow journalist near Dallas sent us an urgent e-mail concerning a child killed on a fast food playground by a nest of rattlers. She heard the fatal incident occurred in a burger fast food restaurant in West Texas.

I told her there hadn't been any news reports. Surely an incident like that would be all over the newspapers and television.

"Well, it was covered up," was the reply.

In other words, no real source can be located — just like the alleged victim of the cook

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Reception hosted for Nutcracker ballet troupe

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Celebrating the opening of "The Nutcracker" at Lee High School in mid-December and honoring the guest soloists, the Midland Festival Ballet Board hosted a festive reception at the home of Anne and Terry Fields. Guests included sponsors and committee chairpersons.



McKnight-Harrison

The honorees were Valentina Kozlova of New York City, who danced the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy; Cornel Crabtree of San Antonio, who danced the role of her Cavalier; Johnny Simons of Fort Worth, who played the role of Herr Drosselmeyer; Kendra Snaufer of Kingwood, who performed as the Dew Drop Fairy, and Jon DeMone of Abilene, who danced the role of the Nutcracker Prince.

Tin soldiers guarded the entry to the home and set the theme for the party. Inside, nutrackers dressed the piano, and Christmas trees with twinkling lights added to the ambiance. Hors d'oeuvres, champagne and hot spiced cider were served by the fire.

Surprise guests from San Antonio were Cornel's mother, Maria Crabtree, and Bo Dahlmar and Mary Utarri, whose daughter is Willa Graff, management assistant to the Midland City Manager. Among others attending were Dr. Carol and John Gaston of Dallas, Mrs. Johnny Simons of Fort Worth, Annette (Mrs. Robert) Montgomery of Houston, Jackie Comola, Susan Clark, Bill Warren, Lael Cordes-Pitts, Judy Coleman, artistic director and choreographer of the Midland Festival Ballet, and Judi Lindquist, board president, and her husband, Terry.

Clara, danced by 11-year-old Blair Irving, and 11-year-old understudy Allison Fields, 10-year-old Party Child and Candy Cane Megan Irving, and Nicole Horn were seen peeking around the corner for one more late night glance of stars Valentina and Cornel. It was a perfect ending to an evening of ballet and the "dreams of little girls."

FOR MORE THAN 30 years, Susan and Ron Britton have invited friends to their home to celebrate the season with a Christmas sing-along. This year was particularly special, with all three of their children here to assist in hosting and greeting guests. They are Andrew of Austin, Elizabeth of Midland, and Carolyn, with husband, Ty Allen, and their 2-year-old son, Christopher, of Bertram.

Guests sang carols from "The Britton Book of Song" to the accompaniment of Darryl Knapp. In addition, they enjoyed a lovely cocktail spread.

Lighted wire mesh reindeer and angels decorated the huge expanse of front lawn, and a colorful wooden Santa and sleigh scene adorned an area by the front door.

Inside, a ceiling-high white flocked tree was covered with handmade ornaments, and the family's stockings were hung by the chimney with care. As is their custom each year, the family made a gingerbread house, which decorated one of the serving tables.

Among the partygoers were Ron's nephews, Ronnie Britton of Midland and Dr. Bloyce Britton of San Antonio; Leslie and the Rev. Stockton Williams, Susan and John Nichols with their daughters, Lindsay and Charlotte; Kathryn Gesell with her son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Christie Gesell; Kely and Todd Hullender, Manetta Heckathorne, Martha Dwyer, Elizabeth and Jim May, and George Thomas.

THE FRIENDS of Sharla (Mrs. Bart) Hotchkiss and Marion (Mrs. Sikes) Johnson look forward to the pair's annual Cookie and Candy Swap each Christmas season. The party, which alternates between their homes, was held at Marion's this year.

The guests were asked to bring six dozen cookies for the exchange. A few were placed on the serving table for sampling, and each guest was invited to take five and a half dozen of the treats home for her family to enjoy.

Among those seen at the party as they made their holiday rounds were Shannon (Mrs. Chip) Klunick, Trinka Taylor, Mary (Mrs. Barry) Beck, Nancy (Mrs. John) Bergman, Janet (Mrs. Mark) Krause, Ruth (Mrs. Bob) Johnston, Sally (Mrs. Steve) Meizer, Jann (Mrs. Vince) Bash and Jeanie (Mrs. Tom) Jounson.

THE MIDLAND Delta Gamma Alumnae met in the home of Sybil (Mrs. Sammy) Morrison for their annual mother-daughter Christmas tea.

The elegant-looking serving table held an array of mouthwatering delicacies in a unique arrangement placing the refreshments at different levels on pedestals. An overlay of black satin was used with a white cloth for a striking effect.

Among the attendees were Sybil's mother, Nita (Mrs. Otice) Helmer; alumnae president Diana Daugherty, Jennie (Mrs. Lee) House and daughter, Caitlin; Susan (Mrs. Bill) Gau, Sue and Deb Solari, Marilyn (Mrs. Bill) Hightower, Ruth Ann (Mrs. Horace) Griffin and Toni (Mrs. Robert) Midkiff.

BACK TO THE FUTURE! Picture this. The year was 1979, and 8-year-old Jamie Dodson was all dressed up in a horse costume for a Christmas musical, "The Runaway Toys." The setting was the cafetorium of Bowie Elementary School, where former Midlander Joyce Sell's second grade class was presenting the PTA program.

Now fast forward to December of 1998! Jamie, an elementary school music teacher in New Braunfuls, is looking for a Christmas program for her school's PTA. She remembers the play and decides to contact Mrs. Sell, who now resides with her husband, Marion, in Lago Vista. Jamie's former teacher sends her the script, and on Dec. 7, the play unfolds at the Lone Star Elementary School.

Jamie's parents, Gayle and Doc Dodson, were among those in the audience, and Gayle says, "When the curtain came up, the scene looked just like the picture of the local production that appeared in The *Reporter-Telegram* 19 years ago.

"Of course, we still had the horse costume," Gayle, a noted collector, told us, "and of course, Jamie used it. In fact, she cast a little girl in the part who looked a great deal as she did at that age."

As part of their trip, the Dodsons visited with former Midlander Anna-Margaret (Ray) Morris and her husband, Trey, in Austin, and made the acquaintance of their infant daughter, Anna-Nichole, who was born Nov. 23.

A postscript to the story: Our son, Tim, a classmate of Jamie's, remembers his role as a robot in the Bowie production. He was wearing a costume built by his dad. However, unlike the Dodsons, we do not have the costume anymore.

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COOKIE: No sources back up overcharging allegation

(From 1D)

ie recipe swindling. That's because there are no real sources. The incidents never occurred. But they just the right mix of horror, intrigue and possibilities of revenge that the stories get told over and over.

When I lived in Dallas (1976-82) I once received a copy of the $250 cookie recipe. Already possessing the mind of a journalist (but not the knowledge that it was the field I was destined to pursue) I tried to verify the story. (The recipe is ALWAYS prefaced by the story). I drove straight over to Nieman-Marcus and found the store's restaurant. I had eaten there before and never seen cookies on the menu. Upscale fare like raddicchio salad with poppy seed dressing was usually served. The kitchen staff said they didn't sell cookies, and no chocolate chip cookies were sold in the store. That's when I pulled out the recipe. A collective groan ensued. "That legend used to be about Mrs. Fields' Cookie store until Nieman's opened," the store's restaurant manager said. "We've never served chocolate chip cookies — and because of that terrible recipe story — we never will."

Sure enough, the story appears in "Curses, Broiled Again!" A University of Utah professor's collection of American urban legends published in 1989. And yes, the snakes in the playground story also appears along with the story of the girl who allegedly spent too much time in a tanning salon and cooked her insides. That particular ditty is what gives the book its name. Author Jan Harold Brunvand wrote that the cookie story began in the early 1980s when there were 450 Mrs. Fields Cookie outlets nationwide. Brunvand said a similar story began in 1957 concerning the red velvet cake served at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The story priced the recipe at $1,000. When Brunvand contacted the Waldorf-Astoria management, he was told the story was false. By 1988, the story had been changed from the Waldorf to Mrs. Fields Cookies to Nieman-Marcus.

It seems that the legendary recipe surfaces several times a year (when readers send us copies) but really becomes widespread every Christmas (when people tend to go on cookie-baking-binges).

In a recent New York Times News report Kitty Broderick public relations specialist for Neiman Marcus in Arizona, said has spent years dealing with the fake recipe legend that refuses to die.

"For 10 years, Neiman Marcus has been plagued by this particular urban legend," she said. "We've never charged for a recipe, ever, in this store or any store. And we don't make or serve cookies. But it's like the cookie recipe that refuses to die. We can say it until we're blue in the face, and it turns up on the Internet and everywhere else. E-mail is the fastest growing cookie-myth spreader," Broderick said. "You look at these e-mails and each has been sent to hundreds of people. There's no stopping this. It's like a bad dream."

SNAKES ON THE PLAYGROUND

The latest urban legend making the rounds of the Lone Star State (mostly on the Internet) involves a small child playing on some newly installed playground equipment at a fast food burger restaurant. The child complains of being hurt and has a few scratches. The mother takes the child home and the child dies 40 minutes later. It turns out that the scratches are rattlesnake bites and that snakes nested under the slide at the restaurant playground.

After fruitlessly searching news outlets for such a story, I decided to check Brunvand's book. Sure enough, a similar story appeared billed as the "Death in the Funhouse" story. There are variations of the story but they all involve a small child complaining about stings or bites. The child dies and parents investigate, finding a nest of poisonous snakes.

The stories often involve wooden roller coaster carts and carousel horses that have been stored for a long time. With the scarcity of amusement parks in the area, is was easy to see this tale being transferred to a fast food playground.

Now, both tales are extremely popular on the Internet, a good place for people with enough time on their hands to exchange legends.

The stories always seem to involve some element of humor or horror. The source is impossible to pin down, and the tales often involve bizarre but believable stories about batter-fried rats, children kidnapped in a discount store and smuggled out after the perpetrator dyes the child's hair in the store bathroom, and the well-known story of "The Hook," the psychotic killer who attempts to attack teen-agers in a car unbeknownst to them while they kiss. Hearing a noise, the teen-ager driver takes off suddenly.

When they arrive home, they open the car door to find ... dangling from the car door handle ... a hook.

So, case closed. That's the way the cookie crumbles. Chalk it up to America folklore. Everybody loves a good story — and what great fun it is getting revenge by baking and eating chocolate chip cookies. But please, don't send us any more $250 cookie recipes.

The recipe in question follows. It usually contains measurements for 112 cookies. We've cut the measurements in half.

$250 COOKIE RECIPE

1 cup butter
1 teaspoon baking soda
2-1/2 cups blended oatmeal
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
12 ounces chocolate chips
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 ounces of one (8-ounce) chocolate bar, grated
1 teaspoon baking powder
1-1/2 cups chopped nuts

Measure oatmeal and blend in blender to a fine powder. Cream the butter and both sugars.

Add eggs and vanilla; mix together with flour, oatmeal, salt, baking powder and soda.

Add chocolate chips, grated chocolate and nuts.

Rolls into balls and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees.

Makes about 56 cookies.

Urban legends find new life in Hollywood

By Monty Phan
N.Y. Times News Service

PHOENIX — This is a true story. We swear.

The people quoted are real, and we didn't use any friends of a friend, even though they're all totally reliable. Sure, you may have heard parts of this story before, but if you don't believe them, don't blame us. That's just what we heard.

But here's one truth we find to be self-evident: Urban legends, in one form or another, seem to be popping up on TV and in the movies more often lately. They're the stories those friends swore were in the paper a few months back, the same ones we pass on in letters, faxes or e-mails over the Internet, the medium that did for urban legends what Las Vegas did for sin.

This time around, however, the legends recirculated by Hollywood and Madison Avenue are campier versions of the original tales, seemingly poking fun at the exaggerated logic of having a houseful of people chopped up just to point out that you should lock your door at night. And in the true spirit of urban legends, the stories have been changed to fit the times.

These days, it's camp that sells. Take a look at the "Scream"-type movies, those horror flicks that mock cliches of horror flicks while adhering to those same cliches. In fact, come Sept. 25, a film called "Urban Legend" opens, telling the tale of a killer who offs unsuspecting students by bringing popular, untrue legends to life (or, rather, death).

(Example: Considerate college student comes home late, leaves light off for sleeping roommate, wakes up to dead roommate and "Aren't you glad you didn't turn on the light?" written in blood on the wall.

Note to college freshmen: It's false. But, hey, keep those doors locked. We told you once already.)

In a way, they're our present-day parables. Sure, most legends are false, but many have some form of moral to them. For instance, the lack of documented Halloween-related candy poisonings have led researchers and folklorists to conclude that that legend is untrue, but that doesn't mean we should trust all candy-bearing strangers.

Because the movie "Urban Legend" is a slasher flick, it focuses on some of the more violent tales. Like the "Aren't you glad you didn't turn on the light?" story, those legends use exaggeration to teach safety.

According to the Urban Legends Archive (www.urbanlegends.com), most such stories share certain traits, among them questionable origins and elements of humor or horror. Other legends reflect current concerns, such as Internet hoaxes that boast of an increasing Big Brother-like technology.

Basically, they're legends in our own minds.

One making the rounds of late is an e-mail offering a prize to users who help Bill Gates and the Walt Disney Co. test an e-mail tracking program by forwarding it to 10 people.

Can you tell its an urban legend?

N.Y. Times News Service

Some urban legends arise from current concerns, such as the spread of AIDS. Others use exaggeration to illustrate a moral. According to the Urban Legends Archive (www.urbanlegends.com), an urban legend:

- Appears mysteriously and spreads spontaneously in varying forms.
- Contains elements of humor and horror (the horror often "punishes" someone who flouts society's conventions).
- Makes good storytelling.
- Does not have to be false, although most are. Urban legends often have a basis in fact, but it's their life-after-the-fact (particularly in reference to the second and third points) that gives them particular interest.

CARDS FOR LITTLE CRAIG

Many also have a basis in fact, such as the one about Craig Shergold, a British boy who, in 1989, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. On his behalf, family members appealed to the masses to send him get-well cards so he could set the world record.

He made it into the Guinness Book of World Records with 33 million cards in 1992 before the category was retired. However, forms of his story kept circulating the globe. E-mail did the most damage.

Shergold regressed in age, becoming a 7-year-old boy. He still was dying of cancer. His last name became Shefford or Sherwood. He lived in Atlanta. And then someone substituted the Phoenix-based Make-A-Wish Foundation for The Children's Wish Foundation.

Shergold, incidentally, is a healthy 19-year-old.

"It's amazing," says Shergold, from his Wallington, England, home. "People are always getting the story wrong. I just wish it would stop now."

The national office in Phoenix still gets about 100 calls a week, and that's not including its 82 chapters nationwide. It even has a toll-free number, 800-215-1333, to explain the legend.

Meanwhile, in Wallington, the Shergold family deals with four to five bags of mail a day; the family estimates Craig has received about 250 million cards. But the get-well card requests may have saved Shergold: Because of the commotion, a Virginia billionaire found out about the boy's story and paid for both the family's trip to the United States and for Craig's operation, which resulted in the removal of all but a benign part of the tumor.

But while the basis of the Shergold legend is easy to pinpoint, the origin of the urban legend featured in another film, "Dead Man on Campus," is less apparent. The movie, which opened Aug. 21 and is produced by MTV Films, is a dark comedy about two flunking college kids who discover their school's little-known rule that if your roommate commits suicide, you automatically get a 4.0. So, instead of improving their grades by studying, they spend their time looking for suicidal roommies.

SUICIDE RULE

For the record, no college has a rule like that, but good luck finding a campus without some form of the "Suicide Rule." According to the Urban Legends Reference Pages (www.snopes.com), a Web site maintained by the San Fernando Valley Folklore Society, the legend was started in the mid-1970s and reflects students' anxiety to maintain good grades.

Young people are legendarily impressionable, so it's no coincidence that the current "Dead Man on Campus" and the upcoming "Urban Legend" cater to the late teens and college crowd. They're easy targets, after all, and have yet to be exposed to many of the legends adults have heard over the years.

Rick Gibson, an executive creative director at the Minneapolis-based Campbell Mithun Esty ad, says he had the image of free-spirited youth in mind when Kmart asked the company to produce TV commercials for its Route 66 brand of clothes.

While doing research on the road, the company kept happening upon Route 66-related folklore. That led to two commercials: The first was "Concrete Car," in which a jealous cement-truck driver returns home to an unfamiliar convertible car in his driveway and his wife inside laughing with another man. So he fills the car with cement, only to discover that his wife bought the car as a birthday gift and had just signed the final papers with the salesman.

In the other commercial, "Last Dance," a college-age character tells the story of a group of kids who have brief car trouble while driving to a dance. They stop at a motel, where a girl asks them for ride. At the dance, she borrows one boy's shirt, then disappears. When the group returns to the motel the next day to retrieve the shirt, they talk to the girl's mother, who says it couldn't have been her daughter because she died 20 years ago.

Both commercials show a group of young people listening to the storyteller, who starts off the former commercial with "my cousin knew this guy" and the latter one with "my brother knew these guys." Part of the reason the commercials show young people is because Kmart wanted to market the Route 66 line to that age group. But Gibson says the ad agency's reason for using urban legends went deeper than that.

"I think they're drawn to the mystery of it as well as the humor of it," he says. "Young people find mystery intriguing in stories like that. You're in on something and I feel that's important. You want to feel like you're connected to something important and different at that age."

Digital paper dolls anyone?

N.Y. Times News Service

In the golden age of five-and-dimes, there was a special place mainly for girls. Tucked on a rack between the comic books and the coloring books were folders of paper dolls. The nice ones might be 29 cents or 59 cents, the cheap ones 15 cents.

For some girls (and more than a few boys), playing with the mix-and-match outfits was almost an afterthought; there was a satisfaction simply in cutting out the clothes and the little white tabs that held them in place. Today, five-and-dimes aren't what they used to be, and neither are paper dolls.

"There's not the variety out there that there was years ago," said Jim Faraone, the editor and publisher of Paper Doll Pal, a newsletter for creators and collectors. "If it's not a Disney movie or a Barbie doll, there's not much coming out."

For some enthusiasts, the Internet is replacing those inexpensive paper folders. Many paper-doll artists are putting samples of their work on line, where they can be downloaded free and reproduced on black-and-white or color printers. Some more elaborate Web sites provide visitors to pick from a variety of online outfits and dress dolls the way they choose.

A good place to start is the home page of the Original Paper Doll Artists Guild (www.opdag.com), an organization of doll fans that prints a quarterly newsletter for members and has links to many doll pages.

One such site, Marilee's Paperdoll Page (www.ameritech.net/users/macler/paperdolls.html) includes links for a wide variety of paper dolls — teen-age dolls, animals and toys, historical figures and celebrity dolls — along with her own printable dolls.

"I get letters from people who have printed a copy of every paper doll linked to my site, just as a collection," Marilee wrote via e-mail. (Marilee, who lives in a Chicago suburb, declined to disclose her last name.) "Some teachers have written saying they used the paper dolls in the classroom to teach computer skills. A Canadian art teacher was coordinating classrooms in different parts of the world. They looked at my site for ideas, made their own paper dolls using photos of their faces, then traded with some other school somewhere."

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Talking toy may not have been ideal Christmas gift

By Matt Beer
Hearst News Services

SAN FRANCISCO — This holiday shopping season, adults are lining up outside shopping malls at 3 a.m., pushing and shoving in hopes of buying a small, Gremlin-like interactive toy known as the Furby.

Hundreds of Internet sites have been created to pay homage to the Furby, offering the speaking creature at more than double the $34.99 list price.

And a black market of early-buying brokers has sprung up, offering overpriced Furbys through word of mouth and Internet chat groups.

"They're lighting up our switchboard, that's for sure," said Mark Cloud, operations manager at the FAO Schwartz toy store in San Francisco.

Cloud said the store was avoiding the unruly lines of angst-ridden parents by keeping a waiting list. Furbys are doled out as they come in. "I can put you on the list," Cloud said. "But you wouldn't see a Furby until sometime in late January."

The Furby is an owlish, long-eared, plush toy, filled with switches, sensors and computer chips, hailing from somewhere up in the clouds, according to the instruction manual. When filled with four AA batteries, its eyes open, it lets out a sigh, and then begins yammering in "Furbish," a nonsensical language in which "may-may" means "love."

Put Furby in the dark and it goes to sleep — after a bit of snoring. It bobs up and down to music. It asks for food. It burps. It laughs when it's tickled. It can play a rudimentary form of hide and seek. It also integrates, over time, English phrases into its vocabulary, simulating learning.



AP Photo

Furby, an electronic toy was a sell-out in many stores before Christmas. Adults were willing to line up for hours and pay high prices for the toy.

All the hype made the Furby the hottest toy of the season, much like the Tickle Me Elmos and Power Rangers of seasons past.

Yet experts question whether all the hype is a good thing for children. "Parents think buying a material object, like a Furby, is going to somehow put their kids ahead of the game," said Elizabeth Lloyd-Mayer, a child development psychoanalyst who teaches at the University of California at Berkeley and the University of California at San Francisco Medical Center. "It's a very unfortunate reading of what kids really need."

Dr. Mark I. Levy, an assistant clinical professor and chairman of the San Francisco Foundation for Psychoanalysis, said the Furby fever was a result of two modern-day family ailments he encounters again and again in his practice: guilt and neediness.

"I think a lot of parents are enormously guilty about their kids, for a variety of reasons," Levy said. "Single parents are invariably working, and couples in general are spending more time out of the home, at their jobs or whatever. It creates a tremendous sense in them that they're abandoning their children."

That guilt, Levy said, isn't unfounded.

"Children do feel abandoned," he said. "They are left with other caregivers, and they feel like they're no longer any sort of a priority with the adults in their lives."

These parents, Levy said, use the holidays as an attempt to set things right.

"It's makeup time, big time," said Levy, who compared the parents who splurge on holidays to the "weekend dad syndrome." Needy children need time, not stuff," he said. "Unfortunately, for most parents, time can be the most difficult thing they can give."

Still, where there are Furbys there will be buyers.

"It's the coolest toy ever," said Rick Washburn, who works at the Charles Schwab brokerage house in San Francisco. "Totally awesome."

Washburn said that he, together with two co-workers, bought five Furbys when they hit the shelves in October, selling two of the $34.99 toys later for $180 on the Internet.

"I learned my lesson two years ago, when Tickle Me Elmo came out," Washburn said. "I totally misjudged how popular it would be. Come Christmas Day, I was the daddy without the toy."

Furby Autopsy: What makes it tick?

Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — If you bought a Furby, you might as well have some idea of what it is. We dissected a Furby to find out what makes it tick.

Name: Unknown.
Race: Furby, electronic toy.
Height: Approximately 6 inches.
Weight: About 1 pound.
DOB: Unknown, but sometime after the February 1998 American International Toy Fair in New York City.
Next of kin: Inventor Dave Hampton, a 46-year-old programmer who lives in an undisclosed Western national park, where he uses a gas generator to run his computer.
Autopsy technique: Generally accepted Furby autopsy procedure, as described in the Furby Autopsy Web site (www.phobe.com/furby).
Exterior: No apparent signs of trauma. Large Furby face is owl-like in nature, apparently resembles owls seen by inventor Hampton near his home. The Furby is covered by a loose fur skin, which is 100 percent polyester according to a manufacturer's tag. Cutting a plastic loop under the tail frees up the skin, which can then be pulled off over the top of Furby's head. Underneath the polyester is a hard, black plastic exoskeleton, attached by a number of small Phillips screws.
Musculature: A series of cams, springs and levers, working off a single motor, drive the Furby's motion. Manipulating the gears indicates that they account for the toy's rocking back and forth on its base, opening and shutting its eyes, waving its ears and moving its beak.
Brain: There are three unidentified microprocessor chips on a circuit board which rests underneath the motor and gears. One chip is wired directly to the Furby's side-mounted microphone, apparently enabling Furby to respond to noise.
The main processor probably contains the code that enables the toy to put together about 800 phrases from a 200 word "Furbish" vocabulary. According to the instruction manual, Furby will begin using English words over time, simulating a learning process. Two computer daughter boards, with smaller custom processors, are present.
Organs: The Furby's interior contains an array of microswitches and sensors that allow it to interact with its owner. There is also an infrared send/receive sensor array in the forehead, that can send data to another Furby, enabling them to begin talking in unison. Switches on the head, front and back let Furby respond to petting. A motion switch on its computer board lets the Furby respond with a "whoa!" when it's picked up.

Hot stew, a hearty insulation against threat of winter chills

By Barbara Kafka
N.Y. Times News Service

Even when the weather is warmer than usual, there's something about December that makes me think of stew. I'm a confirmed soup aficionado, but this is the time of year when a stew, in all its density, seems the best defense against even the threat of winter.

When I think of stew, though, I'm not contemplating the beef-and-carrot standard. A big pot of vegetables can cook into a superb stew. Short ribs, normally served solo, can be converted into a fine stew, too, with or without the bones.

The secret to stews lies in the thickening, the same element that sets a braise apart from a brothy soup. Stews may contain more solids, or the savory liquid in which they cook may be thickened. Either way, there is that satisfying density.

Many times, the thickening is added at the beginning of a stew, as when chicken parts or chunks of meat are tossed in seasoned flour before being browned. The flour binds with the cooking fat to make a more substantial broth.

In other instances, the stew is thickened toward the end of cooking, when a paste of cornstarch and cold water, called a slurry, is added and simmered briefly. A mixture called a beurre manie, made by kneading together equal parts of butter and flour, will also thicken a stew.

But there are sneakier ways. Ingredients like potatoes are natural thickeners: as they cook, they soften and break down to dissolve throughout the liquid. Barley will also act as a thickener by absorbing liquid as it cooks; it continues to thicken if the stew is allowed to sit and is then reheated.

The recipes here, for a short-rib stew, are especially straightforward and easy. There are only a few tips to note. To season the vegetable stew, add the lime juice before adjusting the seasoning and adding more salt. Because the stew is so thick, with barely any liquid, the rice should be cooked separately and added at the end. The rice also makes the whole dish taste less spicy, but those with fragile taste buds can reduce the amount of hot pepper.

If the short ribs are cut in over-large sections, there will be fewer than 12 pieces. If so, cook them as described and remove the meat from the bones before dividing it evenly among the bowls.

WINTER SHORT-RIB STEW

3 pounds short ribs, cut across and between the bones to form 12 pieces about 2 inches square (The butcher will do the cross-cutting.)
6 cloves garlic, smashed and peeled
3 cups diced canned or sterile-pack tomatoes
1 bay leaf
4 (1-by-4-inch) strips orange zest
1 (1-by-3-inch) strip lemon zest
3/4 cup pearl barley
1 pound green string beans, tips and tails removed
2 tablespoons kosher salt, or to taste
1 large bulb fennel, stalks removed, cut in half, cored and cut into thin strips
1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh oregano
1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh thyme
1 10-ounce package frozen baby lima beans, defrosted in a sieve under warm running water
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste.

Place a rack in the middle of the oven, and heat oven to 500 degrees.

Place the short ribs in one layer in a medium roasting pan, and roast for 25 minutes. Turn the pieces, add the garlic, and roast for 15 minutes more.

Remove the ribs to a tall, narrow stockpot. Spoon the fat from the roasting pan, and pour any juices over the bones.

Place the roasting pan on top of the stove over medium heat, and add 1-1/2 cups water. Bring to a boil, scraping any browned bits off the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Pour this liquid over the bones.

Add the tomatoes, 2 cups water, the bay leaf, 2 pieces of orange zest and the lemon zest. Cover the stockpot, and bring to a boil. Uncover, lower the heat, and simmer for 40 minutes.

Stir in the barley, the string beans and 2 cups water.

Cover, and bring to a boil. Uncover, lower the heat, and simmer for 30 minutes.

Occasionally poke the string beans down into the liquid. Add 2 teaspoons salt, and simmer for 10 minutes.

Skim the fat. Add the fennel and the herbs. Bring the pot to a boil. Lower the heat, and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the remaining salt, the lima beans, two strips of orange zest and 2 cups water.

Bring to a boil, lower the heat, and simmer for 5 minutes. The meat should be falling off the bones.

Remove the meat and the bones from the stockpot. Place two pieces of meat (with or without the bones) in each of six bowls, and divide the vegetables and liquid evenly over them.

Yield: 6 hearty servings.

VEGETABLE STEW

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 large yellow onion, diced into 1/4-inch cubes
3 medium cloves garlic, smashed, peeled and coarsely chopped
2 medium bunches Swiss chard (about 1-3/4 pounds), washed well, the leaves separated from the stems, the stems cut across in 1/4-inch slices and the leaves cut across in 1/4-inch-wide strips
1 bay leaf
1 large pinch ground allspice
2 medium dried hot red peppers, crumbled
1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1-inch cubes (about 4 cups)
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes (about 3 cups)
1 pound okra, trimmed and cut across into 1/4-inch rounds
1 tablespoon kosher salt, or to taste
2 tablespoons plus 1/2 teaspoon lime juice or to taste
4-1/2 cups white rice cooked in salted water.

In a medium stockpot, melt the butter over medium-low heat. Stir in the onion, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Stir in the garlic, and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes, or until the onion and garlic are translucent.

Stir in the Swiss chard stems and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes. Add 3 cups water, the bay leaf, allspice and hot peppers. Cover, and bring to a boil.

Stir in the squash and sweet potatoes. Cover, and return to a boil. Lower the heat, and simmer, covered, for 10 minutes.

Add the Swiss chard greens and the okra. Cover, and return to a boil, pushing the greens and okra down into the liquid once in a while to aid the wilting.

Lower the heat slightly, cover the pot, and boil gently, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes, or until the Swiss chard and the okra are cooked through. There will be very little liquid left at the end, so be careful not to let it burn.

Season with salt and lime juice. Serve over rice. Yield: 6 servings.

GRACIE BONDS STAPLES

Child with AIDS reluctant to let her medical secret out

By Gracie Bonds Staples

The little girl is telling you that her life is normal but don't use her name, don't mention the name of her school or where she lives.

And in a way, it is true. Her life is normal. Like most little girls her age, she loves to roller skate, loves pink, loves Barbie and "The Little Mermaid." She dreams of becoming a ballerina.



Staples

But there on the kitchen counter are the medicine bottles. Zerit. Epivir. Prilosec and three others. These, you might say, are the keepers of her anonymity, because as long as she can keep the pills down, no one will know she is the little girl with AIDS.

So let's call her Amy.

Amy is 11, and after her mother died, doctors discovered she was a carrier of the deadly virus, the same virus that killed her mother. Now Amy lives with her sister, the same sister who has cared for her since she was a toddler because her mother had her mind on drugs.

"It was strange the way it happened," Amy's sister remembered. "One day we were planning my mom's funeral and the next day (Amy) started showing signs."

Amy was 8 years old and suddenly, without warning, she was feeling tired, throwing up, breaking out in cold sweats. She went from 60 pounds to 40 in a couple of weeks.

That was in 1996. Now, more than two years later, no one can say for sure how Amy contracted the deadly virus. Her sister believes it was transmitted perinatally from their mother.

If that's true, Amy's case is not unique. More than half of pediatric AIDS cases in the United States are the result of maternal transmission, said Peter Velasco, director of communications for the National Minority AIDS Council. And despite steep declines — some 43 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta — between 1992 and 1996, the majority of perinatally acquired AIDS cases continues to occur among Hispanic and African-American children. Amy is one of the African-American cases.

"Unfortunately, in the United States, this type of situation is still too common," said David Harvey, executive director of the AIDS Policy Center for Children, Youth and Families. "Women are learning about their HIV status after they're diagnosed with HIV, and in this situation we have a child who was totally missed until after her mother, sadly, passed away."

TRUST AND BETRAYAL: She's never laid eyes on you before, but Amy talks as if you're her best friend. She handles every question about her life with the ease of a trained speech writer.

"I told one girl once that I had HIV, and when she got mad at me for something, she told," Amy said matter-of-factly. "I had to transfer to another school."

HIV, she says, makes her different, makes it difficult for other people to accept her. So no one must know she has AIDS.

And yet Amy wants to tell her story so that people understand that although she is sick, she is still just a little girl.

She also wants people to know that AIDS is still a disease to be reckoned with.

Amy says she understands what having AIDS means. She understands that there is no cure and that she might die. But the two sisters say they don't talk about an end, because they are not without hope.

"I guess I just haven't looked at the downside," said Amy's sister, who supports the pair with her salary from a part-time job and Social Security and SSI payments. "I really don't think it'll come to that point. I just have so much hope, because she's doing really good."

For the most part, Amy says, she leads a relatively normal life. She has friends over for sleepovers, she was recently treated to a trip to Disney World, and she enjoys watching movies. She can even cook some things, like noodles and eggs.

For this story, she shared her scrambled egg recipe. "I get a bowl and crack the eggs," she explained. "I mix it and put salt and pepper in it and pour it in a skillet. Don't let it sit there. You got to keep them moving so they won't stick."

'LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE': As of December 1997, there were 8,086 reported pediatric AIDS cases in the United States. Of those, Velasco said, 23 percent were Hispanic, 18 percent Anglo and 58 percent African-American.

Nationally, more than 50 percent of black children with AIDS were infected by a mother using drugs. Many of them mature into adulthood.

"The challenge these children face is that in some cases, they live longer than their parents," said Harvey.

"So, in addition to dealing with very significant death and loss in their family, they also must endure ongoing chronic health problems."

Even something as simple as a cold can pose serious problems for children with AIDS. Amy's sister monitors situations like these closely, she said. Otherwise, Amy is "fine."

"I just do stuff like normal people," she said. "Everything like playing with my friends, roller skating, jumping rope and playing in the mud."

Still, there are things about her life, about living with AIDS, that Amy doesn't like. Taking medicine is one of them.

Amy takes six pills twice a day, with water or juice. Unless she gets sick, she has to see her doctor once a month, more often if her blood count falls and she needs a transfusion.

At one time, her sister said, Amy quietly refused to take her medication, hiding the pills or replacing them in the bottle when she wasn't looking.

"I had to stress the importance of her taking her medicine," her sister said.

This is a common problem among pediatric AIDS patients, Velasco said.

"It is difficult to get children to comply to such strict medical regimens," he said. "To deal with that, a lot of companies are trying to test drugs more on infants and develop liquid medicines."

Meanwhile, officials say, significant advances have been made recently in preventing HIV infection in newborns by offering therapy options such as zidovudine, commonly known as AZT, to expectant mothers during pregnancy, labor and delivery.

But with all the focus on prevention of transmission, Harvey worries that children living with HIV and AIDS might be forgotten.

"People think the pediatric AIDS epidemic is over," he said. "They are wrong."

Gracie Bonds Staples is columnist for the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

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Humphreys celebrate 50 years with trip

Allen and Jean Humphreys of Midland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a trip to San Francisco, given to them by their children and their families.

Humphreys and the former Jean Burkett were married Dec. 4, 1948, in Odessa. They have two sons — Ron Humphreys of Artesia, N.M., and Randy Humphreys of Albuquerque, N.M. — and six grandchildren.

The couple lived in Andrews and Lovington, N.M., before moving to Midland in 1967. Humphreys was employed with Shell Oil Co. for 25 years and Damson Oil Corp. for 10 years.

The couple attends St. Paul United Methodist Church.



Allen and Jean Humphreys

Former Midlanders celebrate 50th

Former Midlanders James and Jean McDowell of Athens celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a trip to Nashville, Tenn., where they visited the Grand Ol' Opry.

The couple's children provided the trip.

McDowell and the former Jean Stegall were married Dec. 17, 1948, in Rockwall.

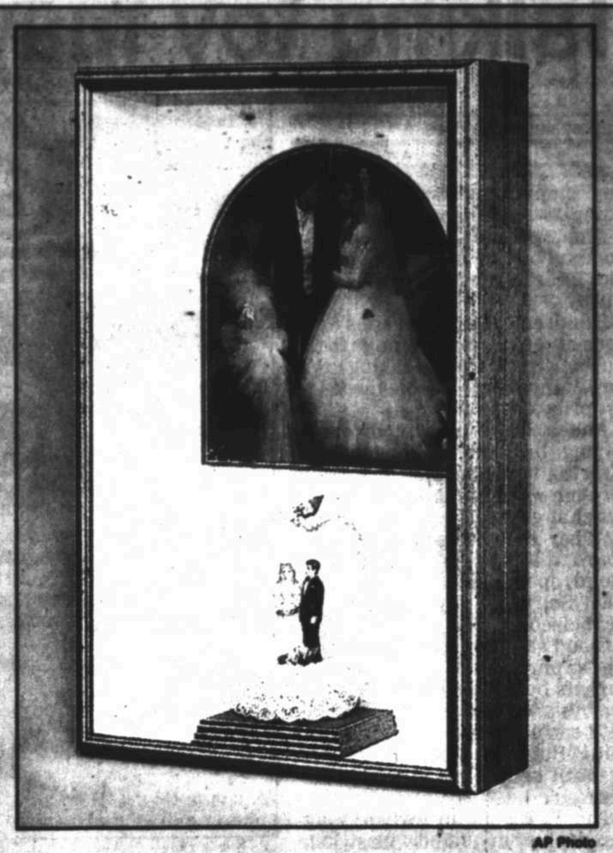
They have three children — David McDowell of Athens, Rene McDowell of Austin and Jimmy McDowell of Midland — as well as five grandchildren.

The couple lived in Dallas, Irving and Midland before moving to Athens. McDowell had a tool and cutter grinding business.

They are members of First Assembly of God in Athens.



James and Jean McDowell



AP Photo

Wedding box ...

Wedding day memorabilia can be preserved permanently in a shadow box. Special paper backing can be used to protect photos.

Reception honors golden anniversary

Roy and Helen Greer of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Dec. 22 at Creations Unlimited. Hosts were their children.

Greer and the former Helen Putman were married Dec. 4, 1948, in Orange. They have eight children — Danny Greer of Spring, Sherry Uselton of The Woodlands, and Bobby Greer, Linda Turner, Roy Wayne Greer, Jerry Greer, David Greer and Greg Greer, all of Midland — and 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The couple lived in California and Louisana before moving to Midland in 1953. They own Roy Greer Transports and are members of Kelview Heights Baptist Church.



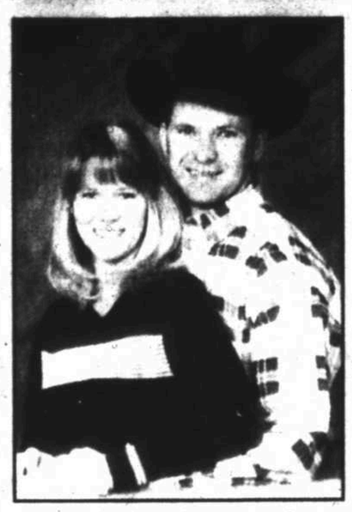
Roy and Helen Greer

ENGAGEMENT

JARMAN-WOODARD

Kerry Ann Jarman and Ronnie Lynn Woodard, both of Odessa, are planning a Jan. 30, 1999, wedding in Odessa.

The bride-elect attended Odessa High School and is self-employed. Her fiance attended Sonora High School and is employed with Hirschfeld Steel Company.



Kerry Ann Jarman and Ronnie Lynn Woodard

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

Information for Sunday pages must be in the Lifestyle Department office by 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, we must receive the information by noon two days before the information is to be published. For example, an item for Wednesday's paper must be received by noon Monday.

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 will only be published for teenage pageants and older. Photographs will be published only of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space available basis.

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. Snapshots generally are not acceptable and Polaroid shots are not accepted.

The MRT reserves the right to deny publication of any photo due to quality or content.

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.

WEDDINGS

MAJORS-YOUNG

Donna Majors and Terry Lawrence Young, both of Dallas, were married 6 p.m. Dec. 26 at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Robert Lathan officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret Majors of Odessa, and the granddaguhter of James and Willie Majors. Parents of the bridegroom are Charity S. Lawrence of Midland and the late Sterling Young Sr.

Dana Majors was honor attendant for her sister.

Also attending the bride were Aequila Ray, her daughter; the bridegroom's daughter, Tierra Carter; and the couple's daughter, Travacia Young, as well as Tiffany Murray, Tonya Y. Young, Rhonda Hodges and Kyra Pierce.

Lonnie Dixon Jr. was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by his brother, Lester Young, as well as Anthony Dickens, Marcus Hurd and Treon Majors. Ushers were Jeremy Majors, brother of the bride, and Tiki Davis.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will live in Dallas.



Mrs. Terry Lawrence Young

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Greenwood Baptist Church was the setting for the 6 p.m. Nov. 14 wedding of Randalyn Carter and Kenneth Earl Ligon, both of Midland. The Rev. Wayman Swopes officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Shot and Peggy Branham and David Carter, all of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Lee Ligon of Midland and Patricia Snedegar of Odessa.

Ashley Rene Stewart was honor attendant for the bride. Floyd Roberts was the bridegroom's honor attendant.

After honeymooning in Las Vegas, Nev., the couple lives in Midland.



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Reception basics

NEW YORK (AP) — The post-ceremony reception is the most social — and expensive — part of your wedding festivities, so plan it with care, advises Bridal Guide magazine editor Diane Forden.

"The options can be overwhelming," she says, noting these considerations to help you sort out what you want and can afford:

■ Budget. Your guest list will provide the basic math on how much you can spend on each person.

■ Location, location, location. Inspect the potential site, and visualize if it will be big enough to let your guests mingle and dance comfortably. The management's idea of "comfortable seating" may be too close for real comfort.

■ Food, music, atmosphere. If food is your main consideration, check out a favorite restaurant. But perhaps the band you hire is a big attraction, so finding a spacious dance floor and good acoustics take priority.

■ Long into the night. Suppose you want your guests to enjoy themselves into the wee hours. Investigate the closing time of the location and if the establishment has any problems with guests drinking and dancing until dawn. A hotel or private club may be your best bet.

■ Something different. You don't have to pick a conventional location. According to Forden, many bridal couples choose offbeat sites such as art galleries, lofts, or athletic clubhouses.

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'Beedies' seen as safe but risks loom

By Lyle V. Harris
New York Times News Service

ATLANTA — They're shaped like marijuana joints, but they're perfectly legal.

They're flavored with mint, vanilla and cinnamon. But when lit, they smell like burning garbage.

And while anti-smoking forces wage their uphill battle against tobacco — symbolized by today's annual Great American Smokeout, an invitation for smokers to quit — the demand for these obscure little cigarettes, called "beedies," has been booming.

Like clove cigarettes, which touched off a craze in the 1950s, beedies are becoming the countercultural smoke of choice among young people who mistakenly think they're healthier than the standard cigarettes their parents have been trying to kick for years.

Densua Williams, 17, has been smoking beedies for two years. Waiting for a bus with friends recently at Five Points, Williams pulled out a cone-shaped pack, fired up a beedie, cocked her head and blew a neat column of smoke into the air.

"I don't even know anybody who smokes cigarettes. They give me a headache," said Williams.

"I don't smoke a lot, but I enjoy the taste of beedies. They calm my nerves and give me a little buzz. They're easier to get than cigarettes and they help relieve my stress."

Beedies, also spelled "bidis," are not new. Considered the poor man's cigarette in India, where they are made and sold for pennies a pack, beedies have been available in the United States for decades. But they've suddenly become the latest smoking fashion.

About half the size of a typical cigarette, beedies are usually unfiltered. Tapered at one end, they're packed with finely flaked tobacco, hand-rolled in dark-brown ebony leaves and tied with a short length of thread.

Beedies cost about $2 to $3 for a pack of 20 and are available at Atlanta convenience stores and tobacco shops where specialty cigarettes, pipes and cigars are sold. Several metro tobacconists said beedies have a relatively small, but loyal following, especially among teenagers and young adults.

"We sell about 40 packs of beedies a week. They do pretty good for us," said Marc Rabinowitz at the Tobacco Loft in Buckhead, which also sells other specialty cigarettes with names such as "Buzz" and "Black Death."

"I think most of our customers are mostly college kids who like the shock effect of people asking them, 'What the heck are you smoking?'"

Just like the major brands, packs of beedies sold in the United States must carry the standard surgeon general's health warnings and are regulated for tax purposes by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and state revenue agencies.

Kretek International in California is one of the largest makers and distributors of beedies in the United States, selling about 1 million cartons a year, including about 10,000 in Georgia.

Company director Shawn Ulizio says beedies have a trendy cachet among younger people who haven't been swept up in the better-known cigar craze.

"We don't advertise them at all, and we don't have any billboards, but beedies have their own little following and demand for them is increasing," Ulizio said.

"These are not for people who smoke two or three packs a day. I think they're for nightclub smokers. They're a very social cigarette that people consider a conversation piece."

Ulizio also speculated that many of his customers are looking for a "healthier" smoke and are puffing beedies under the false impression that they are somehow less harmful than American brands.

"Beedies contain about one-tenth the tobacco as a regular cigarette, so it's a shorter smoke," Ulizio said. "Some people say it's all-natural because in India they don't process ... the tobacco like they do here, and it's all handmade. But there's no such thing as a healthy cigarette."

Actually, in the case of beedies, less is more.

Suresh Ralapati, an ATF biochemist in Washington, tested several brands of beedies in 1994. He found that the tobacco in beedies contains up to four times more nicotine than American-made cigarettes.

Ralapati suggests that's probably why many beedie smokers report a noticeable buzz, even though the cigarettes contain no hallucinogenic ingredients.

"It's smaller, but the tobacco is a different species that has a higher level of nicotine," Ralapati said. "When you're smoking such a strong product, it hits you harder."

The beedie mini-boom comes as smoking rates have been rising after years of promising declines. From 1991 to '97, the percentage of high school students who smoked jumped from 27.5 percent to 36.4 percent. And from 1993 to '97, the smoking rate among college students increased from 22 percent to 28 percent.

It is trend that puzzles anti-smoking advocates.

"The more I work with teen-agers, the less I know about them," said Linda Lee, chair of the tobacco prevention project for the American Cancer Society of Georgia. "Any new little trend in smoking, teenagers pick up on it. They don't want to smoke the same things that Mom and Dad did, but they're doing the same stupid things, and because they're young, they think nothing is going to hurt them."

Damien Moulden had heard about the dangers of smoking, but that didn't stop him from lighting up his first beedie four months ago. After buying a pack recently at the Tinderbox in Lenox Square, the clean-cut Morehouse University student said he just likes the taste and has no plans to quit anytime soon. "I don't pay attention to ads. I already know that smoking cigarettes is bad for you," said Moulden, 18. "Beedies have a better taste than cigarettes, and I don't think they're as bad for you.

"Even if they are, I'm definitely going to stop when I get older."

Smoking 'beedies' newest teen tobacco addiction

By Ellen O'Brien
N.Y. Times News Service

Jose Barrios is a marketing man's dream teen, sitting on the crumbling cement stairwell across from Madison Park High School in a navy Tommy Hilfigerjacket, baggy Fubu jeans, and Timberland all-purpose boots.

And like boys and girls across the city, 16-year-old Barrios has in his pocket the latest fad to sweep through high schools and city blocks — beedies.

Thin Indian cigarettes in sweet flavors like cherry and vanilla, beedies — or bidis, depending on the brand — come in pink packages that make them look more like party favors than a pack of smokes.

"They're not really cigarettes like a Marlboro that has nicotine and tar and stuff like that," Barrios explained.

But state health officials say Barrios, like plenty of teens in Boston and other cities across the country, is wrong: The tiny brown unfiltered cigarettes contain tobacco and have high levels of tar and nicotine.

And they are now piling up on the desks of urban school principals, seized from youths who clamor for the newest must-have on counters of small markets in the Boston neighborhoods of Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain.

"It's a phenomenon we are just now seeing," said Greg Connolly, who heads the state's tobacco control program for the Department of Public Health. "It's mostly in ethnic neighborhoods. It's become sort of urban chic."

First a fad with underage smokers in Los Angeles about five years ago, the beedies craze has slowly moved across the country through cities like San Francisco, Cleveland, and Chicago, and is currently ablaze in Boston.

In San Francisco earlier this year, a survey of 461 students at four city high schools found that 58 percent of them had tried beedies at least once or knew someone who had. Connolly said he is considering surveying a high school in Boston or Cambridge for similar information.

Hand-rolled in India, beedies are unfiltered and tapered at one or both ends and resemble a marijuana cigarette more than a standard, machine-rolled Camel or Winston.

But health officials in California say a beedie contains about 8 percent nicotine, up to four times the levels found in standard American cigarettes. Compared with a Marlboro, a beedie has more than twice the level of tar, a cancer-causing agent.

AND SOME brands sold in Boston come with a US surgeon general's warning: Cigarettes contain carbon monoxide.

Connolly believes that distributors of beedies are targeting poor or minority neighborhoods. And some storekeepers are either confused about whether they are illegally selling tobacco to underage smokers or don't care.

Butthere is consensus on why teenagers find the exotic cigarettes, a blend of Indian tobacco and other plant leaves, so appealing.

At an average of $2 for a pack of 20, they are about half the cost of a standard pack of cigarettes; the price of beedies, however, varies from store to store. And a smoldering beedie has a funky odor similar to marijuana and incense smoke.

"They get a kick out of it," said Joseph Moscaritolo, Madison Park High School assistant director. "They want you to think they are smoking marijuana."

In Cambridge, Lynn Rufo, manager of the Central Square smoke shop, said her store stocks beedies but refuses to sell them to the teenagers who constantly ask for them. She has asked some of them why beedies are so popular.

"They are a big deal," Rufo said. "From what I can gather, the kids say they can get thrown out of places because it smells like they are smoking marijuana. And a lot of them say they are not as addictive as cigarettes."

School officials and campus police officers say that when they catch students lighting up, the youths often argue that the beedies are not dangerous to their health.

"One kid told me he smokes them because they don't give you lung cancer," Moscaritolo said.

Like a handful of store owners interviewed in the city, Joshua Drigo, owner of a small Roxbury convenience store, said he began carrying beedies a few months ago, but will not sell them to children.

"I think a lot of business people think it's not tobacco, you know," Drigo said.

And, like other store owners, he suspects that some adults are buying the beedies for youths.

"They all want their beedies," Drigo said. "I tell them no, but they can get someone else to (come in and) buy it for them."

Boston School Police Lieutenant Michael Hennessey said that busy, neighborhood stores can get away with selling beedies to children because the bright, cone-shaped packages are easier for their customers to conceal than a box of mainstream cigarettes.

"It's just too bad that these stores would take advantage of the kids," Hennessey said. "We find them on kids as young as 13. The kids are smoking those more than anything else. We confiscate them all day long."

Smokers would be hard-pressed to find beedies stocked in chain convenience stores. At the Christy's Market on Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, the sales clerk said she'd never heard of them, but the small grocers nearby say they have plenty in stock.

"I can buy them," boasted one 15-year-old girl puffing on a beedie near Fields Corner last week. "But they always tell me that I have to come in when no one else is around."

"They have vanilla, pineapple, cherry, grape, licorice, and strawberry," said Dino Lopes, a 15-year-old Madison Park student who does not smoke.

"I never tried it — OK, maybe a couple of times, but I hated it," Lopes said. "It gets you very light-headed.

"And, anyway, I don't consider a beedie as a cigarette."

Treatments for overactive bladder offering promise

By Jane E. Brody
N.Y. Times News Service

For the last decade, Susan, a Long Island businesswoman who recently turned 50, has been plagued by an annoying and potentially humiliating problem: She has to empty her bladder a dozen or more times a day and several times a night, or risk an embarrassing accident. When she has to go, she has to go, and soon. Fortunately, Susan is not shy about seeking out lavatories wherever she may be.

But for more than 17 million Americans who share her problem of an overactive bladder, opportunities to urinate at a moment's notice are often limited, forcing them to restrict their activities, including their employment, to places and circumstances where lavatories are immediately available. Some become homebound, going out only when they can be certain of quick access to a bathroom. Many are forced to wear adult diapers. Sleep is often disturbed by the need to urinate often during the night, resulting in daytime fatigue that can impair work and social activities.

The problem is far more challenging than the more common condition of stress incontinence, where a small amount of urine can escape when a sneeze, cough, hearty laugh or vigorous exercise puts pressure on the bladder. When a person with an overactive bladder loses control, the entire bladder is likely to empty at once. And while stress incontinence is primarily a problem for women, especially as they age, overactive bladder afflicts men and women in nearly equal numbers, and can occur at any age.

Although an overactive bladder is hardly rare and often has costly emotional, social and occupational consequences, most people with the condition accept it as a normal part of aging, which it is not, and sometimes are too embarrassed to tell even their doctors about it. Others remain silent because they believe — or have been told — that nothing can be done to control the problem.

And yet, treatments, including a recently approved drug with relatively few side effects, are available that can significantly reduce if not eliminate the distress, discomfort and inconvenience associated with an overactive bladder.

The bladder has an elastic wall containing a smooth muscle, the detrusor muscle, which in adults can tolerate a large increase in urine before a signal is sent to the brain that the bladder is about three-fourths full and needs to be emptied. People with normal bladder function usually register a need to void at a bladder volume of about 250 milliliters, or about 8 ounces, of urine.

However, an overactive bladder in an adult behaves somewhat like the normal bladder of babies and young children, whose brains cannot yet control the time and place of voiding. In those with an overactive bladder, a sense of urgency typically occurs at a urine volume of about 150 milliliters. Inhibitory signals from the brain fail to suppress the overactive detrusor muscle and it contracts inappropriately during the bladder-filling phase, causing involuntary voiding.

People with overactive bladders experience at least two of three major symptoms: a need to empty the bladder more than eight times in 24 hours, sometimes soon after they have done so; sudden sensations of urgency, and urge incontinence — a leakage of urine or total bladder emptying if the urge is very strong or the person cannot reach the toilet quickly.

In most cases, the underlying cause is unknown. However, overactive bladder sometimes results from certain neurological disorders, including multiple sclerosis, stroke, Parkinson's disease, spina bifida and spinal cord damage.

Most important in arriving at a correct diagnosis of an overactive bladder is obtaining a thorough history of urinary symptoms and eliminating other possible causes. The most common is a urinary tract infection, typically determined by a urine culture and often by the presence of blood in the urine. The doctor should also perform an abdominal and pelvic examination, looking for such anomalies as tumors, an enlarged prostate gland, a dropped uterus or other abnormal sources of pressure on the bladder or urinary tract.

OUTPUT RECORDED

A doctor may also ask the patient to keep a daily chart of urinary output to determine whether the bladder empties fully during voiding since there may be an obstruction or inadequacy of the detrusor muscle resulting in poor bladder emptying.

Sometimes a doctor will need to directly record bladder pressure during filling and voiding, a measurement known as cystometry. In an overactive bladder, peaks of increased pressure by the detrusor muscle are recorded during the filling phase, indicating periods of involuntary muscle contraction at a time when a normal muscle remains relaxed.

There are two main approaches to treatment: bladder training and drug therapy. Bladder training aims to restore bladder control by increasing the capacity of the bladder before it registers the urge to void. The patient keeps a record of the frequency and volume of output, gradually increasing the time between voidings by 15 minutes until an interval of two to four hours is reached without leakage.

A doctor may also ask a patient to keep a record of fluid intake, in case excessive fluids are contributing to the problem. However, most patients with overactive bladders have already cut back on the amount of fluids they consume, and some actually become seriously dehydrated. Bladder training is very demanding and must be maintained indefinitely to remain effective.

For those reason, patients much prefer drug treatment. However, until this year, the available drugs brought side effects like dry mouth, constipation, blurred vision, confusion and urinary retention that prompted most patients to stop taking them. Drugs that are effective against overactive bladder are known as antimuscarinic agents because they hook up with muscarine receptors in the bladder and other organs throughout the body.

The newest such drug, tolterodine, has a stronger attraction for the receptors in the bladder than those in other organs. Thus, bothersome side effects are much reduced and patients are more likely to continue therapy. Bettye Roussos, a 57-year-old saleswoman from Ormand Beach, Fla., says the drug, under the trade name Detrol, has given her back her life.

She once had a voiding accident while on a podium to receive an award. She regularly soaked through large protective pads. She feared going anywhere that was more than an hour's drive, and she began emptying her bladder hourly in the hope of avoiding accidents. The urge to void awakened her four or five times a night, leaving her exhausted every morning.

With Detrol, taken twice a day, her bathroom visits have been cut in half and she can now control urges without having to worry about accidents. Although results with the drug are not always so dramatic, studies show the majority of patients benefit significantly.

A second new drug, Ditropan XL, taken once a day reduced urge incontinence by 83 percent and eliminated it entirely in 43 percent of patients, according to a study of 256 patients reported in June to the American Urological Association. The manufacturer, Alza Corp., which developed the drug for Crescendo Pharmaceutical Corp., is awaiting marketing approval.

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Versailles Bash: New Year's ball fit for a king

PARIS (AP) — For the first time since the French Revolution, King Louis XIV's sumptuous abode in Versailles opens to the public this year for a New Year's Eve party fit for the Sun King.

Fireworks, recitals, dancing and gourmet delicacies like the ones served at Louis' 17th-century court are guaranteed to make "Le Bal du Roy," or Royal Ball, a unique — and costly — alternative to traditional New Year's Eve entertainment.

"It's a chance to experience the magic and history of the world's most beautiful chateau, a place built to entertain foreign heads of state and to show off the grandeur of France," said Xavier Morestel, a French history buff who came up with the idea.

"We wanted to offer something cultural, something more than just a sequins and feathers-style cabaret experience."

It's open to the public, sort of. Not everyone can afford to shell out 8,000 francs ($1,400) for this seven-hour trip in formal attire into France's regal past.



AP Photo

The Galleria des Batilles (Battles Room) of the Chateau de Versailles, in Versailles, France, is set for a dinner party. For the first time since the French Revolution, King Louis XIV's sumptuous abode will be open to the public for a New Year's Eve party fit for a king.

MORESTEL SAYS about 600 guests, including actress Stefanie Powers, former auto mogul Lee Iacocca and Prince Henri d'Orleans, pretender to the French throne, have signed up for this year's ball — a dress rehearsal for an even grander, more lavish celebration planned for 2,000 guests on Millennium eve.

That once-in-a-lifetime gala will run about 12,000 francs ($2,150), not including transportation or lodging.

Morestel says a "substantial" portion of the proceeds from both events will go towards renovating the chateau.

This year's entertainment includes a tour of the royal apartments, a recital in the Royal Chapel where French kings traditionally prayed on New Year's Eve, and a gourmet meal created by Gerard Vie, the two-star chef of Les Trois Marches in Versailles.

His menu is rich by today's standards — foie gras, lobster medallions, chicken breast in white butter sauce with Alba truffles, pistachio profiteroles with red fruit coulis.

But it pales in comparison to the culinary orgies commonplace in Louis XIV's court.

"Each royal banquet used to feature at least 120 different dishes that required thousands of servants to prepare, bring in and serve," Morestel says. "But people only took tiny tastes."

He said Versailles has never had a proper kitchen, and still doesn't today.

Fresh produce comes right from Versailles' centuries-old "potager du roy," or royal vegetable garden.

Costumed actors and musicians will evoke the arts that thrived under the patronage of Louis and his descendants, and recall famous receptions held for the Ambassadors of Siam and Persia, as well as the one given for Benjamin Franklin by King Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette.

Two of the private royal suites will feature a harpsichord player and harpist, strumming out favorite royal melodies.

Bethlehem expected to draw hordes of millenium travelers

By William A. Orme Jr.
N.Y. Times News Service

The little town of Bethlehem is used to becoming a crowded small city every Christmas Eve, but the extravaganza planned for the year 2000 will transform it into a millennial metropolis.

Or so the town's Palestinian officials dearly hope.

Nearly $100 million is being spent rebuilding Manger Square, Bethlehem's central plaza, installing dramatic new lighting along Nativity Street, the main thoroughfare, and refurbishing scores of neglected architectural treasures. There are new luxury hotels and conference centers and exhibition halls. There will be Eastern-star laser shows, caroling, a Finnish Christmas tree, Nobel Prize-winners discussing peace, a Santa Claus, and the Magi and their gifts.

Planners envision 50,000 visitors thronging repaved streets outside the venerable Church of the Nativity during millennial Christmas Masses — while tens of millions watch it all via satellite.

"If our dream comes true, there will be a lot of congestion here," said Munib Toukan, a multilingual Palestinian Muslim from Amman who is a chief organizer of the Bethlehem 2000 Project, financed by the World Bank and several European governments. That dream seemed suddenly attainable this month, when town leaders persauded President Clinton to attend a tree-lighting ceremony in Manger Square.

Bethlehemites have a special claim on the year 2000, and they are trying to make the most of it. An unceasing procession of religious and secular events is planned from the Advent season in 1999 through Easter 2001, which fortuitously falls on the same day (April 15) that year in both the Gregorian and Orthodox calendars.

On Dec. 4, the vicars of Jerusalem's 13 Christian churches will lead an "ecumenical inauguration of the millennium" — the first time, it is asserted here, that the leaders of these often quarreling sects have joined ranks for anything. But the millennial high season really starts with the local Franciscans' globally televised Dec. 24 midnight Mass at the Church of the Nativity, the third service of an evening of Bethlehem Masses (after Lutheran and Anglican Masses).

The Jan. 1 festivities are assigned to the Lutherans, after a New Year's World Party the night before with a promised "10,000 torches" and pop music stars.

On Jan. 6, Christmas for the Eastern Rite churches that predominate here, there will be midnight Masses for Syrian and Greek Orthodox Christians, as well as Copts from Ethiopia and Egypt. Catholics from Latin America will commemorate the Epiphany with a Three Kings procession. And on Jan. 18, Armenian Orthodox bishops will celebrate the last of the midnight masses.

Once an outlying village but now virtually a suburb of greater Jerusalem, barely 20 minutes by car from the city center, Bethlehem is still a cultural world removed from the Israeli capital.

Visitors pass through the bored stares and cradled Galil assault rifles of an Israeli military checkpoint into a dusty, bustling Palestinian commercial center, with BMW's dodging goatherds, and souvenir shops peddling Holy Land handicrafts.

But the old center is an unpolished gem, and when the bulldozers leave town late next year, it will have acquired an inviting sheen.

At the center of the restoration zone is the Church of the Nativity, ground zero for most millennial pilgrims. Historians say the site is probably quite close to the humble dwelling where it is recorded that Mary and Joseph, natives of Bethlehem, celebrated the birth of their son. The squat but handsome temple is entered through what must be the smallest church door in Christendom. With its sixth-century core and evocative scars from successive saviors and conquerors, it anchors not just the plaza it faces, but the entire town.

Within walking distance are other relics of Bethlehem's storied past, such as Rachel's Tomb. But Christmas Week 2000 may not be ideal for leisurely architectural inspections.

The Palestinian National Authority, which governs Bethlehem, has seized on the year 2000 celebration to remind the Christian world that most sites associated with the life of Jesus, from Nazareth to the crest of the Mount of Olives, are in Palestinian towns and neighborhoods.

Though Christians are a small minority here — at most 5 percent of the nine million people in Israel and the Palestinian territories — almost all of them are Arabs, and proud of their role as custodians of this heritage.

They also wouldn't mind cashing in a bit. The millennium is seen as the business opportunity of the, well, millennium, by both the Palestinian and Israeli tourism boards, for whom the date has no other transcendental significance.

The official forecast for 2000 is four million visitors or more, triple the usual number. Most will stay in Israel, which has tourist amenities the Palestinian areas do not, plus old Jerusalem and many other biblical sites.

The more apocalyptically minded visitors will head off to Megiddo, famed from scripture as Har Megedon (the Mountain of Megiddo, or Armageddon). Once an embattled crossroads of the ancient world, the tiny Israeli valley town southeast of Haifa has been basically quiet since the seventh century B.C.

Jehosophat Valley, the mausoleum-pocked gulch beneath Jerusalem's walled-shut Golden Gate, is another expected gathering ground for the Final Days crowd. Swelling the tourist ranks, travel agencies and academics report, will be those whose literal reading of the Bible is that the end of the millennium may also mean the end of the world as we know it.

But the Bethlehem 2000 planners are hoping for sunnier, more mainstream celebrants. Throughout 2000, they will offer classical music performances (like Bach's Mass in B Minor on Jan. 25, by the Orchestra of the XVIII Century, a Dutch period-music orchestra), multicultural art exhibitions (Palestinian textiles, a world-spanning collection of creches), outdoor rock concerts (no big names yet) and film festivals.

Today, the typical tourist's routine is a bus trip from a West Jerusalem hotel interrupted by a hundred-yard dash to the Church of the Nativity. The average stay in Bethlehem, according to a survey by a dispirited local professional, is just 45 minutes. The ambitious stated goal of Palestinian tourist authorities is to lengthen that to three days.

But with barely 1,000 hotel rooms in the two-star class or better, even an overnight stay isn't an option for most. Come the millennium, though, things should improve.

Pre-Christmas trip to Holy City inspiring

By Jerry Morris
N.Y. Times News Service

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — "O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!"

As we entered Bethlehem weeks ago, I couldn't help but hear those words over and over in my mind. In between, though, I couldn't help but think that this is no "little town," nor did the words "How still we see thee lie!" ring true on that November day.

On Thursday night, the first of thousands of Christian pilgrims will find their way to this town about six miles from the old city of Jerusalem. Since the date of celebrating Jesus' birth differs among Christians, Christmas will again be celebrated in Bethlehem on Jan. 7 by the Greek Orthodox and on Jan. 19 by Armenians.

While the real reason for celebrating Christmas in America seems to be becoming lost amid the hustle of gift-giving and crowded shopping malls filled with Santas and their elves, for Christians, a return to Bethlehem is both good for the soul and a jarring reminder that in the 2,000 years since Christ's birth, the good will to mankind has yet to be achieved.

THE BETHLEHEM my wife and I saw along with Rich and Linda, friends from Seattle, was a far cry from that which inspired Phillips Brooks to write his memorable carol. Brooks, the famed rector of Boston's historic Trinity Church, visited Bethlehem in 1866 and wrote the carol during the winter of 1868 while he was still living in Philadelphia just before coming to Boston.

Just as millions wonder how the latest peace agreement of today between Israelis and Palestinians will work, it is a reminder that the "peace" promised at Jesus' birth has yet to be seen in Bethlehem and Israel. For Mary and Joseph, their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem was mandatory because Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. Joseph, being of the house of David (David was born here, and the city is called "the city of David"), had to return to his birthplace. And, finding no place in the inn, Mary gave birth to Jesus in a simple manger.

And so, on a star-filled night, shepherds and others found their way to that manger.

On an early November Sunday morning, we began a short journey that "covered" Jesus' lifetime. Our driver picked us up after a simple church service at the Garden Tomb (one of two places said to be where Jesus was placed after his crucifixion) just beyond the old city of Jerusalem. Within 15 minutes or so, we arrived in Bethlehem. Jerusalem's present sprawl is such that if it were not for a roadblock with barriers marking the border of Bethlehem with Jerusalem, we might not have realized how short a journey it is between the two biblical places.

In 1995, Israel handed over Bethlehem to Palestinian control in accordance with the Oslo II agreement. Today, the city of about 25,000 consists of about two-thirds Muslims, and the remainder Christian Arabs.

Our driver, a Palestinian, points at a lineup of yellow Mercedes taxis on the Bethlehem side of the border, saying, "Look at all those taxis with no customers." Economics is a major problem in negotiations for peace. Our driver, who has lived in Jerusalem all his life, has a permit to travel throughout Israel, but for the Palestinians living in Bethlehem to get a permit to visit even Jerusalem, where hospitals are located, can take weeks. Does that mean some die, we ask? "Yes," he said, and that is why those taxis are empty, because the drivers must rely??? on visitors crossing by foot into Bethlehem. Most arrive by motorcoach.

FOR CHRISTIANS arriving in Bethlehem this year, the scene is a bit chaotic, not because of violence but because of construction. Manger Square, in front of the fourth-century church built over what is believed to be the traditional birthplace of Jesus, is one big construction site as the city prepares both for the Christmas celebrations and the year 2000. The construction was reportedly to be finished by Dec. 25, but from our view, less than two months ago, I doubt it.

The Church of the Nativity is a magnificent church built over the site where Jesus was born. The site was determined in 324 by Helena , mother of Emperor Constantine, who sent her to find the sites associated with the life of Jesus. After being shown the cave where it was said the birth took place, she ordered a church built upon the site. In the sixth century, Emperor Justinian replaced it with the larger structure that now stands. Over the years, the Holy Lands have been invaded and many sites destroyed, but this church has essentially remained undisturbed. Some alterations were made after the church was captured by Crusaders in 1099 (on Christmas 1100, Crusader King Baldwin I was crowned in the church). In the 11th century, the church was spared by Muslims because Jesus is named in the Koran as one of the Holy Prophets.

We park in the church's courtyard because there is no other place to stop with all the construction. While our driver argues with local police over the space, a postcard seller catches my attention by offering 50 camels for my wife. It's a good offer, but I decline. I do show faith by buying some cards that I otherwise would have refused.

Humility is called for to enter the church, which appears more like a Crusader fortress from the outside. All must bow to enter through the small doorway, deliberately constructed that way to prevent Muslims of another era from entering on horseback.

Inside, we see a plain but huge open area with double rows of limestone pillars supporting an oak ceiling. Our guide pulls open a wooden cover to reveal the original floor from the days of Helena. He then leads us past the great Greek Orthodox altar where we can see a long line of people waiting. "Quickly, I will show you my secret entrance to the manger," the guide says. It is actually the exit to the grotto, and he surprises another guide lecturing to visitors there.

The Grotto of the Nativity is small and lined with marble walls. At the Altar of the Nativity, a large silver star in the floor marks the reported site of where Mary gave birth. A few feet away, we go three steps into the Chapel of the Manger, which is where Mary is said to have placed Jesus. There are other altars and chapels here as well as the tomb of St. Jerome. The entire church site is controlled by the Greek Orthodox.

Adjacent to the Church of the Nativity is a Roman Catholic church, where Christmas Eve services were held this Dec. 24. Many groups who visit the grotto are said to break into hymns or carols at seeing the site of Jesus' birth. It is an act of faith for many, considering that the site was not determined for more than 300 years after Jesus' birth, and the placing of the star marking the site was not chosen until the 17th century.

While we do not hear any song in the grotto, we do hear the music and chants of a Mass at an altar above the grotto as we leave. The priests conduct their service undisturbed by passing groups of tourists, many of whom are taking flash pictures of the scene.

We do witness the sudden burst of carol singing when we visit Shepherds' Field's grottoes and chapel. Here is where the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among all people." Within the chapel, a pilgrimage group from England seemingly without a cue from anyone bursts into singing the First Noel carol we know so well.

THE CHAPEL is beautifully decorated with scenes from the Bible. An adjacent grotto is believed to be the place "where shepherds watched their flocks by night."

Outside, we view terraced olive grove fields where the sheep were tended, and while we can hear the sheep in the distance, only kittens are seen playing about in front of the chapel. I speak to one, but it obviously doesn't understand English.

My wife, a Lutheran pastor, schedules a visit to the Christmas Church, a Lutheran church in Bethlehem that has opened its doors to the International Center, which offers an Alternative Tourism Program designed to give a fuller understanding of the history, culture, society, and people of the Holy Land. Many interactive programs are offered for interaction between Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Palestinians. Linda, also a minister who is planning a future church pilgrimage, is interested in the center's women's programs for her group.

Since tourism is a major economic factor in Bethlehem's life, the center also teaches Palestinians to be guides for visitors. Israel boasts some 2,000 licensed guides, who, based on our experiences, are well informed on everything in the Holy Land from archeology to religion. However, fewer than 40 of these guides are Palestinians. The center's goal is to produce knowledgeable Palestinian guides who could offer another perspective to a visitor's experience.

Besides the sites associated with Jesus' birth, Bethlehem also has other biblical places. King David was born here; there is the Chapel of the Milk, where it is believed Mary spilled some milk while feeding Jesus; the Field of Boaz, where Ruth gathered gleanings left by her future husband; and Rachel's Tomb, where Jews pray before a large tomb shrouded in cloth where the second wife of Jacob is believed to be buried.

Throughout our journey in Israel and into Jordan, safety never seems an issue, except for a brief visit to Rachel's Tomb. Our driver suggests a visit before we leave Bethlehem. We are greeted by the site of Jersey barriers around the entrance to the tomb and armed soldiers at either end. Across the way, I see soldiers atop nearby roofs, and others slightly hidden behind canvas on open stairways. It is a holy day for Jews, and the tomb area is crowded with Hasidic Jews in their black attire. Rich and I have only a slight problem entering (women are not allowed) because we have no head covering, and one man simply points to our heads. We get the message and find some paper yarmulkes provided for the situation nearby.

Our final stop is at a gift shop, where my wife purchases Nativity scenes, not those depicting a cave but the more traditional ones carved from olive wood.

While many can question the validity of the biblical sites of Bethlehem, it is still an inspiring — and safe — place to visit.

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Is there anyway to head off a nation of teen smokers?

By Jane E. Brody
N.Y. Times News Service

Hollywood is once again sending young Americans a pernicious message: Smoking is OK. It relieves anxiety and tension, breaks the social ice and, if Holly Hunter is an example, helps a woman maintain a stick-thin figure. After seeing Ms. Hunter's new movie, "Living Out Loud," in which she plays a chain-smoking divorcee, I had to hold my breath as I plowed through a horde of cigarette-smoking teen-agers gathered outside the theater.

Even as the 34-year decline in the proportion of adults who smoke continues, youngsters are taking up this addictive habit at an unprecedented rate. Every day in the United States, more than 3,000 teen-agers start smoking. Since 1991, after a decade of little or no change, cigarette use by high school students has risen by 32 percent.

These are the young people who will be inflating the smoking statistics — and resulting illnesses, health care costs and premature deaths — in the years to come. As a nation with laws and policies that promote clean air and clean lungs, we are now running backward.

Few young people appreciate how quickly a person can become hooked on nicotine and how hard it can be to break the addiction. Most youngsters who start smoking as a means of looking "cool" and fitting in with their peers expect they will be able to quit long before it is too late to preserve their health and protect their future children. Unfortunately, relatively few who become daily smokers in high school succeed in quitting when they finally decide to try.

A new national survey of 250 current and 251 former adult smokers commissioned by the Hazelden Foundation of Minneapolis revealed that former smokers had tried to quit an average of 10.8 times before succeeding. The process of quitting for good took an average of 18.6 years, by which time irreparable damage could have been done to the smokers' bodies and lowered their chances of living out a normal lifetime.

Current smokers in the survey averaged 3.4 attempts to quit. "These numbers reflect the serious nature of nicotine addition," said Carol Falkowski, a senior research analyst for Hazelden, which runs addiction control programs. "Nicotine is a powerful drug, just like alcohol or heroin, and those who want to quit often relapse in spite of their good intentions."

Most smokers in the survey said stress was their primary obstacle to quitting. Others said they enjoyed smoking too much to give it up or that the craving for cigarettes proved stronger than their will to quit. Surprisingly, only 5.4 percent of current smokers cited a fear of weight gain for their failure to quit, although those who run smoking-cessation programs say that weight gain is a major factor among women who fail to quit smoking.

BUT EVEN if all adult smokers were able to free themselves of nicotine addiction, progress in eliminating this health-robbing habit would be stymied by the millions of youngsters now galloping toward adulthood, cigarette in hand. A future smoke-free society will depend on keeping youngsters from starting to smoke in the first place and helping those already smoking to quit before cigarettes become a permanent part of their persona.

It may surprise parents to learn, as a recent study of 276 smokers in New Hampshire high schools indicated, that grades in school and parental level of education have little or no bearing on the likelihood that a youngster will become a smoker. Nearly three-fourths of the youngsters had not tried to quit and 82 percent expected to still be smoking a year later. The primary goal, then, is to keep kids from starting.

In his helpful little book, "How to Raise Nonsmoking Kids" (Byron Preiss Multimedia and Pocket Books, 1997, $7.95), Dr. Neil Izenberg, a pediatrician in Wilmington, Del., advises parents to begin reinforcing the anti-smoking message very early. He suggests explaining to preschoolers how tobacco advertising manipulates people into thinking that smoking is cool, socially acceptable and image-enhancing. I played a valuable game with my own sons when they were young: Uncover the hidden message in advertisements and tell me how the advertisement is trying to persuade you to buy or use the product. Later we played a similar game with peer pressure: What were other people trying to get you to do or believe? Because peer pressure is widely considered the major factor that starts kids smoking, learning how to identify and resist it is a most valuable asset.

Another helpful tactic is to appeal to youngsters' natural desire for independence by emphasizing their ability to rise above the influence of peers and advertising and think for themselves.

Essential to bringing up children who can think and act for themselves is fostering in them a healthy self-image. Youngsters with a strong sense of themselves are best able to resist noxious outside influences and more likely to be leaders, not followers, among their friends. A valuable lesson I learned from the late Dr. Haim G. Ginott, author of "Between Parent and Child" (Avon, 1969) is never to criticize the child, only the child's behavior. Instead of saying "You're a bad boy, good boys don't do things like that," you should say "What you did is wrong and hurtful."

FOSTERING INVOLVEMENT in sports, especially competitive sports, is also helpful, because it is easy to convince youngsters that smoking robs muscle cells of oxygen, interferes with lung function and impairs performance.

And because all smokers smoke for the immediate rewards bestowed by cigarettes and few youngsters are willing to worry about their health decades down the line, it helps to emphasize the immediate negative aspects: a noxious odor that permeates the hair, clothes, skin and breath; stained teeth; poor physical endurance, and lots of money going up in smoke.

Far less is known about effective stop-smoking techniques for teenagers than for adults. As you might predict, those who smoke the least, which means they are less hooked on nicotine, have the easiest time quitting. In other words, kids should be told that they are most likely to succeed if they quit while they're behind — in the number of cigarettes they smoke.

Dr. James Sargent and colleagues at Dartmouth Medical School found in their study of the New Hampshire adolescent smokers that effective quitting was unrelated to socioeconomic status, school performance, alcohol consumption or any of several predicted psychological characteristics. The most important factor was the teen-agers' belief that smoking was not going to be part of their future. However, the survey also found that most of the teen-agers were not sure whether or not they would be smoking in a year's time, while only a small percentage thought they definitely would have quit.

Although the study showed that even highly addicted youngsters were sometimes able to quit, the researchers suggested that success in quitting may be enhanced by nicotine replacement therapy. Youngsters trying to quit should also be told that withdrawal symptoms are at their worst in the first three days. And for most people, quitting cold turkey works best.

Book dishes up celebrity sniping

By Robert Philpot
N.Y. Times News Service

Nothing is quite as appealing as reading the snipings of overpaid celebrities. OK, many things are as intriguing, but there's something about celebrity-sniping that's just plain dirty fun.

Two recently published books celebrate this: "Hollywood and Whine," by Boze Hadleigh (Birch Lane Press, $19.95) and "Stupid Celebrities," by Ross and Kathryn Petras (Andrews McMeel Publishing, $9.95). "Whine" is the better book: Not only is it more comprehensive, it's also a bit more compassionate. "Celebrities" is fun, but more condescending, and sometimes intentionally misinterprets quotes meant to be ironic or self-deprecating to suit its own purposes.

The authors of both books have experience in the dishing field. Hadleigh wrote "The Lavender Screen," an expose of veiled homosexual references in older movies. The Petrases wrote "The 776 Stupidest Things Ever Said" and other "Stupid" books. A sampling from "Hollywood and Whine" (subtitled "The Snippy, Snotty and Scandalous Things Stars Say About Each Other"):

■ "I've known some actors who were intelligent, but the better the actor, the more stupid he is." — Truman Capote

— "I did not have 3,000 pairs of shoes — I had 1,600." — Imelda Marcos

■ "I don't mean to be a diva, but some days you wake up and you're Barbra Streisand." — Courtney Love, after showing up hours late for a photo shoot

■ "I want a man who's kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?" — Zsa Zsa Gabor

■ "I'm your basic flasher. I've always loved exposing myself." — Michael Douglas

■ "I heard Michael Jackson is moving to France. For the first time, my sympathies are with the French people." — Boy George

■ "It was like being stuck in a blender with an alligator." — Director Peter Bogdanovich ("Mask"), on working with Cher

■ "I thought it was very humanitarian of Sean Penn and Madonna to marry each other. That way, they make only two people miserable instead of four." — Cesar Romero

Selections from "Stupid Celebrities" (subtitled "Over 500 of the Most Idiotic Things Ever Said by Famous People"):

■ Reporter: "Do you realize that you have five gold albums in Austria?" David Hasselhoff: "Where's Austria?"

■ "... I'm a mess and you're a mess, too. Everyone's a mess. Which means, actually, that no one's a mess. Know what I mean?" — singer Fiona Apple

■ "It was God who made me so beautiful. If I weren't, then I'd be a teacher." — supermodel Linda Evangelista

■ "I'm not a snob. Ask anybody. Well, anybody who matters." — Simon LeBon, lead singer of Duran Duran

Pumping iron easier to do for some in a group setting

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If you like to exercise with a group, you've probably attended more than a few aerobic classes over the years, from dance to hip-hop to high energy to low impact.

You may also have tried the popular "step" classes offered at health clubs, where exercisers step up on a plastic bench in a series of choreographed movements.

But what about weight-lifting? Does the thought of heaving barbells put you off? What if you were able to do that in a class where the atmosphere was fun and high energy, and the whole routine was set to music?

That's the concept of BodyPUMP, an increasingly popular new exercise program that was developed in New Zealand in 1990 and introduced in U.S. fitness clubs this year.

BodyPUMP will "breathe new life into the group fitness market," says Rich Boggs, president of the Step Co. in Marietta, Ga., which brought the step aerobic program to health clubs in the early '90s and is marketing the new BodyPUMP program.

Instructors can become certified in the method after attending three-day workshops, then going through quarterly workshops to learn new choreography and ensure their workouts are being taught safely and effectively.

Classes are often held in fitness centers' aerobics rooms. Participants use a specially designed barbell system that allows them to adjust weights for intensity and fitness levels. They lift the barbells through a set of choreographed routines that are designed to work every major muscle group, Boggs said, including squats, presses, lifts and curls. The bar ranges from 3 pounds without weights to a maximum of 91 pounds.

The focus: correct lifting using light to moderate weights with high repetitions. "You don't get big," Boggs says. "Just toned and strong."

"BodyPUMP is the first opportunity for women to strength train to music," says Debbie Lee, general manager at the Fitness Connection for Women in Gainesville, Fla. "You don't have to be a body builder to do it. It's attractive to all groups, from novices to advanced."

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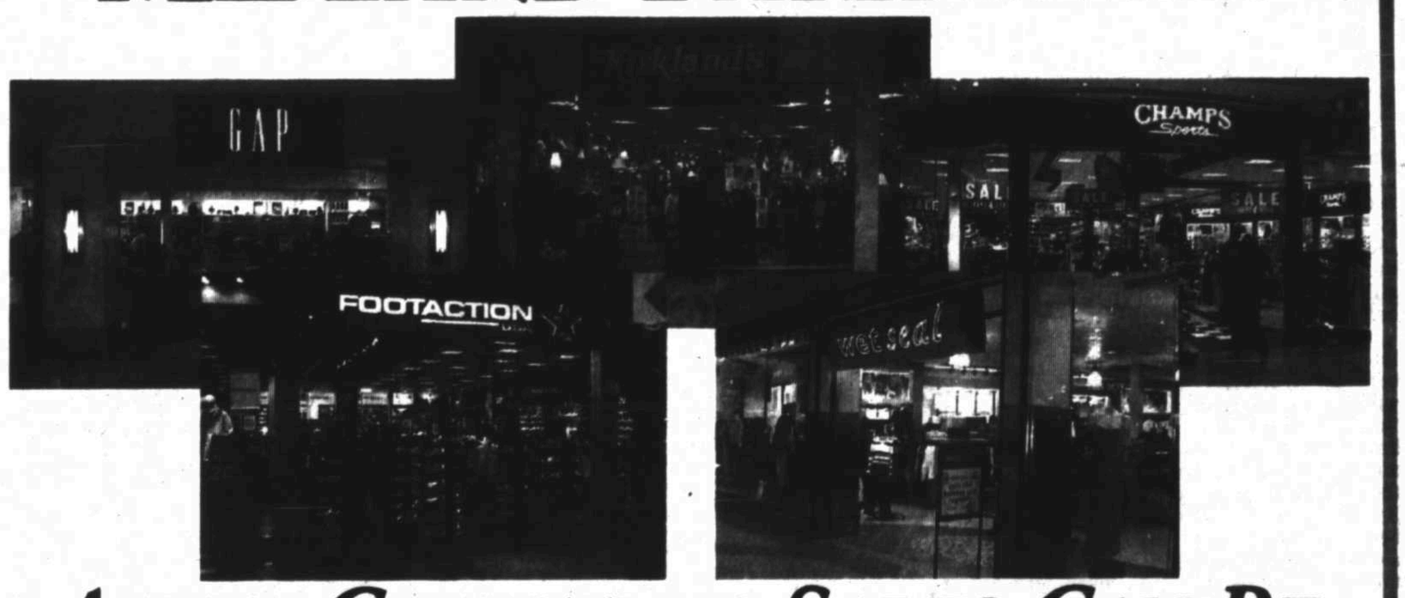
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TRAVEL

Sticker shock thwarts millenium travelers

N.Y. Times News Service

The night of Dec. 31, 1999, is still over a year away, but movers and shakers in the travel industry have been hard at work preparing for what many of them insist will be the biggest party the world has ever seen.

The cruise industry, quicker than most to recognize the financial implications of the millennium, has dozens of millennium cruises scheduled. To whet interest in those cruises — and to justify higher prices — many of them are being touted as the first or last such cruise of the millennium.

For example, Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas will be "the first ship to enter the Panama Canal from the Caribbean in the new millennium," while Celebrity's Zenith will be "the first ship to depart the canal in the new millennium." Royal Caribbean also says that its 142,000-ton Voyager of the Seas, which is to make its maiden voyage next Nov. 14 with a capacity of 3,114 passengers, will be "the largest cruise ship to enter the new millennium."

Despite the variety of cruises, tours and ad hoc celebrations, not everyone in the travel industry is confident that millennium results will live up to the pre-millennium ballyhoo. One reason for that, travel agents say, is sticker shock. This has already caused people to cancel tours and cruises they had reserved well before prices were established and before deposits were due.

While many resorts and tours required deposits at the time reservations were made, most cruise lines did not require them before last Nov. 1, by which time typically 25 percent of the total price was due. Many who have booked since have had to put up 25 percent of the total price within seven days. A cancellation between Nov. 1 and March 31 (when half the total is due) will result in forfeiture of that deposit. Full payment is usually due by June 30, and there will be no refunds after Sept. 1.

"To me, one of the most amazing things about millennium fever is that people were willing to put down deposits without knowing the itinerary, the ship, the cabin or the cost," said Joe Galloway, the president of the American Society of Travel Agents.

Another factor in the lag in bookings, travel agents say, is the recent erratic behavior of the stock market, which has reminded people that travel is a discretionary option.

Even so, many people are still planning to welcome in 2000 away from home. Some hotels and millennium events in such cities as New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, Rome, Venice and Vienna are either sold out or close to it. "You'd be surprised how many people say to us, 'I want to be somewhere different for the millennium, since I won't be around for the next one,'" said Galloway, who is also the owner of Trans-Continental Travel in Houston.

Yet, a travel agency owner in a Rocky Mountain state, who would speak only anonymously, said, "I personally think people should stay home or close to home, because the millennium has the potential to be the biggest rip-off time in the whole world."

WHETHER OR not crowds live up to expectations, industry officials acknowledge that many millennium travelers will probably be disappointed by the service they receive from overworked and probably inexperienced staff, and frustrated by hassles resulting from technological glitches. "We're suggesting that people who can should postpone their celebration a week or two, because the level of service they expect will not likely be there at the millennium," said Doreen Farrugia Cody, a marketing specialist with Dayton's Travel in Minneapolis.

Moreover, Ms. Cody said some some customers had already canceled reservations for fear of Y2K, the flaw that could cause problems with computers in the year 2000, creating chaos with airline and hotel reservations systems.

What the airlines have not yet done, to the consternation of many travel agents and tour operators, is accept reservations for travel to millennium celebrations.

"We only accept bookings 11 months in advance," said Joe Hopkins, a United Airlines spokesman, a statement spokesmen for other big carriers echoed. Airline reservation systems are not programmed to accept reservations beyond about 330 days, and airline companies feel little urgency to extend that time period because, as one industry official put it, "in the meantime, people change their mind, divorce or die."

Because of that limitation on airline bookings, travel agents and operators have been unable to quote final prices for tours, except for the land portion.

And because they are not yet accepting millennium bookings, airlines have no reliable way of knowing what the overall demand will be around that time. Absent such knowledge, they do not yet know whether or where to add seats.

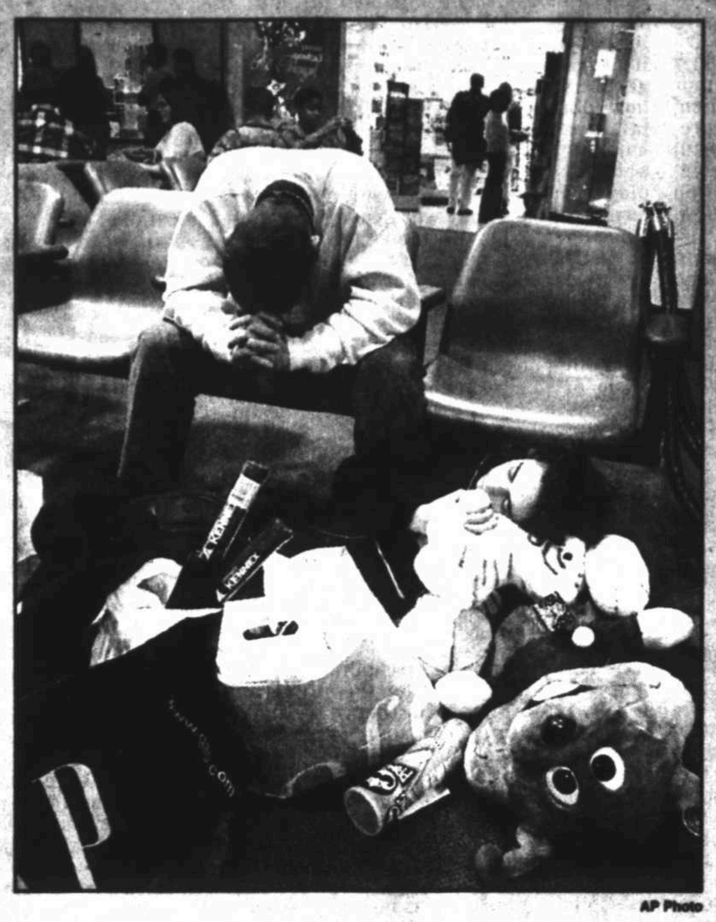
Since even the biggest airlines keep no more than a few spare planes for emergencies, additional seats are usually only available by swapping smaller aircraft used on heavily traveled routes for bigger aircraft used on less heavily traveled routes. But there are few, if any, lightly traveled routes during the Christmas-New Year holiday.

Airlines are not alone in delaying reservations for the millennium. As of mid-December, Hyatt Hotels also was not taking them, but said it would soon do so, while many Marriott hotels have put together millennium packages but have not taken reservations because they have not yet settled on prices.

Hotels that have been accepting millennium reservations usually require minimum stays of three to five nights — at rates much higher than usual, but usually including numerous extra amenities. Almost all the 35 Ritz-Carlton hotels worldwide, for example are offering one lucky (and well-heeled) couple in each hotel the Millennium Experience, a three-night package for $100,000. The package at the Ritz-Carlton Bali includes his-and-her 18-carat Bulgari watches; a 24-hour private concierge, chef, housekeeper, masseur, butler and interpreter; use of a chauffeured Mercedes-Benz during the stay; and a commemorative photo album and engraved stationery.

Leave it to New York, however, to come up with several of the more unusual hotel offerings. For $3 million one can rent the entire 627-room Millennium Broadway in Times Square and the hotel's staff from Dec. 31, 1999, through Jan. 2, 2000, while the 155-room Fitzpatrick Grand Central Hotel and its staff are available those same three nights for a tidy $1.5 million. The 92-room Fitzpatrick Manhattan, on Lexington Avenue between 56th and 57th Streets, is available for $1 million.

So far there have been no takers but enough nibbles to keep all three offers on the block, no doubt in the expectation that someone somewhere will regard the much-vaunted biggest party the world has ever seen as a miserable failure without a hotel of one's own.



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Getting back home from the holidays ...

Kyle Walker, 9, of Atlanta sits on the family luggage while his parents collect more bags after returning from Hawaii at the Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport. Catalina Roca, lower right, uses a pile of stuffed toys for a pillow as her husband Javier Serano rests in a chair as they wait for a flight from Miami International Airport to their home in Bogota, Columbia.

Early birds get the passports

N.Y. Times News Service

It's Dec. 27. Do you know how old your passport is? Or where it is? January, when business is slow at the passport office, is a good time to renew if the passport expires anytime in 1999 and you plan to travel outside the country. Many countries will not admit travelers with passports that have less than six months' validity left.

Increasingly, mail is the way to go for renewal. It is fastest at this time of year. The official estimate is that getting a passport by mail takes 25 working days, starting from the time the government receives the material until it is back in the applicant's hands. A little time can be saved by enclosing a request for an express return by mail, Federal Express or other services, plus payment for the extra cost.

But you might do even better right now. Do not dally until March: the pace picks up radically and continues at fever pitch until September.

In the fiscal year ended in October, 6.4 million passports were issued; in 1995, the number was 5.3 million. There are 45 million valid passports in the country now, a State Department spokeswoman says, compared with 33 million in 1992.

One more statistic. In 1995, more than two-thirds of passports were issued to new applicants, a reversal of the situation the year before. This trend is continuing: new applications — many of them from newly naturalized citizens eager to revisit the home country — numbered 4.9 million, and renewal applications totaled 1.5 million.

With the opening in 1992 of a huge passport factory in Portsmouth, N.H., service by mail has been growing as passport demand has expanded beyond the capacity of downtown offices. Vistas of young people in sleeping bags outside passport offices are becoming part of the banished folkways of the 1900s.

In July 1996, the New York Passport Agency flabbergasted its constituency by saying it would not start the passport process for people who arrived on its doorstep unannounced. The agency had already said it would serve those applying in person only if they had air tickets for travel within 14 days. But in 1996, to cut the jam-up further, it began to require phone appointments.

The by-appointment, immediate-travelers-only system has been adopted by three other agencies this year: Miami, Los Angeles and most recently Washington (in November). The automated numbers for appointments are: Miami, (305) 539-3600; Los Angeles, (310) 575-5700 and Washington, (202) 647-0518.

The numbers work only with touch-tone phones.

Asked if the other regional offices would eventually also refuse to accept walk-ups, a spokeswoman for the State Department, Maria Rudensky, said that the pressure was not equally great nationwide; New Orleans and Seattle, for example, have lower demand.

The New York Passport Agency is now at 376 Hudson St. on the corner of West Houston St. People with tickets for departures in the next 14 days, or who are traveling soon but need some extra time to get visas, can make appointments within the next 14 calendar days by calling (212) 206-3500.

A new adult passport costs $60. An adult renewal costs $40, but people going to the appointment-only agencies for a new or renewed passport will pay $35 more for the expedited service. Information and forms to be printed out may be found on the Internet at travel.state.gov.

Applications may be mailed to the National Passport Center, Post Office Box 371971, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15250. These are taken directly to Portsmouth



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Over the hills of snow

Snow mobilers enjoy a ride through the snow-covered woods of Wisconsin, an area no stranger to heavy snowfall.

Major Swiss wine festival scheduled

N.Y. Times News Service

The Fete des Vignerons, a major wine festival, will be held in Vevey, Switzerland, next summer from July 29 through Aug. 15. The event has taken place only four or five times each century since 1783; the last was in 1977.

More than 450,000 visitors are expected at the celebration in Vevey, a town of 70,000 near the eastern end of Lake Geneva. The main event will be a performance in which more than 4,600 actors, singers and artists — mostly townspeople — present the myths, folklore and modern aspects of winemaking. Following each of the seven daytime performances a town fair with theatrical vignettes, music, food and dancing will take place. To reserve tickets, call (41-800) 80-1999. The Web site is www.fetedesvignerons.ch.

Luggage bin a hazard

N.Y. Times News Service

Many people fear airplane accidents, but they may be focused on the wrong source of injury. A recent study indicates that thousands of people are hurt annually in events that do not even meet the aviation authorities' definition of an accident. By contrast, in 1997, the latest statistics available, the National Transportation Safety Board listed two deaths and 21 serious injuries in what it considered accidents.

The leading sources of injuries are items that fall out of overhead luggage bins. Once meant for coats and other light articles, these bins are now frequently used for heavier items. A doctor at the Flight Safety Foundation, a nonprofit group based in Alexandria, Va., studied 462 incidents of injuries caused by objects falling from the overhead bins on Boeing 757s belonging to one airline, which he did not identify, and found bruising or laceration in half the cases.

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Cash given for trashy sneakers

N.Y. Times News Service

"DAYTON, Ohio — That old pair of basketball shoes that's been sitting at the back of your closet for 10 years may fetch some extra cash just in time for holiday spending.

"Most people are not aware they are of collector value," said Chuck Vander Hoek who, with partner Andrew Drasiewski, who set up shop at the Holiday Inn South recently. The pair will pay up to $400 for some styles of Nike and Adidas basketball shoes from the mid-1980s.

"One gentleman brought in a pair of Nike North Carolinas in baby blue and white, a first-edition Air Jordan that he got as a birthday gift from his wife," said Vander Hoek. "He got $400."

The shoes are resold in Japan, where early Nike and Adidas basketball shoes are status symbols among teen-agers and young adults.

Small Earth Inc., Vander Hoek's company, sells the shoes to Japanese businesses at double the price. By the time they're sold in Japan, the price doubles again. (If you're counting, that's $1,600 for a pair of used sneakers.)

Some Japanese buyers pay even more — up to tens of thousands of dollars for rare promotional colors, such as the 1985 black-and-gold Air Jordans.

Vander Hoek has found Midwest cities like Dayton to be the best markets for purchasing the shoes "because basketball is big here."

In the Miami Valley, he's on the lookout for Nike's Dunk and Terminator styles in Ohio State University colors.

Vander Hoek and his partner, who own vintage clothing stores in Michigan, stumbled into the shoe business about three years ago when Japanese buyers began asking for the old athletic shoes.

Though he'll consider larger sizes, Vander Hoek is primarily looking for shoes in men's sizes 8 to 10.

Before you head for the closet or attic, know that most of the shoes purchased bring $30 to $50 and many will have no value at all. However, the original shoebox will increase a collectible shoe's value by 10 percent.

And control the urge to clean up that pair of golden oldies before taking them to the sale.

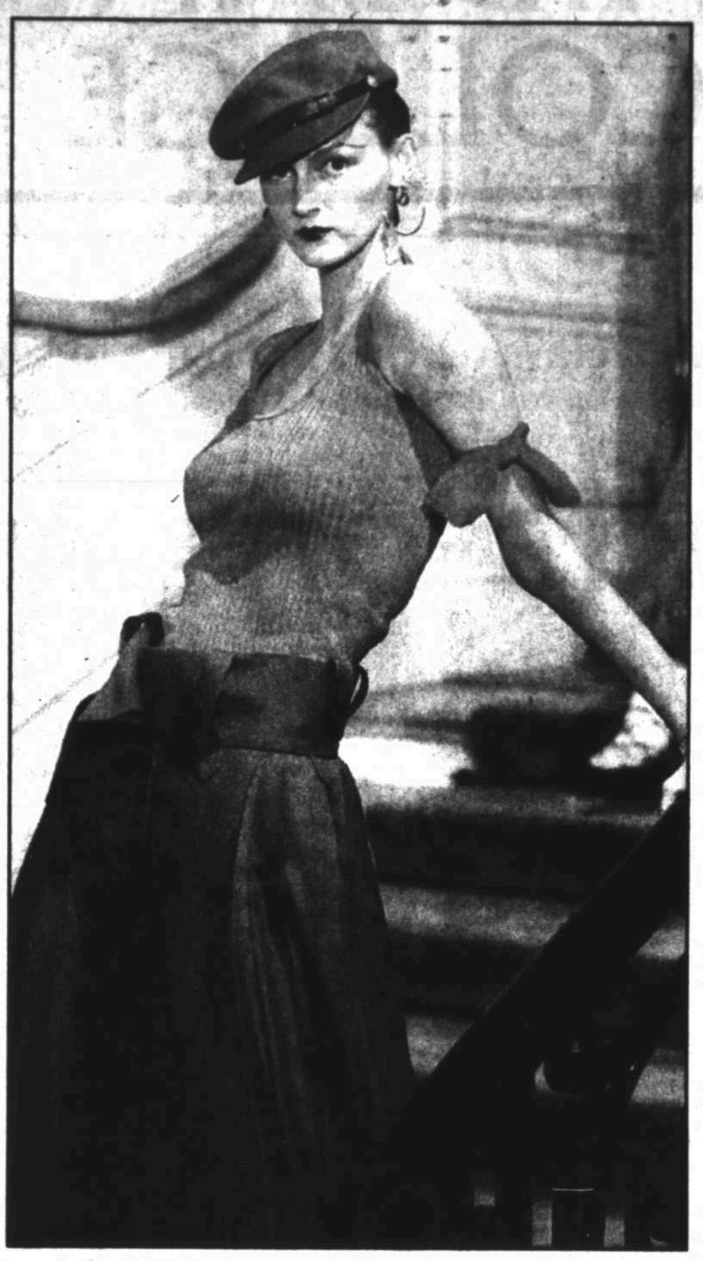
"The worse thing someone can do is try to improve the condition," Vander Hoek said. "I've seen more people hurt the value than help it. Anytime you alter the original vintage condition, it does affect the value."

One Milwaukee woman, whose ex-husband left a pair of shoes behind when he moved out, saw Vander Hoek's ad and swapped the shoes for $200.

"We asked her if she was going to split the money with her ex," Vander Hoek chuckled. "She said she was going to use it to take a trip to Chicago and she'd mail him a postcard."

Spring fashions already?

Winter grays are already giving way to muted shades of greens and pink. A model wears a green wool top and a large bottle green skirt with matching cap. The outfit was part of Christian Dior's 1999 spring/summer ready-to-wear collection presented in Paris. The trends for the 1999 spring season are: young, sporty, feminine and pretty. Youthfulness blew through the collections like a spring breeze. "Pink, the personification of pretty, is the Fashion Group International committee's pick as the No. 1 color of the season," said Marylou Luther, creative director of the global, nonprofit professional organization. FGI just released its report on the spring/summer 1999 ready-to-wear collections shown in New York.



AP Photo

Modeling students win awards at competition

Staff Reports

Laurie Powell won Teen Petite Overall, and Jason Haney won TV Commercial and Soap Opera Overall at the recent Mike Beaty Model and Talent Expo in Dallas. Miss Powell and Haney, both students of P.S. Images Modeling and Talent Center of Midland, were among the students representing the Permian Basin at the competition. Other area students participating were Cassie Burkholder and Jena Tisdale of Midland; Jon Hubble and Paige Fostel of Odessa; Rebecca Harden of Stanton and Dinelle Short of Kermit.

Students of the local agency brought home a total of eight awards.



Laurie Powell



Jason Haney

Photos courtesy of P.S. Images

Bridge Winners

The following are bridge winners for Dec. 7-13.

MONDAY
1. Buf Slay, Jerry Crooker
2. Leonora Slusher, Marian Sims
3. Helen South, Charlie Grimes
4. Kathryn Gesell, Joe Salman

WEDNESDAY
1. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
2. Marilyn Matthews, Jerry Crooker
3. and 4. Tie: Belvin Redus, Clarence Marley, Belle Harris, Audie Brooks

THURSDAY
1. Billie Ruppe, Mildred Stuart
2. Eleanor Kimberlin, Joe Salman
3. Helen Owen, Joyce Mitchell
4. Corrinne Recer, Beverly Holmberg

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1. Fern McGuigan, Wayne Rector
2. Audie Brooks, Belle Harris
3. Glenda Simmons, Martha Poss
4. Mary Renton, Ken Hill

SUNDAY
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1. Aggie Anguish, Jimmie Branch
2. Mary Hammond, Dixie Gifford
3. Corrinne Recer, Mildred Stuart
4. Joyce Mitchell, Jo Price

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3. Belvin Redus, Clarence Marley
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TWENTIETH CENTURY STUDY CLUB

Twentieth Century Study Club met at Midand Woman's Club with 20 members, including new member Judy Roberts, and guest Louise Henderson attending. Origin, a comtemporary mixed vocal ensemble from Lee High School, sang Christmas carols. Co-hostesses were Ruth Thompson and Mary K. Ewbank.

MIDLAND RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Midland Retired Teachers Association met for a holiday open house at the home of Fran and Gene Schutte. Members collected canned food items for Friendship House. Julie Cole played seasonal music on the piano. Refreshments were served by the hospitality committee. About 70 members and guests attended.

EN AMIE REVIEW CLUB

En Amie Review Club met for lunch and program at Green Tree Country Club. Leslie Williams, author of "Seduction of the Lesser Gods," reviewed her book. Hostesses were Mary Ellis, chairman; Patsey Gardner and Bonnie Fegan. Guests were Helen Lydecker, Carol Dover, Berylene House, Mary Ann Slimp and Junia Stoddard.

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International Club met for Christmas dinner at Midland Hilton and Towers. Francine Weaver presided and welcomed members and guests. Robin Reynolds gave the invocation. Jean Reid gave the benediction.

Guests were Connie and Leon Roe, Lewis Reynolds, Henry Wurtz, Aubrey Reid, Bob Price, Lunelle Zeek and Harold Gilliman.

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Teacher of the Year

In recognition for her work in developing and teaching customized training programs, developing a Microsoft Office User Specialist program and increasing the enrollment in the office systems technology program, MC instructor Leanne Jamison has been named Midland College Teacher of the Year. She will be the nominee for the Midland Chamber of Commerce's citywide Teacher of the Year competition this spring. Jamison, who joined the Midland College faculty in 1990, teaches office systems technology. She has a bachelor's and master's degree from Texas Tech University.

Spring registration

Telephone and early registration for all students who want to enroll at Midland College for Spring 1999 will resume Jan. 4 after the Christmas break. Spring classes begin Jan. 19.

Telephone registration is Jan. 4-8. Eligible students may register by phone by calling 685-4513.

Those students who have not taken the TASP test or who have not passed the TASP test must register in person with the counseling staff.

Additionally, Wednesday, Jan. 13 is a special registration day with extended registration hours in the Student Services office in the Scharbauer Student Center. Students may register until 7:30 p.m., and faculty advising and scheduling will be available in the Roadrunner Room.

Students who register during early registration must make arrangements to pay tuition and fees by Jan. 11 or they will be dropped from their classes.

Students who register between Jan. 12-15 must make arrangements to pay fees by Jan. 15.

Late registration begins Jan. 19 and ends Jan. 28. Students who late register will be assessed a $5 late fee.

For information about the TASP test, registration or financial aid, contact a counselor at 685-4505. For general registration information, call 685-4501.

New York City trip

Ten scholarships of $500 each are available to eligible students to participate in the Midland College Broadway tour May 21-26, 1999.

The scholarships are awarded to students based on their grade point average. Students must be enrolled in at least nine hours, and scholarships are open to current students only. Interested students should apply to Drama Instructor David Allen, 685-4205. The approximate cost of the trip is $1,000. All participants must be enrolled in a drama course as a credit or continuing education student or be an employee of Midland College. The trip sign-up deadline is Jan. 22

Washington, D.C. trip

Midland College will offer a Government/History travel course to Washington, D.C., during the 1999 spring interim, May 17-June 3.

Students may enroll in Government 2302, Government 2304, History 1301 or History 1302.

The courses consist of classroom lecture and one week in the nation's capital. The cost of the trip is $785.

Openings for the courses will be limited. Students interested in any of the courses should contact Lee Almaguer at 685-4739 or the division office at 685-4640.

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This computer class teaches students to repair, install, link & diagnose

Hands-on High tech

Students translate what they learn to immediate on-the-job experience

by Erika Tarin





In the classroom: (top) Computer maintenance and operations students Reg Lyle and Bonnie Stephen diagnose a problem with a computer and then replace its memory.

On the job: (left) Student Greg Hall installs network ports and outlets in the Technology Center on the MC campus.

Wires, circuits, memory and system boards are words students in computer electronics are exceptionally familiar with. In this class, students are transferring what they learn in class to immediate on-the-job experience. According to instructor Terry Dummer, students are training to perform various computer jobs around campus and the community.

"They volunteer to fix everything they can get their hands on," Dummer said.

Computer operations and maintenance is a course that teaches the students how to fix microcomputer hardware. In class, students are taught how to install, upgrade and link computers.

They learn to diagnose and trouble-shoot problems using manuals and basic networking tools. Right after learning a new process or learning how to diagnose a problem, students immediately look for computer parts on which to practice.

Projects have included working on computers in several Midland College labs such as the accounting and welding lab, and they have also networked computers in a faculty pool. Local jobs have included repairing and installing computers at Permian Basin Teen Challenge.

Currently, with the assistance of Midland College programmers and technicians, they are installing a technical classroom in the Technology Center.

"This class gives you the opportunity to practice what you learn right away," student Bonnie Stephen said.

"This is the best part of the course," Dummer said. "I love the look on students' faces when they find the problem and get it fixed."

Not only do students handle hardware problems, but they learn to install everything the computers need to function—such as transmitting the electrical circuits through the walls and ceilings.

"I love getting my hands dirty and working with all sorts of tools and wires," Stephen said.

"We get to work with all different computers around campus, which gives us a lot of practice for the exams we have in class."

According to Stephen, the final exam consists of assembling all parts of a computer, plugging it in, then taking it apart and assembling it again.

"This class is really prepared to take it. They have gotten to practice all semester, and they're excited to get their hands into it," Dummer said.

> *"I love the look on students' faces when they find the problem and get it fixed."*
>
> **—Terry Dummer**
> **Computer operations and maintenance instructor**

The course is designed to enhance the knowledge of computer hardware installation and trouble-shooting. Many of the students continue to take classes to receive a certificate in electronics with an emphasis in computers.

Student Leslie Belcher received a job offer with the knowledge she learned in class. The demand for workers with experience in computer hardware is increasing.

"I got a job with a good company offering me a good salary just with what I learned in this course," Belcher said.

Upon finishing the course, students are prepared to take the A+ Computer Technology Industry Association Certification Program Exam that allows the student to become certified in computer maintenance.

"This is one of the most recognized national certifications that exists," Dummer said. "And the student is prepared to take it at the end of the semester course."

Dummer also offers a Continuing Education course that helps prepare the student for this exam.

When certified, the student is able to work with computers in any industry. Stephen said she plans to start her own business in computer installation and repair.

"I've learned so much in this class that my husband and I can't wait to start our own business," Stephen said.

"He'll be doing the cabling and the circuitry, while I'll work on the installation and repairing."

Computer Operations and Maintenance is offered every fall and spring semester, and plans are to include the course in a certificate program for computer maintenance.

Who's Who in American Junior Colleges recognizes 25 Midland College students for leadership, academic achievement

Twenty-five Midland College students have been recognized for academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The 1999 edition of *Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges* will include the names of 25 Midland College students who have been selected as outstanding campus leaders.

"Midland College is quite proud of what these outstanding students have accomplished. They have strived to be the best. Their tremendous talents, skills and efforts remind us all of how good we can be when we endeavor to express ourselves through hard work and dedication," Dr. Gregory Williams, vice president of Student Services, said.

Students named from Midland College this year are: Gary H. Alexander, Kerri D. Bell, Somer B. Butler, Tawana L. Delce, Jennifer G. Earnst, Kimberly A. Edwards, Kayce R. Ellis, Norma J. Frazier, Marsha A. Green, David M. Gurule, Katrina L. Kelley, Andrea L. Knapp and Sarah K. Luehring.

Also, Lindsey L. Paswater, Latisha D. Potter, Sheryl L. Potter, Heather M. Roberts, Jonathan C. Robles, Sara E. Siruta, Leonard J. Slann III, Heather R. Walker, Holly S. Walker, Stephanie L. Webb, Karen E. Wolters and Mary S. Younger.

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Continuing education schedules one-day, two-week computer classes

The following continuing education courses begin in January at Midland College. For registration information or to receive a spring continuing education course schedule, call 685-4518.

Massage Therapy will be 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursday, Jan. 5-May 29 and every other weekend. Paul Hamels is the instructor.

Scuba Diving will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 5-Feb. 23. Mark A. Hannifin is the instructor.

CPR for Health Care Professionals-Renewal will be 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9. Gary Roberts is the instructor.

Medic First Aid and CPR Renewal will be 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9. Alfred Bersosa is the instructor.

The following one-day computer courses will be held Fridays in January. Tuition for each class is $45. Classes will meet from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The required textbook is available at the Midland College Bookstore.

Internet will be Jan. 8. Melody Johnston is the instructor.

Quickbooks will be Jan. 8. Laura Cotton is the instructor.

Microsoft Windows 95 will be Jan. 8. Terri Waldrop is the instructor.

Microsoft Excel will be Jan. 15. Ofelia Welch is the instructor.

Desktop Publishing-Word Perfect will be Jan. 22. Melody Johnston is the instructor.

Microsoft Windows 95 will be Jan. 22. Laura Cotton is the instructor.

Microsoft Office will be Jan. 29. Terri Waldrop is the instructor.

Internet will be Jan. 29. Ofelia Welch is the instructor.

Computer & You will be Jan. 29. Laura Cotton is the instructor.

The following Weekend College computer classes are set for January. Classes will meet Friday 6-9 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m. Tuition for each class is $80. The required textbook is available at Midland College Bookstore.

Computer & You will be Jan. 8-10. Pilar Wilson is the instructor.

Quickbooks will be Jan. 22-24. Robbie Campbell is the instructor.

Microsoft Access will be Jan. 29-31. Chris Cunningham is the instructor.

Also, 11 computer classes will be offered in two-week sessions Jan. 11-25. Classes will meet Monday through Thursday, Jan. 11-14 and Tuesday through Thursday, Jan. 19-21 and Monday, Jan. 25.

Classes will not meet on Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday. Tuition for each class is $90.

DEAR ABBY

Reception deception leaves father doubting son's words

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My son was married last month. Before the wedding, he asked me if I would contribute financially to the reception. I offered to pay for the drinks, and he and his fiancee seemed appreciative. The bride's parents are divorced, but they, too, have each contributed several thousand dollars to the reception.



Van Buren

A few days before the wedding, my son informed me that the total cost of the beverage bill came to nearly $3,000. I wrote a check for that amount.

My son's bride told my wife that there would be some extra charges, so I telephoned the accountant at the hotel to get the exact amount. The accountant informed me that there were no extra charges, and the total bar bill was less than half the amount I had contributed. My son refused to discuss the matter, so I sent the invoice from the hotel to him and his wife two weeks ago. Since then, there has been total silence on their end, and it looks like a cold relationship is developing. My wife says I should forget about the extra $1,700, since they probably needed the money for other expenses. I maintain there's an ethical issue here that shouldn't be swept under the rug. What do you think? —CHEATED FATHER/FATHER-IN-LAW IN WISCONSIN

DEAR CHEATED: I agree with you. There is the ethical issue of honesty. You were right to let your son and his bride know they couldn't "pull the wool" over your eyes. Their silence indicates their embarrassment and probably an inability to repay the money.

Write a note telling them you'll accept payments on the installment plan. Then bill them every month until they have paid off the debt.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 18 years and have three children. Last spring, my husband moved out to "find himself" and promised he would be back. Well, he found a lady "friend" with whom he's been spending a lot of time, drinking and partying. He never did this before.

When he went camping alone with this woman, it was more than I could take. He said nothing happened. I didn't believe him and filed for divorce. He has nothing to do with me now, and not much to do with the kids. I know it's probably over, and I'm having a hard time accepting it. I have very little self-esteem. Do you think I should try to get him back or accept the situation and get on with my life? He has changed so much that I don't really like him anymore, but I want to do the right thing for the kids' sake. He refuses to give up this woman — she even comes before the kids.

Abby, what do you think? — HURTING IN FARGO, N.D.

DEAR HURTING: After 18 years, you know your husband very well. Since he refuses to give up the woman and try to revive the marriage, you have no choice but to go on with your life.

During a long marriage, sometimes it's hard to distinguish between where you leave off and your spouse begins. It's important that you now allow time for yourself. The better you become reacquainted with yourself, and the more independent you become, the more your self-esteem —and your life — will improve.

If the going gets rough, talk to your friends, your minister or a counselor. Although it's hard to start over, and it will take some time, you will get over this unhappiness and emerge stronger for it. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: This concerns the letter from "No New Name in Oregon," the teen-ager whose mother suddenly decided to have the child's last name changed to her maiden name. You missed the boat on that one, Abby.

I'm a former lawyer who has dealt with many parents in divorce situations. When the desire to change a child's last name comes from the divorced parent rather than the child, the desire is usually a disguised policy or emotional statement from the parent.

The teen-ager told you she had recently gotten to know her dad's side of the family. Shortly afterward, the mother announced that the child should have her (the mother's) name for "convenience, clarity, a sense of unity." Since the teen didn't mention any instances of recent inconvenience or confusion because of the different names, my reaction was that the mother very likely felt threatened, and wanted to send a message to the world that "she's mine" — and to the ex, "You can't have her!"

Parents should work out their emotions related to divorce in counseling, not in the divorce courts or by using their children.

"No New Name in Oregon" should know that her name is HERS. She should be allowed to lovingly tell her mother, "I love you very much, and will always be yours regardless of my name. However, I am used to my name and don't want to change it at this late date."

Abby, I felt that the girl was asking you for help in standing firm against her mother, and reassurance that it was OK to be herself, to keep a name that was meaningful to her, regardless of her mother's needs. I wish you had affirmed that her name, now and always, is a matter of HER choice and desires, and NOT a matter on which she should be pressured by others. In fact, the "others" — including her mother — should respect her daughter's needs, feelings and decisions.

Although it's not proper or desirable for a minor to urge her mother into counseling, you, Abby, are in a position to urge adults everywhere to examine their motives, and suggest that, if their behavior is influenced by the fallout from a divorce, counseling can be helpful no matter how long ago the divorce was finalized. —SHELLEY BRENNEMAN CARTER, STANFORD, ILL.

DEAR SHELLEY: You analyzed the mother's motives more shrewdly than I did — and if you're correct, they are deplorable. Of course, the girl has the right to retain her father's name if she wishes, since one's name goes to the core of one's identity.

I agree there appear to be some unresolved issues about the divorce that the mother hasn't dealt with, and that need resolution. That's more important than any name change.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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New Year's office party? Don't shock the boss

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES —'Tis the season for opulence and office parties.

The economy is up, businesses are celebrating, and people are excited about dressing up again, says Milinda Martin, fashion spokeswoman for Robinsons-May stores. But after such a long dry spell, many employees don't have a clue about what's new and New Year's cool, much less about office politics to keep your name out of the rumor mill.

So is it safer for women to wear basic black or go for festive red festooned in feathers? Are sweaters better or should corporate-climbing guys invest in vests?

"The office party is one of the most difficult social events to dress for because you need to get the right mix between festive and professional," says Martin. "One of the best options is what we call evening sportswear, items that can be interchanged to dress up an outfit."

Think color. Think sparkle. Think simple but elegant.

Sounds easy enough, right? Yeah, sure.

We loaded the car with clothes and put style standards to the test by consulting that fashionably frisky office staff on the set of NBC's sitcom "Working," and even the actors who play the dysfunctionally funny crew couldn't settle on the same look.

Fred Savage, who plays young college graduate Matt Peyser, traded his trademark business suit for a cheery red pull-over sweater with polo shirt detailing by Tommy Hilfiger. "Nothing too flashy ... I like to be casual," he says.

Too flashy? There's no such phrase in Debi Mazar's world, thank you very much. The newest addition to the ensemble cast plays Liz, a saucy and ambitious office worker with an in-your-face attitude, who likes high drama in her wardrobe. With a toss of her red fur-trimmed stole, Mazar advised, "Always wear something you'd never wear during office hours. You want them to talk!"

So much for staying out of the rumor mill. At this rate, she'll be the talk of the office the Monday after — unless Arden Myrin gets her way.

Myrin, who plays perky Abby, the unofficial office cheerleader, also goes for the glam, zeroing in on a red and leopard print velvet number by Mica.

As she tries on the dress, she explains, "Abby's a little naive, like a cruise director or a sorority girl who's just so organized and cares so much about social events, so she'd want a complete ensemble, like this velvet dress. And that coat with the feathers. And the tiara."

She's not alone. Not only are feathers and tiaras showing up at stores all over the country, but velvet is one of the hottest fabrics of the season.

Says style authority Leah Feldon, who's the author of "Dress Like a Million — On Considerably Less" and fashion consultant for Wards stores, "Fabrics with textures, sparkle and color are what will make the biggest impact at the party."

Steve Hytner, the "Working" cast's bitter and sarcastic Delaney, was hip to the vibe on velvet.

"I know the all-black look with a turtleneck sweater is in, but my character wouldn't wear the matching sweater," Hytner says as he tosses the sweater and buttons up a white dress shirt with his night-clubby Claiborne blazer and trousers in black velveteen.

"Party tips? You need false sincerity (to impress the boss and score with chicks).

"The best attitude after you've made a fool of yourself? Denial!

"Now, if they've got actual photos of you misbehaving, you'd better have your own set of photos," he quips.

Then Maurice Godin jumped into the fashion fest.

The actor who plays the opportunistic, morally challenged corporate boss, says, "Ahh, the office party rules. I know ... never get drunker than the boss. And always watch to see who the boss is hitting on and steer clear of that person."

Suiting up in an elegant Hugo Boss suit and knotting his Donna Karan tie, Godin laughs. "Oh, you wanted real advice? I think you should consider having it away from the office so everyone is on the same footing."

Myrin is back in the dressing room to change into another party dress, and confesses she's having a blast. "When it comes to dressing up, I tend to overdo it. I like boas, big red lips ... and anything frivolous. And I have lots of tiaras," she explains. "But I guess if I were giving advice to a new person in the office, I'd say, 'Look pretty, but not too sexy. And work the outskirts of the party instead of being the center of attention so you won't be talked about.'"

The bottom line? "To avoid career suicide, never step out of character," says Yvette Freeman, who plays Evelyn, the bossy know-it-all office manager.

"My character is a hard-nosed company liner, so she wants to show the staff she does have a fun side. But no party hat," she snaps.

Rebecca McFarland, who plays the ultra-sexy secretary, refused to wear a party hat, too. She squeezed into a slinky gown, loaded herself down with rhinestones, and wrapped up in a big boa and stretched out on the sofa.

Uh-oh. A low-cut dress isn't what most fashion mavens or professional consultants would advise. A much safer fashion alternative for office parties is a sweater, says Martin, because it's festive and glam but not overly sexy.

McFarland changes into a sweater, but she's still a tad too saucy.

If you're in doubt, consider Martin's rule when in a professional party setting: "Never expose skin in more than one place at one time. If you've got a slit up your skirt, don't have a bare back."

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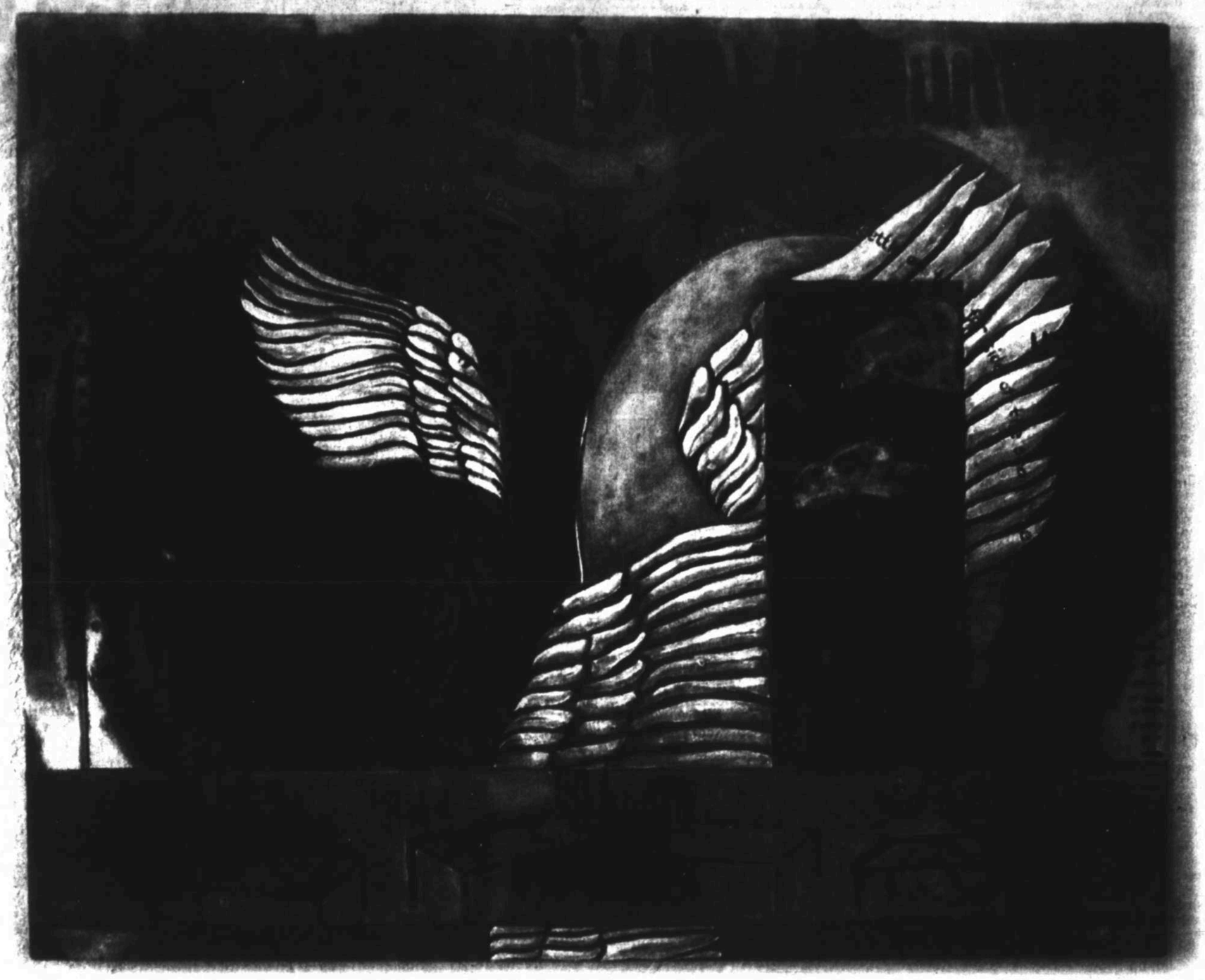
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TWO heads are better than ONE

By Georgia Temple

For the final show of its 15th year, Gallery 1114 challenged 21 local artists to leave behind their solitary efforts and collaborate with another artist. The resulting "Diverse Connections" exhibit closes Jan. 9 at 1114 N. Big Spring St.

"To share my thoughts when I approach a painting or a piece of art work was something I had never done before," said Joyce Howell. "I'm a very solitary worker."

Ms. Howell was paired with Becki Smith. "We submitted to each other unfinished paintings, and I finished one of her paintings, and she finished one of mine."

The process caused Ms. Howell to "think about my paintings in a new way.

"And in finishing her paintings, it was fun for me because as an artist a big part of the work comes in the origination of the idea. When I received her painting, she already had the format. She baked the cake, I just had to do the frosting."

The completed works inspired the artists to "put extra high prices on our paintings hoping they wouldn't sell," Ms. Howell said. "My partner and I are talking about working together again just for fun."

Ms. Howell and Ms. Smith were not the only twosome who had never worked with a partner before. Kitt Beck and Ginger Witte also had not previously been involved in a collaborative project.

"It's a totally new experience," said Ms. Beck, who found the process "difficult and interesting.

"I live in Gardendale and she lives in Midland, and she works a job and teaches children's art. So her time is real tight. We did some of it over the phone, and she did her part and I did my part, and we got together and put the pieces together. And that was a lot of fun."

From working this closely with another artist, Ms. Beck said, "I personally learned you've got to consider the other person, their style of colors and what they are interested in. And it's not easy but the pieces are wonderful. All of them are out of sight."

As a result, she said, "I wouldn't hesitate to do it again."

Even for Kathy Williams and Mark Swindler, who are engaged, the experience represented the first time they had combined their work. Swindler is a photographer. Ms. Williams works in batik and acrylics.

"I did the prints and I gave them to Kathy, and she called me when they were done. And I loved them. Had I tinted the photographs, I'm sure they would have been entirely different than the way Kathy tinted them.

"And I really like the way they look. I'm really proud of the results, and it's kind of nice to know that we did it together."

Ms. Williams found "it was a lot of fun to come up with creative ways to mix mediums because you do kind of play off each other's personalities. Each one of us put ourselves into it but yet worked together."

Rice Freeman-Zachery found "it interesting to see how someone else's mind worked; how they took an idea and brought it to life. No two artists think in the same way. From one starting point, they might go off in two different directions. And for me the interesting part was to see we both started from the same place, took different directions, and then we ended up in the same place with a completed piece."

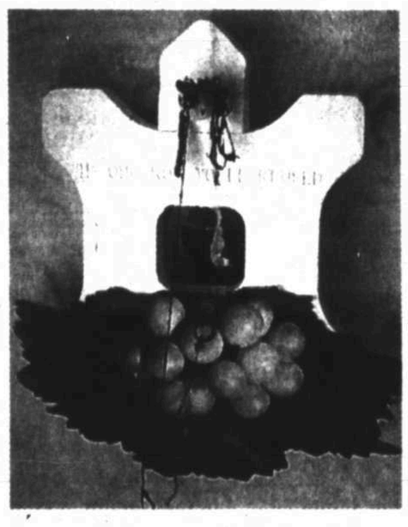
Ms. Freeman-Zachery's partner, Gabriel Lewis, called the collaboration "challenging but extremely interesting.

"I showed her some work, and then she showed me hers. And we just talked. The first session we sparked a lot of ideas. We basically said, 'We've got to take a break.' Our brains were on this sort of idea overload. We spent time away from talking about it and slowly the ideas just began to evolve."

The pairs of artists included one Gallery 1114 member and a nonmember. Swindler explained the process the pairs underwent to achieve the works hanging in the gallery, which can be viewed between 1 and 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday or by appointment by calling 685-9944.

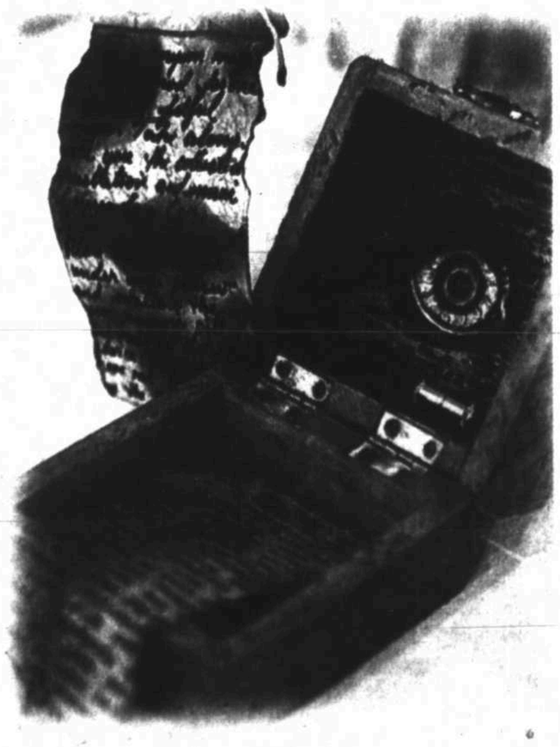
"If it's a painting, two people painted on it. If it's a sculpture, then two people actually worked on the sculpture. If it was mixed media, someone actually worked on the piece with someone else."

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"Diverse Connections," an exhibit of work by pairs of artists, closes Jan. 9 at Gallery 1114, 1114 N. Big Spring St. AT TOP: Becki Smith and Joyce Howell worked together to create "Even There"; ABOVE: "The Dig" was the result of the collaboration of artists Betty Monteith and S.J. Navage. ABOVE LEFT: Olilvia Hill and Tom Whiles worked together on "Turtle"; AT FAR LEFT: "The Cards Were Against Her Sainthood" was created by Jan Foust Hurt and Sam Hurt; AT LEFT: Rice Freeman-Zachery and Gabriel Lewis worked together on "The Insomnia Box".

Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

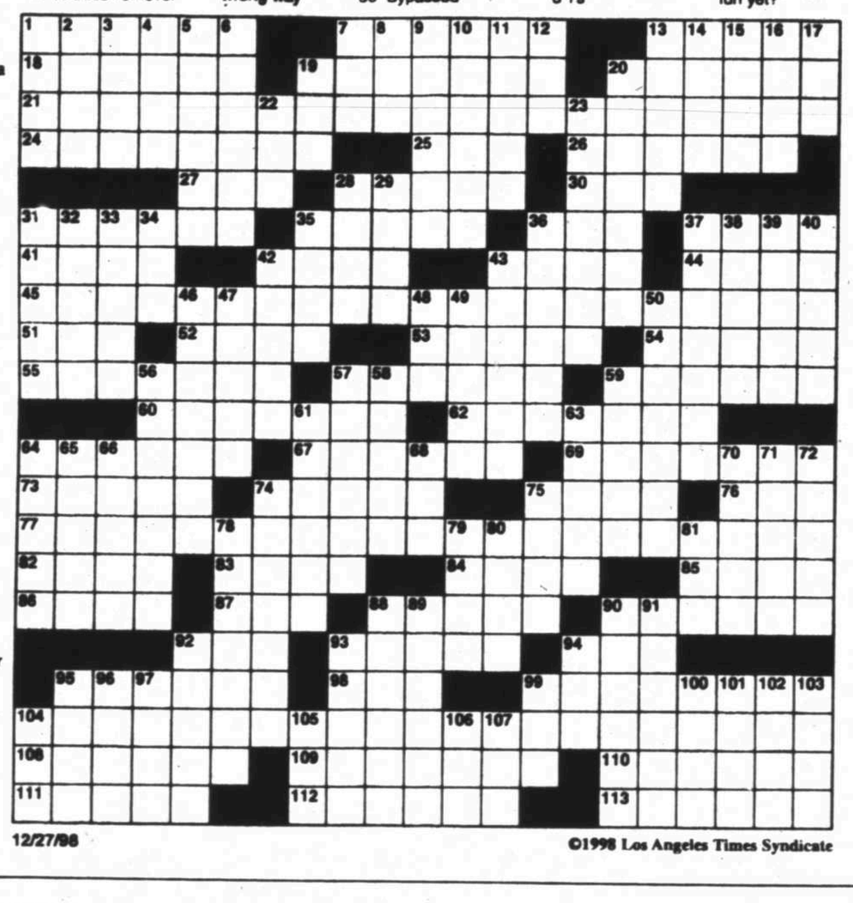
"DOING UP GIFTS?" BY FRANCES HANSEN

ACROSS

1 Prima ballerina
7 Summer top
13 Assailed on all sides
18 Bellowed
19 Nation's targets
20 Crusted meat dish
21 Start of a verse
24 State divisions
25 Mrs., abroad
26 Rabbitlike rodent
27 Mahayana movement
28 Propagate
30 "Leo the Lion" co.
31 Spraying device
35 Venetian export?
36 Conn. collegian
37 — Nui: Easter Island
41 Yodeler's feedback
42 Grey or McCrea
43 Gives the boot
44 Site of the first Olympics
45 More of the verse
51 Link
52 Topnotch
53 — Peak
54 Sierra —
55 Pyrenees republic
57 He'll give you a hand
59 Packaging unit
60 Cookie —
62 Rave
64 Leatherneck
67 Brontë and Dickinson
69 Made changes
73 Cremona notable
74 Arlo's restaurateur
75 Zulu warrior regiment
76 "— keeping you up?"
77 More of verse
82 Italian innkeeper
83 Holy Fr. ladies
84 Chevy, e.g.
85 First name in fashion
86 Curl up with a book
87 Craggy hill
88 Abzug with the hats
90 "The Count of Monte —"
92 Long March leader
93 "Reign of Terror" author
94 "Norma —"
95 Reach one's goal
98 Ovid's omelet
99 Helps, British style
104 End of the verse
108 Turkey lobe
109 "Because it's there" mountaineer
110 Intertwine
111 Like Falstaff
112 LeBlanc's detective Lupin
113 Fashioned

DOWN

1 "The Red"
2 Oz visitor
3 Waikiki locale
4 Wrinkle-remover
5 "Washington Crossing the Delaware" artist
6 More uptight
7 "Bali —"
8 Height: Abbr.
9 Free up
10 "Did" the Continent
11 Inward, in anatomy
12 Alphabet link
13 Kind of companion
14 Caesar's reproof
15 Partner of polish
16 e.e. cummings book
17 Place for a drive
19 Map abbrs.
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28 Whistled
29 Rub the wrong way
31 Conductor Zubin
32 Become blocked with floes
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34 Ballerina's balancer
35 Heavyweight champ, 1992
36 Skillful
37 Third man in the ring
38 Dole out
39 This could be grand
40 Popular ski resort
42 Scientist Salk
43 Author Conrad et al.
46 — Gulf: Aegean inlet
47 Mel's Marilyn
48 Fat farm
49 "Man of La Mancha" star
50 Flexible
56 Bypassed
57 Resigns from a job
58 Leinsdorf or Segal
59 "Meg —!"
61 Cage occupant
63 Swedish folk dance
64 Hoople or domo
65 Tickle
66 Jamaican sect member
68 Offering at 3 Down
70 Inveighs against
71 Irish patriot Robert
72 Rivera or Velazquez
74 Pennsylvania railroad town
75 Smidgen
78 Memorable Fred
79 Old tar
80 Month of fireworks
81 Lalo's "Le — d'Ys"
88 Cuts at a slant
89 Make possible
90 Stashes away
91 Up-to-date
92 Sappy tree
93 She wrote "Laughing All the Way"
94 Furrow or groove
95 He had a whale of a time
96 Head of France?
97 Explosives, briefly
99 Porker's place
100 Like a hooter
101 Russian mountain range
102 Tortoise-hare affair
103 Made tracks
104 What it takes to tango
105 Singer Sumac
106 Long, long time
107 "— we having fun yet?"



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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are fired up and raring to go. Let go and enjoy. Take time to do things for yourself, and not necessarily everyone else. Launch a key project that you have been weighing. A serious conversation might be necessary. Someone will listen when he realizes you mean it. Tonight: Time to slow down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take a back seat and let someone express his personality. Sometimes it is wise to say little. Enjoy this person. Don't mar a near-perfect day by putting your foot in your mouth. Later, take some time for yourself. Grab an extra snooze or two. Tonight: Early to bed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Get together with friends to share presents and holiday news. Make an important long-distance call to a friend or loved one. Your caring means more than you know. A friend is very serious; your efforts to lighten him up might not work. Tonight: Have that serious talk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Accept pressure from someone in charge. You can't change him anyway. A partner wants to make the most of the day and relax. Both of you feel mellow because of recent developments in your relationship. Responsibilities do call, however. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to indulge and relax right now. Make that extra effort and phone someone who is at a distance, or take off and visit him. You can detach when away from home. Another perspective, a different setting and fresh air invigorate you. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Realize that a partner has a slightly different agenda from you. Think before you leap. Take your time, and allow more caring to flow. You don't have to do for others to convey your caring. Be more affectionate. Choose your words carefully. Tonight: Snuggle and be warm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others express themselves in a strong manner. You make your point because of your gracious way. However, too much soft touch or charm could mollify your message. Now that celebrations are over, a partner returns to his difficult self! Tonight: Don't push.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You still have a lot to do, even on the weekend. Clear up extra work or regain control of your home. Whatever you are up to, you might be compulsive. Someone does a good job of sidetracking you, however. Take time to enjoy a late brunch together. Tonight: You are very tired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are right in the swing of things. Partners seek you out. Your playful temperament delights young and old. Take the opportunity to go overboard. You splurge, both financially and emotionally. A child misunderstands your limits due to all the silliness. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your joyous nature comes out full force with family. You want to kick up your heels and celebrate life. New Year's resolutions are a pleasure this year, as you are so positive. Don't wander too far away from home. Others seek you out. Popularity grows. Tonight: Sad about weekend's close.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. You're buoyant and full of generosity. Feelings emerge that could overwhelm you. Still, share them with someone. Make calls, catch up on news and follow through on good tips. Go to a favorite spot. Tonight: Even you could get tired of friends!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Look at the damages of recent splurging-not that you are ready to stop yet! Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with a friend. Get together with others, capitalize on the last day of the holiday weekend. Celebrations mark the moment. Tonight: Make financial resolutions.



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Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Diverse Connections, a collaboration by pairs of nonmember and member artists, 2-5 p.m. Exhibit runs through January 9, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.Sun. 1-5 p.m. or by appointment, 685-9944. Free admission.

Marian Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Light Years in Andromeda, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members.

Midland College: EXHIBIT: McCormick Gallery, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4500 Free

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., call 682-2931 or 6888947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931. Free. Also available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Museum of the Southwest: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Annual fund-raiser continuing through Jan. 2. Attractions include carolers, cookies and punch, Santa, train exhibit and Christmas gift shop. Train tickets $3, free to children under 2. Free admission. **EXHIBIT**: Frances T. Martin, Eclectic Visions: Contemporary Artists Series, final day. **EXHIBIT**: "Lasting Impressions: Thomas Hart Benton," 66 works including drawings and watercolors of American scenes. Through Dec. 30. **EXHIBIT**: Audubon's Texas Animals, through Dec. 30. **EXHIBIT**: In the Third Dimension: Sculpture from the Museum's Collection, through Jan. 15, 1999. 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. Closed December 31 and January 1. 683-2882. Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 915 3627988. Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 915 335-6646. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: HANDS-ON EXHIBIT: Earthquirks, introducing visitors to natural disasters, through Dec. 31. Group tours available. **SUNDAY RIG TOURS**: tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: 10 a.m. -5 p.m. 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 800 862-7123. 1351. Admission charged.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: Freshman-Sophomore Exhibit, through January 24. Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., Third Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806. Free.

White Pool House: TRAVELING EXHIBIT: Reach for the Sky. Tuesday, 12-3 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday 10-3 p.m. 112 E. Murphy St, Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: VIDEO PRESENTATION: "The Story of English Furniture I," part of the "Winter Tour of England" series held on Wednesdays at noon, during a sack lunch, featuring art and history of England. 4909 E. University, Odessa. 550-3811. Free for members, with suggested $2 donation for nonmembers. Drinks available.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Holiday Inn: DANCE: Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys perform at a New Year's Eve celebration, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 4300 W. Wall, 697-3181. Admission charged. Dinner and dance packages available.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Marian Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Light Years in Andromeda, 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members.

Museum of the Southwest: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Final day of this annual fund-raiser. Features include holiday trees and model train exhibit from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Train tickets $3, free to children under 2. Free admission.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; email artsmid@iglobal.net; http://www.iglobal.net/arts.

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NORTH
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♡ 8 5 4
◇ K 3
♣ K J 10 8 3

WEST
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♣ 7 6 5 4

EAST
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♡ A K Q 9 3
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SOUTH
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♡ J 7
◇ A Q J 4
♣ Q 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♡
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♡

It had been a good year for Trump Coup Tommy. Trumps had broken badly with regularity, transforming Tommy from a card pusher into a technical genius. This hand was typical.

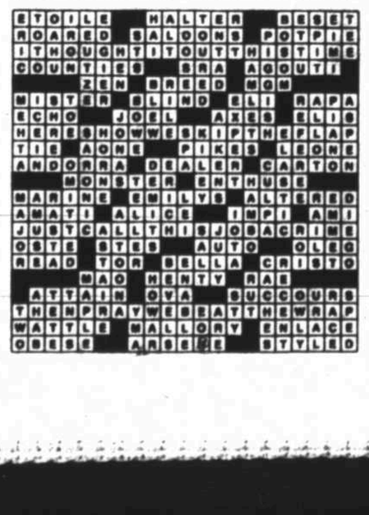
Tommy and his partner were playing that a response of two-over-one was a game force unless the suit was rebid, which accounts for North simply rebidding two spades after Tommy had announced a minimum opener by passing at his second turn. Tommy had no ambitions beyond game, and his jump to four spades ended an uneventful auction.

The defenders started with three rounds of hearts, Tommy ruffing the third. When the queen appeared on Tommy's lead of a low spade to the ace, a trump was returned. Had East played low, Tommy intended inserting the eight. When East instead followed with the nine, declarer won with the jack and, abandoning trumps, Tommy led the queen of clubs. East could not afford to duck (Tommy would cross to dummy, repeat the trump finesse and claim ten tricks). When East reverted to hearts after winning the ace of clubs, Tommy was forced to rely on a trump coup.

After ruffing the heart in dummy, clubs were run and, when East chose not to ruff, Tommy simply discarded all his diamonds on the clubs, ending with K 8 of trumps in hand over East's 10 7. Whether East ruffed high or low at trick 12, Tommy would overruff and draw the remaining trump to score his game.

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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



Kick the Christmas habit with these flicks

By Eleanor Ringel
N.Y. Times Service

The movies of Christmas are as familiar as our favorite tree ornaments. The original "Miracle on 34th Street." "A Christmas Story." "Home Alone." The various versions of "A Christmas Carol." And the shining, can't-ignore-it star on top of the tree, "It's a Wonderful Life."

But sometimes you want something a little less obvious, a little less traditional. If you've had your fill of Tiny Tim and ZuZu's petals, here are some alternatives. Consider them outsider Christmas flicks.

"A Midnight Clear" (1991)

Here, as Rod Serling might say, is a carol for another Christmas. It is 1944 in the Ardennes Forest on the French-German border in the waning winter days of World War II. A small squad of young GIs, led by the movie's narrator (Ethan Hawke), occupies a deserted chateau. Their mission: to monitor enemy troop movements. Trouble is, the enemy refuses to behave like an an enemy. Based on an anti-war novel by William Wharton ("Birdy"), this literate, funny, harrowingly self-aware film is a minor classic.

Tinsel tip: Look for a then-unknown Gary Sinese as one of the soldiers. And film buffs may recognize director Keith Gordon's name. In his former life as a teen actor, he starred in "Dressed to Kill" and "Christine."

"Fanny and Alexander" (1983)

This glorious plum pudding of a movie is not, strictly speaking, limited to Christmas. Set in Sweden in 1907, it actually follows an extended theatrical family through the plots of several Dickens novels (not literally, but close enough). The first hour, however, is the most festive Christmas celebration ever committed to film. It's the feast, the presents, the arriving friends and family, all seen through the eyes of 10-year-old Alexander. A breathtaking evocation of everything Christmas.

Tinsel tip: In his autobiography, director Ingmar Bergman said that it was while making this film that he decided to quit making films. Nothing catastrophic, just, "I had seen too many of my colleagues falling in the ring like tired clowns, bored by their own dullness." Of course, he has since returned to the camera with a film called — I'm not kidding — "In the Presence of a Clown."

"Peter's Friends" (1992)

Actually, it's more of a pre-New Year's Eve bash (and bashing), but the decorations are still up and everyone's trying to summon up that holiday cheer. Directed by Kenneth Branagh (he's part of the acting ensemble, too), this Brit spin on "The Big Chill" brings six old college friends — plus assorted lovers, spouses, etc. — together for a 10-years-after reunion. It's the sort of well-meaning house party where too much wine is drunk and too many truths — some hilarious, some not — are told.

Tinsel tip: Popular stand-up comic Rita Rudner wrote the script and plays Branagh's wife, a very-Hollywood TV diva. And the titular Peter is Stephen Fry, who turned in an Oscar-worthy performance earlier this year as Oscar Wilde in "Wilde."

"Tales From the Crypt" (1972)

The first short film in this collection of five stories taken from the old EC Comics is called "All Through the House." It stars Joan Collins as a single mother celebrating Christmas Eve with her little boy. Everything looks set for a picture-perfect Christmas. Then she hears on the radio that a psycho wearing a Santa suit has escaped from the local asylum.

Tinsel tip: Though not exactly what you'd call a prestige production, this nifty little horror anthology attracted a pretty classy cast. Try, Sir Ralph Richardson and Peter Cushing.

PAIR: Artists work together on projects

(From 1E)

Member Karen Hembree worked with two different artists — Kent Moss and Susan Randle.

"The outcome of our experience was beyond anything I ever dreamed it would be," Ms. Hembree said of working with Ms. Randle. "We worked parallel in my studio on these Nkondi figures.

"She would make one, and I would make one at the same time, and we would problem solve all the way through it. These figures went beyond us. It was something I would probably never have done on my own."

"I don't know if the works can express how wonderful it was," said Ms. Randle, noting that they converted a wooden art, which is a traditional African art, into ceramics.

"Beyond the piece, what was really as important was the camaraderie and the collaborative idea that was so rejuvenating," Ms. Randle said. "Each one of us had to focus in a different direction than we're familiar with and then we'd unite to create in a joint effort. I think the pieces show the kind of enthusiasm we put into them."

Rather than working together, Ms. Hembree and Moss worked in sequence as did many of the pairs.

"I built some pieces that I thought might be conducive to photography and then he took them," Ms. Hembree said. "What he did with the ceramic pieces that I gave him were things that I would never have done, and it broadened my mind on what I could do in the future with my work."

Moss, who works in photography, had been involved in a collaborative effort before.

"But this scale is wonderful; it's like two heads are better than one," Moss said. "With art, it's not only process, it's concept; to get that agreement of thought as well as technique."

Pam Price, who was paired with Cristi Branum, also has been involved in a collaborative effort.

"It's been probably 20 years or so since the last time," said Ms. Price. "This has been an invigorating experience. Getting input from another artist or getting another artist's concept and working it as your own is real exciting.

"It's given me some new ideas for my own work that I will probably incorporate or carry on after this is over."

Other artists paired together were Elias Calzada and Annie Stanley, Tom Whiles and Olivia Hill, Sharon Navage and Betty Monteith and Jan Foust Hurt and Sam Hurt.

"I actually was doing one with my mother," Ms. Navage said. "And it was hard, and it was a lot of fun at the same time because I do water-media and she does pottery. We both really enjoyed it because we ended up with stuff that is totally different than anything that either of us does."

Although the Hurts are married, this showing marked their first collaborative effort. Their individual approach to a project worked to their advantage in working together.

"I tend to like to work way ahead of time, and he tends to like to work down to the deadline," Ms. Hurt said. "I did collages of his photographs and my photographs and added some other materials and he rephotographed them."

Working together, Ms. Hurt said, "Prompted him to think more about collage and rephotographing and printing the results of the collage. I started out as a photographer, and it's prompted me to go back into my photography studio to add that into my mixed media pieces."

The results of their efforts created photographs that appear genuine, Ms. Hurt said, "It looks like that's the way they were. What you have is a different sort of reality."

Fans take jazz journey through unlikely musical mecca: Queens

By Chelsea J. Carter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Standing in front of Louis Armstrong's home on a blustery November day, Kate Iscol closed her eyes for a moment and tried to block out the sound of the wind. She was listening for the memory of the late king of jazz blowing his horn.

"If you close your eyes, you can almost hear him," she said.

For Ms. Iscol and more than 30 others gathered around Armstrong's home, this was the first stop on a tour of an unlikely jazz mecca: the New York City borough of Queens.

Tucked away in the heart of Queens, a short subway ride from Manhattan's tourist haven of Broadway and Times Square, hundreds of jazz artists — singers, musicians and composers — made their homes next to one another, raising their children and jamming with friends.

"It's probably the best kept secret in New York City, maybe the country," said JoAnn Jones, director of Flushing Town Hall's Queens Jazz Trail, a five-hour tour that offers a glimpse into the private lives of jazz music's very public figures.

It visits the homes of Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald and "Fats" Waller.

Then there's the "jazz nightclub experience" — a meal of fried chicken, barbecue ribs, potatoes, collard greens and peach punch served at the cramped, dimly lit Blue Goose during a live performance by saxophonist Harold Ousley.

"Who thinks Queens? I've lived here 30 years and had no idea," said Ruth Davis, an author and editor.

The migration of jazz artists to Queens, according to jazz archivist Marc H. Miller, was planned in the 1920s by Clarence Williams, a producer, composer and pianist.

Williams moved to southeast Queens with the intention of attracting a "colony of black artists," creating another Harlem in New York, Miller said. He invited "The Charleston" composer James P. Johnson and band leader Fess Williams to follow him. Both did.

The three men became the anchor of a community that offered jazz performers a chance to buy inexpensive, spacious homes in the midst of segregation.

Bass player Milt Hinton, who gained fame as part of the Cab Calloway Band and later for his candid photographs of life on the road, followed Johnson to Queens in 1947.

"Me and my wife had been living in hotels and staying at people's houses because we were on the road all the time. Then when she got pregnant, we wanted a nice, clean place to raise a child," he said. "We had visited (Johnson) and thought it was a nice place."

Within a few years, the borough became a colony of sorts for jazz artists looking to stay close to the Manhattan jazz scene but also have a place to relax.

"We didn't think that much of all of it like they do now. They were people we worked with in the business. It was kind of natural to hang out together," said saxophonist Jimmy Heath, who recorded with Dizzy Gillespie and lived next door to trumpet player Clark Terry and the horn-blowing Adderly brothers, Nat and Cannonball.

Many of the jazz greats settled in a 60-block section of Queens known as Addisleigh Park, known for spacious, tudor- and colonial-style homes.

A recent walking tour through the neighborhood — where Lena Horne lived around the corner from Count Basie and Russell Jacquet lived next door to his brother, Illinois — gave fans a sense of the tight-knit jazz community of the 1920s, '30s, '40s and '50s.

"Count Basie was living out here before me. He told me it was a nice neighborhood and I better get in while I can," said tenor saxophonist Illinois Jacquet, who gained fame for his 1942 solo on Lionel Hampton's classic, "Flying Home."

Jacquet, who still lives in the house he bought in 1949 a few blocks from Basie's, said Ella Fitzgerald followed him a few years later.

"I was delighted when Ella moved here. I could go up to her bar at her house and drink up all of her whiskey, and then go through somebody's yard and go home," he said. "That's what it was like back then."

It is the personal stories — some sad, some funny — told by guides Jeff Gottlieb and local musician Coby Knight that are the real gems of the tour.

There's the story about how a white policeman who was mad at his neighbors sold his house in 1938 to "Fats" Waller, integrating the exclusive white neighborhood of Addleighs Park.

Then there's the one about the infamous eating contests at clarinetist Herbie Hall's house and the parties at Basie's backyard pool, a monstrosity that took up nearly a city block.

Best of all, there's the tale about the time vocalist Mildred Bailey threw a party where she introduced Benny Goodman to pianist Teddy Wilson. They went on to form the legendary Goodman Quartet.

By the 1960s, the community began to dwindle as musicians moved away or died.

"All the clubs that supported jazz closed, and then it just kind of ended. The crime and drugs and stuff like that took over," said Knight, 56, who grew up down the street from Armstrong's house.

But the tours are helping to restore the area's image, Knight said. "This may be what brings pride in the cultural history being made here."

The Armstrong archives at Queens College, home to thousands of hours of Armstrong's unpublished recordings and taped conversations, also have benefited from the tour. The number of people visiting the archives has risen from 400 in 1994 to more than 1,200 last year, said archivist Michael Cogswell.

✔ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Dec. 27 - Jan. 2

Planetarium shows

Officials at Blakemore Planetarium have announced the facility has changed their show times:

Friday night shows start at 8 p.m.; Saturday shows will be 1 and 2 p.m.; Sunday shows will be 3 and 4 p.m.

Changes are effective immediately.

Cheshire Cat

ODESSA — Chelsea Street Pub and Grill presents live entertainment Monday through Saturday.

No cover is charged. Acts include Cheshire Cat, Dec. 28-Jan. 2.

For more information call (915) 368-0949. After mall hours, entrance is from the outside.

Symphony Guild

The Midland Symphony Guild is celebrating its 36th year as a support for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. The guild's annual Gala Weekend benefit, known as February Fantastique, is set for Feb. 19-20 in the ClayDesta Atrium.

Individuals and companies interested in sponsoring the event need to notify the Guild by Dec. 15 to have their name included on the Gala Weekend invitation. For more information call the symphony, 563-0921.

The black-tie event Feb. 19, which for the third year is alcohol-free, will feature the New York troupe Le Masquerade, with its Broadway musical repertoire, an elaborate senior belle presentation and a dinner buffet.

The gala brunch, highlighted with the freshman belle introduction, will be Feb. 20 and will feature a style show by Julian Gold. Guests also will have the opportunity to participate in a Beanie Babies Silent Auction.

Prodigy to play

LUBBOCK — Audiences of the Lubbock Synphony Orchestra will have the rarest of treats in January: the chance to hear a true musical prodigy. Lang Lang, a 16-year-old pianist from China, headlines the January MasterWorks programs, entitled "Discover Lang Lang" in honor of the guest artist.

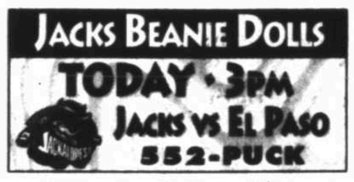
The concerts take place 8 p.m. Jan. 15 and Jan. 16 at the Civic Center Theatre.

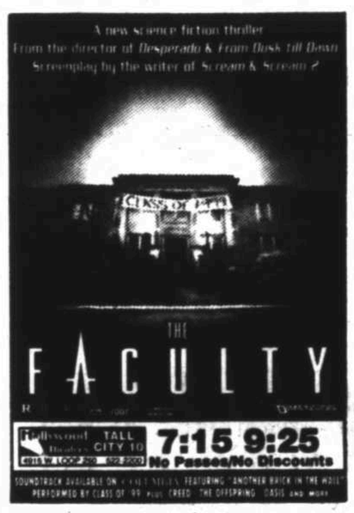
For ticket information (806) 770-2000. Pro-rated season subscriptions for the remaining four MasterWorks concerts are available from LSO office; please call (806) 762-1688 for seating availability and prices.

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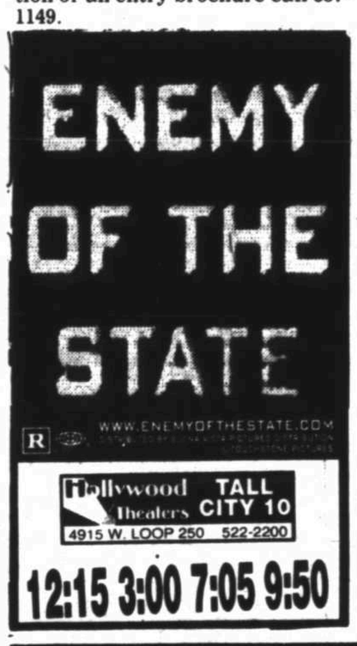
The Arts Assembly of Midland is accepting entries for artists booths at the 16th annual Celebration of the Arts set for May 14-16.

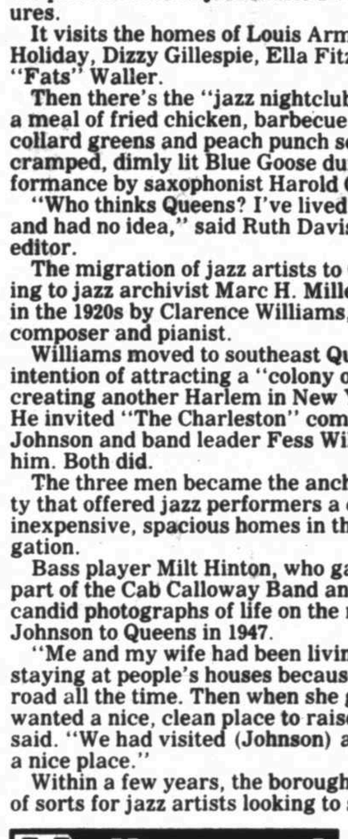
A total of 70 artists will be chosen to display and sell their art at the three-day spotlight on the arts. Artists can have booths inside Midland Center of outside on Centennial Plaza. For more information or an entry brochure call 687-1149.



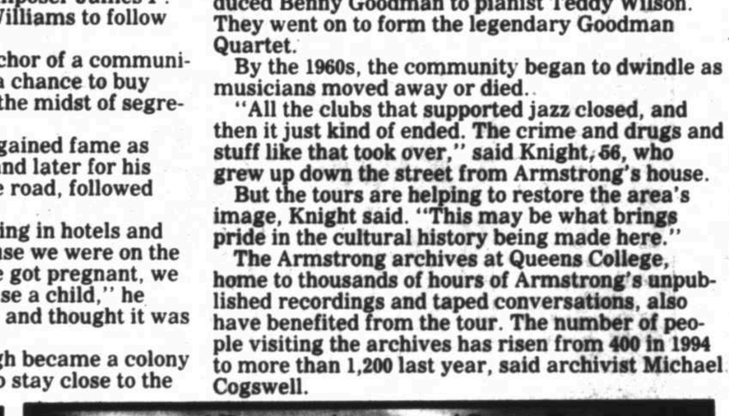














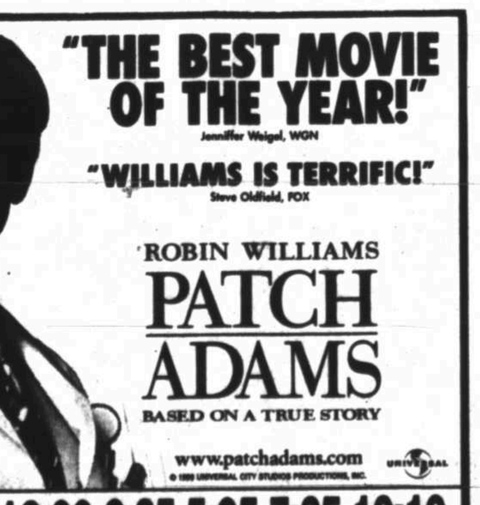


















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THE SECOND DECADE
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For many of us the 1960s were quite a change from the prosperity following World War II. It was a decade wrought with turmoil and questions; we cannot deny its impact on the way we view the world today. The world was filled with conflict and Midland was affected by the change and influences of those times Even so, that tumultuous decade did not stop the women of Midland, especially those in the Junior Welfare League, from getting involved in the community to create goodwill.

John F. Kennedy provided leadership in the development of the Peace Corps. Martin Luther King, Jr. made great strides toward racial equality. Who will ever forget that first televised Lunar Landing, the culmination of 20 years of research and engineering by the talented scientists at NASA? We must also remember the hours of service to our community in the 60s that put Midland's Junior Welfare League on the map during that time.

Affiliation with the Association of Junior Leagues of America had always been a goal of the Junior Welfare League of Midland. May 28, 1959, word was received that the application for membership in AJLA had been "viewed favorably by the Admissions Committee." Mrs. Billie Hunt stated in her annual report, "On November 28, 1959, it was a pleasure to mail eighteen pounds of nine type written copies of fifty pages each of answers to ten questions of the Second Informational Questionnaire to the Association of Junior Leagues of America, Inc." At last in December 1960, the first inspection visit was granted by the AJLA. An orientation visit was conducted in 1961 and a report of the Orientation Course was sent to AJLA. In 1962, a follow-up visit by AJLA brought this group of ladies closer to their goal. October 20, 1963, the final AJLA inspection involved introductions of the inspectors to all the board and the general membership through meetings and social gatherings. Word arrived by telegram on a cold, snowy day to inform the group of their acceptance into the Association of Junior Leagues of America. Many years of training and hard work allowed these ladies acceptance by the Association of Junior Leagues of America to become the 206th Junior League, the Junior League of Midland, Inc. on February 3, 1964.



Children's Theatre 1961
Ronald Thurston and Mrs. Jack Riggs.

In the world, many events marked the shift of the world's former propriety to a more free, liberated view. Publishers and producers of all kinds began to express their freedom of press. In 1960, Alfred Hitchcock released the most sensational horror movie to date, *Psycho.* Women worked more outside of the home, but they still took leadership roles in the community both with pay and as volunteers.

The Junior Welfare League volunteers made an agreement with The Midland Symphony Association to sponsor five Youth Symphony concerts in 1959-60 at a cost of $1500. In 1964, a working committee from the newly formed Symphony Guild worked in conjunction with the League on the concerts. With their help, the program began to expand even more.

The Junior League's news sheet became the TUMBLEWEED magazine in 1961-62, and advertising was sold. It kept the membership informed of upcoming events. A "Polaroid" camera was purchased for picture-taking.

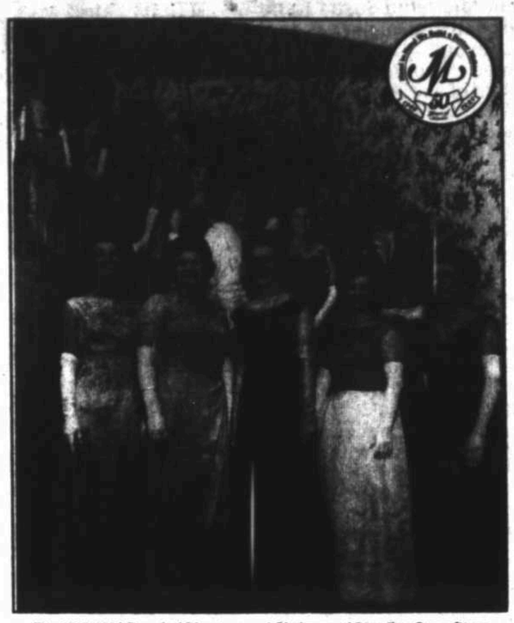
The Junior Film Club was established in 1960. A series of fifteen educational and cultural films were presented to fourth grade students and above. It was presented in conjunction with the Community Theatre using their facilities, auditorium, and projector. It was a self-sustaining project since proceeds from the ticket sales covered all costs. Films such as *National Velvet* were shown. After a few years, the format was changed to Junior Matinees and emphasis shifted to live entertainment supplemented by movies. In 1968, the Pickwick Players group was begun at the Theatre.

In 1961-62, the Junior Welfare League sponsored the first Student Art Festival in conjunction with Midland public schools and the City Council P.T.A. This became one of the League's most popular cultural endeavors in he community. The artwork was displayed at the Dellwood shopping mall. The festival's purpose was to encourage students' effort in the field of art.

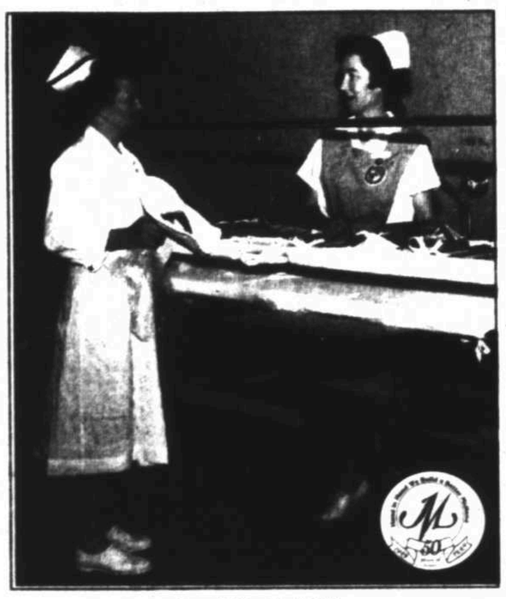
Many of Midland's most prestigious institutions that we enjoy today were founded in the 60s. One of these is the Museum of the Southwest which was officially opened March 15, 1966 at 3203 W. Wall St. The establishment of this facility resulted from the work of the Museum's Board of Trustees and the Junior League of Midland. Initial funding of the museum came from donations and a $55,000 pledge from the League. The Trustees approved the use of museum space for the first League "office". The museum grew rapidly and gained broad community acceptance. In 1968, the museum was moved to the Juliette and Fred Turner, Jr. home. At that time, hostessing at the museum was turned over to Las Manos.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum is another of Midland's jewels. It acknowledged the oil industry, the industry of the Permian Basin that was becoming more and more prosperous to all. The Abell-Hanger Foundation helped launch the museum through gracious donations of George T. Abell and Gladys Hanger Abell, who contributed the first $100,000 to its founding.

Throughout the 60s, Midland continued to thrive and prosper from its oil industry and citizens concerned about the welfare of others. By improving the community and providing cultural events and establishments, these groups believed Midland would become a better place. The Junior League of Midland poured volunteer hours into the community. Children's Theater presentations included *Tom Sawyer, Hansel & Gretel, Marco Polo, Alice in Wonderland, Wizard of Oz,* and *Rapunzel & the Witch.* After sixteen years, the price of performances was raised from 10¢ to 25¢. Children's Story Hour was expanded in 1961 to include original puppet shows. Twice during the year, the shows were televised. Its purpose continued to stimulate the interest of pre-school children in good literature and to acquaint them with use of the library. These projects along with the fast growth of the Next-to-New Shop, horse show sponsorships, receiving blankets for new mothers coming out of the hospital, as well as the Dental Clinic and various other clinics at Midland Memorial Hospital all made the members of the Junior League of Midland highly respected members of our community. Midland could depend on the Junior League.



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In March of 1961, Mrs. Sara Lindsey, the second vice president of the AJLA visited the Junior Welfare League in preparation for an invitation for the group to become a member of the national organization, AJLA. She told the founding members of the Junior League of Midland that the "strength of our organization depends on the full and loyal participation of each individual. The goal to strive for is personal excellence with steadfastness of purpose and faith in ourselves and each other. This is the inner satisfaction of being among those who make things happen." How true that is for us today. Our past is what has given us this firm foundation on which to go into the next century, no matter how challenging it may be.



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NOTICE

The City of Midland finds that the properties located at the following locations & addresses:

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N. TERRELL ST	ADDN: HOMESTEAD BLK: 004 LOT: 012 N. 50'	SAUEDO, JUAN & CUCA SP 14-369 1508 W. COUNTY RD 115 MIDLAND, TX 79706
N. TERRELL ST	ADDN: HOMESTEAD BLK: 005 LOT: 002	SIERRA INVESTMENTS LTD 2412 NORTHTOWN CT. MIDLAND, TX 79705
203 N. TYLER ST.	ADDN: MOODY BLK: 023 LOT: 005	SHELBY, EDWIN L. & ODELL M. WALKER 807 N. BAIRD ST. MIDLAND, TX 79701
N WEATHERFORD ST.	ADDN: HOMESTEAD BLK: 007 SW/4	WOODS, JOHN MACK N. WEATHERFORD ST. MIDLAND, TX 79701

...in the City of Midland, Texas, have become a public nuisance and health hazard in as much as they have become overgrown with weeds, tall grass and brush, become strewn with litter, or become a collection point for stagnant water. The owner of the above named properties are hereby ordered to abate the nuisance within ten (10) days and notify the City of Midland Property Code Administration of the same. Otherwise, the City of Midland will then enter the property, abate the nuisance thereon, and charge the cost of so doing as a lien against the property. You may appeal the decision of the City of Midland to enter our property and assess a lien against it by contacting the City Manager's office at 300 North Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701, phone number 685-7200 within nine (9) days of this notice.

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NOTICE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION:
A 63 year old male convicted of the charge of Indecency With a Child is registered to live in Midland, Roosevelt Avenue, 79703.

AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL:
Un hombre de 63 años de edad se ha hallado culpable del delito de Indecencia con la Niña. El hombre esta registrado para vivir in Midland, la calle de Roosevelt, 79703.

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AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL:
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SEALED PROPOSALS for Mesa Building Renovations at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 401 East University Blvd., Odessa, Texas, will be received until 3:00 P.M. cst. January 14, 1999, in room 453 and then publicly opened and read.

Copies of the bid documents including specifications will be available will be available December 16, 1998 at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Daniel Hart AIA, PE, 5214 Thomason Drive, Midland, Texas 79703, 915-697-1447, upon receipt of a $50.000 refundable deposit.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. EOE/AA

NOTICE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION:
A 26 year old male convicted of the charge of Indecency With a Child is registered to live in Midland, West Wall Street, 79701.

AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL:
Un hombre de 26 años de edad se ha hallado culpable del delito de Indecencia con el Niño. El hombre esta registrado para vivir in Midland, la calle de West Wall, 79701.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for a **GROUP LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE.**

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Monday, December 21, 1998.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "RFP #350-121798 ENCLOSED".

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL MAY 11, 1999.

ALL PROPOSALS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE ACCORDING TO THE POLICY/ PROCEDURE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER. MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
2200 WEST ILLINOIS
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

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INVITATION TO BID

Midland Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (hereinafter called MNHS) Affordable Housing Program will receive sealed bids for fourteen (14) separate single family dwelling units. Projects must be bided individually and may be awarded separately.

All bidders must possess, or must acquire certification through MNHS Contractor Certification Program. Bids will not be accepted until the certification is completed, approved and on file. You may pick up an application at our office between 9:00 A.M. & 4:00 P.M.

Deadline for the receiving of bids will be no later than 4:00 P.M., December 31, 1998. MNHS certified contractors may pick up bid packages containing specifications and requirements at 600 N. Baird, Suite C, Midland, Texas 79701.

Midland Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) day subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of MNHS.

Midland Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
600 N. Baird, Suite C
Midland, Texas 79701

Brenda M. Wallace
Executive Director
915-620-1530.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District is requesting bids on Concrete Pad and Chain Link Fencing for Goddard Junior High School, Bid #9M-0013 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services/ District Architect, 801 S. Moran, Building #1, Midland, TX 79701 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, January 8, 1999 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1505.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for 1999 HVAC Renovations, Underwood Elementary School, Andrews Independent School District, will be received by Dr. Ervin Huddelston, Superintendent, Andrews ISD, Andrews, Texas in Andrews ISD Operations Office, 405 NW Third Street, Andrews Texas 79714 until 4:00 pm, Thursday, January 14, 1999. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Drawings, specifications and related documents may be acquired from Agnew Associates, Inc., 3223 S. Loop 289, Suite 424, Lubbock, Texas 79423, telephone 806/799-0753.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District will receive Bids on Health Supplies, Bid #9-0024 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, 7201 West County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST January 13, 1999. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 689-1752.

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CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 11:18 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 12, 1999 to consider amending the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by transferring $126,154 from prior grants and the CDBG Contingency account and assigning the funds to existing programs as follows:

- $8,000 for the Boys and Girls Club to allow for facility renovations (110 E. New Jersey)
- $50,000 for the Street Paving Program
- $5,000 for the Housing Emergency Repairs Program
- $63,154 for the Affordable Housing Program

If any or all of the above proposals are approved, the 1998/99 Action Plan to the City's Consolidated Plan must be amended and the amendment must be filed with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The amended plan will be available for public review from January 19, 1999 to February 17, 1999 at the City Secretary's Office, Room 340, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine and the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri. At the conclusion of the 30-day review period and after consideration of any citizen comments, the City will proceed with implementation of the amendments.

For further information, call the City's CDBG Office at 685-7402 or 685-7408.

FAIR HOUSING is the LAW.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for 1999 HVAC Renovations, Andrews Middle School, Andrews Independent School District, will be received by Dr. Ervin Huddelston, Superintendent, Andrews ISD, Andrews, Texas in Andrews ISD Operations Office, 405 NW Third Street, Andrews Texas 79714 until 4:00 pm, Thursday, January 14, 1999. Any bids received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Drawings, specifications and related documents may be acquired from Agnew Associates, Inc., 3223 S. Loop 289, Suite 424, Lubbock, Texas 79423, telephone 806/799-0753.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

NOTICE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION:
A 31 year old male convicted of the charge of Indecency With a Child is registered to live in Midland, East Jax Avenue, 79701.

AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL:
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Wyatt Tate Brady a/k/a/ Wyatte Tate Brady, Defendant in Execution on the judgment filed of record in the 219th District Court of Collin County, Texas, pursuant to the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgment Ace in Cause No. 219-806-97 upon which a writ of Execution was issued by the Collin County District Clerk on December 8, 1998, on a judgment rendered in the District Court of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma on May 19, 1997 in favor of Mary D. Brady, Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Estrada Brady in Cause No. C-94-104, is the owner of the following described oil and gas royalty interests in Midland County, Texas to be sold under said execution:

1/2 x 73.5% x 16.09/657.5 mineral interest in all of Section 8, Block 38, Township Two South, Survey T & P RR Co., Midland County, Texas;

1/2 x 2/64 - (14.5/1294.6) mineral interest in all of Section 31, Block 40, Township Two South, Survey T & P RR Co., Midland County, Texas;

1/2 x 2/64 - (14.5/1294.6) mineral interest in all of Section 43, Block 40, Township Two South, Survey S.A. Holcome, Midland County, Texas; and

1/2 x 73.5% x 3/128 royalty interest in all of Section 27, Block 37, Township Four South, Survey T & P RR Co., Midland County, Texas.

The above-described property belonging to the said Defendant in Execution was levied upon at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on the 10th day of December, 1998.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-described property will be offered for sale at the Midland County Courthouse Door, 200 West Wall Street, Midland, Midland County, Texas at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 5th day of January, 1999, to satisfy the judgment referenced above.

WITNESS MY HAND this 10th day of December, 1998.

Gary Painter, Sheriff
Midland County, Texas

By: Bill Stone
Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff

NOTICE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION:
A 73 year old male convicted of the charge of Indecency With a Child is registered to live in Midland, Parkdale Drive, 79703.

AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL:
Un hombre de 73 años de edad se ha hallado culpable del delito de Indecencia con la Niña. El hombre esta registrado para vivir in Midland, la calle de Parkdale Drive, 79703.

NOTICE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION:
A 40 year old male convicted of the charge of Indecency With a Child is registered to live in Midland, East Texas Avenue, 79701.

AVISO DE REGISTRACION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL:
Un hombre de 40 años de edad se ha hallado culpable del delito de Indecencia con la Niña. El hombre esta registrado para vivir in Midland, la calle de East Texas, 79701.

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In Observance of

New Year's Day

the Classified Department will be closed on Friday, January 1, 1999

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Saturday	Thursday at 2 pm
Sunday	Thursday at 4 pm
Monday	Thursday at 4 pm

Display Ads:

Publishing On:	Deadline Is:
Friday	Wednesday at Noon
Saturday	Wednesday at 2 pm
Sunday	Wednesday at 5 pm
Monday	Wednesday at 5 pm

We will re-open on Monday, January 4th, for regular business hours.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the service of this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO: DEFENDANT, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT DODSON

GREETINGS: You are commanded to appear and answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two 42 days after the date of the issuance of this citation, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 25th day of January, 1999, before the County Court of Midland County, Texas at the Courthouse in Midland, Midland County, Texas. The Plaintiff is Midland American Bank. The Plaintiff's attorney is Harris E. Kerr, 500 W. Texas Avenue, Suite 1310, Midland, Texas 79701. The file number of said suit is CC-09113. The lawsuit alleges that Christopher Scott Dodson has failed to make timely payments due to Midland American Bank under the terms and provisions of a promissory note dated May 14, 1996.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this 9th day of December, 1998, at Midland County, Texas.

Vivian Wood, Clerk of the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas

By: Gracie A. Corralez, Deputy

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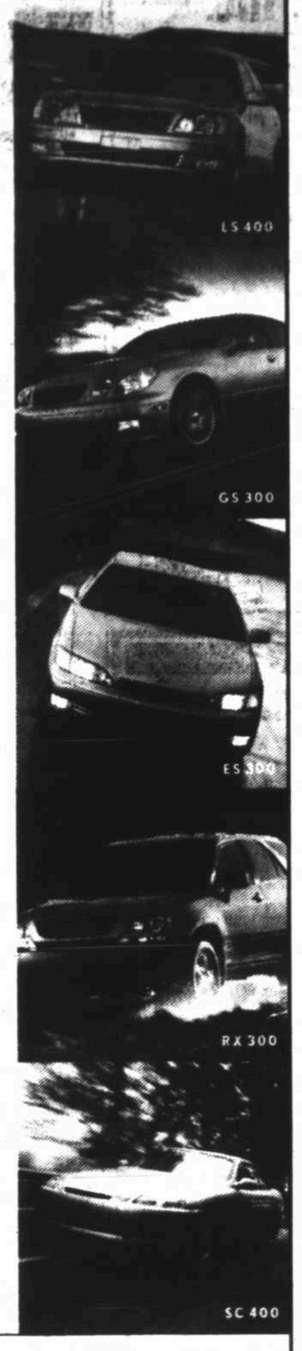
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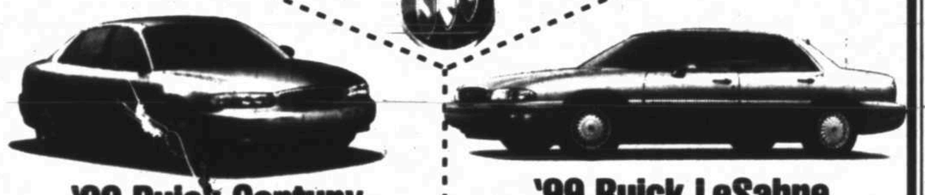
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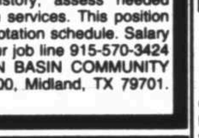
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Single white female, 40, 5'3", 120lbs., with long blonde hair and blue eyes, would love to meet a single white male, 34-50, for a wonderful relationship. She enjoys cooking, movies and rollerskating. Ad#.9769

COUNTRY LOVING
I'm a single white mother of three, 46, 5'6", with blonde hair and green eyes who enjoys horses, autumn, action movies, dancing and country life. If you're a single white male, 38-55, give me a call. Ad#.7665

ON MY OWN
This single white mom of three, 46, 5'7", with brown hair and green eyes, will not rest until she finds the single male, 35-55, of her dreams. She enjoys family times, the changing seasons and much more. Ad#.8170

HOPES & DREAMS
A Cowboys fan, this sweet single black mother of two, 23, 5'4", 140lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, enjoys movies, reading and sports. She seeks an open-minded, humorous single male, 20-32. Ad#.8087

SOUL MATES
Slender, professional single white Christian female, 48, with frosted blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys a variety of music, travel, dancing, theater and dining out, seeks a handsome, single white Christian male, 45-60. Ad# 7128

REACH FOR THE STARS
This fun-loving single black female, 20, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, a student, likes dancing, movies and walks in the park. She would like to find a compatible single male, 19-34, to have good times with. Ad#.8605

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Tired of being hurt, this single black female, 27, 5'10", 160lbs., with brown hair/eyes, wants to try a relationship with a nice single white male, 30-40. She enjoys going to the movies, dancing and talking quiet walks in the park. Ad#.9708

SHOW ME A GOOD TIME
I'm an enjoyable, outgoing single white mom, 18, 5'5", 120lbs., with red hair and baby blue eyes, who wants to spend time with a single white male, 18-21. I enjoy rollerblading, horseback riding, dancing and singing. Ad#.9544

OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME
The fun never stops with this lovely and sweet single white female, 20, 5'8", 140lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, movies, horseback riding and walks in the park. She is seeking a good-natured, sociable single white male, 20-24. Ad#.7242

TIRED OF BEING LONELY
Hardworking single black mom, 33, has a great sense of humor, is new to the area, and looking for a similar, hardworking single black male, 33-40, who's looking for inner qualities. Ad#.7413

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER
Professional single white female, 45, 5'7", 118lbs., with frosted blonde hair and hazel eyes, enjoys boating, picnics, nature walks, sports, the theater, singing and playing piano. She's looking for a stable, educated, true single white gentleman, 44-49. Ad#.8017

'TIL WE MEET
Single white mom, 39, 5'6", with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys camping, flea markets, sports and dining out, is seeking a single white male, 33-42, with similar interests, for friendship first. Ad#.8909

COUNTRY GAL
Are you a one woman single white male, 35-55? Meet this single white female, 46, 5'7", with brown hair and green eyes. She is an animal lover, who enjoys rodeos, country dancing and shooting pool. Ad#.7670

TRULY BLESSED
This professional single white Christian female, 45, 5'7", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, loves helping people, movies and most music. She seeks a professional single white male, 44-48, who is a true gentleman. Ad#.7664

A LOT OF LOVE TO GIVE
Kind, loving, single black female, 25, 6', full-figured, who enjoys picnics in the park, music, building snowmen and reading, is seeking a single black male, 21-35, with similar interests. Ad# 8296

GOOD INTENTIONS
Contact this independent single white mom, 34, 5'11", 134lbs., with dark auburn hair and brown eyes, who knows just what she wants in life. She's searching for an honest, sincere and trustworthy single white male, 29-43. Ad#.7726

STAR-GAZER
Fun-loving single black mom, 29, 5'6", with brown hair and eyes, likes dancing, all kinds of music, playing softball and horseback riding. If you are a single male, 21-35, call soon. Ad# 8505

ON THE RIGHT TRACK
She's a single Hispanic dad, 34, 5'7", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes. She's seeking a single Hispanic male, 43-48, for possible relationship. Ad#.7686

LOOK HERE
She's a single white female 46, 5'7", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys the outdoors and all sports. She's seeking a single white male, 35-52, who is a good guy. Ad#.8427

JUST BE YOURSELF
Single Hispanic mom, 26, 5'2", 120lbs., with brown hair and eyes, is a student who likes reading and the outdoors. She is looking for a responsible and honest single Hispanic male, 27-32. Ad#.9107

HURRY AND CALL
Take a walk in the park and talk with this single white Christian female, 45, 5'6", 189lbs., who enjoys barbecuing, reading the Bible and swimming. She seeks a cheerful single white Christian male, 48-66. Ad#.7917

FULL OF FUN
Single Hispanic female, 25, 5'5", 130lbs., with light brown hair and dark brown eyes, enjoys having fun, reading romance novels, the outdoors and sports. She is seeking a single Hispanic male, 25-30, who enjoys children. Ad#.7066

SEARCHING
Attractive single white female, 49, 5'8", 118lbs., with blonde hair and hazel eyes, is seeking a single white male, 45-50. Ad#.9612

GIVE HER A CALL
Listen closely to this soft-spoken single white female, 19, 5'5", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys writing poetry, being with friends and music. She's in search of a single white male, 19-22, to have fun with. Ad#.9510

COUNT ON HER
Divorced white female, 26, 5'7", 150lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys dancing, skiing, fishing, camping and quiet times at home, would like to meet a special, caring single white male, 28-36. Ad#.9420

FRIENDS TO START
Humorous single white mom, 49, 5'2", full-figured, with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, walking her dog, dining out and more, is seeking an honest, romantic single white male, 40-65, for friendship first. Ad#.7854

BE PART OF MY TOMORROW
Are you a single male, 38-48, who enjoys the outdoors and traveling? If so, then you could be the perfect match for this single white Christian female, 46, 5'7", who's waiting patiently to hear from you. Ad#.9504

GET THE PICTURE?
Single black female, 25, 5'5", medium build, with black hair and brown eyes, enjoys long walks, movies and sports, is in search of a single male, 25-35, who enjoy children. Ad#.9834

HERE SHE IS
Freckle-face single white female, 39, with blonde hair and green eyes, is in search of a single white male, 35-55. Ad#.7501

LOVE TAKES TIME
Single white female, 43, 4'11", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys traveling, fishing and movies, is seeking a single white male, 40-53, non-smoker. Ad#.7208

NICE TO MEET YOU
Single Hispanic female, 18, 5'1", 140lbs., who enjoys sports, movies, good conversations and more, is seeking a single black male, 18-29, who enjoys life. Ad#.8224

HONESTY IS KEY
Outgoing single white female, 45, who enjoys traveling, singing, dancing, the Internet, day trips, the outdoors and dining out, wants to meet an honest single white Christian male. Ad#.9396

POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Full-figured, friendly single black female, 32, who enjoys spending time with her children, wants to meet a mature, kind-hearted single black male. Ad#.7654

LOOKING FOR A COWBOY
Outgoing single white female, 46, who enjoys singing, listening to music, spending time with her daughters, rodeos and the mountains, is seeking a handsome, caring single white male. Ad#.9476

CIRCLE ME TODAY
Single white female, 49, 5'7", with reddish-blonde hair, who enjoys animals, country music and going to the park, is seeking a single white male, 45-55. Ad#.9331

DUAL SETTER
Single black female, 23, who enjoys swimming, reading, watching movies and writing, is seeking a single male, 20-30. Ad#.7252

CALL & TALK
Outgoing single white female, 44, 5'6", with long red hair and blue eyes, seeks a single white male, 44-52, who enjoys reading, fishing and more. Ad#.8774

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Single white mom, 31, 5'4", likes sports, swimming and animals. She wants to meet an active single white Christian male, 28-41, who likes kids. Ad#.8504

SOMEONE GOOD-HEARTED?
Attractive, shy single Hispanic female, 24, 5', 120lbs., with brown hair and eyes, loves animals, movies, playing violin, bowling and reading. She seeks an honest, easygoing single white or Hispanic male, 19-33, for friendship first. Ad#.9528

DESIRES OF THE HEART
Spontaneous single white female 57, 5'6", slender build, brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, enjoys country drives, sightseeing, dancing and traveling, seeks a single white male, 50-65, for friendship first. Ad#.8976

NEW IN TOWN
Single Hispanic female, 21, 5'4", 120lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys charity work and the outdoors, is seeking an outgoing, exciting single white male, 21-25. Ad#.7156

STARTING OVER
Divorced white female, 58, 5'2", 169lbs., with brown hair, non-smoker, who enjoys hiking, camping, dancing, travel and movies, seeks a family-oriented, active single white male, 56-89, for friendship first. Ad#.7245

A LITTLE QUIET
Single black mom of one, 20, 5'4", 160lbs., who enjoys track and field, basketball and baseball, seeks a nice, respectful single male, 18-40, for friendship first. Ad#.7568

HERE I AM
Single white mom, 36, 5'7", with red hair and brown eyes, who enjoys barbecuing, gardening, traveling, reading and music, is seeking a single white male, 36-45. Ad#.7288

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Friendly, fun-loving single Hispanic mom of three, 30, 5'3", with long reddish-brown hair, who enjoys spending time with her children, dancing and spending quiet times at home, is in search of a single Hispanic male, 28-43. Ad#.8677

RESPECTING EACH OTHER
She is an athletic, student single black female, 20, 5'9", 145lbs., who loves to run, dance, sing and much more. If you are an intelligent, sweet, kind single black male, 20-25, leave her a message. Ad#.9921

I'LL COOK FOR YOU
Employed single white female, 42, 5'9", 145lbs., with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, enjoys country music, would like to meet a trustworthy single white male, 40-49. Ad#.9975

LET'S SHARE
Single white female, 18, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white male, 18-26, who enjoys outdoor activities. Ad#.9252

SHE'S A PRIORITY
I'm a single Hispanic female, 32, 5'5", 135lbs., with brown hair/eyes. I enjoy skiing, animals and more. I'm seeking a single Hispanic male, 30-36. Ad#.9197

LOVES A COWBOY
Dancing is a favorite of this single white female, 35, who also enjoys movies, rodeos, traveling and hunting. She is seeking a fun-loving, humorous single white male, 38-49. Ad#.9790

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OLD FASHIONED
Professional, green-eyed brunette single white mother, 46, 5'7", who enjoys country music, dancing, rodeos, bowling and camping, seeks a sincere single white male, 35-55. Ad#.8054

FAMILY COMES FIRST...
I hope you understand. But, I look forward spending quality time with you, a single male, 40-49. I am a single Hispanic mom, 41, 5'1", with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys cook outs at the park, dancing and going to the movies. Ad#.7377

SO MUCH FUN
Single white female, 19, 5'4", 128lbs., with long blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports and baseball, is seeking a fun-loving single male, 18-25. Ad#.8102

COUNTRY GIRL
Nice, honest single white mom, 46, 5'7", with light brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys country music, rodeos, shooting pool, bowling and sports, seeks a single white male, 35-53. Ad# 8013

RIGHT BESIDE YOU
Family-oriented, full-figured single black female, 25, 5'4", seeks a compatible single black male, 26-45, who likes movies, dining out, football and quiet times. Ad#.7627

NOW IT'S MY TURN
Single white female, 43, 5'7", full-figured, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, computers and animals, is seeking a single white male, 41-47. Ad#.8058

LOVE IS ON THE WAY
Single Hispanic mom, 31, 5'3", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys music, movies and family time, seeks a single Hispanic male, 29-43, who likes children. Ad#.8207

A COMMON INTEREST
Share your goals and dreams with this hardworking, honest single white female, 20, 5'4", with blonde hair and brown eyes. She's into reading, going to school and seeks a single white male, 18-27, who won't play any games. Ad#.8446

THE SPECIAL ONE
Single white mom, 28, 5'6", 130lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys dancing, reading and trips to the lake. She seeks a single white male, 25-35, for friendship first. Ad#.8188

FRIENDS FIRST
Single white female, 35, 5'7", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys camping, biking, traveling, hiking and walking in the woods, is seeking an easygoing single white male, 36-50, for friendship first. Ad#.8213

A HOMEBODY
Single white female, 19, with brown hair/eyes, a smoker, is seeking a caring single white male, 18-27, who enjoys living life to the fullest. Ad#.7310

MAKE EACH MOMENT COUNT
Spontaneity and romance are appreciated by this single white female, 34, 5'3", full-figured, with brown hair and blue eyes, who seeks a good-natured single white male, 28-38. She likes swimming, biking and going for long walks. What about you? Ad# 9279

STAND BESIDE HER!
Working in the yard, walking, reading and sharing time with her grandchildren are what makes her happy! She's a single white female, 50, 5'2", 145lbs., with frosted hair and green eyes, who is waiting to hear from a loving single white male, 45-52. Ad#.9093

WONDERFUL HEART
True love is hard to find, that's why you should meet this Christian woman, 49, who always tries to find the good in people and situations. She searches to meet a tall, dark and handsome single white Christian male, 44-54, with a zest for life. Ad#.8492

HERE SHE IS...
She's a single white Christian mom, 40, 5'7", interested in meeting a single white Christian male, 38-50, who enjoys dancing, country music, good conversation and the great outdoors. Ad#.7076

LET'S MINGLE
Slender, classy single white mom, 48, 5'8", who enjoys taking nature walks, animals and just having fun, seeking single white male, 45-60. Ad# 8861

CALL NOW!
She would like to meet a single Hispanic male, 19-24. Is that you? If so, call this single Hispanic mom of one, 19, 5'4", 110lbs., with brown hair/eyes. Ad#.8734

LET'S MEET
I'm a single Hispanic mom, 20, 4'10", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys reading, movies and more. I'm seeking a single male, 25-30. Ad#.8115

SHY AT FIRST
Here's a college-bound, cheerful single white female, 19, 5'6", 165lbs. with brown hair/eyes, who is looking to meet a single white male, 18-25. Ad#.7032

AND THE WINNER IS
Cheerful single Hispanic female, 20, 5'5", slim, with brown hair/eyes, enjoys reading, running, basketball, comedy films, dancing and seeks an honest, humorous single Hispanic male, 20-26. Ad#.8421

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
Blessed with a great personality, this sweet single white mother of two, 30, 5'3", 106lbs., with brown hair, is looking to meet a single male, 31-47, non-drinker. She enjoys dancing, family times, horseback riding, country music and more. Ad#.9402

I'LL BE HERE
Single Hispanic female, 18, 5'4", 118lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys shopping and socializing with friends. She is seeking a single Hispanic male, 18-28. Ad#.7831

TAKE NOTICE
This single Hispanic mom, 31, 5'4", with long reddish-brown hair and brown eyes, likes watching football, playing softball and being with her kids. She seeks a single Hispanic male, 29-43. Ad#.8236

DANCE WITH ME
Single female, 27, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys music, movies and more, wants to meet an honest single white male, 25-35, who she can have a lot of fun with. Ad#.9656

I'M YOUR LADY
Attractive single Hispanic female, 66, 5'7", 145lbs., is interested in meeting a single Hispanic male, 69-70, for a possible relationship. She enjoys dining out, the theatre, movies and good conversation. Ad#.8914

WELL-ROUNDED
Single white female, 45, 5'6", with dirty blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, crafts, dining out and more, is seeking a single white male, 40-50. Ad# 7067

GIVING
Caring single white female, 40, with dark hair and hazel eyes, likes cooking, flea markets and crafts. She seeks a sincere single male, 25-60, for a possible relationship. Ad#.9843

A REAL ZING
Athletic single white mom, 43, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys tennis, yard work, reading, dining out, dancing and spending time with her daughter, is looking for a single white male, 35-55, who shares similar interests. Ad# 8805

AMAZING GRACE
Single white Christian female, 29 5'4", 135lbs., with reddish-brown hair and brown eyes, who enjoys reading, Christian music, swimming, camping and the outdoors, seeks a single black Christian male, 27-38 Ad#.8587

NEVER A DULL MOMENT
Reserved single white female, 46, 5'7", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys country music and dancing, horseback riding, football and camping, is seeking a single white male, 35-52 Ad#.8660

JUST BELIEVE
Single Hispanic female, 55, petite, with dark brown hair, non-smoker, is looking to share interests and friendship with a friendly single white male, 48-57, who enjoys gardening and reading. Ad#.9565

NO SILENCE HERE
Divorced white female, 36, 5'1", 145lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white male, 35-48, who enjoys swimming, softball games, talking, laughing and reading. Ad#.9305

WHOLESOME
Friendly, outgoing and honest single white female, 46, 5'7", 175lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys dancing, fishing, bicycling, camping and having fun with a compatible single white male, 37-50, non-drinking, non-smoker. Ad#.8517

AND YOU?
Employed single white mom of one, 20, 5'5", 200lbs., with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a single white male, 20-25, who likes children, and enjoys country music, fishing, basketball, and beach walks. Ad#.7734

THE FINER INTERESTS
Single white female, 48, 5'8", 117lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys skiing, playing the piano, helping people, art museums, theater and walks. She is seeking a single white male, 45-53. Ad#.8552

FAMILY VALUES
Single white mom of one, 23, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys reading, writing, animals, romance movies, and more. She is seeking a single white male, 18-28. Ad#.9840

COMMITMENT-MINDED
Single white mom of one, 22, 5'3", 125lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys skiing, horseback riding, sports and concerts, seeks a caring, honest single white male, 22-35. Ad# 7041

BE KIND TO MY HEART
Fun-loving single white female, 46, 5'7", with blue eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, quiet evenings at home, cooking and movies, is looking for a passionate single white male, 44-55, for friendship. Ad#.7054

APPRECIATES HONESTY
Single white female, 37, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, is seeking a single white male, 25-50. I'm easygoing and outgoing, who enjoys children, a variety of music, the outdoors, traveling and reading. Ad#.7542

BASIC PLEASURES
Single Hispanic mom of one, 22, 5'4", 120lbs., who enjoys sports, movies and dining out, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 22-26. Ad#.8636

HAS EVERYTHING BUT YOU
Call this single Hispanic female, 49, 5'1", who enjoys all sports, dancing and evenings home with that special someone. She hopes to meet a single white male, 36-50. Ad# 7874

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN
This petite single white female, 50, with hazel eyes and dark hair, is an animal lover, who is looking for a single white male, 50-60, to share interests with. Ad#.7609

SWEET DREAMS
Single white female,18, 5'6", 170lbs., is a professional, who enjoys dining out and spending time with friends. Her search will end with a single black male, 18-28, who is sensitive and full of fun. Ad# 9818

BE HAPPY
Single white female, 20, 5'7", with long brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys reading, working with kids, watching movies and sports, is seeking a compatible single white male, 18-25, to have fun with. Ad#.9506

PEOPLE PERSON
This easygoing single Hispanic mom of one, 25, 5'3", with brown hair and eyes, would like to find a single Hispanic male, 23-32. Her interests include travel, camping and her job. Ad#.7857

WORK IT OUT TOGETHER
This full-figured, spontaneous single white female, 25, seeks a single male, 25-45. She's 5'8", with green eyes and blonde hair. Her interests include football, softball, her job, and the outdoors. Ad# .8621

BREATHTAKING
Single black female, 22, 5'11", 130lbs., with black hair and dark eyes, who enjoys Mexican food, movies, music, dining out and dancing, hopes to find a single black male, 21-35, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad#.8259

SHE HAS SOLID VALUES
You will be proud to know this single Hispanic Christian female, 28, 5'2", with a full-figure, who enjoys reading, most music, walking, swimming and fishing. She seeks a friendly, heavy-set single Hispanic Christian male, 25-38, who is family-oriented Ad#.9048

THE TIME HAS COME
Single white female, 39, 5'6", 159lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, seeks a single white male, 38-50, who enjoys life. Ad# 9425

CANDLELIT DINNERS
Open-minded single Asian mom, 39, 5'4", 138lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, dancing and quiet times, would like to meet a single white male, 36-44, to share life with. Ad#.7204

SEARCH NO MORE
Devoted single white mom, 33, 5'9", 130lbs., with red hair and blue eyes, who enjoys cookouts, dancing and country music, would love to hear from a single white male, 37-40 Ad#.8820

KEEP IT REAL
Single white female, 23, 145lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys music and dancing, spending time with friends and the outdoors, is in search of a single male, 21-28. Ad#.9254

CHEMISTRY
Loving, full-figured single black Christian female, 31, 5'8", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports, moonlit walks and exercising, seeks a single black Christian male, 30-45. Ad#.8470

SPECIAL SOMEONE FOR ME
I'm a single white female, 18, 5'8", 155lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes. I enjoy animals, a variety of movies and football. I'm seeking a single white male, 18-26, who is 6'+ tall, outgoing, easygoing, honest and likes to have a good time. Ad#.7623

FRIENDS TO START
Happy, shy divorced white mother, 52, 5'3", 120lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who likes NASCAR, family activities, the outdoors, movies and reading, seeking a special single white male, 50-60, with similar interests. Ad#.8867

ROOM FOR YOU
Meet this loving single white mom of three, 34, 5'6", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, writing poetry and sports. She is seeking an honest, sincere single white male, 29-38, for a possible relationship. Ad#.8109

ONE ON ONE TIME
I am a petite single white female, 41, who loves hiking, outdoor activities, long walks, working out, hockey games, music and the river. I would like to meet a spiritual, flexible, intelligent single white male. Ad#.7910

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Spontaneous single white female, 19, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys singing, country music, horseback riding and playing volleyball, seeks an outgoing, sensitive, caring single male, 20-25, who enjoys life. Ad#.8185

ALL AMERICAN GIRL
Single white female, 31, 5'7", who enjoys singing, music, romantic dinners and the outdoors, is searching for a single white male, 33-38, for friendship first. Ad#.8934

LET'S TALK SOON
Single Hispanic mom, 34, 5'7", 130lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, camping and more, is looking for a sincere, truthful single Hispanic male, 29-38, who likes children. Ad#.9531

SUCH A VARIETY
Call this very loving, slender single white mom, age 5'8", who enjoys camping, fishing, traveling and watching movies. She's looking to meet a single white male, 40-55, to spend time with. Ad#.9505

ENJOYS LIFE IN GENERAL
Say hello to this single white female, 50, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, dancing, boating and traveling. She would like to meet a single white male, 48-60, for companionship. Ad#.7452

END MY SEARCH
This single white male, 35, 5'2", with brown hair and blue eyes likes educational reading, sculpting, dining out, traveling, and other outdoor activities. She is looking for a single white male, 30-42, for companionship. Ad#.9615

JUST FRIENDS
Single white mom of two, 24, with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys swimming, spending time with her children, and wrestling. She is seeking a single white male, 22-27, to share fun times. Ad#.9987

A LITTLE FAMILY
Single white mom of two, 27, 5'6", with blonde hair and green eyes, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 27-34, who enjoys winter cuddling, horseback riding, sports and quiet times at home Ad# 8806

MUST HAVE GOALS
Single Hispanic female, 23, 5', 110lbs., is a fitness enthusiast, who enjoys sports, socializing with friends, music and more. She's seeking a single Hispanic male, 22-26. Ad#.8035

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
Single white female, 18, 5'8", 120lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is seeking a single white male, who enjoys football, baseball, and spending time with friends. Ad# 8809

HOPES AND DREAMS
This single Hispanic mom of one, 41, 5'1", 110lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys movies, dancing and having fun. She is looking for an outgoing, caring single Hispanic male, under 40. Ad# 8064

MAKE IT POSSIBLE
I'm a single white female, 47, 5'7", who enjoys the outdoors and is seeking a single white male, 40-50. Ad#.8271

JUST CALL
This single Hispanic female, 23, full-figured, who is looking for excitement in a single Hispanic male, 28-35. Ad#.9577

TREAT ME RIGHT!
This single white mom of one, 19, 5'6", 98lbs., with blonde hair and hazel eyes, likes sports and is looking for honest, dependable single white male, 21-25, who likes to have fun. Ad#.7673

IN THE FAST LANE
This professional single white female, 43, 5'5", who is humorous and sensitive, is looking for a single white male, 43-52, who enjoys dramatic movies and quiet nights at home. Ad#.9469

LET'S TALK
Professional single white female, 39, 5'4", 115lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white male, 40-48, who enjoys movies, basketball and more. Ad#.9471

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COUNTRY LIFE
Single white male, 42, 5'8", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys country music and animals, would like to meet a trustworthy single white female, 38-48, for friendship. Ad#.7097

ATTENTION
Old-fashioned, affectionate single white dad, 45, 6'1", 210lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, would like to meet a single white female, 40-55, who enjoys sports. Ad#.8179

DESTINY
Handsome single white male, 43, with green eyes, who enjoys reading, the beach and more, is seeking a single female, 31-40, without children and pets. Ad#.7922

SIMPLE PLEASURES
Rock music, spending time with friends and talking are some of the interests of this single white male, 21, 5'5", with blond hair and blue eyes. He's hoping to meet a nice single white female, 25-35. Ad#.7485

ON THE WAY UP
This single white male, 20, 5'6", 125lbs., with blond hair and green eyes, is seeking a single white female, 20-35, to enjoy mountain climbing, sports, talks and more with him. Ad#.9888

NEW BEGINNINGS
Friendly, divorced white dad, 33, 6'2", 210lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors and fishing, is seeking a trustworthy single white female, 25-35. Ad#.9515

HAVE A GOOD TIME
Single white dad, 40, 5'9", 170lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is seeking a single white female, 25-44, who enjoys dancing and playing pool Ad#.8071

WHAT'S IMPORTANT
The only thing he asks of you is that you're nice. He's a divorced white male, 41, 6', 165lbs., with brown hair with touch of grey and brown eyes, a Baptist, who can't wait to enjoy life with a single white female, 28-47. Ad#.8956

BACK IN MIDLAND
Check out this open-minded, short haired single black male, 22, 5'10", 165lbs., who enjoys writing rap music. He wants to meet a spontaneous outgoing single female, 18-25, for a casual relationship. Ad#.8077

A GREAT LIFE AHEAD
This cheerful Catholic single white dad of one, 35, 5'7", with brown eyes and hair, who just landed a great job, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and is looking for an honest, loyal single female, 25-45. Ad#.9452

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TAKE THE TIME
Handsome single white male, 41, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, the outdoors, dining out and more, is seeking a single white female, 28-46. Ad#.8895

SHORT BUT SWEET
Athletic single white male, 18, 5'11", 185lbs., with blonde hair and hazel eyes, is seeking an outgoing single white female, 18-26. Ad#.7961

A GENTLEMAN
Quiet single white male, 18, 5'11", 175lbs., with blonde hair, is seeking a loving, easygoing single white female, 18-21. Ad# 9537

TIME PERMITS US TO MEET
Well-educated single Hispanic male, 36, 5'8", 136lbs., with blue eyes, who enjoys playing the saxophone, all types of music, socializing with friends, cooking and more, is seeking an honest single black female, 25-40, who appreciates his interests. Ad#.9897

HERE TO STAY
Romantic single white male, 31, 5'11", 190lbs., with green eyes, who enjoys sports and just having fun, is seeking an outgoing, loving, active single female, 25-35. Ad# 7878

HELLO THERE!
This sincere, lovable single Hispanic male, 20, 5'6", 148lbs., with brown hair/eyes, enjoys camping, hunting and swimming. He's seeking a single female, 18-25, for a possible relationship. Ad#.9622

HOW ABOUT IT?
Get to know this easygoing, Catholic single Hispanic male, 21, 6', 150lbs., with brown hair/eyes. He enjoys movies, music, working out, spending time with friends and seeks a single female, 21-45, to share life with. Ad#.9233

THE MOMENT IS NOW
Catholic single Hispanic male, 32, 6', 175lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, seeks a fun-loving, adventurous single female, 18-45. Ad#.8716

ROMANTIC MOMENTS
Handsome single Hispanic male, 26, 150lbs., who enjoys working out, reading, martial arts, playing the guitar and singing, is seeking a single Hispanic female, 18-27. Ad# 8708

'LET'S START...
Right here, I'm a single black male, 30, 6'1", 130lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, in search of a single female, 20-40. Ad#.7250

ONE DAY AT A TIME
Professional, divorced Hispanic dad, 40, 5'9", 180lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, cooking, hiking, swimming and fishing, is seeking an understanding single Hispanic female, 30-55. Ad#.7484

IT TAKES TWO
Hazel-eyed single Hispanic male, 19, 5'9", 150lbs., who enjoys music, playing his guitar in a band and spending time with friends, is looking for a nice, compatible single white female, 18-23. Ad#.9591

CAN WE TALK?
Single white Christian male, 28, 6'1", 235lbs., with long hair and green eyes, seeks a kind-hearted, affectionate single white female 18-32. He is a great cook, who enjoys music and nice evenings at home. Ad# 9211

HEART TO HEART
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Spend time with someone special, call this employed single white male, 19, 6', with brown hair/eyes. He likes all kinds of movies and seeks a single white female, 19-29. Ad#.7196

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I'm a single white father of two, 40, 5'10", 200lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, cookouts, boating, camping, country music, dancing and rodeos. If you're a single white female, 28-40 and up for a great time, give me a call. Ad#.8538

WAITING FOR YOU
Single white Christian male, 44, 6', 180lbs., who enjoys a variety of music, movies, the outdoors and travel, seeks a mature, fun-loving single white Christian female, 38-48, non-smoker, with similar interests. Ad#.8678

JUST TO SEE YOU SMILE
If you're an honest single white female, 25-39, focus on this ad. This funny single white dad, 25, 5'6", with brown hair and green eyes, enjoys traveling, making people laugh and family times. Ad#.8811

HIBERNATES IN THE WINTER
He is an honorable, family-oriented single Hispanic dad of one, 25, 6'2", 247lbs., who likes art, the theater, dancing, music, scuba diving, jet skiing and stargazing. He seeks a funny, intelligent single female, 21-40. Ad#.8307

DESTINY
Single white male, 18, 5'7", 165lbs., with blond hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming and more, is seeking a single white female, 18-23. Ad#.8528

SEARCHING FOR YOU
Single white male, 20, with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an honest, affectionate, romantic single white female, 18-27, who likes to dance. Ad#.8348

NO GAMES, PLEASE
Don't waste any time, start exploring life with this single white male, 19, 6'2", who has dark hair and hazel eyes. He wants to meet a single white female, 18-23, who likes to enjoy life to the fullest. Ad#.9125

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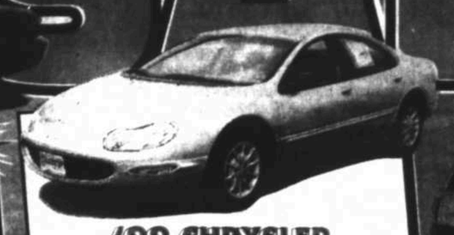
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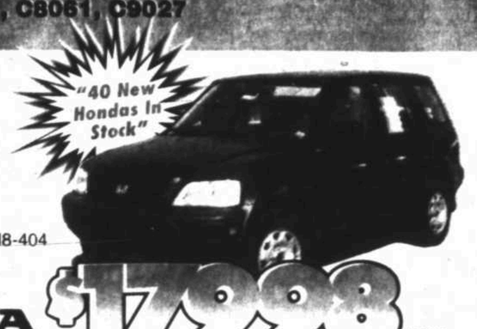
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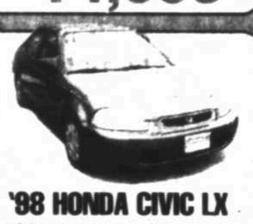
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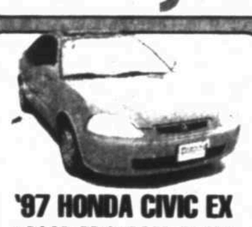
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THINKING ABOUT REMODELING?


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This time of year people are beginning to think spring although we may have plenty of winter left. The seed and bulb catalogs are arriving and many of us begin to plan gardens, if only in our minds. It also is the time when we begin to think about home improvements, and wondering just how much improvement is justified in our present home before we have overdone for the neighborhood. Your Realtor can sit down with you and go over the different types of additions and redo that will enhance your home where it is and other improvements that may not bring you a good return when you sell your home. Many of those improvements are strictly for your own family enjoyment, however some may truly increase the value of your home tremendously. An extra bath is always an asset if properly done. A swimming pool or hot tub may not be what the nest buyer is looking for or would consider a bonus. Discuss with your Realtor, the cost of remodeling versus moving up to a more workable plan. A new home, new neighborhood, lifestyle change may be the answer. If you cannot leave your neighborhood or if your home is ideal except for one or two little details, then perhaps the expense of redo is worth it as long as you realize you may end up with the most expensive home on the block when it comes time to sell. Now back to those catalogs, a garden can be as small as a few attractive pots on the patio to a full fledged victory garden. Start slow and grow!!!

This article submitted by Norma Pine, Owner of Chaparral Realtors.

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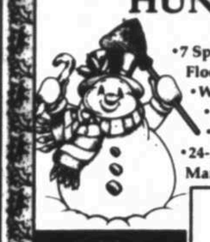
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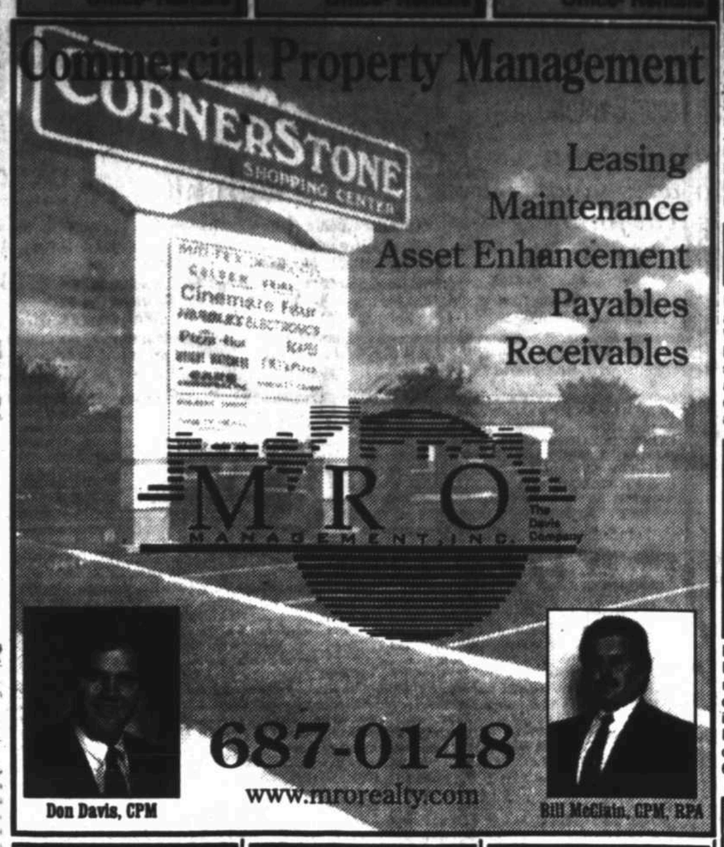
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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying Assumable
QA	Qualifying Assumable
Ac.	Acre
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Norma Pine.....$103,500

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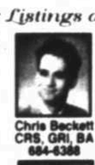
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SANDHILL CIR.....UNDER CONTRACT
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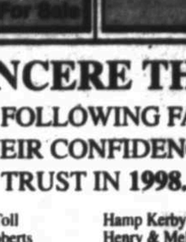

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3109 WHITTLE WAY	3BDR/2BTH	$84,500	
3209 SYCAMORE	3BDR/1BTH U/C	$21,250	
3202 N. "I" ST	3BDR/2BTH	$85,900	
7407 E. CO. RD. 90	3BDR/2BTH U/C	$65,900	
807 GOLF COURSE	3BDR/2BTH	$74,900	
4700 BOULDER, #1101	2BDR/2BTH	$21,500	
2832 LAKE C.R. 252	3BDR/2BTH	$35,000	
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1304 DELMAR	3BDR/2BTH	$39,900	
3100 W. MICHIGAN	2BDR/1BTH	$37,500	
1003 STANOLIND	3BDR/2BTH	$75,000	
1403 S. DALLAS	3BDR/1BTH	$25,500	
1021 WARD	3BDR/2 5BTH Townhouse	$134,500	
1201 S. HARRY, Monahans	3BDR/2BTH	$52,000	
1505 PUEBLO	3BDR/2BTH	$65,000	

4 or MORE BEDROOMS

3601 TANNER	4BDR/2BTH/2 Story	$44,500	
4203 CRESTGATE	4BDR/3BTH In-ground U/C	$117,900	
2204 CUTHBERT	4BDR/3BTH U/C	$98,500	
3503 NORTHFIELD	4BDR/4 5BTH	$145,250	
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4706 FROST: New Construction, 4BR, 3BA, open concept, will trade.....$145,900
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720 Homes for Sale

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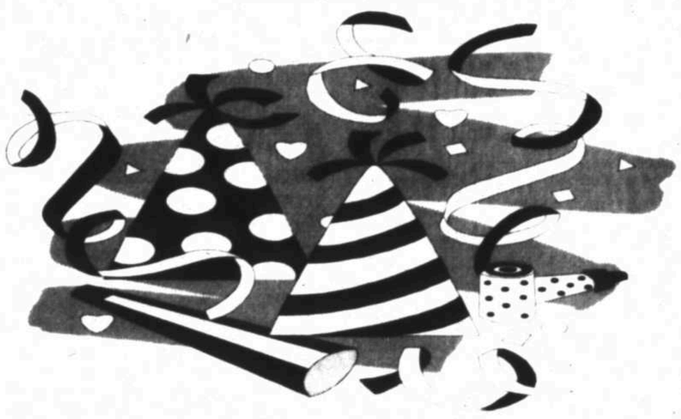
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3708 Mark Lane - $92,500
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Skylights - Formal Dining



3205 Marmon - $109,900
4 bd - 3 ba- 2 liv
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2409 Metz Place - $134,000
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6210 Oriole Court - $264,750
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VERDE GLEN	Beautiful New 2-Story Whitley: 5 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv	$	339,000
ORIOLE	Located on the Course: 3 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pool-Mexican Tile	$	264,750
VERDE GLEN	New Whitley Plan: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-4 Car Gar	$	254,000
VERDE GLEN	Beautiful Whitley: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Study-Sprinkler	$	249,900
RIDGEBORO	Beautiful New Graham! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Open/Airy	$	212,000
DEVLIN	Big Pretty Graham: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Wonderful Kitchen-Pick Colors	$	209,500
CRANSTON	Fantastic New! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Completed & Beautiful	$	205,000
CRANSTON		UNDER CONTRACT	
RUSTIC TR	Personality Plus! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-On the Course-Plantation Shutters	$	204,500
RADCLIFF		UNDER CONTRACT	
DUKES		UNDER CONTRACT	
SUNRISE	On The Course!: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Sequestered In-Law Plan	$	199,900
REO	NEW LISTING	$	192,500
	Remodeled Kitchen: 4 bd-4 ba-2 liv-Like Walking Into a Magazine Showhome		
CRANSTON	Pretty New Graham: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Light/Bright-Shutters	$	188,900
CRANSTON	Great New Graham: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors Now!	$	188,900
COUNTRY CLUB	Lovely Old Midland: 5 bd-4 ba-2 liv-Mstr.Bdrm Wing w/Loft	$	179,900
RUSTIC TR	On the Course: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Skylights-Separate Formal Dining	$	168,500
STERLING	Great New Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors	$	165,000
LANHAM	NEW LISTING	$	160,000
	Very Nice Townhome: 3 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Surrounds Lovely In-Ground Pool		
CULPEPER	Heated Pool: 4 or 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Seq.Mstr-Great Closet Space	$	155,900
WINCHESTER	Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Cul-de-Sac Close to Midland College	$	155,000
GREENRIDGE	Beautiful Morris Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plantation Shutters	$	154,900
HEATHER	REDUCED ! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Hobby Room + Bonus Room	$	149,900
STERLING CT	Wonderful Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Shutters/Miniblinds-Pick Colors	$	149,500
MOUNT VERNON		UNDER CONTRACT	
McCLINTIC	"New Look" in "Old Midland" 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pretty Pool	$	144,900
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Game Room	$	139,500
WHITMAN	By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR	$	138,950
DARTMOUTH	Beautiful: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Corian Countertops-Solar Tube Lighting	$	135,000
METZ PL	NEW LISTING	$	134,900
	Much Recent Updating: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Office Area off Master Bedroom		
LOCKHEED	Patio Home! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Updated-Bonus Rm	$	134,500
METZ PL	Wonderful: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Enc.Patio w/Hot Tub	$	134,000
CRISTA LN	New Canton Home: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Many Extras-Ready to Move Into	$	129,900
HUMBLE	NEW LISTING	$	129,900
	Beautiful Ma Mar Area: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Great Master Suite		
TATTENHAM	Quiet Country Living Close to Town: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Barn & Stalls	$	127,500
CROWLEY	NEW LISTING	$	127,500
	Pretty Garden Home: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Built in 1997-Beautiful Decor-Low Maintenance		
WHITMAN		UNDER CONTRACT	
SAND HILL		UNDER CONTRACT	
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan	$	125,950
ST ANDREWS	Fresh/Fresh/Fresh: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Even Restained All Woodwork!	$	124,900
GODFREY		UNDER CONTRACT	
BOULDER	Redone-Charmer: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Cute as a Button	$	120,000
WHITMAN	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan	$	118,675
GODFREY	New Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Amenities	$	117,000
GODFREY	New Hoffman Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$	117,000
WHITMAN		UNDER CONTRACT	
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Room to Grow	$	110,500
MARMON	Unique 2-Story: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-ManyBltins-Updated Kitchen	$	109,900
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Huge Master	$	105,500
HYDE PARK	Great Drive-Up! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Mature Trees!	$	104,500
NOEL	Fantastic Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Upgrades-Pretty	$	99,900
PURPLE SAGE	Cute Private Backyard: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Master Suite	$	99,500
STUTZ	Wonderful Home: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Seq.Mster-Many Recent Updates	$	99,500
LOCKHEED	Roomy with Lots of Personality: 4 bd-2. 5 ba-2 liv-Colorful	$	94,900
PINE		UNDER CONTRACT	
ABBEY PL	Wonderful: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Cul de Sac-Breezeway	$	93,900
WARD	Glassed Atrium: 3 bd-2 ba-1 Extra'Large Living-Workshop/Storage	$	92,500
MARK LN	Water Well! 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pool Size Backyard	$	92,500
WHITNEY	Lots of Updating: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Great Home	$	89,900
PINE	Location/Location/Location: 3 bd- 2 ba-2 liv-Many Built-Ins!	$	89,900
PRINCETON	REDUCED: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Hot Tub	$	89,900
FAIRHAVEN	Open Plan: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Master Suite	$	88,750
RIO GRANDE	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Model Home	$	88,446
IDLEWILDE	Beautiful Large Kitchen: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open/Bright-Lots of Storage	$	85,500
RIO GRANDE		UNDER CONTRACT	
CASPER	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR	$	81,500
SPENCE		UNDER CONTRACT	
GLENEAGLES		UNDER CONTRACT	
WYDEWOOD		UNDER CONTRACT	
W. GOLF COURSE	Nice: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Wonderful Tile	$	78,500
EMERSON		UNDER CONTRACT	
DORA	Cute/Clean: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Access-Fresh Paint/Wallpaper Touches	$	77,000
MICHIGAN	One-Owner: 3 bd-2 ba-Fresh Paint-Fresh Carpet!	$	76,900
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Huge Master	$	76,244
RIO GRANDE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan	$	76,244
CASPER	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	$	74,744
GRAHAM		UNDER CONTRACT	
FLOYD	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now	$	74,244
IMPERIAL	NEW LISTING	$	73,500
	Nice Home w/Lots of Updating: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Close to Schools		
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Your Amenities	$	73,900
GERALDINE	NEW LISTING	$	72,500
	Lovely: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Sequestered Master Bedroom		
TREVINO	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	$	71,900
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bdrm	$	70,225
RIO GRANDE	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available	$	70,225
TREVINO	New Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great for Retirees	$	68,225
CASPER	By Whitehead: 3 ba-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$	66,225
HUGHES	Great One-Owner: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Nice Beginner Home-Great Location	$	67,500
NEELY	Cul-de-Sac! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Super Master Bath	$	67,000
SPENCE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan	$	66,704
GRAHAM	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make it Yours	$	65,704
GRAHAM	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan	$	64,704
MCDONALD	Pretty 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Much Updating-Open/Bright	$	64,000
REEVES	Personality Plus! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Lots of Updating-Sprinkler	$	62,500
DOUGLAS	Great Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recent A/C Unit	$	58,000
COUNTRY CLUB	NEW LISTING	$	57,900
	Nice & Clean: 3 bd- 2 ba-1 liv-Established Neighborhood-Investment Possibilities		
CUTHBERT	Cute Beginner Home! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carpet Allowance	$	57,500

NEW CONSTRUCTION

TOM CANTON

CRISTA LN Ready For You! 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Lots of Extras-In Crestgate $ 129,900

ROBERT GRAHAM

RIDGEBORO $ 212,000
DEVLIN $ 209,500
CRANSTON $ 188,900
CRANSTON $ 168,500
STERLING $ 165,000
STERLING Light & Bright! 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Shutters/Miniblinds-Pick Colors $ 149,500

HOFFMAN CONSTRUCTION

GODFREY $ 117,000
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JAMES MORRIS

WEST WIND CT $ 425,000

FRED NOBLES

CRANSTON $ 265,000

WHITEHEAD CONSTRUCTION

WHITMAN $ 139,500
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RIO GRANDE $ 88,446
CASPER $ 81,500
SPENCE $ 76,244
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CASPER $ 74,744
FLOYD $ 74,244
SPENCE $ 73,900
TREVINO $ 71,900
SPENCE $ 70,225
RIO GRANDE $ 70,225
TREVINO $ 68,225
CASPER $ 66,225
SPENCE $ 66,704
GRAHAM $ 65,704
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GOLF COURSE	Nice & Roomy: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Rooms-Everything Updated	$	55,900
ROOSEVELT	Specially Renovated Duplex-Compact	$	55,750
CRENSHAW	Spacious: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fireplace-Recent Roofing	$	55,000
PARKDALE	Roomy: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Study-Ceramic Tile in Kitchen	$	54,900
N. D	Wonderful: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Old Fashioned "Texas" Neighborhood	$	52,000
MITCHELL	Five Duplexes: Each Side=2 bd-1 ba-Buy One or All	$	49,950 ea
EISENHOWER	Large: 3 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Builtins!-Apprx 10x20' Shop	$	49,900
PUEBLO	Great First Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recent Carpet & Vinyl	$	49,900
THOMASON	Cute: 3 bd-1.5 ba-2 liv-Ask About H.I.P. Financing	$	48,000
HARLOWE	Fresh Paint & Tile: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Clean & Ready to Move Into!	$	47,000
LOUISIANA	Nice Area: 2 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Come See to Visualize Potential	$	46,900
WESTBEND (Odessa)	Much Recent Incl. Foundation: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Cent. AC/Heat	$	39,900
WEATHERFORD		UNDER CONTRACT	
WAVERLY		UNDER CONTRACT	
BRUNSON	Investment or Beginner: 1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Call to See	$	25,000
BRUNSON	Investment Potential: 1 bd-1 b-1 liv-Poss. Starter	$	25,000
MULBERRY	Updated! Cute/Clean: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Storage Room-Fenced Yard	$	25,000

SUBURBAN LISTINGS

E. CO RD 110	Wow! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pool-Barn/Stable/Shop-Greenwood Schools	$	275,000
FM 307	Greenwood: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Apprx 5 Ac-5-Stall Barn-Pretty	$	201,500
S. CO RD 1128	Sunset Estates in Greenwood! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv	$	165,000
S. CO RD 1218	Near Air Strip: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Mstr=Fpl/Jacuzzi	$	143,500
S. FM 1788	Large 5-Bay Wrkshp: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Great Metro Access	$	125,000
S. CO RD 1184	Nice & Roomy! 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Great Workshop	$	104,900
W. CO RD 118		UNDER CONTRACT	
E. CO RD 83	Cute/Clean: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Apprx .49 Ac	$	29,900

COMMERCIAL

JASMINE	Zoned IPI	$	10,000
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E. HWY 80	Apprx 1.47 Ac-Service Rd Frontage-Easy Access/Great Visibility	$	35,000
META	Great Retail Location	$	50,000
KENTUCKY	Zoned C-3	$	108,000
MICHIGAN	Office Building-Lighted/Paved Parking-Meeting Room	$	225,000
FRONT	Zoned LI/RR Spur	$	450,000

LOTS & LAND

HAMBY	12 Lots	$	1,500 ea
WALNUT LN	2 Blocks	$	3,500 ea
ALAMO DR	2 Lots	$	4,500 ea
GARDEN LN	2 Blocks	$	4,500 ea
BOWIE DR	1 Lot	$	4,500
FLOYD CT	Residential Lot in Fairway Park	$	5,000
W. 87th (Odessa)	Residential Lot - Approx .53 Acre - Golf Course Lot	$	8,000
W. CR 123	Apprx .42Ac	$	9,500
S. CR 1122	20 Lots	$	10,000 ac
	Reata Ranch Estates - 2.5 Ac to 4.04 Ac - Residential - May be Sold Individually		
S. CR 1204	Apprx 2 Ac	$	11,900
W. CR 123	Apprx .66 Ac	$	19,500
CHERRYWOOD	Corner Lot	$	25,000
E. CR 1090	Greenwood	$	34,400
WHITMAN	+/-11 Ac	$	130,000
W. CR 2950	Martin Co.	$	220,000
I-20	22+Acres	$	285,000
COWDEN ADDN	10 Lots	$	400,000
PARKLEA ADDN	12 Lots	$	450,000
E.LOOP 250 N	Apprx 640Ac	$	1,248,000
E. LOOP 250 N	+/-65 Ac	$	1,300,000

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- Darling family home - Neat and clean
- Berber carpet in cozy den

Listed by Lee Denny



2814 MOSS
- Spacious 3 bedroom townhouse
- Gourmet kitchen-Mexican tile-Atrium
- Sparkling pool and spa

Listed by Louise Culver



1805 BATES - $89,500
- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area
- Ceramic tile and hardwood floors
- Beautiful yard with satillo tile decks in front and back

Listed by Becky Penney and Eula Heine



2407 AUBURN - REDUCED TO $89,500
- Four bedrooms, 2 living areas
- Quiet cul-de-sac location near schools and shopping
- Nice yard with beautiful trees

Listed by Lee Culver

NEW LISTINGS

NEELY-Classic Colonial! Two story, 5+/bd 4.5/ba 3/la. Brick floors great pool $199,500
SOUTH L-Fabulous Old Midland classic plus apartment in back. Lots of new! $190,000
MEADOWBROOK-Large 4/bd 2.5/ba, open floorplan, great for entertaining $126,000
HOLLOWAY-Museum area, two story with 4/bd 3.5/ba + apartment/office& workshop $125,000
GODFREY-Super condition! 4/bd 3/ba 2/la, formal dining. Hot tub $123,500
MOSS-Townhouse with pool, 3/bd 2.25 bath, lots of updating, great features $110,000
ST ANDREWS-Great floorplan, looks like new! 3/bd 2/ba in Fairmont $94,800
CIMMARON-Darling 3/bd, 2/bd, 2/la in great shape, fireplace, berber carpet $69,500
ERIE-4/bd 2/ba, nice storage building - Home Warranty $52,000
S CR 1220-Spacious 3/bd on 2 acres. South on Midkiff to W CR 118, north 1 mi $49,900
STOREY-Inexpensive "Old Midland" 3/bd 2/ba $47,900
CEDAR SPRING-Nice 3/bd 2/ba 2/la, water softener with R/O. Lots of space $47,900
CR 143- 2/bd 2/ba mobile home is great area on 2 acres. Owner finance available $27,000

SENSATIONAL HOMES OVER $100,000

CR 1130-Hill country charm-4/bd 2/ba 3/la indoor pool & recreation room on 5.8 acres $290,000
S HWY 349 - 31.2 ac land with 2 houses $250,000
HWY 176-ANDREWS-Cowboys paradise,3/bd 2/bd on 16.92 acres, arena, 250 trees $205,000
CHERRYWOOD-Fantastic custom Graham home, 4/bd + study 3/ba, Briarwood $177,500
S CO RD 1130 - Lots of new in this 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 fp & 3 car gar - 2.63 ac $165,000
E CO RD 120 - 2 story office bldg. Corner Rankin Hwy $150,000
W CO RD 56 - Superior 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 car gar, huge workshop, 3 ac. ..... REDUCED! $139,500
MARMON-Charm and beauty throughout, 4/bd 3/ba 3/la ..... SOLD
LOCKHEED - Beautiful with so many possibilities in Old Midland over 2900 sqft $135,000
PARKHURST - Super 3 or 4 br & 3 ba with great SHOP! Won t last long! $129,500
SHANDON-Fabulous 5 bedroom, 3/ba 2/la, Lots of tile, super kitchen, ... REDUCED!! $125,000
CARDINAL LN - Horse lovers home w/2 acres, 3/bd 2/ba 2/la $125,000
CASADY CT-Great one owner home in Trinity Estates. 4/bd 3/ba 2 /la. ..... REDUCED!!$119,500
FANNIN-4/bd 2.5/ba Large family home in established Fannin neighborhood $112,500

TERRIFIC VALUES UNDER $100,000

CRESTMONT-Perfect! 3/bd 2/ba 2/la. Brightest gem in Fairmont ..... REDUCED!! $109,500
AUBURN - 4/br 2/ba, located on cul-de-sac, great landscaping ..... PRICED SLASHED$89,500
MICHIGAN - Old Midland charm. Lots of sq. footage, Berber carpet, 10X24' OS $92,500
BATES-4/bd, 2/ba, 2/la, Super nice older home. Off Andrews Hwy. near Loop $89,500
S CR 1130-No better value under 90K-3/bd 2ba. on 1.25 acres ..... UC
PROVIDENCE-3/bd 2/ba 2/living areas-Great value, clean, open, pretty yard ..... REDUCED!$79,900
MICHIGAN-Beautiful Austin Stone 3/bd 2/ba 2/la, home warranty recent a/c & roof $74,900
PRINCETON-Lovely Old Midland 2/bd 2/ba 2/gar. Convenient locale $79,500
FANNIN-Neat and loved. 3/bd 2/ ba 2 car garage, fireplace $76,950
FLARE- 3/bd 2/ba 2/la. Great floorplan with huge sequestered master ..... REDUCED$75,000
CLOUDCROFT-3/bd, 2/ba - Precious home, buyer can choose new carpet color $74,000

S CR 1160-Southeast of Midland-2.8 acres, 3/bd 2/ba, fireplace. Sharp property! $72,500
GERALDINE-Great townhouse with low maintenance, 2/bd, 2/ba, 2/la, 2 car garage ..... SOLD
BEECHWOOD - 3 Duplexes -2 br/2 ba For Sale or Lease $70,000
CR 105-Greenwood-Fabulous 3/bd 2/ba, new roof and paint, excellent condition $69,500
MISSION CT-Super neat 2/bd 2/ba townhome. Refrigerator remains $69,500
DOUGLAS DR.-Spacious 2/bd, 2/ba in established area. Charming home. New a/c $69,900
STOREY-Charming 3/bd 2/ba 2 car garage, 2 patios, large lot ..... REDUCED! $61,900
PRINCETON- 3/bd 2/ba 2/car garage, enclosed patio could be gameroom/2nd living $54,900
COUNTRY CLUB-3/bd 2/ba with lots of new, plus carpet allowance ..... SOLD
GLENWOOD-Charming & nicely decorated, 3/bd 2/ba 2/garage $49,950
KANSAS - Neat & clean 3/bd 2/ba with huge covered patio $49,900
BOYD - 3 bd/ 2 ba, lots of storage ..... SOLD
MADERA - Odessa- 3/bd 1/ba new roof, siding, thermo windows, large backyard $45,000
LONGSHORE-in Big Spring, Forsan Schools!3 br/2 ba, superb condition $42,500
BAIRD-3 br/2 ba/2 car garage $41,000
CUTHBERT-Good buy on 3/bd 2/ba separate dining w/recent a/c. Approx 1200 sq ft $37,900
TRAVIS-Large 2/bd 2/ba plus office or second living area, high ceilings, fireplace $39,900
DEVONIAN-Complete remodel, new carpet, paint, 3/bd, 1.5/ba. Ready to move in $39,000
MORGAN WAY-Large 4/bd 2.5/ba Nice large house for the money $38,000
DELANO-Pristine and charming, 2/bd, fireplace. Excellent condition ..... SOLD
KENTUCKY - 4 br/2 ba converted duplex $32,000
SPRAYBERRY-Under construction, complete remodel-2/bd 1.5/ba w/20X30 workshop $32,000
HOLLOWAY - 2 br/1 ba, with exceptional potential. Great investment! $27,560
CANYON-Solid starter home. 2/bd 1/ba 1/garage ..... REDUCED!! $22,000
CEDAR SPRING-Great starter home. New carpet & interior paint, large trees ..... SOLD
MARIANA-Great investment opportunity. 4 duplexes w/2 br/ ba ..... $22,260 to $24,380
E CR 140-Mobile home lots, some w/ septic & water well Starting at ..... $8,000-$14,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES & VACANT LOTS

COMMERCIAL-8th St. in Odessa-Great visability $180,000
COMMERCIAL - Andrews Hwy - super office bldg, 4 units or 1 large ..... REDUCED!! $140,000
COMMERCIAL - Lot on Big Spring $150,000
E CO RD 120 - Office bldg w/ parking $150,000
10 ACRES - Middle of Greentree North $150,000
MEDICAL/OFFICE BUILDING -Approx 4975' one story office in "Old Town" $110,000
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.47 acres) $13,000
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.0 acres) - $12,000
TEJAS - 1 Lot on 2.5 acres, Ranch Estates- ..... REDUCED!! $5,500
LOTS OF LOTS - within your budget! ..... $600-$8,000
W. SHANDON - One lot $2,950
W. SHANDON - Three lots ea $2,100-2,800
LOTS - Several lots near Big Spring St. from $995-$2,950 call for info.
FOR LEASE - Downtown office space.1800 sq ft on Indiana St.

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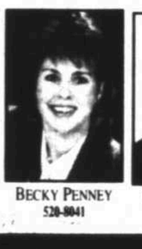

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Buying and Selling!!! Give Me A Call!

1805 Louisiana-3/2-Very Clean		$59,500
3305 Princeton- 3/2/2	REDUCED	$73,500
3507 Boyd-2/2, Townhouse	U/C	$89,000
3809 Crestridge-5/4-		$139,000

SUBURBAN

3401 S Co Rd 1066-, 3BR/2BA, New Listing		$27,500
9901 S Co Rd 1218-New Listing, 4/3, 41+ acres, custom		$199,000
5203 E Hwy 158-2/2, New Listing		$119,000
5205 E Hwy 158-4/2, New Listing		$39,900
7001 W Co Rd 68-4/3/Pool, New Listing		$146,750
6801 E Co Rd 95-4/2.5		$54,200
5105 S Co Rd 1183 1/2-2/2 Owner Finance		$40,000
7403 E Co Rd 90-3/1.5		$79,900
5608 S Co Rd 1200-3/2		$123,000
10611 E Co Rd 95-3/2 - Greenwood	REDUCED	$89,900
217 Carol Lane - 4/3 beautiful pool, Shop		$117,000
6005S Co Rd 1065-3/2 with 68 acres		$119,900
3812 Cottonflat-2BR/2BA, 10 Acres	REDUCED	$58,000
13912 W Co Rd 123-3/2 5/1 beautiful	REDUCED	$94,950
2400 W Co Rd 123-New Listing, 10 acres, 3/2/2		$74,000
1405 S Co Rd 1130-New Listing, 3/2/Out buildings	REDUCED	$109,950
3314 WCR 185-4/3, Skywest Airport		$199,500
20 Acres near Skywest Airport on Cty Rd 1218		$60,000
10014 S Co Rd 1213 3/2 at Skywest Airport		$259,000

STANTON

1210 Carpenter-3/3/3 LA	$79,900

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FEATURED HOMES



2409 AUBURN ..... CUL-DE-SAC $91,000
Huge sequestered master bedroom with great closets. Neutral color scheme, new kitchen appliances, high ceiling in living room with skylights. Mature oak trees in front & back. Low maintenance living on quiet cul-de-sac. Priced at appraised value.



302 E. COUNTY RD. 130 ..... PRICE REDUCED!!! $55,000
2 acres, fully fenced. 2 living areas, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, many improvements, 2 water wells.

FABULOUS FAMILY HOMES

1801 FRANCIS ..... 4.78 ACRES IN TOWN $85,000
Great potential with 2 residences, 2 shop buildings, 4+ car carport, storage buildings, 2 water wells. Zoned industrial park. Convenient to I20 & Rankin Hwy. Great for investor or small business operations!

106 CLUB DR ..... BIGGER THAN IT LOOKS! $79,900
Over 1800 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Updated kitchen, sequestered master bedroom & bath, 2 living areas, hardwood floors, lots of windows for light.

810 LAWSON ..... $3000 BUYER INCENTIVE $69,900
Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, fireplace in den. Updated kitchen, work island. Nice landscaping, big backyard, lots of trees. Oversized 2 car garage.

905 MICHIGAN ..... REDUCED AGAIN!!!! $65,000
Architecturally renovated bungalow! Beautiful hardwood floors throughout. High ceilings, skylights, fireplace, study, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car garage, large back yard.

4508 PATMAN PL ..... INGROUND POOL!!! $63,500
Located on a quiet cul-de-sac in Northgate Addition. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. A GREAT BUY!!

1800 W. TENNESSEE ..... COTTAGE IN "OLD MIDLAND" $51,500
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, hardwood floors, new exterior paint.

4400 BROOKDALE $42,900
3 bedrooms, 2 baths. New carpet throughout. New paint inside & out.

4701 E. CO. RD. 140 ..... SALE PENDING

615 RUBY $39,900
Great buy in Permian Estates. Built in 1978! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage. Nice condition with updated carpet and paint.

4412 MONTY ..... READY TO MOVE IN! $39,900
Darling home with 3 bedrooms & 2 baths. Newer carpet, new wallpaper & fresh interior paint. Nice size kitchen, formal dining. Lots of windows make it light & bright. Huge backyard with covered patio. 1 car garage.

604 ESTES ..... WALK TO DOWNTOWN! $38,000
Brick 2 or 3 bedroom home. 2 living areas. Over 1600 sq. ft., No paint trim, storm windows, hardwood floors under carpet. So convenient to downtown.1st time buyers assistance available. Call for financing details.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR LEASE

2106 N. BIG SPRING-Office - 1600 sq. ft. $800.00/Month
2903 W. WALL-Warehouse space $1,000/Month

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Happy New Year!

NEW YEAR/BRAND NEW LISTING!....Beautiful Briarwood listing on quiet street has 4 bedrooms, large kitchen, formal dining, 3 car garage, custom built-ins and large trees. Don't miss this special listing. Call Anita for more! $142,500

NEW YEAR/GREAT DEAL!....Call Anita about the great deal you can get on this 3 bedroom, 1 car garage with fireplace. Big kitchen/breakfast rm, garden room in backyard. Recently replaced carpet and some fresh paint $44,500

NEW YEAR/NEW PRICE!.... 3 bedroom, 2 bath in quiet established neighborhood has large living area with corner fireplace, indoor utility, 2 full baths, no back yard neighbors. Just reduced $5,500! $52,000

NEW YEAR/FRESH START!....Shine brightly around this home located on a beautiful tree-filled street. 3 bedrooms with sequestered master, 3.5 baths and 2 living areas plus formal dining. Lovely tile floonng, spacious rooms, 2 back yards with easy maintenance. This home is one of a kind! Fresh interior paint and carpet. Just ask Anita $86,900



NEW YEAR/GREAT LOCATION!...Great location on spacious corner lot, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has 2 living areas plus a garden room overlooking landscaped back yard. Updates include fresh exterior paint and replaced carpeting. Don't miss this one! $72,900



NEW YEAR/NEAT HOME!...Around this special 4 bedroom home in desirable neighborhood with 2 living areas plus formal dining, sequestered master, low maintenance front yard and fenced, covered back porch. Call Anita for more! $84,900



NEW...NEW...NEW TO THE MARKET!...Beautifully kept Kahler built house is just 5 years new and sparkles! Located just south of Green Tree, this 4 bedroom has tile floors, plantation shutters, sequestered master, white washed cabinets and much more. Located on a quiet culdesac $126,900

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5 BEDROOMS

AULD LANG SYNE Lots more good times to be had in this custom-built PAUL WEST home. 5 BD, 5 1/2 BA, 2 story home with formals, den, study/office, hobby/shop room, fabulous pool and cabana. Plus so many more amenities $525,000
JANUARY JUBILEE lasts all year long in this lovely 5BD, 3 1/2 BA home in Grassland Estates. TROY HUNT home has study/office, formals, and den. Buyer still has time to make selections $229,900

4 BEDROOMS

TIME'S SQUARE FUN Celebrate in this custom-built TROY HUNT home in Green Tree. 4 BD, 4 BA, formal living, formal dining, den, workshop, and game room $450,000
PRIDE OF THE NEW YEAR 4 BD home in Green Tree. 3.5 BA, 2-story home with formal living, formal dining, study/office, and balcony. Extra large hot tub outside $199,900
"IT WAS A GOOD YEAR" is what you'll say Dec. after a year in this beautiful 4 BD, 3 BA home, formal living area, den, study/office, and 3-car garage. Plus, satellite system, water softener and R/O system $154,000
WAKE UP TO A NEW YEAR and enjoy this gorgeous ROBERT GRAHAM resale. 4 BD, 2 1/2 BA, formal living, and sequestered master suite. Popular floor plan flows from room to room $126,000
MAKE A RESOLUTION to begin a great year in the living room, den, or game room of this fabulous 4 BD, 2 BA home. Home has wet bar, workshop, RV parking. Must see to appreciate the special features. Call today! $97,500

3 BEDROOMS

RING IN THE NEW YEAR Rejoice for years to come in this comfortable 3 BD, 2.5 BA home. "Old Midland" location, plus Formal living, den, and spacious kitchen. Must see to appreciate the beautiful landscaping $132,500
KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR And score BIG savings in this 3 BD, 2 BA home. Delicious home has den, study/office, seq. master, and formal dining. Don't get yourself bent out of shape. Call today to view $89,900
COUNTRY NEW YEAR Enjoy the holidays in front of the warm fireplace in the spacious living area or the guest bedroom. 3 BD, 2 BA, 2 story home. Open floorplan downstairs. Large garage and shop facilities. 2.5 acres w/pasture $98,900
RESOLVE TO PAY LESS 3 BD, 3 BA home in great "Old Midland" location! 2 LA, second LA=s great game room or office, lots of square footage, recently updated $79,900
TOAST IN THE NEW YEAR Welcome loved ones to this roomy 3BD, 2 BA home. HUGH living area with fireplace, plus plenty of parking in the covered patio, 1-car garage, and 2-car parking pad $57,900
START THE NEW YEAR OUT RIGHT by owning this warm and comfy 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Living area w/recent carpet, beautiful yard, 2 storage buildings & Windmill Gazebo. Lots of updating & loving care $45,900

2 BEDROOMS

RESOLUTIONS ARE RESOLVED in this delightful 4-year old home. Home has spacious feel in 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, terrific kitchen and living area. Work shop/storage building and nice, nice landscaping $69,900
INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE with great savings on this 2 BD, 1 BA home. And it's a bargain for so little. Beat the Christmas rush to own this darling home $39,900

KEITH ANTILLEY'S RECENTLY BUILT HOMES IN GRASSLANE ESTATES:

5806 DEVLIN-4BD, 3 1/2 BA, formal living, den, security system, Jacuzzi-style tub, and so much more $207,900
5804 DEVLIN-4 BD, 3 BA, formal living, den, security system, covered patio, and more amenities $204,900
5802 GRASSLAND-4BD, 3 1/2 BA, formal living, den, security system, formal dining, plus so much more $188,500

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The pilots are in Australia. The gondola is being loaded. Weather reports look good at this point. The launch window opens on Monday, December 28 (U.S. date). The launch window will remain open for about three weeks. If everything goes on schedule, the launch should occur between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

NEW LISTINGS:

2100 Oaklawn	$165,000
4505 Rosewood	$142,500
3210 Seaboard	$113,500
4509 Fairbanks	$ 83,900
4824 Shadylane	$ 56,900
10509 E. Co. Rd. 109	$139,900
4911 Fields Pl.	$124,900
4105 Dyer Circle	$112,500
2400 Shandon	$98,900
4509 Graves	$92,500
10905 E. Co. Rd. 106	$69,900

UNDER CONTRACT THIS WEEK

5613 Highland: $157,900

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4 OR MORE BEDROOMS

Fairwood $625,000
Fabulous 5 BD, 5 1/2 Baths, Zoned HVAC, Formals, den, study/office, hobby/shop, intercom, sec. system, jacuzzi-style tub. Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 682-8820, to view this exquisite home.

Oriole $425,000
Absolutely Breathtaking View of the golf course from this Spectacular 5 bedroom, 3 LA home, a place for everything here. Call Deborah Pierce 520-2112 for your private viewing.

Island Drive ..... Reduced $415,000
SPECTACULAR Mark Payne custom. Five bedroom plus study. Pool & yard on well. Shows like new with a fabulous view! Call Donna Pehl 697-0490.

Rustic Trail-Reduced $409,000
Builder's own home in Greentree. Spacious living in 4BD, 4BA, steam shower in master. Fabulous built-in TV wall, 5 car garage with workshop. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Grassland-5719 Hillcrest $294,900
5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 liv., 4 car garage - custom one owner. Call Jo.

Choate-Trinity Estates $293,500
4 bedrooms + study or 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Call Jo.

Fairwood $289,000
Henry Nickolaon custom, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, 3 car garage, many, many lavish extras. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Co. Rd. 1244 ..... $245,000
Gutted & remodeled & additions & beautiful 4 BD, 3 1/2 baths, 2.2 acres. Have to see to believe. Denise 697-1799- ask for as-is price.

Ridgefield Ct. $235,000
Gorgeous 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, study & 3 car garage. Only 1 1/2 yrs. old. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Devlin $229,900
5 bedrooms plus a study/office, 3 1/2 BA, formal living, den, formal dining, jacuzzi-type tub, and zoned heat & A/C. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Heartland-Reduced $218,500
5 BD, 3 BA, 2 LA and absolutely U/C too many amenities to list, so please cal for info. 1 block to club house at Elementary. Denise Underwood 697-1799.

Sunrise Ct. $214,900
Gorgeous home with wonderful view of 6th green-Greentree North. 4BR, 2LA, 3 baths, formal dining, double fireplace, 3 car garage. A/C rep 98, roof 97, carpet & paint 97. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Radcliff Ct $210,000
Mark Payne resale in mint condition, superb finish work, large bedrooms, in-law plan, gourmet kitchen, sunroom. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Devlin $207,900
4 Bd, 3.5BA, 2LA Keith Antilley home under construction. Security System and so many extras. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Devlin $204,900
Call Marilyn Jo Smith to find out the details on this Keith Antilley home under construction.

Heartland $199,000
Immaculate 5 bedroom + bonus rm has 2 living & formal dining, beautiful built-ins, and so much more. Beautiful cul-de-sac location. Call Anita.

Teakwood in Greentree C.C. $199,000
Picture perfect, this 4BR/ 3 BA or 3 BR w/lovely study. Looks like a house beautiful magazine layout in every room. Call Joyce Brickey 682-3191 for all the bells & whistles. It'll loaded!

Skywood Circle $197,500
Beautiful new family home in quiet, old-fashioned neighborhood. 4 BR's, 3 baths, 1 LA, formal dining - Meadowland Estates. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Grassland $189,900
New construction by Troy Hunt! Buy now to pick your own colors on brick, carpet, tile & cabinets! 4 bedrooms, 2 living plus a study, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, sprinkler system, plantation shutters, etc! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Grassland $188,900
Keith Antilley is building another one! 4BD, 3.5BA, 2 LA, and so much more! Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

"Old Midland"-DON'T MISS THIS! $179,900
Fabulous 4 bedroom located on Princeton, tons of windows overlooking gorgeous yard with pool. Call Deborah 520-2112. Decorating allowance too!

Cypress Ct-REDUCED!! $179,900
Spectacular view of the course from this 3 or 4 BD, 2 or 3 living area home w/formal dining &/or study, double fireplace, 2 car garage & more! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Highland Ct. $179,900
Beautiful 11 month old 4 bedroom, 3 full bath, 2 living area home on cul-de-sac. Den plus gameroom, sequestered master and in-law plan. 3 garage. Hurry! Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Grassland Blvd-Under Appraisal $174,900
Only lived in 3 mos. - Seller transferred - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 LA, 3 garage, shutters, RO, water softner, security, landscaped, Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Hillcrest-New Listing $169,900
4 bedroom, 2 living, 3 baths, 3 car garage. Wonderful. Call Jo.

Greenridge $169,900
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living area. WOW! Super custom cul-de-sac, large lot, spacious kitchen, tile floor, large utility, approx 200' stg./work area in garage, gorgeous homes with many upgrades. Call Ruth 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Teakwood Trace $169,900
4 BD, 3.5 BA, 2 story home with formals, study/office, and balcony. Covered patio and hot tub outside. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Cherrywood-Reduced $169,000
Briarwood -Beautiful Kahler Resale! Four large bedrooms, three baths, one living area. High ceilings, built-ins, great closets, three car garage. Call Sam House at 682-8820.

Castleford-Reduced $164,000
Impressive, elegant, and surprisingly warm & inviting, 4 bed, 2 LA, 3 1/2 BA in Saddle Club South, 2 1/2 fireplaces, enormous country kitchen, call Denise 697-1799.

Coventry Lane ..... Reduced $163,500
Fantastic R. Graham resale SOLD all the amenities, 4 BR's, 3 baths, 2 LA, formal dining, 3 car garage, 2 fireplaces, beautiful landscaping - immaculate condition. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Tattenham $163,000
Drive by and call to see this pretty 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 1.10 acres, 2 water wells and a large house in back, seller is accepting offers! Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Polo Park-Southampton $161,900
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living. Immaculate Call Jo.

Green Tree Blvd-Reduced! $159,900
4 bd, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, U/C fireplaces, 2 living areas, 2 dining, study, pool, 2 car garage, 2 story victorian! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Highland ..... Reduced $157,900
Fabulous Grassland Resale! U/C includes study, security, R.O. & softener - Immaculate! Call Donna Pehl 697-0490.

Woodhaven $154,900
Versatile plan for 5 bedrooms or 4 plus an office. 3 full baths and 3-car garage. Delightful home in beautiful condition. Call Marilyn Jo Smith TODAY!

Greentree $154,900
Fabulous custom home! Loads of windows. Beautiful kitchen cabinets, great storage, large bedrooms, 3 full baths, formal dining. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Brighton $149,900
Saddle Club South, quiet street, wonderful house. 4 great bedrooms, 3 full baths, exc. master, separate formal dining. Light & bright. Superb floor plan. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Beautiful 5 Bedroom-Open-Light & Bright $149,900
Trees, pool, near park. Great house. Please call Jo.

Woodhaven $147,500
Beautiful and spacious 4BD, 3 B U/C great floor plan can be 4 BD or 3BD/2LA. Completely updated. Ch...g courtyard w/pond! Plenty of parking space. Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 682-8820.

Los Alamitos-New Listing $146,000
Saddle Club, 4BR/3BA, recently updated. Great floor plan & landscaping. Call Sam.

Stoneleigh $144,900
Wonderful 4 bedroom, Polo Park, sequestered master, formal dining, great! Please call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Goldenrod, Gardendale (W. Co. Rd. 30) $143,900
Nestled among the pines! 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA; 2 Liv., formal dining. Over 200 trees! Located on 2.498 acres. Inground pool. Call Joel Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696 to see this lovely home today!!

Rosewood $142,500
This beautiful 4 bedroom home in Briarwood has lg. kitchen, formal dining, 3 car garage, custom built-ins and large trees. Call Anita!

Humble ..... Reduced $139,900
Beautiful "Old Midland" 4 bd, 3 bath, 3 living areas, low maintenance yards, 2 car garage, circle drive, sequestered guest room, walk to Fasken Park & more. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Mellar $136,500
Act Now! Unbelievable Priced. Huge bedrooms, great baths, 2 fabulous living areas, formal dining. Extra living quarters, gorgeous courtyard. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Melville $134,900
Beautiful Bob Tinney home - 4 BD, 2.5 bath, large master. Mary Jo Drury 684-4266.

10613 E. Co. Rd. 109 ..... $133,900
New Construction by Michael Davis in Windmill Ridge - 3 or 4 bdrms, lots of tile, Greenwood schools, call Clemmie.

King Richard $131,500
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, open concept plan - still time to choose your own colors! Call Deborah 520-2112.

Lancashire ..... Reduced $129,900
Newly decorated, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, formal dining, plantation shutters, brick flooring - must see. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Crestwood $128,900
Popular Robert Graham plan. 4 bedrooms, two and a half baths and immaculate condition. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Rebel Drive $127,900
Quality 4 BR plus office. 2 Liv SOLD ER 50's-60's "soda fountain" gameroom. 1 BR guest hou...ellent condition. Near Lee High. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appt. to see this beautiful home.

King Richards Row $126,900
Immaculate 4 bedroom Kahler built home has wonderful kitchen w/huge built-in china cabinet/desk, berber carpet, large rooms, lite, brite and beautiful! Call Anita.

Melville $125,000
Very nice four bedroom that we U/C 87. Many amenities such as large kitchen with island, sprinkler sy...m, rear entry garage and formal dining. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

Sherwood $123,000
4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, brand U/C ady for you. Whitewash cabinets & tiled floors, sprinkler system, blin...roughout too! Call Deborah 520-2112.

Goddard ..... Reduced! $114,000
4 bed, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car gar, 2 carport, swimming pool, garden room, tile floors, totally updated, great location, walk to school. Seller will pay $1,000 of buyer's closing costs, plus $3,000 decorating allowance. Hurry! Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Fairfax Ct. $114,000
Wonderful cul-de-sac location. Great plan with huge bedrooms and lots & lots of windows! Beautiful yard with mature trees. Call Billie 697-5645.

Mellar-WORKSHOP ..... Just Reduced $113,000
4 bedroom, 2 living, immaculate, workshop. Please call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Skyline Terrace-Walk to School, Pretty & Bright $107,500
4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 liv. areas, recent upgrades, tile floors & new tile countertops & pretty backyard. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Teakwood ..... Reduced $105,900
Great Price & area, great property, 4 bedrooms, huge living area, good size yard, wide driveway, 2 car garage. Recent upgrades. Must See! Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Stanolind ..... Reduced $99,900
5 bdrms, large kitchen, sequestered mstr bdrm with fireplace. Call Clemmie.

Stanolind $99,700
Great floorplan, big bedrooms, formal living & dining, great price for over 2700 sq. ft. home! Always call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Shandon-New Listing $99,900
Fannin School, pool, workshop, decking, please call Jo Braden.

Bedford $97,900
4BD, 2BA, formal living area, and den. Covered patio, workshop, and an auto sprinkler with separate water well. 1-car attached garage and 2-car detached. 2% Buyer's Allowance. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Keenland-Country in City $95,500
This property has been recently updated with all new carpet and paint, extra room has been converted back to a two car garage. .63 acres. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Cuthbert $95,500
Very nice 4BR, 3 bath, 2 LA's, plus sunroom, 2 CG. Lots of Room! Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Windsor-New Listing $95,500
4 bedroom, 2 living areas, sequestered master bdrm, Call Clemmie.

Metz Dr. $90,900
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 living area home has sequestered master, lg. indoor utility, easy maintenance front yard. Call Anita!

Culver ..... Reduced $79,900
Mom will love the country kitchen, dad the workshop & the kids their huge bedrooms, with over 3000 sq. ft. What's not to love. Call Vicky.

Wilshire Park-If you rent you can afford title $49,900
4 bedrooms, 2 liv., 2 baths, workshop, tile floor in kitchen. Extra insulation, ref. air cond., much new in this home. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or Larry Hatfield 684-0369.

Harlowe Drive $49,800
Cute 4BR, 2 liv. areas. Much ... U/C throughout. Enclosed sunroom, RV parking in rear. In great condition. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appointment.

3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

FenwayTownhome Living At It's Best! $209,000
Formal area open & bright, cozy family room w/built-ins & fireplace. Sequestered master, lush master bath, superb floor plan with 3 car garage. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Greentree Country Club $154,900
Sparkles from inside to outside! Sequestered master, study, formal dining, 3 1/2 baths, this home is loaded. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield to see 684-0369.

Greentree Country Club ..... Reduced $153,000
Builder's home feature rich, Bright open floor plan w/gorgeous master suite bath. Includes Country Club Membership. Careful it's loaded! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Juniper ..... Reduced $149,900
One-of-a-kind home, 3 Bd, 3 bath, w/soaring ceilings, fabulous lawn, walls of pella windows, extra parking, tile, berber, etc! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Healy Ave.- $145,000
Fabulous custom townhouse! T U/C m, 2.5 baths, combination formals. Amenities incl. recent carpet, paint. Call Sam 682-8820.

Meadowwood Ct. $142,900
Great 2 BR, 2 bath, 1 LA Patio home, great location, lots of amenities - must see. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Castleford $137,500
Outstanding finish work & ceiling treatments, huge rooms, great built-ins, 2 1/2 baths, lovely landscaping - exceptional! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Country Club $132,500
3BD, 2.5BA, 2LA, & beautiful landscaping. You will love it. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Neely-New Listing $127,500
Large patio home priced to sell. Call Clemmie.

Lafayette Place $125,000
New Orleans in Midland! Lovely townhome with recent paint, tile, a/c, roof, dishwasher & HWH. 2 BR's, 2 LA's, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage. Pride of ownership shows! Please call Jane Petree 682-1995 or 425-7255.

Wedgewood-Reduced! $122,900
STUNNING Garden home SOLD ...bulous patio - all amenities - call Donna 697-0490.

Western-Pool ..... Reduced $99,000
WOW! $2,400 buyer incentive. Need a home/office? Second living area is PERFECT! Cute kitchen, breakfast area, cozy family room, super bedrooms, updated bath. So much space for your money. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Haynes-PICTURE PERFECT- OFFERS! ..... Reduced $105,000
Gorgeous patio home w/some yard. Spacious 3BR, 2 1/2BA with so much new! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370 or 686-8323.

Edgemont-New Listing $103,000
Large sequestered master, great floor plan. Call Clemmie.

Wydewood $99,900
READY TO MOVE? Then see this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with den, study/office & formal dining. It's a winner!! Call Marilyn Jo Smith 682-8820.

Brunswick-Patio Home ..... Reduced $97,500
3/2 - low maintenance, wet bar, large master suite! Plus formal dining...Please call Donna 682-8820, ext. 158.

Mark Ln $97,500
SOLD David Baker new construc...borhood, extra nice kitchen w/built-ins & white washed cabinets! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Mark Lane $97,000
Bonus room off breakfast area, oversized bedrooms, huge living area, house out back for teenagers. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Nelson Road $95,000
Wonderful family home with sp... U/C ol. Lots of recent updating - carpet, ceramic tile, kitchen appliances, pool equip., 3 BR's, 2 baths, 1 LA, "Big bedrooms" - 2 car garage plus large carpet. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Greves $92,500
Wonderful house in ODESSA, located near the mall - call for a list of the amenities, Clemmie.

St. Andrews $89,900
Picture pretty, formal dining, great kitchen, landscaped yard, Call Clemmie.

#9 Marinor Ct ..... Reduced $89,000
Spacious 3 BD, 2 bath home w/formal dining, 2 car rear entry garage, cul-de-sac, Fannin area & new carpet! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Club Drive $89,000
Charming "Old Midland" location - Hardwood & brick floors, 2 BR's, 2 baths, formal dining, really neat kitchen opens on glassed sunroom and fireplace/plus guest house with fireplace & knotty pine. Charming & Affordable. Jane Petree.

Lavaca $89,900
3 BD, 2 BA home with d SOLD R/O, covered patio and breakfast area. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Edgemont $89,500
Lite, brite, 2 BR, 2 BA, high cei U/C fireplace, recent flooring in kichen & living area, great curb appeal. Call Clayton Alexander 682-9494.

Wedgewood $89,000
Townhome - super low maintenance and utility bills, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, soaring ceilings with loft in Trinity. Deborah 520-2112.

Joy Dr.-Shows Like A Model Home! $88,500
Picture Perfect 3 bed plus sitting area in master, 2 living areas with fireplace, large bedrooms. Lovely yard. Walk to school. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Wedgewood ..... Reduced $87,500
Patio home with vaulted ceiling, skylights, french doors, double patios in status neighborhood. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Fannin Terrace $86,900
Unique 3 bedroom/3.5 baths, with trees!! 2 living + formal dining. Beautiful tile flooring. Call for more! Anita Noles.

Fannin $85,000
Take a look at me now! New berber carpet & paint in sunroom – close to Fannin schools. Call Deborah 520-2112.

Missouri - Large Yard $84,900
Museum area, with 2 bdrm, 2 bath plus a super rental in back, 2 living areas. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

Huntington $82,500
Large three bedroom, two bathroom home with two living areas and a two car garage. Home needs a little TLC and the price reflects this. Call Kirk French for more information.

Wydewood-$3,000 Decorating Allowance ..... Reduced $80,000
Big Big Big Rooms! Two story, MBR on ground floor, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, one LA, large kitchen w/island, breakfast area. Oversized 2 car garage. Call Sam House 682-8820.

N. B Street $79,900
3 BD, 3BA home in "Old Midland". Second living area is great game room or office. Excellent kitchen with large pantry. Plenty of square footage. Recent updating. Great location + Decorating Allowance. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Maxwell-Great Kitchen, OWNER WILL LOOK AT OFFERS $79,900
Close to Midland College - super home with 3 large bedrooms, two baths. Call Mary Jo 684-4268.

Hoya $79,900
Very quiet street and just down U/C rom Bush Elementary. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, new paint and carpet. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Shell $79,900
3/2, 2 living areas, parquet flo U/C rs, swings stay. Updated too! Call Donna 682-8820, ext. 158.

College $77,900
"Museum" area cottage, 2 BR, 1-1/2 BA, 2 living areas, sunroom, converted garage into an office with loads of storage room. Please call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 to see today!!!

Fairbanks ..... Reduced $74,900
Great Fairmont Location! Super 3BR, 2 bath, formal dining, sequestered master, dry bar & 2 car garage. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Dentcrest $74,900
Immaculate! 2 BD, 2 bath townl U/C e kitchen, island, recent-appliances. Atrium, master has sitting area, 2 car garage, covered patio, etc.! Call Victoria printz 689-4800.

Sparks $74,500
3BR-3 bath, 2 car garage, swi U/C w/deck has its own private yard! 2 spacious living areas, separated by double French doors...formal dining room. Great FP. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Dengar ..... Reduced $73,000
Darling home with 3 livin SOLD ms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Lots of updates - great yard & clos...o everything. Call for appt. Denise 697-1799.

W. Dengar $72,900
3 bedroom home on tree-lined street has recently replaced carpet & vinyl. Exterior fresh paint. Pretty corner lot. Don't miss. Call Anita Noles.

Humble $69,900
Workshop! Enjoy divided yard w/waterfall & hot tub! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living area, office, sunroom, nice kitchen, w/extra large pantry! Landscaped corner lot w/sprinklers, 2 car garage & more! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Shell - Allowance ..... Reduced $69,900
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 living areas or could be 4 bedroom. Seller w/allow $6,200 for new Heat/Air & carpet. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Haynes ..... Reduced! $69,900
Great starter home close to schools & shopping - 3 BR, 2 baths, 2 LA, fireplace, 2 car garage, storage house or workshop, 7' wood fence, AC & heating replaced '96 - Call Jane Petree 682-1995. Recent Paint.

2606 Whitney $69,500
3 bedrooms, living, beautiful SOLD ...s, great closets & storage. Call Jo.

Princeton $69,000
Darling 3BR, 2BA, 2 Liv. areas, Refrigerator to remain. Shed/workshop. Established neighborhood. Near shopping. Water softener. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appointment.

Ainslee-$2,000 Carpet Allowance $68,000
Three/Two, formal LR, large den, Beautiful backyard. Two car garage - very Homey! Call Sam 682-8820.

Pueblo-New Listing $65,000
Pretty house on large lot, call Clemmie.

Louisiana ..... Reduced $64,900
Non-qualifying assumption!! This three bedroom home has two bathrooms, a formal dining room, and a two car garage. Call Kirk to see at 682-8820.

Brookdale Drive $61,500
Adorable 3 BR, 2BA. In like new condition. Corner FP. Covered patio. Satellite dish & controls. Storage bldg. Call Joel Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696.

Raldoso Ct $60,000
Bush, Abell, Lee School District, cul-de-sac location, fireplace, 2 bath, rear entry garage. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

3608 Shell-New Listing ..... Reduced $59,900
3 bedroom, 2 living, sunroom, trees. Please call Jo 683-1425.

Stanton $59,000
Darling inside & out! Country kitc U/C ving area, seq. master, light & bright, great storage, great location! Call Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Upland Street $58,950
Cute 3BR, 2 BA with 2 liv. areas. Large backyard. Open kitchen with breakfast bar. Water well for yard. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appointment.

702 Alpine $58,900
Wonderful Dellwood 3 bed - country kitchen, large utility, trees. Call Jo.

Louisiana $57,900
3 BD, 2 BA, den, covered patio, great floorplan. 1-car garage plus a large 2-car parking pad. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

3616 Tampico $57,900
Lovely Townhouse, corner lot, grea U/C Clemmie.

Sinclair ..... Reduced $57,000
3/2, 2 living areas, tiled bathr SOLD ge yard -Home Warranty! Call Donna 682-8820, Ext. 158.

Shadylane $56,900
3 spacious bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, large kitchen w/breakfast bar, tile, 1 car garage, large fenced backyard w/open patio; mature trees, close to schools! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Louisiana-Newly Painted Interior ..... Reduced $56,900
Over 1700 sq. ft. in the great 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in convenient location. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Golf Course $55,500
Hardwood floors, large den w/fireplace, formal dining, cinder block fence, covered patio. Call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Crenshaw $52,000
Spacious 3/2 in quiet, established neighborhood! has large living area w/corner fireplace, indoor utility, 2 full baths, no blvd neighbors. Call Anita!

Idlewilde $49,900
Picture pretty, large master bdrm, water well for yard, call Clemmie.

Harlowe $49,900
New paint & carpet completed! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, workshop, screened in porch, 2 car garage, close to schools! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Ruby-Workshop ..... OFFERS PLEASE! $49,200
Spotless home - includes study, newer windows, porch, sprinkler system, plus wonderful shop with bath. Call Donna Pehl 682-8820, Ext. 158.

Bowie $48,900
Don't miss this great 3BR/2BA house w/1 car garage, large dinirlg, sprinkler system, vinyl siding & more. Call Sam now to see.

Nobles-Reduced to Sell $45,900
Was a Beast, Now A Beauty! 3E U/C ecent make-over, please come see me, Clayton Alexander 682-9494.

Erle $45,900
Warm and comfy 3 BD, 2 BA home. Living area w/recent carpet, beautiful yard, 2 storage buildings, and Windmill Gazebo. Lots of updating & loving care, plus home is bright and colorful. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Brooks Dr. $44,500
Cute 3 BR, 1.5 bath with fireplace, cozy kitchen and lg. dining area. Call for more! Anita.

Dewberry $42,900
Updated with carpet/paint. Call Clemmie.

Harlowe $42,900
2 bedroom, 1 bath, loads of updating, picture pretty, call Clemmie.

Delmar-"WORKSHOP" $42,500
3 BD, 2 bath, sunroom, workshop w/2 garage doors, 1 car garage, brick fence, close to schools! Cute, cute! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Princeton $42,000
New paint & carpet complete! Spacious 3 bed, 2 bath home w/fireplace, covered patio, fenced backyard, corner lot! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Holly $41,000
Absolute doll house. Has been completely remodeled, new carpet and paint, fans, cabinets, you must see it. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Harlowe ..... Reduced $39,900
Fantastic Inside! Two exceptional living areas plus study/nursery. Lots of storage in kitchen. Great bedrooms - don't miss out, hurry to see, you'll be impressed. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Harlowe- $39,900
Darling 3 bedroom with nice size living area. Cute kitchen with breakfast area, 1 car garage. Workshop! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Woodcrest $36,700
Great area - super home - 3 b U/C baths, large living area. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

217 "A and "B" E Circle Drive...DUPLEX $36,500
Investor delight or owner occupied, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath on each side. Must see to appreciate the value!!! Call Joel Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696 to see.

Harlowe-New Listing $34,900
Cute 2 bdrm w/2 living areas, fireplace, central air, call Clemmie.

Crockett $33,000
3 bedrooms, 1 bath, corner lot, Great home! Recent carpet & paint. Call Sam House 682-8820.

Tanner-New Listing $32,500
Sharp, immaculate 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 living area, 1 car garage in excellent condition. Great 1st home or investment property. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Cuthbert $29,900
2 BD, 1 BA, 1 LA. Great investment. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

N. Pecos $27,500
3 BD, 2 bath, 1 car garage, cc U/C onderful workshop or storage. All concrete block - house, garage & shop! SOLID! SOLID! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Sagewood Condo's ..... Reduced $22,500
Fantastic! Super 1 bedroom, great closets, large living area, cute kitchen breakfast area. We have 3 to choose from - are great for investor! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

SUBURBAN & COMMERCIAL

W. CR 60 ..... $550,000
Superior equestrian facilities, pool, tennis courts, 2 guest houses, 4 garages, RV garage, 17 acres, open to offers. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

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A city home in the country where you can spread out - great barns, lovely 4 bedroom, 3 bath home - you will have to see it to believe it-Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820. 10 acres.

FM 307 ..... Reduced $152,500
Choice location, excellent grounds - 5 acres - workshops, bonus room off kitchen, Texas-sized living room, large bedrooms. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

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Remodeled with central location - good income streatm with excellent cap rate. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.

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New Construction by Demaray Homes - 4 bedrooms on 1 acre, Greenwood Schools, call Clemmie.

10513 E. Co. Rd. 109 ..... $133,900
New construction by Michael Davis in Windmill Ridge - 3 or 4 bdrms, lots of tile, Greenwood schools, call Clemmie.

Wood Dr $129,900
Approx 3.220 acres, plus a barn, 3 BD, 2 bath, bonus room. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

Co. Rd. 95 ..... $125,000
Attention Horse Lovers! 3 bd, 2 bath home w/formal dining, pool, stables, barns, steer chute, lighted areas, horse walker, could have commerical horse operation! WOW! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

S. Co. Rd. 1200 ..... $98,900
Lge. home updated, 4 AC, plus mobile home that is Leased. Call Clemmie.

1300 A E. Co. Rd. 130 ..... $94,900
3 BD, 2 BA, 2 story home. Large garage and shop facilities, horse pasture and small pen. Call Marilyn Jo Smith. 2.5 acres.

5415 Co. Rd. 83 ..... $78,500
Large workshop, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, metal roof. Call Lavone 694-0444.

5804 S. Hwy. 349 ..... Reduced $77,500
3 or 4 bedroom home located on 5 acres w/pecan trees. Need some TLC - could be great! Formal dining. 4th bd or gameroom upstairs, 2 car garage. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Lake Colorado City $75,000
Perfect weekend getaway retreat! 2 or 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, formal dining, 2 car garage, 1 car carport, mature trees, on the Lake! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Co. Rd. 55 ..... $70,000
A super home nestled on a cul U/C ees - 3 bedrooms, one bath - place for horses, great fences - Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

10905 E, Co. Rd. 106 ..... $69,900
Fantastic price on this super 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Greenwood with newer carpet, paint, wallpaper, A/C, water heater. Don't miss out! Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

F.M. RD. 715 ..... $69,900
4-year old home has spacious feel in 2 BD, 2 BA. Terrific kitchen and living area. Work shop/storage building and nice, nice landscaping. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

E. Co. Rd. 90 ..... $54,500
Darling Greenwood property, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large living, built-ins, covered wood deck, great counterspace. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

E. Co. Rd. 120 ..... $53,900
2 bdrm on 4 acres, large workshop, call Clemmie.

W. Co. Rd. 140...89+ACRES $52,500
Beautiful unimproved acreage. Working water well. Call Joel Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696 for more information.

S.C.R. 1298 ..... $45,000
10 acres with 4 water wells, SOLD Great location South of I-20. Call Jane Petree.

Co. Rd. 170-4WAY SUB-DIVIDE! $40,000
23+ acres on Co. Rd. 170. East of Texas Instruments Rd. & West of Shooting Range. Ready for your home! Owner is anxious!! Jeannie Printz 683-4245. Bring offers! May owner finance!

Sinclair $40,000
3.41 acres for sale that is zoned Residential 1-F-1. Call Kirk French.

8301 Co. Rd. 80-Saddle Club Ranch Estates (Edinburgh) $32,000
Call Sam House at 682-8820, 699-2163.

Land Within City Limits .....
1.73 acres home land. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

E. Co. Rd. 60 ..... $18,000
7.84 acres at E. Co. Rd. 60 and N. Co. Rd. 1125. Has been platted for 8 lots. Property has water well & septic. Located in Greenwood School District. Great mobile home site. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696.

1.73 Acres Rear Land $15,000
Within city limits. Call Ruth Young at 682-7884 or 697-1217.

E. Hwy. 80 ..... $15,000
5 acres on the South side of East Hwy. 80. Owner will finance. Call Kirk for details 682-8820.

Co. Rd. 2801 ..... $4,500
3 Acres located 4 miles West of Stanton. Call Clemmie

Greenhill Terrace .....
Home sites available in planned area. Located between Greentree and Briarwood - build your own. Call Deborah 520-2112.

Sky Ranch Area .....
40 acres on S. Co. Rd. 180 One-half mi West of Co. Rd. 1210 (Midkiff). Restricted for Residential, no mobile homes, has water well. Call Clayton.

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Showroom w/office, warehouse, and storage overhang. Over 12,000 sq. ft. on 3.11 acres. Totally fenced and paved. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.

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Retail pads available at terrific price for Loop property. Up to 3 acres. Midland Drive & Loop Access. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.

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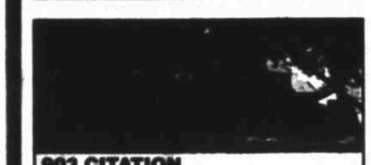
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- Beautiful golf course view yet ultimate privacy
- Gorgeous pool and terraces, lovely landscaping
- Great sequestered playroom, super den

Call Joanne Langston at 682-9495
Offered at $239,750



NEW

2503 SINCLAIR
- High ceilings, beautiful courtyard, fabulous pool
- Luxurious master with his and her baths
- Three bedrooms, 4 baths, formals plus study
- Impeccable condition, gorgeous decorating

Call Joanne Langston at 682-9495
Offered at $235,000



3610 KNIFFEN
- Quiet country living!
- Custom Quality built
- 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
- One living area and a 2 car garage

Call Pam Messer at 685-0400
Offered at $190,000



NEW

3909 EDGEBROOK COURT
- Gorgeous Bill Brown home
- Located in exclusive Mockingbird Heights
- Four bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 baths and 3 car garage
- Many built-ins and cabinets add a touch of class

Call Wanda Cannon at 685-0400
Offered at $189,900



11603 CO. RD. 58W
- New Construction Gardendale
- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths with approximately 3200 sqft
- Located on 3 acres
- Quality built by Cannon

Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495
Offered at $184,000



11601 CO. RD. 58W
- Lovely suburban new construction
- Completion by end of November
- Sequestered master
- 2.5 acres located off 1788

Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495
Offered at $161,000



NEW

2412 STANOLIND
- Wonderful 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living area home
- Lots of new with great floor plan
- You'll love the master suite
- Located in Fannin addition

Call Roberta Aldridge at 682-9495
Offered at $149,500



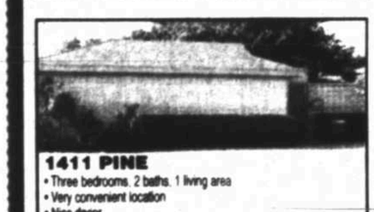
1800 DUKES
- Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living area with 2 fireplaces
- High ceilings with sequestered master
- Kitchen open to den sitting area and breakfast bar
- Formal dining and formal living area

Call Amy Johnson at 685-0400
Offered at $136,900



5504 SUNDANCE CT.
- New Construction
- Two living areas, vaulted family room ceiling
- Large formal living/dining
- Sequestered master. Neat computer area

Call Patti Wallace at 685-0400
Offered at $136,500



1411 PINE
- Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living area
- Very convenient location
- Nice decor
- Extra spacious

Call Roberta Aldridge at 682-9495
Offered at $132,000



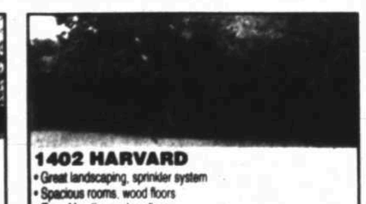
11403 CO. RD. 52W
- Large home with 4 bedrooms
- Open stall barn, bunk house room, pipe fencing
- Wet bar
- Trees-pecan, pistachio, pine and more, 3.7 acres

Call Amy Johnson at 685-0400
Offered at $129,900



#14 FAIRFAX
- Decorator Colors
- Spacious closets and storage
- Neutral carpet
- Plantation shutters across front

Call Patti Wallace at 685-0400
Offered at $126,500



1402 HARVARD
- Great landscaping, sprinkler system
- Spacious rooms, wood floors
- Zoned heating and cooling
- Security System

Call Patti Wallace at 685-0400
Offered at $125,000



2403 FAIRVIEW
- 4BR, 3 full baths, formal living area plus den
- Formal dining & breakfast areas, 2 car rear entry garage
- Roomy kitchen with utility room; wet bar
- Fireplace inside, extensive landscaping outside

Call Any Agent 685-0400 or 682-9495
Offered at $120,000



2002 BEDFORD
- Charming "Old Midland" home
- Beautiful new kitchen and lovely formal
- Four bedrooms, 2 bths, 2 living
- Divided backyard with pretty landscaping

Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495
Offered at $119,900



5203 HWY. 158E
- Greenwood schools
- Great screened in porch
- Home has great potential
- Good country property

Call Sandy Hanson at 682-9495
Offered at $119,000



4308-B GLENEAGLES
- Great investment (currently leased)
- Four closets in master
- Four full baths
- Ceramic tile

Call Don Byerly at 682-9495
Offered at $110,000

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Our Very Best Wishes For Joy, Love, Family, Faith, Health, This Holiday Season and Throughout The New Year!

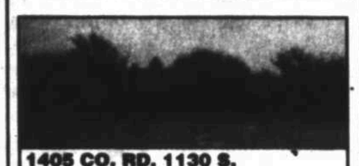
$200,000 AND UP...THE CITY'S MOST EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF HOMES IN THE UPPER PRICE RANGES, CALL US!

BLUEBIRD LN-Extraordinary in every beautiful detail, 4BR/5BA on 3+ acres, pool, 5 fireplaces, fabulous formals, exceptional "great room", sunroom, gorgeous landscaping and terraces, private, secluded drive ..... CALL
SADDLE CLUB ESTATES-Incredible space, style, appointments. 5BR/9BA, formals + study + den + playroom. Gorgeous newer pool, lavish landscaping and trees 650,000
OLD MIDLAND-One of the most gorgeous home's you'll ever see! Exquisite in every detail hardwood floors sumptuous formals, fabulous den, exquisite moldings, incredible garden room, beautiful pool, impressive quality 550,000
CARDINAL LANE-Country living, city convenience. The home is fantastic w/wonderful updating. The ultimate horse facility. 550,000
CARDINAL LANE-The most wonderful, suburban home ever! Unbelievable amenities, great space, 10 ac. 495,000
WINCHESTER CT-Incredible TH - indoor pool in fabulous living area; 4BR/6BA; MBR w/library, stunning studio, office, 3FP, 5 garages, absolutely wonderful 495,000
FAIRWOOD-Absolutely stunning 5/4/3 with 3-car garage and 3FP's. Pool & the list goes on! Wonderful 460,000
TRINITY-Simply beautiful! One of a kind 5BR in Trinity Estates on beautiful lot 400,000
TATTENHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mkt! 5BR/6BA, acreage, pool, incredible style, quality 395,000
RUSTIC TRAIL-G.T. North. Excellent view of course & lakes. Great floor plan. 2-story, large rooms, 2BR up, two down, 2LA, 2FP, 3-car garage 385,000
CRESCENT PLACE-Fabulous Crescent Place home with great space, wonderful updating, sparkling pool 350,000
LAKES-Lovely custom 2-story in gated subdivision. Fantastic lake view 349,900
FAIRWOOD-Wonderful Bill Brown resale. Spacious, like new 5/3+/3. Den, gameroom & formals. Must see this fabulous home. Ready to move into today 349,900
RACQUET CLUB-The "ultimate" dream home in Racquet Club South. Low maintenance, high quality 349,500
CITATION-Incredible Saddle Cub North TH! Pool, spacious formals, huge den, 2BR tuest house. Lovely 345,000
CHOATE-Lovely and spacious in Trinity Estates 4 bedroms, 2 rooms, sparkling pool, beautiful yard 310,000
CITATION-High style in Saddle Club North TH. Too much new to list. Lovely, elegant 279,500
BAYBROOK-4BR/3+BA, gourmet kitchen, seq. master, Bill Brown construction, light & bright, ready for you! 278,000
L-Old Midland remodeled beauty, unique custom design, wonderful detail 276,000
RIDGEFIELD-The "Perfect" 5BR complete w/great sports pool and spa 249,000
RUSTIC TRAIL-Spacious 4BR/3.5BA/3 garage and 3 super living areas plus newer pool, gorgeous golf course view 239,750
SINCLAIR-Outstanding TH, luxurious mstr w/2BA, gorgeous formals, den, high ceilings, lush landscaping 235,000
TEAKWOOD TRACE-Not just another house-dramatic, ultra contemporary w/soaring ceilings in GT 232,000
CUTHBERT-Gracious living at its finest - Old Midland, 3BR/3BA plus 3 half baths 229,000
DEVLIN-Fabulous home in Grasslands. Less than 1 yr old. 4BR/3.5BA w/2LA. Lots of upgrades 229,000
BASSWOOD-Owners says sell! Over 4000 sf. 2 level in GTCC. Huge rooms, wonderful condition 224,000
FENWAY-TH under construction. Excellent plan, light & open. 3rd garage w/room for workshop 223,000
SPRINGFIELDThis is it for lovely decor, light spaciousness, gorgeous decor, B. Brown quality! 4/3.5/3 garage 207,000



601 KANSAS
- Four bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 living areas
- Loads of new
- Gorgeous floors
- Convenient location

Call Roberta Aldridge at 682-9495
Offered at $98,500



1405 CO. RD. 1130 S.
- 2.65 acres. Lots of tile
- Barn/shop (4 indoor stables); lush trees
- Office/tack room; Grand living room
- High ceilings, cross fenced pastures

Call Sandy Hanson at 682-9495
Offered at $109,950



5114 BRIGHTON
- Saddle Club South
- Three bedroom, 2 bath on lovely corner lot
- Open and light with high ceilings
- Neighborhood pool, etc., two car rear entry garage

Call Lou Matson at 682-9495
Offered at $98,000



4606 TAMMY COVE
- Four bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage
- This is a "cool house" so light and bright
- Fresh paint inside and out, new carpet and tile
- Pride of ownership everywhere

Call Pam Messer at 685-0400
Offered at $84,000



710 W. PINE
- Totally redone-move in ready
- High ceilings
- Great plan
- Quiet neighborhood

Call Jane Wolf at 682-9495
Offered at $74,500



3806 FANNIN
- Updated with new paint and carpet
- Very spacious living area
- Close to schools
- Three bedrooms and 2 baths

Call Laura Manulik at 682-9495
Offered at $69,900



1113 GULF
- Lots of new in this very spacious Villas Condo
- Storage everywhere
- Newer carpet, AC, stove and more
- Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 living

Call Joanne Langston at 682-9495
Offered at $67,500



705 BOYD
- Three bedrooms, 2 baths
- Lots of tile and new carpet
- Spacious den/family room
- Close to schools

Call Laura Manulik at 682-9495
Offered at $49,900



4113 HARLOWE
- Permian Estates 2 bedroom home
- Recent paint and carpet
- Ceramic tile floors in kitchen and dining area
- Brick veneer with large backyard

Call Sandra Kile at 685-0400
Offered at $43,500



5205 HWY. 158 E.
- Horse lover, trainer or boarding
- Perfect condition
- Arena, stalls, bunk-type guest house
- Greenwood schools

Call Sandy Hanson at 682-9495
Offered at $39,900



3300 ROOSEVELT
- Large 2 car garage or workshop
- Nice size kitchen and dining
- Fresh paint
- Three bedrooms, 2 living areas

Call Roy Proctor at 685-0400
Offered at $37,900

$100,000-$200,000...A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

LOS ALAMITOS-Smashing custom built 4/3.5/3. This is a beautiful, spacious home. Don't miss it 196,500
CALEN CT-Sensational price on this gorgeous McPherson built better than new on great cul-de-sac 194,700
EDGEBROOK-Lovely 4BR/3BA/2LA in exclusive Mockingbird Heights addition. Priced for quick sell 189,900
BOYD-Wonderful location w/lots of new, 4BR, gourmet kitchen, great pool. Lovely 2-story 189,500
GREENRIDGE-The perfect 4BR home inside & out in Grassland Estates. Great yard 189,500
TRINITY MEADOWS-Wonderful 5BR/2LA w/pool in Trinity Meadows 179,000
STANOLIND-Fabulous 4/3/2 in "Old Midland". Totally redone. Master suite is unbelievable! 178,500
OAKWOOD-Big beautiful TH in Green Tree Oaks. 3BR/2.5BA, music, study, 2FP. Smashing 177,900
BASSWOOD CIRCLE-Such a great plan, $3,000 carpet allowance w/acceptable offer, incredible condition 174,900
GREENRIDGE-Outstanding custom home in Grasslands. Gorgeous decor, beautiful landscaping 169,000
GOLF COURSE-Distinctive architecture + peaceful landscaping. 3BR/3BA. Boguilos limestone floors & FP 159,900
NORTH H-Spacious & bright 3BR/2LA, recent updates, a gem with great pool & workshop. You'll love it! 159,500
PRINCETON-Classic "Old Midland" w/spacious room, 4/4, lots of windows, huge garden room 159,500
HACKBERRY-3 BR + study or hobby room on golf course, lush landscaping, large dining. Seller financing 155,000
CAROL LANE-Country living in the city w/space galore, horse stable, workshop. Mint condition 154,900
CROWLEY-4 year old 4BR/2BA/2LA resale in excellent condition 154,900
HATHAWAY-Inviting open plan, 4BR/3BA, so light and airy, beautifully priced 154,750
STANOLIND-4BR in Fannin! Great plan, popular neighborhood, wonderful updating 149,500
CUTHBERT-Fabulous home near stadium. 4BR/3BA w/shop and great living space 147,000
LAFAYETTE-New Orleans style 2-story TH, secluded area with brick paved streets 145,000
HAYNES-Terrific 4BR/3BA/3LA with pool. Minimum yard maintenance, great for entertaining 144,900
FOXBORO-Meadowpark. 3/2 w/2 dining/2LA, sparkling pool. Low maintenance yard on quiet cul-de-sac 143,500
VALLEY-Just perfect! Large beautiful 4/2.5/2 PLUS fabulous gameroom. Gorgeous backyard & patio 139,900
CRESTRIDGE-Fabulous 5BR/3BA in Crestgage, super drive-up 139,000
DUKES-Beautiful red brick in Polo Park, 3BR/2.5BA with 2LA 136,900
SUNDANCE CT-New Kahler construction in Grassland Estates! 4BR/2BA, 2 spacious living, great computer center 136,500
AMHURST-Super 5/2.5/2 with den, fireplace, living, brick patio w/fountain, beautiful landscape 135,000
STUTZ-Generous 4BR, one-owner home, beautiful landscaping, numerous custom features 132,750
PINE-Ready right away! Completely updated Wallace TH, beautiful kitchen, great plan, a must see! 132,000
GULF-Immaculate well-cared for home in "Fannin" area with all the updating done! 128,500
FAIRFAX CT-4BR/3BA/2LA/2 dining w/mature trees on quiet cul-de-sac w/updating. Workshop off garage 126,500
HARVARD-Enjoy the luxury of large sized rooms in this 3/2.5/2 living/2 car garage with over 2600sqft 125,000
FAIRFAX-You'll love the improvements in this 4/2 with 3LAs 124,000
BOYD-MaMar beauty. Touch of old with a new facelift! This house is beautiful. 3/3 123,000
WARD-Picture perfect patio home with big, bright rooms! 122,900
FAIRVIEW LANE-Seller will look at any offer. Also offering 2% towards buyer's CC or paint allow 120,000
BEDFORD-Charming Old Midland 4BR great location, updated kitchen 119,900
GOLF COURSE-Huge rooms! Spacious 3BR TH, RV parking in rear 118,000
CRESTGATE-Spacious 4BR/3BA/2LA home in Crestgage 117,900
CRESTGATE-Very clean 4BR home w/large gameroom plus LR, den & FD 117,500
DAVENTRY PL-Smashing home in popular area w/tons of space and storage and super backyard 115,000
NORTH L-Beautiful home located in mature area. 4BR/3BA w/3 large LAs. Charming inside & out 114,000
CASTLEFORD-Great plan in great neighborhood; 3/2 in great condition 111,500
GODDARD-Quietly tucked away in Emerson Heights, 3BR/2BA - absolutely perfect home 111,000
GLENEAGLES-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA 110,000
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ST. ANDREWS-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA 110,000
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HARVARD-Outstanding 3BR in "Old Midland". Beautiful updating, large corner lot, bonus room 108,500
BEDFORD-Charming "Old Midland" home with quality updating, hardwood floors & pretty landscaping 107,500
HERMITAGE-Super home on cul-de-sac. Fantastic pool, 3BR w/seq. master 104,900
DENGAR-Well maintained 4/2.5, spacious rooms. Hurry 102,000

UNDER $100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

GARFIELD-Quiet, well-maintained updated home in "Old Midland" Gorgeous swimming pool 99,999
NEELY-"Old Midland" charming, unique, tri-level. Study, workshop, gorgeous yd. Many updates 99,500
KANSAS-Spacious 4BR w/loads of new & dec allow, tile floors, convenient location. Make it your own today! 98,500
BRIGHTON-3/2 super home in Saddle Club South. Lovely w/yard & patio for lots of pleasure & entertaining 96,000
LOCKHEED-4BR/2.5BA, den, formal living & dining combo. "Old Midland", large home inside & out 96,000
NORTHRUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School. 3BR/2BA 94,500
OHIO-The charm of Old Midland w/complete remodeling and addition. Stunning 89,900
HUMBLE-4BR/2BA/1LA, built in 1987 in "Old Midland", mature area. Plus! 89,500
APPERSON-RV parking, shop & the biggest bonus is it's clean as a whistle and recent updates 89,000
VENTURA-Just right 2BR TH, new carpet, beautiful doors, easy care for you! 88,500
GLENEAGLES-Terrific 4BR in Farimont Park. Won't last long so hurry! 87,500
DOWNING-Lots of class in popular area, 3/2 with great plan 85,000
CIMMARON-What a great home - quality updated in Fannin area. Super workshop offers 3rd garage, bath 85,000
SEABOARD-Extra nice 3BR, recent remodel included a huge living area, formal dining & lots of built-ins 85,000
HYDE PARK-Nice home in LHS area. Must see to appreciate 84,900
TAMMY CV-4BR/2BA/2 garage, carpet, ceramic tile, painted light, stove top, fence, etc, etc 84,000
CIMMARON-Updating in baths, heating/cooling sys, wood fence & added storm windows. Must see 83,000
BRAZOS-Talk about spacious! Large seq. MBR, formal dining, extra nice 82,900
CIMMARON-Lots of new in this spacious, centrally located home in super condition 82,000
LANHAM-Absolutely charming 4BR w/lots of updating and remodeling throughout 81,900
CARPENTER-Stanton. Updated 3BR/3BA + 3LA. 3rd LA huge would make wonderful master 79,900
NEELY-It's only perfect! Lovely formals, spacious den, sunroom, remodeled kitchen, beautiful custom decor 79,900
COMMUNITY LANE-Great location, spacious rooms, large yard w/pretty tree! Priced to sell quickly 79,500
AMISTAD-Immaculate 3BR/2BA on corner lot in Northgate 78,000
INDIANA-3BR/3BA/2LA, Museum area. Hardwood flrs, block and stain glass windows all shine 77,900
BOEING-Charming, well priced 3BR in popular Fannin addition 76,500
SINCLAIR-Old Midland, great area, Fannin Elementary, comfortable home 76,000
NORTH A-Charming "Old Midland" home with tons of quaint features 74,900
PINE-Totally redone top to bottom in quiet neighborhood. Walk to park 74,500
CONCHO-You'll splash into summer now when you see this super, clean home w/its own swimming pool 73,900
PRINCETON-Wonderful home w/large rooms, nice FP in den/kitchen area. Great storage/shop 73,500
SHELL-Redone 4BR with lots of pizzazz! Listed below appraisal 73,000
SAN ANTONIO-Great 3BR, 2BA on 2 lots. Newer carpet, tile and large closets 73,000
MOGFORD-Lovely, well-cared for "Old Midland" home 72,500
GULF-Clean; located on cul-de-sac in quiet neighborhood near school and shopping 72,500
ST PAUL-4BR, 1/2 acre, workshop, sprinklers, water well and more! 69,900
FANNIN-Great remodel, corner FP, new carpet and paint. Please buy 69,900
ASPEN-Charming floor plan, 2 or 3BR with pretty family room 69,000
GULF-Fabulously spacious condo; pool/courts nearby. Newer carpet, 2BR/2BA, huge office or play room 67,500
SINCLAIR-Spacious 3BR with lots of new tile. Large corner lot on pretty block 65,000
HARVARD-Centrally located close to schools. Spacious & open. Recently remodeled. 3BR/2BA 64,900
DELLWOOD-Towering shade trees in quiet neighborhood. Taupe & white kitchen w/cabinets galore 64,900
BRAZOS-Totally redone 3BR/2BA home in Northgate 62,500
NORTHRUP-Large 3BR for sale or lease. Recently redone inside, new fence, paint, some new carpet 62,000
BOYD-Cheap, Cheap - refrigerated air, fireplace, bookcases, tiles lots of new 37,500
ROOSEVELT-The handyman lives here! New carpet & paint, ceramic tile + big workshop 36,500
STOREY-Charming Old Midland cottage redone. Mirror image hardwood flrs, 2BR/1BA, 1 detached garage 35,000
MICHIGAN-Starting out? Here's a cute 2BR in Old Midland 29,900

SUBURBAN HOMES

S. CO. RD. 1270-Authentic and charming "Adobe Hacienda" Fabulous 5BR/3LA custom home on 120 acres. Unbelievable extras in this truly unique home 695,000
S. CO. RD. 1265-Gorgeous home w/19+ acres. Country living at its best! Close to Midand & Odessa. Separate HT off master, Gazebo, 3 patios, 36x36 shop, catfish pond. Owner may finance 350,000
S. CO. RD. 1118-An exceptional country estate w/a 4BR home, 11 acres, enormous workshop and numerous other out buildings 313,000
S. CO. RD. 1213-Wonderful 3BR/2.5BA with hangar 57x60 w/apartment, guest house. MUST SEE 259,000
E. GOLDENROD-Exquisite suburban property on 3 acres. Master BR has FP! 209,000
W. CO. RD. 185-Airplane lovers or country coursind-75'x75' hanger shop and 4 car gard + hugh home 199,500
S. CO. RD. 1218-Fantastic custom 4BR/3.5BA, quiet and private, 40 plus acres 199,000
KNIFFEN-4BR/2.5BA/2LA, 2-car garage, light and bright, great tile, open kitchen & den, 2.69 acres 190,000
W. CO. RD. 58-4BR suburban on 2.45 acres. Built in 1998, great plan 184,000
W. CO. RD. 58-Suburban, new construction, 4BR on CR 58. Completion end of November 161,000
W. CO. RD. 68-Wonderful, totally redone, super pool includes Colorado River Tap. Must see 146,750
FM RD 715-Country property, 3BR/2BA/1 large LA, huge closets & kitchen. 10 acres and 5 wells 137,000
W. CO. RD. 52-Great Suburban set-up - 3.7 ac 4BR/3.5BA w/barn/tackroom, bunkhouse & great landscaping 129,900
S. CO. RD. 1200-Wonderful custom 3BR/2BA, tons of space, open & light, approx. 1.75 acres 123,900
S. CO. RD. 1065-Buy a Ranch! 68 fenced acres and 3/2/2/1garage. 2 water wells and barn and stalls 119,900
E. HWY. 158-Great place to raise your kids. 2BR/2BA 119,000
CAROL LANE-Something for everyone - 4BR/3BA, beautiful pool, great shop. Hurry won't last long 117,000
S. CO. RD. 1130-Wonderful open floor plan 3BR/2BA, lots of tile, nice outbuilding, barn, 4 stalls. Lots of trees 109,950
SHANKS-Really nice, clean country living on 1.25 acres. Close to town 103,000
W. CO. RD. 123-Stunning 2-story home, totally redone, great drive-up, above ground pool 94,950
E. CO. RD. 95-Great 3BR in Greenwood, circle drive, 2 car garage, 1.980 ac. RO, water softener 89,900
MILLER RD-Gardendale Hilltop, stucco home on 10+ acres, 3 water wells 80,000
W. CO. RD. 123-Cowboy up! Price to see! Approx. 10 acres, 3BR/1.5BA/2 living 74,000
E. CO. RD. 90-Unique custom design 3BR/1.5BA, located on quiet cul-de-sac, Greenwood 79,900
N. CO. RD. 1147-WOW-clean country w/4BRs and large workshop. One acre 61,000
COTTON FLAT RD.-2BR/2BA Home located on 10 acres south of Midland, House to be sold as is 58,000
E. CO. RD. 95-Extra nice 4BR/2.5BA, double-wide mobile home on .50 acres in Greenwood 54,200
S. CO. RD. 1183 ½-"Owner carry" - large 2/2/ has 2LAs, could be 3/2, pretty and clean w/shop/storage 40,000
E. HWY. 158-4BR/2BA, 2-story, tons of possibilities 39,900
S. CO. RD. 1066-Cute Cottage. Needs TLC and a little elbow grease. Greenwood area. Call for copy of app 27,500

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LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

BLUEBIRD-12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided 146,520
RACQUET CLUB DR-Last available lots in coveted Racquet Club South ..... 150,000 each
SINCLAIR-5 acres in desirable area for development 100,000
BLUEBIRD-7.18 acres. Can be sub-divided 86,220
CARDINAL LN-Two 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available 64,000
WESTWIND-Coveted "Green Tree" on the course. Ready to build 62,500
MOCKINGBIRD LANE-4 acre lot. Perfect for country living in the city 57,000
CUTHBERT-Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot! ..... 49,900 ea.
FAIRWOOD-Choice lot in wonderful Mockingbird Heights 41,500
MIDKIFF-2 acres, great location on North Midkiff 40,000
"L" STREET-Rare lot in museum district 37,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Large lots in area of new construction in Green Tree North ..... 35,000 each
SADDLE CLUB EAST LOTS-Prestigious - only a few remaining 33,000-45,000
TATTENHAM CORNER-Beautiful urban/surburban lots in quiet cul-de-sac ..... 27,500 each
ELM ST. & LAMESA RD.-Lot could be commercial location 22,500
LA SALLE-Nice residential lot in Wydewood area 9,800
CROCKETT-5 lots sold separately or as a package ..... 6,000 each
GASTON-Lot in Permian Estates 3,000
VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES-Call for more details 2,850-35,000

INVESTMENT & COMMERCIAL

LOOP 250 NORTH-1 acre between Olive Garden and Service Merchandise ..... CALL
WALL-Eagles Club. 15,000 + S.F. on 4 acres, fully equipped, seats 350. REDUCED ..... CALL
NEW-N. BIG SPRING- Convert to business. Tile building ..... CALL
2 ACRES-RANKIN HWY & IH 20 ..... CALL
E. NEW JERSEY-2 metal bldgs. 2800 sf each 16' OH doors ..... CALL
FIVE POINTS- HWY. 349-1.8 acres commercial tract ..... CALL
DAVIS RD MOBILE HOME PARK-14 spaces, 4.4 acres, 7 owned homes & 3BR house ..... CALL
WOLFCAMP CIRCLE-2 commercial lots ..... CALL
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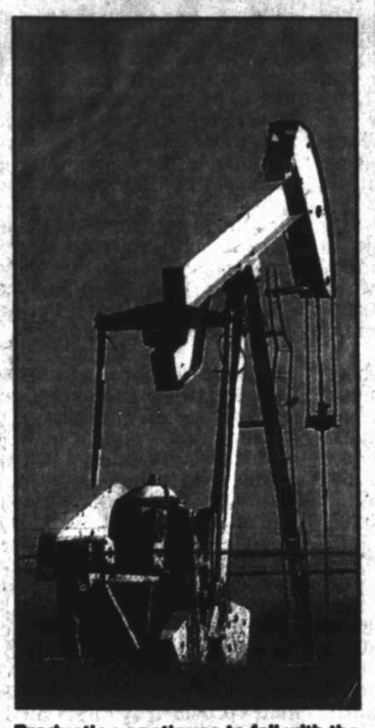
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Production continues to fall with the rig count. This week's rig count is down again.

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Costilla/Pioneer

MIDLAND — Costilla Energy's Zalman #1 well in its Southwest Speaks project tested with a calculated absolute open flow rate of 8.8 million cubic feet of natural gas per day, the company announced. Costilla reported that the new well is actually producing at the initial rate of 3.3 mmcfd, with flowing tubing pressure of 7,730 pounds on a 9/64-inch choke. Costilla's working interest in the well is 35 percent.

Also in its Southwest Speaks project, Costilla is in the process of completing the Migi-Mitchell #5, a direct offset from the company's initial Migi-Mitchell wells, which shows potential production from two sand zones. Additional, the company is preparing to complete the Garland Walker #1 well.

Nuclear power

WASHINGTON The nuclear energy industry, building on 1998's positive developments, next year will seek a series of federal statutory and regulatory reforms necessitated by the competitive marketplace that nuclear power plant owners and operators are entering.

Beyond industry structure issues, the industry will work with the 106th Congress for enactment of comprehensive legislation to reform the federal government's nuclear waste management program, and to break an impasse between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission over radiation health standards.

Venezuelan cuts

CARACAS, (Bloomberg) — Venezuela said it will implement the last phase of cutting crude output by 525,000 barrels a day in January, fulfilling its agreement with other oil-producing nations seeking to boost world oil prices.

Venezuela currently produces between 80,000 barrels and 100,000 barrels of oil a day more than its pledged output of 2.845 million barrels, Energy and Mines Vice Minister Dolores Dobarro said. The country agreed in June to cut oil production.

"From Jan. 1, we will try to comply 100 percent" with the cuts, said Dobarro. She gave no reason why the country has delayed implementing the cuts, which have been opposed by the country's oil unions.

The government's vow to cut output follows promises by Venezuelan President-elect Hugo Chavez that his administration will honor the country's oil cut commitments even though the country's fiscal deficit is expected to top $9 billion next year.

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Petroleum prices reach record lows

■ Falling crude oil prices are setting new records for decreased drilling, cheap gasoline and lower production says American Petroleum Institute.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Crude oil prices, adjusted for inflation, hit their lowest level in 50 years, when they fell to less than $10 in November, reports the American Petroleum Institute (API).

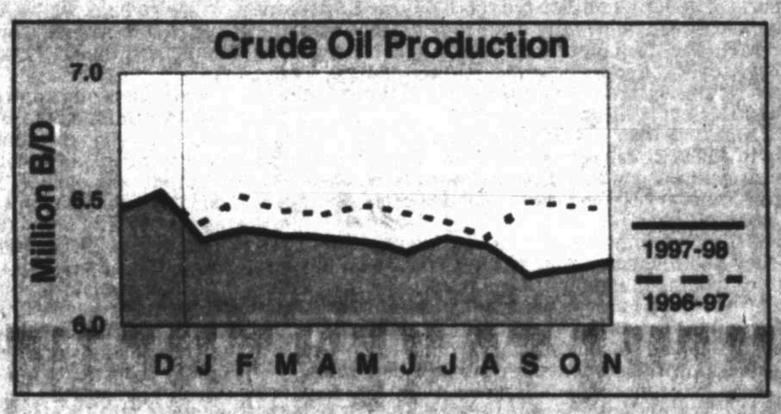
The API Statistical Report says that prices which are more than 40 percent lower than last year have resulted in extensive budget cuts and layoffs in the exploration and production sector of the oil and gas industry.

Nationwide, the report, which provides a statistical profile of the oil and gas industry each month, notes that the number of drilling rigs was down to 190, a 50 percent decline from last year and the lowest number on record, according to the Baker-Hughes Rig Count. By contrast an average of 300-400 rigs were drilling for oil in the U.S. between 1992 and 1997, and as many as 750 rigs in the late 1980s.

The report also notes that oil production in the U.S. has declined 3.2 percent to 6.25 million barrels per day, as a result of decreased activity caused by lower oil prices. At the same time, crude oil imports totaled 8.80 million barrels, up 5.3 percent over November 1997.

The API analytical report pointed out that much of the oil came from Iraq. In August an average of 700,000 barrels per day of Iraqi crude oil were imported into the U.S., and in September 520,000 barrels per day were brought into the country, making Iraq the sixth largest source of U.S. petroleum imports. Iraq is allowed to sell oil under the United Nations program of oil sales for humanitarian supplies of food and medical items.

U.S. gasoline deliveries, another key indicator for the oil and gas industry, were up 4.5 percent, as low gasoline prices caused consumption to increase dramatically. In the Permian Basin, gasoline prices have fallen as low as 79 cents. The API report says the last time gasoline deliveries shows such a strong growth was in 1986, when oil prices crashed. The Energy Information Agency notes that gasoline prices now, adjusted for inflation, are the lowest in history.



Lower crude oil prices are causing major cut backs in drilling and workover activity as seen right. This, in turn, has created a decrease in oil production., as depicted in the graph above.



Core Labs, The Andrews Group merger final

HOUSTON — Core Laboratories, which has operations in Midland, announced that it has completed its merger with The Andrews Group International, a privately held, Houston-based corporation.

The Andrews Group provides specialized seismic data processing and interpretation, as well as other geophysical, geological and petroleum engineering services to Latin American markets. These specialized technologies will be combined with those available from Core Lab's Scott Pickford Group to further strengthen Core's ability to offer a wide range of reservoir management services while increasing market penetration in Latin American oilfield provinces.

Presently, Core and AGI are conducting several large integrated reservoir description and production enhancement projects in Latin America aimed at increasing daily oil and gas production and maximizing total hydrocarbon recovery. Several additional Latin American field studies utilizing Core's reservoir management technologies are scheduled to begin early in 1999 .

The Andrews Group, which recorded more than $15 million in 1997 revenues, was acquired in a stock-for-stock exchange with Andrews' shareholders receiving approximately 700,000 Core Lab shares. Core also assumed approximately $2 million in debt in a transaction that is expected to be accounted for as a pooling of interests. As The Andrews Group International name is synonymous with leading edge technology and the highest level of service quality, the company will continue to operate under its trade name in Latin American markets.

"We have already identified several large scale projects on which The Andrews Group and Core Laboratories can combine technologies to provide industry leading solutions to our Latin American clients," said Robert P. Andrews, the founder, President and CEO of AGI. "This will enable all of Core to be better positioned to continue our growth and market penetration in the Mexican, Venezuelan, Colombian, Brazilian and Argentine markets."

Chris Cottam, Managing Director of Scott Pickford, said, "AGI's multicultural approach will enable our reservoir management teams to more effectively pursue additional field studies in Latin America. This will especially be the case in Mexico, where The Andrews Group is recognized as the leading provider of specialized seismic data processing and field-wide reservoir description and production enhancement studies."

The addition of AGI, coupled with Core's recent acquisition of Integra Geoservices of Calgary, continues to increase the Company's specialized seismic data processing capabilities. These capabilities will be necessary as Core Lab positions itself to strongly participate in the permanent reservoir monitoring market of the future. These specialized seismic data processing capabilities were recently recognized as Scott Pickford was selected to process the world's largest land 3D seismic project in Algeria. Scott Pickford was selected due to its proprietary technology which minimizes static problems associated with large sand dunes and surface sand buildups allowing for better subsurface imaging and reservoir description.

The Andrews Group was founded in 1987 and currently has five regional offices in Mexico, an office in Caracas, Venezuela, and a main office in Houston. The company currently employs 165 personnel, 120 of whom are degreed, multilingual and multicultural. AGI is a preferred provider of seismic, geological and engineering technologies in Latin America as reports, data bases and field study reports are presented in the client's native language. This enables more effective and efficient applications of the studies to maximize production rates and ultimate hydrocarbon recovery.

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PBPA questions DOE promotion of Saudi oil industry

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association (PBPA) has questioned the logic of Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson's trip to Saudi Arabia in light of depressed oil prices which are bringing economic havoc to the Permian Basin.

In early December Richardson announced he would go to Saudi Arabia to help promote investment by U.S. oil companies in the Saudi oil industry. In a terse letter to Richardson, Morris Burns, executive vice president PBPA, reminded Richardson that he was now encouraging investment in a nation that created the Oil Embargo of 1973, in which long lines at U.S. service stations were created when Saudi Arabia refused to sell the U.S. oil.

"We were only 26 percent dependent on foreign oil then," said Burns, "but now we are over 50 percent dependent." Rather than assisting foreign countries in capturing U.S. investment dollars, Burns said Richardson should be trying to save what remains of the U.S. oil industry by "whatever means possible."

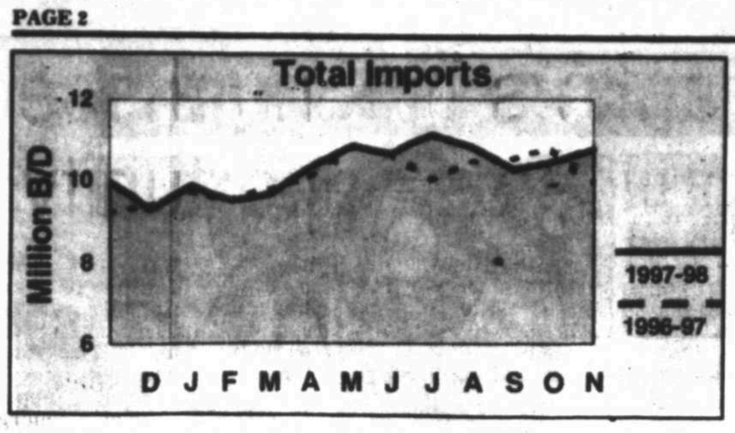
In the letter which was also sent to Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Energy, Bob Gallagher and the Texas Congressional Delegation, Burns said there was much rhetoric about the global economy and a free market, but noted the free market was elusive to the domestic oil industry. "The domestic oil industry is forced to pay high taxes and comply with expensive regulations that foreign oil companies are not burdened with."

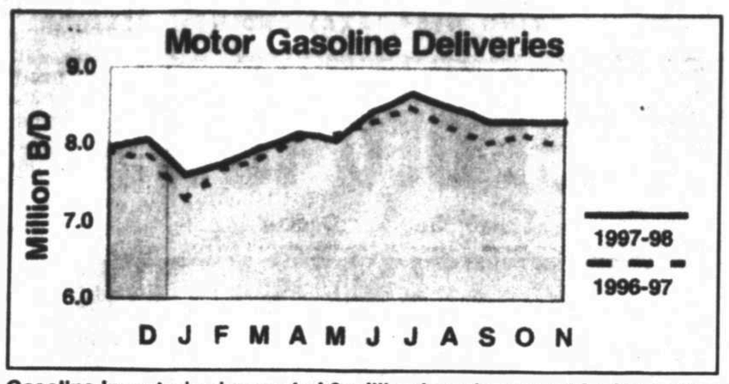
Naming Harley Davison specifically, Burns said the U.S. government had helped other industries hit with low priced imports, and it should also help the domestic oil industry. He said that twice in recent years, first under the Bush administration and again under the Clinton administration, the U.S. Department of Commerce had found, under Section 232 of the Fair Trade Practices Act, that low oil prices were indeed harmful to the domestic oil industry.

Burns said tax dollars paid by the U.S. oil industry should not be used to assist countries like Saudi Arabia, who are competing with the domestic oil industry and are responsible for low oil prices.



Bill Richardson





Gasoline inventories increasted 6 million barrels, normal for November as seasonal stocks build as refinery production picks up while deliverles experience a seasonal decline. Total imports creeped up slightly over 1996-97, as indicated above.

U.S. oil earnings to be sapped by price drop

WHITE PLAINS, New York, (Bloomberg)— Texaco Inc. Chief Executive Peter Bijur broke with tradition at the company's annual analysts meeting Dec. 2.

In years past, Bijur gave a five-year forecast on the outlook for the oil industry. This time he wouldn't look beyond 1999.

"It would be ludicrous," Bijur said.

Bijur isn't the only oil executive who's lost confidence in his ability to see the future. Even for an industry accustomed to rapid shifts of fortune, the pace of change in 1998 has been extraordinary.

Oil prices averaged $13.13 in the fourth quarter, down 34 percent from a year earlier. Earnings of the biggest U.S. oil companies are expected to fall 32 percent to 90 percent.

"Blood bath may be an understatement," said Douglas Terreson, senior oil analyst with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Houston.

Last December, the three largest U.S. oil companies were getting ready to post the biggest quarterly profits in their history. Oil prices averaged $19.94 a barrel, well above the $14 level most companies calculated as a break-even point.

No one predicted then that oil prices would fall to the lowest inflation-adjusted levels in 49 years -- and stay there. Or that Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. would agree to one of the biggest mergers of all time, saying they needed to combine to keep profits growing as the climate for the oil business gets harsher.

Exxon, the largest U.S. oil company, and Mobil Corp., No. 2, are expected to see fourth-quarter profit fall 32 percent and 43 percent, respectively, based on the average estimates of analysts polled by First Call Corp. Earnings for Texaco, the third-largest oil company, are predicted to drop 60 percent. Profit at Atlantic Richfield Co., the seventh-largest U.S. oil company, is projected to plunge 90 percent.

It will be the fourth consecutive quarter of declining profits for the major oil producers, which are consolidating to cut costs and amass the resources needed to continue the expensive business of finding oil.

On Dec. 1, Exxon said it would buy Mobil in a transaction now valued at $83.7 billion in stock and assumed debt, creating a company bigger than the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, today the world's largest oil company.

The move followed the August announcement that British Petroleum Co., the world's third-largest oil company, would buy Amoco Corp., the fifth-largest U.S. company, for $61.2 billion in stock and assumed debt.

The mergers came as crude oil prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange sank to their lowest average since trading began 15 years ago. The Asian recession slashed demand, OPEC didn't cut enough output to end the glut, and warm weather kept heating-oil consumption low.

Even U.S.-led air strikes against Iraq and the prospect of a disruption in oil supplies from the Middle East couldn't sustain a price rise. Nymex crude oil sank 11 percent to $11.03 a barrel Thursday, the day after the first night of attacks.

Earnings of smaller oil-exploration companies, whose fortunes are more directly tied to the price of oil than companies that also sell chemicals and gasoline, will virtually disappear, falling 88 percent on average, according to First Call.

With bankruptcies looming and low oil prices projected as far as five years out, oil companies are firing employees and cutting spending crucial to finding the oil they will sell in the future.

Oil companies "are stepping onto a slippery slope," where spending cuts will lead to lower production and lower profit, which in turn will beget more spending cuts, said Fadel Gheit, director of research at Fahnestock & Co. in New York. Exxon and Mobil expect to fire at least 9,000 employees as part of their merger, while the BP and Amoco plan is to shed 6,000 jobs. Shell said earlier this month that it plans job cuts beyond 4,000 it has already announced.

Large, integrated oil companies such as Mobil and Chevron Corp. can sometimes cushion the blow of falling crude oil prices with better returns in their refining, gas-station and chemicals businesses. That won't happen in the fourth quarter.

U.S. oil companies' refining and fuel-sales earnings will fall about 25 percent from 1997's fourth quarter, according to BT Alex Brown analysis.

Valero Energy Corp. and Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corp., two of the largest U.S. independent oil refiners, have already warned that fourth-quarter profit will be below expectations because of low prices for gasoline and other fuels made from crude.

"The weather's been warm, and we're just awash in gasoline," said Jay Wilson, an analyst at JP Morgan Securities Inc. "It's just a rotten quarter."

Chemicals, which generate as much as 10 percent to 15 percent of total revenue for Exxon, Amoco and others, are also expected to be weak as worldwide overproduction and a drop in Asian demand have pushed prices lower.

Prices for petrochemicals -- basic chemicals used to make other chemicals and plastics -- have dropped. Polyethylene, widely used in plastic packaging, is now priced at about 31 cents a pound, down 25 percent from last year, analysts said.

Low earnings have depressed oil stocks.

Even though all of its members are involved in mergers or are merger targets, the Standard & Poor's index of six international oil companies rose just 4.4 percent in the quarter. The S&P index of large, domestic oil companies has fallen 12 percent. The S&P index of the 500 largest U.S. companies has risen 16 percent in the same period.

Investors who think that oil prices will rise and lift stocks with them had better be patient, analysts warn.

"An owner of oil stocks has to have a 12-to-18-month outlook" because of the likelihood low oil prices will persist, "and concentrate on major international companies," where dividends prop up returns in lean times, said Michael Hoover, energy analyst at U.S. Trust Co. in New York.

Major oil companies such as Exxon and Texaco have the financial strength to not only survive a prolonged period of low oil prices, but to emerge stronger because of the cost-cutting and consolidation that's now going on, analysts said.

"If you look at stocks that are depressed because of low crude oil price expectations, you are going to make money on them if they have the staying power to last a year or two," said Rosario Ilacqua, vice president and senior oil analyst with Rothschild Inc. in New York.

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U.S. oil service industry sees hard times

■ Six months ago, idle rigs were an impossibility; today they're standard

HOUSTON (Bloomberg) — Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc. did something in the second half that would have been unthinkable 12 months ago: It idled two rigs used to drill for oil and natural gas in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

As recently as May, demand for such rigs was strong, and suppliers charged exploration companies rents as high as $189,000 a day, more than four times as much as in May 1994, according to Offshore Data Services in Houston.

Now, as oil prices languish at the lowest levels in more than a decade, contractors such as Diamond, R&B Falcon Corp., Noble Drilling Corp. and Rowan Cos. are putting rigs out of service as they see rents slide.

"Business stinks," said Michael Rabalais, a Robinson-Humphrey Co. analyst who follows the declining fortunes of companies that supply equipment and services to the oil-exploration industry.

Contract drillers and oilfield service companies, which do everything from making drill bits to flying the helicopters used to transport offshore workers, are expected to post their second straight quarter of falling earnings.

The profit decline will encompass the two biggest oil-service companies, Halliburton Inc. of Dallas and Schlumberger Ltd. of New York. Halliburton's earnings will fall 38 percent, while Schlumberger's will fall 24 percent, based on First Call estimates.

Per-share earnings for the 15 companies in the Philadelphia oil-service company index are projected to decline 30 percent in the fourth quarter from the year-earlier period, based on estimates by analysts polled by First Call Corp.

Stocks of companies in the Philadelphia index fell 56 percent so far this year, while the Standard & Poor's 500 Index rose 22 percent as of Friday. The drops came after oil-service shares were among the best-performing stocks in 1996 and 1997.

> **'Business stinks.'**
> Michael Rabalais, Analyst, Robinson Humphrey Co.

The declines in earnings and share prices coincide with plunging spending by oil companies, whose profits are falling with the price of oil.

"Spending by the oil companies is the lifeblood of the services industry," said C. Christopher Gaut, chief financial officer of Ensco International Inc., a drilling contractor. On Dec. 10 crude fell to $10.72 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest level in 12 years. Adjusted for inflation, oil prices touched the lowest level in at least 49 years.

About 80 percent of the major oil and gas companies plan to scale back U.S. exploration, according to a survey by the global consulting group Arthur Andersen. Many analysts have estimated capital spending will be down more than 15 percent next year. The industry spent more than $79 billion last year on services and equipment needed to find and extract oil.

Royal Dutch/Shell Group, the world's largest oil company, says it spent $2 billion less than it budgeted this year. Chevron Corp., the fourth-largest U.S. oil company, recently said it will cut spending by $500 million next year.

The number of rigs operating worldwide has fallen 31 percent to 1,585 from 2,298 a year ago, according to Baker Hughes Inc. The number of unused rigs in the Gulf has risen to 47, up from five in March, according to Offshore Data. Drilling contractors that lease out rigs that operate in the Gulf of Mexico's shallow waters will be the hardest hit by the industry slump, analysts said. Those include Global Marine Inc. and Rowan.

Shallow-water rigs are on shorter-term contracts that allow customers to react quickly to changes in the market. Lower demand has caused daily rates to fall to $17,000 to $29,000 from as much as $65,500 a year ago, Offshore Data said.

A small number of companies such as Transocean Offshore Inc., which provides rigs that drill in water more than 350 feet deep, and Diamond Offshore, which also rents out deep-water rigs, will see earnings rise or remain about the same in the fourth quarter as they benefit from longer-term contracts that have yet to expire. Even they are starting to see lower returns as contracts come to an end, though. The top daily rent for deep-water rigs fell to about $160,000 in December from $189,000 in May and June. Like other drilling contractors, Diamond Offshore is towing its towering metal islands to shallow waters off coastal cities like Sabine Pass and Galveston, Texas, in an attempt to keep rates from falling by cutting the supply. The rigs, which can cost hundreds of millions of dollars to build, are expensive assets to leave idle.

"This is not a move that we take lightly," said Gary Krenek, chief financial officer for Diamond Offshore, who said it was the first time in five years that Diamond has idled deep-water rigs. Analysts expect drilling companies to take more charges and fire more workers in the fourth quarter to cut costs as the market deteriorates.

"Things get worse by the day" as contracts expire on more and more rigs, said Byron Dunn, a Warburg Dillon Read analyst.

Looking ahead to 1999 provides little solace for the industry.

"We've gone through all the companies we cover, about 20, and we found two or three that we still feel will see up earnings in 1999. But they're few and far between," said Marshall Adkins, a Raymond James & Associates analyst.

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Crude falls to 12-year low as Iraq exports still flow

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Crude oil fell to a 12-year low before rebounding, as air attacks on Iraq ended over the weekend without disrupting the nation's exports, keeping world supplies ample at a time of slack demand.

Iraq's oil exports of about 1.8 million barrels a day, or 2.5 percent of world supply, are flowing normally after four days of bombing by the U.S. and U.K., the Iraqi oil ministry said.

"The Iraq story is over: no exports were disrupted and they're not likely to be," said Nauman Barakat, vice president of futures investments for Prudential Securities in New York.

Crude oil for January delivery, which expired today, fell 14 cents, or 1.3 percent, to $10.81 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after dropping as low as $10.35, the lowest price since 1986.

The most-active February Nymex contract fell 24 cents, or 2.1 percent, to $11.02 a barrel.

Prices bounced back from the day's lows as traders bought back contracts that they had sold earlier in the day, said David Becker, energy derivatives trading manager at Citibank N.A. in New York. Also, futures contracts tend to move erratically on expiration day, as traders buy or sell contracts to get out of their positions.

Weak demand in Asia and copious supplies from world producers joined to send prices down 41 percent over the past 12 months.

In London, February Brent crude fell 23 cents, or 2.3 percent, to $9.75 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange. Earlier in the day it dropped to $9.55 a barrel, a record low for the 10-year-old contract.

"With very low oil prices, an awful lot of production that was marginal (when prices were) $2-$5 higher will not be profitable and will be shut in," said Raymond Plank, chairman and founder of Houston-based Apache Corp., an independent oil and gas producing company. "You'll have an acceleration of failure among the smaller companies" and more mergers, he said.

Many of the world's largest oil companies, including Exxon Corp., the top U.S. producer, are already engaged in merger talks. While Apache won't be lowering its production of about 70,000 barrels a day because of current low prices, Plank said that exploration will probably suffer.

"We will be looking to match our drilling expenditures to lower expectations of cash flow, so there'll be curtailment. We won't be doing as much drilling in the Gulf of Mexico as we would otherwise," he said.

The U.S. and U.K. attack which began Wednesday night and lasted four days, punished Iraq for its refusal to cooperate fully with United Nations inspectors seeking information about weapons programs.

"We're back where we were before the situation in Iraq began," said Rod Hamilton, a broker with Amerex Futures in London. "With Iraq out of the way I don't think there's much keeping the market up."

Arms inspectors and many UN humanitarian workers were evacuated from Iraq before the strikes began. The humanitarian workers, involved in distributing the food and medicine bought with revenue from oil sales, will return tomorrow, the UN said.

Output cuts earlier this year by 17 of the world's major oil producing nations haven't been enough to wipe out excess global supply, especially as some nations haven't fully adhered to their promised cuts. The producers pledged to cut more than 3 million barrels a day, or 4 percent of world supply.

Iran, the world's fourth-largest producer, says it won't recognize the output target assigned to it and wants the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to re-examine extra production allocations given to Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, the Middle East Economic Survey reported today.

Iran's arguments, and excess production by another large OPEC member, Venezuela, "indicates that neither are being sufficiently hurt by low prices to force them into greater action," said Barakat.

Iran has long said that it will make its promised 305,000 barrel-a-day cut from a baseline of 3.925 million barrels a day, not from the 3.6 million barrels a day baseline originally assigned to it. It produced 3.55 million barrels a day last month, according to Bloomberg estimates.

Iran says Saudi Arabia should cut output further, giving back the extra production it took when Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 knocked out supplies from both countries.

While oil prices are at their lowest in more than a decade, some analysts say the worst is over. Goldman, Sachs & Co. investment strategist Abby Joseph Cohen told clients today in a conference call that the decline in energy prices has ended.

January heating oil ended 0.65 cent lower at 31.74 cents a gallon on the Nymex while January gasoline fell 0.78 cent to 33.04 cents a gallon.

Report shows pipeline development over next two years

■ Pipeline capacity in 1998-2000 could add as much as $16 billion cubic feet per day of capacity, partially as a result of expansions to transport supplies to the Northeast from Texas

Planned new natural gas pipeline development and expansions could add as much as 16 billion cubic feet per day of capacity to the national transmission network over the next two years, at an estimated cost of about $9.5 billion. While all of the currently-proposed projects may not be built because of changes in market conditions, total expenditures are expected to far exceed the $5.1 billion invested during the last major period of new pipeline development in 1992-1993. Since dipping in 1994, investment in additional natural gas pipeline capacity has increased each year and could reach $6 billion in 2000, as demand for natural gas has steadily grown and as sources of production have shifted.

A major portion of this investment represents development of new pipeline capacity to carry supplies of Canadian natural gas to various U.S. markets, according to an analysis, "Natural Gas Pipeline Network: Changing and Growing," released by the Energy Information Administration.

While more than 11 billion cubic feet per day of additional capacity was added to the U.S. natural gas transmission network in 1998, total costs were relatively low, at $2.9 billion, compared with projected spending of $3.1 billion in 1999 and $6.3 billion in 2000. Although the amount of new capacity slated to be added during each of those years, 8.2 and 7.8 billion cubic feet per day, respectively, would be less than the amount added in 1998, the investment will be greater because several major new and expensive long-distance pipeline systems, such as the Alliance, Independence, Tri-State and Vector pipeline systems, are scheduled to be constructed during the period. Most of the new capacity added in 1998 was less expensive expansions and upgrades to existing systems.

The growth in Canadian gas imports into the U.S. Midwest Region also is expected to spur additional growth and increased use of the Chicago (Hub) Market Center as a transshipment point for supplies en route to a growing natural gas market in the U.S. Northeast. Consequently, market centers located in the vicinity of Leidy, Pennsylvania, where a number of pipeline systems serving the Northeast interconnect, also should grow significantly. This major hub area will experience not only increased movements of Canadian import volumes but also several system expansions designed to transport additional supplies to the Northeast from Texas, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico.

Supporting this expansive pipeline growth, in large part, is the growing demand for natural gas to generate electricity. Growing environment concerns have spurred the construction of new gas-fired electric generating plants to replace coal and oil-fire plants in many sections of the country. Since 1990, natural gas use for electric power generation has grown at an annual rate of 17 percent in the Midwest and about 9 percent in the Southeast. Although natural gas use for electric generation grew by less than one percent per year in the Southwest, it still accounts for more than 22 percent of all gas consumed in the region. That is the largest regional use of natural gas for electric generation in the nation.

This analysis is contained in the first released portion of an upcoming report, "Natural Gas 1998: issues and Trends," expected to be published in February 1999. It may be accessed electronically from EIA's web site at http"//www.eia.doe.gob/oil_gas/natural_gas/analysis_publications/natural_gas_issues_and_trends/it98.html.

Printed copies of the full report will be available from the U.S. Government Printing Office or through EIA's National Energy Information Center.

Core: Merger will combine technologies

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"Core Laboratories is excited about joining forces with AGI as we continue to increase our exposure to new technologies and international markets where growth is the highest," said Core President and CEO David M. Demshur.

"Two years ago Core generated less than one million dollars in revenue from Mexico. In 1998, Mexico-related revenues should exceed $30 million, and AGI's multicultural approach will better position Core for continued growth in 1999," Demshur stated in closing.

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Canada	291	249	493
U.S. Directional	157	163	237
U.S. Horizontal	38	37	65
U.S. Gas	489	498	646
U.S. Oil	152	167	357

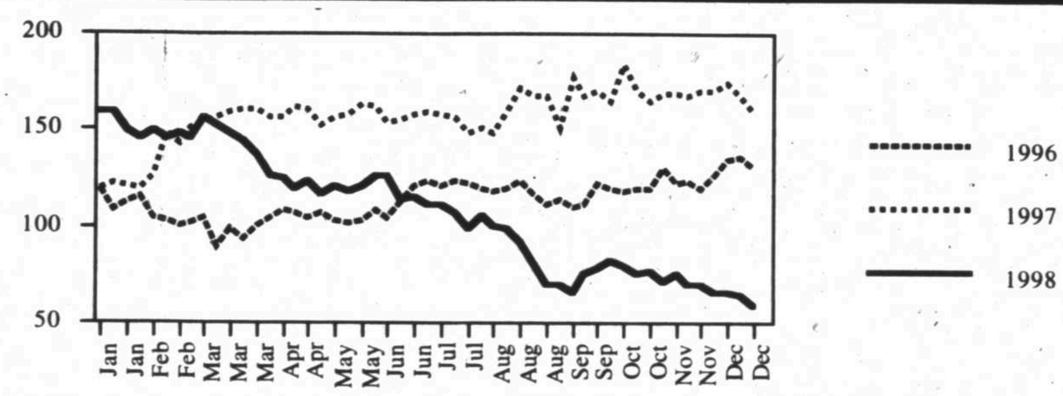
Permian Basin Rig Count One Year Ago: 163

This information updated December 18, 1998

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DIST. #7C		Glasscock	02	Floyd	00
Coke	00	Howard	01	Gaines	00
Concho	02	Hudspeth	00	Garza	02
Crockett	00	Jeff Davis	00	Hale	00
Irion	00	Loving	01	Hockley	01
Kimble	00	Martin	02	Kent	00
McCullough	00	Midland	04	King	00
Menard	00	Mitchell	00	Lamb	00
Reagan	03	Pecos	04	Lubbock	00
Runnels	00	Presidio	00	Lynn	00
Schleicher	02	Reeves	01	Motley	00
Sutton	00	Sterling	02	Scurry	00
Terrell	01	Ward	00	Terry	00
Tom Green	01	Winkler	02	Yoakum	00
Upton	00				
		DIST. #8A		*TEXAS TOTAL*	*32*
DIST. #8		Bailey	00		
Andrews	03	Borden	00	NEW MEXICO	
Brewster	00	Cochran	00	Chaves	01
Crane	00	Cottle	00	Eddy	11
Culberson	00	Crosby	00	Lea	14
Ector	00	Dawson	02	Roosevelt	00
		Dickens	00	*N.M. TOTAL*	*26*

Rig Count Profile



Rig Count information provided by Hughes Christensen

Midland bankers among those who see prices as opportunity

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — While some lenders are pulling out of the Oil Patch, others say they see the plunge in oil prices as a business opportunity.

In the past six months, Bank One Corp. of Chicago and BankAmerica's NationsBank, of Charlotte, N.C., have abandoned their energy-lending operations in Midland. Lenders who remain expect demand for energy loans to drop next year.

But Bryan-based First American Bank of Texas is bucking the trend by opening its first energy-lending division.

"You think we're crazy?" bank president William Atkinson asked the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal.

Atkinson's bank is the largest Texas-based lender in the Midland-Odessa area, with about $400 million in deposits. Atkinson said jumping into the energy-lending businesses is necessary to diversify from the bank's portfolio of real-estate loans.

"This is something we'd be doing if oil was $20 a barrel or $10 a barrel," Atkinson said.

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>
> William Atkinson, First American Bank of Texas

The bank's energy division has yet to make loan, but its long-term goal is to build a $50 million portfolio in five years. The withdrawal of Bank One and NationsBank should down the competition.

In fact, while oil prices have continued to decline, Minneapolis-based Norwest Corp. and Chase Manhattan Corp. of New York reported 20 percent increases this year in energy-related loans. Most of the loans are for acquisition as local independent energy operators buy up the property of retreating major producers, the newspaper reported.

Some established lenders think First American is using the energy-lending business to build goodwill with local residents in hopes of helping its other operations.

"If this isn't marketing driven, it would be difficult to explain their desire to jump headfirst into a market that's the worst that it's been in years," said Karl Reiter, senior vice president of Midland American Bank, a subsidiary of Houston-based Bank United Corp.

Noble Drilling seeks to buy drilling company

HOUSTON (Bloomberg) — Noble Drilling Corp., the seventh-largest U.S. oil-drilling contractor, wants to buy another drilling company in 18 months to help it compete for business as its customers, oil companies, consolidate.

Noble has had preliminary discussions with other rig companies about acquisitions, Noble Chief Executive James Day told the Bloomberg Forum. Day said proposed combinations of larger oil companies will cut demand for drilling rigs next year as the merged entities reorganize spending programs.

Exxon Corp.'s proposed acquisition of Mobil Corp. and other oil industry acquisitions are reducing the number of companies who rent the offshore rigs that Noble provides. As the industry consolidates, oilfield companies that provide a wider range of rigs and services will get more of the exploration contracts, Day said.

"The more rigs you have, the better able you'll be to respond to their drilling requirements," Day said.

Day's comments come about two weeks after Global Marine Inc. Chief Executive Robert Rose said oil-drilling companies must consolidate along with their customer base to have muscle in negotiations with fewer, bigger customers.

Day declined to name the companies with which Noble has had discussions. He said the company could use a combination of cash and stock to make the purchase.

Oil is fetching its lowest prices since 1986, a level that's likely to remain in the market in the coming year, pushing oil-drilling companies share prices and earnings lower. That will make potential acquisition targets more affordable and give Noble "a window of opportunity" to buy a company at a low price, Day said.

Crude oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 11 cents to $11.13 a barrel in early afternoon trading.

Noble already has expanded its deep-water drilling fleet by making an acquisition. It bought Rotterdam-based Royal Nedlloyd NV's offshore oil- and gas-drilling division in 1996 for about $373 million in cash and stock.

To find larger and more profitable reserves, more oil companies are exploring in deep-water areas such as those off West Africa and in the Gulf of Mexico, aided by improving technology. The industry considers deep water to be 350 feet or beyond.

"As an industry we've explored most of the opportunities on land," Day said. "The deep water is the frontier."

Noble shares fell 1/8 to 12 3/8.

Burlington eyeing acquisitions

HOUSTON (Bloomberg) — Burlington Resources Inc., an oil and natural-gas exploration company, said it expects to announce an acquisition within the next three weeks and is pursuing others.

Burlington has as much as $2.5 billion it can use to buy properties or companies that have fallen in value as oil prices hover around 12-year lows, the company said. Burlington, which primarily explores for, and produces, oil and natural gas in New Mexico and Texas, had 1997 revenue of about $2 billion.

Burlington, based in Houston, said it's been in talks with unnamed parties. It expects to agree by the end of the year on a transaction that would give it a controlling interest in a subsidiary of an unnamed oil and natural-gas company, as well as stakes in some oil and natural-gas fields.

"I'm hoping in the next three weeks or so we're going to have this thing all worked out," said John Carrara, a company spokesman. "We just have to get all the I's dotted and T's crossed."

Oil prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange this year have averaged about 29 percent less than last year. Many small-to midsize-oil and natural-gas exploration companies are expected to write down the value of their assets at the end of the year because of the low oil prices. Some will be forced to shed assets or seek merger partners to cut costs and raise capital needed for next year's exploration projects, analysts said.

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>
> John Carrara, Company spokesman

"We wouldn't be surprised to see other acquisitions come up on the horizon if low prices persist," Carrara said.

Crude oil prices rose 10 cents to $11.27 a barrel on Nymex in late morning trading, after settling at a 12-year low of $11.13 on Dec. 1.

Burlington's stock price is down about 24 percent this year, mainly because of the prolonged weakness in oil and natural-gas prices, though it has fared better than rivals like Union Pacific Resources, down about 59 percent, and Kerr-McGee Corp., down about 39 percent.

"We're not debt-laden or strapped for cash," Carrara said. "We could probably make acquisitions to as much as $2 billion to $2.5 billion without hurting ourselves."

Shares in Burlington rose 15/16 to 33 7/16 in late morning trading.

Harken announces Islero 1 well progress

DALLAS (PRNewswire) — Harken Energy Corporation (Amex: HEC) announced today that after setting seven inch casing on the Islero 1 well at 7,616 feet and then drilling out into the black shale that the Company believes overlies the Cimarrona, it encountered a routine problem resulting in a stuck drill bit at 7,643 feet. This black shale formation, according to the Company's geological interpretation, is expected to be just above the target Cimarrona formation on its Islero 1 well on the 300,000 acre Cambulos Association Contract Area. After drilling out of the cased hole at 7,616 feet, the well encountered swelling and caving in the black shale that resulted in the problem.

The Company is currently in the process of recovering the bit from the bottom of the hole. This operation should be completed in the next few days so that drilling can continue. Once the hole is cleaned out, the drilling mud program will be modified to address the swelling problem. When the Company is through the problem zone, Harken expects to set a five inch steel liner to seal off the problem formation and prevent further mechanical problems.

Harken's Chairman, Mikel Faulkner stated "The problems encountered in this section of the well bore are not unusual and we had 'fishing' equipment already onsite in case such an operation should become necessary. We have already recovered a large portion of the debris from the bottom of the well bore and expect to have the remaining pieces out shortly. While this has delayed us somewhat, it has not changed the well fundamentals or our expectations."

Harken Energy Corporation ("Harken") explores for, develops and produces oil and gas reserves domestically and internationally.

Mitchell to book reserves in Barnett Shale Field

THE WOODLANDS, Texas, (PRNewswire) — Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. has received approval from the Texas Railroad Commission for field rule amendments that will enable the company to more aggressively develop its Barnett Shale gas reserves in North Texas.

The new field rules permit Mitchell to drill wells in the Newark East (Barnett Shale) field on as little as 40-acre spacing. As a result of increased well density, or "infill drilling," the company expects that as many as 100 wells with approximately 80 billion cubic feet of estimated net gas reserves will be added to the proved undeveloped category. The new locations bring total undeveloped well locations to approximately 200 for the field. The company also has identified another 100 probable locations that may be added in the future. The Barnett Shale has a reservoir thickness of approximately 300 feet.

"The tighter well spacing will allow us to recover a lot more gas reserves from the Barnett Shale than we had originally expected," said George P. Mitchell, chairman and chief executive officer. "Results of a pilot program we started in mid-1996 have given us confidence that infill drilling is economically attractive.

"Over the next few years we'll be testing areas to the west, south and east of this core area to expand the economic limits of the field," he added. "This could lead to a major expansion of our natural gas reserves in Wise and adjacent counties."

Mitchell has been actively developing the Barnett Shale since the early 1990s and has drilled more than 350 wells to date.

Daniel acquires Metco, UK-based provider of flow measurement services

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Daniel Industries, Inc. announced that its newly formed services subsidiary, Daniel Measurement Services, Inc. (DMS) has acquired all of the outstanding stock of privately-held Metco Services Limited, a UK provider of flow measurement services to the international energy industry. Based in Aberdeen, Scotland, Metco's annual revenues are approximately five million dollars.

As the leading supplier of flow measurement service to the UK/North Sea energy industry, Metco provides consulting, design, management, maintenance and auditing services for fiscal and allocation metering systems. Ron Lassiter, Daniel's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "The acquisition of Metco is a strategically important first step for DMS. Metco's experience in managing the fiscal metering systems of major UK-North Sea operators is a fundamental building block in Daniel's strategy to become the leading provider of hydrocarbon measurement and metering data services to the energy industry."

John Wentworth, Chairman of Metco's Board of Directors observed, "Five years ago, we started Metco with the belief that, by focusing on flow metering and measurement solutions, we could add value to our customers' business operations. This proposition has been validated and now, as part of DMS, we have the opportunity to take our business to the next level." Mr. Wentworth continued, "With the support and resources of Daniel Measurement Services, Metco will be better positioned to expand its service offerings and geographic coverage. These actions will benefit our customers and will provide enhanced career opportunities for our employees."

J. D. Sitton, President of DMS, reinforced this view: "With Metco, DMS is getting a solid technical foundation for pursuing a leadership position in the emerging market for energy measurement services. Metco gives DMS access to top-notch applied measurement expertise and well-established client relationships. These assets, together with Daniel's recognized position as a worldwide leader in providing energy measurement and control solutions, will enhance our service offerings and delivery capability. Metco will be an integral part of DMS' ability to provide comprehensive worldwide measurement services."

> **'With the support of Daniel, Metco will be better positioned to expand it service.**
>
> John Wentworth Chairman, Metco

Metco's current management will remain in place with John Wentworth assuming the role of Managing Director.

Daniel Industries, Inc. is an international leader in fluid measurement and flow control products and services for the oil and gas industry. Daniel provides a wide variety of flow meters, valves, actuators, control systems, engineered solutions and flow measurement services, primarily for producers, transporters, refiners and processors of oil and natural gas.

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Ref-Chem announces merger, promotions

Ref-Chem construction Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ref-Chem Corporation, announces its acquisition of the assets of SMC McEver, inc., an engineering; procurement and construction company operating since 1966 from Houston, Texas, with an approximately $20+MM per year sales volume, from Scientific Management Corporation which is a subsidiary of Versar, Inc. a publicly-traded company listed on the American Stock Exchange.



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SMC McEver, Inc. will be operated as McEver Engineering, a division of Ref-Chem Construction and will continue to offer engineering, procurement and construction services. McEver Engineering will continue operations from its present location in Houston.



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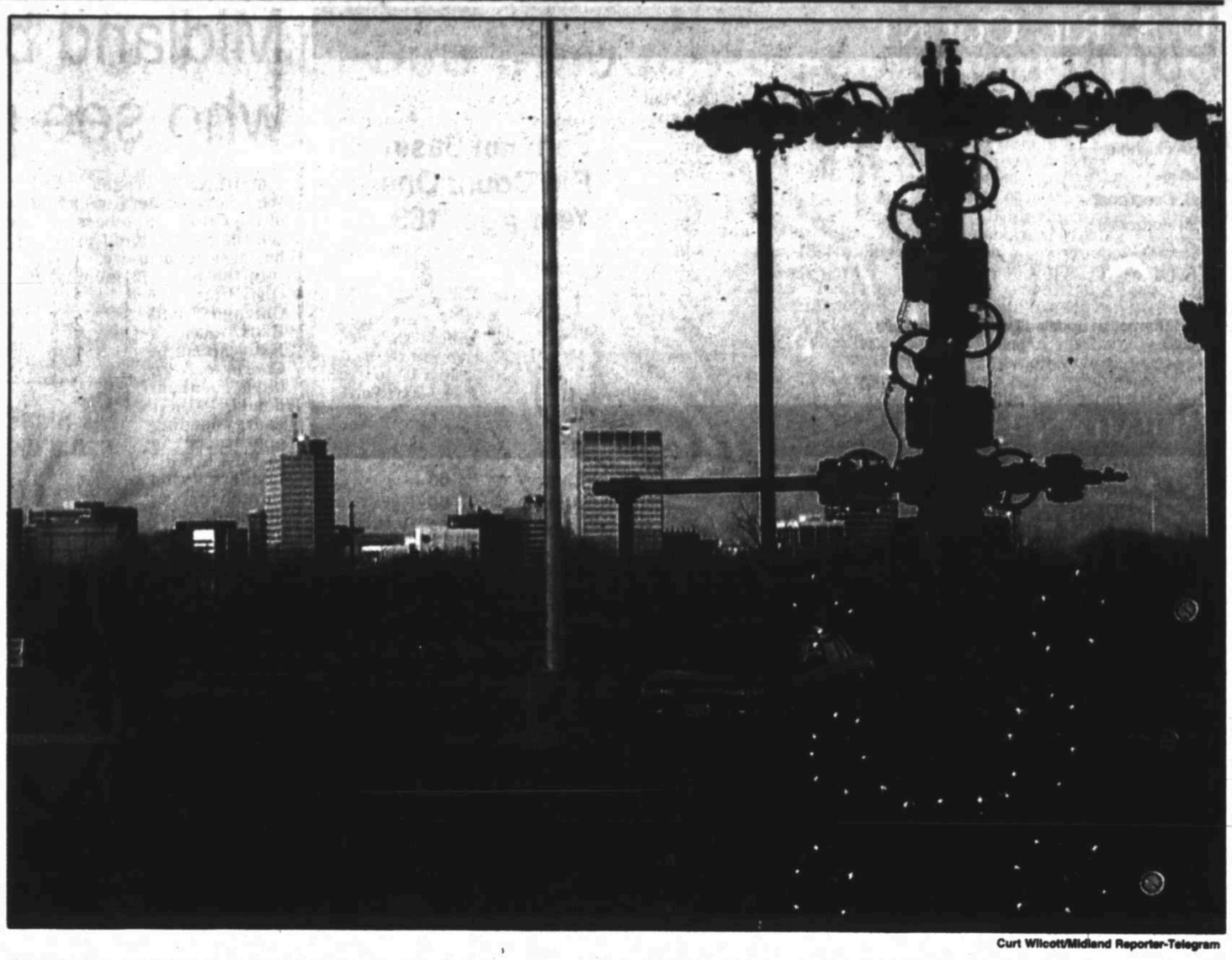
B.L. CRENSHAW has been promoted to president and corporate chief operating officer and is responsible for all corporate operations for both Ref-Chem Corporation Permian Basin Operations and Ref-Chem Construction Corporation Gulf Coast Operations. He has been employed with Ref-Chem for 34 years.

BEN H. NICHOLS has been promoted to ref-Chem Corporation Chief Operating Officer. He will be responsible for all of Ref-Chem's Permian Basin Operations.

JOHN ADAMS has been promoted to corporate vice president of administration, responsible for both Ref-Chem Corporation and Ref-Chem Construction Corporation accounting, human resources and safety functions.

JERRY A. DUNN, P.E., has been promoted to the position of vice president of engineering for Ref-Chem Corporation. Jerry will be responsible for Ref-Chem Permian Basin engineering activities and coordinating McEver Engineering, a division of Ref-Chem Construction Gulf Coast operations.

Ref-Chem Corporation is a general industrial engineering, procurement and construction and maintenance contractor with annual sales volume of approximately $100 million in petrochemical, chemical, refining oil and gas market and is qualified to work in 36 states from its Gulf Coast or West Texas profit centers.



Curt Wilcott/Midland Reporter-Telegram

Christmas lights decorate the Christmas tree at the Petroleum Museum, with the skylight of Midland in the background. Texas oil and gas wells produced 479,175,663 mcf based on preliminary figures, up from last year's preliminary gas production total of 454,354,349 mcf. Production came from 160,067 oil and 52,480 gas wells.

Texaco, BG announce Starfish gas discovery off Trinidad

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — Texaco and BG plc announced a natural gas discovery on Blocks E and 5a in the East Coast Marine Area, offshore Trinidad.

The discovery well, Starfish-1X, was drilled in a water depth of 427 feet and is located 7.5 miles northwest of the Dolphin Field. Starfish-1X encountered 501 feet of net gas pay in four zones. The well tested at an intentionally constrained rate of 16.2 million cubic feet of gas per day (MMCFPD) on a 32/64-inch choke from the upper zone.

Frank Chapman, BG plc Executive Director responsible for Exploration and Production, said, "This continues our successful exploration campaign off the East Coast. The location of this discovery in the vicinity of the Dolphin infrastructure provides an excellent opportunity to market and develop these reserves rapidly. Trinidad and Tobago is an important country for BG, and one in which we have already created considerable growth and success."

Dr. Bruce S. Appelbaum, President of Texaco Exploration, said, "Starfish-1X represents the type of strategic exploration opportunity Texaco is pursuing to achieve continued growth. The successful results of this drilling campaign, coupled with multiple market opportunities for natural gas in Trinidad, positions Texaco to capitalize on the growth potential of Trinidad's commercial and industrial energy needs."

Starfish-1X is operated by BG on behalf of the 50/50 Texaco/BG venture. Blocks E and 5a are located approximately 56 miles off the East Coast of Trinidad in water depths ranging from 300 to 1,300 feet. The adjacent Dolphin gas field, in production since 1996 and operated by BG on behalf of Texaco and BG, currently produces 170 MMCFPD for sale to the National Gas Company of Trinidad & Tobago.

This is the second discovery this year by the Texaco/BG venture, and the fifth consecutive successful well operated by BG in Trinidad. In August of this year the companies announced a significant natural gas and condensate discovery in Block 5a in the same East Coast Marine Area. The discovery well Dolphin Deep-1 encountered 546 feet of net gas pay in three zones and tested at a rate of 36MMCFPD and 430 barrels of condensate per day.

The joint venture partners for Blocks E are British Gas Trinidad and Tobago Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of BG plc, and Texaco Trinidad Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Texaco Overseas Holdings Inc. For Block 5a, the joint venture partners are BG Exploration and Production Limited, also a wholly owned subsidiary of BG plc, and Texaco Trinidad Inc.

BG is operator for three blocks in the East Coast marine area: blocks 6, E and 5a, which are held jointly with Texaco Trinidad Inc. The Dolphin gas field, operated by BG on behalf of a 50/50 BG/Texaco joint venture, began production in March 1996 and supplies the National Gas Company of Trinidad & Tobago under a 20-year contract. Dolphin reserves are estimated at more than one trillion cubic feet, excluding the recent Dolphin Deep-1 discovery.

TXCO drills seventh consecutive producing well in Maverick Basin

SAN ANTONIO (PRNewswire) — The Exploration Company announced that it has finished drilling and has run electric logs on its seventh consecutive Glen Rose reef gas well, the Paloma "E" 1-64, in the Prickly Pear (Glen Rose) Field in the Maverick Basin of southwest Texas. TXCO anticipates that this new well will be produced at 2 million cubic feet of gas per day (2,000 mcfd) which should increase TXCO's revenues from the Basin by approximately $575,000 per year.

TXCO's Paloma "E" 1-64 is the seventh consecutive, successful well drilled in the Prickly Pear (Glen Rose) Field that has encountered at least 40 feet of gas-producing reef. The Paloma 1-64 extends the Prickly Pear Field one-half mile northeast of TXCO's recently completed Paloma "E" 1-65. Mr. James E. Sigmon, The Exploration Company's president, stated, "Analysis of electric logs indicates that the Paloma 1-64 encountered 66 feet of Glen Rose reef that appears to be gas productive. This compares favorably to our last well, the Paloma 1-65, that found 70 feet of gas-bearing reef in the Glen Rose interval." TXCO owns a 62.5% working interest in the Paloma 1-64 and has at least a 62.5% working interest in the remaining undrilled acres on its contiguous 50,000 acres block. If the Paloma 1-64 produces at a rate of 2,000 mcfd (thousand cubic feet per day) at an average price of $1.75 per mcf, TXCO's net revenue should increase by approximately $575,000 per year.

TXCO also announced that flow tests on the Paloma "E" 1-65 indicate that the well will surpass the Company's previously announced November 3rd estimates. FESCO, Inc., an independent petroleum engineering testing company, calculated the absolute open flow (AOF) of the Paloma 1-65 to be 121 million cubic feet of gas per day (121,000 mcfd) which is the highest AOF calculated for wells drilled in the Prickly Pear Field to date. FESCO produced the Paloma 1-65 at various gas rates up to 1,432 mcfd and 25 barrels of condensate per day. The flowing tubing pressure was 2006 psi while the 48-hour shut-in tubing pressure was 2035 psi. Based upon these tests, TXCO believes that its November 3rd production estimate of 2,000 mcfd is conservative and that the well will instead be produced at approximately 4,000 mcfd.

The Exploration Company is a gas and oil enterprise with interests in Texas, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.

Unocal withdraws from $2.9 billion pipeline project

EL SEGUNDO, California, (Bloomberg) — Unocal Corp. said it's withdrawing from a $2.9 billion pipeline project meant to bring natural gas to Turkey from Turkmenistan, as the company seeks to cut its capital spending for next year.

Unocal and Koc Holdings AS, the largest publicly held company in Turkey, had sponsored a pipeline route feasibility study, for a trans-Caspian pipeline called Eurasia Natural Gas Pipeline, or ENGP.

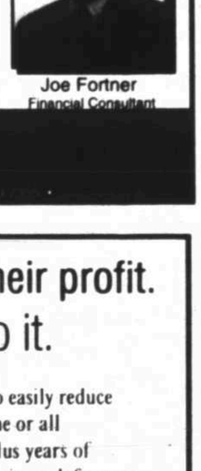
The ENGP was supposed to carry natural gas from Turkmenistan, through Azerbaijan, into Turkey and potentially other countries in the region. Unocal and Koc had entered into an agreement with Conoco Inc. to start developing the $2.9 billion project and had been in talks with the Turkish government.

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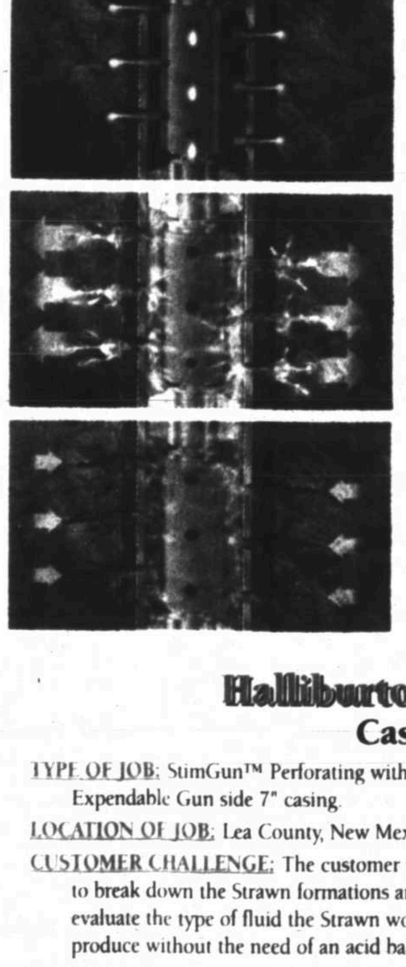


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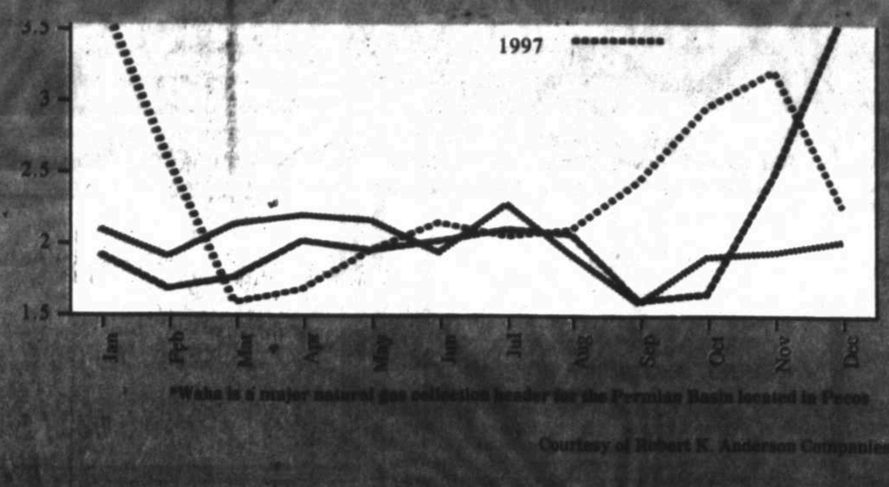
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Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos

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Waha Averages

This month	Last Month
$2.01	$1.94

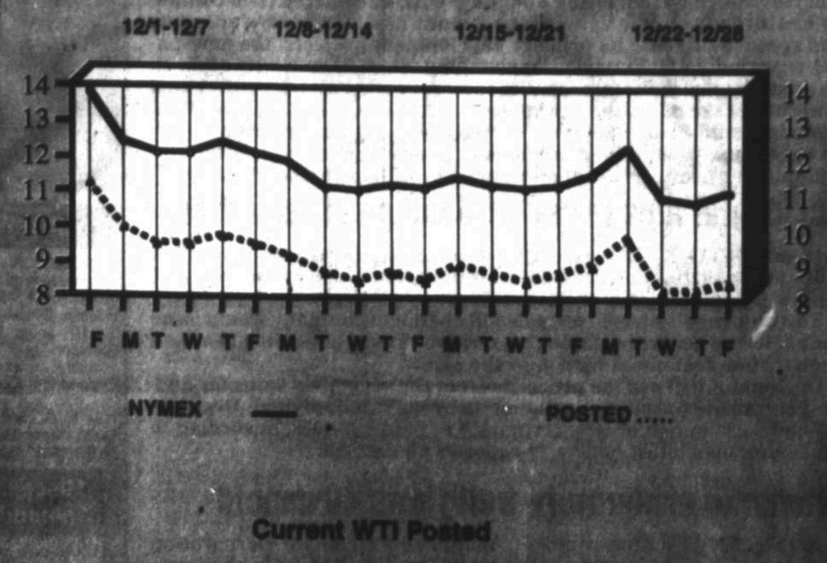
Current Spot Prices

- **Mid Continent** (Arkoma) **$2.05**
- **Gulf Coast** (Louisiana) **$2.12**
- **Rocky Mountain** (Wyoming) **$1.96**

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:





Current WTI Posted

Amoco*	$N/A	Equiva	$8.25	Navajo NM	$9.60
Arco	8.50	Exxon	10.25	Phillips*	8.50
Genesis*	8.25	Koch*	8.50	Sourlock	
Chevron	10.25	Mobil*	9.00	Permian*	8.50
E.O.T.T.	8.25	Navajo WTI	8.50	Sun*	8.75

* Net Price without transportation charge

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

EDDY COUNTY

SDX RESOURCES
MARATHON 25 ST #9
RED LAKE; T17S, R28E, SEC 25; 1650 FNL 2289 FWL; 8.5 MILES W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4500 QU/GB/SA; API 330-015-30497
SDX RESOURCES
MARATHON 25 ST #10
RED LAKE; T17S, R28E, SEC 25; 990 FNL 2310 FEL; 8.5 MILES W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4500 QU/GB/SA; API #30-015-30498
MACK ENERGY CORP
WOOLLEY FEDERAL #5
LOCO HILLS; T17S, R30E, SEC 21; 1550 FSL 2310 FWL; ROT 5500 PADDOCK; API 330-015-30502
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
KEN FEDERAL #2
LOCO HILLS; T17S, R30E, SEC 23; 2210 FSL 990 FWL; 2 MILES E OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 6000 PADDOCK API #30-015-30507
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
LEE FEDERAL #5
LOCO HILLS; T17S, R30E, SEC 20; 1400 FNL 330 FEL; 5.5 MILES E OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 6000 PADDOCK; API #30-015-30500\
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
LEE FEDERAL #12
LOCO HILLS; T17S, R31E, SEC 20; 2310 FNL 890 FEL; 5.5 MILES E OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 6000; API #30-0-15-30508
DEVON ENERGY CORP
WEST RED LAKE UNIT #80
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 4; 1750 FSL 1650 FWL; 7.5 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 3400 GB/SA; API #30-105-30509
DEVON ENERGY CORP
WEST RED LAKE UNIT #87
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 7; 2200 FSL 2450 FEL; 6.5 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 3400 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API #30-105-30506
DEVON ENERGY CORP
WEST RED LAKE UNIT #88
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 7; 605 FNL 2320 FEL; 6.5 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 3400 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API 330-015-30496
KCS MEDALLION RESOURCES INC
WEST SHUGART 19 FED 32
SHUGART; T18S, R31E, SEC 19; 660 FSL 1930 FEL; 7 MILES SE OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 12300 MORROW; API #30-015-30501
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
PRESTON FEDERAL #20
SO DAGGER DRAW; T20S, R24E, SEC 35; 660 FSL 510 FWL; 13 MILES SW OF LAKEWOOD; ROT 8200 UPPER PENN; API #30-015-30505
POGO PRODUCING
CEDAR CANYON 28 FED #6
CEDAR CANYON; T24S, R29E, SEC 28; 1650 FNL 1650 FWL; 5 MILES SE OF MALAGA; ROT 5500 DELAWARE; API 330-105-30499

LEA COUNTY

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
RUNNELS ASP #3
SO BIG DOG; T16S, R35E, SEC 177; 1980 FNL 660 FEL; 4 MIELS W OF LOVINGTON; ROT 12750 STRAWN; RE-ENTRY OF BURLESON & HUFF LUSK #1; API #30-025-02786
TMBR/SHARP DRILLING
CARLISLE "15" #1
NW SHOEBAR; T16S, R35E, SEC 15; 1980 FSL 1650 FEL; 1 MILE S OF LOVINGTON; ROT 11100 STRAWN; RE-ENTRY OF P&A; API #30-0-25-34409
SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES
MALJAMAR "15" FEDERAL #1
MALJAMAR; T17S, R32E, SEC 15; 1310 FNL 1310 FEL; 1.5 MILES SE OF MALJAMAR; ROT 14400 DEVONIAN; API #30-025-34549
ARCO PERMIAN
CORBIN STATE #1
EK; T18S, R33E, SEC 24; 1980 FNL 2310 FWL; 8 MILES SW OF BUCKEYE; ROT 5600 DELAWARE; API #30-025-34547
ARCO PERMIAN
MCDONALD WM STATE #34
JALMAT; T22S, R36E, SEC 14; 1810 FSL 2030 FWL; 5 MILES SW OF EUNICE; ROT 3600 T/Y/SR; API #30-025-34546
ARCO PERMIAN
MCDONALD WM STATE #33
JALMAT; T22S, R36E, SEC 26; 2310 FSL 660 FEL 6.5 MILES SW OF EUNICE; ROT 3600 T/Y/SR; API #30-025-34545
ARCO PERMIAN
MCDONALD WM STATE #32
JALMAT; T22S, R36E, SEC 36; 2310 FSL 1650 FWL; 6.5 MILES SW OF EUNICE; ROT 3600 T/Y/SR; API #30-025-34544

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CONCHO COUNTY

PICKENS COMPANY
FRITZ #1125
MILLERSVIEW, W (CROSS CUT SD)-RECOMPLETION; T&NO RR CO. SUR, A-890, BLK 72, SEC 125; 2280 FNL 5780 FEL OF LSE; 500 FEL 2280 FNL OF SURVEY; 4 MILES W OF MILLERSVIEW; OBJ: 3800; PERMIT #481389; API #42-095-31754

REAGAN COUNTY

ENERGEN RESOURCES
STANOLIND #4
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA CLEAR FORK)-RECOMPLETION; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-665, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 23; 660 FWL 660 FWL OF LSE; 660 FWL 1980 FNL OF SURVEY; 4 MILES E OF MIDKIFF; OBJ: 8750; PERMIT #481473; API #42-383-31317
ENERGEN RESOURCES
STANOLIND #3
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA CLEAR FORK)-RECOMPLETION; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-655, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 23; 660 FSL 1980 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL OF SURVEY; 4.5 MILES E OF MIDKIFF; OBJ: 8750; PERMIT #481472; API #42-383-31298
ENERGEN RESOURCES
STANOLIND #1
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-RECOMPLETION; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-665, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 23; 660 FNL 1980 FWL OF LSE; 660 FNL 1980 FWL OF SURVEY; 4 MILES E OF MIDKIFF; OBJ: 8650; PERMIT #481470; API 342-383-01490

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ANDREWS COUNTY

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STATE UNIVERSITY AO #10H
UNIVERSITY BLOCK 9 (DEVONIAN)-RECOMPLETION; HORIZONTAL-SIDETRACK; UL SUR, BLK 9, SEC 10; 2001 FSL 891 FWL OF LSE; 2001 FSL 1749 FEL OF SURVEY; 12 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 10700; PERMIT #481426; API #42-003-38202

CRANE COUNTY

PENNZOIL EXPLORATION
M.F. HENDERSON #184
WADDELL-D; PSL/M.F. HENDERSON SUR, A-1077, BLK B-23, SEC 3; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL OF SURVEY; 17.5 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 3600; PERMIT #481570; API #42-103-34669
PENNZOIL EXPLORATION
M.F. HENDERSON #185
WADDELL-D; PSL/M.F. HENDERSON SUR, A-1077, BLK B-23, SEC 3; 1980 FNL 4620 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 660 FWL OF SURVEY; 17.5 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 3600; PERMIT #481569; API #42-103-34670
PENNZOIL EXPLORATION
M.F. HENDERSON #186
WADDELL-D; PSL/M.F. HENDERSON SUR, A-1077, BLK B-23, SEC 3; 1880 FNL 710 FEL OF LSE; 1880 FNL 710 FEL OF SURVEY; 17.5 MIELS NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 3600; API 481568; API 342-103-34671

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1128A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-D; T&P RR CO/J.C. ROBERTS SUR, A-1112, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 22; 19218 FSL 20525 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL OF SURVEY; 8 MILES NW OF ST LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8600; PERMIT #481520; API #42-173-32938
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1416A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-D; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-452, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 27; 27165 FEL 15235 FSL OF LSE; 1980 FWL 660 FNL OF SURVEY; 8 MILES SW OF ST LAWRENCE; AOBJ: 8600; PERMIT #481519; API 342-173-32939
PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #828A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-D; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-447, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 17; 16557 FNL 19212 FEL OF LSE; 1980 FWL 660 FNL OF SURVEY; 10 MIELS NW OF ST LAWRENCE; OBJ: 6800; PERMIT #481518; API 342-173-32940
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #583A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-D; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-460, BLK 37, SEC 11; 16447 FWL 11256 FNL OF LSE; 660 FWL 660 FNL OF SURVEY; 13 MILES NW OF ST LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8500; PERMIT #481517; API 342-173-32941
ENERGEN RESOURCES
STANOLIND #2
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-RECOMPLETION; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-551, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 23; 660 FNL 660 FEL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660 FEL OF SURVEY; 4 MILES E OF MIDKIFF; OBJ: 8670; PERMIT #481471; API 342-173-00939

MIDLAND COUNTY

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
EVANS E 1H
AZALEA (DEVONIAN)-D; HORIZONTAL; T&P RR CO/J.L. VEAZEY SUR, A-1000, BLK 37, T2S, SEC 56; 1001 FSL 781 FEL OF LSE; 1683 FNL 2157 FWL OF SURVEY; 11.8 MILES E'LY OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 12000; PERMIT #481531; API 342-329-34134

PECOS COUNTY

MARATHON OIL COMPANY
YATES FIEL DUNIT #275Z50
YATES-RECOMPLETION; GC&SF RR CO/T.E. HICKOX SUR, A-6657, BLK 194, SEC 32; 9932 FSL 13748 FEL OF LSE; 2854 FWL 193 FNL OF SURVEY; 5 MILES SW OF IRAAN; OBJ: 1999; PERMIT #481515; API #42-371-35000
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
YATES FIELD UNIT #214Z53
YATES-RECOMPLETION; RUNNELS CSL SUR, A-2169; 7725 FNL 13108 FWL OF LSE; 193 FSL 2436 FWL OF SURVEY; 5 MILES W OF IRAAN; OBJ: 1999; PERMIT #481510; API #42-371-34370
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
YATES FIELD UNIT #82E26
YATES-RECOMPLETION; GC&SF RR CO. SUR, A-4562, BLK 194, SEC 31; 3991 FSL 10842 FEL OF LSE; 919 FN'LYN LINE 6655 FW'LYW LKINE OF SURVEY; 4 MILES S OF IRAAN; OBJ: 2000; PERMIT #481509; API #42-371-34955
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
YATES FIELD UNIT #39C31
YATES-RECOMPLETION; I&GN RR CO SUR, A-728, BLK 1, SEC 62; 3177 FNL 7170 FEL OF LSE; 2413 FSL 4122 FWL OF SURVEY; 1 MILE S OF IRAAN; OBJ: 1544; PERMIT #481508; API #42-371-34448
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
YATES FIELD UNIT #214098
YATES-RECOMPLETION; RUNNELS CSL #3, A-2169; 3734 FNL 10735 FEL OF LSE; 4165 FSL 6421 FWL OF SURVEY; 5 MILES W OF IRAAN; OBJ: 1644; PERMIT #481507; API #42-371-35454
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
YATES FIELD UNIT #82F16
YATES-RECOMPLETION; GC&SF RR CO. SUR, A-4562, BLK 194, SEC 31; 5783 FSL 14182 FEL OF LSE; 430 FW'LYS LINE 2460 FW'LYW LINE OF SURVEY; 3.7 MILES W OF IRAAN; OBJ: 1999; PERMIT #481506; API #42-371-32761
MARATHON OIL COMPANY
YATES FIELD UNIT #96C09
YATES-RECOMPLETION; HORIZONTAL-SIDETRACK; GC & SF RR CO/E.A. MONROE SUR, A-8070, BLK 194, SEC 18; 1811 FSL 5320 FEL OF LSE; 826 FNL 43 FEL OF SURVEY; 7.5 MILES SW OF IRAAN; OBJ: 1999; PERMIT #481446; API #42-371-36090

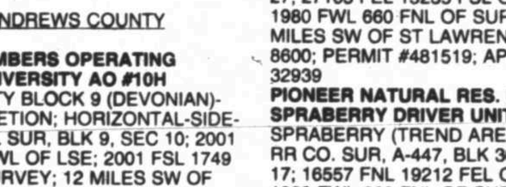
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INDUSTRY BRIEFS

BHP set to abandon beenup project, sell mine

SYDNEY (Bloomberg) — Broken Hill Proprietary Co., Australia's largest resources company, is set to abandon its troubled Beenup mineral sands project in Western Australia state, the Australian Financial Review reported, citing unnamed BHP executives. The company has already cut the value of the Beenup assets in its own accounts and removed it from its priority development projects, the newspaper reported. BHP may also be readying to sell its majority stake in the Hartley platinum mine in Zimbabwe, Southern Africa, after cost overruns at the mine, the newspaper said. BHP Chief Executive Paul Anderson said Friday he's committed to sell as many assets as needed to help the steel, minerals and energy producer recover after second-quarter profit fell 78 percent to A$86 million (US$53 million).

Occidental files to sell $1.4 billion of securities

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Occidental Petroleum Corp. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission to sell as much as $1.4 billion of debt and preferred securities.

The Los Angeles-based oil, gas and chemical company would issue the preferred securities through a series of trusts, according to a shelf registration statement filed with the SEC.

Occidental will use the proceeds from the securities sales for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of debt. Occidental had $5.83 billion of long-term debt at Sept. 30, 1998, according to the company's latest quarterly report with the SEC.

Anadarko exploratory well flows 40 mmcfd .

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Anadarko Petroleum Corporation announced results from an exploratory well drilled from the Company's East Cameron 157 production platform, located about 50 miles offshore Louisiana. The East Cameron 157 "A-7" exploration well flowed 40 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of gas and 1,129 barrels of condensate per day (BCPD) with a flowing tubing pressure of 2,235 psi.

The A-7 well encountered new reserves that were fault-separated from the main field reservoir. The reserves could not have been recovered with the existing wellbores. There are currently seven producing wells in the Field with platform production at 70 MMcf/d of gas and 1,700 BCPD.

Anadarko owns a 100-percent working interest in the East Cameron 157 platform.

BP says North Sea field starts production

LONDON (Bloomberg)-- British Petroleum Plc, Europe's second-largest oil company by market capitalization, said its North Sea Schiehallion oil field started producing oil at a rate of 30,000 barrels a day.

The Schiehallion field is centered on 29 seabed wells and four drilling centers that produce oil through steel pipelines passing into a floating production, storage and loading vessel.

BP, which operates the field, has a 33.35 percent stake in it, as does Royal/Dutch Shell Group. Other stakeholders include Amerada Hess Ltd. with 15.67 percent. Norway's Statoil along with the U.K. unit of OMV AG and Murphy Petroleum Ltd. each have 5.88 per cent stakes.

Companies win gas contracts in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A consortium of Gaz de France, its Mexican unit Mexigas and Mexican construction company Bufete Industrial SA won bidding to distribute natural gas in the state of Mexico.

In Mexico City itself, Consorcio Energeticos de Mexico — formed by Mexico's Grupo Diavaz, Controladora Comercial e Industrial and U.S.-based Lone Star Gas International — was awarded the contract to distribute the fuel.

Hector Olea, president of the Energy Regulatory Commission, said Gaz de France won the concession in the Cuautitlan-Texcoco zone, covering 28 communities in the suburbs bordering Mexico City, with a bid of $1.088 per gigacalorie. It is to reach 374,698 users after five years.

The Gaz de France consortium bid a maximum yield cap of $1.986 per gigacalorie for Mexico City so the permit was awarded to the second lowest bid.

According to the regulations, bidders can only win one distribution zone.

The permits grant exclusivity for five years.

The winners in each zone will purchase existing distribution infrastructure in the region owned by Diganamex, a subsidiary of the state monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos.

Mexigas said its consortium plans to invest $1.2 billion over the next 10 years in the state of Mexico. Revenues from the distribution and marketing of gas in the are are expected to exceed $1.8 billion.

Nuevo announces completion of wells

HOUSTON — Nuevo Energy Company announces the successful completion of the LL&E State Unit B-2 and B-1 ST2 exploration wells with combined gross production of 33.5 million cubic feet of gas per day (mmcfd) in the Four Isle Dome Field in Terrebone Parish, Louisiana.

The B-2 well is currently producing 18.2 mmcfd and 390 barrels of condensate per day from 130 feet of net pay between 12,954 feet and 13,610 feet. The second exploration well, the B-1 ST2, is producing 15.3 mmcfd and 360 barrels of condensate per day from 80 feet of net pay between 13,292 and 13,844 feet.

Burlington Resources is the operator with a 50 percent interests and Nuevo holds a 25 percent working interest (18.75 percent net revenue interest) in each well.

Enron-Transcanada could sell bonds for project

CARACAS (Bloomberg)— Enron International and Transcanada Pipelines Inc. expect to seek financing, including a possible bond sale, for a $450 million investment to expand a natural gas complex in eastern Venezuela over the next three years.

No decision has been made on how much financing the group will seek, said Enron International Managing Director David Haug. The group, which includes Venezuela's Tecnoconsult SA, won the contract last month.

Enron and Transcanada's venture, in which each holds 49.25 percent, will boost production at the Jose gas complex by 33 percent to 200,000 barrels a day of liquid petroleum gas. The project is the first push by Venezuela's state oil company to more fully use the large natural gas reserves in the states of Monagas and Anzoategui.

Amoco withdraws from Baltic Sea project

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — Amoco Corp., which is being bought by British Petroleum Co., said it will stop looking for oil in the Baltic Sea because of poor results and a change in strategy.

Chicago-based Amoco, the fifth-largest U.S. oil company, said its Amoco Latvia Petroleum Co. subsidiary told the Latvian government it will look for a buyer for its interests in the Baltic Sea, which is located north of Poland and west of Latvia. The company has been exploring there for about 20 years without success, said Robert Clark, an Amoco spokesman in London.

Ruble devaluation won't hurt Benton's operations

CARPINTERIA, California (Bloomberg) — Benton Oil & Gas Co. said Russia's ruble devaluation isn't likely to hurt the oil and natural gas exploration company because it gets dollars for its Russian oil.

Benton, which had oil and gas sales of $164 million last year, owns a 34 percent interest in Geoilbent, a joint venture in West Siberia. Benton recently bought a 40 percent stake in Severneftegaz, a Russian company with exclusive rights to develop reserves next to the Urengoy field, Russia's largest natural gas field.

Benton said the devaluation will help its drilling and production program since the company pays its Russian workers and suppliers in rubles, but receives dollars for the oil it produces.

Indonesian gas fields may have more reserves

TOKYO (Bloomberg) — A group of companies participating in the Indonesian government's gas exploration project discovered that the oil fields under development in the country have more liquefied national oil than previously believed, said Nippon Oil Co., which has a stake in the project.

The three oil fields, located in Irian Jaya, probably contain 18.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, compared with 13.3 trillion previously estimated, Nippon Oil said.

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Qualified applicants should mail or fax a resume to:

Fina Oil and Chemical Company
Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 1311
Big Spring, Texas 79721
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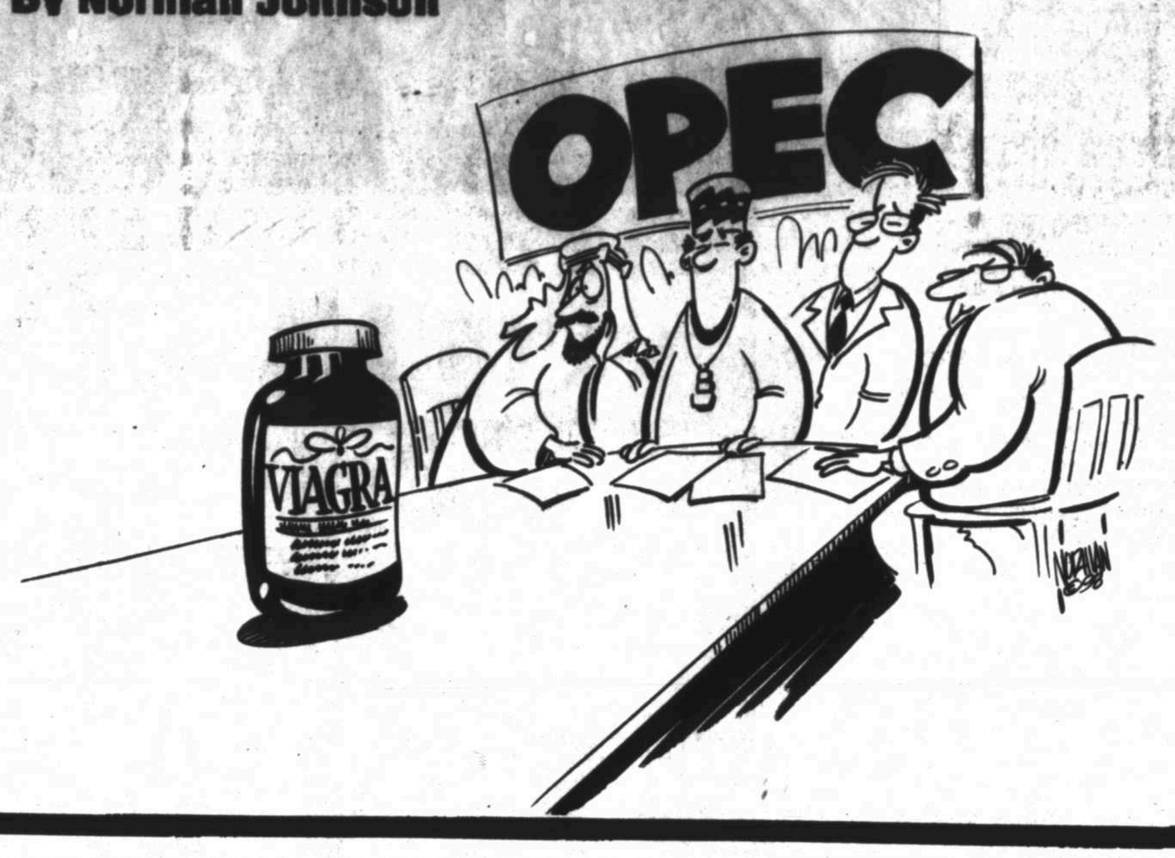
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EDDY COUNTY

CHI OPERATING
CV "23" FEDERAL #3
DOG CANYON GRAYBURG; T16S, R27E, SEC 23; 660 FNL 1980 FWL; EL 3575 GL; TD 1620; P&A; API #30-015-29965
MACK ENERGY CORP
MCINTYRE DK FEDERAL #9
LOCO HILLS; T17S, R30E, SEC 17; 330 FSL 900 FEL; EL 3657 GL; TD 4810, PBTD 4755; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4246-4609; IPP 41 BOPD, 122 MCFD; 1PI #30-015-29423
MARBOB ENERGY
BURCH KEELY UNIT #275
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R30E, SEC 18; EL 3645.3 GL; TD 4748, PBTD 4726; PRODUCTION THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4288-4547; IPP 22 BOPD, 46 MCFD; AIP #30-015-29774
DEVON ENERGY CORP
EAST SHUGART UNIT #79
SHUGART; T18S, R31E, SEC 35; 2120 FNL 375 FWL; EL 3631 GL; TD 4066, PBTD 4003; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2800-2816, 3556-3878; IPP 36 BOPD, 14 MCFD; API #30-015-28326
MEWBOURNE OIL CO.
SCANLON DRAW "35" STATE #1
NO TURKEY TRACK; T18S, R28E, SEC 35; 660 FSL 1980 FWL; EL 3468 GL; TD 11089; D&A; API #30-015-29384

LEA COUNTY

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING INC
JOHN T 6 #1
NE LOVINGTON; T16S, R37E, SEC 6; 4040 FSL 443 FWL; EL 3863 GL; TD 11658; D&A; API #30-025-34494
ENERQUEST RESOURCES
LANEY "A" #1
E HOBBS; T18S, R39E, SEC 30; 1650 FSL 1650 FEL; EL 3612 GL; TD 4623, PBTD 4618; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4568-4610; IPP 117 BOPD, 32 MCFD; API #30-025-34513
PHILLIPS PETROLEUM
STATE "4" #1
WEST OSUDO; T21S, R34E, SEC 1; 1980 FNL 1650 FWL; EL 3672 GL; TD 13450, PBTD 13358; PRODUCTION IS NATURAL THROUGH PERFS 13078-13146; IPF 16.5 BOPD, 1052 MCFD; API #30-025-34271
CHEVRON USA INC
EUNICE MONUMETN SOUTH UNIT #640
EUNICE MONUMENT; T21S, R36E, SEC 5; 1340 FSL 2495 FEL; EL 3571,GL; TD 3981, PBTD 3981; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3825-3966; IPP 1 BOPD, 1 MCFD; API #30-025-34212
CHEVRON USA
EUNICE MONUMENT SOUTH UNIT #699
EUNICE MONUMENT; T21S, R36E, SEC 10; 2562 FNL 100 FEL; EL 3580 GL; TD 3893, PBTD 3893; PRODUCTION IS OPEN HOLE THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3731-3893; IPP 12 BOPD, 4 MCFD; API #30-025-34215
APACHE CORP
NORTHEAST DRINKARD UNIT #412
NO EUNICE; T21S, R37E, SEC 10; 1124 FNL 2541 FEL; EL 3452 GL; TD 6847, PBTD 6753; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 5610-5845, 6102-6308, 6474-6701; IPP 53 BOPD, 141 MCFD; API 330-025-34490
APACHE CORP
NORTHEAST DRINKARD UNIT #414
NO EUNICE; T21S, R37E, SEC 10; 2499 FSL 2470 FEL; EL 3446 GL; TD 680, PBTD 6759; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 5598-5846, 5934-6284, 6512-6712; IPP 42 BOPD, 139 MCFD; API #30-025-34435
ENRON OIL & GAS
JACKSON "3" STATE COM #1
JOHNSON RANCH; T24S, R33E, SEC 3; ;990 FSL 2310 FWL; EL 3595 GL; TD 13750, PBTD 13605; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 13447-13535; IPF 120 BOPD, 4500 MCFD; API #30-025-34503
ENRON OIL & GAS
TRISTE DRAW "34" STATE #1
JOHNSON RANCH; T24S, R33E, SEC 34; 1921 FNL 730 FEL; EL 3500 GL; TD 13772, PBTD 13626; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH PERFS 13636-13653; IPF 250 BOPD, 12000 MCFD; API 330-025-34502

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CRANE COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G
W.N. WADDELL #1238
WADDELL; PSL SUR, BLK B-23, SEC 14; 9630 FNL 8326 FEL; 15 MILES NW OF CRANE; EL 2746 GL; CONTR: KEY ENERGY DRILLING; TD 3613, PBTD 3567; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3500-3518; IPP 15 BOPD, 24 MCFD; PERMIT #476024; API 342-103-34641
BURLINGTON RES. O&G
W.N. WADDELL ET AL #1567
SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT); PSL SUR, BLK B-26, SEC 17; 3927 FNL 10580 FEL; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; 2680 GL; CONTR: KEY ENERGY DRILLING; TD 3646, PBTD 3602; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3312-3533; IPP 27 BOPD, 42 MCFD; PERMIT #478547; API #42-103-34650
BURLINGTON RES O&G
W.N. WADDELL ET AL #141
SAND HILLS (TUBB); PSL SUR, BLK B-26, SEC 30; 3358 FSEL 16395 FNEL; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; EL 2633 GL; TD 4640, PBTD 4625; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED OPEN HOLE PERFS 4396-4670; IPP 14 BOPD, 28 MCFD; PERMIT #477263; API #42-103-02431
BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.
W.N. WADDELL ET AL #1568
SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT); PSL SUR, BLK B-26, SEC 29; 2802 FSL 11880 FEL; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; EL 2625 GL; CONTR: KEY ENERGY; TD 3565, PBTD 3519; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED PERFS 3157 - 3430; IPP 77 BOPD, 65 MCFD; PERMIT #478546; API #42-103-34651

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

KINDRED PETROLEUM COMPANY
L.C. CLARK EST. #1
SAINT LAWRENCE (STRAWN); T&P RR CO/MRS. M.E. GOOCH SUR, BLK 35, T4S, SEC 42; 660 FNL 660 FWL; 15 MILES SW OF GARDEN CITY; EL 2702 GL; CONTR: WORKOVER RIG; TD 10965, PBTD 10315; DEEPENED WELL; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 10210-10228; IPP 24 BOPD, 420 MCFD; PERMIT #476984; API 342-173-10035

MARTIN COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
TRAZAN "A" MADIXON SW #2701
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 36, T2N, SEC 27; 660 FWL 1980 FSL; 1 MILE NE OF LNEORAH; EL 2839 GL; CONTR: JSM 76 LTD; TD 9205, PBTD 9126; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED TREATED PERFS 7575-7595, 8210-8230, 8980-9000; IPP 18 BOPD, 20 MCFD; PERMIT #474829; API #42-317-34174

MIDLAND COUNTY

HENRY PETROLEUM
PARKS FIELD UNIT #1808
PARKS (PENNSYLVANIAN); CHARLES F. O'NEAL SUR, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 15; 2310 FEL 5675 FNL; 12 MILES S OF MIDLAND; EL 2829 GL; TD 12700, PBTD 10662; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 10603-606, 10586-594, 10568-576, 10548-555; IPP 38 BOPD, 12 MCFD; PERMIT #480251; API 342-329-31236

WINKLER COUNTY

ORYX ENERGY
SM HALLEY -B- #23
EMPEROR (WOLFCAMP, UPPER); PSL/S.M. HALLEY SUR, BLK B11, SEC 4; 2506.1 FEL 660 FNL; 6 MILES SE OF KERMIT; CONTR: LUCKY WELL SERVICE; TD 11325, PBTD 9125; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7094-7428; IPP 14 BOPD, 225 MCFD; PERMIT #467455; API 342-495-05394

TEXAS RRCD 8A

SCURRY COUNTY

PENNZOIL EXPLORATION
SACROC UNIT #11-11A
KELLY-SNYDER' H&TC SUR, BLK 97, SEC 449; 7575 FNL 7850 FWL OF SURVEY; 10 MILES S OF SNYDER; EL 2472 GL; CONTR: BANDERA DRILLING; TD 7075, PBTD 7058; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6795-6825, 6840-6870, 6873-6883, 6900-6915, 6925-6930, 6945-6955, 6965-6970, 6975-6988, 6995-7010; IPP 14 BOPD, 168 MCFD; PERMIT #456646;
API #42-415-33524

YOAKUM COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM
READ #1
BRAHANEY (MISS); J.H. GIBSON/J. GILLIAM SUR, BLK D, SEC 366; 990 FWL 660 FSL; 4 MILES W OF PLAINS; EL 3702 GL; TD 11876, PBTD 11 783; RECOMPLETE WELL; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 112232-11260, 11850-11866 (T&A'D); IPP 7 BOPD, TSTM GAS; PERMIT #457392; API #42-501-32957

WILDCATS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

EDDY COUNTY

PENWELL ENERGY
COCHITI 28 FEDERAL #2
WILDCAT; T23S, R29E, SEC 28; 1880 FSL 660 FWL; 6 MILES E OF LOVING; ROT 8000 DELAWARE; API #30-015-30504
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
PRIMERO FEDERAL #1
WILDCAT; T26S, R24E, SEC 23; 850 FNL 847 FWL; 12 MILES SW OF WHITE CITY; ROT 8000 MORROW; API #30-105-30503

LEA COUNTY

SAHARA OPERATING CO
HOBBS "7" #1
WILDCAT; T18S, R38E, SEC 7; 398 FSL 384 FWL; 2.5 MILES SE OF HUMBLE CITY; ROT 7700 ABO; API #30-025-34548

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TERRELL COUNTY

CONOCO INC
CULBERTSON 18 #2
WILDCAT-D; CCSD & RGNG RR CO/J.M. CORDER SUR, A-2772, BLK 2, SEC 18; 1201 FNL 483 FEL OF LSE; 101 FNL 483 FEL OF SURVEY; 25 MILES SW OF SHEFFIELD; OBJ: 12000; PERMIT #481442; API #42-443-30795

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GLASSCOCK COUNTY

MEWBOURNE OIL CO.
GARDEN CITY "6" #5
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO./S.M. PIKE SUR, A-848, BLK 34, T4S, SEC 6; 2235 FNL 604 FEL OF LSE; 2235 FNL 604 FEL OF SURVEY; 5 MILES W OF GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 9000; PERMIT #481375; API #42-173-32937

WARD COUNTY

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM
HNG FEE 57 #1
WILDCAT-RECOMPLETION; H&TC RR CO. SUR, A-205, BLK 34, SEC 57; 1320 FSEL 2620 FSWL OF LSE; 1320 FSEL 2620 FSWL OF SURVEY; 9 MILES SE OF PYOTE; OBJ: 14860; PERMIT #481381; API 342-475-30695
PLATINUM EXPLORATION
DUNAGAN -28- #1
WILDCAT-RE-ENTER; W&NW RR CO/C.S. MAJORS SUR, A-874, BLK 1, SEC 28; 1195 FSEL 2431 FNEL OF LSE; 1195 FSEL 2431 FNEL OF SURVEY; 12 MILES NNW OF BARSTOW; OBJ: 19110; PERMIT #481572; API #42-475-33657

TEXAS RRCD 8A

BORDEN COUNTY

E.B. BROOKS JR.
BODINE #601
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-1142, BLK 33, T3N, SEC 6; 1127 FNL 600 FWL OF LSE; 1127 FNL 600 FWL OF SURVEY; 2 MILES NE OF ACKERLY; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT #481439; API #42-033-31721

KING COUNTY

POLK PETROLEUM
BRP "J" #1
WILDCAT-D; S LAZARUS SUR, A-584, BLK 5, SEC 12; 1960 FEL 2960 FSL OF LSE; 2000 FWL 1000 FNL OF SURVE ; 3.5 MILES ENE OF GUTHRIE; OBJ: 6200; PERMIT #481356; API #42-269-32332

Sheridan announces acquisition financing

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Sheridan Energy, Inc. announced that it has entered into a letter of intent with the San Jose, California based independent power company, Calpine Corporation to provide a portion of the financing for Sheridan's recently announced proposed acquisition of certain Sacramento Basin, California properties of Amerada Hess Corporation.

Under the terms of the agreement with Calpine, Sheridan will contribute $7.6 million in cash and assets for an 80% common stock ownership of a new corporation, formed for the purpose of acquiring, owning and operating the Hess properties, with Calpine contributing $1.9 million for a 20% common stock ownership.

In addition, Calpine will contribute $13 million in cash and receive redeemable non-voting preferred stock of the newly formed entity. Such preferred stock will bear a 12.5% per annum dividend rate if paid in cash or 14% if paid in additional shares of preferred stock. The shares would be redeemed at the end of seven years with Sheridan having the option to redeem the shares earlier at par value. Calpine and Sheridan will sign a ten year gas purchase contract under which Calpine will purchase 100% of the company's Sacramento Basin production, at a price that will fluctuate based on a market related index.

'The synergies will have a significant long-term economic impact on Sheridan.'
Bill Berligen
President, CEO
Sheridan

As a result of entering into this letter of intent, together with a proposed new senior loan facility with Bank One, N.A. of approximately $43 million, Sheridan has made provision for all amounts due to Amerada Hess pursuant to the previously announced acquisition. Upon the closing of this transaction, Sheridan's proved reserve base will show a seven-fold increase since mid 1997, with natural gas representing 93% of its total proved reserve base. Sheridan has entered into a financial hedge for approximately 70% of the estimated calendar year 1999 production from currently producing wells associated with the Sacramento Basin properties at $2.56 per mmbtu, and anticipates it will also hedge a portion of calendar year 2000 and 2001 as well. Neither the Calpine nor the Senior Note financing is guaranteed by Sheridan Energy and are recourse only to the California assets being purchased.

Bill Berligen, President and CEO of Sheridan stated, "We are very excited about this new relationship with Calpine Corporation, a leading independent power producer. The synergies with a downstream strategic partner such as Calpine, that owns natural gas-fired power plants, will have a significant long term economic impact on Sheridan, positioning us to continue to expand our natural gas asset base in the Sacramento Basin of California and other core areas".

Leviathan announces successful delineation well

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Leviathan Gas Pipeline Partners, L.P. announced that its subsidiary, Flextrend Development Company, L.L.C, has drilled a successful delineation well on its 100 percent owned and operated Sunday Silence Field. The Ewing Bank Block 958 No. 2 well was drilled to a total measured depth of 14,396 feet and encountered approximately 80 feet of net pay in two hydrocarbon-bearing sands, including some 65 net feet of high porosity, high resistivity pay in the main field sand. This latest well is the third successful well to be drilled in the field, with the first delineation well, the Ewing Bank Block 1003 No. 1, having been flow tested in September 1994, at sustained rates of approximately 8,700 barrels of oil and 5.4 million cubic feet of gas per day.

"The results achieved in this well clearly met our pre-drill expectations," said Grant E. Sims, chief executive officer of Leviathan. "We are currently in discussions with several parties relative to a possible transaction which would allow the Partnership both to diversify its working interest and generate infrastructure opportunities outside of the Ewing Bank area."

The Sunday Silence field encompasses four blocks in the Ewing Bank area of the Gulf of Mexico in approximately 1,500 feet of water. As announced in October 1998, Leviathan purchased the field from Tatham Offshore Development, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of DeepTech International which was acquired by El Paso Energy Corporation in August of 1998. Sunday Silence has received royalty abatement from the Minerals Management Service for the first 52.5 million barrels of oil equivalent to be produced from the field.

Leviathan Gas Pipeline Partners, L.P. is a publicly owned master limited partnership which was formed to acquire, own and manage offshore pipelines and related assets. Leviathan operates or has interests in eight gas pipeline systems located offshore Louisiana and Texas which currently gather in excess of three billion cubic of gas per day. In addition, Leviathan owns working interests in five offshore leases and a 36 percent interest in the Poseidon Oil Pipeline, a crude oil system designed to serve new developments in the subsalt and deepwater areas of the Gulf. El Paso Energy Corporation, general partner of Leviathan, owns an effective 27.3 percent interest in Leviathan.

With over $10 billion in assets, El Paso Energy Corporation owns the nation's only integrated coast-to-coast natural gas pipeline system and has operations in interstate natural gas transmission, gas gathering and processing, energy marketing, and international infrastructure development.

Conoco, Phillips to submit proposals to Saudi Arabia

HOUSTON (Bloomberg) — Conoco Inc. and Phillips Petroleum Co. said they plan to submit business proposals to Saudi Arabian energy officials after the New Year's holiday.

Conoco and Phillips, the sixth-largest and eighth-largest U.S. oil companies, are the latest to announce plans to follow up with Saudi Arabia after the kingdom's oil minister and crown prince met with executives of U.S. oil companies in September. Saudi Arabia, which holds one quarter of the world's known oil reserves, has kept foreigners out of its oil and natural-gas fields since the 1970s.

Houston-based Conoco has already provided the Saudis with an "initial overview of potential business opportunities," and company executives are now completing a presentation that will be delivered to the Saudis, Conoco Chairman Archie Dunham said through a spokesman.

A spokesman for Bartlesville, Oklahoma-based Phillips wouldn't be specific about what will be in Phillips' proposal to Saudi Arabia. Last week, chairman Wayne Allen said he's looking at "the total integration chain," which includes oil production, refining and the sale of gasoline and other fuels made from crude oil.

In Saudi Arabia, costs to extract oil are lower than in many areas, making projects attractive to companies searching for ways to reduce expenses.

Saudi Arabia is rethinking its exclusionary policy as low oil prices have slashed revenue. The country is expected to earn $29.4 billion this year from oil exports, down 35 percent from 1997, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Texaco Inc. Chairman Peter Bijur met with Saudi energy officials earlier this month to deliver a proposal to invest in natural-gas projects. Chevron Corp. Chairman Kenneth Derr said on Dec. 15 he sent investment proposals to Saudi officials and will travel there for talks after Jan. 1, and Atlantic Richfield Co. Chairman Michael Bowlin also plans a visit.

Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp. were also represented at the September meeting, though they haven't said how they plan to follow up that meeting.

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Heating oil demand rises on cold U.S. weather, lifting crude

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Heating oil rose 3 percent as cold weather moved into the U.S. Northeast, the fuel's biggest market, boosting demand from homeowners at a time of high inventories.

The first cold spell of the season sent temperatures into the 20s Fahrenheit in New York and snow is expected in some parts of the region tonight and tomorrow. Still, normal or above-normal temperatures were forecast for next week by the National Weather Service, limiting price gains.

"We're up on colder weather," and on reports of falling heating oil supplies, said Michael Fitzpatrick a trader at Fimat USA Inc. Still, "we need some real arctic weather here to help us out, but I don't think anybody is expecting that."

Heating oil for January delivery rose as much as 1 cent, or 3.1 percent, to 32.90 cents a gallon on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Heating oil is down 35 percent from a year ago as mild weather kept demand in check.

Home heating oil inventories fell last week though they were still 12 percent higher than they were a year ago, the American Petroleum Institute said after markets closed yesterday. The Department of Energy, in a separate report, also said heating oil supplies fell.

Local retailers said the gain could be temporary.

"It's a very nice feeling to see prices go up, but it's a weather hype and it's not going to last," said Alfred Allegretti, president of Bayside Fuel Oil Depot Corp. in Brooklyn, New York, the city's biggest residential heating oil wholesaler. "There's still plenty of supply, and one day of cold weather isn't going to change that."

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The gain in heating oil prices helped boost February crude oil as much as 25 cents to $11.37 a barrel. Crude futures Monday touched a 12-year low of $10.35 a barrel in New York.

January gasoline rose as much as 0.94 cent, or 2.9 percent, to 33.60 cents a gallon on the Nymex.

In London, February Brent crude rose as much as 22 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $10.23 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

The API said U.S. distillate fuel inventories, including home heating oil, fell 1.1 million barrels, or 0.7 percent, to 150.79 million barrels, with the drop equally divided between heating oil and diesel fuel.

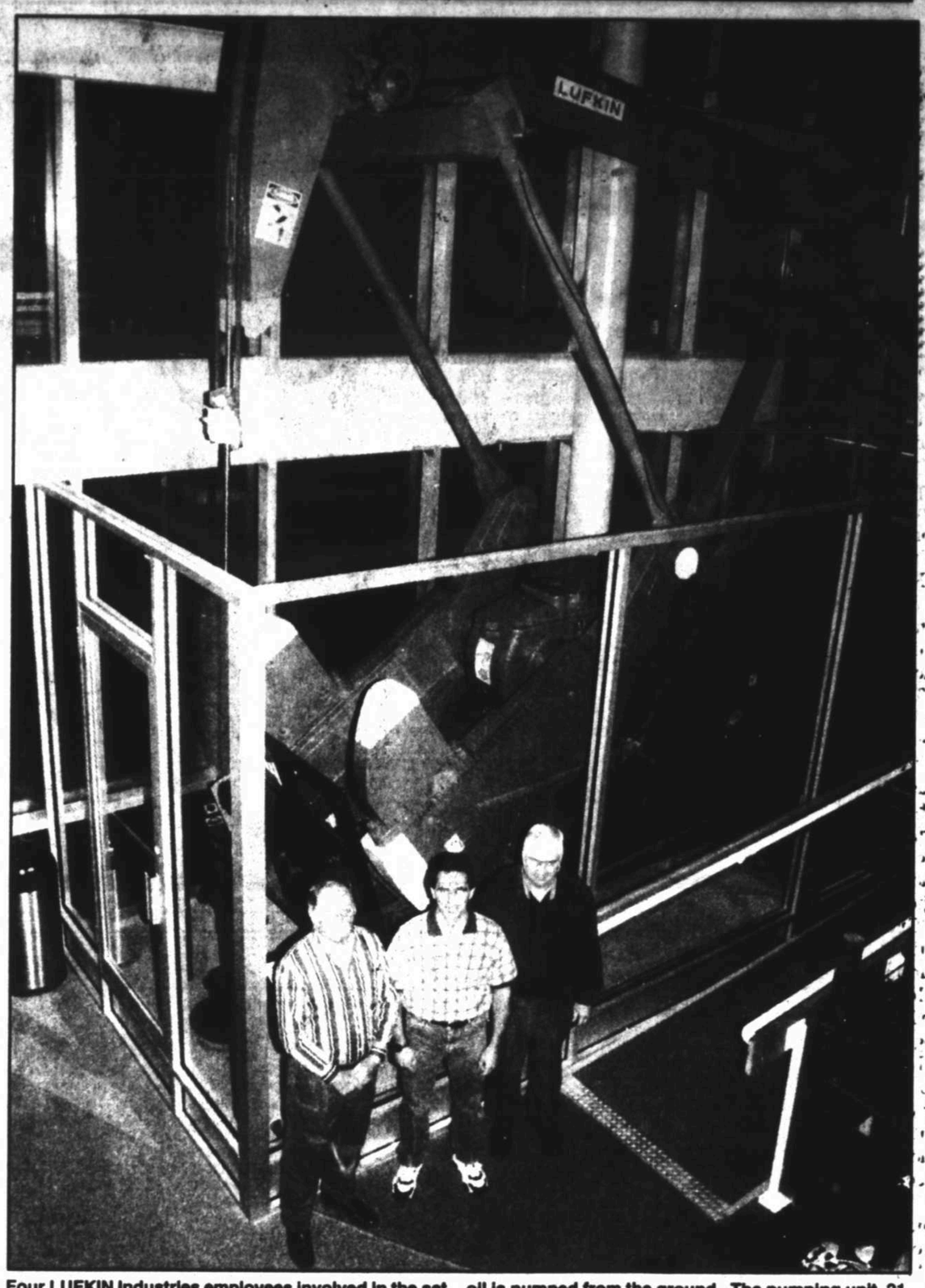
The decline encouraged traders that more winter-related buying would emerge, though some were disappointed that supplies only fell 0.2 percent on the East Coast, which includes the all-important delivery point for New York futures. Limiting gains though, is the overall size of the heating oil stockpile, and expectations that Northeast temperatures will revert back to normal to above-normal levels next week.

Traders said colder weather is about the only news that would help prices rise. Oil stockpiles in the U.S. are still copious compared with last year, U.S. air strikes last week on Iraq didn't affect oil exports, and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is far from committing to any further output cuts after reductions this year were not steep enough to keep prices from falling. Crude is 38 percent lower than it was a year ago.

Iranian oil minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said Iran's oil production will remain at 3.6 million barrels a day, Nina Zangieh, Zanganeh's adviser, said in Tehran. The minister's comment means a long-wrangling debate about output targets hasn't disappeared.

The country insists its 305,000 barrel-a-day cut in output – part of a wider OPEC effort to reduce supply -- should be measured from 3.925 million barrels a day, not 3.623 million barrels a day as OPEC had originally arranged.

"It's another sign of poor cohesion within the cartel," said Leslie Nicholas, an analyst at GNI Ltd. "It's not a good sign for OPEC."



Four LUFKIN Industries employees involved in the set up of the pumping unit at Shreveport's new Sci-Port Discovery Center are, from left, Rick Hughes of LUFKIN's Kilgore Service Center; Scott Williams, Oilfield Engineering, and Larry Tompkins, Power Transmission Engineering, both of LUFKIN Industries' headquarters in Lufkin. The Discovery Center is part of a museum and the display was designed to show children how oil is pumped from the ground. The pumping unit, 21 feet from base to peak, posed special problems. Because of its size, it had to be installed before the walls of the Sci-Port Discovery Center were raised. The unit is installed in the museum's Red River Gallery, which is devoted to industries that shaped Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

Shell makes discovery in Gulf of Mexico

LONDON (Bloomberg) — The Royal Dutch/Shell Group discovered oil in deep water in the Gulf of Mexico in an area not far from the $1.2 billion Mars oilfield, a project that set output records two years ago, a partner on the field said.

British-Borneo Oil & Gas Plc, which is the U.K.'s fourth-biggest oil explorer, said a well on the Zia field under 1,700 feet of water offshore Louisiana "encountered hydrocarbons" about three miles below the Earth's crust.

While the companies declined to discuss the size or quality of the find, the well was drilled in a region that's already a prolific oil producer recently discovered by new technology for exploring in deeper waters.

"It's in a corridor that has proven hydrocarbon potential," said Marcus Nettelton, director of investor relations at British-Borneo.

A spokeswoman in London for Shell, the world's biggest publicly traded oil company, had no immediate comment. British-Borneo, a junior partner on the project, didn't give details of how much oil flowed from the well or the size of the potential reservoir, information that is needed to gauge whether the find would be economical to develop at today's oil prices.

Work on the Zia well was suspended pending review of how to appraise and possibly develop the field, British-Borneo said.

The Zia field lies about 50 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi River on a block designated Mississippi Canyon 469. The block is slightly closer to shore than the Mars field, which Shell and its partners brought into production in August 1996, setting records for the amount of oil flowing from a single well in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mars now produces about 100,000 barrels of oil a day, enough to feed a small refinery. A single well on the field produced 15,000 barrels of oil a day when output from the field was started in August 1996.

Mars and other developments nearby are landmarks for the oil industry because of the depth of waters in which they tapped fields. Just a few years ago, oil companies seldom ventured into waters deeper than 1,000 feet.

Now, drilling in waters more than 3,000 feet deep isn't uncommon, thanks to new offshore platform designs and techniques of completing a well undersea instead of atop massive steel structures the size of skyscrapers.

British-Borneo said the Zia well encountered hydrocarbons in each of two spurs drilled off the main vertical section of the well. Shell operates the well with a 50 percent stake. British-Borneo has 12.5 percent and Seagull Energy Corp. has 25 percent.

Midcoast Energy to purhase pipelines in Louisiana, Texas

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — Midcoast Energy Resources Inc. has announced it has entered into separate definitive purchase and sales agreements with Koch Gateway Pipeline Company ("Koch") to purchase the Gloria pipeline system in southeastern Louisiana and the Bruni gathering system in south Texas for a combined $7,525,000.

The Gloria system is comprised of approximately 133 miles of primarily 12" and 16" pipeline with a 1,650 horsepower compressor station, and includes 51 miles of gathering pipeline and 82 miles of transmission pipeline located in St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson and Lafourche Parishes, La. The system gathers gas from seven producing fields and also directly supplies natural gas to an industrial customer and a local distribution company in the area. The average daily throughput on the system is approximately 23,250 Mmcf/day.

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The Bruni system, located in Duval, Jim Wells, Live Oak and San Patricio counties, Texas, is comprised of 142 miles of primarily 14" and 18" pipeline. The system gathers gas from producing wells in the region and also provides natural gas supply services to the local distribution company for the cities of Mathis, Orange Grove, Agua Dulce and San Diego, Texas.

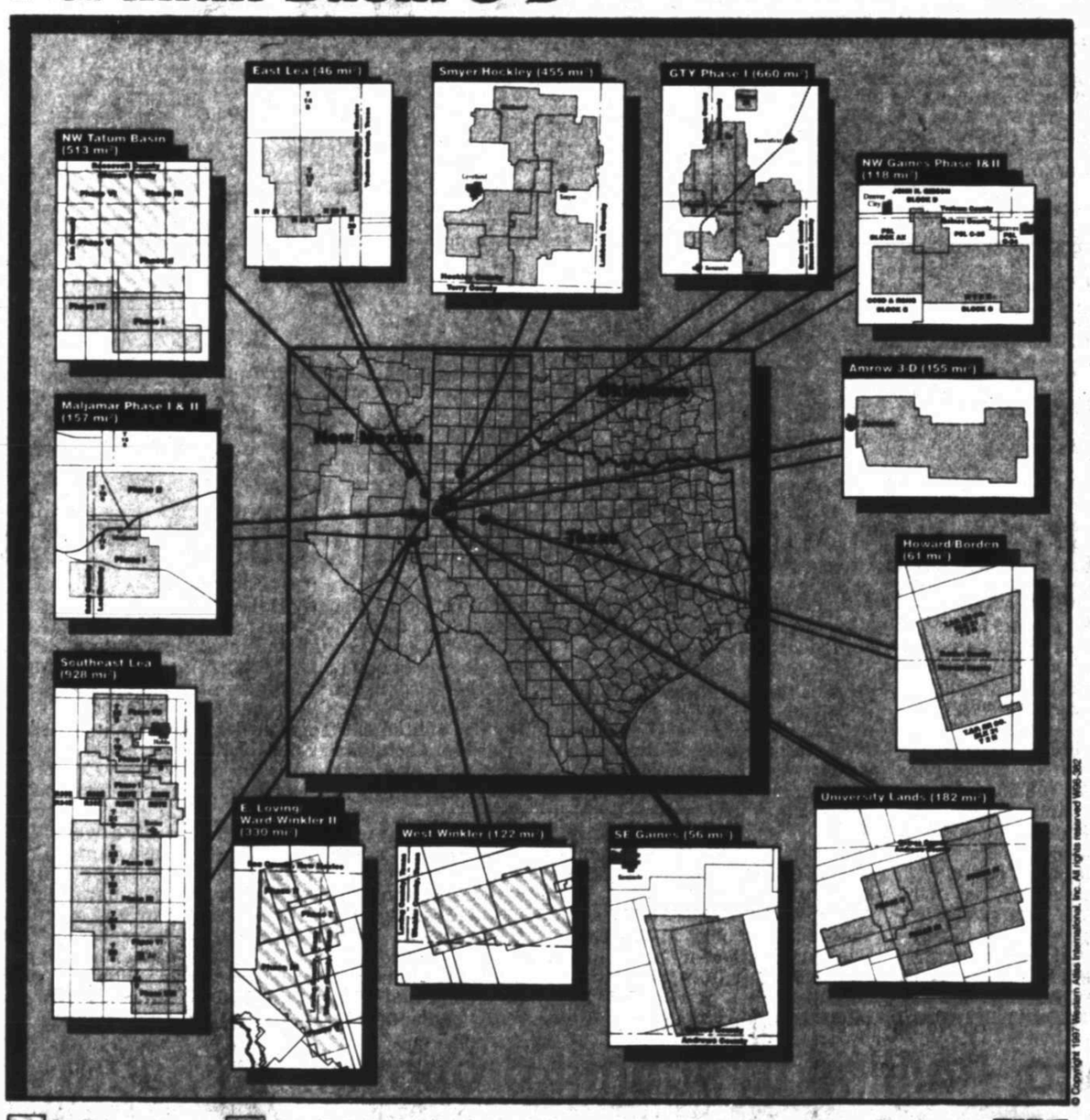
Both pipelines are presently part of Koch's interstate system and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must approve the systems' abandonment from interstate service and sale. Midcoast intends to operate both pipelines as separate intrastate systems.

Dan Tutcher, president, stated "These pipelines are both excellent additions to core operating areas for Midcoast. The Gloria system further establishes Midcoast in Louisiana where we have built a strong operating base including the mid-Louisiana systems we purchased last year and the Creole system we purchased earlier this year. The Bruni system will further solidify Midcoast's presence in south Texas and serve to compliment our existing asset base there, which already includes 15 systems with over 145 miles of gathering and end-user pipeline. We believe these areas continue to have great potential for future increases in pipeline demand and we are excited by our growing presence in both regions."

Midcoast is a Houston-based pipeline company with regional offices in Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The company transports, gathers, processes and markets natural gas and other petroleum products through over fifty company owned pipelines covering approximately 2,250 miles in nine states.

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