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# American Legacy

★ Theater ★ Philanthropy ★ Commentary ★ Song

“Thank you” to GEORGE AND GLADYS ABELL (pictured below) for their legacy of 50 years of giving to Midland and the Permian Basin area. Midland will recognize the Abells during the month of September through a city-wide awareness campaign.



A special recognition dinner is planned for Thursday, September 16, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at Midland Center.

ALL of the community is invited, and admission is FREE. However, seating is limited and tickets are required in order to estimate the expected attendance.

Tickets will be available in late August, but must be picked up from your non-profit agency or at the United Way offices at 1209 W. Wall Street. We hope you will join us for this rare opportunity to pay tribute to two people whose legacy has given so much to Midland and other West Texas communities over the last 50 years!

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 “Luckinbill captures Teddy Roosevelt’s history and great humanity in a thrilling, vastly entertaining drama!”

— John Jakes, Author  
*North and South & American Dreams*  
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The Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series and Friends of the Series present

Laurence Luckinbill in  
 “Teddy Tonight”  
 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 23

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 JULY, 1918:  
 FORMER PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT, preparing to address an audience of ordinary Americans on issues of importance, learns by telegram that his youngest



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★ ★ ★ ★  
 The Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series and Friends of the Series present

David Brooks  
 Op-Ed Columnist for the New York Times and Political Commentator  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Oct. 12

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David Brooks’ goal as a commentator is to make conservatism attractive to both the East and West Coasts. He has a gift for bringing audiences face to face with the spirit of our times with humor, insight and quiet passion. He is a keen observer of the American way of life and a savvy analyst of present-day politics and foreign affairs. For many years he was a frequent contributor to *The New York Times*. Now he writes a regular

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 “Picnic Pops”  
 7:00 p.m.



Saturday, Sept. 11  
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- ★ Armed Forces Salute★
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Bring your favorite picnic fare and join us at 6:15 p.m. for the Picnic Basket Contest! Prizes given for the most  
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In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Scharbauer Student Center. The concert is FREE, and no tickets are required.

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## Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series

# Luckinbill: Actor to bring 'vivid, valuable civics lesson' about T. Roosevelt to MC

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son, Quentin, a pilot in the 95th American Aero Squadron, has just been shot down by German planes, but there is hope that he is alive and has been captured. Anxiously awaiting future news, Roosevelt masters his emotions, enters the hall and begins his speech. It turns into a blistering denunciation of President Wilson's politics of appeasement, and a deeply emotional self-portrait of Teddy Roosevelt as he recalls his life up to this moment of fear and tension.

A 2002 review of the show in *CurtainUp*, the Internet Theater Magazine, said "Luckinbill, through T.R., gives us not only superb theater, but also the most vivid and valuable civics lesson available to any citizen of the planet."

Luckinbill, who has already portrayed Lyndon Johnson and Clarence Darrow in one-man turns, wins over the audience when he first enters as himself and amusingly delivers the perfunctory admonitions about cell phones and photo-taking.

He then proceeds to talk about the actor's need for transformation, and as he sits down at a table to get into his Roosevelt wig and mustache, **he reflects on why he has chosen these "great Americans" as subjects, giving him the opportunity to explore "what does it mean to be an American?"**

It is an engaging coup de theatre and sets the stage for what follows: a briskly paced,

deeply felt interpretation of Roosevelt's event-filled life and personality, and an entertaining, if necessarily sketchy, two-hour history lesson.

**Luckinbill creates a giant-sized but recognizable human being who grows from a young man determined to overcome disabilities such as asthma to a vigorous graft-fighting politician, war hero, devoted father and zealous White House occupant.**

T.R.'s personal crisis triggers recollections of his own life, which cause him to question and finally affirm his hawkish patriotism.

Luckinbill is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Catholic University. His first Broadway appearance was in the play, *A Man For All Seasons*. He became a familiar face to television audiences through the daytime dramas *The Secret Storm* and *Where the Heart Is*.

He made his movie debut in 1970 in *The Boys in the Band*. Two years later, he starred in the television series *The Delphi Bureau*.

His TV movie credits include *The Lindbergh Kidnapping Case*; *Ike: The War Years*; and *Lincoln*. His most famous movie role is that of Sybok in *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier* (1989). He is married to actress Lucie Arnaz, with whom he has toured in such theatrical productions as *They're Playing Our Song*.

## Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series

# Brooks: Commentator is keen observer of the American way of life, current politics

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bi-weekly op-ed column for the newspaper. His Saturday column aims for humor, social commentary and the "lighter" side of the news; the Tuesday column is harder and more political. He also is a regular analyst on *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

**In addition to his political analysis, Mr. Brooks writes what he calls "comic sociology," descriptions of how we live that are as witty and entertaining as they are revealing and insightful.**

His most recent book is *On Paradise Drive*, about suburban life in America. His first book, *BoBos In Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There* (Simon & Schuster, 2000, and a New York Times bestseller) is an often hilarious

description of today's upper class — the bourgeois bohemians: BoBos — whose hybrid lifestyle combines the hippie values of bohemian counterculture with a solid commitment to bourgeois capitalist enterprise.

**Brooks spent nine years with the *Wall Street Journal*** as op-ed editor; Middle-Eastern, Russian, European and South African correspondent; and editor of the book review.

His work has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Public Interest*, *Smart Money*, *The New Republic*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Commentary*, *The National Interest*, and *The National Review*. He also is a commentator on National Public Radio.



**Pictured from left: Ed Pittinger, Chairman, Permian Basin Graduate Center; Dr. David E. Daniel, President, Midland College; Paul Pausé, President, Permian Basin Graduate Center; Hoxie Smith, Director, Midland College Petroleum Professional Development Center.**

## Continuing education prospers with dynamic partnership

With the unveiling of the program's new name — the Midland College Petroleum Professional Development Center — Midland College President Dr. David Daniel announced the consolidation of

Midland College's Petroleum Geotechnology Training Center (PGTC) and the Permian Basin Graduate Center (PBGC), one of Midland's oldest continuing education institutions. The program's new name was announced at a June 29 ceremony at the Graduate Center. Also at the ceremony, Dr. Daniel announced that the building that houses the Graduate Center will be named the Jack G. Elam Building in honor of the late Midlander who founded the PBGC. The building is the headquarters for the new program, giving Midland College a presence in downtown Midland.

The consolidation of the two programs creates a dynamic new continuing education program and expands Midland College's ability to offer the latest industry updates to area oil and gas industry personnel. The PGTC, founded in 1997, has been a state-of-the-art educational facility designed specifically for the regional oil and gas industry. The Permian Basin Graduate Center served the technical and professional continuing education needs of the Permian Basin oil and gas industry for 37 years.

## Scholarship check represents longstanding partnership

Celebrating a longstanding partnership that has helped the Midland business community, representatives from the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MHCC) presented a \$2,500 check to representatives from the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center (BEDC) July 29 at the MHCC office. The money will be used to provide scholarships for participants of the BEDC's Business Survival Skills Certificate Program, which is designed to improve the business skills of managers and entrepreneurs. The check is part of the MHCC's commitment under the Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that funds the Survival Skills program. The MHCC contribution to the program will increase to \$5,000 next year.



**Celebrating a commitment to area businesses are: Dr. John Martinez, Counselor with the MC Business and Economic Development Center (BEDC); Bo Zertuche, President of the MHCC; Richard Alvarado, Chair of the MHCC Board of Directors; Dr. Eileen Piwetz, MC Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Dale Beikirch, MC Dean of Continuing Education and Distance Learning; Greg Stephen, MHCC board member; Dr. Jeff Crain, BEDC counselor; Betsy Seanard, BEDC Coordinator; David Diaz, Director of the Midland Community Development Corporation; Desiree Martinez, BEDC intern; and Gaylia Olivias, Sales Manager for the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau.**

## 2005 Event in the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series

**Richard Leakey**

**Paleoanthropologist - Conservationist - Activist**  
**"Why Our Origins Matter"**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2005**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Al G. Langford Chaparral Center**

## 2005 Event in the Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series

**Smokey Joe's Cafe**

**A musical review of the music of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 2005**  
**7 p.m.**

**Al G. Langford Chaparral Center**



**PPDC Director Hoxie Smith and SMT Account Manager Jerry Donalson discuss the software donation to MC.**

## Geoscience industry leader gives software to PPDC

Seismic Micro-Technology (SMT), a leader in geological and geophysical software applications, has given a three-year grant to Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center (PPDC). The grant consists of nine licenses (network) of SMT's Kingdom Suite Plus Software Package and three years of software maintenance. **The non-cash donation has a monetary value of \$635,800.** SMT Account Manager Jerry Donalson visited Midland College on June 16 from the company's Houston headquarters to announce the gift. In March 1998, SMT gave eight licenses of its main application, 2d/3dPAK. The SMT Suite+'s tight integration makes geoscience interpretation more efficient and thorough.

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MISD Foundation gift

The Midland Independent School District Foundation, with added contributions from the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Midland Chamber of Commerce, gave \$4,000 in August to sponsor seven scholarships to deserving individuals for their concurrent enrollment tuition at Midland College. All the individuals receiving the scholarships will be 11th graders this school year. All are utilizing the money to pay for concurrent English classes. Each student will complete the year with six college hours of freshman English. They will be able to continue their college education next year as high school seniors when they enroll in concurrent English again as college sophomores.

GEORGE & GLADYS ABELL Abell-Hanger legacy continues to benefit students, programs

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*“The truest test of a man’s conscience is his willingness to commit resources today to benefit individuals in the future whose words of thanks will never be heard.”*

— B.C. Forbes

For the last three decades, the Abell-Hanger Foundation, established by George and Gladys Abell, has proved to be an outstanding community college benefactor and supporter of Midland College. This foundation has assisted the college and the entire community by making education possible for many individuals who do not have the financial resources to take advantage of post-secondary education. The Foundation established the Abell-Hanger Scholarship in 1986. Since then the Foundation — now in partnership with the Helen L. Greathouse Charitable Trust to fund Midland’s Legacy Scholarship — has supported the education of 6,500 students who have contributed 200,000 volunteer hours to more than 80 Permian Basin non-profit agencies in exchange for their Midland College scholarships. More

than assisting individuals, the Foundation has been an important supporter of Midland College’s growth. In its 30-year history of giving to Midland College, the Abell-Hanger Foundation has donated more than \$14.5 million for a broad spectrum of projects at Midland College. SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDE — Students in Philanthropy; Nursing; GED; Abell-Hanger Essay Contest; Dollars for Scholars (Ft. Stockton); KIDS’ COLLEGE; and Midland’s Legacy Scholarship. BUILDINGS & PROGRAMS INCLUDE — Advanced Technology Center; Chaparral Circle Endowment Fund; Dorothy and Todd Aaron Medical Science Building; Fox Science Building; Abell-Hanger Science Faculty Building; Williams Regional Technical Training Center; Aviation Maintenance Technology Program; Associate Degree Nursing Program; Health Sciences Continuing Education Program; Earth Science Program; and landscaping of the MC campus in 1975.

Construction Update Fox Science Building progresses

The Midland College skyline is changing again as the steel beams for the two-story Fox Science Building are set in place, and the structure is rising on the northeast part of campus.

Groundbreaking ceremonies honored the principal donor, Midlander Molly Fox Parsley, in May. The building, named in honor of Mrs. Parsley’s parents, Leona A. and John G. Fox, is expected to be completed by fall 2005. The new building will replace the college’s 30-year-old science laboratories.



Corporate Matching Gifts

Enhance the impact of your gift. Matching gifts have enabled businesses to double or triple their employees’ donations to education and other worthy causes. These gifts are an important source of funding for Midland College.

For information on gift opportunities, contact Dr. Eileen Piwetz, Midland College Foundation Executive Director, at (432) 685-4526 or by e-mail at [epiwetz@midland.edu](mailto:epiwetz@midland.edu).

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## July reception honors Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust

Representatives from across Texas gathered at the Midland Petroleum Club on July 22 to celebrate the legacy of the Hahl Proctor



Charitable Trust. Above: representatives of two of the many agencies to benefit from the trust — **George Rose, Chief Executive Officer of Medina Children's Home, and Dr. David Daniel, Midland College President** — were on hand to thank the trust's staff and board members. The Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust has given \$156,000 to Midland College since 1990. The money has benefited: Automotive Technology; Fox Science Building; Geotechnical Training; General Scholarship Fund; and the Associate Degree Nursing Fund. The trust's most recent gift was to the Advanced Technology Center's Technology Upgrade Campaign.

## Educator honors relatives with gift



Margaret Funk

A long-time public school teacher found a way to honor two beloved relatives and their love of education. East Texas Educator **Margaret Funk** gave a gift of property to benefit the Fox Science Building construction fund. **"I chose Midland College for this donation as a memorial, as well as a personal gift to education, primarily because of my father, Dr. Presley Clyde Funk, and my uncle, Dr. John E. Terry.** Dr. Terry was known from his long-time practice in Midland and his intense desire to see opportunities for education provided for all. I agreed with him, obviously, since my many years teaching showed me the deep desire most young adults have for the chance to learn and grow. My father, of Dallas, put himself through medical school after WWII service as a navigator on B-26 Martin Marauders. His encouragement, as well as Uncle John's, gave me the chance to become a part of education and to see the magic that education creates for everyone who pursues it." Dr. Terry, the father of Midland College nursing instructor Helen Peetz, died in 2003.

Ms. Funk is a retired school teacher who taught for 31 years. She has a bachelor of fine arts degree from Southern Methodist University and a master of education from Texas Women's University. She also has 15 teaching field certifications and one endorsement for English as a Second Language.



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*For information about legacies and memorials, call*

**Dr. Eileen Piwetz, Executive Director of the Midland College Foundation, at (432) 685-4526.**

Donor's family designates scholarship

JAMES A. "BUDDY" DAVIDSON, WHO ESTABLISHED THE LINNIE HALL DAVIDSON, R.N. NURSING SCHOLARSHIP at Midland College to honor his mother's nursing career and her contribution to health care, died in August. The family has requested that memorials be directed to the Midland College Foundation and the scholarship.



Linnie Davidson's career in health care included working as a registered nurse and as an anesthesiologist for the Western Clinic, Midland's only hospital in the 1940s. She helped form the Midland County Tuberculosis Association and continued her nursing career at Midland Memorial Hospital when it was established in 1950.

Mr. Davidson was reared in West Texas and he graduated from Midland High School in 1943. He received his B.A. and law degree from the University of Texas and spent his career in the West Texas oil business. He co-founded Yucca Energy, Inc. with Jim Yates in 1987, and he was a past president of the Permian Basin Landmen's Association.

Linnie Hall Davidson, R.N. Nursing Scholarship Donors  
 August 9-18

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