SPORTS

Giants win

Giants annihilate the Minnesota Vikings 41-0 to take the NFC championship./**1B**

WORLD

Earthquake

A 7.6-magnitude earthquake rocked through San Salvador killing more than 250 people./**7A**

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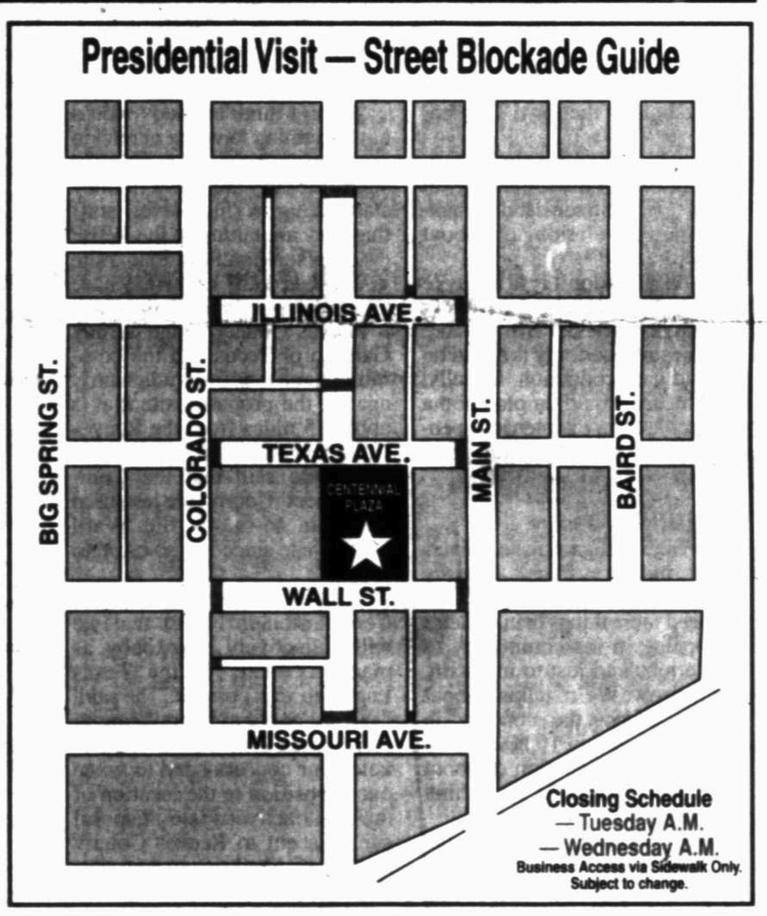
That's the ticket...

TOP: Melissa Holguin of Midland, left, takes a ticket from Kent Kwik cashier Billie Jo Headrick Saturday for Wednesday's visit to Midland by President-elect Bush. ABOVE: Lisa Feland of Andrews clutches her ticket to see President-elect Bush. RIGHT: Map showing closed streets for Wednesday's visit.

Photos by U. Frank Williams Jr. Reporter-Telegram

Presidential Visit — Street Blockade Guide



Map: Staff graphic

Elated Midlanders gobble up tickets for Bush meeting

By Meta Minton
MRT Editor

For most of Saturday afternoon, Lucy Woodside drove around Midland with the most-coveted items in the city in a cardboard carton in her trunk.

The box was loaded with freshly printed tickets for Wednesday's appearance in Midland by President-elect George W. Bush.

"I finally carried a batch of tickets into the mall and people were lined up waiting. When they realized I was the ticket lady, their eyes lit up," said Mrs. Woodside, a member of The Sky's the Limit committee which is helping to coordinate details of the Bush visit.

The president-elect and his wife Laura, a native Midlander, will appear at noon Wednesday in Centennial Plaza on a special stage trucked in from Austin.

Roughly 14,000 tickets were put into circulation in the Midland area on Saturday.

Tickets are free. A single ticket will admit an entire family, as long as the family enters as a group.

Tickets are available at Kent Kwik stores throughout Midland and Odessa and have been dispatched by special request to Kent Kwik stores in Monahans and Andrews. Tickets are available at Midland Park Mall and will be available on Tuesday at the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Midland Hispanic Chamber. Their offices are closed today for the Martin Luther King holiday.

"I was at a store when a family of very humble means from Andrews came in to get a ticket," Mrs. Woodside said. "When they had the tickets in hand, they shook and cried. I was very moved and nearly cried myself."

Josh Pelham, a Kent Kwik clerk, said people

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Midlanders to pray for Bush

From Staff Reports

Spiritual leaders are asking Midlanders to gather together and pray for President-elect George W. Bush.

The chapel at First United Methodist Church, in which Bush and his wife were married in 1977, will be open on Wednesday to anyone who would like to pray for the future president and the country.

"We just want to put spiritual aspect to the Midland activities," said the Rev. Lane Boyd of First UMC. "We will pray for all our new leaders, for the new president and for the country."

The church is located just blocks away from Centennial Plaza on Main Street and Ohio Avenue. The chapel will remain open on an informal basis most of Wednesday for individuals who want to pray for the Bush presidency. Cards will be available on which prayers may be written, to be given to the president-elect.

FUMC member Gary Thurmon said some members wondered if the church the Bush family called home, and where Mrs. Bush's moth-

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Midland festivities to have patriotic spirit

By Leslie Burleson
Staff Writer

Flags, songs and a flyover will combine in the Midland celebration of George W. Bush's Inauguration at Centennial Plaza.

The event will kick off Saturday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. with the Children's Inaugural Parade. It will be followed by a welcome from Channel 9 anchor Melissa Hendrix, the mistress of ceremonies. "Then we'll have a presentation of colors by the Army, Marines and Navy," said organizer Cindy Morales, fol-

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Greenwood residents speak out on Loop 250 extension

By Leslie Burleson
Staff Writer

Concerned Greenwood residents will have a chance to sound off on an extension of Loop 250 at a public meeting on Thursday, Jan. 25.

The 1 1/2 to 2-mile extension, which will run from Fairgrounds Road to Interstate 20 down County Road 1135, will change the character of their small community, said Kim Gerard, a Greenwood resident and business owner who lives on County Road 1130. "I didn't move out into the country to live on a major thoroughfare," Ms. Gerard said. "It changes it from a quiet rural community to more of a suburb. I don't think that's what people were looking for when they moved out here."

Madrid

Ridenour

People who are worried about construction on County Road 1130 are talking about a proposed, never executed, South Loop plan from the late '80s, said Gary Law, director of transportation, planning and development for the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Because of those documents out there, now with our project there's a scare factor," he said. "There is not a connection between this project and those long-term plans. It's very highly unlikely — we've never had the studies to put a South Loop in there. That planning process is going to take some amount of time."

Greenwood resident Kay Smith said,

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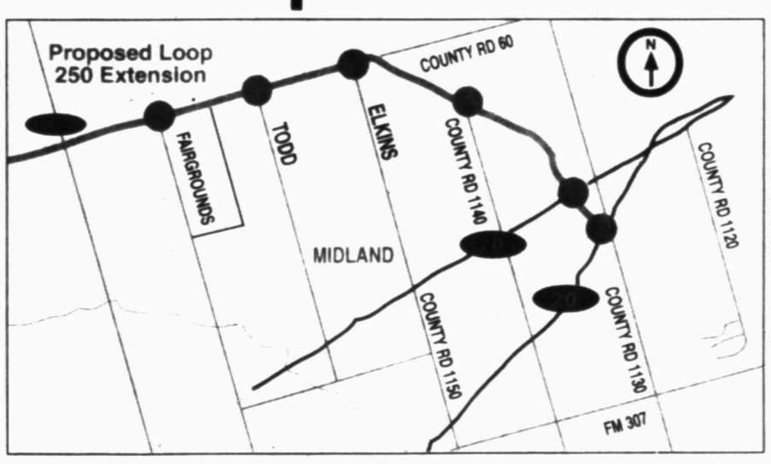
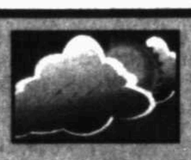


This map shows where the Loop 250 extension might be located.

Map: Staff graphic

A look inside



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Person to Person

William S. Vanderland is the supervisory senior resident agent of the Midland Resident Agency of the FBI./**1C**

Off the wire

- Doctor says Reagan 'remarkable' day after hip surgery/**3A**
- Teen models stage Iranian fashion show/**8A**

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Andrews, Monahans vying for low-level radioactive waste site

Editor's Note: This is the second of two installments on the possible future of low-level waste disposal in West Texas.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

MONAHANS — The pursuit of economic diversity through a radioactive waste-storage site in West Texas has created divisiveness in Monahans.

Forces in Monahans and neighboring Andrews are seeking the site. Andrews County, which already hosts a hazardous waste site, seems more amenable to the project.

The chasm in Monahans' divisiveness seemed more pronounced last week. The Ward County Commissioners' Court deadlocked in a 2-2 vote on a proposed resolution that opposed the development of an isolated Ward County site for dumping low-level radioactive waste.

The resolution, which was proposed by Commissioner Ron Widdess as his first act as a new commissioner, cited "health risks" since the "waste containers ... will not last as long as some waste remains radioactive and hazardous" for "hundreds of thousands to millions of years."

Commissioners Widdess and Julian Florez voted for the resolution, and Commissioners Kathy Fausett and Rick McCurdy voted against.

Ward County Judge Sam Massey abstained. He said the resolution's impact on the Texas Legislature, which one way or the other ultimately will decide location of the site, would be virtually nil.

"I've listened to all sides of this" issue that has been brewing for more than a year, he said. "I've heard scientists tell me that it was safe. I've heard other scientists tell me that it was not safe. I've heard people who worked in the industry say it was safe; some said it was not. But it could be handled (safely)."

Massey said he has heard "totally unreasonable things, totally emotional, wild statements" the site would "make things so great economically for our community" and, conversely, the site would "devastate our econ-

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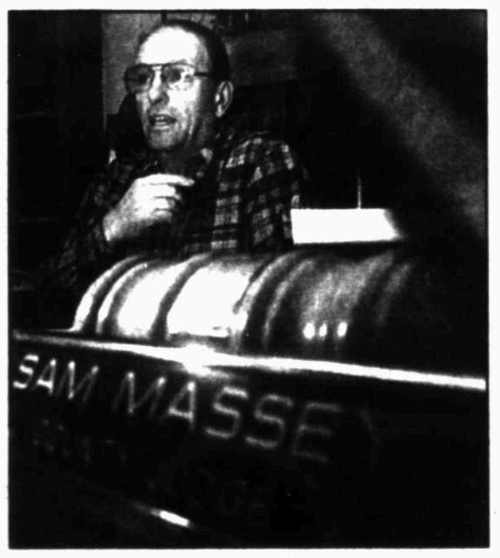

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Judge Sam Massey remains undecided about the waste site's benefits for his county.

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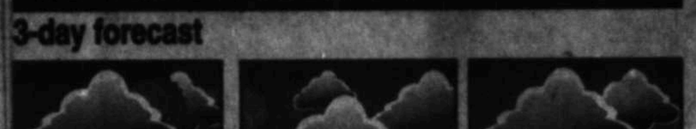
WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Hazy	Mostly cloudy
High 55	High 48	High 45
Low 27	Low 32	Low 23

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid 50s, with east to southeast winds at 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of showers and a low of around 40.

Tuesday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 20 chance of morning rain with a high in the upper 40s.

Tuesday night's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a low in the upper 20s.

After an overnight low of 30, Sunday's high was 59. The record high for Jan. 14 is 80, set in 1957. The record low is 7, set in 1964.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.35 in.
Total for year	0.35 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.15 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	59
Low	30
Normal high	56
Normal low	28

Sunrise ... 7:50 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:07 p.m.

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Sunday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	34	16	sno	
Anchorage	40	29	mm	
Atlantic City	42	19	rn	
Baltimore	42	21	cdy	
Baton Rouge	69	46	cdy	
Boston	43	29	sno	
Buffalo	35	30	rn	
Casper	29	14	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	54	42	cdy	
Chattanooga	49	35	.02	cdy
Chicago	36	32	.14	sno
Cincinnati	46	36	.03	cdy
Cleveland	41	27	.02	rn
Denver	40	16	clr	
Des Moines	35	32	.12	cdy
Detroit	36	28	sno	
Elkins	43	13	cdy	
Erie	42	27	rn	
Eugene	48	36	.06	cdy
Fairbanks	37	-3	sno	
Fargo	32	28	sno	
Flagstaff	36	3	cdy	
Grand Junction	32	16	cdy	
Grand Rapids	35	30	.01	cdy
Green Bay	34	33	.43	sno
Harrisburg	38	19	rn	
Helena	23	9	cdy	
Indianapolis	42	33	.03	sno
Jacksonville	65	44	cdy	
Kansas City	42	40	.22	cdy
Knoxville	43	34	.01	cdy
Las Vegas	51	37	cdy	
Los Angeles	61	44	clr	
Memphis	53	40	.29	cdy
Mobile	69	44	cdy	
Nashville	50	36	clr	
New Orleans	73	49	cdy	
New York City	43	32	rn	
Omaha	34	33	.17	cdy
Orlando	75	50	cdy	
Philadelphia	41	25	rn	
Phoenix	59	42	cdy	
Pittsburgh	46	27	sno	
Reno	40	26	cdy	
Richmond	49	25	.04	cdy
Roanoke	49	27	cdy	
Sacramento	54	42	clr	
Salt Lake City	35	31	.02	cdy
San Francisco	54	48	clr	
San Jose	56	46	clr	
Santa Fe	35	17	cdy	
Savannah	66	50	cdy	
Seattle	41	37	.05	cdy
Shreveport	64	44	.02	cdy
Spokane	31	30	.15	cdy
Topeka	37	36	.12	cdy
Tucson	58	33	cdy	
Tulsa	48	40	clr	
Washington,D.C.	48	28	.01	cdy
W.Palm Beach	76	58	clr	
Wichita	44	30	clr	
Youngstown	42	23	.01	rn
Yuma	62	45	clr	

King holiday observed today

From Staff Reports

Many local schools and government offices are closed today in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., federal holiday, including the Midland Independent School District, Greenwood Independent School District, U.S. government offices including post offices, county offices and local banks. In addition, city of Midland offices will also be closed, although emergency personnel will work normal shifts to provide services to the community.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Ga. The holiday is celebrated on the third Monday of each January. According to the Seattle Times, the legal national holiday is the first new holiday since Memorial Day in 1948.

King was a civil rights leader and clergyman who was successful in achieving social, political and economic equality for blacks through non-violent measures during the 1950s and '60s. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his efforts in the civil rights movement.

GREENWOOD: Residents unsure of Loop 250 extension's benefits

(From 1A)

"We moved out here originally for the school district and fell in love with the rural setting." The extension "is going to affect everybody," Ms. Smith said. "It's a very close-knit community. People are very friendly, very helpful to each other."

Barbara Proctor, the owner along with her husband Deron of West Texas Outfitters Sporting Goods, described Greenwood as "just a community of people who wanted something different from what Midland had to offer." The Proctors have lived in Greenwood since 1992, and opened their business last August.

"I love it out here," Ms. Proctor said. "I would live in a tent and sweep dirt floors to keep my kids in Greenwood schools."

About the extension, Ms. Proctor added, "I hate to see it come out this way. I'd like to see more businesses come up, but I'd like to see it be local."

Alice Carlton has lived on CR 1130, along with her husband Bill, for 20 years. "In a way we are anxious for it to come through, but we dread all the traffic that's going to come," she said. "We don't want our yards taken away. But I see both sides and I understand where they're coming from."

Peggy Madrid, who lives in Midland and works in Greenwood, had a positive view. "I think it's a good idea," she said. "It'd be better to get on the Loop and go. We're overloaded with traffic out here. It'd better the flow of traffic."

"Our concern is the kids," said Marie Ridenour, who lives in a mobile home park on CR 1130. "They're at the age where they just go at a split second — they don't realize the traffic is out there."

On a more positive note, Ms. Ridenour added, "It's going to help a lot of people out here, take traffic off the side roads. But a lot of people are concerned about the crime rate going up."

"It's coming out this way anyway," Ms. Madrid said. "People out here, they're used to country life. It's growing and they can't have it anymore."

People who are worried about the extension have the wrong priorities, Ms. Ridenour said. "They should be worried about emergency services — if I had the money I'd do it."

Law said he understands the concerns of the Greenwood residents. "I feel that we have listened and we're trying our best to," he said. "I'm very empathetic to these people — I feel that I understand them."

Loop 250 was originally planned in the mid-'70s, Law said. "To build the loop, we have been building in sections as more money was available and traffic required since the early '80s," he explained.

Except for a small portion, the land has already been acquired, Law said.

The design of the interchange at Fairgrounds Road has changed over the years, he said. "The original concept was an overpass over I-20 like the one at Midkiff." With the number of people who live in the area, the design has changed, Law said. "What we're trying to do is finish a 25-year approved project with the most current and appropriate design."

There have been changes in design, in driver expectations and the population increase that have made a Midkiff-type interchange inappropriate, Law explained.

About the citizens' fears of heavier traffic, Law said, "The people that are going to Greenwood live in Greenwood — I don't see that we're dumping traffic into Greenwood."

The project will provide more direct access to Midland, Law said. "Every time we get a three-inch rain, FM 307 has to be closed. There will be more direct access to the commercial areas of Midland."

The Department of Transportation meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 at Greenwood ISD Elementary auditorium, with displays available for viewing at 5:30.

On display will be proposed location maps, proposed design drawings, environmental documents and other information about the project.

Verbal comments will be transcribed for the record. Written comments, which will be received through Feb. 8, may be sent to Gary D. Law, Texas Department of Transportation, Odessa District, 3901 E. Highway 80, Odessa, TX 79761-3522.

EVENT: More tickets to be printed if need arises

(From 1A)

were eager to gobble up the tickets.

"We probably gave away around 150 to 250 tickets in no time," Pelham said. "The phone was ringing here all day starting at 6 a.m. At one point we had a line around the store."

Diane Moss, administrator at Calvary Christian Academy, said she wants her students to witness this historic moment.

"We are taking our entire school to see him speak," Ms. Moss said. "We had an election at our school and he won almost all the votes. We just think it's a great opportunity for the kids to see a president-elect."

"There is no need to panic about tickets," Mrs. Woodside said. More will be printed should the need arise.

"We want everyone to have a chance to share in this event," she said.

Getting ready for President-elect Bush

Midland police are preparing to block off certain streets in connection with Bush's appearance.

As of Tuesday morning, Texas Avenue will be blocked off between Colorado Avenue and Main Street. A small portion of Loraine Street at Texas Avenue will also be blocked off. As of Wednesday morning, Wall Street and Illinois Avenue will also be blocked off from Colorado to Main Street. Business access will be available via sidewalk only.

Midland Public Information Officer Tina Jauz emphasized these plans are subject to change.

Because metal detectors will be used at all entrances to the event at Centennial Plaza, officials are urging those who plan to attend to leave behind bags, purses, backpacks, coolers, umbrellas, camera bags, chairs, sticks, flags and other items as they will bog down security checks. Many of these items will not be allowed on the premises. Anyone attempting to enter the premises will be subject to a search.

Food, drinks, portable toilets and souvenirs will be available at the event. It will be a non-smoking event. Handicapped seating will be available.

Planners are suggesting that those driving to the event plan to park east of downtown.

Businesses are encouraged to use their marquees to welcome the president-elect back to Midland.

A rain location for the Bush event is Midland College's Chaparral Center.

Reporter Richard Acosta contributed information for this report.

BUSH: First United Methodist chapel to be open for prayer

(From 1A)

er still attends, was going to do anything for the family while they were in town.

"The question was raised of how the church would participate in this rare occasion," Thurmon said. "We felt it appropriate that people of faith have a chance to pray and reflect on what it means to have one of their own as president."

In addition to the activity Wednesday, there will be a prayer vigil for the new national leaders sponsored by Midland Ministerial Alliance in the Glass Memorial Chapel, from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Different churches across the city will volunteer to pray in the chapel during the chosen hour.

NUCLEAR: Judge Massey undecided about benefits of waste site

(From 1A)

omy — people would drive hundreds of miles away to keep from coming to our town and all the cattle would be radioactive.

"I just heard some of the most asinine statements for and against this that you can imagine," Massey said. "I'm a simple country boy; I'm not a scientist. I had scientists telling me one thing, and other scientists telling me another."

Binding referendum

Massey said his "answer to the whole thing was to propose a resolution, which we passed in our court, to allow the people of this community to have a binding referendum" on whether or not to welcome the waste site in Ward County. "We sent that to the (Texas) Legislature."

Of Massey's non-vote on the controversial issue, Widdess said the judge was "still straddling that yellow line down the middle of the street."

Widdess said "if it is safe enough" for nuclear power plants to be operating in Central and East Texas (in the Glen Rose and Houston areas), then "it is safe enough to keep the waste there.

"Their responsibility was to prepare at that time for the waste that would be generated in the future," Widdess said.

Similarly to Widdess, Florez reasoned "if it is so safe, why don't they put it where they generate it ... instead of spending millions of dollars transporting" the waste across the country.

Envirocare of Texas Inc., which is affiliated with the Envirocare of Utah Inc. a private-sector company specializing in the disposal of radioactive waste, has filed applications with the Texas Department of Health to operate a storage site either in Ward County or in Andrews County.

However, Envirocare has abandoned the Andrews County site, noted Lawrence "Rick" Jacobi Jr., a nuclear engineer who is vice president of operations and general counsel for Envirocare of Texas, since underground water was detected in the proposed Andrews County site.

Under a federal-state agreement, Texas is to have one central site for the storage of low-level radioactive waste. And that one site, which the Texas Legislature has been seeking — unsuccessfully — for 20 years, also would store radioactive waste from Maine and Vermont under a "compact" agreement with Texas. Texas's low-level radioactive waste, now stored at almost a thousand temporary sites that generate the waste from El Paso to the Texas Gulf Coast, would be transported by truck to the central site and consolidated.

"If we let these people in the door," Florez reasoned, "it would open the floodgates and make us a (storage) site for the rest of country. It's scary when the mighty buck is there."

Stored in steel

Under Envirocare's proposal, the waste would be stored in steel canisters and concrete in aboveground buildings called "assured isolation" bunkers for 500 years or until the waste can be recycled or shipped elsewhere, such as to Utah, for disposal.

The proposed Ward County site would be on 40 acres within a 330-acre tract serving as a buffer, noted Gene Brown, director of Envirocare of Texas's West Texas community relations.

The proposed site, at Quito Mesa in far western Ward County, is north of Barstow and Soda Lake and a mile south of the Loving-Ward County line.

"We handle dangerous material. There's no doubt about that," Brown said. "There's never any danger of (radiation) exposure," he noted, as long as the carbon-steel canisters containing the waste are not damaged and stay intact.

"Gasoline is dangerous. Electricity is dangerous. It will kill you. Water is dangerous. It will kill you.

"To the best of my knowledge," Brown said, "there has not been a death reported in the state of Texas due to radiation exposure."

Brown said he is supporting the site to bolster the town's economy.

"Our community is declining," he said of the community of about 7,600 citizens and a county-wide population of about 12,000.

"And if we don't find a way to bring jobs into town, there won't be any place here," Brown said. Monahans' economy is based on oil and gas production. Initially, Envirocare would employ about 30 people from maintenance people to engineers and would grow to about 100 workers.

Diversified industry

"We are trying to create a diversified industry here," Massey said. "We support the oilfield. But we need more things than oilfields happening in his community to create jobs and just to maintain, not to grow. We're talking about a prison to boost the economy" in a town of about 10,500 and a countywide population of about 14,700. "Some folks may think that's not safe."

Johnie Kemp, editor of the Monahans News, said "a lot of people are speaking out in favor of the project. We understand the concerns in the community about safety and the environment.

"We regret the division in the community that it has caused and a lot of the contention and controversy," Ms. Kemp said. "But people have a right to their own opinion."

Thomas Kuhn, 68, of Grandfalls said having the waste site "next to my house" would be "safer there than I am from the contamination that is out in the oilfield today. That (hydrogen sulfide) is only one of the enemies out there in that oil patch."

Kuhn, who is retired from government work, said the waste site would be "the best monitored site short of Fort Meade National Security Agency."

Kuhn reasoned "if you are not willing to at least store what you create, then you should not be able to avail yourself of the benefits," including health-related benefits, electric power, and other advances credited to nuclear energy.

"If you are not willing to at least store that (waste) in your own backyard, then you shouldn't be able to go to that hospital and get that (radiation) service," Kuhn said. Each person, whether for or against storing radioactive waste, is "receiving some benefit from radioactive waste — bar none," said Kuhn.

Randy Pipkin, the 52-year-old owner of a Monahans oil-field service company, noted the "environmental and safety concerns" of storing radioactive waste.

"But I've researched them (Envirocare) and feel very comfortable that they are a qualified, capable, and conscientious company that can be of great benefit to everybody.

"As long as they do not store DOE (Department of Energy nuclear) waste, your higher concentrate, if they stay with medical and low-volume waste, I think it is fantastic," he said of the proposed Ward County site.

WIPP: 'War on your hands'

"I don't think anybody would have anything to worry about" in regard to the low-level radioactive site," Pipkin said. "But if they start taking in (high-level) stuff that they are taking to the WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant) site in Carlsbad (N.M.), you may have a war on your hands."

Reeves County Judge Jimmy Galindo of Pecos and the commissioners there are adamantly against the proposed site that is about 15 miles from the Reeves County Courthouse.

Galindo said that the Commissioners' Court there has hired lobbyists to block the Ward County site since it is so close to Pecos.

"There is a consensus on the Commissioners' Court that we will collectively also lobby as many members of the Texas Legislature as possible," he said. "We are going to be traveling to Austin on a very regular basis to voice our concerns and to voice our opposition to the location of the radioactive-waste disposal site adjacent to Reeves County and about 15 miles from this courthouse."

Galindo said that the site is "proposed essentially for eternity. The risks are simply not acceptable.

"We are thinking about future generations out here, not just us, but our grand-kids. That's what this is all about. It wasn't that long ago we had the (deadly) Saragosa tornado (in 1987). There have been a number of tornadoes that have hit Monahans and the Ward County area. It's not unlikely that we can get very adverse weather around here" that could cause heavy damage.

Galindo said "while the Gene Browns of the world will tell you that it is somewhat safe, that it is medical waste and university waste, the truth of the matter is that 70 percent of the radioactive waste coming to this type of facility will come from nuclear power plants."

Monahans Mayor David Cutbirth, who noted the opposition to nuclear waste sites is "extremely dedicated," said the Ward County site "is solid, up on a hill, and there is no groundwater" underneath the site.

"I am surprised at the adamant opposition," he said. "You've got a small group that is very vocal, and a large group that goes on living their life."

Of the rivalry between Andrews and Ward counties for the site, Cutbirth said he would give Andrews County a favorable chance of getting the site.

'It's a good deal'

"It's a good deal for them," Cutbirth said. "It's right on the state line. They are smart for wanting it ... to come up with the money and jobs out of the deal."

In Andrews, there is widespread support for the site.

"I'm not real sure how we wound up with so many antis over in Ward County, and there are so many for it in Andrews," Cutbirth noted.

"I think the project is a good project," he said. "I don't know whether it is going to come here or not. If it does, it will be good for Ward County. It if doesn't, it's just one of those things. Maybe they will get it over at Andrews. I think it will be a very safe operation."

PARTY: Special entertainment planned for Midland Inauguration

(From 1A)

lowed by the pledge of allegiance by the Boy Scouts.

The Lee High Chorale will sing the National Anthem, followed by the video about the Bushes shown at the Republican National Convention. "It's kind of a chronology about George Bush and his wife," Ms. Morales said.

Following the Inauguration itself, which will be shown on large-screen televisions, "We'll have a Confederate Air Force flyover. They'll be some special effects along with that with balloons and music — it should really be an entire involvement from all the participants and attendees," said Ms. Morales.

Bush will put his own stamp on the event with "a very special message that's going to be read — that is in the works right now," Ms. Morales said.

Entertainment will follow by Origins, the Lee High School chorale, the Tall City Line Dancers and the True-Lite Christian Fellowship church choir. The Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland will present its Ballet Folklorico group and then Casey Lee Green will sing a solo finale.

Ms. Morales said the process of putting the entertainment together has been "very, very exciting. People have been very enthusiastic and willing to do whatever they can. Everyone's been more than willing to participate.

"Unfortunately, our high school (band) participation has not been there because they'll be at the Inauguration," Ms. Morales said. "But we tried to get a little bit of diversification since Texas is so diverse."

Several artists and vendors have created memorabilia for the event. "For an event like this, you want to take something with you," she said.

Businesses have been "more than cooperative" with the event planners, Ms. Morales said. One business agreed to pay for the stage and sound expenses and the Confederate Air Force will pay for its fuel. "There are no fees involved," she said.

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Scrutiny intensifies on Bush's attorney general pick

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats picked over John Ashcroft's conservative record Sunday in advance of his struggle to win confirmation as attorney general and found it "divisive," even "extremist."

Previewing tough questioning Tuesday, the Judiciary Committee's senior Democrat and temporary chairman, Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said: "Advise and consent doesn't mean advise and rubber stamp."

But not all Democrats were convinced the former Missouri senator's positions on abortion and civil rights, or his work in torpedoing a black judge's elevation to the federal bench, should stop him from becoming the nation's top law enforcer.

"I'm going to see if ... there's anything to disqualify him," said Democratic Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada. "At this stage, I don't see anything."

Still, Reid pronounced himself troubled by indications that Ashcroft's opposition to Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White might be rooted in a nearly decade-old legislative feud, not just divergent views on the death penalty.

Democrats need both a united front and some Republican support to defeat any of President-elect Bush's nominees.

The main fight is forming over Ashcroft but opposition also exists to the nomination of Gale Norton for interior secretary. Critics say her strong stands in favor of private property rights and state jurisdiction are the wrong fit for a department that manages vast public lands.

On his last weekend before becoming president, Bush said Ashcroft will use the office to enforce laws, not promote his own political opinions.

Although Bush and his nominee both take highly restrictive positions on abortion, the president-elect stressed they do not see eye-to-eye on it. Bush supports abortion rights in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the woman while Ashcroft believes abortion should be allowed only to save the mother.

Ashcroft's foes say his position makes him responsible for upholding the abortion laws he opposes and could be a platform for him to try to overturn abortion rights.

"John's a team player," Bush told NBC News. "He will not politicize the attorney general's office." Bush was quoted as telling Newsweek that his Cabinet "will agree on who the boss is" even if it does not agree with him on everything.

The drumbeat of Democratic criticism rumbled across the Sunday talk shows. Republicans rallied behind the contentious nominees, trying to help Bush put his first Cabinet stumble — Linda Chavez's withdrawal of her nomination as labor secretary for having sheltered an illegal alien — behind him.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., opposing Ashcroft's nomination, called it a "terrible appointment" and the last thing the country needs after a divisive presidential election.

"Right now we need a healer in Washington in the form of our president," she said on ABC's "This Week." Ashcroft, she said, would be just the opposite of that because of his attempts to criminalize abortion and his "horrific" record on civil rights.

"This is an extremist, not a healer," she said. "This is dividing a nation."

Utah Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch, who will return as Judiciary chairman once Bush takes office Saturday, said Democrats were overreaching against a man who earned the respect and affection of plenty of them when he was Missouri governor and senator.

"They know he's a man of integrity," Hatch said. And Ashcroft knows "there's a difference between being an advocate ... and being the attorney general where you have to enforce the laws."

More circumspect than some Democrats, Leahy said on NBC's "Meet the Press," that the attorney general is one Cabinet member whose decisions can touch every American. In Ashcroft, he said, Bush made a "divisive choice."

But he disagreed with interest groups that have said Ashcroft holds a religious prejudice or is racist. "I think all of us who know him, know that charge would not stick," he said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Ashcroft spoke at Bob Jones University, a conservative Christian school where leaders have branded Roman Catholicism a "cult" and until recently banned interracial dating. "I thank God for this institution," he said in his 1999 speech.

Doctor says Reagan is 'remarkable' day after hip surgery

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Former President Ronald Reagan was in stable condition Sunday but still facing a difficult recovery one day after his broken hip was put back together with a pin, plate and screws.

Reagan, who has Alzheimer's disease and will be 90 on Feb. 6, was eating and preparing later in the day to sit up for the first time since Saturday's 65-minute surgery at Saint John's Health Center, said Reagan chief of staff Joanne Drake.

"He is taking very little pain medication which, according to Dr. Kevin Ehrhart, his orthopedic surgeon, is quite remarkable for a patient with a hip repair of this nature," Drake said.

The next step in what was expected to be a long recovery and physical therapy was for the former president to sit up, Drake said.

Nancy Reagan has been at her husband's side since he fell Friday afternoon at their Bel-Air home.

"She spent the night again in his room," Drake said. The couple celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary March 4, when the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan is to be christened by the former first lady.

Ehrhart said after the operation that Reagan's tissue and bone were remarkably like that of a younger man.

"The condition of the president's tissue, specifically the muscle and bone, was that of a much younger man, which obviously helps substantially with his recovery," the surgeon said, adding later that recovery is a "long, uphill struggle."

Mrs. Reagan was buoyed by the outpouring of well-wishes from around the world, Drake said, including messages from former Presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford as well as President-elect Bush and Sen. John McCain.

President Clinton sent a message to the former president and his family on Sunday.

"Hillary and I are relieved that President Reagan's treatment for his injury appears to have been successful," Clinton said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the president, his wife, Nancy, and the entire Reagan family during this difficult period. We join all Americans in wishing him a speedy recovery."

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Prince Charles, former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and former Japanese Prime Minister Nakasone have also sent messages.

At the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley on Sunday, dozens of well-wishers signed a giant get-well note that was surrounded by bouquets of flowers.

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Proposed location maps, proposed design drawings, draft re-evaluated environmental documents and other information about the project will be on display. Project personnel will be on hand at the displays, to assist in orientation and interpretation of the drawings and other material on hand, and to discuss possible mobility and environmental effects of the project.

Each attendee will have the opportunity to provide the study team with comments and suggestions by participating in the public comment portion of the meeting or by providing written comments. Such comments and suggested solutions will assist project personnel with the planning and environmental decisions associated with this project. Verbal comments will be received at the meeting and transcribed for the meeting record. Written comments will be received until close of business, Thursday, February 8, 2001. Written comments should be submitted to:

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King historic site making changes to get more local visitors

ATLANTA (AP) — The guest book at the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic Site reads like a world atlas, with visitors signing in daily from Germany, Japan, Canada and South America.

But don't ask metro Atlantans how to get to the site, which includes King's birthplace, grave and his most famous speaking location — the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

"I don't even know where it is," said Mariko Miki, who lives in suburban Roswell. "I never see any advertisements for it or anything. My family goes to museums downtown a lot, so you'd think it'd be something we'd go do, but we've never been there."

"Not too much happens around here except around the King holiday," said Ruby Williams, who has cut hair since 1970 at Lady Byrd's Beauty Salon in the heart of King's Sweet Auburn neighborhood.

Hoping to increase interest, officials of the site and the National Park Service are trying to make it a gathering place for the neighborhood much as Ebenezer Baptist Church was when King occupied the pulpit. The original church became part of the site after the congregation moved to a new building across the street in 1999.

The park service has started monthly gospel concerts and lectures at the church to draw residents.

Nearly complete is an almost two-decade, $10 million project to restore the Sweet Auburn neighborhood, an effort spearheaded by the King family and undertaken by the park service.

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These tests, listed below, may suggest whether it would be a good idea to schedule an appointment with a healthcare professional such as Dr. Giles.

TEST 1

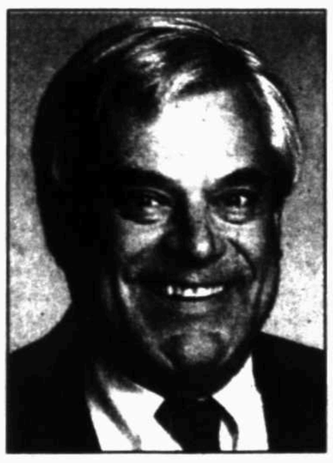
Stand in front of a mirror.

Using the first two fingers of each hand, place your fingers directly in front of your ears. Locate the "bump" on each side of your face and press against them using medium force.

While looking at yourself in the mirror, open and close your mouth slowly.

Your lower jaw should open and close straight up and down along an imaginary vertical line.

Any pain or deviation to the left or the right might indicate a TMJ disorder.



Two simple self-tests can help you determine if Dr. Grant E. Giles could help you relieve TMD pain.

TEST 2

Again standing in front of a mirror, place the pinky finger of each hand in the corresponding ear. With the finger, pull up and forward simultaneously.

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Any pain or deviation to the right or the left might indicate a TMD problem.

Taking these tests would be a good idea if you have experienced any of these symptoms in the past: headaches more than once a week; pain in the jaw, side of the face or ear while chewing; sore teeth and/or a tired jaw upon awakening in the morning; pain in the face muscles from simply pressing on them; noises such as popping or clicking in the jaw joints when opening or closing your mouth, or when chewing or yawning; your jaw sticking open or shut; soreness or stiffness in the jaw, or general face pain. TMD may even cause ringing in the ears.

When you go to see Dr. Giles, who has spent years studying and lecturing on TMD problems and treatments, he will first obtain a complete health history from you. One purpose of the history is to try to track down the cause of TMD problems, if you have them.

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Dr. Grant E. Giles, DDS, FAES, FAGD, FICCMO, DAAPM is director of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates of Midland. He has lectured internationally on TMD diagnoses and treatments. His office is located in the Westwood Medical Building at 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite 201. For an appointment, call 522-1450 or 1-888-263-2631 toll free.

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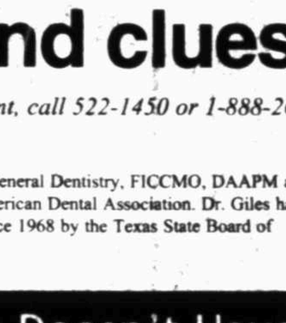

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Dr. King was struck down by an assassin's bullet in 1968. More than 30 years later, there are many in our nation who still refuse to embrace or understand the work of Dr. King and don't believe our country should honor him with a holiday in his name.

Dr. King came from humble beginnings, the son of a minister. Like his father, he too became a member of the clergy. And like so many others in the pulpit, Dr. King preached a message of love and brotherhood.

What made Dr. King different was his dream. And he actively challenged our nation to join in that dream.

America is a country without a monarchy, without a caste system. Men and women of all color and creeds are to be treated equally.

But have we truly gained equality for all?

Through our government we have enforced such measures as school desegregation and Affirmative Action. These have not come without a fight. The enforcement of these measures has challenged our nation — and we are better for it.

Still today in many ways a gulf still divides our nation.

Too many times, we give lip service to harmony, but in our hearts we feel oppositely. Many Americans continue to harbor prejudice.

In the years ahead, our children will have the power to work toward the harmony that our nation has yet to achieve. Generations of Americans have passed down their prejudice through comments at the dinner table. The result is a younger generation who carries forward these thoughts and feelings.

Today, race continues to play a key role in our nation's politics.

Former Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft is haunted by it. African-American leaders like the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton carry controversy with them like a suitcase. And African-Americans like Secretary of State-designate Colin Powell and our own Michael Williams of the Texas Railroad Commission face criticism within the minority community when they have challenged blacks to stop feeling disenfranchised and to step up and become a part of the process.

While the debate continues, all Americans can live by a simple rule: Treat everyone with decency and respect.

It's a simple thought. But that's the beauty of the lesson that Dr. King taught.

It is right that we honor him today.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2001. There are 350 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's highlight in history:

On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date:

In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana.

In 1870, the Democratic party was represented as a donkey for the first time in a cartoon by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly.

In 1892, the rules of basketball were published for the first time, in Springfield, Mass., where the game originated.

In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignace Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created republic of Poland.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, now the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In 1947, a grisly, still-unsolved murder case came to light in Los Angeles as the mutilated remains of 22-year-old aspiring actress Elizabeth Short, known as the "Black Dahlia" for the dark outfits she wore, were found dumped in a vacant lot.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League in the first Super Bowl, 35-10.

In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1992, the Yugoslav federation, founded in 1918, effectively collapsed as the European Community recognized the republics of Croatia and Slovenia.

Ten years ago: With hours remaining before a United Nations deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar made a final appeal to Saddam Hussein to remove his troops.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUG COHN

With Cabinet nominees, ideology should matter

WASHINGTON — Why does the attorney general designate's ideology matter? One U.S. senator said no nominee had ever been rejected because of ideology. That was certainly stretching the truth, but the sentiment is clear: Toss 'em out for hiring an illegal alien or smoking pot in college, but don't dare question them about their philosophy. Ex. Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., the current nominee for attorney general concurs. We have recently written, however, that ideology is what matters most. Short of a criminal record, it is about the only thing that matters.

Anderson

Ideology tells us such things as whether nominees are racists, if they lack compassion or are elitists. In the case of Mr. Ashcroft, we know he is pro-big business, pro-life, anti-affirmative action, anti-busing, pro-NRA, not too fond of the environment and pro-school prayer. We only need to look at what his duties as attorney general would be to understand why this all matters.

The office originated in 13th century England during the reign of King Edward I, and over the years the attorney general has become the legal representative of the monarch over there and of the president here.

It is a cabinet position responsible for the Department of Justice, which consists of six divisions: the Antitrust Division, Civil Division, Civil Rights Division, Criminal Division, Environment and Natural Resources Division and Tax Division. Also under the auspices of the office are the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Prisons, the United States Marshals Service, the U.S. Central Bureau-International Criminal Police Organization, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Office of Justice Programs.

Now we can connect the dots. A pro-big business attorney general oversees antitrust actions such as the ongoing Microsoft case. Does ideology matter? An anti-affirmative action, anti-busing attorney general oversees civil rights cases brought by the government (or sees that such cases are not brought by the government). Does ideology matter? A pro-drilling-almost-anywhere attorney general oversees the Environment and Natural Resources Division. Does ideology matter?

Apparently not. Linda Chavez was dropped as a nominee to head the Department of Labor because she was not forthcoming about an illegal alien who may or may not have been in her employ. While such an incident at least had to do with the area of interest, it was the wrong reason to drop her. She should have been quizzed on her views and been accepted or rejected on that basis.

During G.W. Bush's father's tenure, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was pilloried over his relationship with Anita Hill, and the result was that his ideology was given a pass. Which was more important: his purported bad behavior toward Hill or his constitutional views that are out of step with the American mainstream? The Senate went after him for the wrong reason, and mainstream America must accept that he is on the bench for life.

No person is perfect, and we need to quit looking for marble models. John Ashcroft is not perfect, but the Senate should not look for Chavez — or Thomas — like excuses to reject him. The Senate has a constitutional obligation to asses his fitness for office, and that means, first and foremost, assessing his ideology.

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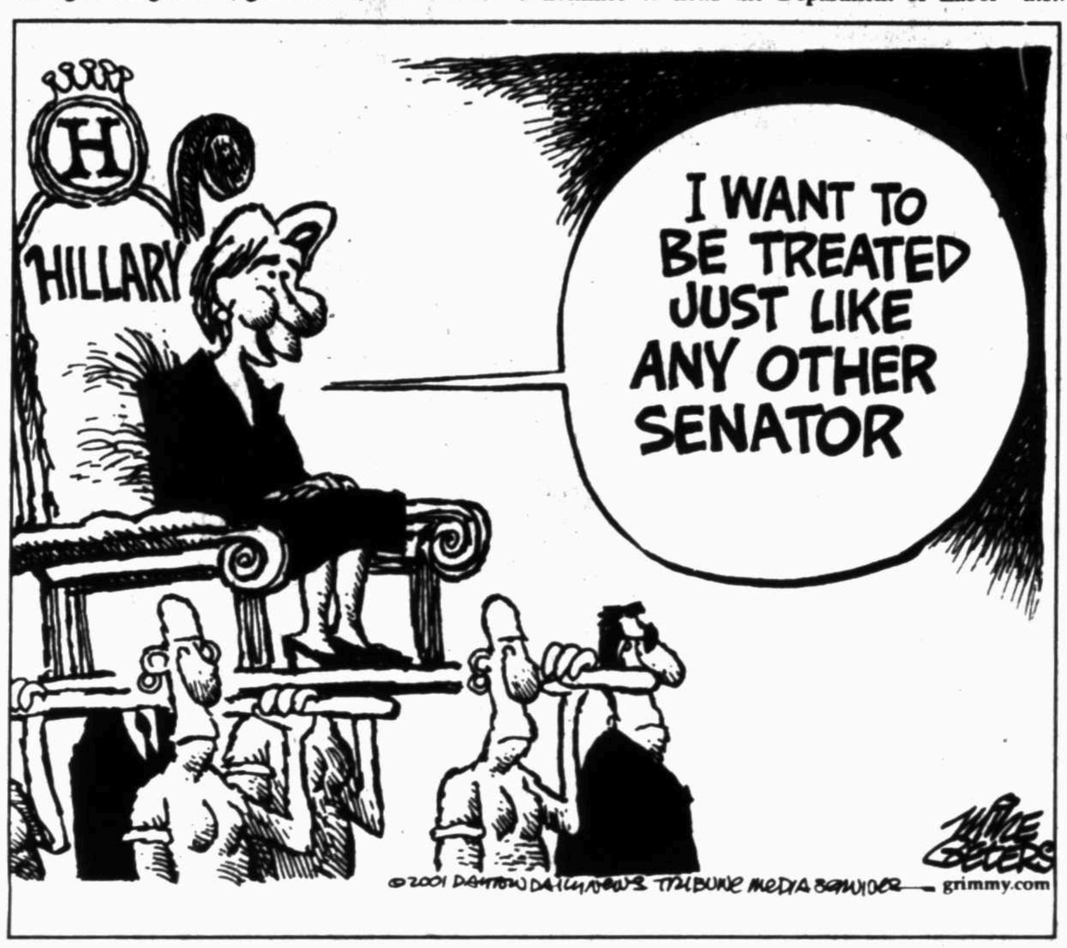

CHARLEY REESE

Senate must quash war-crimes court treaty

President Clinton signed a treaty that will create a permanent war-crimes court. To be fair, he signed it because of a deadline, after which non-signing countries would have no input into structuring the court. The treaty still has to be ratified.

That said, the Senate should kill the treaty forthwith, as Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has said he wants to do. Helms is right and deserves the support of the American people.

Any international war-crimes court is illegitimate on its face. It is a kangaroo court in which the victors in a conflict seek vengeance on the losers. Such courts are also a direct assault on the concept of national sovereignty. They politicize justice as well. They are patterned on the Soviet Union model in which courts function to enforce government policy, not to dispense justice.

Reese

For example, Slobodan Milosevic, as president of Yugoslavia, tried to prevent the components of the Yugoslavian Federation from seceding. In that, where is he any different from Abe Lincoln? Milosevic used force. So did Lincoln. The difference is that Lincoln won and Milosevic lost.

I don't think even Confederate soldiers would have stood still for a bunch of Europeans saying that they wanted to seize Lincoln, haul him off to a foreign country and try him as a war criminal. Billy Yank and Johnny Reb would have come together instantly and said to the Europeans: "Look here, pal. What we do in our own country to each other is our business, not yours. Butt out."

I don't blame the current president of Yugoslavia one bit for refusing to hand Milosevic over to the United Nations' kangaroo court. Milosevic is answerable to the people of his own country, not to the people of the United States or France or Great Britain.

If this monstrosity is created, there will be chaos. Leaders of all sorts of countries will be charged with war crimes because, in fact, leaders of most any country that's fought a war are guilty of them. War itself, as Ernie Hemingway truthfully observed, is a crime against humanity. And once you politicize the law, then you've ended the rule of law and gotten into the realm of politics and propaganda.

Look what happened to Gen. Augusto Pinochet. While on a visit to Great Britain, he was arrested on the basis of a warrant issued by a leftist Spanish magistrate. What crimes, if any, Pinochet committed, he committed in Chile, and that is the only country that should hold him accountable. In this case, I have to say Chileans ought to build a monument to him because the general saved Chile from a communist coup and economic collapse. Killing communists trying to seize power is a crime only in the eyes of other communists and their leftist dupes.

Those in favor of this court hope to be able to tinker with the details in order to exclude Americans from its jurisdiction. That would be wrong and would just provide one more example to the world of what hypocrites we are. It is better to oppose it on principle. If it is to be created, there can be no just reason to exclude Americans.

National sovereignty, which means Americans are answerable to no one but their own government and their own laws, should never be compromised. The creation of a permanent international war-crimes tribunal would certainly compromise the national sovereign ty of every country on earth. That is the primary reason to block its formation.

Americans should always remember that the United Nations is an undemocratic organization. Not one delegate is elected. There is no public input into its deliberations.

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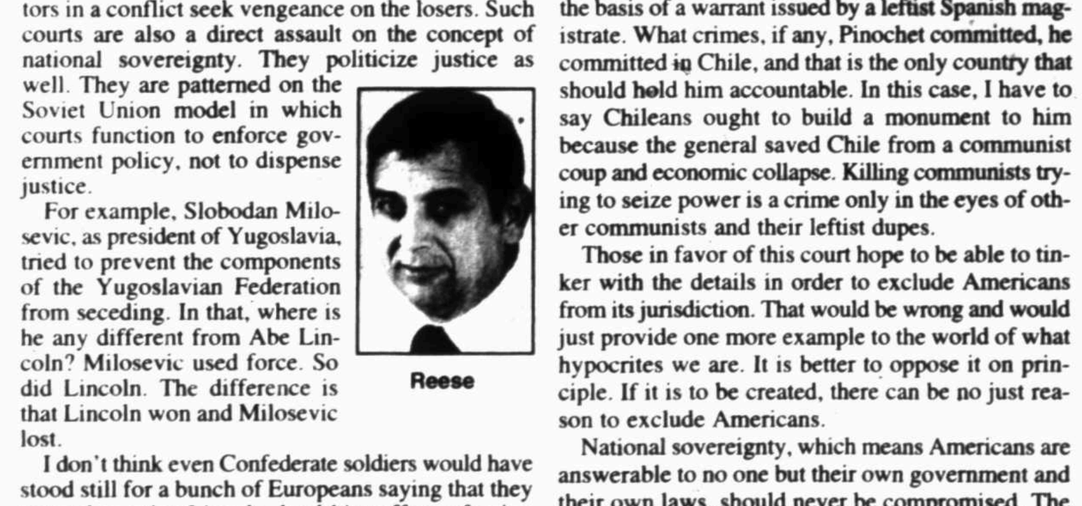
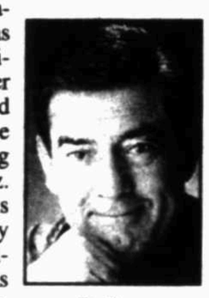
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



DAN RATHER

Ashcroft hearings could tell us much of what lies ahead

The Tuesday past and the Tuesday to come should frame an interesting week in the presidency-to-come of George Bush. This past Tuesday, Bush Labor Secretary-designate Linda Chavez stepped down from consideration amid revelations that an illegal immigrant had lived in her home and performed domestic chores while receiving "spending money" from Chavez. And this Tuesday is expected to be the day when the Senate Judiciary Committee begins its confirmation hearings on John Ashcroft, Bush's choice for attorney general.



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So far, all action on the Bush transition has been unilateral — the president-elect has made his choices, with a few prepared statements here and there. Now, for the first time, we will get to see how the new Bush administration reacts under Washington pressure.

It is a Washington remade by the last election. Even more, it is a Washington formed by the post-election recounts and court fights that finally ended with the U.S. Supreme Court decision that gave Bush the presidency. And it is one in which the Democrats own a majority in the Senate until Jan. 20 ... with the tie-breaking Democratic vote represented by Vice President Al Gore.

"Bipartisanship" and "moderation" have been the bywords from both parties in the wake of the closest presidential election in United States history. When it was all over, the president-elect said that he was "humbled" by the tightness of the vote and the processes that had unfolded in Florida. He signaled that he heard the mixed message and was ready to be a president for all the people.

Some were surprised, then, when Bush nominated rock-ribbed conservatives to three key Cabinet posts: John Ashcroft for attorney general, Linda Chavez for labor secretary and Gail Norton for secretary of the interior. To Justice, the most important department, Bush picked a "Christian Right" opponent of abortion and handgun control with controversial views on the Confederacy. And to Labor and Interior, he tapped nominees considered anathema to the core Democratic constituencies of organized labor and the environmental movement. On the left and in the center, folks began to wonder if Bush's "uniter, not a divider" rhetoric referred to only the most conservative wing of the Republican Party.

So the question now becomes, what does Chavez's stepping aside (and insiders say she was pushed) mean for the Senate confirmation prospects of Ashcroft, who so far has drawn much more fire than Norton?

Two schools of thought on this: One says Chavez, ideologically difficult and personally damaged, was thrown to the partisan wolves as a sacrificial lamb. Sated, they will let Ashcroft through after some tough questions for the C-SPAN cameras. The others ays Chavez whet the opposition's appetite. Bush let her drop so quickly that the Democrats will be emboldened. And, in practical terms, the power of organized labor (such as it is) will now be fully focused against Ashcroft, where it will join a unified front of liberal interest groups, such as NOW and the NAACP.

And to those who predict relatively smooth sailing for Ashcroft from his former Senate "clubmates," others say, remember John Tower, the former senator and head of the Senate Armed Services Committee, whose nasty — and losing — confirmation fight cost George Bush Senior's administration a good deal of its early steam.

This George Bush is, of course, entitled to name whom he chooses to his Cabinet. But he might find that his honeymoon, already destined to be shotgun short, might dwindle to nothing if he has to expend all his good will on getting his people confirmed. Either way, we're beginning a week that might tell us much about the four years to come.

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By Marcos Alema
Associated Press

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Rescuers struggle against time to save quake victims

By Marcos Aleman
Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — With a mountain of dirt shuddering from aftershocks under their feet, rescuers dug with shovels and bare hands or led sniffer dogs to find survivors of an earthquake that killed more than 250 people and left hundreds missing nationwide.

As the death toll rose, President Francisco Flores said he had asked Colombia for 3,000 coffins and overwhelmed officials began to bury some victims in common graves.

Terrifying aftershocks forced rescuers to scale back digging in the Las Colinas neighborhood buried by dirt that came crashing down from a mountainside on Saturday morning in the magnitude-7.6 quake.

"We still don't know anything," said Gladis de Carman, searching for her missing daughter and crying as she spoke on a cell phone to her mother. "And now the ground is shaking again under us."

Body-hunting dogs, sent in from the United States and Mexico, sniffed for the living and the dead under the blinding sun at Las Colinas before the new quakes caused bulldozers to retreat.

"We're looking for our friends here. This can't wait," said a frustrated Juan Jose Lopez, who had come with six friends to try to dig out an elderly couple. He had barely located the house and started to dig before he was ordered to leave.

Saturday's quake off of El Salvador's coast was felt from northern Panama to central Mexico — a distance of more than 1,100 miles. Mid-Sunday's aftershocks were below magnitude 4, but centered within a few miles of the capital, according to local seismologists.

At least 158 bodies had been pulled from Las Colinas by Sunday afternoon, said Dr. Mario Afredo Hernandez of the coroner's office, the Institute of Legal Medicine.

He said about half had not yet been identified, and those were being buried in common graves because there was no place to keep them.

Flores told a news conference he had asked Colombia for 3,000 coffins, but said it was "premature" to evaluate the damage. In the post-quake chaos, rescuing took precedence over accurate counting.

The National Emergency Committee reported 193 dead, 350 injured and 1,000 missing nationwide. But the coroner's count of the dead from Las Colinas alone would increase the committee's number by about 90.

AP Photo

An unidentified resident of Santa Tecla, El Salvador is led away by rescue workers after identifying the body of a relative Sunday. Rescue workers continued to dig out bodies following Saturday's 7.6-magnitude earthquake.

National Police counted 234 dead nationally, 2,000 injured, 4,692 houses destroyed and 16,148 damaged. Eighty-seven churches were damaged as well — including the ruined Our Lady of Guadalupe Church overlooking Las Colinas.

"We will need to do some crying today, and there will be time for that. But we all need to understand how lucky we have been," the Rev. Peter Danaher of Lindenhurt, N.Y., told somber, red-eyed parishioners worshipping before the rubble of brick and stone that had been their church.

The only surviving wall behind Danaher displayed a cross in a stained-glass window and an icon of the Virgin. The sound of hymns drifted a few hundred yards down the ravine to rescuers digging in Las Colinas.

"I am not worried about rebuilding the church. That can be done in five months or five years, it doesn't matter," Danaher said. "That is a question of brick and concrete. Ours is a question of lives and human spirit."

Only three survivors had been recovered from Las Colinas, but hundreds of people worked without sleep to hunt for more, many using only shovels, even bare hands.

"It is very dangerous here, but we are going to keep hunting. We are going to take them out alive or dead," said Juan Sanchez, a Green Cross rescue worker.

Fearful of the aftershocks that reached magnitude 4.6, many residents of San Salvador slept in the streets or cars overnight, tablecloths or curtains covering windows for privacy.

The nation's main airport reopened Sunday afternoon after being closed more more than a day. That eased the way for more relief.

Pope John Paul II urged international assistance for the nation of 6 million.

Mexico was first to send substantial help: five planeloads of food, medicine and 150 specialists. The United States followed with rescue crews and supplies.

Offers of assistance came from Germany, Spain, Taiwan, Britain, Panama, even Guatemala, which itself suffered six deaths in the quake.

Guatemala was supplying 40 percent of the electricity used by El Salvador's quake-crippled power grid, up from less than 10 percent.

Police said seven people died in San Miguel, 70 miles southeast of the capital, five of them when a hillside collapsed on coffee-pickers. A prematurely born infant died when the loss of power cut hospital respirators.

On Sunday, scores of patients dozed on gurneys and mattresses beneath tarps and palm trees before the quake-damaged hospital.

Mayor Jose Perez said 95 percent of the houses were badly damaged in Comasagua, 17 miles west of the capital, and he said four people died.

The Red Cross said 13 people died in Sosonati west of the capital and 10 were killed when a landslide buried a bus on a highway east of San Salvador.

Iraq says oil exports will soon return to 2 million barrels a day

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's oil exports, which fell sharply last month amid a dispute with the United Nations, are expected to reach 2 million barrels a day by the end of January, close to previous levels, the country's oil minister said Sunday.

Amer Mohammed Rashid also called for OPEC to cut its output by 2 million barrels a day at its meeting this Wednesday to help reduce what he called an oversupply in the international market.

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Israel, Palestinian talks endangered by disappearance

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators said Sunday that peace efforts had turned to simply summing up gains made so far, for use as guidelines in the uncertain future after President Clinton leaves office and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak faces an unhappy electorate.

With just days left for any agreement, tension over the disappearance of a Jewish settler threatened to further endanger even that modest goal Sunday.

But Palestinian officials and Israel's Army Radio said high-level peace talks would resume Monday.

Meanwhile, Israeli tanks responded to the apparent kidnapping late Sunday by shelling south of the isolated Jewish settlement of Netzarim and of Gaza City — one shell landing about a mile from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's office in Gaza City, Palestinian officials said.

Israeli forces closed main roads in Gaza and sealed off all borders to search for the settler, identified by Israel radio as Roni Tsalah.

The man's car, carrying a locating transmitter, was tracked to the Palestinian city of Khan Yunis. Local settler leader Arieh Tsur said the man was in the hands of the Palestinians.

"We demand that Barak not abandon him," said Arieh Tsur, head of the Gush Katif settlement bloc.

Barak's office said officials had no confirmation late Sunday whether the man was dead or alive. Palestinian police said they were helping the Israeli army search for him in central Gaza.

Palestinian officials also reported the movement of Israeli naval ships off the coast of Gaza. There was no immediate confirmation from Israel.

The disappearance came amid a day of tensions over timing of agreed upon tension-reducing measures.

Both sides said Saturday's three-hour negotiations — led by Arafat and former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres —dealt with the nitty-gritty details of their differences. Such detailed talks had been largely put aside during more than three months of violence that have killed 365 people.

Ahmed Qureia, speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council, said Saturday's talks "marked a beginning of the serious discussions on all the issues of the final status negotiations even though there was no progress on any of the issues. ... They didn't bring us either answers or the maps, but they promised to bring it tomorrow."

Security talks expected Sunday were called off, however. Palestinian negotiators gave no reason — but it appeared linked to unhappiness that Israel had not fully carried out its pledge to lift the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israel deployed tanks Sunday along an alternate road that runs through the West Bank from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a show of force against almost daily shootings.

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Teen models stage Iranian fashion show

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Wearing brightly colored dresses of silk and cotton, two dozen teen-age models have been strutting the catwalk this week in Iran — the first fashion show in this country since the Islamic revolution more than two decades ago.

In a nation where powerful clerics dictate what women can wear in public, the dresses on display come in a variety of colors, predominantly bright red, blue, bright green and khaki. They are both long- and short-sleeved, and some even reveal cleavage.

The show, held as part of a youth fair and open only to women, has drawn more than 16,000 people to a north Tehran exhibition hall.

Designer Mahla Zamani said she is trying to "revive Iran's colorful clothing heritage."

"For more than two decades, the head-to-toe black chador has symbolized the restrictions imposed on women by the religious establishment," Zamani told The Associated Press on Sunday. "The time has come now for women to choose the dress they like while respecting Islamic requirements."

"Black represents sadness in our culture," she said. "We are displaying bright dresses, a mixture of modern and traditional designs, to remind visitors of Iran's rich dress designs and also offer freshness amid so many social restrictions."

Zamani, who also designs lingerie, says her more revealing dresses could be worn underneath the chador in public while some of her more conservative dresses could even replace the chador.

Before the 1979 revolution that brought conservative clerics to power, women in Iran faced no restrictions on what they could wear. A dress code enacted afterward required them to cover themselves from head to toe even at the height of summer. The unwieldy chador — which literally means tent — covers all but the hands and face.

The restrictions have relaxed somewhat since the election of reformist President Mohammad Khatami in 1997. Many women have replaced the chador with a gown, known as a manteau dress, and a head scarf, which meet the Islamic modesty requirements. Some even slide their head scarves back to show hair.

Zamani's daughter, 17-year-old Labkhand Rastgou, grew up watching her mother create dresses and dreamt of getting on the catwalk to display them. What was unthinkable just a few years ago is now a reality. For the past week, she and 24 other teens have been the stars of the fashion show.

"My dreams have now come true," said Rastgou, wearing a bright red shirt and clapping her hands with enthusiasm.

She would be even happier, she said, if the shows were televised — although she realizes it's unlikely even with the reforms that have come about under Khatami and the huge strides women have made in many fields.

Not everyone was pleased by what they saw.

"It's not Islamic for young women appearing half-naked in public, even if only before female audience," said Tahereh Housseinpour, in her 30s. "Unfortunately, we can see some symbols of western corruption finding their way into our society."

But the show drew applause from many.

"This exhibition is a novel idea and a new exercise by women to enjoy their legal freedoms undermined by extremist interpretations of Islamic law. I really enjoyed the designs and colors and will try to buy some of them," said Haideh Qarehdaqi, 37.

Leila Mousiqidan, 19, said she could not believe she watched fashion models in the Islamic republic.

"It was fantastic. It gave me a sense of freedom and freshness," she said.

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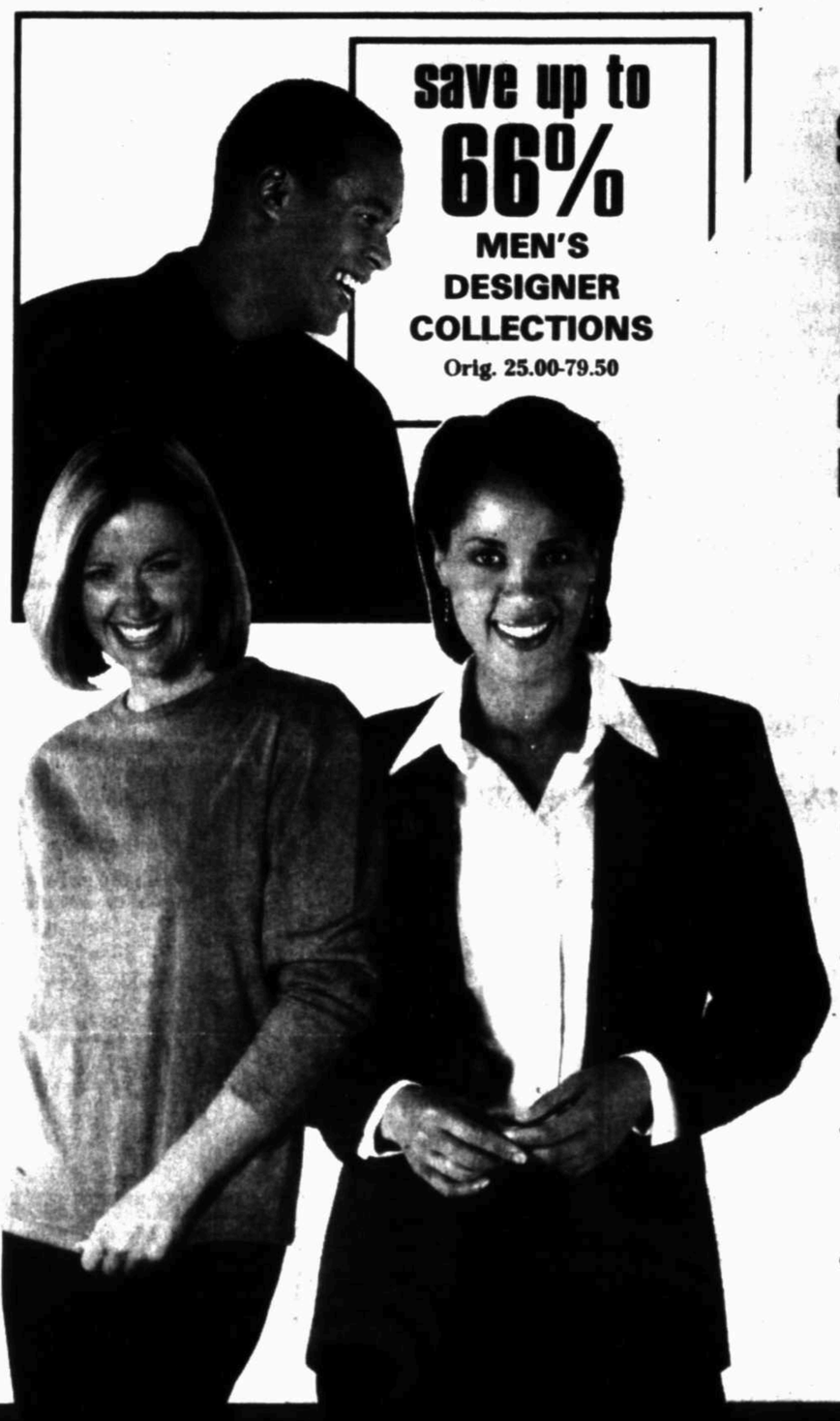

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Giants, Ravens earn Super Bowl spots

Defense again plays big as Ravens drop Raiders

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Defense isn't boring. Not the way Baltimore plays it.

The Ravens made it to the Super Bowl on Sunday, beating Oakland 16-3 in the AFC championship game. Ray Lewis, Jamie Sharper and Duane Starks stopped the Raiders and the offense made the one big play it needed.

"If they're not the best defense ever, they're right up there at the top," Oakland coach Jon Gruden said.

Baltimore's offensive players agree, although they think they are sometimes maligned unfairly.

"What does crow taste like? All of you got to eat crow tonight," tight end Shannon Sharpe said after scoring the game's only touchdown on a record-setting, 96-yard connection from Trent Dilfer. He then reveled in taunting Oakland fans who pride themselves on being the loudest and most obnoxious in the NFL.

"We're going to Tampa to put this offense on display," he said. "We're not that good, but we're effective."

"Not that good" may be a kind of putting it. Baltimore went without a touchdown in five games this season, but still won two of them. That's because of the defense, which on Sunday held the NFL's best rushing

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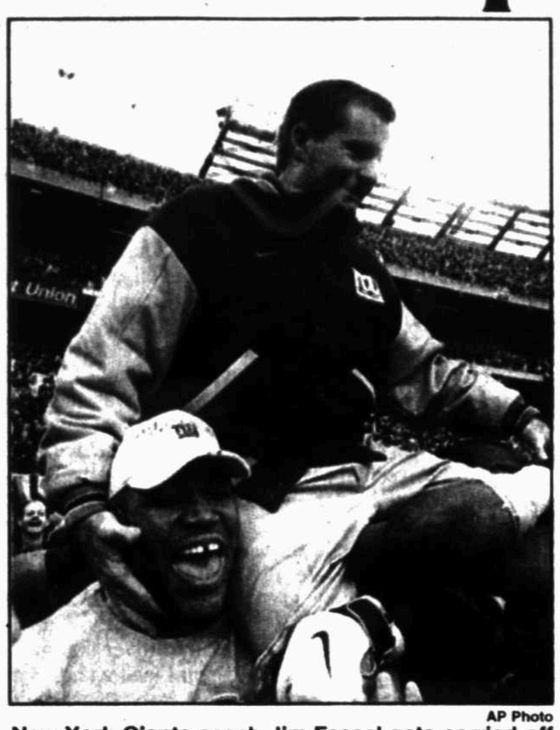

AP Photo
New York Giants coach Jim Fassel gets carried off the field after leading his team to a victory over the Minnesota Vikings and a spot in the Super Bowl.

Collins throws five TDs; Giants hammer Vikings

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Proudly wearing his NFC championship T-shirt and baseball cap, Kerry Collins stood with his arm around Jim Fassel. Together, they'd taken the New York Giants where almost nobody thought they could go — to the Super Bowl.

Fassel did it by guaranteeing his team would make the playoffs.

"It was the match, and the fire has been burning since then," said the coach, who made the prediction following a loss to Detroit that left the Giants 7-4.

They're now 14-4.

"I think we shocked a lot of people, but we didn't shock ourselves," Fassel said.

Collins added the most emphatic touch to the Giants' stunning season, throwing a career-high five touchdown passes in a 41-0 shocker Sunday over the Minnesota Vikings, the biggest rout in NFC championship history. Collins tied a playoff TD passing record set in 1943 by Sid Luckman.

"I wanted this game," said Collins, whose career has been marked more by controversy than success. "You don't know what the future holds and my attitude was, 'I'm going to take care of today.'

"All week, people were talking about the matchup of our offense against

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MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MC opens WJCAC play

Chap squads aim to back up 'favorite' status

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Coming into the 2000-01 season, Midland College's basketball teams were viewed as the favorites to win the Western Junior College Athletic Conference by the conference coaches. Both teams also had a ton of hype and high preseason national rankings as the MC women were ranked at No. 1, while the men were at No. 4.

Now that both teams have gone through a tough non-conference schedule, they start the WJCAC portion of their schedule tonight when they host Frank Phillips College at Chaparral Center. The women tip off at 6 p.m., while the men begin at 8 p.m. Today is when the real test begins for both squads, and it is a chance to prove that the preseason hype was well-deserved.

At the start of conference, the MC women are 16-1 and ranked No. 2 in the latest NJCAA rankings. The only blemish on the season for the Lady Chaparrals came on Nov. 16 when they were upset by Angelina College, 78-73, at home. Since that loss, the Lady Chaps have reeled off 10 wins in row, including victories over nationally-ranked Utah Valley State, Trinity Valley and Tyler Junior College. Being in a position of high regard is nothing new to the Lady Chaps and their mentor, seventh-year coach Ron Jones.

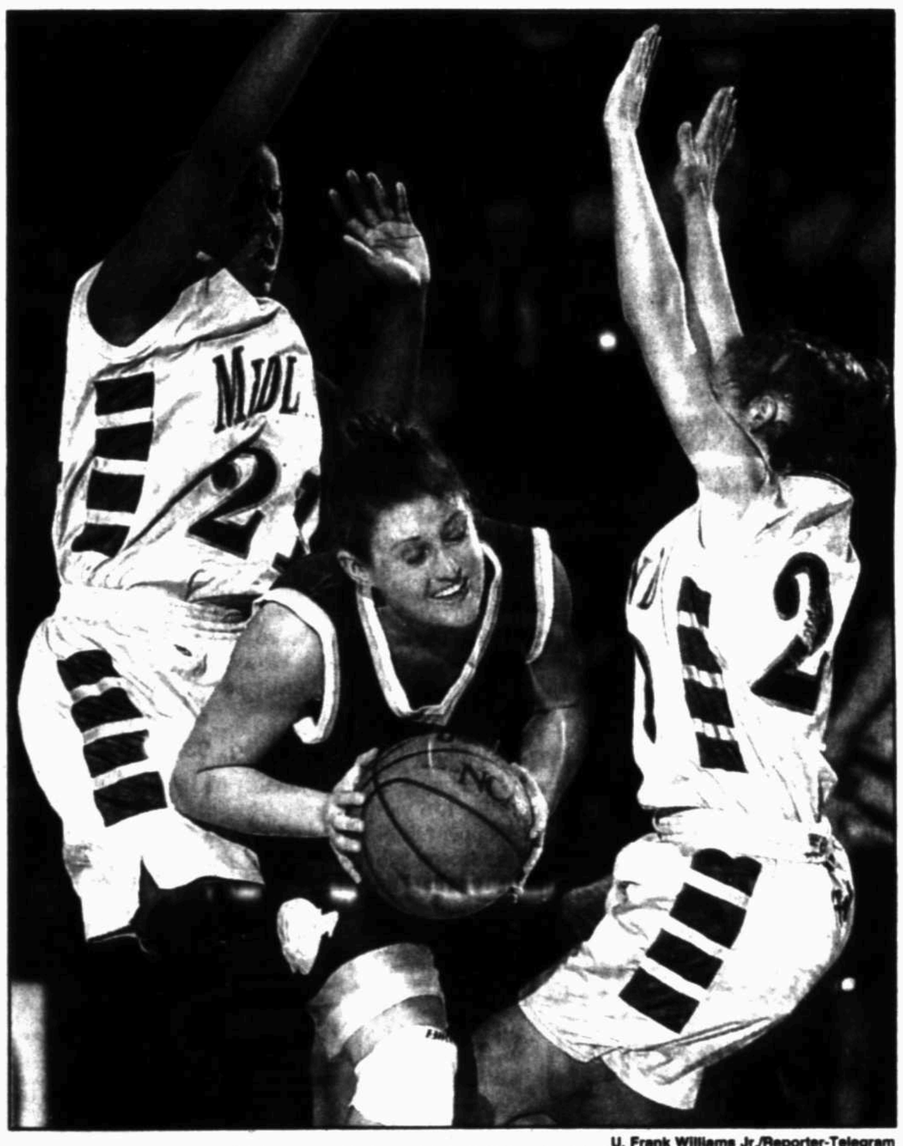
"I feel real good (going into conference)," Jones said. "We're playing hard and our attitude is good. I also feel like we're learning. That's a good combination. We've got a chance to get quite a bit better by the end of the season."

Jones felt that his team was playing at a very high level right before the Christmas break. After the Christmas break, the Lady Chaps have struggled with consistency with sluggish victories over Lon Morris and Jacksonville last week.

"I think, emotionally, we were up for the games," said Jones about the wins over the nationally-ranked teams. "I think that's the challenge for us: To continue to work hard and not feel like we're waiting for the playoffs."

On paper, the Lady Chaps continue to be the clear-cut favorite but they should be challenged by South Plains (13-2) and Howard College (8-8).

The Lady Hawks should still be very dangerous this season despite the loss of their head coach Ron Mayberry, who resigned early in the season for personal reasons. Assistant Joey Wells has since taken over head coaching duties on an interim basis.



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Midland College's Delfiah Gray (21) and Lindzi Martin (right) gang up on an opponent during a game earlier this season. Today, the Lady Chaps, ranked No. 2 in the nation, and the MC men start WJCAC play at home with a doubleheader versus Frank Phillips.

Two teams which were thought to challenge for the WJCAC title have struggled in non-conference play. New Mexico Junior College at 4-9 and Odessa College at 6-12 have stumbled out of the starting blocks.

One thing's certain, every team will be gunning for the Lady Chaps.

"I think if we play well we should win," Jones said. "I think we've got ourselves in a position that we feel we're the best team in the conference. Whether we play that way or not remains to be seen. We've just got to go do it and not talk about it."

With the Lady Chaps leading the way, the other three playoff spots in the Region V tournament should be a toss-up.

"I feel a lot of people will be bumping each other off," Jones said. "As long as it's not us getting bumped off, we'll be in good shape."

The first week should determine whether or not the Lady Chaps are for real in the WJCAC when they host a much improved Frank Phillips team tonight and then travel to Big Spring to play Howard College on Thursday.

"I think it's an important week for us because if we're going to win conference that we start winning," Jones said.

"I'll take a win whether it's by one or what-

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White Sox trade for ace Wells in six-player swap

Associated Press

CHICAGO — David Wells, a 20-game winner who recently ripped Toronto's front office and fans, was traded by the Blue Jays to the Chicago White Sox in a six-player deal Sunday.

The AL Central champion White Sox sent pitchers Mike Sirotka, Kevin Beirne and Mike Williams and outfielder Brian Simmons to Toronto for Wells and pitcher Matt DeWitt.

"Certainly David Wells will be missed," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said. "He was an important guy for us, but it's time for him to move on."

Wells, 37, is 161-107 in a 14-year career and the White Sox will be his sixth team. He was 20-8 last season with a league-best nine complete games in 35 starts and has averaged 16 victories over the last six years.

Wells has been at his best in the postseason with an 8-1 record in 19 games.

"We had the opportunity to acquire one of the premier lefthanders in the league over the last decade," new White Sox general manager Kenny Williams said.

Williams, a former Toronto teammate of Wells, admitted the trade was a bit of a gamble.

"We needed an ace and the price for an ace is high," he said. "We won 95 games and got to the playoffs and it wasn't enough."

Wells was on his honeymoon in New Zealand, and neither the White Sox nor Blue Jays could reach him with news of the trade.

Earlier this month, Wells criticized the Blue Jays' organization was not doing enough to win. He also said the Blue Jays' fans "stink."

Furyk makes putt (Sabbatini can't) to claim Mercedes title

Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Playing for the first time in two months following a freak football injury to his right wrist, Jim Furyk would have been happy just to make it through 72 holes in the Mercedes Championships.

In the end, he was thankful that was all he had to play.

Four strokes down to start the final day, Furyk holed a 10-foot birdie putt on the final hole Sunday and won the Mercedes when Rory Sabbatini missed a 3-foot birdie putt that would have forced a playoff.

Furyk had his driver out and was preparing to go back to the 18th hole for a sudden-death playoff as Sabbatini lined up his putt. Instead, he won for the sixth time in his career, and the second time in Hawaii.

"I'd like to win this event with a more heroic finish," Furyk said. "I feel for Rory. It's a pretty sick feeling."

Furyk closed with a 6-under 67 for a 274 total and was the only player to have four rounds in the 60s on the mountainous, windy Plantation Course at Kapalua. He earned $630,000 and a Mercedes sports car.

It was another thrilling finish at Kapalua, where last year Tiger Woods and Ernie Els matched eagles on the 633-yard closing hole that drops down toward the Pacific Ocean.

The only thing missing this year was Woods, who never got on track. He closed with a 69, leaving him six strokes behind.

U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
COM's Taylor Langston swims the 50-yard freestyle Saturday during the COM Winter Invitational, which was held this weekend at the Mabee Aquatic Center. COM, as expected, won the meet.

COM earns another Winter Invitational championship by COM-fortable margin

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

In hosting the 32nd annual City of Midland Winter Invitational at Mabee Aquatic Center, the COM swim team had to work harder than usual to earn its victory. That might not have been such a bad thing.

COM claimed victory in the team standings by a comfortable margin, finishing with 1,786 points in its home pool Sunday, over 500 points ahead of second place El Paso Aqua Posse. As big a victory as that might have been, it wasn't as lopsided as some COM winning margins have been in this meet in the recent past.

"It was definitely tighter than it's been in years," said COM executive director Brad Swendig of the host team's win. "I don't know if it's as much a reflection on COM as it is on the competition. "That's the strongest El Paso team we've seen in some time."

The Aqua Posse was second by a wide margin as well, posting 1,278.50 points. As it turns out, the El Paso team earned more honors in the individual points standings than COM, as the Aqua Posse had three swimmers win points titles in their age groups while COM had only two.

Not surprisingly, the two age group winners for COM were the two swimmers who had dominated during the first two days of the meet. Kyle Edens won every event he entered over the three days and easily won the boys 13-14 division, while Keleigh Wentworth finished with a flurry as well, winning the girls 15-18 category.

Edens closed out his perfect meet by winning five races Sunday while Wentworth added three more victories.

"Keleigh was a little bit of ahead of where I thought she might be, but Kyle was about where I thought he'd be," said COM senior coach Ted Carson.

Edens finished with the maximum possible 99 points, well ahead of COM

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AFC: Raiders rush for only 24 yards

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offense to 24 yards and the entire Oakland team to 83 yards in the first three quarters.

The next and final obstacle for the Ravens, formerly the Cleveland Browns, will be the New York Giants, another unlikely Super Bowl team. The Ravens were installed as early 2 1-2-point favorites for the NFL championship, to be played Jan. 28 in Tampa.

Sunday's game probably ended four minutes into the second quarter — even though it was still scoreless.

Facing a third-and-18 at his own 4-yard-line with the rowdy Raiders crowd screaming in his ear, Dilfer found Sharpe on a short slant inside safety Marquez Pope.

Sharpe raced past the rest of the secondary and headed for the end zone with teammate Patrick Johnson behind him, half pushing him over the goal line ahead of his pursuers to finish the longest pass play in postseason history.

"I had to remind Shannon, 'You're not that fast, so don't get carried away,' " Baltimore coach Brian Billick said.

A few minutes later, Tony Siragusa knocked Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon to the ground on his throwing shoulder, finishing him for the half.

Gannon returned in the second half, but was ineffective and was lifted again for Bobby Hoying.

"It was a mess," Gannon said. "We just weren't very good. If I had been healthy, I don't think it would have made a difference."

The Baltimore defense was just too good and the offense needed no more than field goals from Matt Stover of 31, 28 and 29 yards.

That's standard for Baltimore, which went five consecutive games in October without scoring a touchdown. Now it has won 10 straight with Dilfer in place of Tony Banks, who started the season at quarterback.

"Shannon came to me in the third quarter and said, 'I don't know how much we've got left,' " Lewis said. "I just said, 'Don't worry about it.' "

Lewis was right.

He had 10 tackles and recovered a fumble; Starks had two interceptions; and Sharper had two sacks and an interception for a defense that set an NFL record this season by allowing just 165 points in 16 games, 20 points fewer than the 1985 Chicago Bears.

The dominating defense was at its best in the third quarter, after Johnnie Harris intercepted deep in Baltimore territory. With the help of a roughing-the-passer penalty on Mike McCrary, the Raiders reached the Baltimore 2.

But Tyrone Wheatley lost a yard on first down, Sharper sacked Gannon on second down and a third-down pass was behind Randy Jordan, forcing the Raiders to settle for a 24-yard field goal by Sebastian Janikowski.

A touchdown pass to Oakland's Andre Rison with 4 1/2 minutes left to play was nullified by pass interference on Rison, but was probably too late anyway.

"We're all sick as you can imagine. Our hearts are very heavy right now," Jon Gruden said.

"They stuck to their game plan. They let their defense play and they pretty much put it to our guys," Oakland cornerback Charles Woodson said.

The Super Bowl likely will put a huge spotlight on Lewis, the NFL's defensive player of the year.

Lewis was arrested after the Super Bowl in Atlanta last year and charged with murder in the stabbing of two men outside a night club. He eventually pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and received probation.

"What I went through this offseason was like pure hell," Lewis said. "My teammates didn't care about that. My teammates listened to me and said, 'It's over now. Forget that distraction, wear it down. It's a closed chapter."

Lewis said going to Tampa "to play 20 minutes from my home town is unbelievable. It hasn't really settled in yet."

The Ravens dominated from the start, but couldn't capitalize on great field position.

Late in the first quarter, Robert Bailey intercepted Gannon at the Oakland 19. But the Ravens gained just one yard in three plays and Stover's field-goal attempt from 36 yards hit the right upright.

Then Oakland got the field position on a 56-yard punt by Shane Lechler and had the Ravens facing third-and-18 on their own 4. But Dilfer hit Sharpe on a short slant just inside Pope, and Sharpe was suddenly clear.

Gannon was knocked out on the next series. Hoying's first pass was intercepted by Starks, setting up Stover's 31-yard field goal.

The offense did its bit for Baltimore in the third quarter.

After Janikowski's field goal, the Ravens came right back, driving 51 yards to set up a 29-yard kick by Stover that gave them a 10-point lead again.

The case was finally closed after the TD was called back.

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Seles needs 5 minutes to win 1st-round match

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Monica Seles became the first player to reach the second round of the Australian Open, winning in just five minutes Monday when Brie Rippner retired after spraining her left ankle.

Seles, seeded fourth, led 1-0, 0-15 when Rippner stumbled along the baseline and tumbled to the court. After receiving treatment from a trainer, Rippner decided she couldn't continue.

It was a strange finish for the first match at Vodafone Arena, the new 10,000-seat stadium that gives Melbourne Park a second court with a retractable roof. Seles said footing on the new court was tricky but will likely improve as the tournament progresses.

"The court hasn't been played much on," she said. "It's definitely a lot stickier than the outside courts I've been practicing on. Right now it's just like a glue."

Seles said she felt badly for Rippner, her good friend and a fellow American. But because Seles is battling a virus and taking antibiotics, she was glad to play just 12 points.

Eighth-seeded Anna Kournikova also won her opening match, beating Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia 6-2, 7-5. No. 14 Sandrine Testud eliminated Maria Antonia Sanchez Lorenzo 6-1, 6-0.

U.S. Open champion Marat Safin, showing no signs of the sore elbow that bothered him in a match last week, beat Galo Blanco 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5). Safin's serve improved as the match progressed, and he fired aces at up to 131 mph.

Safin is seeded second. The victory was an improvement on last year's showing, when he lost in the opening round to Grant Stafford and was fined $2,000 for tanking.

The U.S. Open and Australian Open men's titles have been won back to back four times in the past eight years, with Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi each achieving the feat twice. Safin said he's optimistic about his chances.

Eighth-seeded Tim Henman and No. 9 Juan Carlos Ferrero also advanced. Henman beat Hicham Arazi 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4, and Ferrero swept Alun Jones 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

NFC: Collins throws for 381 yards

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their defense, but we knew we could throw the ball."

They did, to the tune of 380 yards in the air, and 518 overall. His teammates had their way with the Vikings despite being underdogs. Minnesota, which rarely plays well outdoors, was a 2-point favorite.

"This team was referred to as the worst team ever to win the home-field advantage in the National Football League," Giants co-owner Wellington Mara said. "And today, on our field of painted mud, we proved we're the worst team ever to win the NFC championship. In two weeks, we're going to try to become the worst team ever to win the Super Bowl."

They'll get the chance for their third NFL title in the Super Bowl era by playing the AFC champion, either Baltimore or Oakland, which met later Sunday. The championship game will be Jan. 28 in Tampa, site of the Giants' title victory in 1991.

The Vikings became the first NFC championship shutout victim since the Giants beat Washington 17-0 en route to winning the Super Bowl following the 1986 season. It was their first shutout loss in 158 games since Dennis Green became coach in 1992.

"Nothing we tried to do today worked," Green said. "You think you know what the team can do, and then nothing works."

All-Pro receiver Randy Moss was so distressed that he wondered about the team's future.

"It's going to be hard for us to win a Super Bowl in Minnesota," said Moss, who managed only two receptions for 18 yards. "I don't want to say Minnesota will never win a Super Bowl, but it is going to be hard."

Collins, whose career was revived when he joined the Giants in 1999 following controversial stops in Carolina and New Orleans and bouts with alcoholism, was remarkable from the outset.

He threw for four touchdowns and 338 yards in the first half, then added a fifth TD pass just 2:54 into the third period. He finished 28-for-39 for 381 yards and waved to the crowd from the sideline when his stats were announced.

"His decisions got better and better," guard Glenn Parker said. "It was a wonderful thing to see. This was the most directed I have ever seen him. He was playing with an intense heat, but he never let it get out of control."

With Collins and receivers Ike Hilliard (10 catches, 155 yards) and Amani Toomer (six for 81) dominating, Minnesota's fearsome trio of Daunte Culpepper, Moss and Cris Carter was rendered invisible by New York's stingy defense.

Culpepper was held to 78 yards passing and threw three interceptions. Carter had three receptions for 24 yards in what might be his final game of a 14-year career.

"We made a lot of mistakes and played bad football," Carter said. "I've done every thing I've had to do to win a championship."

Collins had the Giants up 14-0 before some in the blue-clad, towel-waving crowd had settled into their seats.

By halftime, it was 34-0, the largest such margin in NFC championship game history. But the Giants (14-4) kept rolling, right into the NFL's title game.

When the post-game celebrations began — to Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days," — the players gathered around a makeshift stage as the championship trophy was presented to co-owners Mara and Robert Tisch.

The Giants, hardly known for a fast-break offense, struck so suddenly that they looked like, well, the Vikings. Just 2:13 into the game, they led 14-0.

Collins probably could have thrown left-handed and still hit his wide-open receivers on the opening drive. Operating against Minnesota's injury-depleted secondary — defensive backs Orlando Thomas and Kenny Wright were sidelined — he hit three straight passes, with Hilliard flying past Keith Thibodeaux for the 46-yard touchdown at 1:57.

When the Vikings (12-6) misplayed the ensuing kickoff, Lyle West recovered for New York. On the next play, Greg Comella sneaked down the right sideline for his first career touchdown, an 18-yard pass from Collins.

Although Collins was picked off twice in the first quarter, it mattered little. Minnesota, which looked so efficient in last week's playoff victory over New Orleans, had returned to the sputtering form that marked its three-game losing streak to finish the season.

Culpepper, in his second playoff game, was completely overmatched. He rarely got time to find his star receivers. And they weren't open, anyway.

"The big key was getting in Culpepper's face," said cornerback Jason Sehorn, who mainly covered Moss. "We did not give them free releases down the field. Receivers don't like to get hit and we hit them all day long."

With the Vikings defense a sieve and Minnesota's special teams collapsing — Mitch Berger got off a 26-yard punt on which he fell down — the Vikings had no shot at getting back to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 years.

The Giants made sure of that with a 24-point second quarter. Brad Daluiso made a 21-yard field goal to open the period. Collins hit Joe Jurevicius for an 8-yard score. After Daluiso added a 22-yarder, Collins closed the remarkable first half with a 7-yard pass to Hilliard on third down.

New York had 386 yards to 45 for Minnesota. The 34 points surpassed the Giants' season high for a game. Hilliard already had eight catches for 146 yards.

When Culpepper fumbled on a sack on the first play of the second half, the Vikings might as well have taken the fans' white towels and begun waving them — in surrender.

SWIM: COM's Edens ends with 12 first-place finishes

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teammate Andrew Kent with 69. On Sunday, Edens claimed victories in the 200-yard individual medley (2 minutes, 8.22 seconds), 100 freestyle (52.52), 100 breaststroke (1:09.72) and 100 butterfly (57.23).

That might have been enough for most competitors, but Edens opted to finish what he started, winning the day's finale, the grueling 1,650 yards (almost a mile) in 16:50.03 which put an appropriate cap on his weekend.

"It's your last event and you feel relief, even though it is a mile," said Edens. "It's kind of hard to keep control of your event but that's what I was trying to do during the mile."

Edens also teamed with Kent, Cole Schlittler and Jared Miles to lead the COM 400 medley relay team to victory in 4:07.50.

Wentworth wasn't quite as dominant, but still made a huge impact. Despite not being the top seed in any of her wins, Wentworth still lowered her times in winning the 100 breast (1:09.90), 100 fly (59.49) and 200 backstroke (2:12.25). The latter win was particularly impressive, considering that Wentworth took over 13 seconds off her previous best time en route to winning her age group with 84 points, 18 ahead of COM teammate Mallory Keathley.

Wentworth proved to be the exception instead of the rule, as most of the swimmers generally couldn't consistently match their seed times.

"We came into this tired," said Carson. "We've had a month of real intense training and we did only one workout of recovery before this. All the times were pretty much within range of what we've been doing."

Edens and Wentworth were Sunday's only multiple winners for COM. Wentworth was also part of the winning COM 400 medley relay team along with Stephanie Brown, Keathley and Erin Brooks, which posted a 4:18.90.

COM Winter Invite

Here are the final results after Sunday's events at the City of Midland Winter Invitational at Mabee Aquatic Center.

Team Standings

1, City of Midland Aquatics (COM) 1,786; 2, El Paso Aqua Posse (EPAP) 1,278.50; 3, Duke City Aquatics (DUKE) 755; 4, Universidad Autonoma Ciudad Juarez (UACJ) 375; 5, Fort Bliss Barracuda Swim Team (FBB) 182; 6, Lubbock Swim Club (LSC) 169; 7, Caprock Swimming (CAP) 111.50; 8, Southwest Aquatic Team (SWAT) 97; 9, Central Texas Aquatics Club (CTAC) 85; 10, Amarillo Swim Team (AST) 82.50; 11, Sun City Seals (SCS) 54; 12, Pecos Aquatic Club (PAC) 33; 13, Odessa Aquatic Club (OAC) 28; 14, Desert Sharks Swim Club (DSSC) 25.50; 15, Cavern City Swim Club (CCSC) 25; 16, Angelo Aquatics (AA) 10; 17, Abilene Tidal Wave (WAVE) 9.

Individual Points

Boys

8 and under: 1, Rafael Cortreras (UACJ) 71; 2, Tyler Lawson (EPAP) 63; 3, Cesar Armendariz (UACJ) 53. **10 and under:** 1, J.D. Scott (EPAP) 80; 2, Chad Stein (CTAC) 54; 3, Ben Decker (COM) 46. **11-12:** 1, Phil Babicz (DUKE) 108; 2, Sebastian Patino (LSC) 74; 3, Patrick Briner (DUKE) 55. **13-14:** 1, Kyle Edens (COM) 99; 2, Andrew Kent (COM) 69; 3, Jared Miles (COM) 66. **15-18:** 1, Calvin Zielsdorf (EPAP) 85; 2, Andy Donavan (EPAP) 61; 3, Tom Dean (EPAP) 43.

Girls

8 and under: 1, Lauren Yanez (EPAP) 81; 2, Lucia Avila (EPAP) 52; 3, Isabel Regalado (SCS) 49. **10 and under:** 1, Caitlin Baran (SWAT) 97; 2, Hilary Eades (CAP) 59; 3, Sydney Saitta (EPAP) 58. **11-12:** 1, Molly Houlton (DUKE) 102; 2, McCall Keathley (COM) 76; 3, Stephanie Strauss (COM) 60. **13-14:** 1, Summer Abt (DUKE) 77; 2, Lara Jackson (FBB) 69; 3, Jessica Ellis (COM) 59. **15-18:** 1, Keleigh Wentworth (COM) 84; 2, Mallory Keathley (COM) 66; 3, Stephanie Brown (COM) 49.

COM Winners

Boys

13-14: 200 IM — Kyle Edens, 2:08.22. 400 Medley Relay — Andrew Kent, Cole Schlittler, Jared Miles, Kyle Edens, 4:07.50. 100 Free — Kyle Edens, 52.52. 200 Back — Andrew Kent, 2:09.66. 100 Breast — Kyle Edens, 1:09.72. 100 Fly — Kyle Edens, 57.23. 1,650 Free — Kyle Edens, 16:50.03.

Girls

11-12: 400 Medley Relay — Brianna Berteison, McCall Keathley, Stephanie Strauss, Aurora Owen, 4:26.68. 50 Fly — Stephanie Strauss, 29.23. 50 Breast — McCall Keathley, 33.40. **13-14:** 200 IM — Jessica Ellis, 2:19.08. 400 Medley Relay — Jill Granger, Laura Jeff, Sarah Maurer, Jessica Ellis, 4:28.93. 1,650 Free — Laura Jeff, 18:24.13. **15-18:** 200 IM — Mallory Keathley, 2:15.40. 400 Medley Relay — Stephanie Brown, Keleigh Wentworth, Mallory Keathley, Erin Brooks, 4:18.90. 100 Breast — Keleigh Wentworth, 1:09.90. 100 Fly — Keleigh Wentworth, 59.49. 200 Back — Keleigh Wentworth, 2:12.25.

Ravens earn favorite status in what Las Vegas bookies expect to be a low-scoring Super Bowl

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — If this city's legal oddsmakers are right — and they usually are — this year's Super Bowl figures to be a plodding affair with points at a premium.

Baltimore hadn't even put up the finishing touches on a 16-3 win over Oakland when the Ravens were put up as a slight favorite in what is expected to be a low-scoring Super Bowl against the New York Giants.

Baltimore was a 2-2 1/2 point pick Sunday night at most sports books, but the real story was an over/under total that ranks among the lowest in Super Bowl history.

Oddsmakers figure both teams will combine for only about 34 points, and just as likely as not won't even score that many. The combined number is a touchdown less than the 41 points the Giants scored against Minnesota, an offensive outburst viewed mostly as an aberration by those who make a living setting point spreads.

"Baltimore's offense is just pathetic, but New York's is not much better," said Joe Lupo, sports book manager at the Stardust hotel-casino.

Bettors flocked to the windows at the Stardust in an initial flurry of betting on the Ravens that boosted the 1-point line Lupo first put up to 2 points with the Ravens still running out the ball in Oakland. Odds fluctuate slightly at different sports books based on how much money is bet on each team.

The Stardust invited betting on the Super Bowl as soon as Jamie Sharper intercepted a pass for Baltimore to end the final Raider threat with just under 4 minutes left in the game.

"We hang up the line early here and most of the money was on the Ravens," Lupo said. "We need the Giants now and that's fine with me. I think they're the best team out there."

At the Imperial Palace sports book, bettors were also eager to get some early action down on a line that opened with Baltimore a 2-point favorite.

Book manager Jay Kornegay said he couldn't remember an over/under line ever being so low on a Super Bowl, and that the total would be even lower except that bookies anticipate more action on the over in the Super Bowl.

"You've got great defenses on both sides and not much offense on either side," Kornegay said. "That combination makes for a very low scoring game."

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Illinois St. 88, S. Illinois 74
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Mercyhurst 92, N. Michigan 76
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Washington, Mo. 101, Mac Murray 76
Wis.-Milwaukee 94, Loyola, Ill. 93, 2OT

SOUTH

Centre 77, Millsaps 66
Emory & Henry 77, E. Mennonite 67
Fort Valley St. 65, Albany, Ga. 60
Hampden-Sydney 84, Washington & Lee 47
Maryland 76, Florida St. 55
N. Carolina A&T 65, N.C. Central 59
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Roanoke 68, Lynchburg 64

EAST

Becker 93, Johnson St. 77
Chicago 54, Johns Hopkins 53
Clarion 69, Kutztown 53
Delaware Valley 74, Lycoming 71
Edinboro 84, Bloomsburg 81
Emory 66, Brandeis 52
Lock Haven 67, East Stroudsburg 50
Maine 108, New Hampshire 93
Millersville 86, Indiana, Pa. 73
Mount Ida 71, Maine Maritime 54
NYU 60, Carnegie-Mellon 48
Rider 92, St. Peter's 60
Shippensburg 84, West Chester 75
St. John's 80, Rutgers 71
St. Joseph's 84, Dayton 71

Top 25

NO 14. MARYLAND 76, FLORIDA STATE 55

MARYLAND (12-4): Mouton 5-8 4-5 15, Morris 1-12 3-4 5, Baxter 4-10 4-10 12, Dixon 9-14 0-0 19, Blake 2-2 1-2 5, Nicholas 2-6 0-0 5, Miller 3-4 1-3 8, Mardesich 2-4 1-1 5, Wilcox 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 29-63 14-25 76.

FLORIDA STATE (5-11): Joiner 0-5 0-0 0, A.Dixon 5-15 1-3 11, Mathews 2-6 0-0 4, Crawford 4-9 4-6 13, Arrington 3-10 2-3 10, Lowery 0-1 0-0 0, Wilson 1-6 1-2 3, Cummings 3-11 1-2 7, N.Dixon 3-4 1-3 7, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-67 10-19 55.

Halftime—Maryland 36-28. 3-Point goals—Maryland 4-6 (Mouton 1-1, Miller 1-1, Dixon 1-2, Nicholas 1-2), Florida State 3-14 (Arrington 2-3, Crawford 1-6, A.Dixon 0-2, Wilson 0-3). Fouled out—Joiner, Mathews. Rebounds—Maryland 54 (Morris 14), Florida State 37 (A.Dixon, N.Dixon 6). Assists—Maryland 11 (Nicholas 4), Florida State 10 (Crawford 3). Total fouls—Maryland 18, Florida State 23. A—4,602.

Women's Top 25

No. 4 GEORGIA 64, No. 9 LSU 55

GEORGIA (15-2): Briggans 0-1 0-2 0, C. Miller 8-14 2-2 20, McDonald 4-9 2-2 10, Brown 4-10 0-1 9, K. Miller 3-5 4-4 10, Lycett 0-2 0-0 0, Thomas 6-14 3-4 15, Washington 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-55 11-15 64.

LSU (11-5): Tardy 2-3 2-2 6, Brown 3-15 0-0 8, White 1-4 4-4 6, Ferdinand 8-14 3-4 19, Crockett 2-3 0-0 4, D. Hodges 1-3 0-0 3, R.Hodges 4-11 0-0 9, Newton 0-1 0-0 0, James 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-54 9-10 55.

Halftime—Georgia 30, LSU 29. 3-Point goals—Georgia 3-8 (C.Miller 2-3, Brown 1-2, Lycett 0-1, Thomas 0-2), LSU 4-16 (Brown 2-7, D.Hodges 1-3, R.Hodges 1-4, Ferdinand 0-2). Rebounds—Georgia 37 (McDonald, K.Miller, Thomas 8), LSU 28 (Ferdinand 11). Assists—Georgia 14 (K.Miller 7), LSU 16 (Brown 5). Total fouls—Georgia 12, LSU 13. A—1,287.

No. 5 DUKE 75, MARYLAND 64

DUKE (15-1): Mosch 3-8 0-0 6, Parent 1-1 1-2 3, Beard 12-14 9-10 33, Schweitzer 1-4 1-2 4, Tillis 2-6 0-1 5, Craig 4-7 0-4 10, West 1-6 0-0 3, Brown 1-1 1-1 3, Matyasovsky 2-5 4-7 8. Totals 27-52 16-27 75.

MARYLAND (10-6): Strickland 4-14 3-4 12, Razor 1-8 3-5 5, Warley 5-9 4-7 14, Wimbush 2-6 2-2 6, Melbourne 5-9 0-0 10, Daniels 4-6 0-0 11, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0, Harrell 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 23-55 14-20 64.

Halftime—Duke 31, Maryland 28. 3-point goals—Duke 5-11 (Craig 2-2, Tillis 1-2, Schweitzer 1-3, West 1-4), Maryland 4-11 (Daniels 3-4, Strickland 1-4, Wimbush 0-3). Fouled out—Parent, Tillis, Wimbush. Rebounds—Duke 35 (Beard 9), Maryland 36 (Warley 11). Assists—Duke 12 (Schweitzer 4), Maryland 11 (Razor 5). Total fouls—Duke 21, Maryland 22. A—1,596.

NO. 6 PURDUE 94, NORTHWESTERN 37

NORTHWESTERN (4-11): Butler 2-8 0-0 4, Will 1-7 0-0 2, Leonard 1-5 0-0 3, Sears 2-6 2-2 6, Dolland 4-7 0-0 8, Russell 1-4 0-0 2, Messenger 2-5 2-2 6, Fisher 0-1 0-0 0, Koester 0-0 2-2 2, Holland 1-3 0-0 2, Zylstra 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 15-49 6-8 37.

PURDUE (15-3): Komara 3-7 2-2 9, Valek 5-12 0-0 11, Hurns 5-10 2-4 12, Douglas 3-5 0-0 6, Cooper 5-7 0-0 10, Hicks 6-7 0-0 14, Jones 2-5 0-0 6, Crawford 3-5 1-3 7, Langston 0-1 0-0 0, Wright 7-10 4-6 19. Totals 39-69 9-15 94.

Halftime—Purdue 48-21. 3-Point goals—Northwestern 1-7 (Leonard 1-2, Messenger 0-1, Will 0-4), Purdue 7-15 (Hicks 2-2, Jones 2-5, Wright 1-2, Valek 1-2, Komara 1-2, Douglas 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Northwestern 30 (Messenger 5), Purdue 38 (Cooper 9). Assists—Northwestern 9 (Butler 5), Purdue 21 (Wright 5). Total fouls—Nortwestern 13, Purdue 6. A—8,651.

NO. 13 PENN ST. 89, INDIANA 68

INDIANA (13-4): Jones 2-7 2-4 6, Honegger 0-2 0-0 0, Chapman 8-12 3-5 19, Cassady 4-11 2-3 11, Alting 1-6 2-2 5, Lazic 0-0 0-0 0, Waugh 1-6, 0-0 3, Hartman 3-4 0-7, McGinnis 2-6 2-2 6, Skapin 1-4 0-1 2, Christenson 2-3 0-0 4, Ridley 1-3 2-2 5. Totals 25-64 13-19 68.

PENN ST. (12-5): Shepherd 3-13 5-8 11, Walseth 5-7 1-2 11, Barnes 8-14 7-9 23, Mazzante 9-19 2-2 23, Luke 3-6 2-4 10, Schumacher 0-0 1-2 1, Shook 0-0 0-2 0, Carr 2-4 4-4 8, Brungo 0-2 0-0 0, Upshaw 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 31-66 22-33 89.

Halftime—Penn St.37-16. 3-Point goals—Indiana 5-12 (Alting 1-1, Ridley 1-1, Cassady 1-2, Waugh 1-2, Hartman 1-2, Jones 0-1, Honegger 0-1, McGinnis 0-2), Penn St. 5-11 (Mazzante 3-6, Luke 2-2, Brungo 0-1, Shepherd 0-2,). Fouled out—Honegger. Rebounds—Indiana 33 (Alting 6), Penn St 53 (Barnes 15). Assists—Indiana 16 (Honegger 3), Penn St. 20 (Shepherd, Walseth 5). Total fouls—Indiana 30, Penn St. 21. Technical—Waugh. A—7,119.

No. 18 VANDERBILT 74, No. 25 AUBURN 66

VANDERBILT (14-2): Klimesova 6-10 1-2 14, Benningfield 2-5 0-0 5, Anderson 4-6 8-8 16, McElhiney 3-9 6-6 14, Hager 1-3 0-0 3, Colli 0-0 0-0 0, Dankar 8-11 1-2 22. Totals 24-44 16-18 74.

AUBURN (13-5): Looney 2-6 6-6 11, Askew 3-6 0-0 7, Hillman 2-5 1-2 5, Smith 7-14 3-4 19, Hamilton 4-11 1-2 10, Spencer 0-0 0-0 0, Derrick 0-1 0-0 0, Nero 7-10 0-1 14. Totals 25-53 11-15 66.

Halftime—Auburn 34, Vanderbilt 29. 3-Point goals—Vanderbilt 10-21 (Dankar 5-7, McElhiney 2-5, Klimesova 1-2, Hager 1-3, Benningfield 1-4), Auburn 5-13 (Smith 2-4, Looney 1-3, Askew 1-3, Hamilton 1-3). Fouled out—Anderson. Rebounds—Vanderbilt 21 (Benningfield 5), Auburn 29 (Hillman 6). Assists—Vanderbilt 20 (McElhiney 8), Auburn 18 (Smith 10). Total fouls—Vanderbilt 15, Auburn 18. A—1,638.

NORTH CAROLINA 83, No. 19 N.C. STATE 77, OT

NORTH CAROLINA (9-6): Bates 0-4 2-2 2, Scates 4-5 3-4 11, Moody 6-15 2-2 14, Labador 0-5 0-0 0, Lewis 11-25 1-1 23, Simpson 2-15 4-4 10, Hutcherson 0-1 0-1 0, Greene 1-2 1-1 3, Olanrewaju 7-8 0-0 14. Totals 31-80 13-15 77.

N.C. State (11-5): Barksdale 7-14 6-6 21, Sharp 1-8 4-4 7, Sutton 3-8 1-2 7, J.Brown 4-12 0-0 10, C.Brown 8-16 6-8 22, Thomas 3-6 1-1 7, Chambers 0-1 2-2 2, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Baptist 3-5 1-2 7. Totals 29-71 21-25 83.

Halftime—N.C. State 36, North Carolina 34. 3-Point goals—North Carolina 2-15 (Simpson 2-9, Bates 0-1, Labador 0-2, Lewis 0-3), N.C. State 4-17 (J.Brown 2-6, Barksdale 1-1, Sharp 1-6, Chambers 0-1, C.Brown 0-3). Fouled out—Sutton. Rebounds—North Carolina 41 (Moody 10), N.C. State 47 (Barksdale 15). Assists—North Carolina 20 (Lewis, Simpson 5), N.C. State 18 (C.Brown 7). Total fouls—North Carolina 22, N.C. State 18. A—7,022.

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	27	9	.750	—
New York	23	13	.639	4
Miami	22	17	.564	6 1/2
Orlando	16	20	.444	11
Boston	13	24	.351	14 1/2
New Jersey	11	26	.297	16 1/2
Washington	7	31	.184	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	23	16	.590	—
Milwaukee	21	15	.583	1/2
Toronto	19	18	.514	3
Cleveland	17	18	.486	4
Indiana	17	21	.447	5 1/2
Atlanta	14	22	.389	7 1/2
Detroit	14	23	.378	8
Chicago	6	30	.167	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	23	12	.657	—
Utah	23	13	.639	1/2
Dallas	24	15	.615	1
Denver	21	16	.568	3
Minnesota	21	17	.553	3 1/2
Houston	18	18	.500	5 1/2
Vancouver	11	25	.306	12 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	28	11	.718	—
Sacramento	24	10	.706	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	24	12	.667	2 1/2
Phoenix	22	13	.629	4
Seattle	21	18	.538	7
L.A. Clippers	13	26	.333	15
Golden State	11	25	.306	15 1/2

Sunday's Games

Toronto 107, Charlotte 99
Portland 103, Detroit 96
Miami 90, Chicago 81
Seattle 106, Phoenix 87

Monday's Games

Milwaukee at Washington, noon
San Antonio at New York, noon
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 1:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 2 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 3 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 7 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8 p.m.

Raptors 107, Hornets 99

CHARLOTTE (99): Mashburn 8-19 5-6 21, Brown 4-7 5-6 13, Campbell 6-10 3-5 15, B.Davis 4-12 3-6 13, Wesley 7-17 6-8 20, Magloire 1-2 0-0 2, Nailon 3-3 0-0 6, H.Hawkins 0-0 0-0 0, Coleman 1-7 7-7 9, Robinson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-77 29-38 99.

TORONTO (107): Peterson 1-8 2-2 4, Oakley 5-12 1-2 12, A.Davis 4-12 3-3 11, Carter 16-23 2-2 40, Jackson 5-9 0-0 13, Murray 5-13 0-0 13, Williams 2-5 0-0 5, Clark 3-6 3-4 9, Stewart 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-88 11-13 107.

Charlotte	**26**	**24**	**19**	**30 — 99**
Toronto	**23**	**24**	**37**	**23 — 107**

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 2-9 (B.Davis 2-3, Coleman 0-1, Mashburn 0-2, Wesley 0-3), Toronto 14-21 (Carter 6-10, Jackson 3-3, Murray 3-5, Williams 1-1, Oakley 1-1, Peterson 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 52 (Mashburn 12), Toronto 49 (Oakley 10). Assists—Charlotte 18 (B.Davis 6), Toronto 33 (Jackson 14). Total fouls—Charlotte 20, Toronto 25. A—19,800 (19,800).

Trail Blazers 103, Pistons 96

PORTLAND (103): Augmon 3-4 0-2 6, R.Wallace 6-19 4-6-16, Davis 2-6 1-2 5, Wells 12-14 2-2 28, Stoudamire 4-14 3-5 13, S.Smith 7-15 5-7 21, Kemp 3-7 2-2 8, Anthony 2-6 1-2 6, Sabonis 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 39-88 18-28 103.

DETROIT (96): Buechler 1-6 0-0 3, B.Wallace 3-4 0-0 6, Montross 0-1 0-0 0, Stackhouse 13-18 14-18 41, Cleaves 2-3 0-0 4, J.Smith 7-17 4-4 18, Barros 5-13 0-0 11, Curry 0-2 2-2 2, Moore 0-0 1-2 1, Owens 1-3 1-4 3, Atkins 3-6 0-0 7. Totals 35-73 22-30 96.

Portland	**37**	**22**	**17**	**27 — 103**
Detroit	**26**	**23**	**17**	**30 — 96**

3-Point Goals—Portland 7-12 (Stoudamire 2-2, Wells 2-2, S.Smith 2-6, Anthony 1-2), Detroit 4-10 (Stackhouse 1-2, Atkins 1-2, Buechler 1-3, Barros 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Portland 58 (Wells 14), Detroit 47 (B.Wallace 14). Assists—Portland 22 (Anthony 5), Detroit 17 (Stackhouse 5). Total fouls—Portland 26, Detroit 26. Technicals—Wells, Augmon. A—16,798 (22,076).

SuperSonics 106, Suns 87

SEATTLE (106): Lewis 8-17 2-2 20, Patterson 8-13 9-12 25, Ewing 5-14 1-1 11, Payton 9-22 2-3 22, Davis 1-2 4-5 7, Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Baker 2-4 7-11 11, McCoy 2-3 0-0 4, Mason 1-3 0-0 2, Barry 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 38-87 25-34 106.

PHOENIX (87): Marion 5-14 6-6 16, Robinson 12-20 7-9 33, Dudley 1-4 0-2 2, Kidd 1-7 0-0 3, Hardaway 2-6 1-4 6, Rogers 2-4 1-2 5, Blount 2-4 0-0 4, Delk 5-14 0-0 11, Gugliotta 2-7 1-1 5, Elie 0-0 0-0 0, McPherson 1-1 0-0 2, Tsakalidis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-82 16-24 87.

Seattle	**25**	**34**	**22**	**25 — 106**
Phoenix	**10**	**30**	**27**	**20 — 87**

3-Point Goals—Seattle 5-10 (Payton 2-3, Lewis 2-4, Davis 1-1, Barry 0-1, Williams 0-1), Phoenix 5-21 (Robinson 2-6, Kidd 1-3, Hardaway 1-4, Delk 1-4, Marion 0-2, Rogers 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 66 (Ewing 11), Phoenix 49 (Marion 7). Assists—Seattle 24 (Payton, Barry 6), Phoenix 22 (Kidd 9). Total fouls—Seattle 25, Phoenix 24. Technicals—Phoenix coach Skiles. A—18,631 (19,023).

Heat 90, Bulls 81

CHICAGO (81): Artest 2-7 1-2 5, Ruffin 0-0 0-0 0, Brand 10-14 5-7 25, Drew 4-10 0-0 9, Mercer 7-17 5-6 19, Hoiberg 2-5 0-0 5, Fizer 2-5 2-2 6, El-Amin 0-3 0-0 0, Miller 4-7 4-7 12. Totals 31-68 17-24 81.

MIAMI (90): Bowen 4-5 0-0 10, Mason 6-14 7-11 19, Grant 6-15 7-7 19, Jones 8-18 4-4 20, Hardaway 2-6 0-0 6, Carter 3-7 1-1 7, Green 3-4 0-0 6, House 1-3 0-0 3, Majerle 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 33-75 19-23 90.

Chicago	**20**	**20**	**28**	**13 — 81**
Miami	**20**	**21**	**22**	**27 — 90**

3-Point Goals—Chicago 2-10 (Hoiberg 1-3, Drew 1-4, Mercer 0-1, El-Amin 0-1, Miller 0-1), Miami 5-12 (Bowen 2-3, Hardaway 2-4, House 1-2, Majerle 0-1, Jones 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 40 (Hoiberg 8), Miami 50 (Mason 10). Assists—Chicago 15 (Hoiberg 6), Miami 22 (Hardaway 9). Total fouls—Chicago 21, Miami 21. A—16,014 (19,600).

NHL Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	22	11	9	0	53	144	101
Philadelphia	21	14	9	0	51	126	118
Pittsburgh	20	17	6	1	47	135	136
N.Y. Rangers	17	24	2	1	37	141	162
N.Y. Islanders	12	26	4	2	30	102	142

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	24	13	6	0	54	138	103
Toronto	21	14	7	3	52	140	115
Buffalo	22	15	5	1	50	117	102
Boston	17	17	6	4	44	111	132
Montreal	14	25	4	2	34	112	130

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	20	16	8	1	49	119	113
Carolina	18	16	6	2	44	106	112
Atlanta	15	20	8	1	39	121	146
Tampa Bay	13	23	5	2	33	112	149
Florida	8	22	8	6	30	95	135

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	29	8	4	1	63	148	89
Detroit	25	13	4	4	58	134	119
Chicago	18	20	4	2	42	120	124
Nashville	17	21	7	1	42	105	120
Columbus	13	26	4	2	32	100	143

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	28	8	8	1	65	140	101
Vancouver	23	13	4	4	54	143	126
Edmonton	21	19	6	1	49	129	129
Calgary	15	17	8	4	42	104	123
Minnesota	14	20	8	2	38	93	108

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	26	11	6	0	58	124	97
Dallas	25	13	4	1	55	122	93
Phoenix	18	13	11	1	48	105	97
Los Angeles	19	17	7	1	46	147	134
Anaheim	14	22	6	4	38	108	142

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Sunday's Games

Carolina 4, Anaheim 0
Dallas 3, Tampa Bay 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Minnesota 2
Edmonton 4, Ottawa 1
Colorado 2, Chicago 2, tie
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Monday's Games

Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Florida, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Stars 3, Lightning 2

Dallas	**1**	**1**	**1**	**— 3**
Tampa Bay	**1**	**1**	**0**	**— 2**

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Richards 13 (St. Louis), 8:54. 2, Dallas, Lyashenko 4 (Lehtinen, Sloan), 17:26.

Second Period—3, Tampa Bay, Modin 21 (St. Louis), 6:06. 4, Dallas, Morrow 11 (Nieuwendyk, Marshall), 12:05.

Third Period—5, Dallas, Zubov 5 (Modano, Hull), 5:10 (pp).

Shots on goal—Dallas 6-5-8—19. Tampa Bay 8-7-9—24. Power-play Opportunities—Dallas 1 of 5; Tampa Bay 0 of 2. Goalies—Dallas, Belfour 17-12-4 (24 shots-22 saves). Tampa Bay, Clouter 3-11-3 (19-16).

Hurricanes 4, Mighty Ducks 0

Anaheim	**0**	**0**	**0 — 0**
Carolina	**0**	**2**	**2 — 4**

First Period—No scoring.

Second Period—1, Carolina, Gelinas 14 (Brind'Amour, Willis), 4:53. 2, Carolina, Francis 9 (O'Neill, Wesley), 19:38.

Third Period—3, Carolina, Francis 10, 2:03 (pp). 4, Carolina, O'Neill 18 (Wesley, Karpa), 16:15 (pp).

Shots on goal—Anaheim 6-11-10—27. Carolina 7-5-7—19. Power-play Opportunities—Anaheim 0 of 6; Carolina 2 of 9. Goalies—Anaheim, Giguere 0-3-0 (19 shots-15 saves). Carolina, Irbe 17-14-6 (27-27).

Oilers 4, Senators 1

Ottawa	**0**	**1**	**0**	**— 1**
Edmonton	**1**	**0**	**3**	**— 4**

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Edmonton, Laraque 8 (M.Comrie, Poti), 1:45. 2, Edmonton, Smyth 18 (Carter, Weight), 5:44. 3, Edmonton, Smyth 19 (Weight, Carter), 6:36. 4, Ottawa, McEachern 14 (Yashin), 12:39.

Third Period—5, Edmonton, Smyth 20 (Ulanov, Weight), 17:52 (en).

Shots on goal—Ottawa 2-11-6—19. Edmonton 4-10-8—22. Power-play Opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 3; Edmonton 1 of 7. Goalies—Ottawa, Lalime 18-9-2 (21 shots-18 saves). Edmonton, Roussel 3-5-2 (19-18).

Rangers 4, Wild 2

Minnesota	**1**	**0**	**1**	**— 2**
N.Y. Rangers	**2**	**0**	**2**	**— 4**

First Period—1, New York, Leetch 12 (Fleury, McCarthy), 3:53. 2, Minnesota, Krivokrasov 3 (Roest, Bombardir), 8:07. 3, New York, Leetch 13 (McCarthy, Pilon), 8:36.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—4, New York, Graves 7 (Kamensky), 2:10. 5, Minnesota, Gavey 6 (Laaksonen, O'Donnell), 6:35. 6, New York, Hlavac 17 (Dvorak), 15:25.

Shots on goal—Minnesota 16-7-9—32. New York 6-13-15—34. Power-play Opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 3; New York 0 of 6. Goalies—Minnesota, Fernandez 13-9-2 (34 shots-30 saves). New York, Richter 13-17-1 (32-30).

Avalanche 2, Blackhawks 2

Colorado	**2**	**0**	**0**	**— 2**
Chicago	**0**	**1**	**1**	**— 2**

First Period—1, Colorado, Hejduk 22 (Tanguay, de Vries), 5:45. 2, Colorado, Drury 12 (Forsberg, Deadmarsh), 14:45.

Second Period—3, Chicago, Zhamnov 13 (Herperger), 11:08 (sh).

Third Period—4, Chicago, Daze 13 (Quintal), 18:41.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—Colorado 10-7-2-4—23. Chicago 7-12-4-0—23. Power-play Opportunities—Colorado 0 of 3; Chicago 0 of 3. Goalies—Colorado, Aebischer 5-3-3 (23 shots-21 saves). Chicago, Thibault 16-16-4 (23-21).

TABC Polls

The high school basketball polls as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Records through Jan. 13.

BOYS

Class A

Division I

1. Weatherford Brock (20-2); 2. Lorenzo (17-4); 3. Tenaha (16-3); 4. Lipan (20-3); 5. Kennard (13-6); 6. Sudan (13-6); 7. Paducah (12-5); 8. Evadale (14-5); 9. LaRue LaPoynor (19-4)
10. Crosbyton (16-2)

DIVISION 2

1. Goodrich (21-1); 2. Nazareth (14-7); 3. Laneville (16-2); 4. Round Top-Carmine (21-1); 5. Fort Elliott (21-1); 6. Jayton (16-4); 7. Calvert (18-3); 8. Gary (16-3); 9. Waelder (20-3); 10. Stephenville Huckabay (15-6)

2A

1. Peaster (20-1); 2. Krum (19-3); 3. New Lonjon West Rusk (17-1); 4. San Augustine (12-2); 5. San Antonio Cole (17-3); 6. Bogata Rivercrest (17-5); 7. Frankston (18-3); 8. Olney (14-3); 9. Hale Center (19-5); 10. Farmersville (14-5)

3A

1. Kountze (22-1); 2. Mexia (17-2); 3. Waco LaVega (18-3); 4. Everman (18-5); 5. Graham (19-2); 6. Wharton (21-3); 7. Dimmitt (14-6); 8. Mabank (15-4); 9. Hearne (19-3); 10. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (18-2)

4A

1. Beaumont Ozen (22-0); 2. Fort Worth Dunbar (20-2); 3. San Antonio Sam Houston (21-1); 4. Austin LBJ (19-1); 5. Texas City (22-1); 6. North Crowley (19-3); 7. Canyon Randall (21-1); 8. Dallas Lincoln (17-2); 9. Fort Worth Poly (18-3); 10. San Antonio Lanier (18-4)

5A

1. Fort Bend Willowridge (23-0); 2. Houston Lamar (24-1); 3. Houston Bellaire (17-3); 4. Houston Klein Forest (20-2); 5. Rockwall (19-2); 6. Cedar Hill (23-0); 7. Converse Judson (20-1); 8. Arlington Martin (20-3); 9. Georgetown (22-2); 10. Duncanville (17-6)

GIRLS

CLASS A

Division 1

1. Weatherford Brock (19-4); 2. Moulton (22-2); 3. Windthorst (18-1); 4. Merit Bland (21-2); 5. Kennard (21-2); 6. Sudan (15-5); 7. LaRue LaPoynor (18-2); 8. Wortham (19-1); 9. Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn (20-1); 10. Smyer (19-1)

Division 2

1. Nazareth (20-4); 2. Brookesmith (20-3); 3. Throckmorton (20-2); 4. Stephenville Huckabay (17-4); 5. Strawn (15-3); 6. Guthrie (19-2); 7. Saltillo (19-2); 8. Rochelle (16-3); 9. Dodd City (14-5); 10. Jonesboro (16-4)

2A

1. Gunter (22-0); 2. Wall (21-1); 3. Boyd (21-0); 4. Buffalo (19-3); 5. Elkhart (18-4); 6. Port Aransas (23-2); 7. Nacogdoches Central Heights (21-3); 8. Cisco (20-2); 9. Godley (21-4); 10. Clyde Eula (18-3)

3A

1. Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill (25-2); 2. Winnsboro (23-4); 3. Perryton (19-5); 4. Shallowater (16-4); 5. Luling (17-4); 6. Crandall (20-3); 7. Groesbeck (20-3); 8. Abilene Wylie (19-1); 9. Quinlan Ford (18-4); 10. Waco LaVega (17-3)

4A

1. Plainview (20-1); 2. Canyon (18-1); 3. Brenham (16-3); 4. Boerne (21-4); 5. Waxahachie (16-8); 6. Canyon Randall (16-7); 7. Borger (21-4); 8. Amarillo Palo Duro (13-5); 9. Houston Jones (21-0); 10. Navasota (18-5)

5A

1. Mansfield (23-1); 2. Spring Westfield (21-1); 3. Weatherford (20-3); 4. Euless Trinity (23-2); 5. Plano (20-3); 6. Victoria Memorial (24-1); 7. Amarillo (22-2); 8. DeSoto (24-1); 9.

Houston Marathon

HOUSTON (AP) — Top finishers Sunday in the Compaq Houston Marathon:

Men

1. Christopher Ciamarra, McKeesport, Pa., 2 hours, 29 minutes, 27.6 seconds.
2. James Lawrence, Orange, 2:37:56.6.
3. John Zuilhof, Katy, 2:41:26.5.
4. Bernie Weber, Houston, 2:42:28.5.
5. Chad Lasater, Youngsville, La., 2:42:39.9.
6. Rich Fredrich, Katy, 2:43:16.7.
7. Gerald Krawietz Jr., Houston, 2:45:01.8.
8. Dink Taylor, Huntsville, 2:46:02.5.
9. Michael Tapia, Houston, 2:46:16.9.
10. Kim Wrinkle, Houston, 2:46:23.4.
11. Stuart Schutze, Dallas, 2:46:53.8.
12. Steven Eick, New York, 2:47:56.4.
13. Benjamin Greinke, Farmington Hills, Mich., 2:48:10.3.
14. John Yoder, Houston, 2:48:22.5.
15. David Dobkowski, St. Louis, 2:48:41.1.
16. Rob Jones, West Chester, Pa., 2:51:23.1.
17. Gabriel Urban, Wayne, Pa., 2:51:46.6.
18. Brett Hervat, Houston, 2:51:47.6.
19. Michael Powell, Driftwood, 2:52:12.6.
20. Client Mericle, Corpus Christi, 2:54:02.9.
21. Scott Eppelman, Coppell, 2:54:13.3.
22. Rudy Casarez, Pflugerville, 2:54:17.6.
23. Larry Tidwell, Baytown, 2:54:32.6.
24. Miguel Lopez, Houston, 2:55:03.2.
25. Thomas Gunther, Austin, 2:55:05.2.

Women

1. Stacie Alboucrek, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2:43:41.2.
2. Joy Smith, Sugar Land, 2:55:52.9.
3. Wizz Bayou, Houston, 2:56:07.7.
4. Vasiliki Sikopeti, Greece, 2:58:12.8.
5. Emily McCann, Orlando, Fla., 2:59:58.6.
6. Alyssa Anes, 3:00:57.8.
7. Nicole Wilkerson, Bryan, 3:05:34.9.
8. Lisa Green, The Woodlands, 3:07:51.7.
9. Kathryn Scarborough, Pearland, 3:09:53.9.
10. Barbara Stoll, Houston, 3:09:55.5.
11. Erin Rodrigs, Austin, 3:10:05.3.
12. Miyo Chun, Baton Rouge, La., 3:10:31.1.
13. Allie Kassens, Cary, N.C., 3:11:22.6.
14. Dana Berkbuegler, Fenton, Mo., 3:12:37.6.
15. Mary Rodrigs, The Woodlands, 3:13:28.1.
16. Sheila Smitherman, Houston, 3:13:47.
17. Carole Uttecht, Houston, 3:15:36.9.
18. Nancy Eilerts, Kingwood, 3:17:00.4.
19. Amy Fetterhoff, Houston, 3:18:53.5.
20. Marissa Toland, San Antonio, 3:20:09.
21. Kim Snedden, Houston, 3:20:22.8.
22. Pilar Bouffier, Fall River, Mass., 3:20:28.8.
23. Maria Kozloski, Washington, D.C., 3:21:27.7.
24. Diana Keinz, Houston, 3:22:11.9.
25. Tracy Harrison, Plano, 3:22:58.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
Connecticut	12	2	35.5	71.5	5.1
Grand Rapids	8	8	34.5	58.5	3.7
Fort Wayne	9	3	28.5	55.5	4.6
Rockford	4	11	27.0	39.0	2.6
Gary	4	10	19.5	31.5	2.3

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
Idaho	11	4	31.5	64.5	4.3
Yakima	10	3	32.5	59.5	4.6
Quad City	6	8	28.5	46.5	3.3

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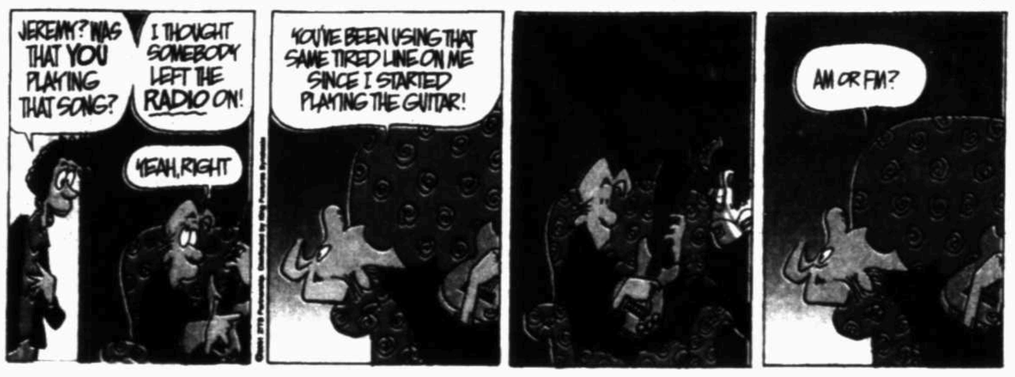

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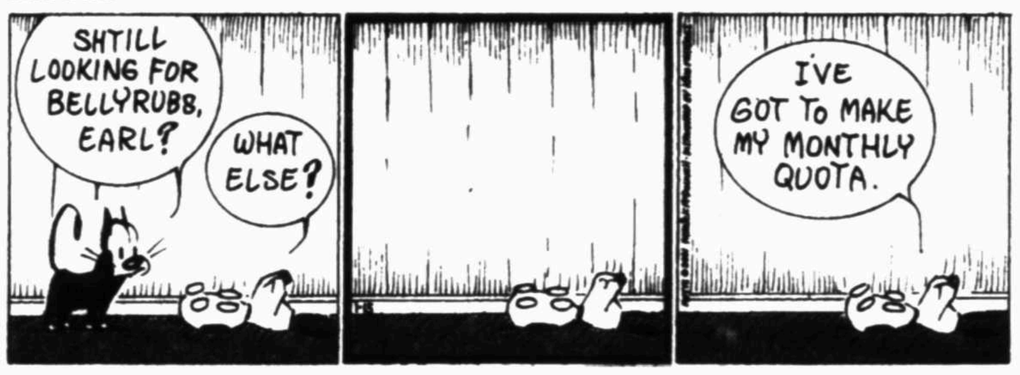

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CLOSE TO HOME

Overcome by curiosity, the Feeglemans open the door to the Trojan Horse and unwittingly allow their three grown children to move back home.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WOW! LOOK AT IT SNOW! DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU WANNA GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY?"

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"See? I've TOLD you, PJ! Don't try to sit on a basketball!"

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"THAT WAS THE POST OFFICE... THEY'RE PUTTING A HOLD ON OUR MAIL UNTIL YOU SEND THE WALK."

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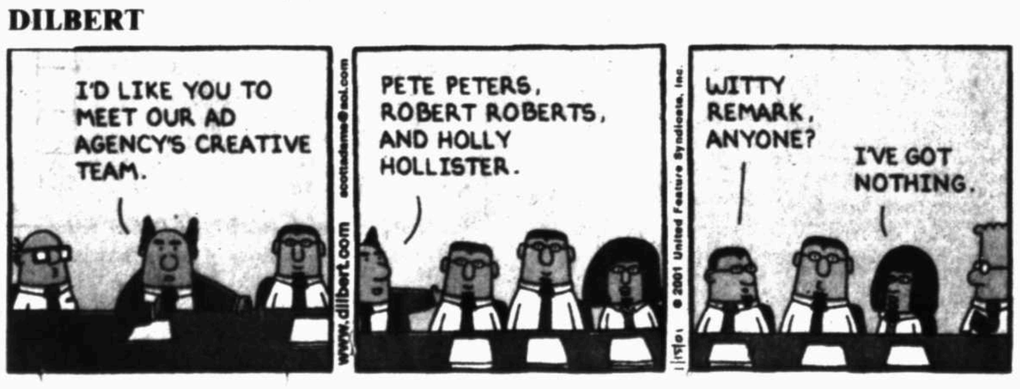

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Physicist predicts an improved human race in new millennium

BOMBAY, India — Physicist **Stephen Hawking** predicts someone will successfully design an improved human race by the next millennium.

"I am not advocating human genetic engineering as a good thing; I'm just saying it is likely to happen whether we like it or not," he told the audience at a lecture Sunday.

Hawking also predicted that babies would be grown outside the human body in the next 100 years.

He said humans should improve their mental and physical capabilities and meet challenges posed by space travel.

"If we don't destroy ourselves in the next 100 years, I expect we will spread out to planets in the nearby solar system and then to nearby stars."

The 59-year-old British physicist is the author of the best-selling "A Brief History of Time."

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RADNOR, Pa. — **Jennifer Lopez** says her new album, "J Lo," is aimed at the hips, not the head.

Lopez

"I just want to make everyone dance and have a good time without all that other deep crap," Lopez said in the Jan. 20 issue of TV Guide.

Lopez said fans inspired the name of the album, which hits stores Jan. 23.

"Whenever I go someplace, people yell, 'Jenny Lo! J Lo!' This record is a homage to them," said Lopez, 30.

Her hits include "If You Had My Love." She starred in the films "Selena" and "The Cell."

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NEW YORK — British filmmaker **Guy Ritchie** is married to Madonna and has houses in London, New York and Los Angeles.

All in all, a pretty ordinary life, he says.

"We actually lead a rather humble existence," said Ritchie of himself and Madonna, who he wed in Scotland on Dec. 22.

"We don't go out very much, we go to bed early. She works very hard and so do I, and because of that it's early nights and early rising and exercise," said Ritchie, 32, in Sunday's editions of the Daily News.

Ritchie's new film, "Snatch," opens Friday. He also directed "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels."

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HAMBURG, Germany — Retired tennis star **Boris Becker** and his estranged wife, Barbara, have reached an out-of-court settlement of their bitter alimony and custody dispute, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Becker, 33, and his wife will share custody of their two sons, and she will receive a one-time payment of $14.4 million, Bild am Sonntag said.

That is about six times more than what she had been entitled to by a prenuptial contract, the newspaper reported.

Barbara Becker, 34, also will be able to choose between their luxury home in Miami or a villa in Munich as her residence, the newspaper said, citing unidentified sources.

Dana Clay, a spokeswoman for Boris Becker's Miami attorneys, said Sunday she was not aware of any settlement although the two sides had been "extremely close" to reaching an agreement on Friday.

Becker is a three-time Wimbledon champion.

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DANBURY, Conn. — Actor **Paul Newman** donated $10,000 to build a pedestrian bridge that will help complete a 2.2-mile walking trail along the revitalized Still River.

"We are ecstatic that Paul Newman has chosen to support this environmental initiative," Mayor Gene Eriquez said Friday.

For years, the river was polluted by the hat factories that once filled Danbury. Six years after the revitalization project began, there are trout and smallmouth bass in the river and a walking trail dotted with environmental education markers.

Since starting Westport-based Newman's Own food line in 1982, Newman has donated all after-tax profits of more than $200 million to thousands of charities.

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Compiled from Associated Press reports

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING — JANUARY 15, 2001

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast				6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	5	3	News 283	Wheel of Fortune 863	The Object of My Affection (R, '98) ★★ Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd, Alan Alda. 22912				Gideon's Crossing "Hinkytown" (N) 'PG' 7134		News 5432134	Nightline (N) 43512467	Politically 9075863	(:38) Cheers 5101863
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Cosby 46912	Spin City 46912	Boston Public "Chapter Ten" (N) '14' 94134		Ally McBeal "The Ex-Files" (N) 'PG' 70554		Attorney 63776	Nanny 15202	Jerry Springer '14' 93405		Blind Date 68221	Suddenly 19298
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 8888	Ent. Tonight 4080	King 5467	Welcome-N.Y. 3592	Raymond 4115	Becker 6950	Family Law "Film at Eleven" (N) 83486		News 1937134	(:35) Late Show (N) 'PG' 33521009		Late Late 3859414
(9) KWES	9	9	9	News 3134	Seinfeld 4486	Mysterious Ways "Strike Two" (N) 'PG' 80318		Dateline 16738		Third Watch "A Hero's Rest" '14' 29202		News 6514009	(:35) Tonight Show (N) '14' 33010931		Late Night '14' 5818825
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 17888	John Hagee 83080	Light of the Southwest (Live) 18912				Hour of Healing 78134		News 61931	Life in the Word 87979	Promise 46047	Rebecca Baker 87554
(13) KOCV	36	13		Newshour With Jim Lehrer 441115		Antiques Roadshow (N) 925592		Jazz "The True Welcome (1929-1935)" (N) (Part 4 of 10) 'PG' 912028				Business Rpt. 707283	Telecourse 716931	Telecourse 967738	
(10) WGN		10		Fresh Pr. 938912	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Orlando Magic. From TD Waterhouse Centre in Orlando, Fla. (Live) 873467					News 473660		MacGyver "The Human Factor" 483047		Matlock "The Billionaire" 343080	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Pr. 730486	Fresh Pr. 7576370	Sister Act (:05) (PG, '92) ★★ Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith, Kathy Najimy. 3873573				Splash (:05) (PG, '84) ★★★ Tom Hanks, John Candy. A disenchanted businessman struggles to protect a mermaid. 21551047					Drop Dead 9034592
(18) UNI		42	13	Locura de Amor 85009		Abrázame Muy Fuerte 52196		Mi Destino Eres Tú 61844		Cristina: Edición Especial 41080		Primer Impacto 74405	Noticiero Univ. 50825	Viviana a la Medianoche 10370	
(20) DISC		20	26	Wild Discovery: An Animal's World 624239		New Detectives "Web of Clues" 'PG' 547738		World's Most Dangerous Car Chases 'PG' 556486		Crime Scene Clean-Up (N) 'PG' 569950		Justice Files "The Mind of a Criminal" 546009		New Detectives "Web of Clues" 'PG' 512202	
(21) AMC		21	31	Alfred Hitchcock 443573		Goodbye Charlie ('64) ★½ Tony Curtis. 963912				Backstory	Cahill, United States Marshal ★★½ 862844				Goodbye
(22) TNN		22	35	Martial Law 201405		Martial Law 752554		WWF Raw '14' 761202		WWF War Zone 4754592		(:07) Martial Law 9334573		Starsky-Hutch 9329115	
(23) TNT		23	28	Pretender 294115		WCW Monday Nitro '14' 714554				Pretender 774776		Pretender 777863		WCW Nitro 157405	
(24) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire (N)	Wolf Blitzer	The Point	Larry King Live 192202		Tonight	Spin Room	Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 158028	
(26) BET		26	33	106 & Park	Oh Drama! 579844		Amen	Comicview 485842		BET Live 380298		BET News	BET Tonight	Midnight Love 903486	
(27) DISN		27	41	The Color of Friendship ('00) ★★½ Carl Lumbly. 8772221			Smart House (:35) ('99) ★★ Ryan Merriman. (TVPG) 6066554			Alley Cats Strike! (:05) ('00) Kyle Schmid, Robert Richard. 47980825			MusicVids 26570689	Zorro 730467	Mickey 621370
(28) ESPN2		63		NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Florida Panthers. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) 1825467						Tennis Australian Open -- Early Rounds. (Live) 6398202					NFL 2Night
(29) ESPN		29	30	College Basketball Georgetown at Seton Hall. (Live) 915115				College Basketball Connecticut at Texas. (Live) 910660				Sportscenter 906467		College Basketball: UNLV at BYU 337009	
(30) USA		30	38	JAG "Recovery" 'PG' 634863		Nash Bridges "Key Witness" 101950		Species II (R, '98) ★ Michael Madsen, Natasha Henstridge, Marg Helgenberger. 196486				Martin 983641	Martin 909689	Strip Poker 'PG' 459009	Femme Nikita 523844
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 2455283		Married...	Married...	Married...	Married...	X Show (N) '14' 2454554		X-Files 1107554	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order "Castoff" '14' 713937		Biography "James Garner" 'G' 565134		100 Centre Street "Pilot" (Series Premiere) Gritty stories unfold in New York's night court. (N) '14' 545370				Law & Order "Disappeared" 'PG' 564405		Biography "James Garner" 'G' 507370	
(33) TLC		33	21	Crash Science "What Happened?" 'PG' 296573		Code Blue: Free and Easy (N) 770950		Protect and Serve '14' 756370		Police, Camera, Action! (N) 776134		Code Blue: Free and Easy 779221		Protect and Serve '14' 712196	
(34) NICK		34	37	Rugrats 761414	Rugrats 226626	Rugrats 394573	Brady 161270	Gilligan's Island 303221	Facts of Life 399028	3's Co. 830950	3's Co. 163298	All in Family 367689	Jeffersons 343009	I Love Lucy 819467	Laverne & Shir. 883202
(36) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait "Estelle Getty" (N) 'G' 287979		Unsolved Mysteries 880080		Gone in a Heartbeat ('96) Michael Tucker, Jill Eikenberry, James Marsden. 800844				Golden Girls 543047	Golden Girls 529467	Designing 161467	Designing 319860
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(66) SHOW		66	20	The Mask of Zorro (4:30) ('98) ★★★ 611009		The Story of Us (R, '99) ★★ Bruce Willis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Tim Matheson. 154202				Resurrection Blvd. Alex gets a title shot. 181196		The Limey (R, '99) ★★½ Terence Stamp, Peter Fonda. 694405		Black Mask 683842	
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(69) HBOP		69		The Inkwell (5:00) ('94) ★½ 5955776		Drop Zone (R, '94) ★★½ Wesley Snipes, Gary Busey, Yancy Butler. 1200844				Oz "Conversions" 'MA' 5701028		Dennis M. 5935912	Hitman's Run (R, '99) ★★ 9879486	Eric Roberts.	
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 15, 2001:

Possibilities drop into your lap this year. Your ability to grow past self-imposed restrictions helps you gain both personally and professionally. Listen to your sixth sense with bosses and those in positions of authority. Often, you understand what they are saying more clearly than even they do. In some ways, you are a maverick. If you are single, others often keep an eye on you, but they might find you difficult to approach. You enter an excellent period for relationships in midsummer, no matter what your status is. If attached, share more of your inner life with your sweetie. LIBRA admires you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Revise your opinions. Restructure plans if necessary. You might not be as organized as you would like to be. Your efficiency helps you streamline projects and clear out the superfluous. Schedule an important meeting. Recognize what you cannot change. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Dig into your day's project. You can get a lot more done than many others can. Your cheerful side emerges with loved ones. Unexpected developments might cause you to regroup. New beginnings are possible with associates. Adapt to others' changes. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ The unexpected provokes both your intuition and your imagination. Your sixth sense often steers you in new directions — ones in which you might not otherwise go. Adapt to a transforming partner. This person opts for growth rather than stagnancy. Share your admiration. Tonight: Playful, aren't we?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Use your humor to deal with the many demands on your time. Someone does need you to chip in. Carefully think about your choices. Favor reorganizing, if necessary. Consider alternate suggestions from a partner as well. This person helps you clear the air. Tonight: Playful works.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Keep communication flowing, even though another might be erratic with his actions and words. You can deal with problems as they appear. Your ingenuity forges a way through any obstacle in your path right now. Forget the word "impossible." Tonight: Errands first, fun second.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Be careful with spending, because what looks good today might be a debacle tomorrow. Use your sense of humor with a loved one. Revamp plans because of an unexpected event or request. Demonstrate flexibility, and make it your strong suit. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. Flexibility marks a relationship involving a child or loved one. You might not always be sure about what you want and need. If you aren't getting your message across effectively, try another route or approach. Tonight: Your smile draws others toward you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Step back from responsibility so you can more than adequately make strong decisions. Take a hard look at your finances, and don't necessarily do what automatically seems right. Flow with opportunities. Be open to a novel approach. Tonight: Do your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You know what you want. As a result, you aim for exactly that, and you succeed. Your ability to flex when others get stuck strikes people as a wonderful asset. Laugh at the whirlwind that surrounds living and communicating. Excitement is all around you. Tonight: Wish upon a star.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Develop a greater sense of what your words mean to others. Sometimes your actions throw others off. Express financial creativity. Use your intuition with someone you need to work with. Right now, the ball most definitely is in your court. Grab it and run with it. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You respond to the big picture but, often, others cannot be so flexible. Others have difficulty seeing and understanding events and situations. Your goals transform as information comes forward. You are in the driver's seat. Remember that. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Listen carefully to someone who has many different ideas. Often, this person strikes you on a very profound level, forcing you to think about what you want and need. A discussion that starts up has both depth and understanding. Brainstorm with this person. Tonight: A cozy night for two.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Mario van Peebles (1957), civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929), shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis (1906)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♠ 6 5 3 ♡ A 10 9 8 5 4 ◇ J 8 7 3 ♣ Void

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — Your next bid is not the problem — you must look ahead to the round after. This hand could easily produce a slam in either red suit. The only way to investigate both possibilities is to bid three diamonds now, then follow up with four hearts to complete the description of your distribution.

Q 2 — Vulnerable, you hold: ♠ 9 5 3 ♡ Q 8 ◇ K Q 10 3 ♣ J 8 5 4 Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A — This is a close decision. You have honor cards in all the unbid suits, but your queen of hearts is insufficiently guarded. While we would not fault a response of one no-trump, we slightly prefer a raise to two spades despite having only three low cards in support.

Q 3 — Vulnerable, you hold: ♠ J ♡ A J 9 6 2 ◇ A Q J 6 3 2 ♣ Q What is your opening bid?

A — Three of your 15 points are wasted and your heart suit is porous, so your hand is not worth opening one diamond and then reversing with hearts. Therefore, our choice is to open one heart, allowing an easy rebid in diamonds.

Q 4 — East-West vulnerable, as South you hold: ♠ 8 7 4 ♡ 9 8 6 ◇ A K 10 6 ♣ K J 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♠	?	

What action do you take?

A — You have just been given two bites at the cherry. Without interference, you would have gone directly to three no-trump. At this vulnerability, however, say thank you to East, double and lead a trump to make sure dummy cannot ruff away any of your winners.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Building passageway
5 Loud slap
10 Prolonged ring
14 Region
15 Tennessee footballer
16 Gawk at
17 Reach for a high shelf, say
20 Grandfather clock feature
21 Deletes
22 Get together
23 Skewer
24 Doll's cry
27 Brown-tinted photo
29 Norway's largest city
33 Unconcealed
35 Tacks on
37 Charged particle
38 Sway back and forth
42 [Intentionally so written]
43 "__ number one!"
44 3 on a par 5, e.g.
45 Round cheese
47 Oilers' drillings
50 Take five
51 In addition
53 Part of a list
55 Play producer
58 Baby bottle beverages
62 React quickly
64 First-class
65 Double-reed instruments
66 Fairway cry
67 Cigar remains
68 Teens' hangouts
69 Frosty's makeup

DOWN

1 Place for a padlock
2 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
3 Low in fat
4 Mount Rushmore, e.g.
5 Furry wraps
6 "Just a __!"
7 Molecule component
8 Is able to
9 Cap protectors?
10 Future fries
11 Freudian topics
12 Toward the sheltered side
13 To a smaller extent
18 Scheduled to arrive
19 __ Lanka
23 Align (with)
24 Radiotelegraphy code
25 Steer clear of
26 Holy city of Islam
28 Wall covering
30 Prolonged attack
31 Lazes
32 Start
34 Disabled vehicle's need
36 "Thar __ blows!"
39 Cronkite's milieu
40 Cream-filled cookie
41 Cold weather protectors
46 Fridge stick-on
48 Model trains name
49 Type A's concern
52 Albanian currency
54 They follow els
55 Rough guess
56 Commandment starter
57 "__ That a Shame"
58 Put one over on
59 Boxer Spinks
60 Drome opener
61 Meat-and-potatoes dish
63 Where Cavs and Mavs play: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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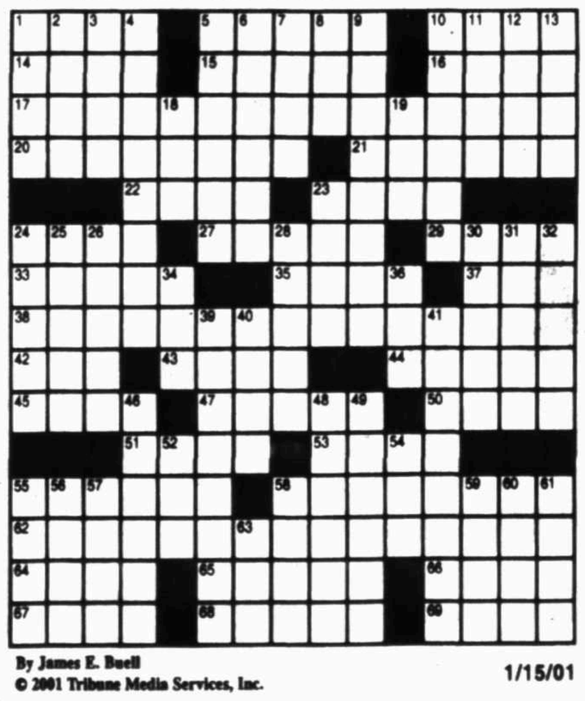

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MC: Chap teams open tonight

(From 1B)

ever. But beyond the win, I want us to get back where I feel our defense is going to carry us through the tough times."

The Chaparral men come into tonight's game against the Plainsmen with a mark of 11-5 after a tough non-conference schedule which saw them go to the prestigious Dixie College Classic in St. George, Utah, and take trips to play Barton County (Kan.) and Butler (Kan.). The Chaps are no longer ranked but don't expect the players or second-year head coach Junsie Cotten to feel bad about that.

"That's the best thing that could've happened to our team," said Cotten about dropping out of the NJCAA polls. "I think the guys were putting pressure on themselves on having to live up to the expectations. They forget how you get to a certain point. Now we don't have that pressure of worrying where we're going to be ranked week in and week out.

"All we want to do is play our best basketball in March. We just want to get better in every practice and every game."

Chalk up the first 16 games of the season for the MC men as a learning experience.

"The preseason was great for us," Cotten said. "I think we learned a lot about our team. The bottom line to our team is that we have to do certain things right for us to be successful. Those things are playing hard and defending and rebounding, which have always been the cornerstone of our program.

"I think being 11-5, considering the schedule we've had, is about right for us. That's not to say that I wouldn't rather be 16-0, but our record doesn't indicate where we are as a basketball team. I think after the recent losses our attitude has changed. If we were 16-0 and had played lesser teams that might have given us a false sense of confidence going into league play and we don't need that."

By design, the Chaps' non-conference schedule was supposed to be tough. The schedule was supposed to prepare the Chaps for the battlefields known as the WJCAC. Take, for example, the trips to the Kansas JCs, which Cotten considers the toughest road games in JC basketball. Those road trips should prepare them for road trips to Howard College, Odessa College and New Mexico Military Institute later in the year. The tough non-conference portion of their schedule should also help the coaches coach the mental aspect of the game.

"Basketball is 90 percent above the shoulders and 10 percent below," Cotten said. "That's the hardest part about coaching — having to coach the mental part."

What should help the Chaps' fight through the WJCAC schedule is having eight returning players who know what it takes to win in this conference. Last year, the eight returners were part of a co-WJCAC championship, the second in three years for the program.

"That's where we have the advantage over other teams which have a lot of freshman," said Cotten about his team's experience. "We think that experience should pay off for us."

The conference should be much improved from last year with a ton of talent peppering each team. Cotten said his favorite is 11-4 Odessa College, next Monday's opponent, because of the Wranglers depth. Cotten also warns not to discount South Plains, which has raced out to a 10-1 record and a No. 17 national ranking under former MC coach Steve Green. Howard College has a 6-10 record but coming off one of the toughest schedules in the country. Tonight's opponent, Frank Phillips, is also much improved over last year with new coach Steve Payne. New Mexico Military Institute will always be dangerous.

"There will be no gimme games," said Cotten about the conference schedule. "I think teams are going to have to protect the home court and then go on the road and steal a couple. I don't think there will be a team that's going to run the table. But I do think 13-1 or 12-2 will win the conference."

The first challenge for the Chaps comes tonight as the Plainsmen come to town.

"They played us extremely tough at their place last year and they're a better basketball than they were last year," said Cotten about Frank Phillips. "They're talented and athletic. I don't know how deep they are but it is a game that we have to win. We want to get out of the blocks quick and we want to make a statement that we are here to defend our title."

Midland College Notes: The Lady Chaps have won or shared the WJCAC title four years in a row... Lady Chap sophomore point guard Kanedria Wilson was dismissed from the team at the end of the fall semester for violation of team rules. Wilson had played in 15 games and averaged 6.0 points per contest in her second year with the Lady Chaps... With the dismissal of Wilson, sophomore transfer Lena Samilton has stripped off the redshirt. In two games with MC, Samilton has averaged 7.5 points per contest... On the men's side, 6-foot-7 sophomore transfer Hamilton Rucker has been dismissed from the team for conduct detrimental to the team, Cotten said. Rucker transferred from St. Bonaventure University and was the leading scorer on the team with 9.0 points per contest in 14 games played.

JUCO Roundup

WJCAC Picks

Women
1. Midland College
2. Howard College
3. Odessa College
4. New Mexico JC
5. South Plains College
6. Frank Phillips College
7. Clarendon College

Men
1. Midland College
2. Howard College
3. Odessa College
4. South Plains
5. Frank Phillips College
6. New Mexico Military
7. New Mexico JC
8. Clarendon College

MC Men

Player	G	FG	FT	T	AVG
Quannas White	16	80	57	249	15.6
x-Hamilton Rucker	14	44	38	126	9.0
Danny Anderson	16	48	20	143	8.9
Jeremiah Coleman	12	47	11	105	8.8
Jerome Beasley	14	53	14	120	8.6
Jason Williams	16	50	36	136	8.5
Armon Tillman	16	47	13	122	7.6
Kenny White	16	36	9	88	5.5
Adrian Martin	15	24	17	63	4.2
Madkin Thornton	15	21	13	57	3.8
Jermaine Allen	13	18	5	50	3.8
C.J. Young	11	8	4	20	1.8
Drew Oswald	9	2	5	15	1.7
Danny Gomez	9	2	5	11	1.2
Totals	**16**	**482**	**246**	**1,305**	**81.2**

3-point goals (95): Q. White 32, Anderson 27, Tillman 15, Allen 9, K. White 7, Gomez 2, Thornton 2, Oswald 1.

x-no longer with team

MC Women

Player	G	FG	FT	T	AVG
Amisha Carter	17	72	49	200	11.8
Chanovia Rhodes	16	65	29	159	9.9
Veronique Alesse	17	63	37	164	9.6
Sylvia Butler	17	64	23	151	8.8
Loren Mostacilla	16	54	26	136	8.5
Lena Samilton	2	6	2	15	7.5
Heidi Lange	16	37	12	110	6.9
Chanie Sutherland	16	36	28	116	7.3
Delfiah Gray	17	41	16	110	6.5
x-Kanedria Wilson	15	28	22	90	6.0
Courtney Feagler	15	29	6	81	5.4
Lindzi Martin	17	17	32	68	4.3
Chemaiah Carter	9	5	4	14	1.5
Totals	**17**	**518**	**283**	**1,414**	**83.2**

3-point goals (91): Lange 24, Feagler 17, Sutherland 16, Wilson 12, Gray 10, A. Carter 7, Mostacilla 2, Martin 2, Samilton 1.

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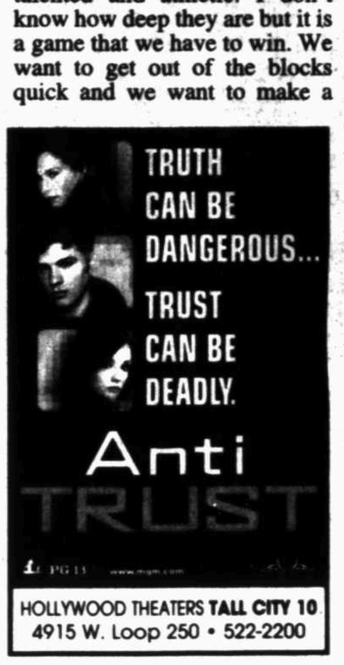

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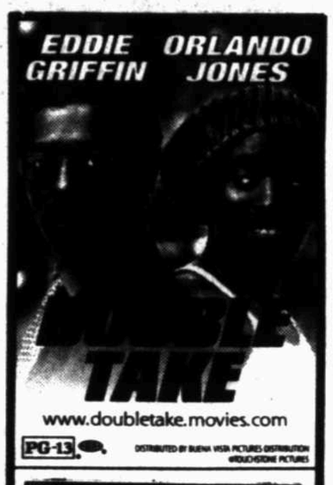

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Local Sports

Mustangs beat F.W. Temple

FORT WORTH — The Midland Christian Mustangs started Saturday's contest against Fort Worth Temple with a 32-9 run and ended up running away with the TAPPS District 1-4A contest, 96-45.

Five players were in double figures for the Mustangs as Stephen Koss led the way with 20 points, Zac Schwarz had 19, Ryan Cosner 18, Garrett Hellums added 13, and Alan Vaught chipped in with 11.

The next game for the Mustangs is 8 p.m. Tuesday against Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian.

Midland Christian 96, Fort Worth Temple 45

Midland Christian (14-7, 1-0) Alan Vaught 4 1-2 11, Blake Morphew 0 3-4 3, Bryan Nevans 3 2-2 8, Ryan Cosner 5 8-12 18, Zac Schwarz 7 5-7 19, Garrett Hellums 5 3-5 13, Shane Wright 2 0-0 4, Steven Koss 9 2-3 20. **Totals 35 23-25 96.**

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MONDAY MORNING

Dear Abby/2C

DAVE BARRY

Setting new record for poo-poohing an incoming president

This column takes a back seat to no other column when it comes to declaring that presidential administrations have failed. Back in 1992, this column set a world indoor journalistic record when it formally declared the failure of the Bill Clinton administration a full month before Mr. Clinton actually took office. That is how far "ahead of the curve" this column is.

And so it is high time that this column took stock of the administration of George "W." Bush III Jr. — to evaluate his presidency in a fair and balanced manner, looking not only at Mr. Bush's flaws, but also at his glaring weaknesses. In doing so, this column intends to give the incoming president the benefit of the doubt, in the generous spirit of loser Al "Recount" Gore, who, in his gracious concession speech, called upon the nation to "forget our differences and unite behind our new president, who needs the support of every American, because he has the brain of a sea cucumber."

Despite Mr. Gore's harsh assessment, this column happens to think that Mr. Bush has not been a complete disaster in certain areas, such as high-level appointments. Many of the Bush appointees are experienced Washington hands who held high-level jobs under George Bush III Sr., Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford and Warren G. Harding. Unfortunately, when these appointees were subjected to FBI background checks, it turned out that a number of them had, at some point in the past few decades, passed away.

This column is not suggesting that a person should be deemed unqualified to hold high government office merely because that person has kicked the bucket. It makes no difference, for example, who serves as secretary of energy, as evidenced by the fact that for the past two years the post was filled — and very capably — by a Magic 8 Ball. Nobody knows what the Department of Energy does, including its employees, who spend their days waiting for the phone to ring, which never happens, except when the Department of Commerce, which is also bored out of its mind, makes prank calls to ask if the Energy Department's refrigerator is running.

But certain top federal jobs are important. For example, the secretary of state is responsible for taking a large entourage over to the Middle East every two weeks to broker a new historic peace accord. The postmaster general is responsible for ensuring that every American, every working day, receives a stack of unwanted fourth-class mail the height of Al Pacino. And the surgeon general is responsible for carrying on the decades-old quest for a cigarette-pack warning so scary that smokers actually take it seriously ("Whoa! Eyeball worms! I'm quitting!").

In key jobs such as these, the nation needs "the best and the brightest." That is why this column is concerned about the mental sharpness of some of the older Bush appointees, particularly Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, who recently stated that his highest military priority will be "to stop Lee at Gettysburg."

But what has this column really alarmed is the economy. It does not look good. The trouble began last year, when Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan "Mojo" Greenspan, with no warning, raised interest rates sharply after having what a member of his staff described as a "very upsetting experience" involving the Hair Club for Men. As a result, the nation has been plunged into a recession. Former "dot-com" millionaires are now surviving on roadkill jerky. Sales of Porsche Boxsters and large, absurdly complicated gold watches that tell the phase of the moon have plunged to historically low levels. Bill Gates is down to his last 17 airplanes.

This column has no choice but to blame the recession on the Bush administration. And to those who would argue that Mr. Bush is not responsible for the current economy, this column would respond with a trenchant quotation from the great philosopher Ralph "Waldo" Emerson: "Tough noogies." The president ALWAYS gets credit or blame for the economy, even though he has almost nothing to do with it. Bill Clinton got tons of credit for the good economy of the past eight years, despite the fact that his total contribution consisted of payments to defense lawyers.

So, having carefully considered all factors, this column hereby declares the incoming Bush administration a failure. Do not bother to thank this column: It is only doing its job. And do not become overly alarmed about the future. Instead, consider the inspirational words of one high government official, who, when asked to ponder the fate of this nation, answered, simply: "Reply Hazy, Try Again."

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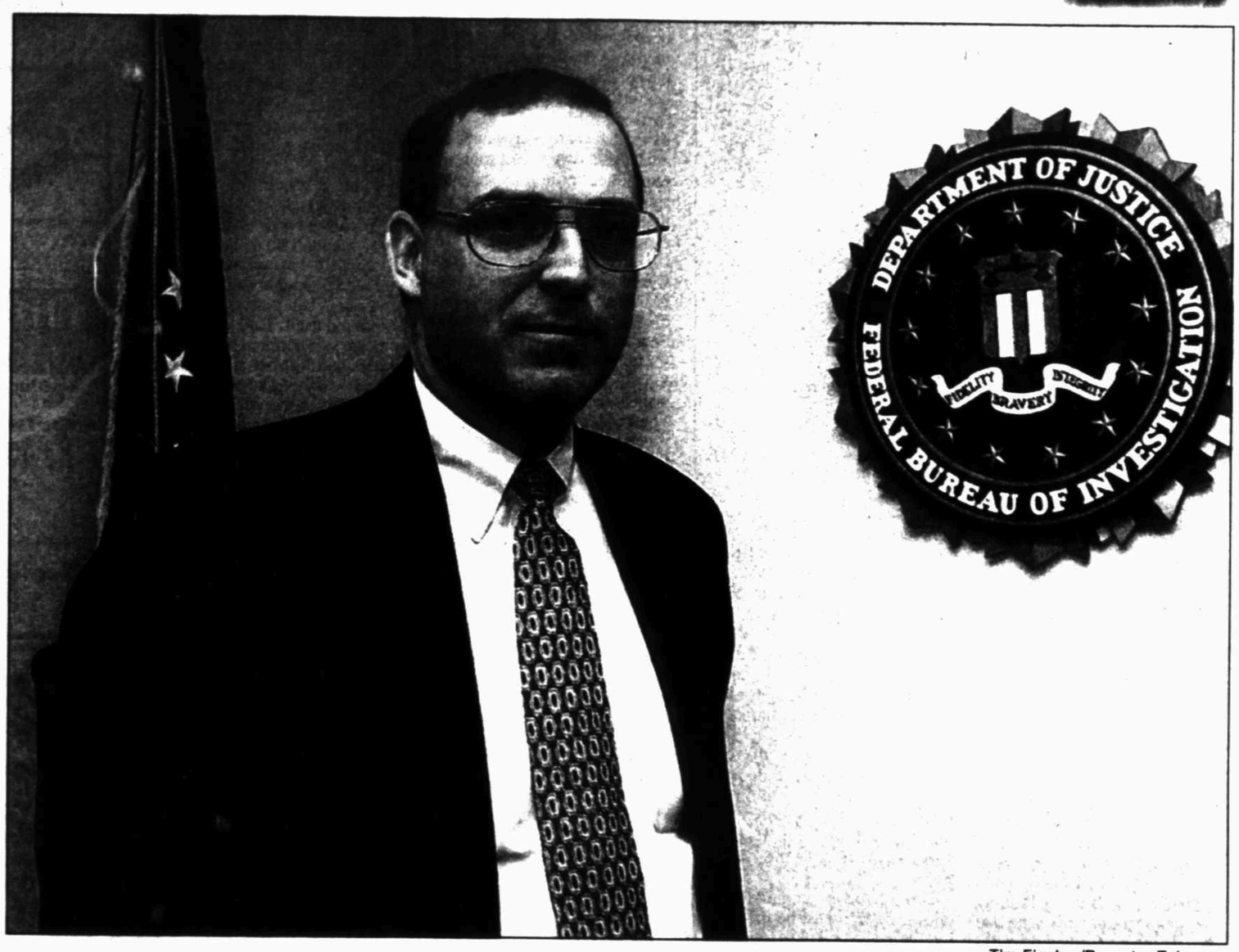
Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery



William S. Vanderland is the supervisory senior resident agent of the Midland Resident Agency of the FBI

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

FBI agent Bill Vanderland

One shortcut to learning a little about a person's character is to find out what he likes to do when he's not working, and why.

William S. Vanderland, supervisory senior resident agent of the Midland Resident Agency of the FBI, loves to read. He reads a lot of history books because "You can't understand the present unless you know about the past."

He also likes to read westerns by San Angelo author Elmer Kelton.

Other spare moments he spends with his family, or in church activities.

But that spare time comes with a tether that keeps him close to the job even on vacation. As an FBI agent, he can never be more than two hours away from contact with an FBI office, no matter what. He must also carry a gun. Bill knew this when he signed on with the government 14 years ago, and he said it doesn't bother him. This is his choice of vocations, a choice made even before he finished college.

"I had a couple of professors at Tarleton State University who got me interested in law enforcement, and I ended up attending Baylor Law School," he explains. "I prosecuted for a while, but I had put in my application with the FBI while I was still in law school, because I knew that's what I really wanted to do. For 14 years, it's been great."

Bill has been in Midland since last March, a position he applied for because he really wanted to get back to Texas. Before this assignment, he was based in Washington, but traveled the world, training and working with law enforcement agencies in various countries. Before that was in McAllen, working mainly on drug trafficking cases.

He said most of this office's investigative work centers in the Midland/Odessa area, although there are 14 counties in this resident agency, which is in the El Paso Field Division. There are nine agents assigned to the Midland office.

"We work very closely with a host of local law enforcement agencies here, and generally, we get involved whenever the crime crosses state boundaries, or affects interstate commerce. We get called about Internet crimes, child pornography on the Internet, or if someone is defrauded over the Internet," he said. "Any fraud involving a substantial amount of money — say, five figures or more — is referred to us. We'll look at some cases that are smaller — for instance if someone is defrauded of $2,000 here — but it ties in to fraud in other places, and adds up to a lot more money overall. And then, of course, there are drug trafficking cases anywhere you go."

Bill went through the FBI Academy at the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va., then was sent to Knoxville Tenn., where, despite the extensive previous training, he learned by experience.

"Some things you learn best by doing, and investigative work is one of those," he said. After three years, he was transferred to New York City, where his primary job was investigating La Cosa Nostra, the Italian Mafia. Bill looks back on this time as a highlight of his career.

"That turned out to be a great experience," he said. "Most of my career has been in criminal investigations, although I've done some work in intelligence, and I was in New York during the bombing of the World Trade Center. When something like that happens, everybody gets involved.

"When I first got to New York, I was assigned to a squad that worked the Bonanno and the Colombo families. (There are five main crime families in New York.) There were members of the Bonanno family who had been criminals for many years, and yet had never been arrested for anything.

"I selected one of those individuals as a personal project, and we got to know each other quite well. We ended up convicting him, and sending him to the penitentiary. He was 60 some years old, and this was his first conviction. It wasn't a serious conviction, but at least we got him off the streets."

Bill said during the time he was working on the case, a war started between factions of the Colombo family, resulting in a lot of murders, and in addition to the Bonanno work, his squad was involved in those murder investigations.

When asked whether he was apprehensive about having to mingle with the Mafia , Bill said he wasn't at all afraid.

"Most people would be shocked to learn how 'organized' organized crime families really are," he explained. "They have a strict hierarchy, very much like a company, or like our organization, even, and they have to get permission from their superiors to do a lot of things.

"One of their hard and fast rules in LCN (FBI shorthand for La Cosa Nostra) is that you don't bother FBI agents, don't interfere with them, don't disrespect them.

"You're in a lot more danger in other criminal groups such as street gangs or drug trafficking organizations, where they don't have those rules."

Bill said that while the advent of technology has made it possible to move millions of dollars with the click of a mouse, and thus has made most criminals international figures, technology has also changed the way the FBI works.

"E-mail and the Internet have made our investigations a lot easier, and we're also developing professional support employees, people who don't carry guns, but are specialists in computers and financial analysts to trace the flow of funds in fraud cases, and intelligence resource specialists who analyze crime trends and the structure of criminal organizations."

He said there are still many criminals found not by technology, but by human endeavors.

"We'll get together with police officers in other countries and talk, and someone will say, 'We're having a lot of trouble with Joe Bag-o-Donuts in

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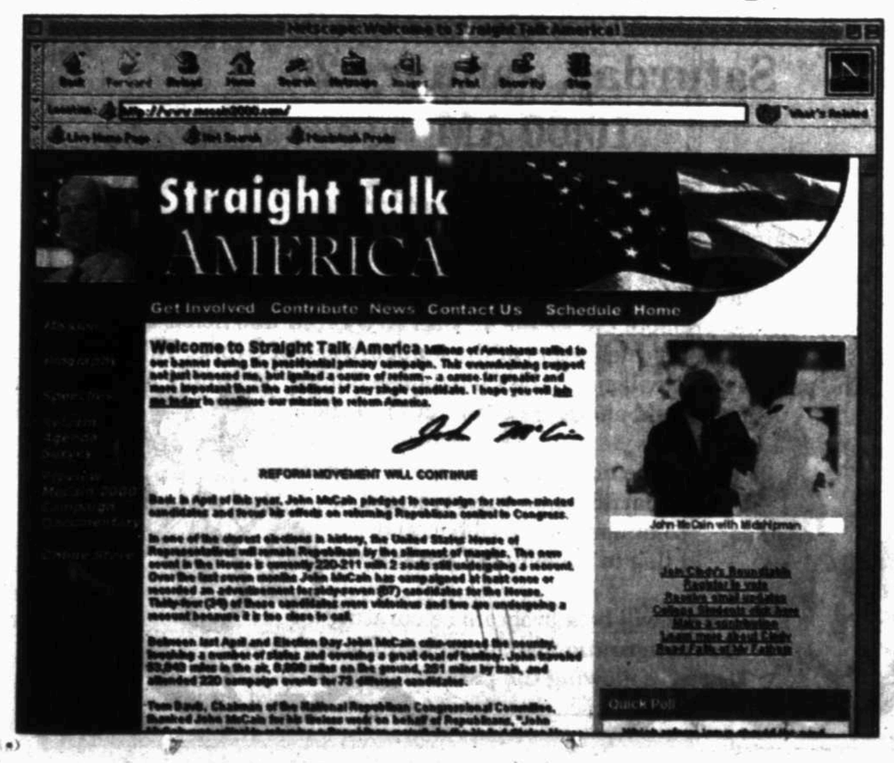
Study shows campaign Web sites failed to deliver promises



By Jennifer A. Dloughy
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Americans who turned to the Internet looking for information about congressional candidates in last year's election might have clicked away in disappointment, according to a study released Wednesday by the Annenberg Public Policy Center and NetElection.org.

Although House and Senate candidate Web sites excelled at offering general information — biographies and platforms — they failed to deliver the speeches and campaign information people wanted, said Steven Schneider, an Annenberg research fellow and the editor of NetElection.org, a site examining the Internet's role in politics.

"We know what citizens wanted on the Web. They wanted details. They wanted depth," he said. "We know what they got. They got sound bites exported to the Web."

They also got solicitations for campaign contributions.

Spurred by Arizona Sen. John McCain's early success raising money — his Web site took in more than $6 million for his unsuccessful Republican presidential bid — campaigns flocked to the Web for fund-raising.

The Annenberg research shows that 60 percent of campaign sites gave users a way to contribute by computer. Three percent disclosed the source of campaign contributions, though an Annenberg survey of 1,165 Web users showed more than one in three wanted campaign sites to identify contributors.

"Sixty percent will take your money," Schneider said. "Three percent will tell you where they got it from."

When congressional candidates look to the Internet, they see dollar signs, said Jeff Stanger, who designed sites for several Democratic candidates.

"Candidates by and large are not interested in spending money on this medium," he said. "They're interested in making money off this medium."

Stanger added that candidates view the Web "as a fund-raising tool first and a means of communicating second."

Annenberg researchers evaluated the campaign sites of congressional candidates, which differ from the government sites that senators and representatives maintain while in office. Campaigning is prohibited on the federal sites.

In 1996, just having an Internet presence gave candidates an edge, said W. Russell Neuman, a University of Pennsylvania communications professor. Four years ago, both Bill Clinton and Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole had Web sites. Congressional candidates put their views on the Web too, but their sites were spotty and rare.

The 1998 elections saw more congressional candidates stake out a presence on the Internet. In 2000, candidates flocked to the Web to post their views.

"Much like the first television spots of 1952 led to the barrage of political advertisements we see today, Cam-

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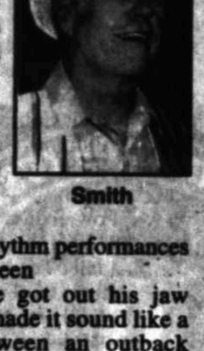
TALKIN' TEXAS

Musician slaps, claps way around the world

By Tumbleweed Smith

I sat there amazed.

This guy was on stage alone. No instruments Just a microphone He slapped his legs, his chest, his arms, his face and did one of the most fascinating rhythm performances I've ever seen



Smith

Then he got out his jaw harp and made it sound like a cross between an outback didgeridoo and an electronic synthesizer.

Then he played bones.

The highlight of the performance to me was his lightning-fast tapping on the washboard. It had a flat piece of wood and a tin cup built into the bottom of it. He wore thimbles on his fingers to amplify the sound.

Wow!

He also played banjo, harmonica and steel guitar. He sang songs and told jokes and stories.

His name is David Holt. He was born in Gatesville and now lives in North Carolina. For thirty years, he has interviewed folk musicians in the Appalachian mountains and recorded their music and techniques. In doing so, he has become a one of a kind entertainer.

He performs somewhere in the world 220 times a year. When I saw him in Salado, where his parents live, he had just returned from the southern tip of South America where he was doing a tour for the state department. The week before that, he was in Alaska.

He has done some 95 shows for Public Television and has been the host of the Riverwalk Jazz show on Public Radio for thirteen years. He has won two Grammy Awards and been nominated for others. He has recorded numerous cassettes and CDs of his music and storytelling. His documentary interviews with mountain people are in the Library of Congress.

When the family moved to California while David was growing up, he and his brother formed a dance band. David was hooked on music, but majored in biology in college because most of the men in his family were professional people. But David's pull toward music would not let him go and we're all better off for that. His type of entertaining is refreshing.

He's fun to watch. I had no idea 40 minutes had gone by during the first half of his performance.

David stays home the first part of the week, travels to entertainment venues Thursday through Sunday. His son is a computer whiz. Sometimes his father, a retired engineer, joins David on stage and plays bones with him. His wife Ginny helps him She has managed to get his books, tapes and CD's published and into the pipeline toward major awards She sells his tapes and writings at his performances.

Did I say that David wears taps on his shoes and taps out rhythm with his feet while he's slapping himself, clapping his hands, playing the harmonica and singing? He's a percussionist of the first order.

I'm seriously considering taking up the washboard and jaw harp.

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist. His radio show, "The Sound of Texas," can be heard at 11:23 a.m. weekdays on KMCM (96.9 FM).

DEAR ABBY

Woman weighs obligation to friends, family

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter, who is in elementary school, has been nominated to receive a prestigious award. Because of this, she has been featured in the newspaper and is a celebrity of sorts in her town. My daughter wants us to attend the awards ceremony. She mentioned more than six months ago that my granddaughter is up for this award and stands a great chance of winning it.

Van Buren

Unfortunately, a physician with whom I am friendly invited me to his son's wedding on that same date. I told the doctor that I may be attending an award ceremony for my granddaughter on the same day. Here is my dilemma: I credit this doctor with saving my life. I had cancer. He referred me to a specialist who discovered it. Since then, I have become social friends with this man. I do not know his son, but many people from my social circle will be attending this out-of-state wedding, and I want to go.

My daughter is very upset. She can't believe I would choose to attend a "stranger's" wedding over my grandchild's ceremony, which may very well be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

This doctor saved my life and I feel like I owe my life to him. My husband agrees with me, and so do my friends. But my conscience is bothering me, and my daughter is so hurt. She is a sensitive girl, loyal to her family and dependable. I don't want to damage our relationship. What do you advise? I have nine weeks to decide. — TORN BETWEEN FAMILY AND FRIENDS

DEAR TORN: When the doctor made the referral, he was doing his job. He "saved your life" so you could attend important family events — like your granddaughter's award ceremony. In this instance, your family should take precedence. Send the bride and groom a lovely gift, along with your regrets. If the doctor is indeed a friend, he will understand why you couldn't be there.

Since the award for which your granddaughter is eligible is "prestigious," being a candidate is an honor in itself. That you sacrificed to see her honored may be more meaningful to her and her parents than whether she actually wins. Listen to your conscience. It's trying to give you an important message.

DEAR READERS: Today we pay tribute to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a great American and martyr of the civil rights movement, who was shot to death in 1968 at the age of 39.

Dr. King rose to prominence because of his persistence in the face of violent opposition, and his eloquent pleas for social justice. His principles for nonviolence were based on the teachings of Christianity.

In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. His words of wisdom are as true today as when they were uttered during his acceptance speech:

"Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time: the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence.

"Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

God bless America. May we as Americans learn from his example.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

FBI: Agent has traveled the world

(From 1C)

the U.S., and wonder if you guys have ever heard of him.' And the agent from Italy will say, 'Oh, yeah, we picked up a guy in Milan the other day, and he had Joe's name and phone number in his pocket,' and then the guy from Russia will say, 'We arrested somebody the other day who had that same phone number.' It's a small world."

SITES: Only 13 percent offer speeches

(From 1C)

paign 2000 web sites set the stage for future political sites," Neuman said.

Still, Neuman said, 44 percent of congressional candidates dodged the Internet altogether this year.

Even those that were online probably disappointed some of their online visitors, he added. citing a survey conducted last year by the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center. The think tank interviewed 1,165 people who use the Web often and are likely to seek political information on the Internet.

The results, released Wednesday, show that 81 percent of the Web users wanted campaign sites to provide background information on the candidates. At least 89 percent of congressional campaign Web sites offered biographical information and 75 percent offered the candidate's platform.

The survey also found:

■ Sixty percent of Web users said they wanted campaign sites to compare candidates. Only 12 percent of the sites offered explicit issue comparisons.

■ Forty percent of Web users said they sought the candidate's speeches, press releases and advertisements archived at the sites. Although 52 percent of congressional campaign sites archived press releases, 13 percent offered speeches and 6 percent stored advertisements.

"Candidate sites have a real opportunity to talk directly to voters (and) journalists," Schneider said. "Candidate sites have this opportunity — but it's fleeting. The opportunity to leave a candidate's Web site is with a click of the mouse."

And once a web user has left a site unsatisfied, he or she might never return, Schneider said.

Nevertheless, the 2000 elections showed the Internet's potential to inform and motivate voters, Neuman said.

Candidates used e-mail to lobby supporters, political parties ran get-out-the-vote drives from Web sites and advocacy groups organized protests and rallies on message boards.

The Web "changed not the outcome of the election, but how the process works," Neuman said.

This election also saw the advent of more political humor sites, noted Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet and American Life Project, a not-for-profit research center that analyzes the social impact of the Internet.

Rainie said that the jokes and satire exchanged by e-mail after the Nov. 7 election and during ballot recounts in Florida were "probably the most robust element of the political dialogue."

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OBITUARIES

Bill Pike

"Bill" Quentin Othello Pike was born January 4, 1922 in Menard, Texas to Memory Turner Pike and Lela Pearl (Reese) Pike. He was reared and educated in Midland County. Mr. Pike served in the U.S. Army, 90th Division, 385th Infantry, from 1942-1945. He was stationed in Normandy and landed on Utah Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He survived the Battle of the Bulge and marched from France to Czechoslovakia. He was employed with T.U. Electric as a high line patrolman and retired after 37 years. He was a member of Fairmont Park Church of Christ. He was a great husband, father, and grandfather. He loved his family and friends and enjoyed gardening and travel. He will be dearly missed by those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Leonard L. Pike; and his first wife, Ruby Jo (Stephens) Pike. Survivors include his second wife, Mary Jo Pike of Midland; three sons, Stephen W. Pike, Stephen B. Dean and his wife, LaNell, and Danny R. Dean and his wife, Daveda, all of Midland; two daughters, Freda Arleen Pike of Graham, Texas and Cindy Jo Dean of Midland; a brother, C.J. Pike and his wife, Lenora of Midland; sisters, Romell M. Pringle of Lamesa, Texas, and Lorene L. Chatham and her husband, Melzie of Midland; and eight grandchildren, Stephanie Lane Dean, Benjamin Job Dean, Kelli Lynn Dean, Kristi Nicole Dean, Joshua Daniel Dean, Joseph Nathanael Dean, Jody Daniel Machacek and Lonessa Jo Machacek. He also helped raise his first wife's siblings, Roy Stephens, J.C. Stephens, Mary Stephens Laird, Helen Stephens Bullock and Linda Stephens Tyler.

Mr. Pike passed away Saturday evening, January 13, 2001, at his residence.

A celebration of his life is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 15, 2001, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ with Don Mitchell, Rick Denson and bill Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Pallbearers are Bill Beasley, A.B. Johnson, Clarence Carlson, Glen Brown, Fred Stubbs, and Cecil Robinson. Honorary pallbearers are John Atchison, Madison Box, Bill Crozier, Jack Moss, Grady Lobley and Leonard Ivanhoe.

Margarito Gonzales

Margarito R. Rasco Gonzales, 65, died at Midland Memorial Hospital Saturday, January 13, 2001. Margarito was born to Mateo and Rejina Gonzales Jr. on July 21, 1935 in Midland, Texas, where he was raised and educated. He worked for Permian Reproduction for 36 years as a Blue Printer, before retiring. He worked briefly for Midland College. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church; and a true, loyal Cowboy fan.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rejina R. Gonzales; and three brothers, Eliseo, Roberto and Celestino Gonzales.

A Rosary will be held on Monday, January 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the Reyes-Garcia Chapel.

The Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, January 16, at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Ray Wilhelm officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Robert Marquez, Joe Cevallos, Carl Long, Daniel Salazar, Andy Hernandez, and David Hernandez.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Julia Gonzales of Midland; four daughters, Rejina Marquez of Amarillo, Sylvia Cevallos and Cecilia Long, both of Midland, and Zoila Salazar of Fort Worth; two sons, Michael Gonzales of Amarillo and Rudy Gonzales of Midland; his father, Mateo Gonzales of Amarillo; two brothers, Ruben Gonzales of Amarillo and Edward Gonzales of Carrollton; four sisters, Beatriz Madrid of Midland, Elia Sanchez of Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and Dora Bernal and Viola Gonzales, both of Amarillo; his aunt and uncle, Merejildo and Felipa Heredia of Midland; 15 grandchildren, four great-grandsons; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be directed to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, P.O. Box 7, Midland, Texas 79702; or the Allison Cancer Center, 220 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701.

Gregory Powell

John Gregory Powell was born August 8, 1915 in Decatur, Tennessee to John Dodson Powell and Cora (Gregory) Powell. Gregory first came to Texas in 1934 to work on his Uncle Leon Powell's Six Mile Ranch near Menard, Texas. In 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy and served on the U.S.S. Cascade. In 1945, he began ranching in Big Lake on the Adobe Ranch, where he and wife, Mary Powell, lived for 34 years. He married Mary Mann on December 19, 1945 in San Angelo. After retiring, Gregory and Mary moved to Gardendale, where they lived for 17 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Big Lake, Big Lake Golf Association, Lion's Club, VFW Post 4372 in Odessa, Texas, and he served on the Reagan County Memorial Hospital Board while living in Big Lake.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his parents; and a sister, Mary Dodson. Survivors include two daughters, Judy Luxton and her husband, Robbie Luxton of San Angelo, Texas, and Nancy Koch of Floresville, Texas; a brother, Marvin Powell and his wife, Barbara, of Riceville, Tenn.; sisters, Charlotte Carpi and her husband, Jimmy, and Sarah Powell, both of North Hollywood, California; and four grandchildren, Gregory Koch, Kadia Koch, Wesley Luxton and John Luxton.

Mr. Powell died Saturday, January 13, 2001, at his residence in Gardendale, Texas.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00-8:00 p.m. Monday at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Big Lake, Texas. A graveside service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Pallbearers are John Luxton, Gregory Koch, Wesley Luxton, R.L. McKinney, John Daughtery, and Wilbur George.

DEATH NOTICES

Coke Barton

MIDKIFF — Coke Douglas Barton, 35, died Saturday, Jan. 13, at a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. today, Jan. 15, at First Baptist Church of Matador with the Revs. Royce Jennings and Shad Brooks officiating. Burial will be at East Mound Cemetery in Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

He was born April 26, 1965 in Lubbock.

He lived in Matador until moving to Glasscock County 14 years ago. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Matador, and was an independent farmer.

He was preceded in death by his father, France Barton in 1997; and a brother, Mike Barton in 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Dinette Plagens Barton; and a daughter, Mikela Barton, both of Midkiff; his mother, Eugenia Barton of Matador; and two sisters, Dixie Campbell of Matador and Brigid Brooks of Lake Ransom Canyon.

Memorials may be made to the East Mound Cemetery Association of Matador, or a favorite charity.

Shirley Franklin

Shirley J. Franklin, 50, died Saturday, Jan. 13, at a local hospital.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Tall City Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Simpson officiating under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

She was born April 1, 1950 in Ashdown, Ark. to Henry Phelps and Alta Gardner Phelps.

She was a homemaker, and a member of Tall City Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Earnest Franklin; and two sons, Ray Franklin and Brian Franklin, all of Midland; a brother, Lewis Phelps of Stanton; two sisters, Brenda Keown of Breckenridge and Debbie Grubbs of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Blex

DERBY, Kan. — Former Midlander Dorothy A. Blex, 76, also formerly of Independence, Kan., died Friday, Jan. 12, at a Wichita, Kan. hospital.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the Webb & Rodrick Funeral Chapel in Independence with the Rev. Jim York officiating. Burial will be at Fawn Creek Cemetery in Tyro, Kan.

She was born May 28, 1914 in Independence, Kan.

She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Paugh and Matthew Paugh.

Survivors include her husband, Marshall Blex of Derby; a son, Gene Blex of Sugarland; a daughter, Ellen Tenney of Derby; a brother, George Paugh of Independence; a sister, Bernice Lindelow of Kansas City, Kan.; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Albert Adkins

Albert Adkins, 89, died Sunday, Jan. 14, in Midland.

Funeral services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Frances Ramirez

Frances Ramirez, 80, died Saturday, Jan. 13, at a local hospital.

Funeral mass will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Jerome Burnet officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. A Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the Reyes-Garcia Chapel.

She was born June 4, 1920 in Fort Stockton.

She moved to Midland in 1958. She worked for MISD at Lee High School until 1982, and with Nurses Unlimited until 1995. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, where she was a Guadalupana and Cursillista.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Eva Hinojos; a son, Joe David Ramirez; and two sisters, Secondina Gonzales and Petra Ortega.

Survivors include her husband, David M. Ramirez of Midland; two sons, David Ramirez Jr. of San Antonio and John Ramirez of Midland; two daughters, Mary H. Baeza of Monahans and Velma Salazar of Midland; a sister, Christina Martinez of Fort Stockton; 18 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marjorie Martin

DENVER CITY — Marjorie Pearl Hale Martin, 79, mother of Midlander Troy Martin, died Saturday, Jan. 13, in Lubbock.

Services will be 2 p.m. today, Jan. 15, at the Denver City Church of Christ Chapel under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Homes.

She was born Sept. 24, 1921 in Enid, Okla.

She came to West Texas in the late 30s and lived in Buckeye, Monument and Sundown, before settling in Denver City in 1955. She owned and operated "Marjorie's Gift Shop" for a number of years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loren Troy Martin in 1970; and a daughter, Jo Ann Martin Hix in 1994.

Survivors include two sons, Troy G. Martin of Midland and Jerry L. Martin of Austin; a sister, Jane Benedict of Duncan, Okla.; a brother, Benson L. Hale of Dublin; five grandsons, two granddaughters, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Jewell Boatler

LORAINE — Jewell Boatler, 96, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 12, at a Colorado City hospital.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 20, 1904 in Howard County.

She lived in Big Spring most of her life, until moving to Loraine in 1986. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Loraine.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tillman T. Boatler on June 19, 1992; a son, Ray Boatler in 1932; and a granddaughter, Debbie Banks in 1979.

Survivors include a daughter, Alta Banks of Watkinsville, Ga.; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SH 349 Midland Reliever Route Study
Midland/Martin Counties

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is engaged in a route planning study through Midland County and Martin County which proposes the creation of a new reliever route around north and west part of City of Midland. The limits of the route planning study extend from the junction of SH191/FM1788 interchange, northeasterly for approximately 15.5 miles to the proposed connection with existing SH349, approximately four miles north of Loop 250. The scope of the planning study includes route selection, preliminary design of the roadway for interim and ultimate widening, interchanges at major intersections, provisions for frontage roads, and bicycle lanes.

You are invited to attend the public meeting scheduled for the above-mentioned project. TxDOT will conduct the public meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2001, at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification. It is located at 1400 N. FM 1788 (north of Midland International Airport). Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. Presentation starts at 6:00 p.m.

The public will be able to view and comment on the various exhibits such as maps, drawings, and information boards which will be on display at the Public Meeting. Also on display will be the outcome of the alternative evaluation matrix and a map showing the project team's technically preferred route. Project personnel will be present to assist in orientation and interpretation of the drawings and other material.

Each attendee will have the opportunity to provide the study team with their comments and suggestions by participating in the public comment portion of the meeting or by written comments. Such comments and suggested solutions will assist the project personnel with the planning and environmental decisions associated with this project. All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Verbal and written comments from the public may be submitted either in person, or by mail to:

Ajay Shakyaver, P.E.
Advance Planning Engineer
Texas Department of Transportation, Odessa District
3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761

Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT at (915) 498-4746. Requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those needs.

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CHEVROLET 1996 Impala SS. Dark Cherry. 32,000 miles. Always garaged. Excellent condition. Original owner. Extended warranty. $21,000. 686-8312, leave message.

PONTIAC 1948 FOUR door, restoration project. Have all chrome and glass. Not running. $595. Call 687-3567.

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HONDA 1998 CRV LX. Real time 4 wheel drive, low mileage, CD changer. Runs great. $16,500. 683-3900.

INFINITI J30- 1995 Loaded, leather, heated seats, CD/ Cassette. $14,500. 697-1858.

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HONDA 1989 Accord- 2 door hatchback, power windows, cruise, automatic, 43K $4,200. 694-3708.

HONDA 1991 Accord LX, automatic, 4 door, 87K, $3,750. 685-3227.

HONDA 1996 Accord Coupe. One owner, perfect condition. CD player, 60K miles, champaign colored. Priced under Blue Book $12,900. 915-683-2534.

MERCEDES 1994 E320, White, gray leather, sunroof. Perfect condition, 67K miles. $17,995, call day 683-8373 or night 682-5851.

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TOYOTA 1999 Corolla, 5 speed, metallic gold, 4 door, 36,000 miles a/c, excellent condition, + 75,000 mile warranty. $9,500. 550-5582.

MERCEDES BENZ 1999 ML 430 SU 4D, loaded including cassette and CD with changer/ stacker. Skyview roof, integrated phone, 3,500 miles. Perfect! $47,500. Call 685-6110 days, 684-5378 evenings.

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HOND/ 1998 CIVIC Hatchback- 26K, red/ gray interior, 5 speed, A/C, AM/FM cassette,. Retail $11,625. Asking $10,595. 689-2786.

HONDA 1999 Accord LX. Black, 4 door, 5 speed, power windows/ locks, 24,000 miles, excellent condition. $15,500. 694-1783, 560-7025- pager.

MAZDA 1995 MX6- Retail $9,300, asking $8,000. 64K, A/C, new tires, brakes, battery within past 2 years. Maintenance records. 570-8062.

BMW 1994 318i- 80k miles, red, sunroof, power windows/ locks, Asking $12,000. 694-6321.

BMW 1998 328I CONVERTIBLE. White, black top, tan leather, new condition, 25,000 mileage, 6 disk CD changer, 4 year 50,000 mile warranty. $37,00(697-6417 after 5:30 pm

HONDA 1995 CIVIC EX- 5 speed, Looks good, runs great! New tune-up, belts, and hoses. $6,500 obo. Must sell! 570-0890..

MITSUBISHI 1997 Eclipse, RS 2 door, automatic, dark green, air, CD, spoiler, cruise, power windows/ locks, 53K miles, $9,950. 699-7275

BMW 1998 Z3 Roadster. 8,600 miles, 6 cylinder, auto, very nice. $32,000. 694-8596 after 6 pm.

90 Legal Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VERNON W. BROMLEY, DECEASED

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Vernon W. Bromley, deceased were issued to Corinne Bromley, Independent Executor, on January 5, 2001, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Vernon W. Bromley, Deceased," No. P13,000 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said institution now holds Letters. All persons having claims against the Estate, which is being administered, in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present their claims to the Independent Executor, 2403 W. Cuthbert before suit upon the claims is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before the Estate is closed and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

CORINNE BROMLEY, Independent Executor of the Estate of Vernon W. Bromley, Deceased, P13,000, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

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Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Stated Communication, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.
Keith Hughes, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

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Wayne Reddin, W/M.
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Chapter #253 Order of Eastern Star
TACO DINNER- 1/27 5pm to 8 pm
1600 W. Wall
WM Verla Carpenter
WP Tom Carpenter

115 Announcements

DRUMMER NEEDED- For band. Influences: Fugazi, Desmond Dekker. James Brown. 570-7522.

130 Personals

I WILL NOT be responsible for any debts incurred by Christine Clark as of 1/ 01/ 2001. Bobbie Clark.

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150 Lost & Found

FOUND LAWN Mower on Fannin December 23rd, fell off trailer. Call 570-1576 to identify.

LOST FEMALE cat, Seal Point, long haired with Siamese color and markings, blue eyes. Grasslands area. Call 238-1428 (cell) or 522-1589.

FOUND: Silver necklace at a local park. Please Call to claim. 682-5882.

LOST YELLOW Lab with purple collar and black Chow, Midland Drive & Roosevelt area. 689-8802.

IF your pet is lost- even if you live in the county, please check with MIDLAND ANIMAL CONTROL (on Fairgrounds Road) every three days.

FREE- Found Female Blue Heeler pup, approximately 6- 8 months old. Call 570-9169.

LOST ONE male Golden Retriever, one female Dalmatian from Ave. D & Gulf. Current tags, old address. 686-2511.

REWARD for return of diamond and sapphire ring, lost in front of Hollywood Theaters. Grandmothers ring, please please return! 683-1317.

LOST CHOCOLATE Lab female puppy, approximately 5 months old. Midkiff/ Louisiana area. Please call 697-3699.

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✔ VOLVO 1997 850 4D Sedan, Regent Red, excellent condition, leather, ABS, dual air bags, 31k, $18,900 O.B.O. Call 683-6924.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

FORD 1996 EXPLORER XLT -Loaded, V6, factory CD changer/ cassette, Cooper tires, fiberglass running boards, luggage rack, 60K. $13,500. 686-2430.

FORD 1998 EXPEDITION, Eddie Bauer. 42K miles, Trailer tow package. New tires, 6 Disc CD. Includes warranty. $24,500. 563-3613.

GMC 1995 JIMMY, 4x4 leather, SLT, 4 door, loaded, excellent condition, $10,755. Call 683-2640.

JEEP 1998 Grand Cherokee- Platinum/ gray interior, 32k miles, four years remanning on 100k mile warranty. $17,500. 349-7280 or 683-8954.

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FORD 1991 EXPLORER XLT- Four door, automatic, A/C, 136K miles. $5,500. 694-1087.

FORD 1997 Explorer- Tan, good condition, power everything, CD/ cassette. $13,500 o.b.o 570-8055.

FORD 1999 EXPLORE Sport, 16,500 miles, loaded, excellent condition. $17,500. 699-7940.

JEEP 1989 Cherokee Laredo. Excellent condition, 5 speed, must sell. $3,950. Work 498-2660, 694-9494.

HONDA 1998 CRV LX. Real time 4 wheel drive, low mileage, CD changer. Runs great. $16,500. 683-3900.

FORD 1997 EXPLORER fully loaded, new Goodyear tires, $13,000. Please call 559-4421.

JEEP 1998 CHEROKEE, hunter green, 6 cylinder, Laredo, 39k, $16,500. 694-8472 or 559-8020.

FORD 1996 Explorer Limited Edition. V8, fully loaded, 65,000 miles, dealer maintained, 6 CD changer, keyless entry, alarm system, onboard computer, outside thermostat, leather seats. $16,850. 522-2671.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

CHEVROLET 1997 Blazer LT. white/ tan leather, 69k miles, good condition, warranty. $13,000. 682-5894.

JEEP 1997 GRAND Cherokee Laredo- Loaded, leather, Infinity Gold stereo, new tires. Excellent condition! $13,900. (915)263-3778.

CHEVROLET 1994 Blazer- Tahoe LT, green/ tan leather, 4x4, one owner, $7,900 obo, 570-8120.

LINCOLN 1998 Navigator. Immaculate condition, 34,000 miles, Cypress gold, all extras. $29,500. GENTLY driven by momma! Call 697-9620 or 425-1161.

FORD 2000 EXPLORER XLT 10,400 miles, white/ gray interior, new tires, Asking $22,500. Call 689-3416.

JEEP 1994 Cherokee Sport. Red, 4 door, 6 cylinder, 4.0 liter, 5 speed manual. 2 wheel drive. 97,000 miles, Great performer. 20 mpg. $5,950. Call 553-5008.

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CHEVROLET 1996 BLAZER, Excellent condition, low mileage, AM/FM CD, new tires, cruise, keyless entry, alarm system, outside thermostat. $15,000. 520-7757.

FORD 1991 Explorer- 5 speed standard. AM/ FM/ CD, new tires, very clean, great school car, 140k. Reduced! $5,295. 699-4636.

220 Trucks

GMC 2000 Pickup. 17,000 miles, like new, CD. $21,500. 522-1872 or 688-6330.

CHEVROLET 1981 PICK-UP, good working truck $1,600. Please call 687-2259.

CHEVROLET 1971 C20, 4x4, new paint, new tires and wheels, new rebuilt 454 engine, sharp old truck, $4,200. 683-6876/ 556-7470.

CHEVROLET 1982 SILVERADO- 1/2 ton. Good condition! Lots of new. $3,500, obo. 520-5475.

CHEVROLET 1992 C1500, extended cab, automatic, a/c, V8, shortbed, good condition, blue on blue, $5,300. 685-5779 days 694-2555 evenings and weekends..

CHEVROLET 1992 Silverado Pickup- long bed, single cab silver and blue, lots of chrome, excellent shape,$7,500. 458-3285.

CHEVROLET 1994 1500 Extended Cab, short bed, 6.5 diesel, loaded, towing package, tool box, new tires. Excellent condition, $8,500 697-5643.

CHEVROLET 1995 3 quarter ton, new tires, good condition. $5,900. 520-6100 or 664-8946.

220 Trucks

CHEVROLET 1996 1500 Extended cab Red, loaded, clean, nonsmoker, new tires, bed liner. $14,000. 689-6932.

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FORD 1997 F150 EXTENDED cab, 3 door, fully loaded with matching camper shell, 37,500 miles. $16,000. 520-4252.

GMC 1994 EXTENDED cab- Good condition! 5.7 V8, automatic, tool box, brush guard, 133K, new tires, $7,900 obo. 694-4628.

GMC 1995 SIERRA- 4X4, Extended cab, heavy 1/2, tow package, power locks, A/C. $13,500. 352-4620.

GMC 1997 1500 EXTENDED Cab, Vortec V6, 5 speed, power locks, CD player, chrome rims, 60K miles. $13,500 negotiable. 550-7291.

INTERNATIONAL 1996 3 TON oil field gang truck. Completely tooled out. Good condition, 83,190 miles. $27,500. Call 915-267-6654. Ask for Mike or Don. weekend call 664-2132 mobile.

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FORD 1992 Ranger XLT, V-6, 5 speed excellent condition with 67K miles. Original owner wants $4,200. Call 683-9493 after 5pm.

GMC 1995 Sierra Pickup short bed, 75k miles, excellent condition, $7,900. Call 682-9766, 694-7316, 699-7183.

✔ FORD 2000 F-150. Supercab Flareside 4x4, Oxford white with graphite cloth, loaded, 6,000 miles, factory warranty, Make offer. Call 915-522-9653.

CHEVROLET 1994 EXTENDED Cab Silverado- Short wheel base. White, 5 speed. $7,000 Call 685-5756 or 694-2424.

CHEVROLET 1994 Extended Cab. V 8 automatic, air, electric, tool box, bed liner, white with tan interior, Pampered. $10,950. 522-1286.

220 Trucks

FORD 1999 F-250 Super Cab Power Stroke, 107K, highway miles, alarm, remote start, AM/FM CD & cassette. $21,000. 352-0997, 559-1901.

FORD 1999 F250- Lariat super duty, crew cab, diesel, auto, short bed, loaded, excellent condition. $25,000 o.b.o. 915-354-2282

CHEVROLET 1996 1500, extended cab, red, loaded. Very nice, one owner, non smoker, $13,750. Call 682-5248 or 686-9429.

CHEVROLET 1998 EXTENDED Cab-Silverado, Indigo Blue, loaded, 350, automatic, tool box. Excellent condition! One owner. $17,900. 694-7603.

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FORD 1988 LARIAT Extended Cab- Short bed, new A/ C (R134), new tires, heavy duty shocks/ overload springs, $5,500. 682-9804.

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222 Suburbans & Vans

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225 4x4 Vehicles

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603 Roommates Wanted
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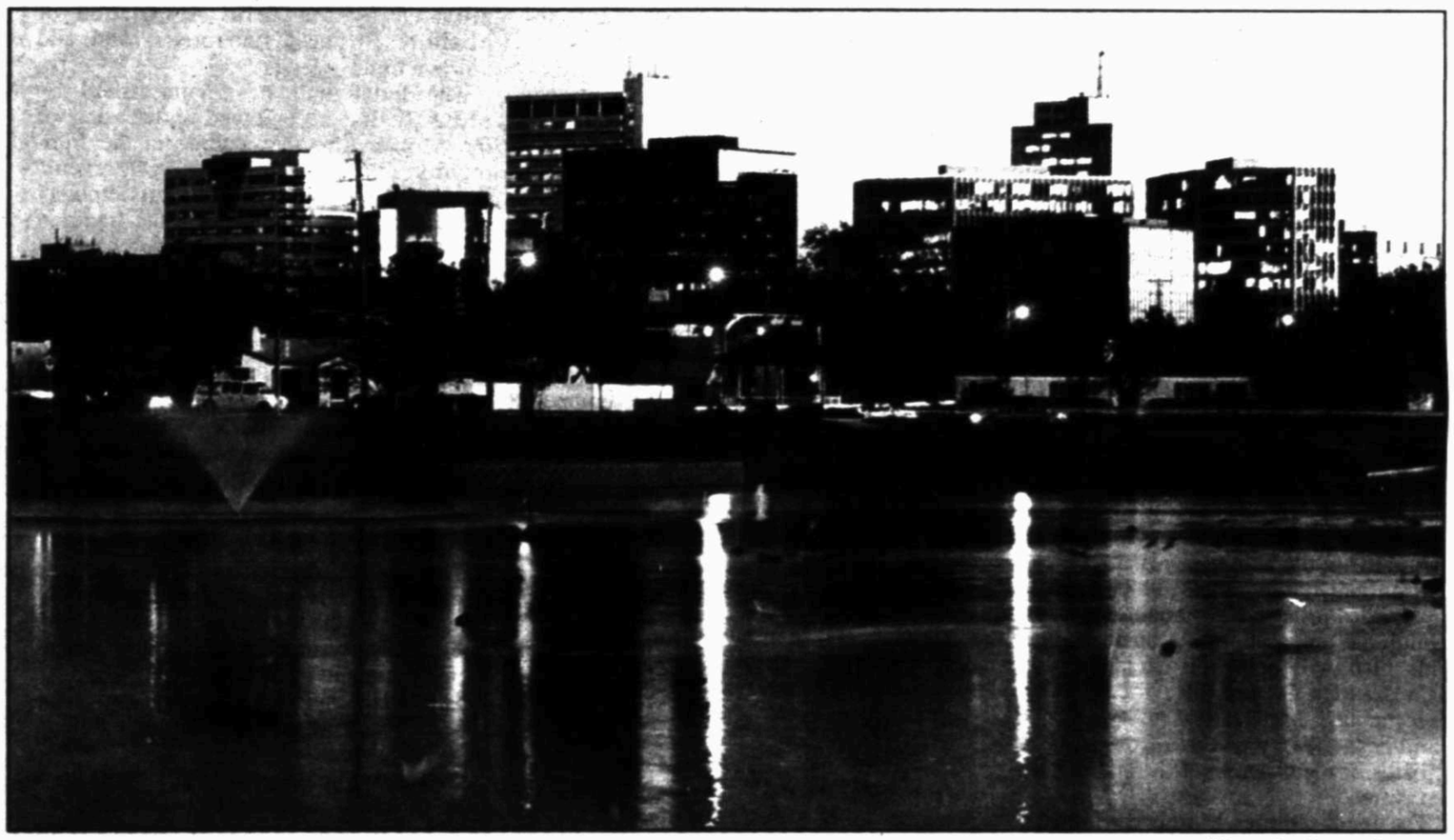

Photo by Bruce Partain

Midland's success is a reflection of a community built by small and large businesses.

Many organizations help small businesses

By Bruce Partain
Business Journal Editor

No business begins with the idea of failing, yet many struggle to survive.

How does a small business get off the ground?

How does it turn "survive" into "thrive?"

Fortunately, several groups in Midland help business people who are just getting started, or are starting to struggle. These groups are also valuable for individuals who simply want to learn more, earn more and achieve greater success.

The organizations include the Midland Chamber of Commerce, The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, The Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Midland College Business and Economic Development Center (BEDC), the UTPB Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and the Better Business Bureau.

On January 16, representatives of these groups will host a get-acquainted session during the monthly networking breakfast, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. at the Midland College Student Center.

Cost is only $5 for breakfast, and the representatives will meet with attendees afterward for further information. All attendees will be introduced and may distribute business cards or flyers.

Call Ralph Smith at Midland College, 684-4100 to set up a display or to get background information.

Here's a sampling of the services offered by the sponsoring organizations of the breakfast.

Midland Chamber of Commerce

"Since 1924, we've represented the business community"s interests in Midland," said Marvin Wynn, Midland Chamber president and CEO.

The Chamber maintains several databases of information about Midland's economy, available to the public and at discounts to members.

"Besides the long-range efforts we have in economic development that benefit all businesses and citizens of Midland, we also have specific programs for helping the small business person," he said.

Please see HELP/2

HELP: Groups ready to help small businesses

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These include:

■ Networking events, such as mixers and receptions

■ Events that teach how to run a more successful business, such as quarterly luncheons and seminars.

■ Small Business Roundtables, providing a forum for contacts and information

■ Publicity for new members and those celebrating special anniversaries

■ Committee involvement in community development, economic development, tourism and membership

■ Business Expo 2001, a trade show featuring local businesses

"We also believe that a business holding a Midland Chamber membership is sending a message to the community that it is successful, customer-oriented and worthy of doing business with," Wynn said.

"Our recent theme has been 'Midland Proud.' When you are a Chamber member, you are reflecting the pride and involvement you have in your business and your community."

Wynn said any business — from a single individual on up — is invited to join the Chamber.

Midland College BEDC

"Are you tired of working for the other fellow and making deposits for him at the bank?" asks Ralph Smith of the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center. "Then start your own business with the help of the BEDC."

Smith and fellow counselor Glen Yeary can guide prospective businesspersons through the preparation of a business plan. "This plan will help you decide if your business idea is feasible, mediocre or unprofitable," Smith said.

Smith and Yeary analyze from three to six plans or ideas per week — and the service is free.

"The bank requires a properly prepared business plan when the business seeks start-up or operating money (capital) for a new business," Smith said.

BEDC personnel can also evaluate the sale or purchase of a business

"We can suggest alternate operations if your business is struggling and can help you analyze your ideas if you are considering diversification," Smith said.

The BEDC also conducts small business seminars and coordinates the small and minority business Networking Breakfast held the third Tuesday of each month at the Midland College Student Center Roadrunner Room. "This breakfast encourages networking between existing companies," Smith noted.

The BEDC can conduct business community surveys and public opinion polls.

Offices are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Midland College Cogdell South Facility, 201 W. Florida.

This facility also houses a variety of other programs, such as General Education Diploma (GED), English as a Second Language (ESL), Welfare to Work, Need to Read and a Parent Training Center. Adults and first-generation students are assisted through the Adult Re-Entry Program to access financial aid and college entry. All programs are established under the Continuing Education program as a convenience to the neighborhood and the community.

UTPB SBDC

The SBDC's director Art Connor and counselor Jame Heuman also work with businesses in one-on-one counseling sessions. They are also able to help businesses become certified as an "historically-underutilized business" (HUB) with the State of Texas. This certification increases opportunities to bid on and win state contracts.

"The UTPB-SBDC presents approximately 50 business-related seminars per year as well as providing assistance to entrepreneurs on international trade issues, both importing and exporting," said Connor.

Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, (MHCC), provides guidance, counseling, seminars and serves as an information base for small and micro businesses so that they are better equipped to compete with the many nationally affiliated retailers and service providers.

"Our bi-monthly newsletters and weekly faxes keep our members informed of business opportunities, chamber activities and events," said David Diaz, executive director.

As a promoter of international trade exhibits and trade missions, the MHCC has been a catalyst in the development of international trade between local businesses and their counterparts in Mexico.

MHCC maintains a database of manufacturing companies based in Mexico that is available to businesses wanting to source products out of Mexico.

"Our office also makes available on a daily basis an office complete with a phone, copier and computer with Internet capabilities, for members needing to enhance their individual or business performance," Diaz said. "The office is available upon request at no charge."

Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Inc.

The M.B.C.E., Inc. provides information and educational opportunities for prospective small business persons as well as experienced business persons who desire to improve, upgrade, or expand their current operation. M.B.C.E., Inc. offers memberships to individuals, non-profit organizations, and corporations as well as sole proprietorships. In addition, M.B.C.E, Inc. has web pages on the Internet under TAAACC (Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce).

The M.B.C.E., Inc. is a goal-oriented organization committed to monitoring, promoting, assisting, and providing services to prospective and existing businesses, in general, and building new entrepreneurships among African Americans and other persons of color, in particular as well as maintaining a resource capability for prospective or seasoned entrepreneurs.

Introducing young people to the world of business is a primary initiative of the chamber and the objective is realized through its X-CEL youth program, an outgrowth of its KIDPRENEURSHIP program. This program remains viable in the organization.

According to Robbyne (Hocker) Fuller, CEO/Founder, 2001 will be a year in which the organization will continue to promote and host mini-business expos in the African American community, conduct another "Becoming Bankable Seminar" which is provided by the Texas Association of Minority Business Enterprises, and add tourism to the agenda.

The latter will be accomplished by M.B.C.E, Inc.'s continued showcasing of the African American culture in the community by presenting special events throughout the year: jazz concerts, holiday celebrations, art shows, all in the tradition of past events sponsored by the chamber, i.e. Alvin Ailey Dance Company, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Tom Braxton, Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Martin Luther King Celebration, and Kwanzaa Celestrations (Celebrations/Demonstrations.)

The Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Inc. is available daily to interface with interested persons and/or organizations.

Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin is dedicated to helping consumers avoid the problems associated with questionable business practices and unwarranted claims in advertising.

The BBB helps businesses and consumers reach agreements through mediation and arbitration.

Businesses joining the BBB agree to a code of ethics that assures consumers that they will be dealt with fairly. Memberships are available for commercial businesses, and also for consumers.

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Midland's Rising Son: A Salute to George W. Bush

The Tall City is gearing up to host a celebration in honor of the new President.

The event, "Midland's Rising Son: A Salute to President George W. Bush", will be held in Centennial Plaza on Saturday, January 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Sky's the Limit Committee, a group of volunteers led by Mayor Bobby Burns and assisted by the Midland Chamber, began planning the event just a few weeks ago.

Planned activities include a children's parade, music, food vendors, and live coverage of the inauguration, which will take place at 11:00 a.m.

"We are encouraging all West Texans to come out and show their support for the President," said Jerry Morales, event chair. "This is a prime time for us to showcase Midland to the rest of the nation. All local media has been invited to take part in the celebration, and there is a good chance that we will also receive some national coverage as well."

Large television screens will be set up on the City's showmobile on Wall Street.

The Children's Parade will take place on city sidewalks around Centennial Plaza.

"We really hope that a lot of children will participate," said Cathy Burgess, a committee member.

"This is such an exciting thing that George W. Bush has been elected and that he is from Midland," Morales said.

Midlanders will celebrate "Midland's Rising Son" as George W. Bush, shown campaigning with wife Laura, a Midland native, in Michigan this fall, becomes President of the United States on January 20 with a celebration at Centennial Plaza.

Photo by Tim Fischer

"There is so much history here and as Bush's hometown we need to set a standard for the rest of the nation."

Morales is expecting anywhere between 1,000 and 5,000 Midlanders to show up for the celebration. He believes its highlight will be Bush's swearing-in ceremony which will be broadcast live on big-screen televisions at the celebration.

"We are also pushing hard to get a tape with a short comment from George or Laura thanking Midlanders for their support," Morales said.

The GOP convention video in which Bush proudly talked about his formative years in Midland will be broadcast. That video will have additional footage with special meaning for Midlanders.

For more information, or to find our how you can be a part of this historic event, contact Carolyn Coleman at the Chamber offices at 683-3381. See the list below for chairpersons of specific activities du ng the event.

General Information for Attendees

Location: Centennial Plaza, downtown Midland, Wall at Loraine.
When: Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 pm
Cost: Free
Souvenirs: T-Shirts, George W. Bush Citylifes and other items will be sold
Food: Several food vendors will be on site

Schedule

9:30 am — **Children's Inaugural Parade** Registration and Lineup
10:00 am — **Children's sidewalk parade**
10:30 am — **Welcome by Melissa Hendrix**, Mistress of Ceremonies
10:45 am — **Presentation of Colors, National Anthem by Lee High Chorale**
11:00 am — **Inauguration broadcast live and CAF Fly-over**
11:30 am — **Message and Proclamations from City of Midland**
11:40 am — **George W. Bush Commemorative Song - Lee High Origin**
11:55 am — **Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland**
12:20 pm — **True-Lite Christian Fellowship Church Choir**
12:45 pm — **Tall City Line Dancers**
1:05 pm — **Sam Houston Elementary School Performers**
1:25 pm — **Casey Lee Green, "God Bless the U.S.A."**
1:50 pm — **Closing Remarks, Jerry Morales, event chair**

Participation

If you want to volunteer, set up a food booth, sell items, be an entertainer, etc., - talk to one of the committee volunteers below:

General Information	—	Carolyn Coleman - 683-3381
Food Booths	—	Sande Updegraph - 683-6131 or 683-0424
Parade	—	Shawn Ellison - 683-7111
Entertainment	—	Shawn Ellison - 683-7111
Souvenir Booths	—	Shawn Ellison - 683-7111
Decorations	—	Carolyn Coleman - 686-3568
Media	—	Cathy Burgess - 522-1546 or Bruce Partain - 686-3558
Interviews	—	Jerry Morales (event chair) - 570-8012
Interviews	—	Bobby Burns - 683-3000

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Jerry Morales,
Event chairman

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The M-Squad will conduct ribbon cuttings this month at the following Chamber-member locations.
Contact Dawn Webster for further information.

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4300 N. Midland Drive
Fred, 697-2015

January 15, 11 a.m.
Walgreen's
Grand reopening
215 Andrews Highway
682-4334

Time for a 'Tax Tune-up': Chamber to sponsor Small Business Roundtable

Certified Public Accountant Mary Glenn is the featured speaker at the Midland Chamber's January 25 Small Business Roundtable.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Chamber's second-floor boardroom.

Glenn's topic is "Time for a Tax Tune-up."

"Tax laws are constantly being revised, and for a business person the consequences can be drastic," Glenn said.

"Knowing about the new laws now can help business people structure their finances to maximize profits and avoid paying more tax than required."

At the Roundtable meeting refreshments will be served and a door prize awarded.

The public is invited to attend.

The free roundtable is held in the Chamber boardroom, second floor, 109 N. Main. Access is by the stairs located on the west side of the Chamber, near Texas Avenue.

To RSVP, contact Dawn Webster -- 683-3381, fax 682-9205 or e-mail Dawn@midlandtxchamber.com

CVB Looking for Volunteers

By Brandi Tannery

The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau is looking for high-energy, active volunteers to assist with their new Visitor Center, located in the lobby of the Chamber at 109 North Main.

"We are looking for people to help out with many different activities, such as manning the Visitor Center and assisting with convention registration," said Carolyn Coleman, Director of Visitor Services. "We have already received an influx of visitors to the city since Mr. Bush was elected, and we are anticipating many, many more!"

Coleman

The Visitor Center will be staffed in four-hour shifts each day. Some of the basic job duties include: answering the phone, answering visitor questions, assisting walk-in visitors, reading maps and giving accurate directions, labeling and sorting mail-outs, and handling brochures. Computer skills would be helpful and light lifting may be required.

"The most important trait our volunteers must possess is a true love of the city of Midland," Coleman said. If you are interested in learning how you can apply to be a part of this exciting venture, contact Carolyn Coleman or Julianne Hennings at 683-3381.

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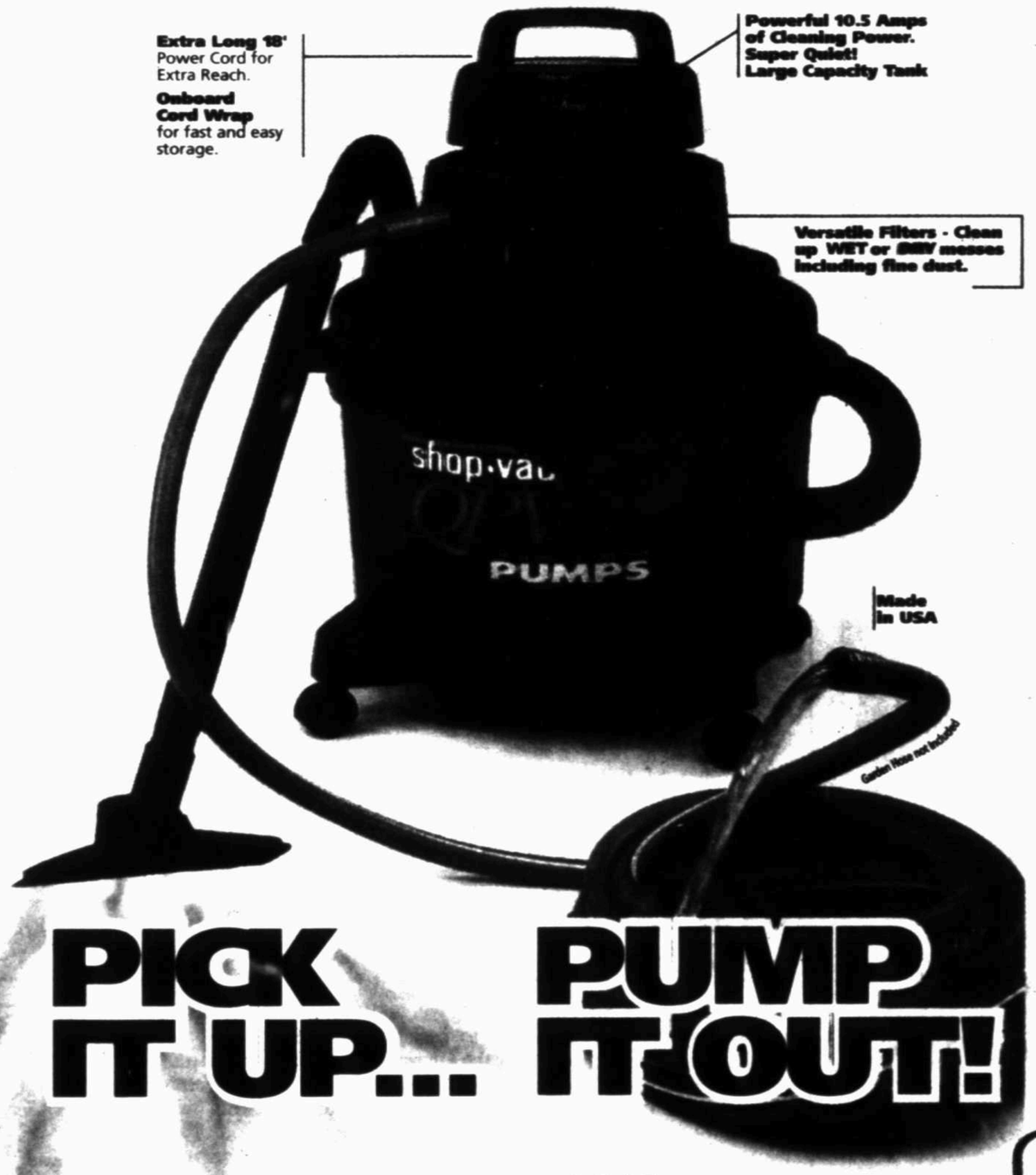

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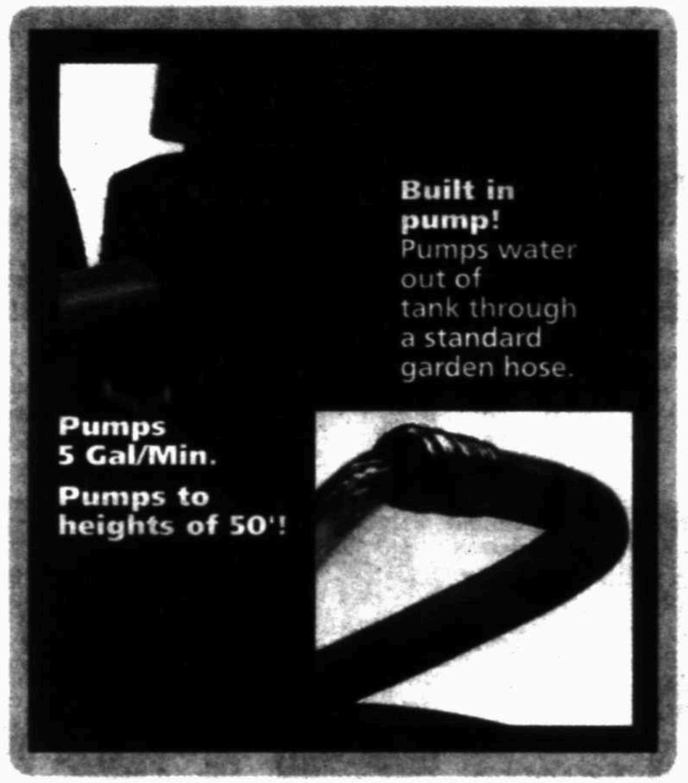

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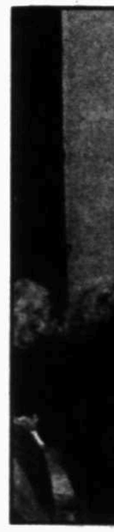

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Bill Drury speaks to a crowd in Midland at a customer service seminar in 2000.

Get ready for awesome telephone skills!

The Midland Chamber is hosting customer service and telephone communications expert Bill Drury as he presents a seminar entitled "Opportunity Doesn't Always Knock...Sometimes It Rings!" Thursday, February 8 at the Hilton Midland.

From 1985 to 1990, Drury was the National Training Consultant for the Zig Ziglar Corp. He speaks, trains, and travels extensively, and has proven to be one of the most effective and entertaining trainers in the industry. A year ago Bill presented a customer service seminar for the Chamber that attracted 200 business attendees.

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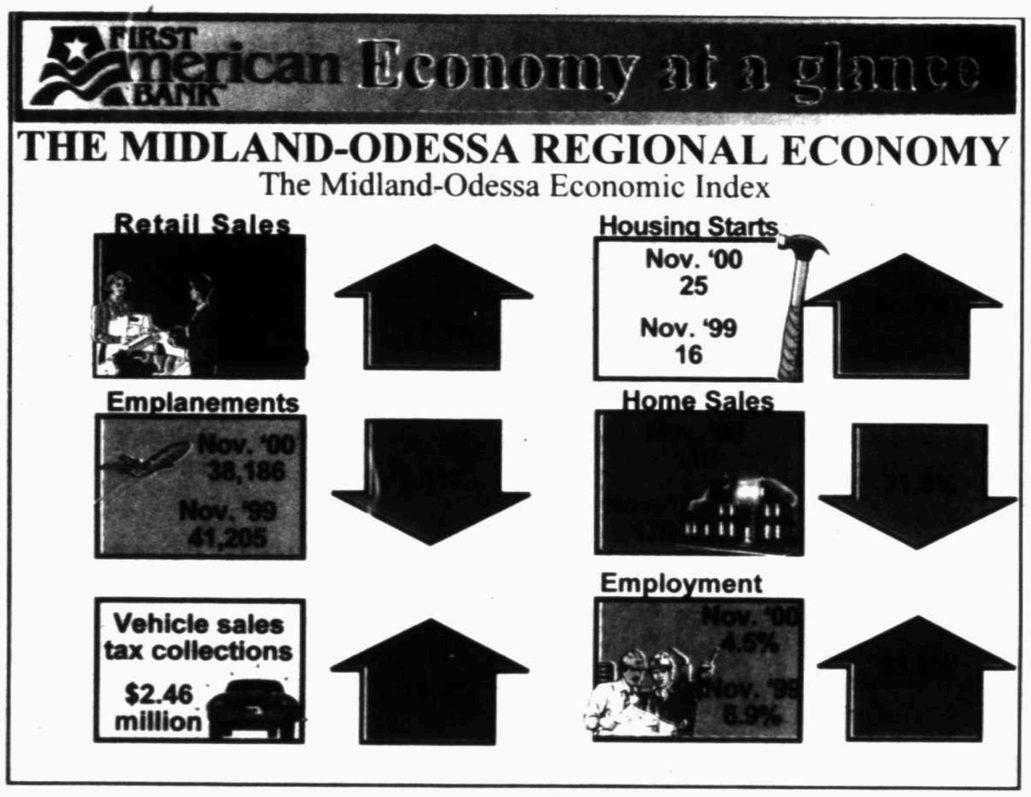
On February 8, there will be two identical presentations, allowing employers to send half their people in the morning, and half in the afternoon. The seminars will be held at the Hilton Midland & Towers. The morning session is 9 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m.

To see your employees improve their skills, your investment is only $69 per person for Chamber members and $99 for non-members. Group discounts are available. Call the Chamber, 683-3381 to receive a registration form.

"Bill Drury knows what he is talking about," said Zig Ziglar. "He has an excellent style of delivery. Your people and your company will be better off after hearing Bill Drury."



Oil prices reigniting Midland's economy

Strong crude oil and natural gas prices lifted the November Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index past its peak set in November 1997, along with the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index. Most components, including retail and automobile sales continued strong, while employment continues to move higher. Economists expect recovery in housing sales and construction soon.

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Chamber employee celebrates first year

By Brandi Tannery

Julianne Hennings

Another of our Chamber employees is celebrating an anniversary! Julianne Hennings, Servicing Assistant for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, has just completed her first year at the Chamber.

"Julianne only works part-time," said Carolyn Coleman, Director of Visitor Services, "but she handles the workload of a full-time employee with great competency. Her enthusiasm and innate ability for organization are great assets to our organization."

Julianne moved to Midland from Colorado just a little over a year ago with her husband, Steve, and nine year old daughter, Laura. She had previous Chamber experience working with the Cody, Wyoming Chamber of Commerce.

Ambassador of the Month

Shari Hamilton

Shari Hamilton has been crowned the December Ambassador of the Month. She is Broker/Owner of Dynamic Real Estate Professionals. She has been a member of M-Squad since June. Shari enjoys being active in the community by meeting members of the Chamber and helping them celebrate their new business with a ribbon cutting.

Each month the top five point earners are recognized at the M-Squad monthly luncheon. Points are earned by atttending assigned events. Events include ribbon cuttings, VIP receptions, special events and community gatherings. If you work for a Chamber member firm, enjoy meeting people and making contacts, and have the time to commit to this vital volunteer effort, please call Dawn Webster at 683-3381 for an application.

Clayton completes economic development course

Dennis Clayton

Dennis W. Clayton, Economic Development Manager for the Midland Chamber, became a graduate of the Economic Development Institute (EDI) on December 8, 2000.

A three-session program of the University of Oklahoma, the Institute provides an advanced spectrum of education for the economic development professional.

The three sessions are typically scheduled over a three-year period, with each concentrating on a specific theme. Session One's theme was "Creating a Marketable Product," Session II was "Influencing Investor Decisions" and Session III was "Current and Future Challenges."

As required for graduation, Mr. Clayton researched a project entitled "Workforce Development: The Advanced/Career Technology Training Center," which is now available through the EDI library in Norman, Oklahoma.

Copies can also be requested by calling the Midland Chamber at 683-3381.

Begun more than 30 years ago, EDI now has more than 2,400 graduates worldwide.

President's Club Top Achiever

Charlie Jeffus

John Lewallen

Charlie Jeffus with A.G. Edwards and John Lewallen tied for the title of Top Achiever for December with three renewals and one new membership. Also active in December were James Beatty with the American Legion, Janice Hogan with Custom Food Group, Paula James with Langston Realtors, and Roy Nelson of State Farm Insurance.

President's Club volunteers spend several hours a month calling on new member prospects, as well as visiting with current members who are 60 days past due. The Chamber invites these volunteers to a monthly luncheon where they share information on new businesses opening in Midland. Top Achievers are invited to Chamber board meetings to receive awards. For more information, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain at 683-3381.

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Housing affordability: Midland's low housing prices attractive

By Kevin Skipper

Economic development specialists at the Midland Chamber of Commerce, commercial and residential property owners, and realtors market our low cost-of-living (COL) as an incentive for employers (and employees) to move operations to Midland or open or expand branch operations here. The Midland-Odessa Health & Retirement Endeavor (MOHRE) uses this advantage to attract retirees who target locales where their nest eggs may stretch further.

I documented the city's historic, overall cost-of-living levels in a previous issue of the Midland Business Journal (February 2000). I noted that our COL fell 15.4% and 11.3% (depending on the data source) below the national level during the 1990s. However, these figures do not specify the direction of individual COL components. The Texas A&M University Real Estate Center (TAMU REC) compiles data on two COL components (home prices and housing affordability (for metropolitan areas in Texas, the state as a whole, and the U.S.

Housing affordability indexes for all buyers (HAIAB) and first time buyers (HAIFTB) appear in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. The time period includes 1990-00. The data cover annual periods except 2000, which covers the second quarter (April through June). Unfortunately, the REC does not separate the Midland-Odessa metropolitan area into component counties (Midland and Ector), so I used aggregate figures in this study.

The housing affordability index measures the ratio of median household income (MHI) to the income required to purchase the median-priced home using currently available mortgage financing. Standard financing includes a 30-year loan covering 80% of the cost. HAIAB and HAIFTB measure how adequately the typical household's income meets the criteria necessary to qualify for a loan to buy the typical home sold in a given market. An index value of 1.00 indicates that median household income is just enough to qualify for a loan sufficiently large to purchase a median-priced home. Higher ratios signify that homes appear more affordable to the average buyer. It is important to note that comparative index values do not necessarily mean that housing is more affordable in one geographic area relative to another. This occurs because the indexes reflect not only local housing market conditions, but also the way income is distributed among resident households. One should examine index values within a single geographic area rather than comparing single years' values across multiple geographic areas.

Midland-Odessa's index values for all buyers meandered during the period (Figure 1). In 1990, the index stood at 1.39 and stood at 1.39 in 2000. Between these two periods, MO's index rose to 1.54 (1993-94), declined to 1.43 (1997), then strengthened to 1.59 (1999), before falling to its current level (1.39).

Index values for Texas and the U.S. display similar fluctuations throughout the period.

Figure 2 depicts HAI values for first time buyers. The TAMU REC estimates that first time buyers purchase 30% of all homes sold, so affordability to this group of buyers is vitally important to the housing market.

Midland-Odessa's HAIFTB values fluctuated similarly to those for all buyers. Affordability gained 0.13 index points through Q2/2000, meaning that homes became slightly more affordable. Texas'and the nation's patterns mirrored MO's. The exception appears in 2000. MO's index value rose, while those in Texas and the U.S. weakened.

I expect these delineated trends to persist into the foreseeable future. Home affordability should remain one of several factors that Midlanders can use to market our area in the exceedingly competitive marketplace of company relocations and expansions, as well as to retirees relocating to more affordable climes.

Kevin Skipper is Chief Economist at Desert Analytic, a Midland-based economics and statistical services consultancy.

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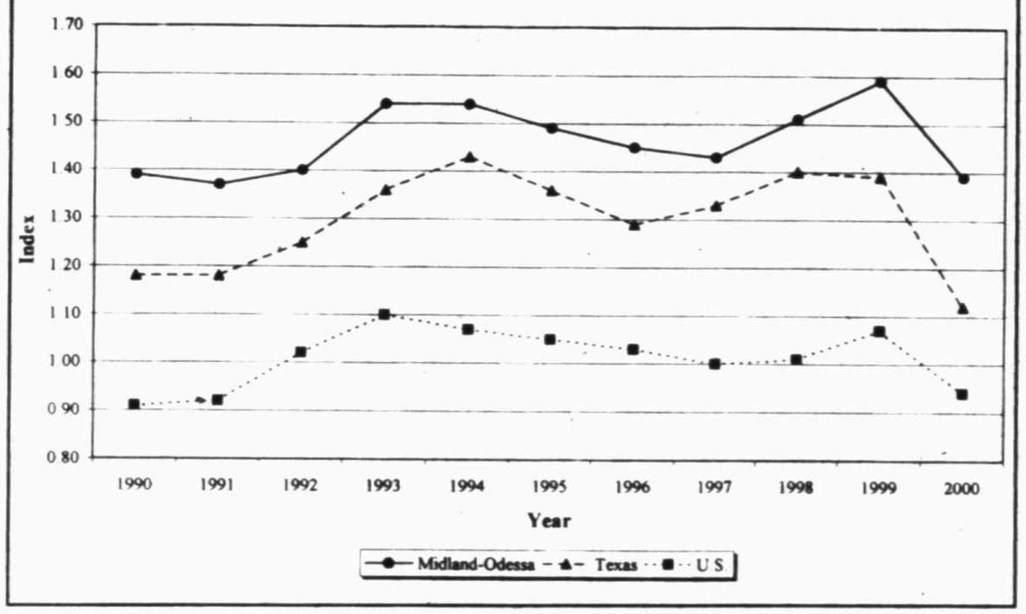
Figure 1. Housing Affordability Indexes. All Buyers: 1990-00



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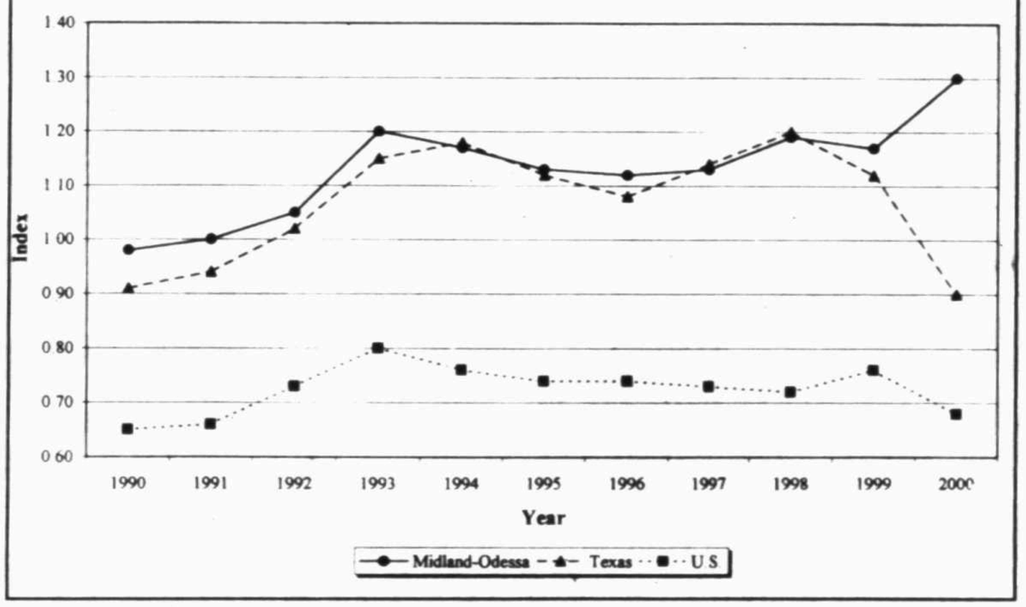

CVB Focuses on Tourism Development

By Brandi Tannery

Shura Lindgren, Director of Convention and Visitor Development for the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau, attended the National Tour Association's (NTA) Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, November 10 - 15. Recognized as one of the premier travel events held in North America, the convention attracted some 3,000 travel professionals, including tour companies, hotels and attractions, and local tourism offices. The highlight of the event was the Tour & Travel Exchange, a forum for buying and selling travel services. The Exchange gives those, like the CVB, the opportunity to develop new travel packages and meet with a variety of suppliers and destinations. "We are actively working to further develop Midland as a tourism destination," Lindgren said. "We have done very well bringing in conventions and sporting events, and want to continue that trend with the group tour market." In addition to marketing Midland itself, the CVB staff also works jointly with other cities in the area to promote the entire region. "We have already created a multi-day tour into the Big Bend area, working with Odessa, Lajitas, Fort Stockton and others," she added, "and we are looking forward to developing even more tours with our city partners in the future."

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Above, the Holiday Inn won best decorated booth at the World's Largest Christmas Party. Left, more than 750 people enjoyed the event.

World's Largest Christmas Party enjoys success

The World's Largest Christmas Party kept its growing tradition as more than 750 attendees flocked to Midland Center on December 7.

Dancers from Studio One and an $18,000 player piano courtesy of Jones Piano kept the crowd entertained, while 20-plus restaurants offered delectable samples from their menus.

Event chair Debbie Bergen and her committee used a "Storybook Christmas" theme with oversized decorations depicting "The Night Before Christmas," "Santa Lucia," "Pioneer Santa" and "Russian St. Nicholas."

The Holiday Inn was voted the best decorated booth.

Restaurants and caterers offering sumptuous samples of their food and drink were Albertson's, All American Snacks, Blue Nile Water, Cabana Hot Sauce, Cattle Baron, Cheddars, Chick-fil-A, Clark's and Winford's Meats, Cookie Bouquet, Domino's Pizza, Duo Delights, Gerardo's Casita, Graham Pharmacy, Holiday Inn, Main Events, Papa John's Pizza, Plaza Inn, Sam's Club, Smoothie King and Southwest Coca-Cola.

Sponsors of the World's Largest Christmas Party were The Bosworth Co., First American Bank, First Service, Henry Petroleum, House of Printing, KNFM, the Midland Reporter-Telegram, Permian Distributing, Pipkin Funeral Home, Sam's Club, Southwest Airlines, Southwestern Bell and Southwest Coca-Cola.

A December to remember at Midland Center

By Brandi Tannery

Are you looking for a location for your company's next event or meeting? One consideration should definitely be the Midland Center.

"We have just finished up one of the busiest Decembers I can remember," said Michelle Rudd, office manager. "In addition to the usual events like ArtWalk and the World's Largest Christmas Party, we also hosted several new groups this year."

One of those groups was Midland County, who chose to move their annual holiday party to the Center for the first time.

"They decided to try us after the success of the Tax Assessor Collectors Convention earlier in the year," Rudd said. "They told us that they were impressed with that event, which was a real compliment to all of our staff."

Midland Center is currently booked a year in advance for Saturday events, and as many as 2 - 3 years in advance for multi-day activities. Mel Prather's Arts and Craft Show is already booked through 2005. If you are interested in booking your next meeting or event at the Midland Center, or would like more information on the facility, contact Michelle Rudd at 682.6234.

CVB events

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with the booking and servicing of many sporting events held in Midland each month.

CVB Sporting Events

Jan. 7-9 2001 Texas State Boxing Championships (200)
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Feb. 2-4 Texas Amateur Softball Association Commissioner's Winter Workshop (100)

Feb. 3-4 Tennis Association of Midland TTA Zone Area Tournament (1,000)

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CVB: Conventions

Jan. 13-14 South Texas National Productions Ultimte Super Warehouse Sale (300)

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Jan. 19-20 MISD 2001 State Academic Decathlon Meet (300)

Feb. 9-11 South Texas National Productions Spring Home Show (300)

March 2-4 South Texas National Productions Hunt/Fish/Sport Show (300)

March 9-10 Texas Hug Fest 1st Annual

March 15-20 Grand Encampment IOOF Department Council of Texas Annual Meeting (100)

March 30-April 1 Golf Course Road Church of Christ Stream in the Desert (5,000)

April 1-2 Texas Downtown Association Mid Year Spring Meeting 2001 (20)

April 7-8 West Texas Kennel Club 52nd All Breed & Obedient Show

April 16-20 Council of Petroleum Accountants Society Meeting 2001 (350)

April 28 Texas Wildlife Association Big Game Banquet (50)

Chamber meetings

(All meetings held in Chamber boardroom unless otherwise noted)

January

2	Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee	11:45 am
9	Executive Committee 11:30 am	
10	Economic Development Council	11:30 am
12	M-Squad Guidelines — downstairs conference room	noon
16	Midland Manufacturer's Association	11:30 am
16	Transportation Committee	4 pm
17	Retention/Expansion	11:30 am
18	M-Squad Luncheon	11:30 am
23	Leadership Midland Alumn	noon
23	Membership Services	4 pm
24	Board of Directors	3:30 pm
29	Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee	11:45 am

February

2	M-Squad Guidelines — downstairs conference room	noon
8	M-Squad Luncheon	11:30 am
13	Executive Committee	11:30 am
14	Economic Development Council	11:30 am
15	Drive Kick Off luncheon — details to be announced	
20	Midland Manufacturer's Association location to be announced	11:30 am
21	Retention/Expansion location to be announced	11:30 am
26	Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee location to be announced	11:45 am
27	Leadership Midland Alumni location to be announced	noon

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