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Cowboys win

Make it nine in a row for the Dallas Cowboys over the Washington Redskins — and one huge point proven by Emmitt Smith./1C



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Afghan war

Relentless U.S. airstrikes pummeled the defenders of Kandahar Sunday with anti-Taliban forces within 20 miles of the last militia stronghold./7A

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4A board attracts several big names

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

The 4A applications poured in late last week as seven Midlanders made public their intention to become candidates for the Midland Development Corporation.

Among the applicants were Mike Conaway, Grant A. Billingsley, Citizens for a Better Midland Chairman Don Tomlin and County Commissioner Randy Prude.

All totaled, 25 Midland men and women have applied with the city secretary's office.

The Midland Development Corporation — a 4A board — will be responsible for developing an investment policy and will review and consider all requests for economic development funds from the quarter-cent sales tax approved by the city's voters on Nov. 6. The sales tax proposal had failed twice before.

It is expected the 4A board will distribute an estimated \$3 million in ED sales tax funds annually.

Also applying Friday were Craig Dawson, Michael D. Kaufman and Tom L. Eustace.

Thursday, Jack F. Harper added his name to the growing list.

Midland businessman José Cuevas said Friday evening he would not be applying for the board.

The deadline for applications to be turned in is 5 p.m. Wednesday, making the most recent group of applicants an interesting one.

Tomlin's decision is not a surprise. He told the Reporter-Telegram he was going to apply soon after the proposition's victory on Nov. 6. He is the second high-ranking member of the Citizens for a Better Midland to apply, joining former Councilman and mayoral candidate Buddy Sipes.

Prude took advantage of a recent decision by the City Council to allow other elected officials to apply. What is unusual about Prude's application is that it is not the most thorough of the group and is the only one without a resume, which seemed to be a prerequisite by Council members.

Two others are notable for their work with the Chamber and economic development efforts in general.

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A LOOK AT LATEST APPLICANTS

Jack F. Harper: Serves as the director of finance and investor relations at Pure Resources Inc. Has been in oil and gas and computer services consulting business. Has lived in Midland for four years.

Craig Dawson: Serves as an insurance executive with Don Crawford and Associates/Insurance One Management Inc. Has lived in Midland 19 years.

Michael D. Kaufman: Serves as a certified financial planner for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force. Has lived in Midland for eight years.

Tom L. Eustace: Serves as a CPA, business consultant/business broker since 1981 ... Performed business analysis for a diverse group of manufacturing, distributing and service businesses ... Has lived in Midland for 20 years.

Randy Prude: Self-employed petroleum engi-

neer and entrepreneur. Also serves as one of Midland County's four county commissioners. Has lived in Midland for 49 years.

Don Tomlin: Founder and President of Big D Equipment Companies. Has 25 years experience in construction and petroleum industries. Chairman of the Citizens for a Better Midland. Has lived in Midland for 26 years.

K. Michael Conaway: Works as a CPA. Formerly a senior VP for Texas Commerce Bank and United Bank. Also served as a chief financial officer and director for Spectrum 7 Energy Corp. Has lived in Midland for 22 years.

Grant A. Billingsley: Serves as manager of public affairs for Wagner & Brown, Ltd. Former executive vice president, general manager and manager of economic development for the Midland Chamber of Commerce. Has lived in Midland for 26 years.

Mideast terrorism rages on



Islamic militants unleash wave of terror on Israelis

By Karin Laub
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — After a series of suicide bombings against Israel that killed 25 people and wounded nearly 200, Yasser Arafat ordered dozens of Islamic militants arrested and promised harsh action. But Israel was deeply skeptical, with hard-liners calling for the removal of the Palestinian leader.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon cut short his U.S. trip to rush home after meeting with President Bush, who denounced the bombings as "horrific acts of murder."

Bush and other world leaders pressed Arafat to crack down on militants. The Palestinian leader "must do everything in his power to find those who murdered innocent Israelis and bring them to justice," Bush said.

Images of bodies lying on sidewalks and blood-smeared survivors crying out in agony filled TV screens, and Israelis had a growing sense that 14 months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting had reached a crossroads.

"It must be understood that we are at a turning point," said Cabinet Minister Matan Vilnai. He did not say how Israel would retaliate but warned the Palestinian Authority was "endangering its existence" by not cracking down on militants.

The carnage began in Jerusalem just before midnight Saturday, when two suicide bombers set off their nail-filled bombs on Ben Yehuda street, an area of cafes and bars packed with young Israelis. Ten people, mostly teens, were killed, and 150 were wounded.

■ Bush confers with Ariel Sharon/2A

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AP Photos
ABOVE: An Israeli police investigator following his search for evidence jumps out of the wreckage of a bus after it was bombed in the northern Israeli port city of Haifa Sunday. A Palestinian suicide bomber detonated nail-studded explosives on a bus full of Israelis in this port city Sunday, killing 15 people, just hours after Islamic militants set off deadly explosions in downtown Jerusalem. ABOVE LEFT: Mourners cry during the funeral of Nir Haftzadi at Mt. Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem Sunday. Haftzadi, 19, was an Israeli soldier killed Saturday night when two Palestinian suicide bombers blew themselves up at a crowded downtown Jerusalem pedestrian mall, killing 10 and wounding more than 150.

MISD names 6 finalists for director post

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

The Midland Independent School District has named six finalists for the director of guidance and counseling position, which is set to be vacated after current director Glenn Woods retires this year.

Three of the finalists are currently MISD employees: Jennifer Cooper, a counselor at Abell Junior High; Jeanette Loveless, senior counselor at Lee High; and Linda Harris, counselor at Midland Freshman. Other finalists are Art Brokenbek, a counselor at Windham Schools, a prison education system in North Texas; Lee Stanley, director of counseling at school district #158 in Huntley, Ill.; and Laura Herrera, an assistant principal and former counselor for the school district in Roswell, N.M.

"We had a total of eight applicants," said Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Services Tom Holland. "Of that eight, we paper-screened and interviewed six, and we just finished that process. Our committee will have a recommendation of one, maybe two or three people for the superintendent, and he will interview for that position."

The district has postponed the announcement of applicants for two other positions — director of communications services and assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction — indefinitely. MISD Superintendent Robert Nicks

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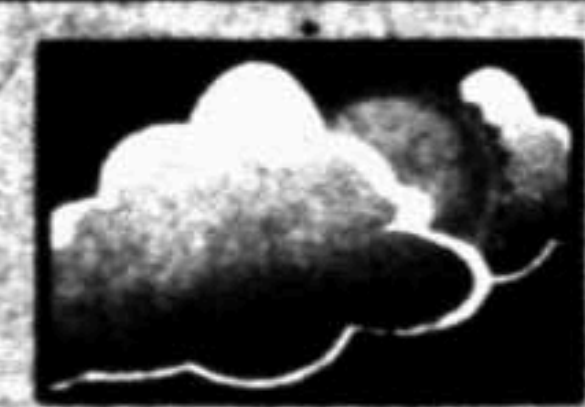


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— Tom Holland, assistant superintendent of Human Resource Services

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■ Japanese celebrate birth of royal baby girl./8A

Few details known about public transportation system

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Midland will have its public transportation system, although it is too early to say what it will look like.

City of Midland Assistant City Manager Marcus Johnston said the city must first find a management company to oversee things. That could be selected by mid-January.

Then an advisory board will be formed from citizens of Midland and Odessa to have oversight of how the system is going.

At that point, the particulars — routes, pricing and fine-tuning of services — will be determined.

Here are the particulars known about the system, which city officials have estimated will transport 191,000 riders annually.

■ It should be in place by the end of 2003.

■ It is expected to be a flexible route system that would be able to deviate from its route three-quarters of a mile to drop off a rider and with enough notice, pick up a rider in need.

■ It also will eventually include a link

'All we need to make our budget is \$1.2 (million) a year. We feel pretty positive.'

— Marcus Johnston, assistant city manager



between Midland and Odessa.

■ Midland will purchase 20 to 25 passenger vans (small buses that resemble shuttle buses used to take people to and from the airport).

Funding, though at this point, also is a question mark.

What is known thus far is the city will accept the \$500,000 grant from the state to start up a system in Midland and Odessa.

Johnston said the capital costs over the first two years will be in the neighborhood of \$2.9 million. After receiving the \$500,000, the city needs to earn an additional \$1.2 million over

two years to be on target.

"Between the two cities on the federal side, our allocation could be \$1.6 million per year," Johnston has said previously. "All we need to make our budget is \$1.2 (million) a year. We feel pretty positive."

"If we get \$1.6 (million), we would have money to give away," Johnston joked.

Should Midland-Odessa get the additional \$1.2 million over two years, it would still leave the city facing a yearly operating budget of \$135,000 a year.

That number could be lower if federal funds are greater than anticipated or the city can find numerous grants that are available to help cities with public transportation systems.

"I don't think public transportation is profitable, at the same time, there are instances where it is not a losing situation," City Council member LuAnn Morgan said.

This past Tuesday, the Council voted 5-1 to bring public transportation back to Midland for the first time since Mid-Tran failed in the mid-1980s.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy High 70 Low 46	Partly cloudy High 69 Low 44	Partly cloudy High 65 Low 40

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with highs near 70 and southerly winds from 10 to 20 mph. For tonight, expect mostly cloudy skies and lows in the mid-40s.

On Tuesday, expect partly cloudy skies and breezes with highs near 70.

Wednesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and breezes with lows near 40 and highs in the mid-60s.

The high on Sunday reached 68, while the low dropped to 34. The record high for Dec. 2 is 80 set in 1995. The record low is 17 set in 1985.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday0.00 in.
Total for month0.00 in.
Total for year9.75 in.
Normal total (year to date)14.42 in.

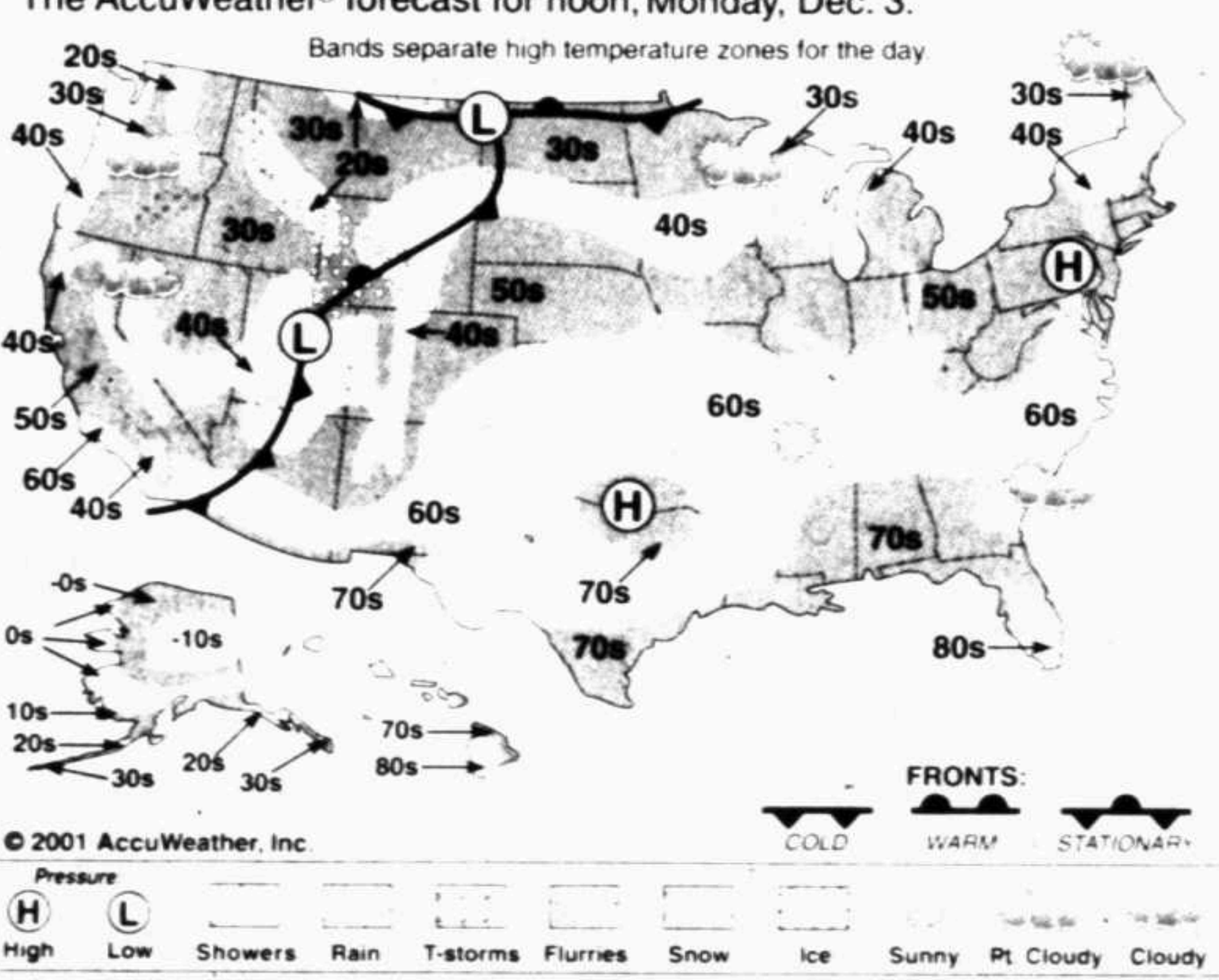
Yesterday's temperatures

High68
Low34
Normal high61
Normal low37
Sunrise ... 7:33 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:44 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 3.



United States temperatures

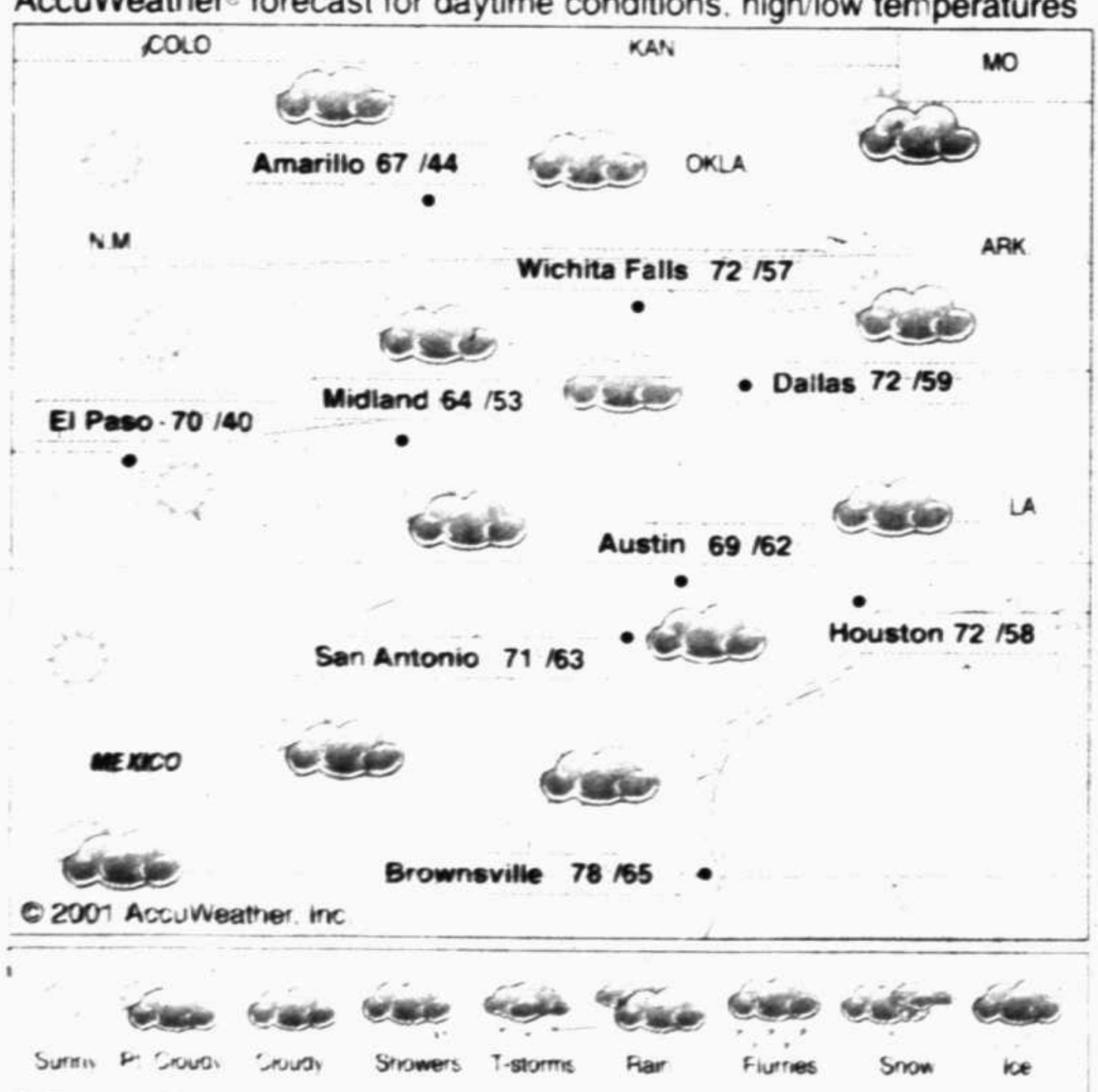
Temperatures indicate Sunday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Albany N.Y.	52	46	cd	
Albuquerque	53	29	cd	
Anchorage	6	-6	cd	
Asheville	66	44	cl	
Atlanta	69	45	cl	
Baltimore	54	42	cl	
Baton Rouge	69	47	cl	
Bilings	46	32	cd	
Birmingham	58	38	cd	
Bismarck	51	11	cd	
Boise	46	35	05	m
Boston	52	47	cl	
Burlington Vt.	49	44	cd	
Charleston S.C.	75	63	cd	
Charlotte N.C.	65	43	cl	
Cheyanne	53	26	cl	
Chicago	52	38	cd	
Cincinnati	54	34	cl	
Cleveland	51	35	cd	
Colorado Springs	55	27	cd	
Dayton	52	35	cd	
Daytona Beach	79	61	cd	
Denver	47	29	cl	
Des Moines	56	31	cd	
Detroit	47	32	cd	
Eugene	52	38	cd	
Evansville	58	34	cd	
Fairbanks	-22	-25	cd	
Fargo	29	16	sno	
Flagstaff	47	25	cd	
Fresno	59	49	13	m
Goodland	62	27	cl	
Grand Junction	40	32	07	cd
Grand Rapids	47	32	cd	
Great Falls	44	34	sno	
Green Bay	40	24	cd	
Greensboro N.C.	60	47	cl	
Hamburg	51	39	cd	
Hartford Spgld	52	43	cl	
Honolulu	84	76	cd	
Huntsville	66	40	cd	
Indianapolis	54	35	cd	
Jackson Miss.	69	43	cd	
Jacksonville	77	61	cd	
Juneau	18	6	sno	
Kansas City	58	32	cl	
Knoxville	64	40	cl	
Lake Charles	62	50	04	cd
Las Vegas	60	49	cd	
Lexington	56	32	cd	
Los Angeles	62	50	m	
Louisville	59	39	cd	
Madison	51	31	cd	
Madison	49	33	12	m
Memphis	66	41	cl	
Miami Beach	80	68	06	cd
Mpls-St Paul	46	26	cl	
Montgomery	72	41	cd	
Nashville	62	35	cl	
New Orleans	69	50	cl	
New York City	53	50	cl	
Newark	54	46	cl	
Norfolk Va.	56	51	cd	
Okahoma City	68	35	cd	
Omaha	58	29	cd	
Orlando	62	61	cd	
Philadelphia	53	45	cl	
Phoenix	74	48	cd	
Pittsburgh	52	40	cl	
Portland Ore.	46	42	25	m
Providence	53	43	cl	
Raleigh-Durham	61	44	cl	
Rapid City	52	28	cd	
Reno	43	32	100	cd
Richmond	58	49	cd	
Roanoke	61	43	cl	
Rochester	48	43	cd	
Rockford	51	27	cd	
Sacramento	59	49	102	cd
St. Louis	61	36	cd	
San Jose	61	52	54	m
San Jose	52	21	cd	
Savannah	76	51	cd	
Seattle	42	41	26	cd
Spokane	42	36	01	sno
Springfield Ill.	57	32	cd	
Springfield Mo.	66	41	cd	
Syracuse	49	46	cd	
Tallahassee	74	44	cd	
Tampa-St. Ptsburg	83	62	cl	
Tucson	76	42	cl	
Washington D.C.	56	48	cl	
W Palm Beach	81	68	11	cd
Wilmington Del.	54	41	cl	
Youngstown	51	37	cd	

State forecast

Monday, Dec. 3

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



PUBLIC: Council voted 5-1 to bring transportation back

(From 1A)

The eventual vote, one of the toughest ones the newest Council has faced, did not come without much discussion about costs and what its annual pricetag may do to the city budget. It also brought out stern words from Mayor Mike Canon that his fellow Council members must be aware

of the bottom line and help the city staff in finding ways to maintain fiscal integrity.

"In the end, he came along and recognized this is something that the citizens need," Councilman James Bradford said. "He also recognized the fact that we can roll up our sleeves and find some way to finance it."

Bush confers with Sharon as bombings deal setback to fragile U.S. peace hopes

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Denouncing suicide bombings in Israel as "horrific acts of murder," President Bush on Sunday conferred with Israel's prime minister amid fading U.S. hopes that Yasser Arafat can deliver on curbing terrorism.

What was to have been a pep talk to Ariel Sharon to get started on tentative peace moves was transformed suddenly into an hour-long emergency White House session that shifted the burden to Arafat to prove he can end Palestinian attacks.

Bush administration officials suggested the Palestinian leader may not have a sure grip on control of the Palestinian movement.

"He is not a particularly strong leader," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said. "And I don't know that he has good control over the Palestinian situation."

Israeli officials said Sharon's Cabinet would meet today and decide on a strong response to the bombings. Publicly, U.S. officials did not press Sharon to avoid a response, instead challenging Arafat to act decisively against Islamic militants.

"Chairman Arafat must do everything in his power to find those who murdered innocent Israelis and bring them to justice," Bush said upon returning from Camp David for the meeting.

The president also urged other Arab leaders in the area to take a more active role in bringing about stability and peace. "The advocates of peace in the Middle East must rise up and fight terror," Bush said.

However, Hassan Abdel Rahman, the Palestine Liberation Organization's chief representative in the United States, said the Palestinian Authority was trying its best to con-



President Bush, right, comforts Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon during an emergency meeting in the Oval Office of the White House, Sunday. Bush condemned this weekend's suicide bomber attacks in Israel as "acts of murder."

AP Photo

trol violence.

"But in order for them to succeed they need reciprocal steps from Israel," Rahman said in an interview.

For instance, he said, Israel should stop its policy of assassinating Palestinian community leaders, lift its siege of the West Bank and Gaza and stop demolishing homes of Palestinians.

"There has to be creation of a new environment in the territories that will be conducive and helpful to the Authority in its efforts to control these groups" carrying out attacks, he said.

Bush met with Sharon for an hour. Secretary of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security assistant, sat in.

After the meeting, Sharon aide Dore Gold said Israel "will have to do what is necessary" to protect itself. The prime minister ignored reporters' questions as he left the White House and headed home.

A senior Israeli official, who briefed reporters in Hebrew on condition of anonymity, said Bush gave an in-depth review of the war in Afghanistan and that the two leaders discussed future possible developments in fighting terrorism.

There was not a single point of disagreement between Bush and Sharon, the official said. "America understands that Israel will fight terror as it best understands how," the official said. The official said Israelis would try to devise a response "to strike a strong blow against terrorism while doing all possible to avoid war."

White House spokesman Sean McCormack said the focus was on Arafat and the Palestinian leadership to act against terrorist groups, "if he is to be a leader."

Powell telephoned Arafat after the attacks in Jerusalem on Saturday, then said he had told him "there can be no excuse for failure to take immediate and thorough action against the perpetrators of these vile acts."

ISRAEL: Forty bystanders wounded in bus bomb

(From 1A)

At noon Sunday, another Palestinian blew himself up in a bus in the northern port city of Haifa, sending bodies flying and destroying the vehicle. Fifteen people were killed and 40 injured.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the bombings, in retaliation for Israel's slaying of a Hamas leader nine days ago. Three suicide attackers were killed in the bombings. Hamas said its gunmen were behind the shooting Sunday of an Israeli driver in the Gaza Strip. Israeli soldiers killed the two gunmen in that attack.

Near the West Bank city of Jenin, the army said troops shot and killed four armed Palestinians. The four approached an army position with the intention of carrying out an attack, the army said.

Echoing Bush's comments, Russia, Germany, France, Italy, Britain and the European Union demanded Arafat move against groups backing terrorism. Pope John Paul II told pilgrims at the Vatican that the attacks were "sorrowful and worrisome" and urged prayers for peace.

Arafat promised to take harsh action against the militants and declared a state of emergency in the Palestinian areas. Palestinian police, accompanied by journalists, began rounding up Islamic militants.

An official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 90 militants have been arrested, including senior Hamas leaders Ismail Abu Shanab and Ismail Haniya. Security chief Jibril Rajoub said those involved in the bombings "would pay the price."

Skeptical Israelis pointed to a string of past broken promises. "Arafat will be judged according to his actions, not his declarations," said Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Infrastructure Minister Avigdor Lieberman called for expelling Arafat and sending Israeli troops into Palestinian-controlled territory. Even some dovish politicians said they no longer considered Arafat a partner for peace.

In at least six Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, gunmen fired in the air to celebrate the bombings. Some Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip also supported the attacks, with celebratory shots fired outside the home of one of the Haifa bombers.

But some Palestinians said they were tired of the bloodshed. "The world should help both of us, Israelis and Palestinians, to get out of this pool of blood," said Omar Jumma, 31, an engineer in Gaza City.

In a first step, the Israeli military further tightened travel restrictions, barring Palestinians from driving on most West Bank roads. The Defense Ministry said the army would take "a series of steps" and that this was "a critical test" for the Palestinian Authority.

A U.S. envoy in the region, Anthony Zinni, denounced the attacks as the "lowest form of inhumanity," but said the violence must not derail his efforts to arrange an Israeli-Palestinian truce.

On Sunday, the bomber in Haifa — identified as Maher Habashi, a 21-year-old plumber from the West Bank town of Nablus — got on a crowded city bus, paid his fare, and within seconds detonated the nail-studded explosives belt strapped to his body, witnesses said.

"The bus came down the hill ... and as it leveled out it blew up, it began to run off the road," said witness Rachel Anteb.

The blast hurled bodies in the air and blew out the sides off the red-and-white bus.

"I saw the driver of the bus, his face and body covered in blood. I heard people screaming in the bus. I will never forget it," said Manal Masri, 32, an Arab resident of the mixed Arab-Jewish neighborhood where the explosion went off.

Thirteen bus passengers and two pedestrians were killed, and about 40 bystanders were wounded, including 10 who were in serious condition, police said.

The attack the night before in Jerusalem came at an hour when the shops, cafes and bars of the Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall were packed with teen-age Israelis.

The two bombers detonated their nail-packed explosives while standing some 40 yards apart. The 10 victims ranged in age from 14 to 20, police said.

"A lot of people were crying, falling, and there was the smell of burning hair," said witness Eli Shetreet, 19.

The blasts shattered car windows a block away. Blood was splattered across store fronts, and bits of flesh and metal bolts from the explosives were strewn on the ground. Shortly after the suicide bombings, an explosion went off in a car parked near the mall.

In the West Bank, Palestinian gunmen wounded an Israeli driver near a Jewish settlement and a border guard in two shooting attacks. In searches that followed the shooting of the border guard, the army said its troops killed a Palestinian gunman.

Palestinian officials accused Israel of provoking the latest upsurge of violence with its assassination of Mahmoud Abu Hanoud, the leader of the Hamas military wing in the West Bank. Abu Hanoud — who had mass-terminated several suicide bombings in Israel — was slain on Nov. 23, just days before Zinni arrived for his truce mission.

MISD: Welch turned in resignation Oct. 30

(From 1A)

said unlike the director of guidance and counseling position, which closed for applications Nov. 12, the two remaining positions will be open until the right person is found.

"I don't have a timeline," he said. "We're looking for the right person, and we're looking for whatever timeline is necessary in order to find the right person. It's important to me that we have a number of qualified applicants, so

we can fill that position."

There have been about a dozen applicants for each position.

Executive Director of Communications Services Barney Welch turned in his resignation Oct. 30, after Nicks announced plans to cut the position's duties and pay. The director of communications services position will be a "Level 5" position, with an entry level minimum salary at \$47,089 and a maximum of \$61,194. After a number of years, the position can com-

mand a maximum salary of \$75,299.

The assistant superintendent position was created by Nicks in an effort to place greater emphasis on the areas of curriculum and instruction, and the job duties will include coordinating the efforts of MISD's 31 campuses, and filling in any gaps in the curriculum. That position is a "Level 9" salary level, commanding an entry-level salary minimum of \$75,520 and a maximum of \$94,464.

BOARD: Application deadline is Wednesday

(From 1A)

Conaway, a CPA, is the immediate past chairman and current board member of the Chamber. He also holds positions on numerous other boards, including the Permian Basin Area Foundation where he is the chairman. He is a former United Way chairman and past member of the board of trustees for the Midland Central Appraisal District.

He also was an unquestioned backer of the sales tax.

"I have thought it is a tool the community needs obviously, and now that we got it, I want to do what I can to make sure it succeeds and that we prove the critics incorrect," Conaway said.

Billingsley also has connections to the Chamber, previously serving as its manager of economic development, general manager and executive vice president. Currently, he is the manager of public affairs for Wagner and Brown.

Billingsley also was involved in the community's economic development efforts between 1978 and 1983. During that time, he was certified as an economic developer by the American Economic Development Council. In 1988, Billingsley served as the president of the Texas Economic Development Council.

"I have been interested in economic development for a

long time," Billingsley said. "The more candidates the Council has to choose from the better off our community will be and better off the Council will be."

The number of candidates is rising as is the number of qualified candidates. More are expected by the Wednesday deadline, which could make this Council's most important and talked-about decision that much more difficult.

From the list of applicants, the Council will come up with a list of finalists who will go through an interview process. By the second Council meeting in January, the five-member board will be voted on, selected and then announced.

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Enron Corp. files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy; sues Dynegy Inc. over deteriorated merger

By Matt Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Culminating a stunning six-week downfall, beleaguered energy company Enron Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Sunday and filed a \$10 billion lawsuit against Dynegy Inc. for scrapping a proposed buyout.

Houston-based Enron listed \$24.7 billion in assets — more than \$38 billion less than it had two months ago — and \$13.1 billion in liabilities, making it one of the largest U.S. corporate bankruptcies ever.

A cash and credit crunch following disclosures in mid-October of questionable financial partnerships has made it difficult for the once-mighty energy trading to continue doing business.

Enron said it is in "active discussions" with financial institutions to secure credit for the continued operation of Enron North America Corp., as well as additional funding to keep the rest of the company operating.

Enron chairman and chief executive Kenneth Lay said Sunday's filings will help the company regain the confidence it has lost.

"We are taking the steps announced today to help preserve capital, stabilize our businesses, restore the confidence of our trading counterparties and enhance our ability to pay our creditors," Lay said.

"From an operational standpoint, our energy businesses—including our

pipelines and utilities—are conducting normal operations and will continue to do so," he said.

Enron plans cut staff, mainly in Houston, but didn't say how many workers would be affected. On Friday, Enron laid off 1,100 workers in Great Britain. The company employs more than 20,000 workers worldwide.

Enron also announced it is suing Dynegy for wrongful terminating its \$8.4 billion takeover bid and said it would seek at least \$10 billion in damages. Both actions were filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

Enron claimed that Dynegy terminated the merger "when it had no contractual right to do so." It also claimed Dynegy had no right to exercise an option to acquire Enron's northern natural gas pipeline because it "can only be triggered by a valid termination" of the merger agreement.

Dynegy spokesman John Sousa said his company had not had an opportunity to review the litigation but was confident it was within its legal rights to exercise the provision.

"It would have been a breach of our fiduciary responsibility to our shareholders not to do so," Sousa said.

The bankruptcy filing had been expected by several analysts and stockholders, many of whom were stunned by the company's fall from grace.

Enron's loss of credibility stemmed from revelations that its chief financial

Enron third largest U.S. bankruptcy

Houston-based Enron Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Sunday, listing nearly \$24.7 billion in assets.

Top 10 bankruptcies since 1980, in billions

Company	Year filed	Assets
1. Texaco, Inc.	1987	\$35.9
2. Financial Corp. of America	1988	33.9
3. Enron Corp.	2001	24.7
4. Pacific Gas and Electric Co.	2001	21.5
5. MCorp	1989	20.2
6. First Executive Corp.	1991	15.2
7. Gibraltar Financial Corp.	1990	15.0
8. FINOVA Group, Inc.	2001	14.1

Enron subsidiaries affected by bankruptcy

► BAM Leasing Company	► Enron Energy Services Inc.
► ENA Asset Holdings, L.P.	► Enron Energy Services L.L.C.
► Enron Broadband Services, Inc.	► Enron Metals & Commodity Corp.
► Enron Corp.	► Enron North America Corp.
► Enron Energy Marketing Corp.	► Enron Power Marketing, Inc.
► Enron Energy Services Operations, Inc.	► Enron Transportation Services Company

SOURCES: www.bankruptcydata.com; Enron Corp.

The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating Enron and both investors and employees have filed several lawsuits.

On Friday, accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP said that the SEC had issued it subpoenas related to its auditing of Enron's accounts. Andersen said it has provided the information.

Enron sought bankruptcy protection for subsidiaries including Enron North America Corp., its wholesale energy trading business; Enron Energy Services, the company's retail energy marketing operations; Enron Transportation Services, the holding company for Enron's pipeline operations; and Enron Metals & Commodity Corp.

Companies not included in the filing include Northern Natural Gas Pipeline, Transwestern Pipeline, Florida Gas Transmission, EOTT, and other Enron international entities. Not included is Enron's Portland General electric utility.

Enron said it would ask the bankruptcy judge to consider motions to continue payments for its workers' payroll and health benefits and keep vendors paid.

Jim McAuliffe, an analyst with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, said he was surprised Enron hadn't nailed down its debtor-in-possession financing before Sunday.

"That's going to be the tricky one. That comes well ahead of all unsecured creditors and all secured creditors," he said.

According to BankruptcyData.com, Texaco Inc. filed the largest bankruptcy in history in 1987 when it had \$35.9 billion in assets. Adjusted for inflation, that amount would be about \$56.4 billion today, the company said.

On the Net:
http://www.enron.com

CIA's paramilitary force a cross between spies, soldiers

By John J. Lumpkin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Somewhere between America's spies and commandos is a small group of men and women like Johnny "Mike" Spann, the CIA paramilitary officer killed by rioting prisoners in Afghanistan.

Part intelligence operative, part combat trooper, these officers were among the first Americans to cross the border into Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 attacks — even before military commandos began reconnaissance missions.

"This is America's secret warfare," said Loch Johnson, a CIA expert at the University of Georgia, of the agency's paramilitary force.

U.S. officials will not say how many are in Afghanistan and the surrounding countries, except that the contingent is much smaller than the hundreds of U.S. military special operations forces.

They are believed to be supplying weapons, training and intelligence to rebels fighting the Taliban. They are gathering information on their own, interrogating prisoners and defectors. Some are working alongside the Army's Green Berets and other special operations forces, while others are on their own.

They come from within the CIA's Directorate of Operations, whose primary mission is to conduct clandestine intelligence-gathering. This includes traditional case officers, who work out of U.S. embassies, trying to make sources out of foreign government officials.

One branch, the Special Activities Division, is home to the CIA's offensive punch. Officers in this division are called upon when the president wants covertly to advance U.S. foreign policy, influencing a foreign government without any signs of U.S. action.

Inside the division are intelligence officers who can create economic and political disruptions in foreign countries. Others write propaganda to influence foreign elections.

The division also contains the Special Operations Group, which is the agency's elite paramilitary cadre.

Similar to the Green Berets, these officers can train and supply local dissident groups and friendly governments. They are capable of more direct action, as well, including breaking into secure buildings to steal information.

Within this group are land, sea and air divisions, whose officers can operate almost any kind of vehicle. They can infiltrate hostile countries and rescue U.S. officers or friendly foreign agents.



In this image from German television video, a man identified as "David," a U.S. military adviser, holds a Kalashnikov rifle during an uprising in a northern prison in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan Nov. 25. "David" and his colleagues, including CIA operative Johnny "Mike" Spann, were killed in the uprising. They are believed to have been among the first Americans to cross the border into Afghanistan after Sept. 11. AP Photo



Spann

"These intelligence officers relish the peril of unmarked air flights behind enemy lines and the command of speedboats in hostile waters," wrote Johnson in "Bombs, Bugs, Drugs and Thugs," a book published last year about the U.S. intelligence community.

They also provide combat training to regular CIA case officers.

Unlike the Green Berets, these officers can operate without uniform or identification as an officer of the U.S. government. If one is caught or killed, the government can plausibly deny their use. Unlike most military special operations forces, there are women among the CIA's paramilitary ranks.

In recent decades, the paramilitary force has seen heavy use in Central America, Angola and Afghanistan. In Nicaragua, they mined the harbors and armed the Contra rebels during the Reagan administration. In Afghanistan, they helped the mujahedeen fight the Soviet invasion. During the Vietnam War, they ran "Air America" — the CIA's covert effort in Laos.

In times of relative peace, the CIA's paramilitary force is kept to a small cadre, but it can quickly surge during a conflict. To fill out the force's ranks, the agency hires contractors — usually U.S. special operations forces troopers recently retired from the military. Active-duty commandos are also detailed to the agency.

Their use for offensive action requires a pres-

idential "finding," such as the wide-ranging finding signed by President Bush authorizing the CIA to make war on al-Qaida following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Such findings lay out what activities are permitted, and senior congressional leaders must be informed of the covert action as well.

Spann, 32, joined the CIA about two years ago and was a paramilitary trooper. He was killed late last month by rioting prisoners at a compound in Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, the agency said. Spann was at the compound to interrogate prisoners.

His body was returned to the United States on Sunday.

Group criticizes agency running airport where two Sept. 11 planes originated

BOSTON (AP) — A governor-appointed task force has determined that weak leadership plagues the agency in charge of Logan International Airport, where terrorists hijacked two planes Sept. 11.

The task force's report, to be released today, found that the Massachusetts Port Authority lacks control over the airport.

"These themes are common threads running through virtually all our findings and were central to our thought process in formulating recommendations to correct these weaknesses," the report said.

Acting Gov. Jane Swift appointed the six-member task force after terrorists hijacked the planes from Logan and flew them into the World Trade Center.

Following the attacks, Massport was criticized as a haven for patronage hires. Executive Director Virginia Buckingham, a former chief of staff to Gov. Paul Cellucci and spokeswoman for Gov. William F. Weld, resigned as executive director on Oct. 25.

A permanent replacement for Buckingham, who made \$150,000 a year as executive director, has not been named.

The agency's former head of security, Joseph Lawless, once a driver for Weld, was reassigned to head security at the Port of Boston, which Massport directs.

The report says patronage appointments have eroded public confidence, caused festering resentment among staff, and drained talent, time and money from the agency's operations.

"In the post September 11th world, patronage cannot be tolerated as the most expedient means to an end," the report said.

The task force said Massport needs an independent chief who would run the agency like a business and re-establish its credibility.

The report also recommended improved cooperation with federal aviation authorities, a clear chain of command for security, better management, and passenger and baggage screening that "must go well beyond federal requirements."

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AT&T working to restore Internet access after ExciteAtHome turns off subscribers' high-speed service

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — About 16 percent of customers of ExciteAtHome's high-speed Internet cable service had no online access Sunday after the bankrupt company cut off service to AT&T Broadband subscribers.

AT&T had restored service to more than a third of its customers — about 226,000 subscribers — by moving them to its own network. The company said it could take as long as 10 days to restore service to its 640,000 other subscribers across the United States.

Deanna Bruggemann, an AT&T Broadband customer who lives in Livermore, about 45 miles southeast of San Francisco, had been without her home Internet access since 12:01 a.m. Saturday, but said she appreciated a call she got from AT&T advising her what was happening.

"It's really going to put a damper on Christmas because I do a lot of Internet shopping," she said.

Bruggemann, an insurance agent, said the computers in her office were not affected because

they are on DSL, the high-speed service that uses telephone rather than cable lines.

"I miss my Internet," she said. "When you're so used to not having dial-up, the thought of having to go back — no way! They better figure out something."

Bankruptcy Judge Thomas Carlson gave Redwood City-based ExciteAtHome permission to cancel its contracts with cable companies after concluding they had become burdensome to the company. ExciteAtHome executives said the contracts were costing the company up to \$6 million per week.

Service to other cable companies that sold Internet access through ExciteAtHome's network had not been cut off. ExciteAtHome has more than 4 million subscribers.

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Study: Zinc supplements boost infants' survival rates in developing countries

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Daily zinc supplements given to babies with low birth weight can significantly improve survival rates, especially in countries where infants often die from infectious diseases, a new study suggests.

The research involved 1,154 full-term but smaller than normal babies born in New Delhi, India, most weighing 5 1/2 pounds or less. Mothers fed them supplements containing zinc or minerals for nine months. Fifteen of the 20 who died had not been receiving zinc supplements.

The findings follow previous studies showing zinc can boost growth when given to breast-fed infants, and can help make babies bigger and healthier if taken by pregnant women.

Zinc deficiencies can impair the body's ability to fight disease, and previous research has also shown that preschoolers given zinc supplements had less diarrhea and pneumonia.

Such illnesses can be especially serious for infants, and are more common in babies with low birth weights, who also might be more prone to zinc deficiency, the researchers said.

About 8 percent of U.S. newborns have low birth weights, compared with 42 percent of babies born in the New Delhi region where the study took

place. About 83 infants there die for every 1,000 births, compared with about seven infants for every 1,000 births in the United States.

Researchers from Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health and India's Annamalai University called their results preliminary but promising.

"The potential of interventions to improve zinc status and reduce infant mortality has important implications for child survival in developing countries," they said.

Providing the supplements, which cost about 30 cents a month, would be an easy, inexpensive way to address a serious problem, said lead researcher Sunil Sazawal of Johns Hopkins.

While zinc deficiency in the United States is not a big problem, internationally "it's an incredibly important issue," said Dr. Robert Goldenberg, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. "In developing countries, the biggest reason for (infant) growth retardation is maternal nutritional status."

The study shows that zinc "may be a piece of reducing mortality in developing countries," said Goldenberg, who was not involved in the study.

On the Net:
Pediatrics:
<http://www.aap.org>

On second anniversary of their own tragic loss, Worcester firefighters share New York's grief

By Adam Gorlick
Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — As he watched television coverage of the World Trade Center collapse, Mike McNamee's mind jumped back to the night six firefighters under his command were killed battling a warehouse blaze. "I knew right away there were at least 100 dead firefighters," he said of the Sept. 11 attack. His guess was short by 243.

"My gut churned. It just dropped," said McNamee, a district chief.

As Worcester firefighters prepared to observe the second anniversary of their own tragedy with a simple ceremony today, they also shared the grief of New York City firefighters.

"I knew they were going to be numb that day and stay that way for a very long time," Capt. Robert Johnson said. "I felt the same sense of loss on Sept. 11 that I had on Dec. 3, 1999. Those feelings — that numbness — came right back."

New York City has "Ground Zero." Worcester has "The Site."

"This is sacred ground for us," McNamee said, looking over the rubble-strewn open space where the six-story Worcester Cold Storage building went up in flames, causing what was then the nation's largest loss of firefighters in a building fire since the 1970s.

The six firefighters, ages 34 to 51, had gone into the abandoned building to search for a homeless couple believed to be inside, but became trapped and disoriented in a maze that flooded with smoke.

The couple allegedly started the blaze by accidentally knocking over a candle, then left the building without reporting the fire or telling anyone they were safe. Manslaughter charges against them were dropped.

"It was an accidental fire, but the bad part of this is that they didn't call to say they weren't in there. That could've made all the difference," McNamee said. "We could've just knocked the fire down in a few minutes and it would've been



A display case in the lobby of the Worcester Fire Department memorializes the six firefighters who were killed at the cold storage warehouse fire in December 1999 in Worcester, Mass., Nov. 27. As Worcester firefighters prepare to mark the second anniversary of their tragedy with a simple ceremony Monday, they're also sharing the grief of New York City firefighters, who lost 343 in the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attack. From top left clockwise are firefighters Joseph McGuirk, James Lyons III, Jeremiah Lucey, Paul Brotherton, Lt. Thomas Spencer and Timothy Jackson.

a routine call."

Since the warehouse fire, Worcester has worked hard to prevent any similar losses.

In October, the fire department hosted a three-day training course that focused on firefighter safety. Firefighters came from 34 states.

The department also has been marking abandoned industrial buildings with an "X" if they are deemed too risky to enter during a fire. Those signs will be ignored if people are inside.

"All these years, the focus has always been on saving other people," McNamee said. "Now we're paying attention to ourselves. Firefighters need to know what to do when we get into trouble."

Firefighters say the intense training over the past two years has moved them on from the

tragedy, helping them focus on doing a better job instead of wallowing in misery.

But their memories of loss and grief still smolder, and were stoked by the New York attacks and the aftermath.

"When I heard the excavators clearing away debris at Ground Zero, it was the same sound I heard here two years ago," said Worcester Fire Chief Gerard Dio, who was invited to visit the trade center scene. "And the smell — that diesel smell — it was just the same. What happened in New York was a million times worse than what happened here, but it just brings back the memories."

Busloads of other Worcester firefighters went to New York to attend memorial services and funerals.

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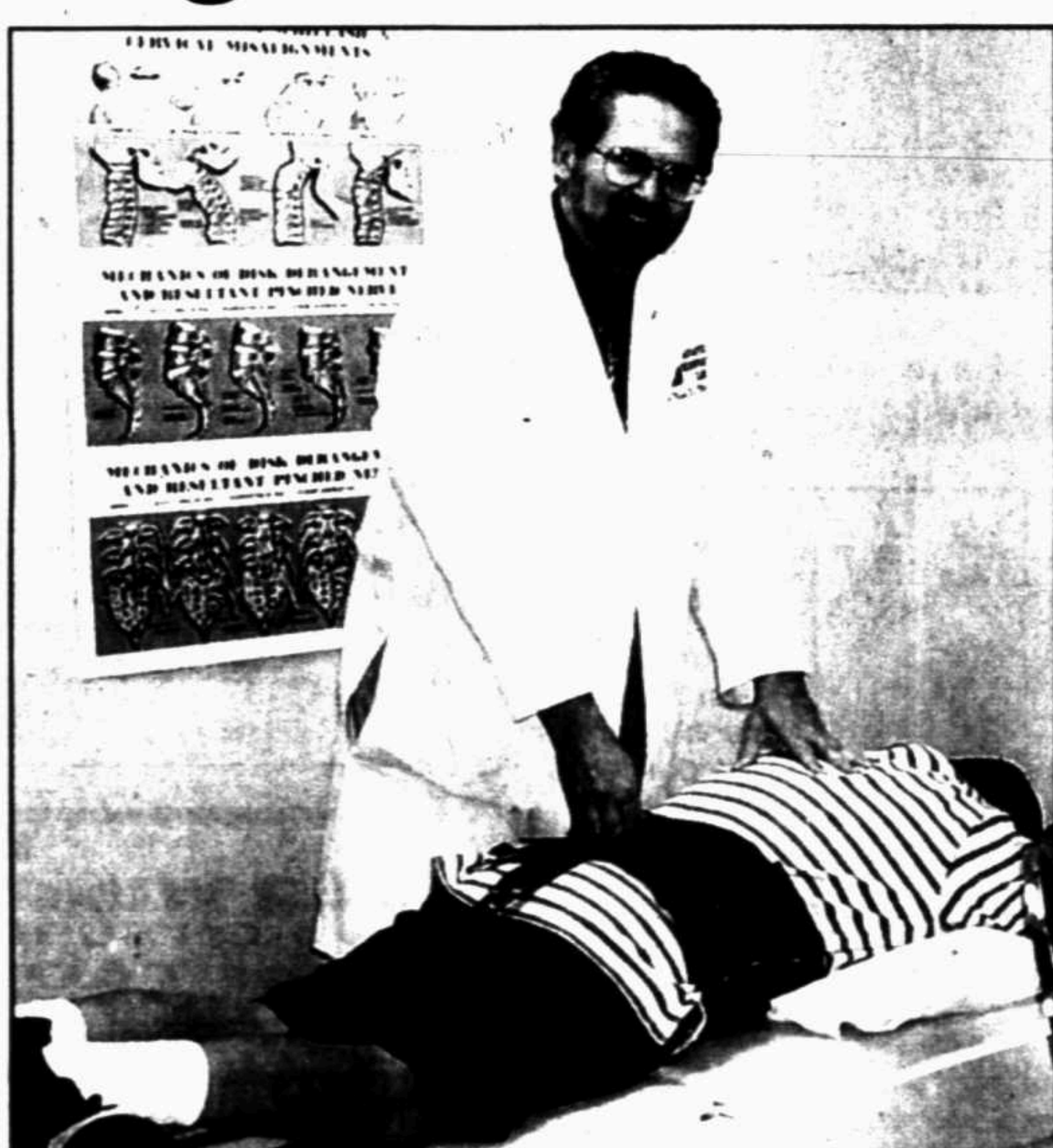
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Noisy toys can damage hearing

As Christmas approaches, parents of small children may wish for a "sanity clause" for anyone giving their children gifts—a clause that would eliminate noisy toys that may drive parents to distraction.

In truth, some toys are really so noisy they put children's hearing health at risk.

According to the League for the Hard of Hearing, a national non-profit organization, parents can learn something from the packaging of some toys. Many toys indicate that they conform to the safety requirements of ASTM F963 (American Society of Testing Materials), which states that toys may not "produce impulsive noises with an instantaneous sound pressure exceeding 138 dB when measured at any position 25 cm from the surface of the toy." The LHH points out that even this requirement only keeps noise to about the level of a jet taking off!

Hearing loss is a function of loudness over time. A sound at 130 dB can endanger hearing in as little as two minutes, while a

sound at just over 85 dB (the threshold at which sound is considered to begin to damage hearing) may take weeks to cause problems.

With this in mind, here are the sound levels of some popular toys:

Certain rattles and squeaky toys are as loud as 110 dB; musical toys like drums, electric guitars and horns can reach 120 dB; toy phones have been measured between 123 and 129 dB and some toys that produce gun sounds can reach 150



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An AMA Council on Ethics Affairs, is recommending association with determine if financial incentives will motivate donors.

Some 15,000 year awaiting as only one-third valuable organs according to the for Organ Sharing agency the U.S. thirds are buried.

"We see little burying perfect said Dr. Stephen Riddick, represented the delegates during issue Sunday.

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Riddick's co-AMA to study incentives organ donation will decide, per Tuesday, if it is commendation.

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By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

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Despite nation's growing diversity, separation of races persists in American neighborhoods

By Deborah Kong
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Gabriela Pingarron and her three daughters live, like many Hispanic families, in Oakland's bustling flatlands. They share a house with two other families and shop for tortillas on a busy commercial street, where Pingarron also wires money to her mother in Mexico.

Linda Borof and her husband have a three-bedroom home that fits right into their largely white neighborhood, among hills dotted with oak and bay trees. Borof walks to her store in an upscale business district, where she sells yarn and teaches knitting.

There are only about five miles between the two homes, but — as is often the case in America — they are worlds apart.

An Associated Press review of U.S. Census information on race in communities with more than 100,000 residents found that Hispanics were more segregated from whites in Oakland than in any other U.S. city and that blacks were most segregated from whites in Chicago.

How an area becomes segregated — and stays that way — is a complex equation involving economics, discrimination, immigration and personal choice.

In Oakland, the divide between whites and Hispanics falls mostly on economic lines. Affluent whites, along with some Asians and blacks, reside in the hills. Working-class Hispanics live in the flatlands.

"If I could live in the hills, I would. It's quiet and has good schools," said Pingarron, a 33-year-old administrative assistant. "It's not affordable for us."

Borof, who likens her home to a mountain retreat, also sees the separation. "It's definitely very divided," she said.

Oakland is one exception to the general residential patterns across the country. The newer, growing cities of the West and South are typically more integrated, while communities in the Northeast and Midwest are more divided.

In Chicago, a persistent color line separates blacks and whites. Willie Hudgies remembers

Different races, different neighborhoods

An Associated Press review of U.S. Census data shows that racial divisions in housing are more frequent in the Northeast and Midwest than in the South and West, with many communities in California among the nation's most integrated.

What is the dissimilarity index?

The AP used an index of zero to 100 that can be interpreted as the fraction of one race that would have to move to another area within a given community to achieve an even racial distribution with the community's non-Hispanic white population. Zero indicates perfect integration, and 100 indicates perfect segregation.

Asian integration

Three most integrated

Community	Index	Total pop.
Irvine, Calif.	30.3	143,072
Burbank, Calif.	30.4	100,316
Bellevue, Wash.	31.3	109,569

Three least integrated

Community	Index	Total pop.
Amarillo, Texas	76.2	173,627
New Orleans	75.5	484,674
Kansas City, Kan.	74.2	146,866

Black integration

Three most integrated

Community	Index	Total pop.
Moreno Valley, Calif.	31.9	142,361
Spring Valley, Nev.	33.6	117,390
Palmdale, Calif.	36.9	116,670

Three least integrated

Community	Index	Total pop.
Chicago	87.9	2,896,016
Babylon, N.Y.	87.8	211,792
Lyons, Ill.	86.8	109,264

Racial divisions in Chicago neighborhoods

Nationwide, blacks tend to live apart from whites more than Asians and Hispanics do. Chicago's black population is the least integrated in the nation. How an area becomes segregated — and stays that way — is a complex equation involving economics, discrimination, immigration and personal choice.

Hispanic integration

Three most integrated

Community	Index	Total pop.
Hialeah, Fla.	28.2	226,419
Spring Valley, Nev.	28.7	117,390
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.	29.5	127,743

Three least integrated

Community	Index	Total pop.
Oakland, Calif.	74.5	399,484
Winston-Salem, N.C.	74.0	185,776
Birmingham, Ala.	72.7	242,820

Note: For its review, the AP looked at all places and minor civil divisions — including cities and townships — listed by the census as having more than 100,000 people. Areas that have less than 1.5 percent of a given racial or ethnic group were excluded from segregation rankings for that group.

SOURCE: Associated Press review of U.S. Census Bureau data

AP

AMA debates study over paying would-be donors for their organs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As the nation's need for organ transplants continues to outstrip supply, the American Medical Association on Sunday grappled with a possible solution once thought taboo: paying dying would-be donors and their families for vital organs.

Such financial incentives are illegal, banned by Congress in 1984, and as a result people needing organ transplants must rely strictly on volunteers, a system that is failing, said many doctors attending the AMA's 2001 Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates, the association's 549-member policy-setting body. A majority vote by the members becomes official AMA policy.

An AMA committee, the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, is recommending that the association support studies to determine if financial incentives will motivate more organ donations.

Some 15,000 people die each year awaiting organ transplants as only one-third of potentially valuable organs are donated, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing, the nonprofit agency the U.S. The other two-thirds are buried along with the dead.

"We see little moral value in burying perfectly good organs," said Dr. Stephen Schwartz, who represented the 36 Pennsylvania delegates during debate on the issue Sunday.

Delegations from California, New York and Illinois — the three largest — also voiced their support for the proposal.

Most organ donation decisions are made by families of people who have died suddenly and unexpectedly — such as in a car crash. Most families in that situation decline to offer up their dead relatives for donations.

"We have a nationwide crisis and altruism doesn't seem to be hacking it right now," said Dr. Frank Riddick Jr., chairman of the ethics commission.

Riddick's council is urging the AMA to study what effect financial incentives would have on organ donations. The full AMA will decide, perhaps as early as Tuesday, if it will adopt the recommendation.

The proposal has drawn passionate opposition from other AMA attendees, who view financial incentives as unethical. "I have a problem with treating the body and the human as

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property," said Dr. Michelle Petersen, representing the eight Nebraska delegates. "This is nothing more than a sale. This is a slippery slope."

Dr. Michael Greene, representing the 15 Georgia delegates, said it would create an unfair commercial market for organs that would exploit the poor and mostly benefit the wealthy.

"The marketplace will determine what organs cost," Greene said.

If the AMA does agree with testing financial incentives, Congress will have to change current law to allow for any study. One such program, passed by the Pennsylvania legislature in 1999 that would have the state pay \$300 toward the funeral of every donor, has never been implemented because of the federal ban.

At the time Congress enacted the ban, most in the organ donor field found financial incentives unethical and abhorrent — including the AMA. Only two professionals vocally favored incentives at the time, including a defrocked doctor who went into business as a for-profit kidney broker.

Even today, many in the organ donation field find financial incentives distasteful.

"Most donor families we talked to are quite offended at the thought that financial incentives would have made a difference," said Phyllis Weber, executive director of the California Transplant Donor Network, which collects about 700 organs a year. "In fact, financial incentives could backfire."

"There's a thought that to offer financial incentives will open up a Pandora's Box," said Joel Newman of the United Network.

A Congressional bill introduced in May would allow a donor family a \$10,000 tax credit in exchange for donated organs.

Judge to review mental analysis of ex-Klansman in bombing

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A hearing could finally resolve the question of whether a former Ku Klux Klansman will stand trial for murder in a 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls.

Circuit Judge James Garrett is to hear testimony today and review reports from experts who observed Bobby Frank Cherry while he was confined at a state mental health facility for about 10 weeks.

Garrett previously ruled Cherry, 72, was mentally incompetent to stand trial in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. He could either reverse or uphold that decision based on the experts' opinions.

Under an order from Garrett, results of the lengthy evaluation at the state-run Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility have not been made public.

While the defense claims Cherry is incompetent, state experts do not often reach a similar finding. Officials of the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation have said 80 percent to 90 percent of the criminal defendants the agency screens are deemed fit for trial.

"Although the court will have any number of options, we are hopeful that following the hearing we will have some definitive word on how this case will proceed," prosecutor Doug Jones said Friday.

Defense attorney Rodger Bass did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

Cherry and another ex-Klansman, Thomas Blanton Jr., were indicted on murder charges last year in the bombing. Garrett

delayed trial for Cherry because of questions about his competency, but Blanton was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment this year. One other Klansman, Robert Chambliss, was convicted of murder in the bombing in 1977 and died in prison. A fourth suspect died without being charged.

Garrett ruled Cherry incompetent after four mental health experts testified the retired truck driver suffered from varying degrees of vascular dementia, which can cause confusion and forgetfulness. The judge's decision sparked picketing of the courthouse and a march by black demonstrators.

The judge later ordered the additional testing at the prosecution's request.

One of the issues to be addressed at the hearing was which legal standard Garrett will

use in determining whether Cherry is competent.

In his earlier decision, Garrett said the state failed to prove by "clear, convincing and unequivocal" evidence that Cherry was able to understand the proceedings and assist his attorneys.

Prosecutors have asked Garrett to use a lesser standard, requiring them to prove Cherry's competence only by a "preponderance of the evidence," the same measure used in most civil proceedings.

Cherry's attorneys could argue that Garrett should use the more rigid standard. Cherry was accused of being part of a group of Klansmen who planted a bomb that ripped through the downtown church on Sept. 15, 1963, killing Denise McNair, 11, and 14-year-olds Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robertson.

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KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. airstrikes pushed Taliban forces within 20 miles of the city's stronghold. U.S. troops might be in the east, a presidential aide said. U.S. warplanes killed at least eight people after the official said the Taliban had killed scores of its troops.

At U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Tampa, Fla., Mark Compton is looking into the recent information. In Washington, Donald Rumsfeld said "whatever is the Taliban and al Qaeda, their hide-out in Jalalabad."

Asked on NBC whether poison gas into the caves, Rumsfeld said the U.S. alliance forces the surrender Saturday in Mazar-e-Sharif in their comrades in an uprising last week.

"I guess one will have to do," Rumsfeld said. "We will not surrender choice."

"The remaining dirty and unpleasant... We expect that the Taliban will be destroyed."

At the forward desert 70 miles south of Kandahar, the American forces assault on Kandahar.

"You have a lot of opposition groups north down, the Taliban potentially coming said Maj. James 'L' intelligence officer."

A 1 1/2-mile-long line of tanks, including the base Saturday officials would not say what was going on.

The Marines have since helicopter gunships in a convoy a week ago.

More than

By Burt Herman
Associated Press

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Afghanistan have a man who calls himself a citizen," Army Lt. Cassella, a Pentagon spokesman in Washington, said in a statement. Among the al-Qaida prisoners held by the alliance in Mazar-e-Sharif.

Cassella said the injured and was being treated by medical assistance but could not provide details about the man, who immediately confessed to the man's involvement.

Northern allies flushed the holdouts from the basement hiding place, spraying them with machine guns. Arif Salimi, head of the health office in Mazar-e-Sharif.

"The soldiers into the basement and the holdouts were cold so they all came out," he said. "They were all longer."

Three came offered to surrender. The rest emerged, but were more than 80. The men had been the ferocious of the Jamshid fortress, of Sharif. On Nov. 2, the men rose up against alliance captors. A backed by U.S. airstrikes took them down the revolt, the prisoners.

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Rebels ought to hold their heads up high

No doubt Lee High School's football Rebels and their fans are still smarting from the weekend loss in quarter-final competition to Keller Fossil Ridge.

For the past three years, the Rebels football squad at this time of year was still on the drive for a state football title. Their drive for the title and anticipation of the next game were able to outshine the eagerness for the Christmas season and the arrival of Santa Claus. This Christmas season, unfortunately, the Rebels won't be on the road. They'll be at home with us.

Meanwhile, Lee High School alumnus Cedric Benson is dazzling new legions of fans in a Longhorns uniform.

While the memory of Cedric Benson lives on, the football programs at Lee and Midland high schools continue to produce bright talents.

For instance, there is Tim Norman who has been named the district's defensive MVP. It's quite a story. Norman, an offensive player, was moved to linebacker one game before the start of district play. Other Lee Rebels who were honored with first-team all-district honors were defensive back Ashley Jackson, running back Freddie Jones, tight end Eric Winston and center Chad Owens.

Like the Rebels, Midland High School's football team put forth a valiant effort this year and in the end it was the Rebels who blocked the rival Bulldogs from advancing to the playoffs.

Midland High School will look forward to having tackle Josh Morris back for another season. Morris was the Bulldogs' lone selection for first-team offensive honors. Morris' athleticism and experience will be huge factors next year on the field.

On the defensive side of the ball, MHS had three selections: lineman Alton Redic, linebacker Casey Zachry and safety Herb City.

We are blessed with many talented young athletes. As fans, we are treated to thrills and excitement on the baseball diamond, basketball court, track and of course, football field.

We are fortunate to have a community that strongly supports its athletic programs. Our fans, coaches, bands and cheerleaders are second to none.

Soon, our community will look with great pride on the new sports complex where the talent of our teams will be showcased.

We are all sharing in the disappointment felt by the Rebels. Chin up, guys. It was a great season. You've done us proud.

We look forward to next year, and many great seasons of action to come.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 2001. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
On Dec. 3, 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart.

On this date:
In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States.

In 1925, "Concerto in F," by George Gershwin, had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with Gershwin himself at the piano.

In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.

In 1953, the musical "Kismet" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, the musical "Camelot" opened on Broadway.

In 1967, the Twentieth Century Limited, the famed luxury train, completed its final run from New York to Chicago.

In 1979, 11 people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

In 1980, Bernadine Dohm, a former leader of the radical Weather Underground, surrendered to authorities in Chicago after more than a decade as a fugitive.

In 1984, more than 4,000 people died after a cloud of gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.

Ten years ago: Radicals in Lebanon released American hostage Alann Steen, who'd been held captive nearly five years. Embattled White House chief of staff John H. Sununu resigned; he was succeeded by Samuel K. Skinner.

Five years ago: Four people were killed in a subway bombing in southern Paris. The Justice Department barred 16 Japanese army veterans suspected of World War II atrocities from entering the United States. A judge in Hawaii ruled that the state had to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, prompting an appeal.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

U.S. must watch, as well as welcome immigrants

WASHINGTON — Every country has the right to control its borders, and after Sept. 11, that right has become a necessity. Thirteen of the 19 hijackers entered the United States legally on visas they obtained at foreign consular offices operated by the U.S. State Department. Two of the hijackers had student visas. Hani Hanjour, who piloted one of the suicide planes, violated the terms of his visa. He never showed up for classes at the college in Oakland, Calif., where he was supposed to be studying English.

Did anybody notice or care that the young Middle Eastern man was a no-show? Foreign students are big business for college campuses. They come from all over the world to study in America, including those countries that openly support terrorism. An estimated 500,000 students arrive every year, providing \$12 billion for colleges annually. Keeping track of these young people is not a job that anybody wanted to tackle — at least not until Sept. 11. When Congress voted in 1996 to set up a tracking system, universities around the country fought the measure as burdensome and undemocratic. The resulting foot-dragging put off the target date for compli-

ance to January 2003.

Our greatness as a country will be measured by how far we go in restricting the movements of innocent people in order to snare the Hani Hanjourns of the world. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., wants to ban student visas from terrorist-sponsoring countries, and she proposes "smart visa" cards that would allow law enforcement authorities to track foreign students through digitized photos, palm prints and iris images. Such high-tech solutions are costly and would take years to put into effect.

Short-term solutions are harder-edged and pose a danger to the civil liberties of people who are drawn to this country because of its freedoms. Before Sept. 11, the focus of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was to curtail the movement of illegal immigrants into the United States. The most recent census estimates that there are 8 million people in the country illegally, 3 million more than in 1986, when President Reagan signed legislation granting amnesty to many of those who had been living and working here. Before Sept. 11 poisoned Congress's view of immigration reform, President Bush had proposed a modified amnesty that would have allowed illegal Mexican workers to earn permanent status.

The INS is a handy scapegoat for the lax enforcement at our borders, but who writes the rules? Congress and a business community eager for cheap labor frowned on INS raids to uncover illegal workers. A prosperous economy depended on those

workers. Congress and an airline industry not wanting its customers to wait in long lines to clear customs required INS officials to process a plane-load of people arriving from a foreign country in 45 minutes, hardly time to do more than a cursory check. Obvious vulnerabilities need to be corrected, but terrorism should not be used as an excuse to shut down immigration or cast a chill on the international student programs that flourish on college campuses.

Attorney General John Ashcroft is scheduled to testify before the Senate in early December to defend the dragnet he recently put in place, which has the FBI and local law enforcement officials contacting 5,000 men of Middle Eastern descent for questioning. This operation is reminiscent of a dark period in American history when Japanese-Americans, German-Americans and Italian-Americans were rounded up and kept in camps during World War II, their patriotism in question.

The difference, President Bush and others claim, is that the men in Ashcroft's web are not citizens, and that American citizens have nothing to fear. That fact misses the point. National security requires that we watch them; the rejuvenating force they have historically provided requires that we welcome them.

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THE HAND OF OSAMA

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

In this war, civil liberties take back seat

There are two fires raging in the matter of President Bush and his proposed tribunals. One is historical/theoretical, the second, ideological. The Constitution ordains that "The privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it."

Question No. 1: Are we facing a rebellion or invasion?

Question No. 2: Who decides? And, No. 3, the decision having been made, who then redesigns, for the duration, that which, using shorthand, the Constitution simply calls "habeas corpus?"

The activity of Sept. 11 and what it implies — continued terrorist acts on a worldwide scale — can be classified as an "invasion" without cavil, and an immediate response to an invasion is properly undertaken by the commander in chief.

Now it can at this point be argued that an invasion calls for a declaration of war, and this is the prerogative of Congress. But this formalism (it is, increasingly, just that) shouldn't be thought critical. On Sept. 11, a mutant form of warfare evolved. Responses to it are necessarily improvised. Al-Qaida is not a "government," and traditional declarations of war against it are somehow awkward, on the order of calling the fire department when you learn of the distress of a ship at sea. A comprehensive response to this innovative war against us is required of the commander in chief. Congress acknowledged the need to improvise in times of national challenge when in 1973 it passed the War Powers Act, specifying that the president should have freedom of action for 60 days against a perceived enemy. Moreover, post-Hiroshima, declarations of war are out of style. Presidents Truman, Johnson and Nixon didn't declare war against North Korea or North Vietnam. We found other ways of doing it, so-called graduated responses.

But after we acknowledge that Sept. 11 initiated the equivalent of an invasion and proceed to suspend habeas corpus, who is to design the new protocols? Bush has taken the initiative, but we are left without any empirical knowledge of how exactly prosecutions are to be brought about. What we have are flat contradictions about what is contemplated, and here divisions tend to be ideological. The clerks want to file protests, the soldiers, to go to war. Time magazine's Josh Tyrangiel charges that the proceedings can be secret, hearsay used as evidence, the defendant left without a right to

challenge evidence nor the right to hear it; left without the lawyer of his choice in a proceeding in which guilt need not be proved beyond a reasonable doubt, the verdict need not be unanimous, executions can be authorized, appeals denied.

Alberto Gonzales, counsel to the president, writes in The New York Times that military tribunal trials will not be secret, except when classified information needs protection, that contemplated trials will be "full and fair," defendants will know the charges against them and will be represented by qualified counsel and allowed to present a defense.

Now the thing of it is, we don't know — and we won't accumulate this knowledge without experience — just what it is that we need to effect in order to enhance national security. Most people know that a search for justice can mean that you bring in 10 people even knowing that only one of them is guilty. With "due process," you find the guilty party and let the others go. In existing circumstances, you can't act on the absolute presumption of innocence, because negative findings on the matter of guilt don't add up to positive findings that the detained are harmless. We note that proposed arrangements are to be used only on non-U.S. citizens. That citizens have superior privileges (and duties) neither surprises, nor offends.

Suppose that Congress asserted a right, under the Constitution (Article I), to prescribe the conduct of justice in this war? Probably Congress would authorize everything that Mr. Bush contemplates, with here and there an accommodation. What really gums things up is hysterical formulations. "My job is to defend the Constitution from its enemies," Mr. Bill Goodman of New York's Center for Constitutional Rights advises us, "whose main enemies right now are the Justice Department and the White House." That finding is not only wrong, it is dumb. We hear from Alan Dershowitz and from Bill Press that what we are fighting for are such things as standards of guilt and innocence enshrined in current practice of law, which is foolish. What we are fighting for is to frustrate al-Qaida's designs on American lives.

We should always give solicitous attention to liberty, but what we are struggling to do right now is to discover how 15 steel-willed enemies of the United States succeeded in destroying the two largest buildings in New York and one part of the Pentagon, missing out only on two other probable targets, the White House and the Capitol. To find the hidden enemy will require Yankee ingenuity, and a couple of days off for the American Civil Liberties Union.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

CHARLEY REESE

Parents should put books under Christmas tree

On a loose day recently, I reread Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" and "Kidnapped." They remain almost perfect stories for boys, and I would think they would make great gifts for children of middle-school age.

It surprised me to find out how swiftly Stevenson moves his stories. His characters talk instead of making speeches, and one exciting incident follows on the heels of another. It had been so long since my first reading that I had forgotten how good a writer he is.

I know this is the video age and the computer-game age, but I hope parents will realize that playing computer games is a total waste of time. Playing a computer or video game does nothing for the player. It teaches players nothing. It does not exercise their minds, their imaginations or their bodies. All computer games do is blast their retinas with an unnecessary dose of electromagnetic radiation that they probably don't need.

Books, on the other hand, have to be read with the conscious mind. The imagination is called into play. And good books, even adventure stories or fantasies, will educate. Great books will provide an insight into human character that can be gained otherwise only by long and observant experience.

The "Harry Potter" books are good gifts, too. Those are cracking good stories, and they earned their fame justly by so entrancing readers that word-of-mouth made the first one a best seller.

C.S. Lewis' "Chronicles of Narnia" can still charm and educate a modern child. For older children, J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" remain the all-time greatest fantasies ever written, in my humble opinion.

Another good gift idea is Carlo Collodi's "Pinocchio," not to be confused with the sanitized Disney version. The original can be scary and even grim in parts, but the little puppet is someone children can identify with, especially children inclined to be naughty and disobedient.

It's interesting that in the pre-modern age, authors felt no need to shield readers from evil and tragedy. Both are part of the human condition, and including them prepares a child for the life he or she will have to live. Done properly, such tales do not depress but rather inspire young readers to meet the challenges of life.

I noticed in rereading "Treasure Island" that the young hero, Jim Hawkins, is older than he is usually depicted in Hollywood versions of the story, and Long John Silver is younger and far more menacing than Hollywood has usually shown him. Stevenson presents him as a psychopath, a coldblooded killer who can play the affable con man when it suits his purpose. Jim never trusts him, and Silver never shows any genuine affection for the boy.

I might be paddling up a swift current, but Lord bless anyone who can induce children to read and stay away from mindless computer games and the electronic sewer outfall commonly called television. We can all be grateful that real people are not as they are depicted in sitcoms, advertisements, soap operas and most movies. If they were, the human race would be a sorry lot indeed.

What distinguishes humans from other mammals is their minds, and books will do a thousand times more for the mind than all the electronic and video output in the world.

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Reese

U.S. attacks Taliban around Kandahar, tribal fighters move in

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Relentless U.S. airstrikes pummeled the defenders of Kandahar Sunday with anti-Taliban forces within 20 miles of the last militia stronghold. A U.S. Marine officer said his troops might join the assault.

In the east, a provincial military official said U.S. warplanes bombed an anti-Taliban headquarters Sunday, killing at least eight people. The claim came a day after the official reported similar bombings killed scores of civilians nearby.

At U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla., spokesman Lt. Col. Mark Compton said the command was looking into the reports but had no immediate information about the latest attacks.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said U.S. forces would do "whatever is necessary" to root out the Taliban and al-Qaida terrorists from their cave hide-outs near Kandahar and Jalalabad.

Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" whether poison gas would be pumped into the caves, Rumsfeld noted that northern alliance forces used flooding to force the surrender Saturday of the last 82 Taliban holdouts in a prison fortress near Mazar-e-Sharif in the north. Hundreds of their comrades and a CIA operative died in an uprising last week.

"I guess one will do whatever it is necessary to do," Rumsfeld said. "If people will not surrender then they've made their choice."

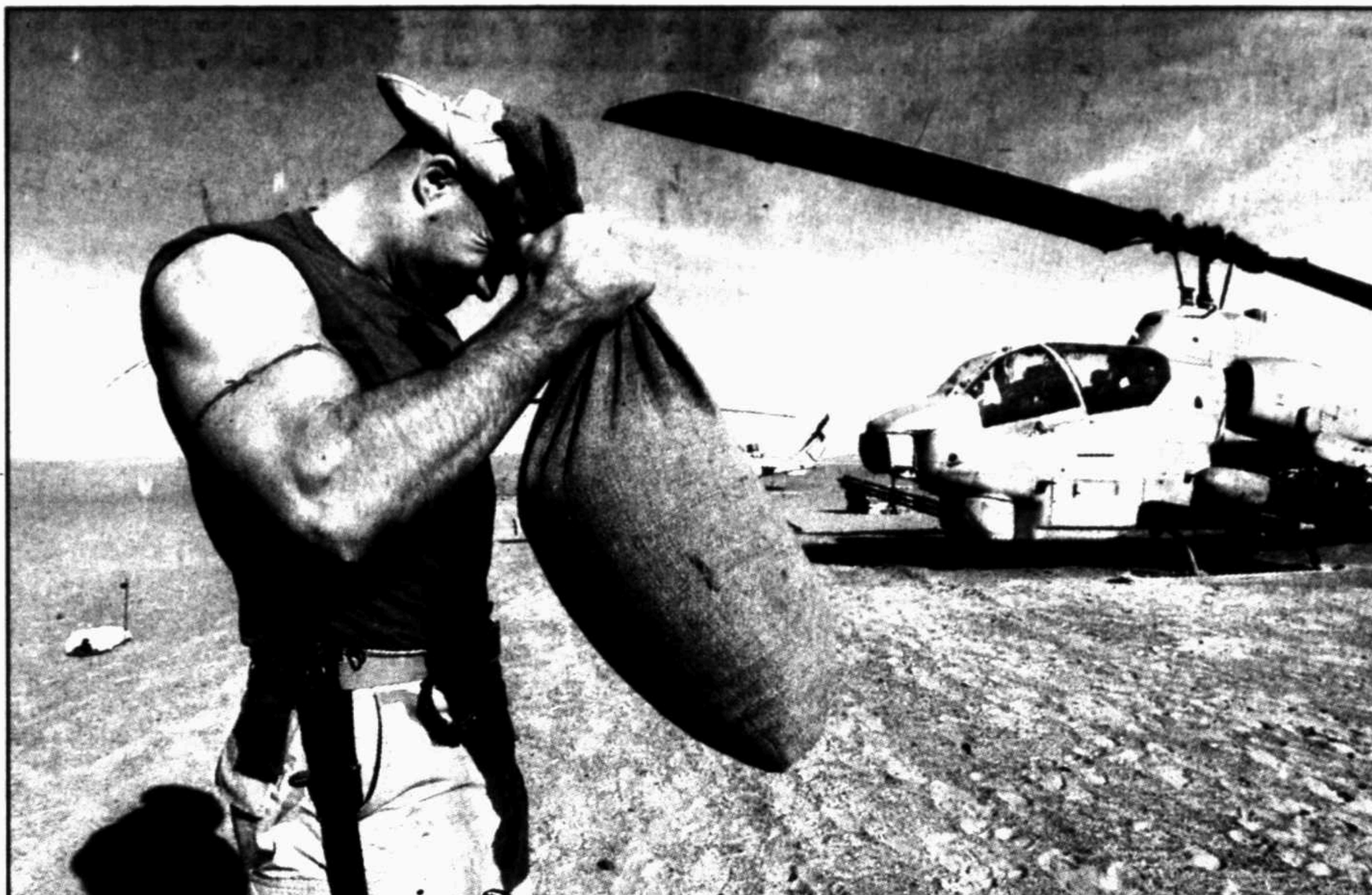
"The remaining task is a particularly dirty and unpleasant one," Rumsfeld said. "We expect that there will be casualties, we expect that there will be people captured."

At the forward U.S. Marine base in the desert 70 miles southwest of Kandahar, an officer suggested for the first time that American forces might join the final assault on Kandahar.

"You have a lot of forces at play ... the opposition groups coming from the north down, the southeast up and us potentially coming from where we are," said Maj. James "Beau" Higgins, an intelligence officer.

A 1 1/2-mile-long column of U.S. military vehicles, including light armor, left the base Saturday in a plume of dust. U.S. officials would not say where the vehicles were going.

The Marines had not joined the fight since helicopter gunships attacked a Taliban convoy a week ago. They have been



U.S. Marine Cpl. Joshua Mount from Sugar Grove, Ohio, lifts a sandbag weighing about 60 pounds as he exercises Sunday near a U.S. Cobra attack helicopter, which he maintains on the Marine base in southern Afghanistan. The Marines of the 15th MEU (Marine Expeditionary Unit) arrived in southern Afghanistan Nov. 25 and took command of a secret airstrip.

AP Photo

joined by five British, German and Australian officers ahead of a possible push on Kandahar.

A U.S. military source said the Taliban were moving in reinforcements, underscoring the vow of supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar to fight to the death to hold the birthplace of the movement.

In the latest report of friendly fire casualties, Mohammed Zeman, the anti-Taliban defense chief for Nangarhar province that includes Jalalabad, pleaded with the United States to stop bombing civilian areas.

The mistaken targeting reportedly took place not far from the Tora Bora cave complex believed to be a possible hideout for Osama bin Laden, head of the al-Qaida terrorist group.

The United States holds bin Laden responsible for the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings that killed thousands in New York and at the Pentagon. President Bush began the military campaign Oct. 7 after the Taliban refused to turn over bin

Laden and his supporters.

In Koenigswinter, Germany, Afghan delegates to U.N. talks debated a draft outline of a proposed administration to rule the country until a permanent, post-Taliban system can be put in place.

A proposed interim council of elders is taking shape that would rule for six months before convening a national convocation to decide on a longer-term government.

But the details of power-sharing remained to be worked out, with the delegates from four Afghan factions under intense international pressure to quickly agree on a new administration.

"They have to agree to every word in this agreement and implement it," U.N. spokesman Ahmad Fawzi said. "The international community will be watching very carefully."

U.S. bombers pounded Taliban defenses Sunday around the Kandahar airport, a few miles southeast of the city, said tribal sources in Pakistan. Along the border, 70 miles to the southwest, jour-

nalists saw an increase in the number of high-flying jets headed northward toward the Taliban spiritual capital.

The sources said about 3,000 fighters loyal to former Kandahar governor Gul Agha battled their way to within one mile of the airport. About 4,000 fighters under Hamid Karzai, meanwhile, advanced without resistance to 22 miles north of Kandahar — "a 40-minute drive," according to his Karzai's brother Ahmed in Pakistan.

Ahmed Karzai quoted one commander, Mohammed Shah, as saying the American bombardment was so intense he's "never seen anything like it. It's unbelievable."

All reports of fighting near Kandahar and of anti-Taliban troops advances were impossible to independently confirm because the Taliban bars foreign journalists from areas they control. Anti-Taliban forces tend to exaggerate their claims.

At the Marine base southwest of Kandahar, a military source, who spoke

on condition of anonymity, said the Taliban were moving fighters and weapons into Kandahar from Lashkargah, a provincial capital west of the city.

Anti-Taliban fighters north of Kandahar claimed to have captured a Taliban commander Saturday as he brought 25 yards of white cloth into the city. White cloth is traditionally used to wrap corpses for burial.

The tactics employed around Kandahar were similar to those used last month to drive the Taliban from Kabul and most of the rest of the country.

Taliban defenses around Kabul, Mazar-e-Sharif and other cities collapsed after days of intense American bombing followed by ground assaults by the northern alliance.

In the south, however, the Americans are depending not on the northern alliance but on ground troops in makeshift units raised by local ethnic Pashtun tribal leaders and warlords from among their clans. The Taliban is primarily Pashtun.

Although some of the commanders fought in the war against the Soviets, others, including Karzai, have little military experience.

"About a week ago ... I thought Kandahar would fall in about a week. Obviously it hasn't," said Higgins, the Marine major at the forward base near Kandahar.

Capt. Stewart Upton, spokesman for the Marines in Afghanistan, would not say what role U.S. forces might play in an assault on Kandahar or give any idea of their mission plans.

With the decisive battle for Kandahar taking shape, about 8,000 Afghans have fled into Pakistan in the past few days, according to Peter Kessler of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

"The numbers have gone up dramatically in recent days. It would appear that 2,000 people or more are leaving Kandahar province each day and seeking assistance," he said.

In the capital, Kabul, Russians opened a field hospital Sunday, and officials from both countries declared they had put the bitter war of the 1980s behind them. The Russians are working to open a new embassy, joining a growing diplomatic community including envoys from Iran, India, France and Britain.

President George W. Bush launched military operations against Afghanistan on Oct. 7 after the Taliban refused to hand over bin Laden.

More than 80 holdouts — one claiming to be an American — surrender at fortress

By Burt Herman
Associated Press

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — A man claiming to be an American was among more than 80 Taliban fighters who straggled out of a flooded basement days after their prison rebellion was crushed at an Afghan fort. Some of the captives were being treated in hospitals Sunday, a health official said.

"U.S. military forces in Afghanistan have in their control a man who calls himself a U.S. citizen," Army Lt. Col. Jim Cassella, a Pentagon spokesman, said in Washington. "He was among the al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners held by the northern alliance in Mazar-e-Sharif."

Cassella said the man was injured and was being given medical assistance by U.S. forces. He could not provide further details about the man, nor would he immediately confirm whether the man was indeed a U.S. citizen.

Northern alliance soldiers flushed the holdouts from their basement hiding place in the sprawling fort on Saturday by flooding it with water, said Dr. Arif Salimi, head of the local health office in the nearby city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

"The soldiers poured water into the basement and it was very cold so they all came out," Salimi said. "They couldn't take it any longer."

Three came out first and offered to surrender, and then the rest emerged, he said. There were more than 80 of them in all.

The men had been hiding since the ferocious battle at Qalai Janghi fortress, outside Mazar-e-Sharif. On Nov. 25, Taliban prisoners rose up against their alliance captors. Alliance fighters backed by U.S. special forces and airstrikes took three days to put down the revolt, killing most of the prisoners.

Many of the prisoners who emerged from the basement were injured, Salimi said. Some were being treated in hospitals and others imprisoned again.

Video tape from the fortress Saturday and acquired by Associated Press Television News showed the prisoners, many of them visibly weak and thin after days without food or water.

One man, who appeared to be near death, was carried on a stretcher into a truck for transport along with the weakest prisoners. Others appeared to be in pain.

Two of the prisoners said they were from Yemen, and when one was asked what he was doing in Afghanistan, he answered "jihad," or holy war.

"The conditions (of the prisoners) are what you can expect from people who have been without food or drinking water for six days, in a basement, traumatized, shocked," Olivier Martin, of the International Committee for the Red Cross, said in an interview on the APTN video from the scene.

There were several conflicting news accounts of the man who claimed to be an American among the newly captured prisoners.

CNN said he identified himself as John Walker, 20, of San Francisco. The network said the man, who said he was born in Washington, D.C. and a convert to Islam, was being treated Sunday by the Red Cross in Mazar-e-Sharif for grenade and bullet wounds. Newsweek magazine said an American who identified himself as Abdul Hamid, also 20 and originally from Washington, was among the prisoners. The New York Times, quoting northern alliance commander Din Muhammad, said the captives included an Arab who said he was born in Baton Rouge, La.

Foreign militants — mostly Arabs and Pakistanis — have fought alongside the Taliban against the northern alliance, some

of them members of the al-Qaida network of Saudi exile Osama bin Laden, the chief suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

In Geneva, the Red Cross said it had begun registering some of the Taliban prisoners. "Registering for us is a key thing," spokeswoman Kim Gordon-Bates said. "Once a person exists, they can't disappear."

Gen. Rashid Dostum, the northern alliance warlord whose headquarters are in the Qalai Janghi fortress, had said Wednesday that there could be a few remaining prisoners hiding in part of the compound.

Afghan health workers had already begun collecting the dozens of bodies of those killed in

the fighting. But on Thursday, at least two health workers were shot and wounded while trying retrieve bodies from the prison basement. A CIA agent was also killed in

the battle, the first American to die in combat in the war the United States launched against the Taliban Oct. 7 after they refused to hand over bin Laden.

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Arafat, Sharon confront more difficult choices, no easy fix after newest wave of attacks

By Dan Perry
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The wave of attacks against Israelis confronts Yasser Arafat with a wrenching choice: act swiftly and decisively against the violent extremists who have flourished during 14 months of fighting, or risk facing the full wrath of Israel.

Reining in the Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups would require the arrest of hundreds of militants and could lead to fighting between Arafat loyalists and the militants and their growing numbers of supporters — as well as elements of Arafat's own increasingly radicalized Fatah movement.

Palestinian officials insist Arafat wants to return to peace talks and a cease-fire. But so far he has refrained from an all-out campaign against the militants and rejected Israel's claims — echoed Sunday by President Bush — that the onus is on the Palestinians. The Palestinians said they made dozens of arrests Sunday and many more were planned.

Where Israel sees itself as waging a legitimate fight against terrorism, the Palestinians see a cycle of violence caused by Israel's 34-year occupation in the West Bank and Gaza and its effort to settle those areas with Jews. And they note that since September 2000 more Palestinians were killed than Israelis — 784 people on the Palestinian side compared to 231 on the Israeli side.

In Israel on Sunday, there were calls for drastic action, such as the expulsion of Arafat or the destruction of his seven-year-old Palestinian Authority. Even moderate Cabinet minister Matan Vilnai said the conflict has reached "a turning point."

But Ronnie Daniel, military affairs analyst for Israel's Channel 2 TV, said the presence in the region of U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni — who has issued a clear call for Arafat to act now — could create a last chance for the Palestinian leader.

Daniel suggested Israeli restraint was needed, too. "Arafat is undoubtedly in one of his toughest corners and Israeli restraint might perhaps bring Arafat to real, serious action against Hamas and the others," he said.

Another factor that could work in Arafat's favor — and avert a further escalation — is Israel's own lack of attractive options.

Since the fighting began, Israel has invaded Palestinian

News analysis

autonomous zones, sealed Palestinians in their towns, killed dozens of militants in targeted attacks, attacked Palestinian Authority installations and — critics say — allowed its army a light trigger finger against civilians.

Sharon's government has refrained from formally declaring Arafat an enemy, however — a move that would signal to the public that he was ready to dismantle all or part of the Palestinian Authority.

Recent incursions into a half-dozen Palestinian towns stopped at the outskirts in most cases. Now there is pressure on Sharon to drive deeper and carry out a complete takeover of militant strongholds like Jenin and Nablus in order to arrest all the militants and shut down bomb factories.

That path would make targets of the occupiers and in effect return the unpopular and costly full military occupation over Palestinians that the 1990s peace process sought to end.

It would also likely spell the end of Sharon's "unity government" with the pro-peace Labor Party.

Vilnai, of Labor, cautioned that Israel should not act out of anger and should ask itself "whether there exists another force that could take (Arafat's) place."

Others called for sealing the West Bank frontier with an electrified fence. But Sharon opposes such a plan, which would leave about 200,000 Jewish settlers who are his traditional supporters on the other side. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Labor is against it too, fearing it could demolish any hope for a peace process.

Many Israelis lost faith in peacemaking after Arafat turned down ex-premier Ehud Barak's offer for a state in Gaza and more than 90 percent of the West Bank last year. Since then, Israelis say Arafat has not only released scores of jailed militants but also allowed some of his own forces to stage attacks and let the state-run Palestinian media incite Palestinians against Israel.

Israel says what arrests there have been — especially after previous suicide bombings — were largely staged, and at best halfhearted.

Many wonder whether Arafat, if his about-face is sincere and he gets a chance to prove it, can deliver.

Japanese celebrate birth of royal baby; male-only monarch controversy looms

By Joji Sakuria
Associated Press

TOKYO — The forbidding gates of Japan's Imperial Palace opened Sunday to let waves of well-wishers onto its manicured grounds to celebrate the birth of a baby girl to Crown Princess Masako and Crown Prince Naruhito, the heir to the throne.

Rituals honoring the birth of the royal couple's first child in eight years of marriage started out as a family affair. Hours after the delivery Saturday, a court messenger placed a sword and purple silk robes beside the infant's pillow at a hospital on the palace grounds.

On Sunday, it was the people's turn to take their party to the palace.

Tens of thousands of Japanese of all ages lined up to sign a congratulatory book. Many waved Japanese flags and shouted "Banzai!" — or long life.

Heading the procession of well-wishers at the palace was Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, dressed in a tailcoat and leading a group of senior government officials.

"Many citizens are expressing their delight in a direct way ... It is bright and heartwarming," Japanese news agencies quoted Koizumi as saying as he paid his respects.

In the evening, about 10,000 people were expected to join a lantern festival outside the

palace organized by politicians and leading cultural figures.

Away from the festivities, Japan debated whether Japan's imperial succession law should be changed to allow a woman to ascend to the throne.

Many Japanese have been fretting about the fate of the Chrysanthemum Throne — the world's oldest hereditary monarchy — because the royal family has not produced a male heir since 1965, when Naruhito's younger brother, Prince Akishino, was born.

"The baby's birth makes it important to have a deeper discussion of the issue," the Yomiuri newspaper said in an editorial Sunday.

Other commentators said Naruhito, 41 and Masako, 37, still have time.

"It wouldn't be appropriate to debate (the succession law) just after first child has just been born," the Mainichi newspaper said.

The 1,500-year-old imperial household last faced a succession crisis in the late 1920s and early 1930s, when Empress Nagako gave birth to four girls before she had the current emperor, Akihito.

Japan has had several reigning empresses, most recently Gosakuramachi, in the 18th century. But a succession law drafted after World War II — part of legal changes redefining the emperor as a ceremonial leader



AP Photo
Empress Michiko, left, bows to Tokue Murakami, head nurse of the Imperial Household Agency Hospital, as Emperor Akihito, back second right, walks in to the hospital in Tokyo to see their grandchild for the first time Sunday. Crown Princess Masako, wife of Crown Prince Naruhito, gave birth to a baby girl, their first child, Saturday.

— imposed the men-only rule. This week, Akihito will name the baby girl, who weighed 6 1/2 pounds at birth.

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Russia objects to possible U.S. attacks on Iraq, source claims

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Russia would oppose a U.S. military strike against Iraq and believes diplomacy is the only way to solve the arms inspections impasse between Washington and Baghdad, a Russian envoy visiting the Middle East said Sunday.

Nikolai Kartuzov said Moscow, a key ally and major trading partner with Baghdad, was making a great effort to prevent an attack on Iraq. He did not elaborate.

Kartuzov, who spoke to reporters after meeting Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa in Cairo, said targeting Iraq would have serious repercussions in the Middle East.

Speculation that America might attack Iraq has intensified following Baghdad's continued reluctance to let U.N. inspectors determine if Iraq's programs to build weapons of mass destruction have been dismantled.

On Nov. 26, President Bush called on Baghdad to comply or face the consequences, a veiled threat that Iraq could be America's next target once Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network and the Taliban militia is routed from Afghanistan.

Kartuzov, who visited Iraq last week, said a diplomatic solution was the only viable means to deal with the weapons inspection issue.

He said Washington had not provided any justification for launching an attack on Iraq nor produced evidence implicating it in the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The United States has alleged that an Iraqi diplomat met bin Laden in Afghanistan in 1998.

Kartuzov reiterated Russian calls for the lifting of U.N. economic sanctions imposed on Iraq as punishment for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

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It's not road rage, officer, it's Tall Man for daughter

One of these days, a police officer is going to pull me over for driving erratically. He will suspect that I am driving while intoxicated, but he will be wrong. In fact, I will be driving while being a little teapot.

I am often a little teapot while driving. This is because when my 20-month-old daughter is in the car, she demands to hear her favorite CD, "Traditional Children's Songs from Hell." At least that's what I call it. It's one of those CDs with those old songs that we are required by federal law to expose our children to, because they connect us with a time when we were a simpler, happier, much stupider nation.

Consider "Old MacDonald." It starts out fine: "Old MacDonald had a farm." But then it goes to "E-I-E-I-O," as though the lyricist had a bunch of extra vowels he needed to get rid of before moving on with the plot. Couldn't he have come up with WORDS for the second line? How hard is it to think of a line that rhymes with "farm?" For example: "Thresher tore off his left arm." Or: "Slept with six goats to keep warm."

But "Old MacDonald" is Handel's "Messiah" compared with "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain," a song apparently written by somebody with a life-threatening case of Attention Deficit Disorder, as we see by the highly informative first verse:

"She'll be comin' 'round the mountain when she comes!"

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"She'll be comin' 'round the mountain!"

"She'll be comin' 'round the mountain when she comes!"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Will she be comin' 'round the mountain'?

When?

I am forced to listen to these brain-shriving songs constantly when I drive. I'm so used to hearing them that sometimes I'll be halfway to the airport, singing, "The wheels on the bus go round and round! Round and round! Round and round!" when suddenly it dawns on me: Sophie is not in the car. I can play my own music, with intelligent lyrics!

(Example: "I said na, na na na, na na na na, na na na, na na na, na na na na!")

The biggest problem with children's songs is that many of them call for actions on the part of the listeners. My daughter, who is very strict, expects everybody to perform these actions. So if we're listening to "I'm a Little Teapot," and she notices that I'm using my arms for some frivolous activity such as steering, she will repeat, "Daddy do it! Daddy do it!" until I let go of the wheel and form my teapot handle and my teapot spout. I have discovered that I can, in fact, steer with my forehead, but visibility is a problem.

I am also forced to drive while doing the Hokey-Pokey and making the Itsy Bitsy Spider go up the water spout. But the worst song, from a driving standpoint, is "Where is Thumbkin?" This is the one where you sing about, and display one at a time, the various fingers on your hand: Thumbkin, Ring Man, Pointer, etc. As you can imagine, this can create misunderstandings in traffic when your fellow motorists see you holding up Tall Man. I live in Miami, a heavily armed area, and I'm concerned that one of these days, some stressed-out driver is going to see me displaying Tall Man and he's going to respond with: Trigger Man.

Yes, a small child can get you into trouble, and not just in a car. There is a house in our neighborhood that has a large plaster goose on the front porch. For reasons known only to her, my daughter LOVES this goose. Whenever we walk past it, she toddles up onto the porch and gives it a kiss, while I watch nervously from the sidewalk. Lately, my daughter has started insisting, with increasing vehemence, that I also kiss the goose. So one recent Sunday morning — I am not making this up — I found myself, heart-pounding, tiptoeing onto a porch belonging to complete strangers, bending over and kissing their goose. This kind of thing can lead to trouble.

POLICE OFFICER: Hold it right there, mister! Put your hands up and STEP AWAY FROM THAT GOOSE.

ME: You don't understand! I was just ...

POLICE OFFICER: Wait a minute. ... You're the same guy I saw holding up Tall Man on the expressway!

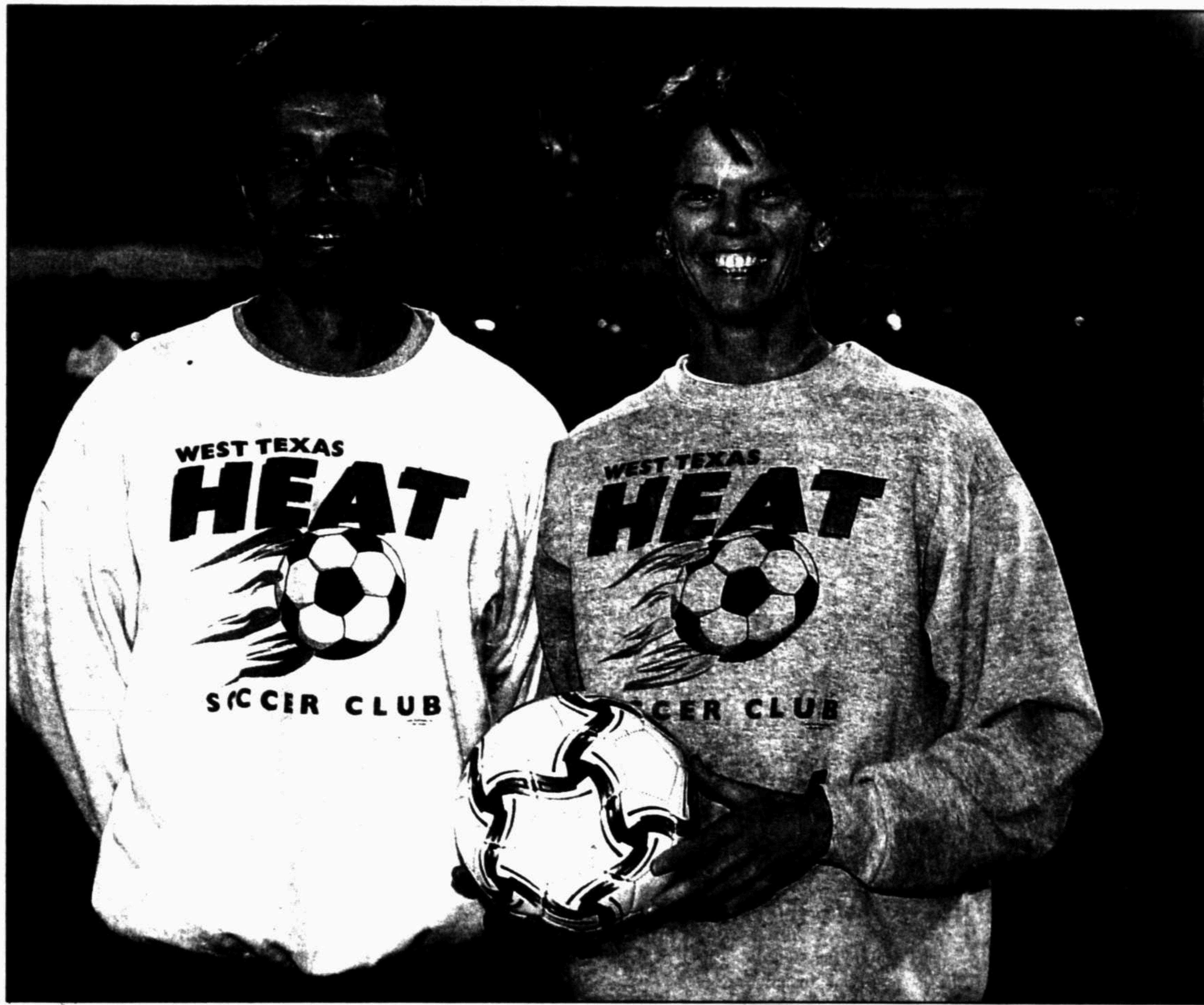
But getting arrested is a small price to pay for the joys of parenthood. I know you parents out there agree. You're happy, right? Sure you are! If you're happy, and you know it, clap your hands!

I'd clap with you, but it hurts, with these handcuffs.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery



Diego and Kathy Castro have built the West Texas Heat Soccer Club to a total of seven boys and five girls teams since coming to Midland in 1999.

West Texas Heat Soccer Club coaches Diego and Kathy Castro

When they were recruited by Midlanders Jim Leeton and Chuck Sturgeon and Odessa Wade Havens in 1999 to come to West Texas to build a soccer league, Diego and Kathy Castro came on a promise. Looking back, they say it was a step in faith, not only for them but for the three men who promised that, come what may, they would get a salary.

"They had no guarantees that we'd be able to build one team, much less the 12 that we have now," said Diego. "But they took that chance."

"There was nothing here, no established club, and just a small group of people who decided to hire a couple of professional 'A' licensed coaches and create a club."

"We started in June 1999, and 2 1/2 years later, we have 12 teams."

Diego Castro is originally from Chile, but he got his start playing soccer in London at age 10. His mother had gotten a grant to pursue a master's degree at the University of London and moved there with Diego and his two brothers for two years. Diego and his brothers began to learn English and to play soccer.

"The thing about soccer is, you don't have to be huge, or very tall, as long as you're a reasonably good athlete and are willing to work hard," he explained. "I remember the working class English kids dribbling around me, saying to me in that Cockney accent, 'Skill, mate. So I just worked to develop that skill.'"

Kathy, meanwhile, was initiated into soccer at about the same time in Dallas, where she started playing with the boys in gym class.

"The first time I ever played, I scored a goal, and I was hooked. I had to play soccer from then on."

While Kathy played in the relative safety of playgrounds in Texas, Diego was moving through environments that made the front pages of newspapers around the world. In 1973, when he was 12, his mother finished her master's degree in London and

moved the family back to Santiago, Chile, where she would be a professor at the university. They moved into a house in a lovely neighborhood six blocks from the presidential palace. It was a couple of weeks before the beginning of a military coup that would eventually overthrow Salvador Allende's government.

"It was strange times," Diego remembers. "Air force jets would come down and go into a steep dive and level off and fire missiles at the presidential palace. We watched from our balcony, and saw the tanks going down the street, and all the shooting. At night we had to sleep in rooms at the back of the house to keep from being hit by stray bullets."

They stayed through the war, but in a couple of years, Diego's mother received a grant to come to the United States to study at the University of California at Los Angeles. She still lives in California, where she is now head of the Spanish department at UCLA.

Diego played soccer at Venice High School, where he graduated in 1977. Then when he was 17, he returned to Chile, where he lived with his father and signed on with Deportivo Aviacion, starting in the reserves. He played there from 1979 to 1981, where he made the Chilean U-20 national team.

But with all its love of soccer, Chile offers few economic opportunities even for a very good soccer player. Diego moved back to Los Angeles and joined a semi-pro team while attending classes at the University of Southern California. While playing there, he was discovered by Wolfgang Sumholz, who had contacts with the Chicago Sting.

Diego played for Sting from 1982 to 1984, then moved to Berlin for the German professional team, Hertha. The Wall was still standing. Diego said that most of the time, the team flew to its games.

"But occasionally, we would go in a bus, and there were times when I would take personal auto trips," he said. "There were basically three roads

out of Berlin through East Germany, and before leaving, you were given a ticket that was stamped with the time, and you had a limited time to get to the checkpoint. You didn't dilly-dally around."

In 1985, he left Hertha and returned to the United States where he signed on with the Dallas Sidekicks, an indoor soccer team.

That December, he went to a Christmas party at the home of Sidekicks soccer player/coach Tatu, where he met Kathy. She said she played soccer. Diego went to watch her play.

"I was really impressed," he said. "She was an incredible goal-scorer. She could shoot that soccer ball harder than any woman I'd ever seen."

Kathy's record was impressive as well. She had been named All-American to the first-ever girls high school soccer team, and upon graduation in 1980n from W.T. White High School, played on the North Texas State Champion team. She then went on to play for a season at the Aylesbury Women's Football Club in England before joining the Michelob Ladies Football Club, which was an amateur club, since there were no pro women's soccer teams then. She played for Michelob from January 1983 through July 1991, during which time the team won five national championships.

Diego and Kathy did what they thought was the natural thing — they got married in the late 1980s.

In 1994 Kathy joined Texas Lightning, a semi-professional team that won the 1995 North Texas State championship, and in 1996 was named Open National Champion team.

Diego, meanwhile, continued with his pro career, playing for the Dallas Sidekicks, Wichita Wings, Memphis Storm, Dallas Rockets and Houston Hotshots.

They both began coaching in 1991, taking on pro, college and youth teams.

Kathy coached the American Eagles, Genesis, North Texas State, University of Texas at Dallas

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This acrylic painting on masonite of Phineas T. Barnum is part of an exhibit at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Conn., that runs through Jan. 6, 2002, titled "Images from the World Between: The circus in Twentieth Century American Art." The artist is Joe Coleman.

Circus art exhibit paints world known to lucky few

By Christopher Zurcher
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Many people who ran away to join the circus had an artistic bent, a creative urge, a desire to do something out of the ordinary. Those who did left behind the normal daily rigors for new and different ones.

"The circus is its own social institution," says Donna Gustafson, director of the Hunterdon Museum of Art in Clinton, N.J., and guest curator of an exhibit of circus art at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. "Images from the World Between: The Circus in Twentieth Century American Art" runs at the museum through Jan. 6.

"It's both a microcosm of society and an alternate reality," Gustafson says. "It's not theater or real life, but something in between. It's really a fascinating institution."

The number of works Gustafson has collected in which this element of popular culture is transformed into high art suggests that

artists over the past century have thought the same thing.

The more than 90 works by some of the major artists of the 20th century include paintings, photographs, sculptures and videos. They form a "mini history of American art," according to Betsy Kornhauser, deputy director and chief curator of the Atheneum.

The oil paintings of Walt Kuhn immortalize acrobats and clowns and other circus performers. Black-and-white photographs by Weegee caught the sad, familiar painted face of Emmett Kelly for eternity. Photos by Walker Evans, Lisette Model and Kimberly Gremlion freeze other aspects of the circus. The 1971 video "Clown Face," by Charles and Ray Eames, shows clowns in the process of getting made up.

The mug of one famous showman is captured in the acrylic painting "Phineas T. Barnum," by Joe Coleman. The painting includes material from clown costumes attached to a frame painted with images of

the "freaks of nature" that made the circus king rich and famous.

The frame includes some of the far-fetched slogans used by Barnum — who lived in Bridgeport much of his life and was the city's mayor from 1875-77 — to attract paying customers to his side show: "Everything to gratify healthy curiosity and refined taste." "All that is monstrous, scaly, weird, strange and queer."

Alongside are representations of the very social oddities the circus mogul described as "truthful," "moral" and "instructive," even if they weren't always any of those — "The Palestine Giant," "Gen. Tom Thumb" and "The Original Siamese Twins."

As these menageries struck Coleman's sensibilities, so did the animals, performers and circus materials strike the hearts of some of America's more, and less, notable artists.

The lion tamer, the bareback riding Reif-fenach sisters, the human cannonball Hugo

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POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Criminal mischief: Jeffrey Holbert, 19, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 8 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of West Industrial Avenue on a charge of criminal mischief. No bond.

Manufacture, delivery of controlled substance: Cortney Iglehart, 18, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 6:49 p.m. Friday in the 1100 block of East Illinois Avenue on a charge of manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance. No bond.

Sexual assault of a child: Roland Rodriguez, 19, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 11 a.m. Friday in the Andrews County Jail on two charges of sexual assault of a child, a single charge of failure to appear and a charge of failure to register as a sex offender. No bond.

Theft: Micky Uranga, 50, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 7 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of West Industrial Avenue on a charge of theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000. No bond.

Possession of a controlled substance: Carl Durham, 44, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 6:47 p.m. Saturday in the alley between Lamesa Road and Wall Street on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. No bond.

Possession of a controlled substance: Alvin Ryals, 20, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 8:40 p.m. Saturday in the 100 block of East Kentucky Street on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. No bond.

Mysterious lights in Saturday's sky identified as Russian rocket

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

For Permian Basin residents who were peering at the sky at about 11 p.m. Saturday, they may have seen something unique: a Russian rocket burning.

A Russian SL-12 Rocket reentered Earth's atmosphere at some point between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Saturday, said McDonald Observatory Assistant Director Mark Adams.

"This is a re-entry of some kind," Adams said. "These things happen. Some are more spectacular than others. Eventually, objects like that enter the atmosphere and burn up."

The National Weather Service confirmed the sighting, and identified the light as the burning rocket as well.

Adams said there is a plethora of debris in the Earth's orbit.

"There are satellites up there that people pay attention to. The impression I get is that this is debris."

Eyewitnesses in the Midland area said the light's streaks were seen in the south-southwest part of the sky.

Connie Hardy, writer of "Sky watch" for the Reporter Telegram, said she heard about the sightings, but she did not see it.

"We haven't been notified of anything about it," Ms. Hardy said. While many satellites and space debris are tracked, Adams said more is simply lost. Occasionally, that debris re-enters the atmosphere undetected and burns just as meteors do. Last year, the Russian Space Station Mir re-entered Earth's atmosphere similarly to the Russian SL-12 rocket. Remnants of the station crashed into the ocean in the South Pacific.



AP Photo
Supporters of Houston mayoral candidate Orlando Sanchez Maria Block, right, and Saul Galindo react as late results are posted showing Sanchez trailing Houston Mayor Lee Brown in a runoff election held Saturday in Houston. Brown defeated Sanchez in the runoff election.

Voter turnout high in closely watched Houston mayor race

HOUSTON (AP) — In the wake of a ferocious and negative campaign, newly re-elected Mayor Lee Brown begins his third term by asking the city to coalesce for his final two years in office.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome," Brown said early Sunday. "This is a city I love. I want to make sure I do everything I can to see it progress. I believe when we work together as one city, we have a very bright future."

Saturday's election was as close as predicted, with results seesawing all night until Brown surged late. Brown had 165,865 votes, or 52 percent, to Sanchez's 155,164, or 48 percent.

More Houstonians participated in the runoff than the 288,000 who voted in the Nov. 6 general election, which featured hotly contested city charter amendments in which voters barred same-sex benefits for city workers and preserved a light rail line already under construction.

City councilmember Orlando Sanchez, who often did not respond to Brown's attacks about his work record as a probation officer, an anonymous donor backing his daughter's private-school education or his conservative beliefs, said he hoped his campaign would benefit the nation's fourth-largest city.

"I hope our message resonates that we talked about making public safety No. 1, taking care of the city's infrastructure, making sure our children are immunized and asking that we have a mayor who stands up and defends the city when it's being attacked," Sanchez said, referring to the Democratic assault on Houston during the 2000 presidential race.

Sanchez, vying to become Houston's first Hispanic mayor,

lost to the city's first black mayor. Brown cannot run again because of a term limits ordinance.

The general election, in which Sanchez and Brown beat white city councilmember Chris Bell, stayed away from race and ethnicity. They became issues in the runoff, with one pro-Brown ad claiming Sanchez was an "imitation Caucasian" for claiming "white" as his race on his driver's license.

However, in Texas "Hispanic" is not a race. All Hispanics must choose white, black, Asian, American Indian or other.

Brown said the ad, which ran on at least one black-oriented radio station, was not his.

"It's not about race," said Brown, a liberal Democrat. "It's really about two men. We have different beliefs. A majority of the people believe in the direction I want to take (Houston) in."

In addition to negativity, the 2001 political season will be remembered in Houston for its partisanship. Sanchez, trying to be the city's first Hispanic mayor, also was the first to run under the GOP banner.

City elections in Texas are officially nonpartisan, but both sides wielded big national guns. Sanchez got help from the entire Bush family and New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, no fan of former NYC police commissioner Brown.

Brown, a former drug czar in the Clinton administration, used those ties and rallied inner-city Democratic congressional members to his side. Even Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe stumped for him, and Bill Clinton recorded a telephone message.

OBITUARIES



Lomah "Beth" Buck

Lomah Beth "Beth" Buck, 79, passed on to be with the Lord, her Savior, on Thursday, November 29, 2001. She spent her final days at Hospice House in Odessa, Texas after an extensive battle with Alzheimer's disease and a lengthy hospital stay.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 57 years, Rawlston Leon Buck Sr., daughter Cynthia "JaNa" Handley and her husband, Toni, as well as her son, Rawlston (Sonny) L. Buck Jr. and his wife, Sue, and her daughter-in-law, Jennifer Buck of Eastland, Tx. She is preceded in death by her youngest son, Randall Carroll Buck.

Beth was born November 12, 1922 in Abilene, Texas, the eldest daughter of Reverend Altie C. Hardin and Florris Mae Hardin, both of whom preceded her in death. She graduated from high school in Post, Texas, followed by two years at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview and two years at Hardin Simmons College where she majored in speech. She married R.L. "Buck" on November 11, 1944 in Midland, Texas and set up residence in Big Spring for 12 years where she worked for Montgomery Ward and helped her husband run the only seafood market between Dallas and El Paso. They moved the business in 1956 to Midland, where she worked, loved, worshiped and raised her family for the remainder of her life. Over the years, Beth worked for the BSA Buffalo Trails Council, Better Business Bureau and then, for 14 years, at the Commercial Bank and Trust in the credit department and safety deposit department.

Beth was baptized as a young girl and remained an active member of the Christian faith her entire life. She attended Midland Christian Fellowship for many years and was a member of Crestview Baptist Church from 1956-1978. She was the beloved teacher of the Young, Married Women's Sunday School Class there for many years and is remembered fondly for her caring devotion and direction. Her hobbies included travel with her husband, family reunions and campouts, word puzzles, crocheting, and playing as a member of the Senior Citizens' "Kitchenette Symphony," entertaining at hospitals, pancake suppers and other public functions.

She is survived by sisters and brothers: Lee Wayne and Ann Hardin, of Denver City, Tx., Maxine Gressett and Mary Estelle Stewart, both of Midland, and Dalton and Judy Hardin of Knox City, Tx.; numerous nieces and nephews; grandchildren: David Hawkins, Chris Handley, Amy Handley, Teague Buck, Julie Buck, Coire Ann Buck, Jacob Buck, Cody Reeves, Crystal Marten, Cameron Buck; and 10 great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 3rd, at 2 p.m. at Crestview Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be grandsons, Jacob Buck, David Hawkins, Teague Buck, Cody Reeves, Cameron Buck and Chris Handley. Honorary pallbearers will be Christopher Hawkins, Jack Downey and Adam Downey. Special thanks to Dr. Vogel, as well as, Midland Memorial Hospital and Rehab doctors and nursing staff of ICU and Wing 2W, and Hospice House for their loving hands and caring hearts that made such a difference.

We the Buck Family speak God's Blessings to all our friends and loved ones that gave us kindness, love and prayers. As Beth loved the word of God, she would say Romans 9:28: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

"Praise the Lord."

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, Midland Memorial Rehab Center, or Hospice House of Odessa.



Melissa Kay Henderson

Melissa Kay Henderson was born May 2, 1970 in Midland, Texas to James Albert Faulkner and Jeanne Monetta Glasscock Faulkner.

She was preceded in death by

her grandfather, F. T. Glasscock, and an aunt, Betty Banister.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Henderson of Odessa; her parents, James and Jeanne Faulkner of Midland; sons, Jerod Faulkner of San Angelo, and James Dylan Bell of San Angelo; daughter, Jalissa Bell of San Angelo; a stepson, Dustin Henderson; and a special thanks to her mother and father-in-law, Dotty and Harry Henderson, for their care during her illness; brothers, Donald Faulkner and James Faulkner of Midland; sisters, Janette Barron of Midland and Beth Harvell of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; grandparents, Emuel and Katherine Newsom of Franklin, Texas; grandfather, Marvin Faulkner of Brownwood; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Henderson passed away Saturday, December 1, 2001 in Lubbock, Texas.

Visitation with the family will be 7:00-8:00 PM Monday, December 3, 2001 in Ellis Funeral Home.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1:00 PM Tuesday, December 4, 2001 in Fairview Cemetery, with Reverend Danny Willis of Terrace Hills Baptist Church in Odessa officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Terrace Hills Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas.



Dr. Joseph B. Carney

Dr. Joseph B. Carney passed away Saturday, December 01, 2001 in a Midland hospital, after a sudden illness.

He was born September 21, 1936 to Katherine (Brugge) and Dr. Thomas B. Carney in Kewanee, Illinois. He graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa and Loyola Dental School in Chicago, Illinois. He was a dentist in Kewanee from 1963-1978, before starting his practice in Midland. His thoughtfulness and caring nature for his patients and friends alike will truly be missed. He was the former president of St. Ann's School Board, and a member of the 4th degree of the

Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Carney of Midland; a son, Brian Carney and his wife Melissa of Midland; a daughter, Cara Carney of Chicago, Illinois; brothers, Dr. Thomas E. Carney and his wife Mary Jessica of Peoria, Illinois and Reverend Edward Carney of Peoria, Illinois.

A Wake service is scheduled for 7:00 PM Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Funeral Mass is scheduled for 10:00 AM Wednesday, December 5, 2001 in St. Ann's Catholic Church with Monsignor T. J. Murphy officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be William H. Munn, III, Dr. Joseph Oei, Ronny Hissom, Al Schorre, Scott Sullivan and Francis Curry. Honorary pallbearers are Bob Pollard, J.D. Luckie, Dr. Frank Kasman and Don Tomlin.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann's School.



Joe Servantes

Joe Servantes was born September 22, 1948 in Lamesa, Texas to Jaime Servantes and Maria Reyes Servantes. He lived in Lamesa until he was drafted to Vietnam, then he returned home and married Janie Castaneda in Brownwood, Texas on March 21, 1978. He was employed with Sun Oil Company in Midland for the past three years.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Janie Servantes of Midland; daughters, Cassy Servantes of Port Hueneme, California and Dominic Servantes of Midland; his mother, Maria Reyes Servantes of Lamesa, a brother, Jesse Servantes of Lamesa; and sisters, Louisa Servantes and Mona Martinez.

Mr. Servantes passed away Friday, November 30, 2001 in Crane, Texas.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 PM Wednesday, December 5, 2001 in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

Elva Smith

Elva Mae Smith died in a local care facility on Friday, Nov. 30.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in Rose Hill Cemetery in Fort Worth. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ms. Smith was born March 2, 1903 in Tate Spring to James Otis and Edna M. Lewis. She was reared and educated in Marlow, Okla. On Dec. 30, 1923, she married J.C. Smith in Duncan, Okla. Following their marriage, they moved to Fort Worth and in 1982, they moved to Midland. She was a member of Fairmont Park Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and her son, Marion Smith.

She is survived by her daughter, Mildred Crozier of Midland; her sister, Mary Withers; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may

be directed to Christ-Haven for Children in Keller.

Joe Ochoa

Joe D. Ochoa, 90, died Saturday, Dec. 1, in a local nursing home.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Fairview Cemetery. A rosary will be held at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 3, at the Pipkin Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Ochoa was born April 7, 1911 in Durango, Mexico. He became an electrician and worked for Phillips Electric. He was a 50-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

He was preceded in death by an infant son; his wife, Camila; his parents; and two sisters, Inez Maldonado and Paula Moreno.

He is survived by three

daughters, Camila Nolley, Tillie Womble and Mary Hilton; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Eloiza Varela

Eloiza Varela, 91, died Saturday, Dec. 2, at her residence in Midland.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. today, Dec. 3, in the Reyes-Garcia Chapel. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Templo Jerusalem with the Rev. Manuel Hernandez officiating. Services are under the care of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1919 in Santo Tomas Chihuahua, Mexico. She was raised and educated in Maderas, Chih., Mexico. She moved to Midland in the late 1980s. She was a homemaker and a member of Templo Jerusalem.

She was preceded in death by one son and four daughters.

She is survived by two daughters, Augustina Bactiar and Hilda Flores, both of Midland; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mahlon Cantrell

Services for Mahlon Cantrell are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Cantrell died Sunday, Dec. 2 in a Midland retirement home.

Emmie Shelton

Emmie Shelton, 77, died Saturday, Dec. 1, at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Milo Dodd

Milo Dodd, 36, died Saturday, Dec. 1, at a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

State lawmaker joins race for Dallas mayor

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic Rep. Domingo Garcia formally announced his bid to join the race for Dallas mayor on Sunday.

The former Dallas City Council member said he spent the past week gauging interest in a mayoral bid from council members, community leaders, and frequent donors to political campaigns.

"I'm applying for mayor because I have the best credentials and record," he said upon publicly announcing his bid. "This campaign is about putting the peanut butter and jelly where the little people can reach it. That's my pledge to you and together we can build a Dallas that will provide opportunities for all its citizens."

Garcia, 43, will face stiff competition from insurance executive Tom Dunning and former City Council member Laura Miller.

Garcia's candidacy won't be his first mayoral bid. He campaigned for the post in 1995, finishing behind

lawyer Darrell Jordan and the winner, Ron Kirk.

Kirk served six years and resigned in November to run for the U.S. Senate, opening the way for a special election Jan. 19.

Council member Don Hill said Garcia could build a coalition of black, Hispanic, and white voters who care about quality-of-life issues.

"His campaign would be a very exciting thing for the minority community, a campaign where black and brown can begin to come together with parts of the business community and others," Hill said.

Garcia's candidacy could benefit from the growth of the Hispanic population, which accounts for nearly 37 percent of the city's residents.

Hispanics, the largest population in the public schools, are expected to be drawn to the polls by the Dallas school district's bond election, which is also scheduled for Jan. 19.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

LOMAH BETH BUCK
2 p.m. — Crestview
Baptist Church

Honor the Memory
of a
Departed Loved One
with a Ribbon
On The
Tree of Memories
in our chapel
at 801 Andrews Hwy.
Ellis Funeral Home
683-5555

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Tolkien's family divided over 'Lord of the Rings' film version

LONDON — The family of writer J.R.R. Tolkien is divided over the film version of the "Lord of the Rings," a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Independent on Sunday said 77-year-old Christopher Tolkien, one of the late author's children, won't see or talk to his eldest son, Simon Tolkien, because Simon Tolkien supported the filming of the epic fantasy. The film is due to open later this month, and two sequels are expected to follow.

Simon Tolkien, 42, a lawyer, said he has been excluded from the family's business affairs because of his support. Christopher Tolkien has played a major role in overseeing the Tolkien legacy and reportedly disliked earlier attempts at bringing the stories to the screen.

"My father has refused to have anything to do with me or my son, who is 11, for three years, and he has rejected all requests to have a meeting. As long ago as 1999, it was my view that we should take a much more positive line on the film and that was overruled by my father. Following that, I was excluded from the board of the Tolkien company," Simon Tolkien was quoted as saying.

J.R.R. Tolkien sold the film rights for "Lord of the Rings" in 1968 for 10,000 pounds, the equivalent of \$14,500.

JACKSON, Tenn. — The son of Rockabilly legend Carl Perkins remembers George Harrison as a man who was down to earth despite his fame.

"He was a very genuine, spiritual man," Stan Perkins told The Jackson Sun.

The former Beatle collaborated several times with Perkins, one of his musical heroes. Their work included a duet called "Distance Makes No Difference" that was recorded for Perkins' last album in 1996.

Harrison attended Perkins' 1998 funeral in Jackson, and performed Perkins' song "Your True Love."

Stan Perkins said Harrison told him that was the first time he had tried to sing since developing throat cancer.

"He said, 'I didn't know if anything would come out,'" Stan Perkins said.

Stan Perkins said his father and Harrison suffered from the same type of throat cancer, and underwent similar treatment.

"We're all going to miss him," Stan Perkins said. "But as George said in one of his songs, 'All things must pass.'"

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Michael Jordan's mother says her famous son's most amazing achievements have been off the basketball court.

"Basketball was not our family's top priority. Education was the first priority," Deloris Jordan said.

She spoke Friday at the African-American Women Achievers Award banquet held at Beulah Baptist Church during the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's state convention.

Jordan said she believes her son, now with the Washington Wizards, has achieved more off the court, particularly with his charity work and determination to complete his college degree. He earned the degree despite being drafted into the NBA at age 19.

She said she is most proud that her son is a caring, decent human being who tries to treat everyone he meets with respect.

"I don't care how much money you have; you can't buy character," she said. "If it hasn't been instilled in you, you haven't got it."

Deloris Jordan has become successful as a public speaker, founder and president of the Michael Jordan Foundation, and author of two books, "Family First" and "Salt in His Shoes."

LONDON — Camilla Parker Bowles, the longtime companion of Prince Charles, attended church Sunday with the heir to the British throne as they continued to raise their public profile.

The couple were among a group of guests at Queen Elizabeth II's Sandringham estate in eastern England. They walked from Sandringham House to St. Mary Magdalen Church for morning service.

Parker Bowles walked with female guests, and the prince walked

with former king Constantine of Greece.

A group of royal watchers outside the church called "lovely to see you" to Parker Bowles. She smiled broadly and replied:

"Thank you very much."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 3, 2001:

Testing out your ideas brings you tough feedback this year. You overwhelm people with your personal strength and direction. You might not be in touch with others' insecurities. Learn to understand those around you. If you are single, establishing a relationship might be a walk on the wild side, until late summer, when Lady Luck paves your way. If attached, you will need to learn to give more and understand your loved one better. CANCER is your good luck charm.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ You feel like you are a rag doll with kids tugging on your limbs and arms. Look at it this way: Everyone wants you. Popularity has its problems. Misunderstandings develop out of nowhere. Adjust plans accordingly. Tonight: Find a hot tub to soak away the stress!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You speak your mind, especially about a financial matter, but no one hears you! Others are in such a tizzy, notifying someone of a financial problem could be close to impossible. For now, you're on your own. Think success. Take command. Tonight: Swap war stories with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Your money matters assume the highest priority. Yet you easily become distracted by others' uproar. Close down and no longer be a conduit for others. In fact, you might be amused by reactions you get when you say "no" to lengthy discussions. Tonight: Rebalance the checkbook.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Hold on tight. Though the moon highlights you, problems ensue regarding work and energy levels. Know that you're not the only one, others are in a tizzy as well. Review recent information. Don't lose hope that you'll find the key to a problem. Tonight: Whatever appeals to your fancy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Step back before you get into the middle of a difficult and touchy situation. You can understand someone's point of view. You wonder what will be the most efficient thing to do in this unpredictable situation. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Sit back and make solid choices. Others might have an odd way of pressing you. Review a decision carefully, knowing that people are only stating the facts that count to them. You cannot win for losing. Stay neutral in a situation that seems volatile. Tonight: Join your pals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You're in the limelight. Think in terms of professional gains. Misunderstandings plague the best laid plans. Communication goes on overload. Keep your long-term goals, even if it means pulling out of a situation. Tonight: Do your thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Detach when everyone else seems to trigger. Be helpful and supportive by not participating in the present uproar. Others' nerves get fried. Think in terms of gaining clarity out of the present chaos. The misunderstanding and touchy associates need to placate you first. Tonight: Put on your head-

phones and listen to music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Deal with others on a one-on-one basis for the time being. Someone could be sensitive and difficult, to say the least. In fact, many on your path today are out of sorts. Shrug it off. The lighter you are, the less fallout later. This too shall pass. Remain optimistic. Tonight: Swap war stories.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Others seem highly agitated. In turn, you could feel pressured. Work provides more tension if you don't follow through on details. Don't let the present chaos affect the hard-working Goat. Focus and you'll get more done than many. Schedule a checkup. Tonight: Go to sleep knowing that all will get better soon!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ If you get in between friends and lovers, you might be very sorry. You'll have your hands full just trying to stay out of the present hubbub. Don't try to convince anyone of anything. Just do your thing. You'll gain as a result. Tonight: Work late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Without intending to, everything you do causes more tension. Though you come up with some wonderful ideas, those around you simply do not appreciate your efforts. Tension increases around your family. You could be juggling way too much. Tonight: Cocoon.

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German figure skater Katarina Witt (1965), novelist Joseph Conrad (1857), film director Jean-Luc Godard (1930)

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A 7 5 4 ♥ J 10 ♦ K J 10 5 3 ♣ J 2
The bidding has proceeded:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1♣ Pass 1♠ 2♥
2♠ ?
What action do you take?

A — You are certainly going to act, but do not even think about bidding no-trump because of your stoppers in the enemy suits — you cannot guarantee nine tricks, and the opponents might be able to run clubs against you. It is simply a matter of raising hearts, and the question is to what level? We think three hearts is enough, since the opponents might score diamond ruffs or prevent your hand from ruffing clubs by leading trumps.

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 10 9 ♥ K Q J 10 9 6 5 ♦ A 9 3 ♣ 5
What is your opening bid?

A — Not vulnerable, you might consider a one-heart opening bid despite the fact that you are a little short of defense. The hand is too strong for pre-emptive action. At this vulnerability, we prefer a full-blooded pre-

empt, so we would opt for four hearts.

Q 3 — Vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 8 3 ♥ Q 9 5 ♦ K Q 10 9 5 2 ♣ J 3
Partner opens a 15-17 one no-trump. What do you respond?

A — Forget about point count. You have an excellent chance of delivering six tricks for partner, so go ahead and raise to three no-trump. Inviting game is a waste of time. We can construct a 12-point hand where game is laydown and an 18-point one that will fall short of the mark.

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ K 7 6 4 ♥ A K 10 6 2 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q 7
The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♠ Pass 1♣ ?
What action do you take?

A — There is a great disparity between the quality of your major suits, and many would simply overcall one heart with this hand. However, that runs a great risk of losing the spade suit, so we would double. Reverse the major-suit holdings, however, and the overall becomes more appealing.

Q 5 — East-West vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A Q ♥ K 9 2 ♦ A J 10 9 6 3 ♣ 10 6
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?

A — This would be far less of a problem had your suit been hearts rather than diamonds. Partner will have to produce a lot of cards if you expect to make 11 tricks at a diamond contract. However, you have too much to stay out of the auction. Our choice is three no-trump, but we would run to four diamonds if it gets doubled.

Q 6 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 9 8 4 ♥ A K J 6 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ K 8 7
The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
2♣ ?
What do you bid now?

A — You have already shown a good five-card heart suit, and you might need room to explore for the best contract. Your first priority is to tell partner you have three-card support for spades into the bargain. Raise to three spades.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS	DOWN	30 Tennis ties	49 "Heavens!"
1 Cowardly Lion actor	1 Trim	31 Takes the wheel	50 Pea places
5 Sandwich order, briefly	2 Toothpaste tube org.	33 Sauna site	51 Candid
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15 Showy	6 Queue	44 Parka parts	55 Debate side
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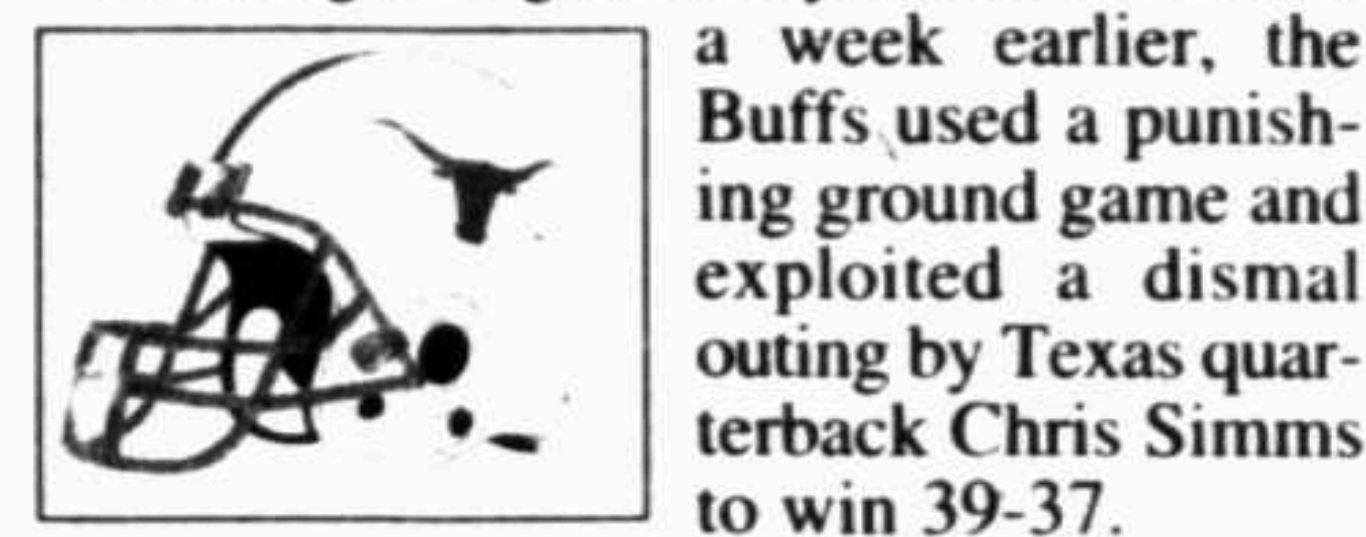
AP Photo
Texas wide receiver and Odessa Permian graduate Roy Williams lays his head on the bench after Texas lost the Big 12 Championship to Colorado, 39-37, Saturday in Irving.

Texas tumbles from BCS as Rose Bowl hopes die with loss to Buffs

By Jim Vertuno
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — A week ago, Texas was giddy in its good fortune. Now, the Longhorns are wondering how they squandered it all. After backing its way into the Big 12 title game, Texas had a chance to play in the Rose Bowl. Tennessee's 34-32 win over Florida on Saturday set the table for the Longhorns to play for the school's first national title in more than 30 years. All Texas had to do was win the Big 12

title game against Colorado, a team the Longhorns whipped 41-7 back in October. Nothing doing. As they did to Nebraska a week earlier, the Buffs used a punishing ground game and exploited a dismal outing by Texas quarterback Chris Simms to win 39-37.



The loss sent the shocked Longhorns (10-2) tumbling out of the Bowl Championship Series and most likely to the Holiday Bowl where they lost to Oregon last season.

Texas, ranked third entering Saturday's game, tumbled seven spots to No. 10 in the AP media poll released Sunday, while Colorado shot up five spots to No. 5.

The Holiday and Rose bowls are both in California, but they couldn't be more distant in terms of importance.

"You start looking at what we had, we don't have it anymore," said Texas coach Mack Brown, who lost a chance to win his first conference championship in 18 years as a head coach.

Colorado (10-2) turned Simms' four first-
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Notre Dame fires Davie

By Tom Coyne
Associated Press Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — When Bob Davie was hired by Notre Dame in 1996, he got some advice from former Irish coach Ara Parseghian.

"He said, 'There's a lot of things to worry about. Worry about one thing — and that's winning,'" Davie said.

He didn't win often enough and Notre Dame fired him Sunday, a day after the storied football program completed its second losing season in three years.

The Irish lost six or more games three times under Davie, whose 35-25 record gives him the third-worst winning percentage in Irish history at .583.

"I'm the first one to stand up here and say that we may not have won as many games as what would be expected," Davie said.

During his tenure, the Irish were placed on NCAA probation for the first time. They also produced no first-team All-Americans and only one first-round draft pick, Luke Petitgout.

Athletic director Kevin White said that while Davie's teams have done well academically, "We also expect and intend to excel on the field, and there, unfortunately, our results and progress have been disappointing."

The search for a new coach will begin immediately. White said, adding that he had a "short list" of candidates, none of whom he has contacted.

The Irish went 9-2 during the regular season last year, and Davie was rewarded with a five-year contract before an embarrassing loss to Oregon State in the Fiesta Bowl. The Irish started this season 0-3 for the first time in school history and finished 5-6.

"A year ago at this time, I believed that we had turned the

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AP Photo
Former Notre Dame football coach Bob Davie talks about his firing during a news conference Sunday in South Bend, Ind. Davie was fired after five seasons as head coach.

Braves, Smoltz agree on three-year contract

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — John Smoltz, who thrived with Atlanta after being moved to the bullpen, agreed to a \$30 million, three-year contract with the Braves on Sunday.

The free agent pitcher was courted by several teams to resume his former role as a starter. He decided to stay with the Braves, who wanted him to remain a closer after he saved 10 games in 11 chances this past season.

Smoltz has spent his entire 14-year career with the Braves. He won the Cy Young Award in 1996.

The three-year contract includes salaries of \$10 million in each of the next three seasons, and a \$12 million team option for 2005. If Smoltz becomes a starter, he would get a performance bonus of \$100,000 per start.

"We saw last year how dominant he could be in that role as closer, how well it sets up our whole pitching staff," general manager John Schuerholz said. "He made our entire pitching staff far more effective than it's ever been, I think, from the starters through the relievers."

The 34-year-old Smoltz missed all of the 2000 season following elbow surgery and tried to come back as a starter. When his recovery didn't go as well, he moved to the bullpen in late July as a last resort.

Smoltz was dominating as the closer, helping the Braves win their ninth straight division title. He saved two more games in the playoffs against Houston before the Braves were beaten by Arizona in the NL championship series.

"This is a real important piece for a club that focuses on pitching as its primary asset," Schuerholz said. "To have a closer of his caliber available for three years is very, very comforting."

Smoltz was among 13 Atlanta players who filed for free agency, but clearly the top priority. The agents for catcher Javy Lopez and All-Star pitcher John Burkett have both indicated that their clients could be playing elsewhere next season.

The team and Smoltz's representatives met Friday and Saturday before agreeing to a deal Sunday afternoon by telephone. Smoltz was not immediately available for comment. He left Sunday for a weeklong trip to Las Vegas.



Smoltz

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Streak Continues

Cowboys win ninth straight over Redskins

By Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Make it nine in a row for the Dallas Cowboys over the Washington Redskins — and one huge point proven by Emmitt Smith.

One week after getting just nine carries in a loss to Denver — and five days after his verbal tit-for-tat with coach Dave Campo — Smith ran for 102 yards on 25 carries and scored his first touchdown of the season in Sunday's 20-14 victory over the Redskins.

"I can do it," said Smith, his head nodding with an air of vindication. "Given the opportunity, I can do it."

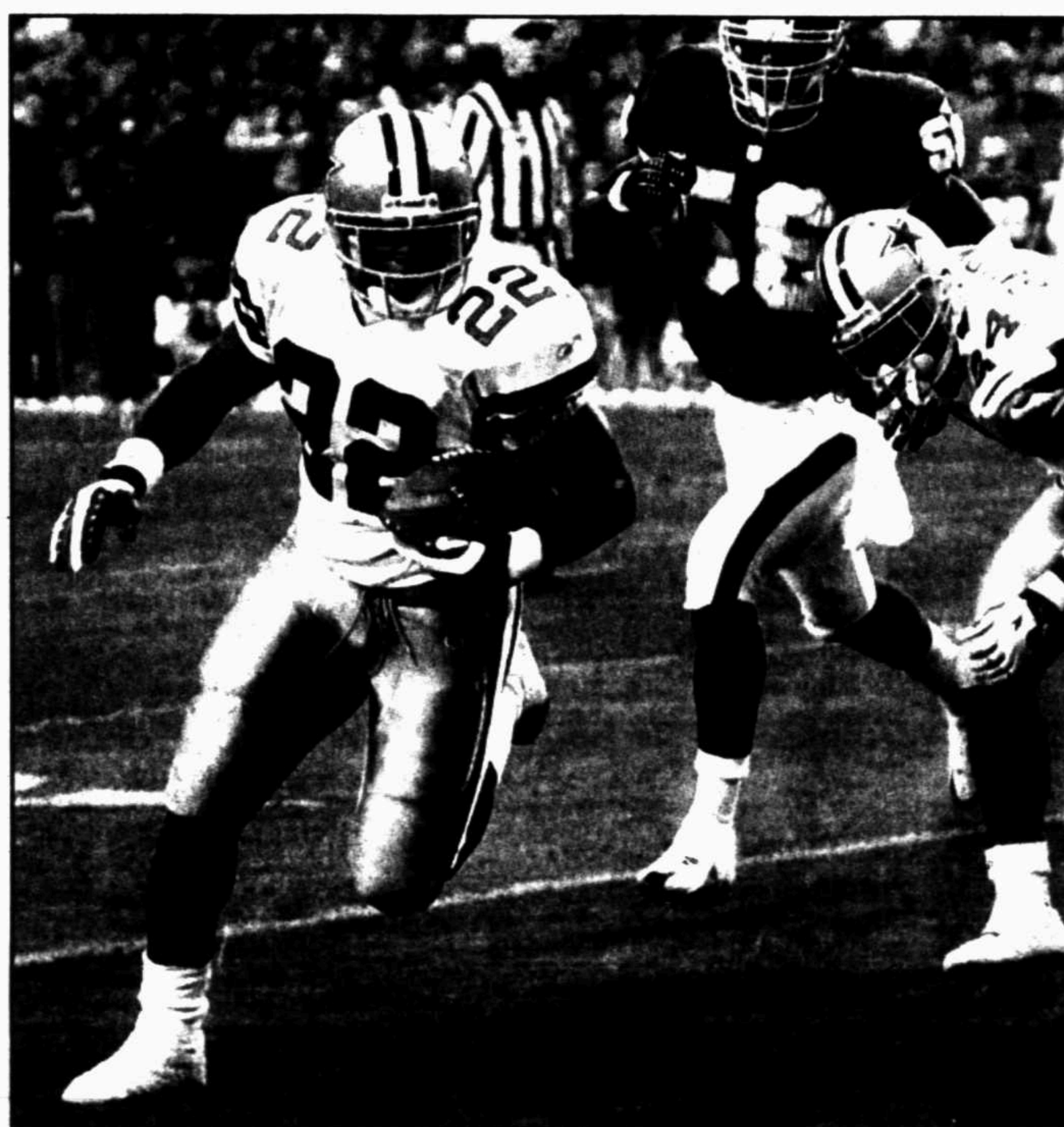
Smith, rookie quarterback Quincy Carter and another solid game from the defense produced yet another upset in the rivalry. The Cowboys (3-8) rushed for 216 yards, snapped a four-game losing streak and completed an improbable season sweep of the Redskins (5-6).

"We get fired up for these Redskins games," linebacker Dexter Coakley said. "Maybe we need to play the Redskins all year. We'd be 16-0."

Washington had won five in a row, a streak now sandwiched by losses to the team that has had a hex over them since 1997.

"They got us figured out one way or another," defensive tackle Dan Wilkinson. "It was one of those games where it seems like you just can't put your finger on it — other than in my mind and my heart, our defense let us down."

Smith's 5-yard touchdown run in the first quarter started the scoring, and Carter's 64-



AP Photo
Dallas Cowboys' Emmitt Smith (22) runs for a first-quarter touchdown in front of Washington Redskins' LaVar Arrington (56) and Cowboys' Joey Galloway (84) in Landover, Md., on Sunday. The Cowboys won the game 20-14.

yard pass to Raghib Ismail, who beat Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey down the right sideline, was the big play in the fourth quarter.

Carter, who had missed the last six games with a hamstring injury, had not led a touchdown drive in 13 series this season. Almost half — 64 of 130 — of his passing yards Sunday came on the throw to Ismail.

"This team has proven through the year that we can run the football," Smith said. "When we've got young quarterbacks and rotating quarterbacks, you need to lean on that strength a little bit more than we have."

Last week, Campo said that Smith was no longer a 30-carry back. Taken aback, Smith wondered how the coach could know that

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Lions go to 0-13 after Chicago comeback; Steelers hold off Vikings to improve to 9-2

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Leon Johnson scored on a 1-yard run with 5:34 left, and the Chicago Bears beat winless Detroit 13-10 Sunday, surviving when the Lions' Jason Hanson missed a 40-yard field goal with 21 seconds to go.

It was the third miss of the day for the normally reliable Hanson, who had made 13 of 16 field goals entering the game. Again, the Lions (0-11) couldn't find a way to win a close one — their last eight losses have been by a total of 35 points.

Chicago (9-2) clinched its first winning season since 1995 by rallying against the Lions, who lost starting quarterback Charlie Batch to a shoulder injury in the third quarter.

Detroit, matching its 0-11 record for the entire 1942 season, had 10 penalties.

Steelers 21, Vikings 16
PITTSBURGH — Troy Edwards, who had all but disappeared from Pittsburgh's offense, re-emerged with a 12-yard scoring run and a big special-teams play, and the Steelers held off a

frantic rally by Minnesota.

The Steelers, 9-2 for the first time since 1983, were cruising with a 21-3 lead and Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper out of the game with a sore left knee early in the fourth quarter.

But backup Todd Bouman quickly made a game of it, finding running back Michael Bennett on an 80-yard touchdown pass play with 6:29 remaining and Randy Moss on a 12-yarder just over three minutes later.

The Vikings (4-7) got the ball back inside the Pittsburgh 10 when Talance Sawyer recovered Kordell Stewart's fumble with 2:13 remaining. But on fourth-and-goal from the 24, Bouman overthrew Moss in double coverage in the end zone.

Ravens 39, Colts 27
BALTIMORE — Rod Woodson set an NFL

record with his 10th career interception return for a touchdown, going 47 yards with 1:34 left to clinch Baltimore's victory over frustrated Peyton Manning and Indianapolis.

The Ravens (8-4) committed four turnovers, but rallied to win for the fifth time in six games. In each of those five victories, the Super Bowl champions either trailed or were tied entering the fourth quarter.

The Colts led 27-26 until Elvis Grbac threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Qadry Ismail with 13:29 left.

Woodson broke a tie with Ken Houston for most career interceptions for a touchdown. It was the sixth time this season that Manning threw an interception that was returned for a score.

It was a typical performance by the Colts (4-7), who have lost four straight, their longest losing streak since 1998.

Manning, criticized by Indianapolis coach Jim Mora after throwing four interceptions last week, was intercepted once and lost a fumble.

Dolphins 21, Broncos 10

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No. 9 Lady Raiders beat North Texas, 63-53

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Playing without its leading rebounder and a top scorer didn't faze No. 9 Texas Tech.

After a slow shooting start Sunday, the Lady Raiders responded to beat North Texas 63-53 Sunday in their first game without starting forward Plenette Pierson.

Pierson was suspended indefinitely for undisclosed reasons by coach Marsha Sharp after Tech (3-2) lost to New Mexico on Friday night.

"For the first game playing without a major part of our offense, we really did a good job of finding some ways to score and will continue to work on that, continue to involve people a little bit more and get some more offense from some different people," Sharp said. "But we had some folks that really stepped up and really played well."

One of those was guard Jia Perkins.

"This game I just cut loose and played," said Perkins, who had 26 points and 12 rebounds. "I was just feeling it."

■ Texas Women

Tech, which started the game 2-for-2 from the field against the Lady Eagles (4-3).

The Lady Raiders went on a 12-4 run with about five minutes left in the first half to take a 40-26 at the break.

North Texas had trouble finding the range, going 18-for-72 from the field. Shannan Stephenson led the lady Eagles with 11 points. Jalie Mitchell, who averages 17 points per game, was held to seven.

Pierson, also the second-leading scorer for the Lady Raiders, was at Sunday's game. She declined to comment on the suspension. Asked

whether Sharp intends for her to be off the team for the remainder of the season, Pierson said, "We haven't discussed it yet."

Sharp declined to comment on the suspension Sunday. In a statement Saturday she said the suspension "is the best thing at this time for the Lady Raider program."

No. 12 Baylor 81, Boston U. 56

WACO — Sheila Lambert scored 19 points as No. 12 Baylor beat Boston University 81-56 Sunday for their 20th straight regular season nonconference win.

Steffanie Blackmon scored 15 points for the Lady Bears (7-0), and Danielle Crockrom had 11.

Katie Terhune was the leading scorer for the Terriers (5-2) with 21 points. Marisa Moseley, Dia Default and Adrienne Norris each scored 8 points for Boston.

In the second half, the Terriers shot 28 per-

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DALLAS: Smith runs for touchdown, 102 yards

(From 1C)

because "they haven't given it to me 30 times to find out."

This time, the NFL's career rushing TD leader had the ball early and often. He had five carries on the opening drive, including a touchdown run that was textbook: He swept right and patiently waited for the blocking to develop before heading to the end zone.

Both of Smith's 100-yard rushing games this season have been against the Redskins.

"I'm sorry I didn't get Emmitt the ball 30 times," Campo said. "But we came close. Emmitt and I are great. It's not even a conversation piece — other than the fact that he wants the football."

Tony Banks scored on a 1-yard scramble for the Redskins. He also threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Rod Gardner to end a desperation drive with 53 seconds remaining, the final score in a major letdown game by a team that had been the hottest in the NFL.

"We have to know that once we turn things around," linebacker LaVar Arrington said, "there are certain responsibilities."

This is a resilient team. We're going to bounce back."

Banks didn't complete a pass for positive yardage until late in the second quarter. When the Redskins finally tied the game in the third quarter, they did it with Stephen Davis.

Davis had six carries in the drive before catching a screen pass for a 29-yard gain to the 1. But he couldn't get the TD in three attempts, leaving Banks to score on a fourth-down scramble.

Banks sprained his ankle on the play but returned for the next series.

The Cowboys took a 10-7 lead on Hilbert's 38-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter. The Redskins had a chance to tie on their next possession when they drove to the Dallas 33, but coach Marty Schottenheimer had kicker Brett Conway punt the ball out of field goal formation instead of trying the long kick.

On the next possession, Carter hit Ismail in stride to put the Cowboys ahead 17-7. Hilbert later added a 39-yard field goal.

"I felt they were going to come in here and hand it to Emmitt Smith," Schottenheimer said. "We didn't defend it."

Notes: Redskins TE Stephen

Cowboys 20, Redskins 14

Dallas 7 0 0 13 —29
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First Quarter
Dallas—E. Smith 5 run (Hilbert kick), 7:48.

Third Quarter
Was.—Banks 1 run (Conway kick), 1:42.

Fourth Quarter
Dallas—FG Hilbert 38, 13:44.

Dallas—Ismail 64 pass from Carter (Hilbert kick), 6:23.

Dallas—FG Hilbert 39, 3:11.

Was.—Gardner 15 pass from Banks (Conway kick), 5:3.

A—65, 112.

First downs 19 15

Rushes-yards 44-215 22-61

Passing 7-14-1 17-32-1

Comp-Att-Int 3-8 3-20

Sacked-Yards Lost 3-38.3 6-37.8

Fumbles-Lost 0-0 1-0

Penalties-Yards 7-45 5-36

Time of Possession 34:27 25:33

RUSHING—Dallas, E. Smith 25-102, Wiley 3-61, Hambrick 10-47, Q. Carter 6-5, Washington, Davis 17-53, Banks 4-25, K. Carter 1-3.

PASSING—Dallas, Q. Carter 7-14-1-130, Washington, Banks 17-32-1-216.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Ismail 3-93, Galloway 1-13, Cheevers 1-10, Harris 1-7, Lucky 1-7, Washington, Lockett 4-66, Bennett 3-22, Davis 2-32, Westbrook 2-27, Gardner 2-24, K. Carter 2-18, Flemister 1-18, Metcalf 1-9.

MISSED FIELD GOAL—Dallas, Hilbert 44 (WL).

Alexander re-injured his right ankle in the first half and did not return. Dallas linebacker Markus Steele bruised his right knee. ... A most unusual drive: The Cowboys had one that lasted 10:11 and included 12 consecutive runs, no completed passes and a fourth-and-6 conversion — yet it produced no points because Hilbert shanked a 44-yard field goal attempt.

ROUNDUP: 49ers shut out Buffalo

(From 1C)

MIAMI — Kenny Mixon returned his first NFL interception 56 yards for the go-ahead score, and a fumble on the ensuing kick-off set up another touchdown to help Miami rally past Denver.

The Dolphins came from behind in the final period to win for the fifth time this season, including four of their past six games. They improved to 8-3 and moved a game ahead of the New York Jets in the AFC East.

Brian Griese and the Broncos, sputtering again on offense with an injury-plagued receiving corps, fell to 6-6. They've never won in six games at Miami.

Patriots 17, Jets 16

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Adam Vinatieri kicked a 28-yard field goal with 6:29 left, and New England snapped New York's four-game winning streak, tightening the AFC East standings.

It was the seventh win in nine games for New England (7-5) since an early-season loss to the Jets (7-4). Miami (8-3) took the division lead by beating Denver.

Rallying from a 13-0 halftime deficit, the Patriots won behind the efficiency of quarterback Tom Brady, who picked apart the Jets' soft zone, and a revitalized defense.

Titans 31, Browns 15

CLEVELAND — Steve McNair threw two of his three touchdown passes to Derrick Mason before leaving with an injured elbow, and Tennessee kept its slim postseason hopes alive by defeating Cleveland.

The Titans (5-6) hadn't looked like a team just two years removed from a Super Bowl berth for most of the season before beating the Browns (6-5).

McNair didn't play most of the second quarter after bruising his left elbow. He sat most of the fourth period and still finished 11-of-17 for 244 yards.

Buccaneers 16, Bengals 13, OT
CINCINNATI — John Lynch stripped the ball from Corey Dillon and jumped on it at the 3-yard line, setting up Martin Gramatica's 21-yard field in overtime for Tampa Bay.

The Buccaneers (6-5) got their first back-to-back wins of the season, but it wasn't easy. They missed two field goals and had a late defensive collapse that let Cincinnati (4-7) rally for 10 points in the last 4:29.

Dillon caught a 6-yard touch-

down pass from Jon Kitna that tied it with 8 seconds left in regulation, wrestling through tacklers Dexter Jackson and Jamie Duncan to reach the goal line.

Saints 27, Panthers 23

NEW ORLEANS — Joe Horn, denied a touchdown in the first quarter when he collided with an official, caught a 17-yard scoring pass from Aaron Brooks with 1:31 remaining, giving New Orleans the victory over Carolina.

The Saints (6-5) had to rally despite holding the Panthers (1-11) to 150 yards in offense.

The Panthers, losers of 11 straight after a season-opening victory, scored 10 straight points to take a 23-20 lead on John Kasay's 51-yard field goal with 2:40 remaining.

Horn caught 13 passes for 150 yards. He lost what could have been another touchdown on the Saints' first possession when he collided with back judge Phil Luckett near the end zone and dropped the ball.

Cardinals 34, Raiders 31, OT

OAKLAND, Calif. — Bill Gramatica kicked a 36-yard field goal with 7:31 left in overtime and the Arizona Cardinals beat the Oakland Raiders.

Earlier in the day, Gramatica's brother, Martin, kicked a 21-yarder in overtime to send Tampa Bay past Cincinnati 16-13.

Arizona (5-6) won its third straight. Gramatica's fourth field goal of the game, which he celebrated with a somersault, came after David Dunn fumbled a punt on the Oakland 25.

The loss broke a 10-game regular-season home winning streak for the Raiders (8-3). Oakland forced the game into overtime on Jerry Rice's 2-yard scoring catch on fourth down with 12 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Rams 35, Falcons 6

ATLANTA — Kurt Warner threw four touchdown passes, Marshall Faulk scored three times, including his 100th career TD, and the St. Louis Rams rebounded to beat the Atlanta Falcons.

The Falcons (6-5) have been outscored 197-75 in losing five straight games to St. Louis.

Warner was 17-of-23 for 342 yards, his seventh 300-yard game this season. Faulk was on the receiving end of three touchdown passes, the last a 65-yard play that made him the 13th player in NFL history to score 100 touchdowns.

Seahawks 13, Chargers 10, OT

SEATTLE — Rian Lindell, who missed twice in the final five minutes of regulation, hit a 24-yard field goal with 8:37 left in overtime to lift the Seattle Seahawks over the San Diego Chargers.

Lindell was wide right on a 43-yard try with 4:25 left in the fourth quarter, then was wide left on a 48-yard attempt as time ran out.

The Seahawks (6-5) received the kickoff in overtime and went 62 yards in 11 plays in 6:23 to position Lindell for their winning points.

The Chargers (5-7) lost their fifth in a row and were beaten by a field goal for the second straight week.

49ers 35, Bills 0

SAN FRANCISCO — Garrison Hearst ran for 124 yards and a touchdown, and Ahmed Plummer had two of San Francisco's four interceptions to lead the 49ers to their first shutout of the season.

During their implausible run to a tie for the NFL's best record at 9-2, the 49ers specialized in escaping from trouble.

But against woeful Buffalo (1-10), the young 49ers pounded the Bills with mature, dominant performances on both sides of the ball.

Jeff Garcia was 19-of-27 for 189 yards and two TDs, completing his first nine passes.

FIRED: Irish went 5-6 this season

(From 1C)

corner under Bob, and that we were prepared to reclaim our traditional standing among the nation's elite college football programs," White said. "Today, I can no longer say that."

Davie said that after Notre Dame's Sept. 29 loss to Texas A&M, White threatened to fire him during the Nov. 10 bye week if things had not turned around. But Davie said White decided the next day to give him the rest of season to redeem himself.

"If Notre Dame thinks they can hire someone who can come in here and do a better job of winning games than I can, that's certainly their prerogative," Davie said.

"I accept that and I wish them well."

Among those mentioned as potential successors to Davie have been three NFL coaches — Oakland's Jon Gruden, San Francisco's Steve Mariucci and Jacksonville's Tom Coughlin. Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Oregon's Mike Belotti have been among

the college coaches mentioned.

Notre Dame's assistant coaches were told Sunday morning that the new coach would select his own staff, but that they would continue as university employees at least until a new coach is named.

Notre Dame will honor the remainder of Davie's contract, White said, but declined to elaborate.

Players sympathize with Davie, who has been heavily criticized by fans.

"We'll stand behind him anytime, anywhere," kicker Nicholas Setta said.

Davie leaves without leading the Irish to a top-10 finish in his five seasons. The Irish were ranked at the end of the season only twice under Davie — No. 15 last season and No. 22 in 1998.

Davie was never fully embraced by the Notre Dame community after getting off to a tumultuous start.

The most devastating blow to Notre Dame's image came two years ago, when the university

was placed on probation for the first time. It was the result of a relationship between Irish players and a former booster who embezzled more than \$1.2 million from her employer and lavished the players with gifts, trips and money.

The NCAA report said Notre Dame's coaching staff had opportunities to look into the woman's relationship with players on two occasions but didn't ask enough questions. The relationship started under coach Lou Holtz and continued under Davie.

To many Irish fans, though, the most upsetting thing was losing.

The Irish were 6-15 against ranked teams during Davie's stay, 1-7 against teams ranked in the Top 10 and 11-18 away from Notre Dame Stadium.

"I talk to our football team every single day about how it's not the bad things that happen to you that's important, it's how you handle them," Davie said. "In no way do I have a chip on my shoulder as I leave Notre Dame."

HOOPS: A&M wins Brown Classic

(From 1C)

cent from the field while the Lady Bears shot 53 percent.

Baylor led 40-30 at the half.

Texas A&M 75, Brown 65

PROVIDENCE, R.I. —

LaToya Rose scored 23 points

and Tocarra Williams had 19 points and six rebounds Sunday

as Texas A&M won its second Brown Classic championship

with a 75-65 win over the Bears.

Rose, selected MVP of the four-team tournament, was 10 of 16 from the field as the Aggies

improved to 4-2.

Brown (3-4) was led by Rada Pavichevich with 23 points and Erin-Kate Barton with 13.

The Aggies also won the Brown Classic in 1996.

Quinnipiac beat Army 61-57 in the consolation game.

LOSS: Texas crowd booed QB Simms

(From 1C)

half turnovers into 26 points. Simms threw three interceptions — one was returned for a touchdown — and fumbled on a sack to set up another Buffs score.

Chris Brown ran for 182 yards and three TDs for the Buffaloes.

"We wanted to hit him (Simms), hit him and hit him again. Even if it was late, we wanted to hit him," said Colorado strong safety Michael Lewis.

"I was stunned with what happened to me individually," a teary-eyed Simms said afterward. "We have a great team and we had a chance to go to the Rose Bowl. I don't know what happened."

Texas eventually replaced Simms with Major Applewhite and the senior nearly rallied Texas to the win. But ultimately it was too little, too late.

Texas got into the Big 12 title game because Oklahoma lost to Oklahoma State on Nov. 24. The new life in the conference title game would ultimately work against the Longhorns.

Texas was well situated in the BCS before the Oklahoma loss and was practically assured a BCS bowl, most likely the Sugar.

But playing the Big 12 title game put all that at risk. Texas had a shot at the national title with a victory, but the loss dropped the two-loss Longhorns

right out of the BCS.

The victory gave Colorado its first Big 12 title and the conference's automatic BCS berth.

"When we left the hotel today, I told them we are a team of destiny," said Colorado coach Gary Barnett. "No one is playing with more heart right now. Whoever we play next, they're going to face one heck of a football team."

Barnett took some risky moves to get his team to this point.

Last summer, he took a couple of players from last season's 3-8 team to Texas Stadium to see where they would play for the conference title. It was a move of bravado that would have left him open to ridicule without a championship.

Saturday night it was a fake punt that Texas intercepted and returned for a fourth-quarter touchdown to pull within 36-30.

The Buffs got their coach out of trouble by driving for a field goal that all but sealed the win.

"I'm thankful to Jeremy Flores for kicking that field goal to save my butt," Barnett joked.

Simms' pratfall will be most disappointing for Brown. The decision to start Simms over Applewhite, the school's career passing leader, has been the most controversial aspect of Brown's four-year tenure.

Simms answered most of his critics with a school record 22

touchdown passes and Texas' first 10-win season since 1995.

But Simms' biggest mistakes keep happening in Texas' biggest games.

Saturday night's game looked a lot like the four turnovers in last season's Holiday bowl loss and the four interceptions in a mid-season defeat to Oklahoma.

Although Brown said he was "evaluating" the turnovers in the second quarter, he didn't pull Simms until the quarterback dislocated a finger on his throwing hand one play after his last interception.

By that time, the decidedly pro-Texas crowd was booing Simms lustily and chanting "May-jor, May-jor."

Applewhite responded by throwing a 79-yard touchdown to B.J. Johnson on his second play that cut the Colorado lead to 29-17. His TD pass to Johnson with 31 seconds left made it 39-37.

It is sure to spark more questions about who should start Texas' bowl game.

Brown said he'll reserve judgment until he can watch the game film.

"A lot of people will blame Chris. There may have been a busted route," Brown said. "He (Simms) has played great for us all year. I've seen some great players have bad days. I've had them myself as a coach."

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After the \$59 SuperSale ends at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8th, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed toll free to 1-888-584-4756.

Jack Sherman Chevrolet is located at 4100 West Wall in Midland.

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as low as \$79 per month.* "It's that simple," said Mr. Dixon. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the windshield. Just pick your vehicle and pick your payment. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

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Mavs down Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored seven of his 32 points in overtime Sunday night as the Dallas Mavericks became the first visiting team to win at Arco Arena this year, defeating the Sacramento Kings 120-114.

Peja Stojakovic of Sacramento was fouled with two-tenths of a second left in regulation by Nowitzki. He made the first free throw, but missed the second, sending the game into overtime tied 105-105.

Nowitzki, who also had 14 rebounds and three blocks, scored the first four points in the extra period as the Mavericks won for the sixth time in seven games and avenged a loss to the Kings four days earlier in Dallas.

Steve Nash scored a season-high 31 points and Michael Finley added 19 points and seven assists.

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National Football League

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC
Miami	8	3	0	.727	225	222	11-0	1-1	3-2-0	
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	224	199	2-4-0	5-0-0	2-2-0	4-2-0
New England	7	5	0	.583	274	228	4-2-0	3-3-0	4-0-0	2-1-0
Indianapolis	4	7	0	.364	252	337	4-0-0	3-3-0	4-0-0	0-2-0
Buffalo	1	10	0	.091	167	306	0-6-0	1-4-0	1-8-0	0-2-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC
Pittsburgh	9	2	0	.818	210	137	4-1-0	5-1-0	7-2-0	1-1-0
Baltimore	8	3	0	.727	235	214	4-0-0	4-3-0	7-3-0	1-1-0
Cleveland	6	5	0	.545	204	181	4-3-0	2-2-0	4-1-0	3-1-0
Tennessee	5	6	0	.454	214	252	3-3-0	3-3-0	3-6-0	2-0-0
Cincinnati	4	7	0	.364	153	220	3-3-0	4-0-0	3-3-0	1-1-0
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Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	255	141	2-4-0	5-0-0	5-3-0	2-1-0
Azores	6	5	0	.545	195	234	4-2-0	3-3-0	4-1-0	1-2-0
N.Y. Giants	6	5	0	.545	191	206	3-2-0	2-4-0	3-5-0	3-1-0
Washington	5	6	0	.454	155	226	3-2-0	2-4-0	3-4-0	2-2-0
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	153	220	2-4-0	1-4-0	3-5-0	0-3-0

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San Francisco	9	2	0	.818	302	225	5-1-0	4-1-0	6-2-0	3-1-0
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	194	226	3-2-0	3-3-0	3-3-0	2-2-0
New Orleans	5	6	0	.454	184	226	3-2-0	3-3-0	3-3-0	2-2-0
Carolina	1	11	0	.091	184	279	0-5-0	0-6-0	0-8-0	0-3-0

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Bears 13, Lions 10				Passing 101 307		Ari—Boston 50 pass from Plummer (Plummer run), 1:18				
Detroit 7 9 3 0-10				Comp-Att-Int 11-21-1 26-40-1		Oak—Rice 2 pass from Gannon (Jankowski kick), 12				
Chicago 0 3 0 0-13				Sacked-Yards Lost 8-60 3-23						
First Quarter				Punts 6-54.3 5-41.6		Overtime				
Oak—Stewart 3 qtr (Jensen kick)				Fumbles-Lost 1-0 2-1		Ari—FG Gramatica 36, 7:31				
Individual Statistics				Penalties-Yards 3-21 10-85		Oak				
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Sunday's Boxes

Heisman race looks scrambled

By Michael Murphy
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The computers are humming, attempting to sort out the chaos that is the Bowl Championship Series standings. Who's going to play Miami for the national championship in the Rose Bowl? And the last couple of weeks begs the question: Does anyone really want to?

You can almost hear the microprocessors cramping up as they attempt to digest all the "raw data" and such.

Fine. Let the keyboard jockeys crunch the numbers. Thankfully, there is one aspect of college football that, for now, is left to the human element.

The Heisman Trophy.

But if you think the national championship chase is wide-open, the Heisman hunt makes the various Rose Bowl scenarios seem as neat and orderly as Felix Unger's recipe files.

Voting ends this week, and the award will be presented Saturday, but many questions remain.

The first of which is: Does anyone deserve a Heisman this year?

The way things are shaping up, in this tight race, Miami's Ken Dorsey appears to be the front-runner, but that seems to be as much by default as anything else.

The other contenders? They're getting picked off like Chris Simms passes.

Oregon's Joey Harrington, he of the \$250,000, 13-story billboard in New York promoting his Heisman-ness, was still in the hunt as of last week, but Oregon State pulled the plug by limiting the senior quarterback to 104 yards on 11-of-22 passing. And Harrington's fumble in the final two minutes almost cost Oregon the game.

Nebraska's Eric Crouch rolled up decent numbers two weeks ago against Colorado (198 passing yards, 167 yards on 18 rushes), but the only numbers voters will remember are 62-36 — the final score of one of the worst losses in Cornhuskers history.

That game knocked Nebraska out of its guaranteed Rose Bowl berth, and probably knocked Crouch (1,510 yards

passing, 1,115 rushing) out of the Heisman race.

"There's no question in my mind that Eric Crouch is the best athlete in college football today," said Nebraska coach Frank Solich. "They'd rather play against anyone in the country than Eric Crouch. Is that the kind of guy who deserves the Heisman? I think it is."

Fresno State's David Carr has numbers that rival those of last year's winner Chris Weinke, 4,308 yards and 42 touchdowns. He ended the regular season by riddling Utah State for 432 yards and six touchdowns on 21-of-27 accuracy in a 70-21 victory.

"It would be an awesome award to win, but that's not the end of the world," said Carr of the Heisman. "It's not really something I'm hanging my hat on."

Florida's Rex Grossman had almost no help in a 34-32 loss to Tennessee, but he managed to throw for 362 yards and a pair of touchdowns. But Grossman couldn't pull out a victory as the Vols knocked the Gators out of the championship hunt. Late losses like that tend to linger in the minds of Heisman voters.

But, Grossman could have thrown for 600 yards and 10 touchdowns and led the Gators to a thrilling last-second comeback victory and probably would not have won the Heisman.

Why? Because Grossman, who passed for a school-record 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns, is only a sophomore, and no sophomore has won the Heisman. The voters, who love to talk about dues-paying and such, would have made sure that was again true this year.

So we're back to Dorsey, whose candidacy has been pretty much like the player himself — steady and unspectacular. Dorsey completed 21 of 44 passes for 235 yards and a touchdown Saturday as the Hurricanes escaped with a 26-24 victory over upset-minded Virginia Tech.

Dorsey has thrown for 2,652 yards and 23 touchdowns (nine interceptions), leading the Canes to an undefeated season and a berth in the Rose Bowl. Should Dorsey win it — and he

probably will — he would be the third Miami quarterback to take home the award, following Vinny Testaverde (1986) and Gino Torretta (1992).

"The Heisman Trophy doesn't mean anything to me," Dorsey said, "because we're going to the Rose Bowl, and I'm just happy about that."

Yeah, right.

Dorsey meets most of the usual requirements needed to be "Heisman worthy." His team is undefeated, ranked No. 1 in the polls and the BCS, from the East, and he's the quarterback. But guess what? Dorsey isn't even the best player on his team. Some say he's not even second-best.

The best Miami player might just be the best player in the nation, but he won't win a Heisman Trophy. He won't even get invited to New York for the presentation ceremony.

Why?

Because Miami's best player is Bryant McKinnie — and he is an offensive lineman. And even though the Heisman is supposed to reward the "Outstanding College Football Player of the United States," we all know that's not true.

Is the Heisman process exclusionary? You'd better believe it. The velvet rope at the front door of Studio 54 wasn't this exclusionary.

But believe this — McKinnie, a tackle, is head and shoulders above his peers, and not only because of his 6-9, 345-pound frame. Evidence? Not only has the senior not given up a sack this season, allowing Dorsey to stand upright long enough to throw his touchdown passes, but also McKinnie has not surrendered a sack in his career.

He shut down Florida State's Jamal Reynolds, Florida's Alex Brown last season, and this year he dominated Syracuse defensive end Dwight Freaney, himself a trendy Heisman pick before he ran up against the Miami pound machine. Freaney, the NCAA sacks leader, did not have a tackle in the Canes' 59-0 destruction of Syracuse.

"He's so big. People don't understand a 94-inch wingspan. That's eight feet," Freaney said. "It doesn't make any sense. It's ridiculous."

Russell facing suspension for drug use

NEW YORK (AP) — Defensive tackle Darrell Russell of the Oakland Raiders faces a one-year suspension by the NFL after testing positive for the drug Ecstasy, a league source said Sunday.

Russell, who sat out the first four games this season for violating the league's substance-abuse policy, will appeal the suspension on Thursday. He will be allowed to play until the appeal is decided.

The case was first reported Sunday by CBS Sports and confirmed by a league source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The Raiders and the NFL declined comment on the case. Russell returned to action Oct. 14 after being suspended in August when the NFL determined he failed to comply with

its drug-testing policy.

The 6-foot-5, 325-pound lineman in his fifth season out of Southern California, said he wasn't home when a test was scheduled to be administered, and that he failed to get back to the league on time. He forfeited about \$448,000 in salary due to the suspension.

The league began testing this season for Ecstasy, a mood-altering drug popular on the nightclub scene.

The NFL does not disclose details of substance-abuse violations. Its policy covers a wide range of issues, including the illegal use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol, prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs.

The policy also includes a series of drug-testing regulations.

Greg Aiello, an NFL spokesman, declined to comment on Russell's case.

Ecstasy, the increasingly popular party drug, affects serotonin, a brain chemical that regulates mood, emotion, sleep, appetite, memory and sexual behavior. The drug typically induces feelings of euphoria, increased energy and sexual arousal, and makes people feel a need to be touched or hugged.

The illegal drug, known scientifically as methylenedioxymethamphetamine, or MDMA, is also said to suppress the need to eat, drink or sleep, making it possible to party for two or three days.

However, in high doses it can cause a sharp increase in body temperature, leading to muscle breakdown, kidney and heart failure, and death.

Clippers officials had no immediate comment.

Police use tear gas on Boulder crowd
BOULDER, Colo. — Police used tear gas and pepper spray to disperse fans celebrating Colorado's victory in the Big 12 championship game.

Two officers were injured slightly, and 18 people were arrested Saturday night after the 39-37 win over Texas, police spokeswoman Jennifer Bray said.

Two people sought treatment for tear gas inhalation, while another was injured while running from the gas.

Police said they videotaped the crowd and will scan the tapes for suspects.

Some in the crowd of 500 lighted bonfires, tore street signs and traffic lights and tried to overturn cars. Another crowd of about 100 gathered a few blocks away.

Twins petition drive draws over 151,000 signatures
MINNEAPOLIS — A grass roots group has collected more than 151,000 signatures urging baseball not to eliminate the Minnesota Twins, surpassing its goal of 100,000.

Paul Ridgeway, chairman of the Keep the Twins at Home campaign, said papers containing another 5,000 were waiting to be collected from the offices of the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.

"These aren't just signatures," Ridgeway said. "These are heartfelt cries (of fans) who want their team to stay."

Garcia captures Nedbank Golf Challenge

Associated Press

SUN CITY, South Africa — Sergio Garcia made a 20-foot chip shot from the fringe on the first playoff hole Sunday to beat Ernie Els and win the Nedbank Golf Challenge.

Garcia forced the playoff by shooting a 9-under-par 63 after starting the day six strokes behind Els, the third-round leader.

"Every victory is great but with the field so strong, it was really good to win," Garcia said. "I lost two playoffs this year, so I really needed to show myself I could win one."

Garcia won a first prize of \$2 million in the \$4.06 million tournament, the richest in golf.

Els, a South African who has twice won this event, closed with a 69, joining the Spaniard at 20-under-268 for regulation.

Bernhard Langer of Germany was third in the 12-man event, finishing with a 69 for a 271 total. Mike Weir of Canada (68) was next at 272, followed by Lee Westwood of England (71) at 275.

A hailstorm interrupted play during the final few holes at Gary Player Country Club.

On the playoff hole, Garcia coaxed his ball out of the fringe and slid it from the left into the cup from 20 feet. Els still had a chance but his 15-foot putt went past the hole.

"The kikuyu grass here made it a tough shot," Garcia said. "Even when the ball went in, I wasn't sure of winning because Ernie still had a putt and he

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could have made it."

Clippers center booked on three felony charges

LOS ANGELES — Michael Olowokandi of the Los Angeles Clippers was booked on three felony allegations after being arrested Saturday night at his home in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Sgt. Steve Tobias said Olowokandi, 26, was arrested around 3:10 a.m. and was booked on allegations of cohabitant abuse, robbery and false imprisonment, all felonies. He was later released on \$50,000 bail.

The police said they would release further information Monday.

Olowokandi, the overall No. 1 selection in the 1998 NBA draft, played Sunday night and led the Clippers to a 31-point victory over the Indiana Pacers.

"First of all, I'd like to go on record as saying domestic abuse isn't something I make light of. It's something I've never ever participated in, and I think, at the moment, whatever print might be out there might be a little bit out of proportion. And I think, in due time, the truth will come out," Olowokandi said.

"That's a very private matter, and I think out in due time, we will find out that what has indeed been printed or been alleged did not happen. There are numerous witness who were there when this happened, and it is not at all what it seems like," he said.

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Single cab, white, V8,
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wheels, 70K miles. Good
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tires, 6 cylinder, 31K miles,
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gray leather, fully loaded,
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Approval of ED tax step toward 'A Better Midland'

By Marvin L. Wynn,
President & CEO

On Tuesday, November 6 the voters of Midland overwhelmingly approved City Proposition One, a referendum to increase the local sales tax by one-quarter cent effective April 1, 2002, and to create an economic development fund that will be used to implement an economic diversification plan for the community.

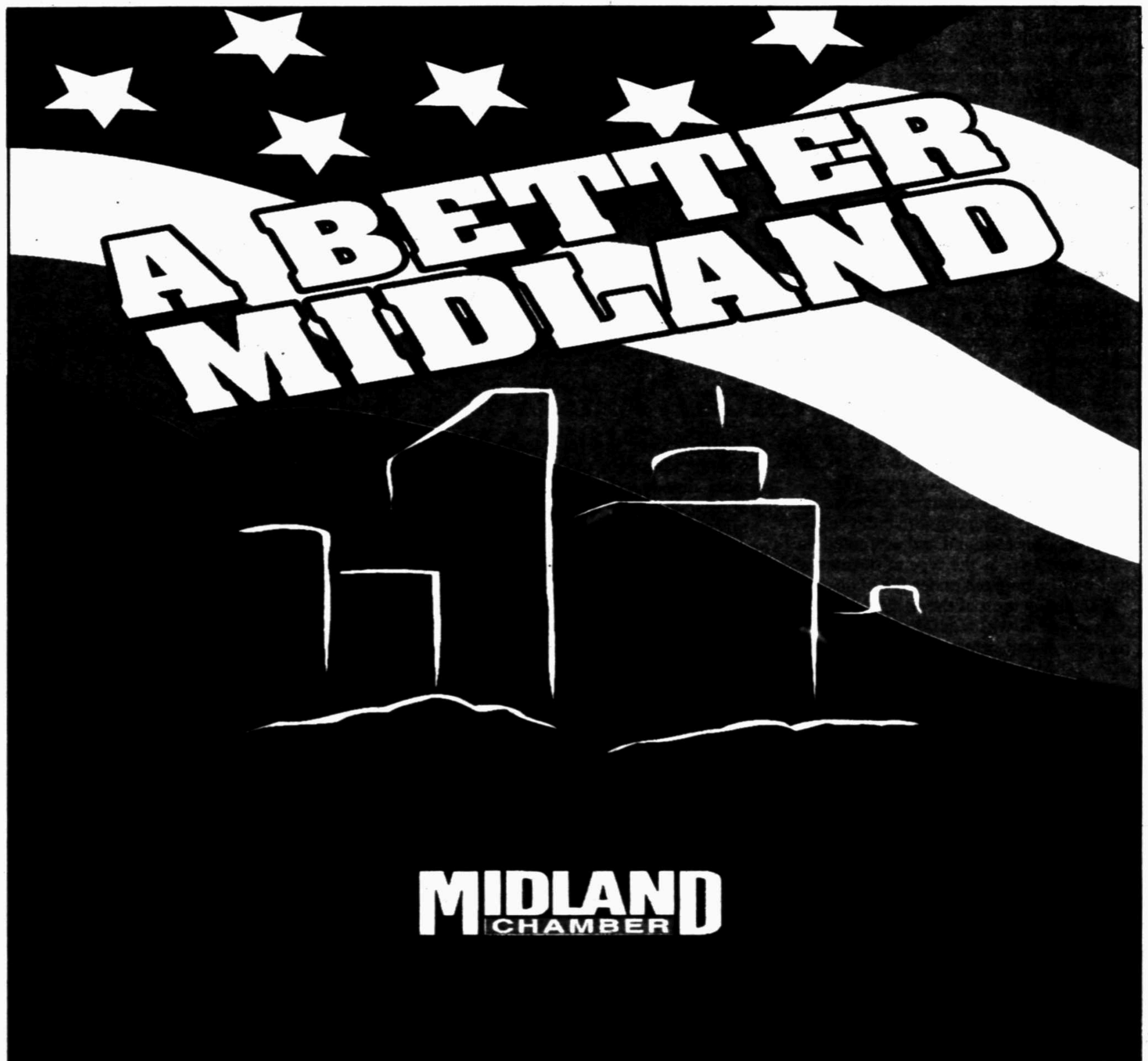
This was a very positive step toward "A Better Midland," the theme of the grass roots committee that formed to promote passage of the tax issue. The Midland Chamber has supported passage of an economic development tax for more than ten years.

Since the historic 59% to 41% favorable approval of the issue on November 6, there has been much "Monday morning quarterbacking" about why Midland voters changed their minds in the four years since the last vote in 1997. Just as was the case when voters twice earlier turned down similar issues, there were numerous factors that influenced the way Midlanders voted.

The Economic Environment has Changed:

Since the last ED sales tax referendum failed four years ago there have been dramatic changes in the oil and gas industry that either directly or indirectly affects an estimated 70% of the local economy. There have been consolidations among most of the major oil companies resulting in significant job losses locally. Both Exxon and Mobil have closed their Midland offices after decades of providing large numbers of high paying jobs that supported the local economy. BP Amoco (now just "BP") purchased Arco Permian and consolidated much of those operations into Houston causing job reductions in Midland. A merger of Chevron and Texaco, currently in progress, is likely to further reduce major oil company employment in Midland as will the recently announced merger of Phillips and Conoco.

Please see BETTER/2



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BETTER: City takes steps to diversify economy

(From 1)

In addition to the job losses from eliminations and transfers, the petroleum industry experienced a drastic downturn in 1998-99 from a precipitous drop in oil prices to as low as \$8/bbl. This ricocheted through the local economy as reflected in the loss of population, a drop in MISD enrollment, decreased airline boardings and lower sales tax collections (see Regional and Petroleum Industry indexes elsewhere in this publication). Now, just as the local economy is experiencing recovery from that downturn, both oil and gas prices are dropping again. Voters doubtless took these factors into consideration when they went to the voting booth.

An Economic Diversification Plan:

Another factor that may have favorably influenced voters to approve the ED sales tax this time was the Midland Assessment and Action Plan (MAAP). The Midland Chamber initiated this effort earlier this year. It was financed jointly by local taxing entities and private sector contributions. A MAAP Committee, comprised of persons representing the financial contributors, selected a respected economic development consultant, Angelou Economics Advisors of Austin, to lead the effort. Hundreds of Midlanders participated in the process. An analysis of the local economy documented the need for diversification. A comparison of the Midland area economy with several "peer cities" revealed that other communities were experiencing success in their diversification efforts. A detailed report was widely circulated via a web-site (www.midlandeconomy.org).

Angelou, using their expertise, experience and proprietary computer models, recommended eight "industry groups" that they believe have "location fit" with the existing Midland area economy. The Better Midland Committee promoted the MAAP report as an economic development plan for Midland and presented the eight industries as the type of businesses that will be targeted under the plan.

Implementation of the MAAP is already in process. It will require additional refinement and continuous updates. The Midland Airport has hired the Hillwood Group, developers of the very successful Alliance Airport in Fort Worth, to refine Angelou's recommendations and develop a site-specific plan for marketing and development of Midland International Airport. A joint task force has been formed with Odessa to implement that effort. The Chamber's Economic Development Division is researching selected industries in anticipation of launching an accelerated marketing effort to targeted businesses.

The MAAP provided an answer to critics who previously argued that there was no plan for use of the estimated \$3 million that the tax will produce annually. It will now become the basis for implementation of an economic diversification effort for Midland.

A Cingular Success:

The attraction of a major new employer, Cingular Wireless, LLC of Atlanta, with the potential of 1000 or more new jobs with an annual payroll of \$20 million plus demonstrated to Midland voters what could be accomplished from a modest investment in a partnership with a major employer. The Midland Chamber worked for eight months to convince Cingular that Midland had the real estate, labor force, training capability (Midland College's ATC) and other requirements to support a Cingular Customer Call Center. The Midland City Council, led by former Mayor Bobby Burns and current Mayor Mike Canon, supported the project with a \$1 million incentive package augmented by Abell-Hanger Foundation (\$250,000).

Cingular went to work immediately, purchasing and transforming the former Builders Square building on Loop 250 West into a high tech state-of-the-art customer service center and hiring and training new employees (pre-trained at Midland College's ATC). On their first

children.

After this seemingly impossible task was accomplished and the Council called an election, the Citizens' for A Better Midland Committee was formed with Don Tomlin, an oilfield supply firm executive, as Chairman. Morales continued his active involvement as one of two Vice Chairs. Susanne Smith, a financial executive, was the other Vice Chair. Buddy Sipes, former Chair of the Midland Chamber and an independent oil man and Boley Embry, a long time civic promoter, jointly raised the money to fund a very effective educational campaign to gain support of the issue. Madeline Garcia, former Chair of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and a local manufacturing company employee, served as Treasurer of the Citizens' Committee. These six were joined by hundreds of other individuals to form a committee with very diverse backgrounds. More than three hundred individuals and businesses contributed from \$5 to \$5000 each to the campaign, creating a truly grass roots effort.

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Marvin Wynn,
Chamber President and CEO

reporting date, just prior to the November 6 referendum, Cingular reported that they were already exceeding the contractual obligations to the City of Midland for investment and job creation.

Midland's "Cingular Success" helped convince many voters of the value of having an economic development fund with flexibility to invest in Midland's future.

Grass Roots Efforts:

The "grass roots" involvement of hundreds of Midlanders was doubtless a major factor in passage of City Proposition One. While the Midland City Council individually supported the ED sales tax, they wisely chose not to call a referendum election on their own. They chose instead to wait for an initiative petition to place the issue on the ballot. The Midland Chamber supported passage of the tax but did not take an active role in either the petition drive or the promotion campaign.

Jerry Morales, an independent small businessman, realized the need to diversify the local economy and undertook the daunting task of securing 3569 signatures on a petition to the City Council calling for a referendum on the issue. He was joined by dozens of other Midlanders who wanted to help create a Better Midland for themselves, their children and their grand-

New report card on schools issued

Texas Monthly's November issue published a report card for public schools in the state. The analysis was done by Just for the Kids (JFTK), a non-profit group promoting accountability in the education system, compared Texas schools based on Texas Assessment of Academic Skills scores and demographics.

Historically, groups have collected test score data and focused on passing percentages (example - TAAS minimum score of 70). Instead of focusing on passing percentages, the JFTK process compared schools that scored within the proficiency level (with a score of at least 85 or above). The second difference in the report involved comparing schools using demographics. JFTK used data identifying the number of economically disadvantaged students enrolled, so that schools with similar student populations could be compared to one another.

Once the comparisons were made, JFTK ranked the schools. Midland ISD compared well with other like districts. For example, all four of Midland ISD's junior highs scored in the top 20 percent of Texas junior highs with similar demographics. All MISD elementary schools and junior highs scored within the top 20 percent of their demographic rankings, some were at the top and middle of that 20 percent, while others were near the bottom.

The JFTK report represents a major change in the way we analyze the success of our school systems.

"The reason that the JFTK data is interesting," says Uri Treisman, a professor of mathematics at UT - Austin and the Director of the Charles A. Dana Center, an education think-tank on the university's campus, "is that they take the single most debilitating myth in education — that it's the children who determine the outcomes of education — and prove it wrong."

"People who think that it's really the children are forced to acknowledge that it is really the schools and that there are plenty of schools with economically disadvantaged students who out perform even school from affluent districts."

The report card also indicates that while many schools have passing rates that are respectable, their proficiency ratings are poor when compared with their peers.

Groups like JFTK are raising the bar for accountability and across Texas, chances are the standards are about rise.

For more information on the JFTK report, see just4kids.org or texasmonthly.com.

*quote from Texas Monthly, November 2001

Convention & Visitors Bureau

Midlanders can soon find lots of Christmas cheer in Midland

By SuJo McKee

The holidays are here! Let's get out and celebrate. Bundle the children in coats and gloves, pick up the family members or friends and get in the holiday spirit.

Numerous holiday activities are planned for this Christmas season and should be enjoyed by all.

The annual Christmas from the Heart of Midland festivities kick off the holiday season Saturday, December 1. Events for adults, teen-agers and children of all ages are planned.

The Kid's Fun Run begins approximately at 1 PM and is followed by the Jingle Bell Run.

The Christmas Parade will follow the Jingle Bell Run and awards ceremony around 3:30 PM.

From 4 to 6 PM, the downtown area will feature artwork, with Santa Claus scheduled to fly in at 4:30 PM. Area choirs will be performing before the Community Tree Lighting, which will be at 6 PM.

Also on December 1 and 2, enjoy Midland-Odessa Symphony & Choral's Holiday Pops Concert and Matinee at the Midland Center.

The American Airpower Heritage Museum and Confederate Air Force will celebrate with an open house on December 4 beginning at 4 PM.

The World's Largest Christmas Party will be held at Midland Center from 4 to 7 PM Thursday, December 6. Over 20 restaurants will be serving food, 100 silent auction items and lots of holiday music and fun are all part of the evening's festivities.

You don't want to miss the magical performance of "The Nutcracker" scheduled for December 15 - 16 at Midland Lee High School. Show off those vocal cords and join the staff at the Petroleum Museum for their Community Sing Along December 18 at 7 PM.

Don't forget to check out Christmas at the Mansion. This 4th annual holiday extravaganza features the "Southwest Express" train exhibit, carolers, and beautifully decorated holiday displays at the Museum of the Southwest. While there, be sure to stop by Blakemore Planetarium and catch their wonderful Christmas shows.

Lots of food, fun and exciting holiday splendors await. Don't let the holiday season sneak by you. 'Tis the time to be jolly!

Midland will continue to play host to national softball tournaments

By SuJo McKee

The streak continues...

Once again, Midland will play host to a national softball tournament and a world softball tournament in 2003. This will make the 26th national softball tournament that Midland has hosted since 1984.

After attending the National ASA Meeting in Winston-Salem, NC, "I am proud to announce that Midland was chosen as the site to host the 2003 Girls 16 & Under Class "A" Fastpitch National Tournament.

I also attended the USSSA National Meeting in Daytona Beach and Midland was chosen to host the Hispanic World Softball Tournaments in 2003 as well. This tournament will consist of Men's A, B, C, and D divisions as well as the women's.

After attending the State ASA Meeting in Tyler, TX in October, Midland was also selected to host the 2002 State Girls 16 & Under Class "B" Fastpitch Tournament. Previously awarded, the National ASA Girls 16 & Under Class "B" Fastpitch Tournament will be held next summer in Midland.

Midland is blessed to have outstanding softball organizations who are known nationwide for running premier softball tournaments. Combine that with first-class facilities, easy accessibility, reasonable rates at nice accommodations and that infamous West Texas hospitality, Midland is a great place to play ball.

CVB Director participates in national tourism convention

By SuJo McKee

The National Tourism Association (NTA) recently held their annual convention in Houston, Texas. NTA is an organization formed to provide unsurpassed business opportunities, knowledge and information to businesses involved in tour operator packaged travel. The annual convention provides opportunities for one-on-one meetings between tour operators and tour providers. At this year's annual convention CVB Director Shura Lindgren was able to participate in 11 of these meetings.

"The benefits of this convention are especially evident considering the projected rise in the number of people who choose to drive or be driven to their destination," said Lindgren. "We feel Midland is a great place to visit and is within driving distance of many outstanding destinations that are already on tour group itineraries. NTA is the place to make the necessary connections to tap into the motorcoach market and that is what we intend to do."

The convention also provides numerous educational opportunities from renowned industry experts. This year's sessions included such topics as "Essentials of Travel Packaging," "Heritage Tourism," "Motorcoach-friendly Cities" and many others which are beneficial for all who are involved in the Motorcoach industry.

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World's Largest Christmas Party helps kick off holiday season

WHAT: The World's Largest Christmas Party
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WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 4 to 7 pm

WHERE: Midland Center, downtown Midland - Wall at Main
Open to the Public

COST: \$8 per ticket in advance, \$10 at the door

There's already talk of Christmas in Midland.

"Be sure to mark down Thursday, December 6 on your calendar," said Jane Inskeep of the Midland Chamber. "That's the World's Largest Christmas Party, an annual event hosted by the Midland Chamber and held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Midland Center."

Last year more than 700 Midland Chamber members and guests attended.

This year, at least twenty Midland restaurants and caterers will offer mouth-watering samples of their menus. Event Becky Arnett and her committee have planned a "Star Spangled Christmas" theme with musical entertainment and a holiday-themed silent auction.

All Midlanders are invited, and business people are encouraged to bring business cards to exchange.

Be prepared to eat hearty - there'll be enough food for a full meal for just \$8.

Soft drinks and a cash bar will also be offered. Holiday music will be featured.

A silent auction of Christmas gift items adds to the festivities.

"Midland Chamber member businesses have donated more than 100 items for our silent auction," Arnett said. "We have wonderful framed artwork, beautiful decorator items, and those one-of-a-kind hand-made pieces."

"If your company hasn't been able to organize its own Christmas Party, we suggest the boss buys a bunch of tickets and

World's Largest Christmas Party!

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takes the entire office to the World's Largest Christmas Party," Inskeep said.

"It's also a great client gift as well."

That's this Thursday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 7

p.m. at Midland Center.

Special thanks to KNFM's Renee Drake and John Moesch for emceeing the event and providing publicity. Also, thanks to

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Customer service seminars to be offered in February

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FACT: Customers who encounter poor service tell an average of 11 other people about their bad experience.

FACT: 68% of customers who stop doing business with a company do so because of perceived indifference — nobody cares.

FACT: Courting new business can cost up to five times more than strengthening relationships with current clients.

We've heard fantastic feedback about this program! Bill's lively presentations and video tapes instruct over 20,000 people each year!

On Wednesday, February 6, at Midland Center, there will be two presentations. You are welcome to attend one or both half day seminars.

8:30 - 11:30AM is for Owners/Managers and includes a networking breakfast and seminar entitled "Strengthening Customer Relationships in Turbulent Times."

1:00PM - 4:00PM is for employees entitled "Astounding Customers With Our Service."

Your investment is only \$79 for the

morning seminar or \$69 for the afternoon seminar, \$138 for both with early registration until February 1. Group discounts are available if five or more from the same group are registered. Those costs are \$69 for the morning seminar, \$59 for the afternoon seminar or \$128 for both.

Seminar registration forms will be mailed in January. Registrations are due by Friday, February 1.

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Midland-Odessa economy continues to rebound

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The Midland-Odessa economy in October continued to rebound from the impact of low oil prices suffered in 1997-1998, surpassing its peak reached in July 1998 after tying that level in September.

Local officials, though, are keeping a close eye on energy prices, which have fallen below the \$20 level and sent the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index down again.

Despite lower prices, said Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham, who prepares both the Petroleum Index and the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for First American Bank, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Reporter-Telegram, he sees the general economy remaining positive.

Right now, he said, he's not concerned about the decline in the petroleum index because it is so price sensitive, though there will be cause for concern if it continues to decline. At the moment, he said, it is at a level high enough to fuel healthy economic growth in the general economy.

Airline boardings continued to be down, noted Marvin Wynn, president and chief executive officer of the Midland Chamber, a trend expected in the aftermath of September's terrorist attacks.

Still, he said, "I think we have so far had minimal overall effects from September 11. Individual businesses have been affected, but overall we came out of it better than other communities."

Though he is keeping a close eye on softening energy prices and their possible impact on the area, he said "I'm more optimistic about the future of the local economy" since the passage in November of the economic development tax. Though the area will see some short-term effects from the national recession and delays in activity related to that slowdown, by the time the ED tax goes into effect April 1, 2002 and the Economic Corporation Board is in place, "We'll be ready to market Midland, we'll be in a good situation

to capitalize on pent-up demand."

Bobby Norman, president of First American Bank, said residents should proceed with caution over the next six to 12 months because the national recession has reduced demand but energy supplies continue to be built up and because prices have softened. He said he expects some slowdown in the general economy due to low prices but, like Wynn, he is optimistic about the region's future.

"The timing of the success with the economic development plan and the funding of it — the timing is good and I'm pleased we now have the opportunity to work on diversifying our economy, not away from energy but to complement it."

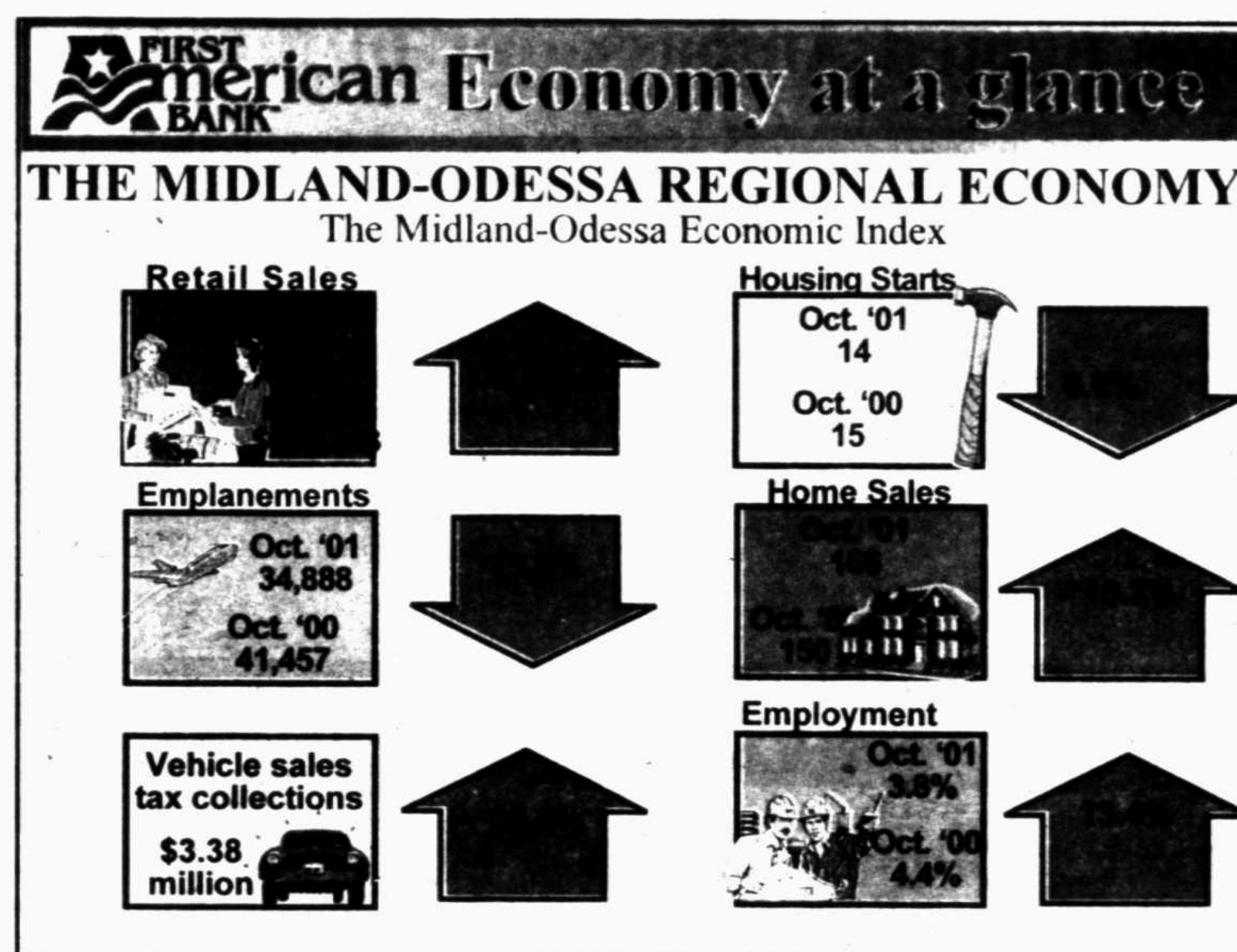
Ingham said that, assuming prices stabilize in mid-2002 and assuming a recovery in the national economy, the Midland-Odessa economy should grow at a rate of 3-5 percent, which he called quite desirable.

In fact, he said, Midland-Odessa's consumer sector is performing very well and is indeed gaining momentum in the final months of the year, with retail sales strong and auto sales continuing at astounding levels, up 33 percent in October over a year ago.

Don Lewis, manager of J.C. Penneys in Midland Park Mall, said that his store is having a great holiday season and that the snows earlier this week seem to have brought more shoppers into his store.

He's noticed, he said, "a big increase in sales since August," a development he attributes to the 750 jobs created by Cingular Wireless' call center in Midland. Sales weren't much impacted by the terrorist attacks, he said, adding that shoppers are taking advantage of the heavy markdowns in his store, something they can expect through the holidays.

Janna Quattlebaum, owner of "Janna's Cruise & Travel," said in the aftermath of the attacks in New York City and Washington, who serves mostly leisure travelers, some of her clients canceled travel plans, but "people are starting to warm up. I'm getting inquiries for spring



break and after school lets out."

She observed more interest in domestic destinations like Disneyland or Disney

World or Hawaii, she said.

When business picks up in January, she said, "I expect it to hit like gangbusters."

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Ambassador of the Month

Jeffus named Ambassador of Month

Charlie Jeffus is again proving his leadership qualities by achieving Ambassador of the Month for November.

He works as an investment broker for A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., specializing in retirement planning and 401(K) rollovers into self-directed IRAs. He has served as a team captain and just con-



Charlie Jeffus

cluded his role as Chairman of M-Squad. Thanks for setting such a fine example, Charlie!

Each month the top five point earners are recognized at the M-Squad monthly luncheon. Points are earned by attending 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.

President's Club Top Achiever

Weaver named October's top achiever

Francine Weaver, volunteer extraordinaire, has been named Top Achiever for the month of October, selling one new membership.

As well as giving her time to the Chamber, Francine is involved with the Altrusa Club and Community Concerts, to name a few.



Weaver

A long time Midland resident, Francine is a retired teacher who enjoys traveling and volunteering.

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 at 683-3381.

Employee Anniversaries

Employees celebrate anniversaries

Three employees celebrate anniversaries with the Chamber in December.

They include:

■ Lisa Worden, controller, ten years.

■ Rebecca Thomas, accounting assistant, eight years.

■ Cynthia Gay, executive assistant, one year.

"We're delighted to have these experienced, dedicated employees working at the Chamber," said Marvin Wynn, Chamber President/CEO. "They each have loyalty and professional attitude toward their vocations that make it possible



Lisa Worden



Thomas



Cynthia Gay

for us to serve the community in so many different ways. My congratulations and appreciation to each of them."

Chamber meetings

(All meetings held in Chamber boardroom unless otherwise noted)

December

- 3 Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee 11:45 am
- 4 Executive Committee 11:30 am
- 5 President's Club 11:30 am
- Midland Center
- 6 New Member Reception 3 pm
- 12 Board of Directors 3:30 pm
- 14 M-Squad Guidelines 11:30 am
- downstairs conference room
- 18 Economic Development Council 11:30 am
- 18 M-Squad Guidelines noon
- Conference room downstairs
- 18 Membership Services 4 pm
- 19 Retention/Expansion Committee 11:30 am
- 20 M-Squad luncheon 11:30 am

January

- 2 Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee 11:45 am
- 3 President's Club 11:30 am
- 8 Executive Committee 11:30 am
- 8 M-Squad Guidelines noon
- Conference room downstairs
- 14 Education Committee 11:45 am
- 15 Economic Development Council 11:30 am
- 15 Leadership Midland Alumni Executive Committee noon
- Conference Room downstairs
- 16 Retention/Expansion Committee 11:30 am
- 17 M-Squad luncheon 11:30 am
- 22 Leadership Midland Alumni noon
- 22 Membership Services 4 pm
- 23 CVB Advisory Board 11:30 am
- 23 Board of Directors 3:30 pm

CVB events

CVB Sporting Events

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with the booking and servicing of many sporting events held in Midland each month.

December

- 6-8 Tall City Oilman's Classic Basketball Tournament
- 7-9 Midland Blast Coaches Classic Soccer Tournament
- 26-29 The Byron Johnston Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament

January

- 3-5 Rebel Classic Boys Soccer Tournament
- 17-18 Lady Rebels Classic Soccer Tournament

CVB: Conventions

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with the booking and servicing of many conventions held in Midland each month. The number indicated refers to the approximate number of individuals attending the convention.

December

- 3-4 Duane Scheriff Ministries Midland Crusade (600)
- 7-8 Texas Association of Licensed Investigators Conference (50)
- 29 West Point Parents Club All Military Academy Ball (250)

January

- 5-11 Texas Parks and Wildlife State Parks Division (500)

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The Economy

Figure 1. Covered Employment.
Midland County: 1990-00

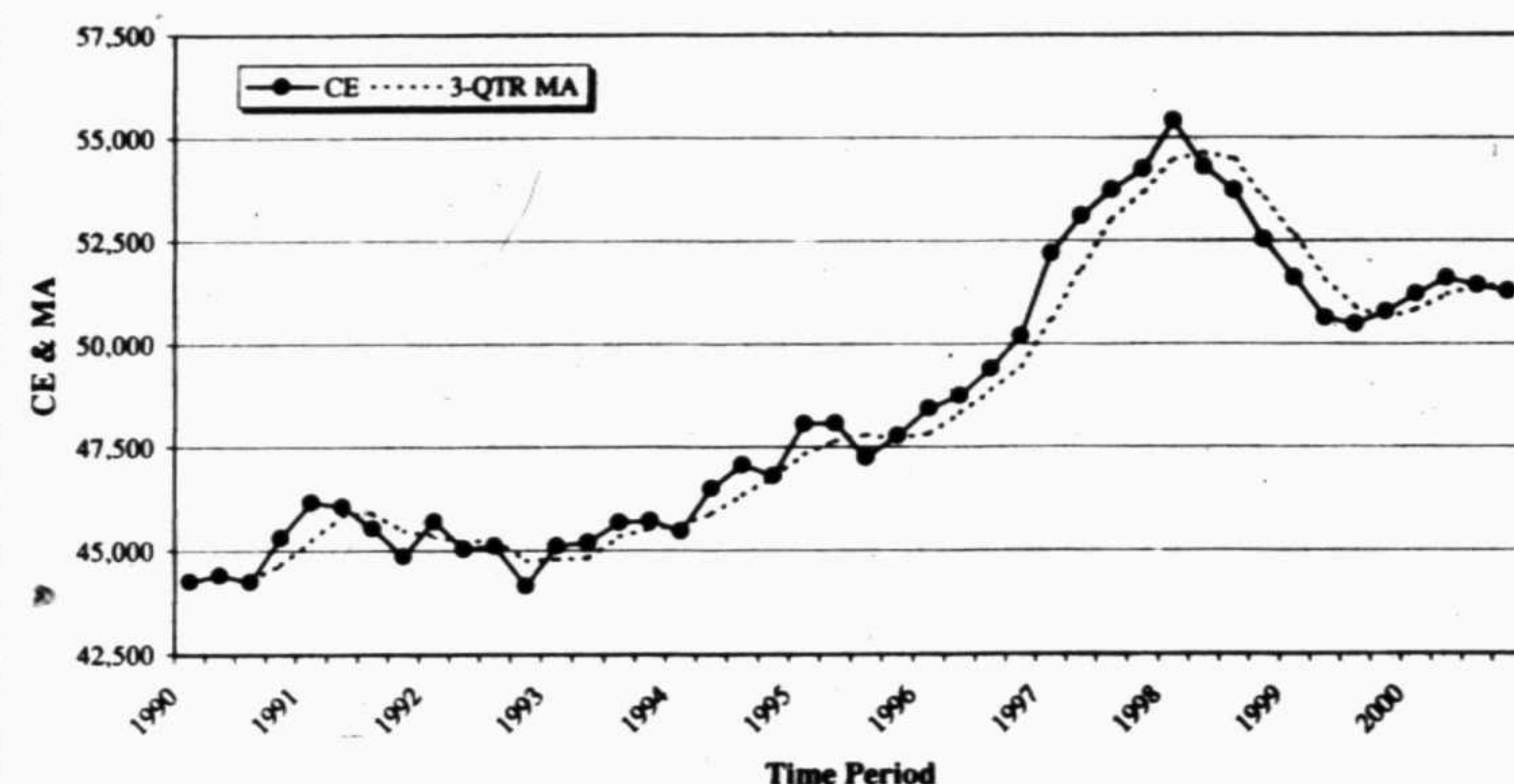
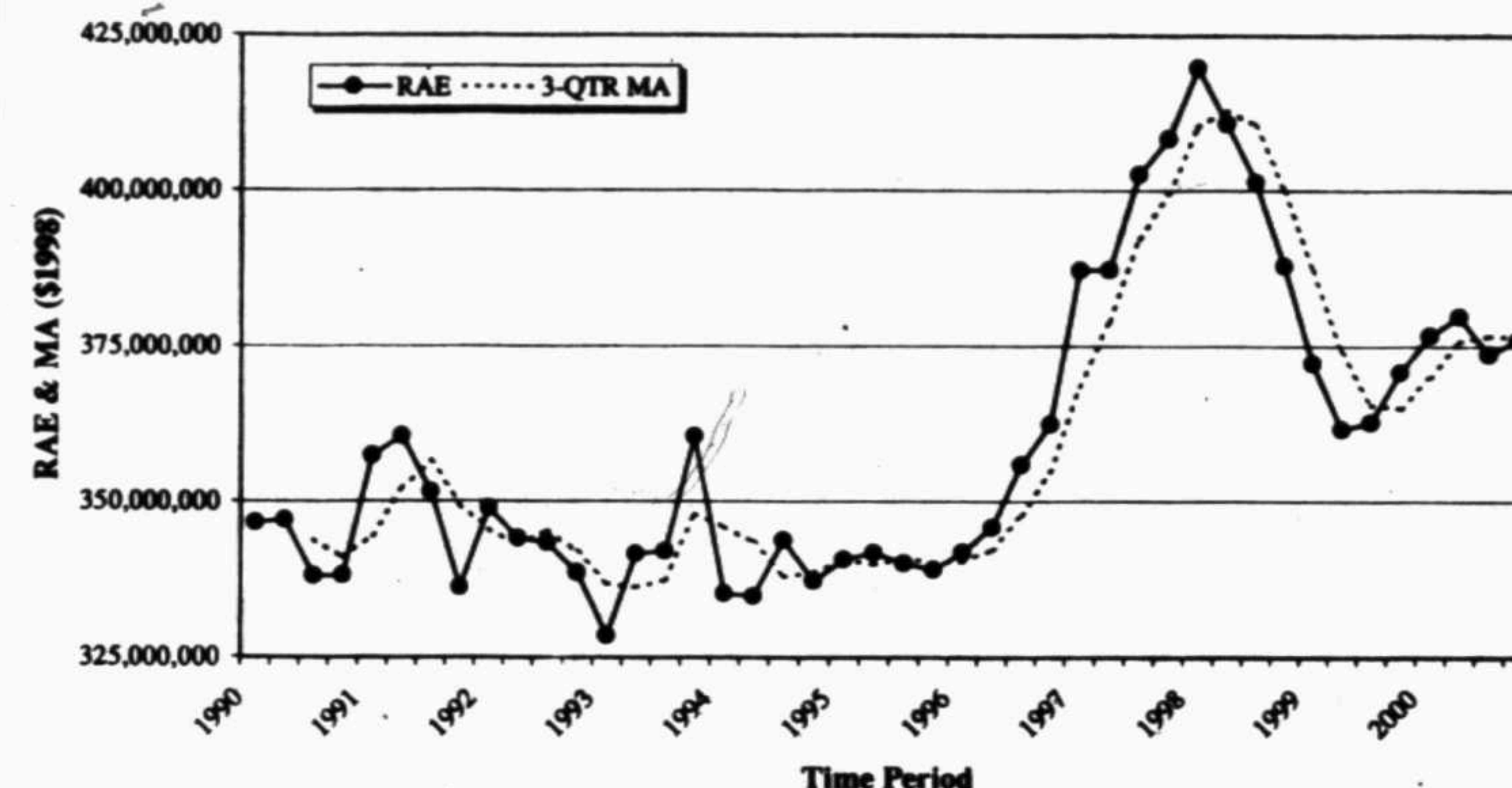


Figure 2. Real Covered Aggregate Earnings.
Midland County: 1990-00



Earnings study finds lethargic job market in Midland County

By Kevin Skipper

This study documents numeric and percentage changes in employment and earnings (E&E) for ten industries in Midland County.

The period covers the past 11 years (1990-00). State-level E&E figures appear for context. Desert Analytic (DA) uses covered employment (CE), aggregate (total) earnings (AE) and average weekly earnings (AWE) to measure labor force conditions.

Between 1990-00, local CE increased from 44,563 to 51,363 — a gain of 15.3% or 6,800 jobs (Figure 1). Texas' workforce expanded much more briskly (32.2%).

Services (3,943), retail trade (2,549), and construction (1,034) added the highest number of jobs. Mining experienced a substantial job loss (-1,327).

Three local sectors report unsurpassed growth rates. Construction (78.2%), retail trade (31.8%) and services (45.9%) encompass this set of industries. TCEGS or transportation, communications & electric, gas and sanitary service (-21.1%) as well as mining (-14.1%) represent major job-losing industries.

Local RAE improved by 9.9% (from \$1.4 billion to \$1.5 billion) during the period (Figure 2.) Texas' RAE soared by 55.5%.

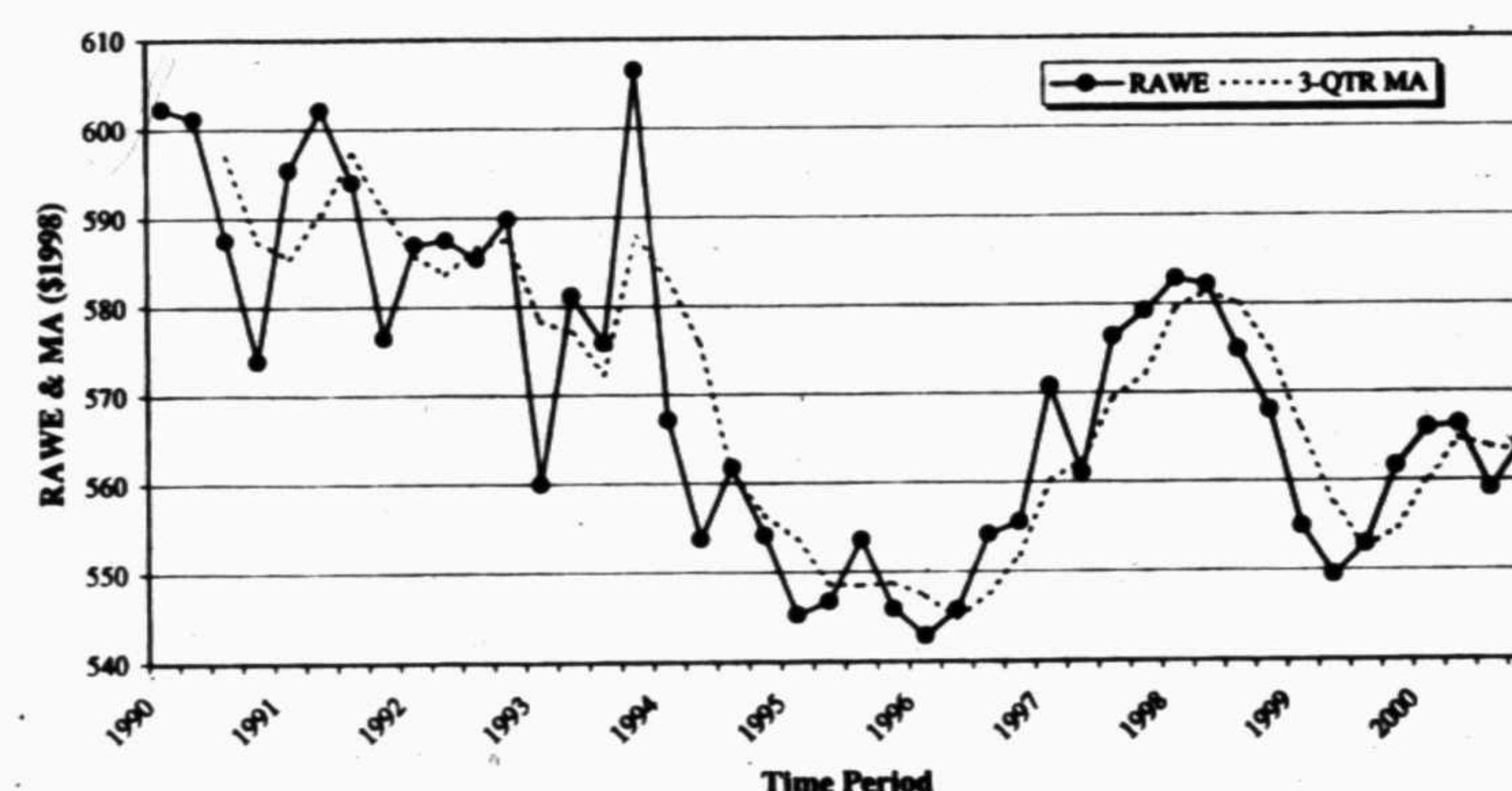
Mining (-34.5 million), manufacturing (-\$20.3 million) and TCEGS (-\$24.8 million) produced numeric declines in RAE. Services' RAE rose most (\$94.8 million.)

Two industries — TCEGS (-25.5%) and manufacturing (-25.2%) — experienced dramatic percentage drops. Powerful percentage gainers include construction (73.4%), services (49.5%) and FIRE (finance, insurance and real estate) (40.5%). No Texas sector reported earnings contractions or negative expansion rates. In fact, all industries in the state increased by at least one-fifth. Most jumped by two-thirds or more.

The county's RAWWE equaled \$593 (109.0% of Texas' RAWWE) in 1990 (Figure 3.) By 2000, local earnings decreased to \$565 (-4.7%) or 88.3% of the Texas figure. Statewide RAWWE leaped by 17.6% during the period (1990=\$544; 2000=\$640).

Two MC industries exhibit substantial dollar and percentage gains or losses in RAWWE. FIRE's earnings enlarged by \$223

Figure 3. Real Average Weekly Earnings.
Midland County: 1990-00



(37.5%) between 1990-00. Manufacturing lost the most ground (-\$127 or -17.8%).

The E&E trends appearing above convey a conspicuous theme: Sluggish growth in Midland County's labor market compared to Texas'. Regardless of indicator used, Midland's earnings present little, if any, vigor. RAE expanded anemically or receded. RAWWE — a superior measure of earnings because it delineates earnings per worker per week and is comparable to geographic area — also slackened. Contributing to the county's lethargic E&E growth was the replacement of high wage mining jobs with low paying services and retail trade employment. These languishing growth patterns constrain consumer purchasing power, business sales and local government tax receipts. Clearly, Midland's long-term economic interests lie with robust employment and earnings increases.

Midland has a crucial tool to help change this bleak situation. With passage of the ED sales tax proposal, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and others can more boldly market our city to entrepreneurs and existing businesses. Their actions will culminate in the creation of more high wage job opportunities for Midlanders.

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