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Euthanasia rate concerns city official



Rindy Jones, 17, of Midland spends some quality time with a Brindle Chihuahua at Midland Animal Control.

U. Frank Williams Jr.
Reporter-Telegram

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Approximately 48,000 animals have been euthanized over the past 10 years at the City of Midland Animal Control and Shelter.

Its director, Coy Willis, says that is too many, way too many.

"Euthanasia is not the solution to the problem," Willis said.

Most would cringe when hearing that 6,608 dogs, cats and other animals are killed every year at the City of Midland Animal Control and Shelter.

That is an average of 18 animals being put to sleep a day.

With an estimated 600 animals still being picked up per month, Willis doesn't expect to see that number go

down anytime soon. Midland's veterinarians don't either.

Both have been meeting with District 1 City Council member LuAnn Morgan and representatives of her district to see if they can help solve Midland's animal problem.

"Our emphasis is to reduce the number of animals destroyed," said Veterinarian Tom Green of Midland.

They hope the city will listen to their plea.

In May, a long-term proposal will be presented to the Midland City Council. Its main purpose will be to cut the number of animals euthanized each year. Details are still to be determined, although one option should ring a bell.

That option would increase the

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city's pet licensing fee by \$3 (from \$5 to \$8). The increase per pet would be used to create a voucher system to provide pets with free sterilizations when enough money is raised. The program, which has an estimated starting cost of \$50,000-\$70,000, almost went before the City Council in early September. It met opposition from Midlanders who thought the fee punishes the responsible pet owner.

"They could do their job without putting the burden on responsible pet owners," said Susan Cronin of the Lone Star SPCA Animal Shelter. "We

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Microloan idea key in creation of jobs

By Luis Garcia
Staff Writer

When dawn is still a couple of hours away, and most of the city is still sleeping, JoAnn Ochoa's kitchen is already alive. At 4 a.m., steak, potatoes, eggs and most importantly, tortillas, are being prepared to feed a still slumbering city.

The scene isn't new. Through oil booms and busts, layoffs and shortages, Teresa Garcia, JoAnn's mother, has operated Garcia's Burritos for nearly four decades. Mrs. Garcia retired last year and left the business to her daughter.

While no longer the owner, Mrs. Garcia has yet to cut the apron strings on the business she has lovingly nurtured through the years. "Ever since we started, the business has gone up, up and up," she said.

The idea came to Mrs. Garcia when her eldest daughter participated in a fund-raising contest at Our Lady of Guadalupe church. As part of the fund-raiser, the family sold burritos. The fund-raising effort was so successful the practice developed into a family business.

The stand boasts a unique feature. Daily, a fleet of delivery girls will traverse the city, equipped to deliver freshly-made burritos to local businesses.

■ Since its kickoff 10 months ago, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's microloan program has extended four loans and created nine new jobs.

When asked how many burritos she prepares each day, Garcia modestly declined to answer. "Enough to keep us busy," she said.

Armed with a desirable product and hundreds of hungry customers, the delivery system has been in need of some beefing up.

In order to distribute its food through improved channels, the food shop requires various permits and licenses.

All that costs money.

"One of the biggest problems that members of the community face is a lack of access to working capital," said David Diaz, executive director of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

"In order to help small business stay competitive, we need to find ways of making this capital available."

The chamber teamed up this past year with First American Bank, First National Bank, Chase Community National Bank, Wells Fargo and Western National Bank to "make a pool of funds available to small businesses."

The microloan program is the latest tool in the arsenal of the MHCC, whose goals are to "to revitalize the area and combat the years of economic blight."

"Most people would not qualify for regular business loans," Diaz said. "The banks are investing in long-term relationships with them (people who receive a loan) with the hope of developing them in to bankable clients."

The chamber's microloan program is in its 10th month of operation, and has already made an impact.

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All in the family

ABOVE: JoAnn Ochoa, co-owner of Garcia's Burritos with her husband Alfonso Ochoa, prepares a burrito last week during the lunch-time rush. AT RIGHT: Ms. Ochoa's mother, Teresa Garcia, began Garcia's Burritos nearly four decades ago.

Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr.



MISD board to listen to complaints on uniforms

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Another chapter in the debate against school uniforms will open up at Tuesday night's Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting.

Board members will be voting on an action whether to approve revisions to the board policy regarding magnet school dress code. The board may also approve whether parent voting on the issue of school uniforms will be allowed for the four campuses in question.

MISD parent Susan Houdyshell said she and other parents in support of a uniform re-vote have collected more than 500 signatures for the campuses of Abell Jr. High, Alamo Jr. High, Midland Freshman and Lee Freshman.

Currently the four junior high and freshman school campuses all have uniforms. Many parents felt the votes for those school uniforms were conducted in an unfair manner, Houdyshell said. She contends while past policies stated 75 percent of parents with students attending the school in question would need to vote on the uniform issue. A two-thirds majority vote would be required for the uniform issue to pass. Now only a simple majority is needed for school uniforms at MISD.

"They've already reduced their standards," said Ms. Houdyshell when referring to MISD rules on school uniforming voting. "Now they're trying to change the rules after the parents in good faith went and collected signatures."

Ms. Houdyshell's concern also stems from the wording in a memo that MISD Executive Director of secondary schools Ricardo Torres produced for the school board. In it, Torres reprints a policy the board adopted on May 11, 1999 stating a principal or other high ranking school official should inspect the names on the petition for authenticity. If the principal finds a signature that may be suspect, it is to be reviewed by a campus committee.

Ms. Houdyshell said a committee would be unnecessary and would jeopardize the privacy of parents who signed the petition in believing their names would not be publicized. Ms.

Please see MISD/2A

Odessa police officer relieved of duties in wake of shooting

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

ODESSA - An Odessa man was shot and killed by a police officer early Sunday morning following an early morning disturbance.

Odessa police officer Chris Myers shot Dewayne Barbee, 31, at 3:08 a.m. Sunday. The shooting took place at 607 North Lauderdale in Odessa. Police received a call at 3 a.m. about a disturbance involving a man in possession of a gun and a sword.

When officers arrived on the scene Barbee, who was reported to be armed with a weapon, confronted an officer.

Odessa police officials said the confrontation occurred quickly and Myers immediately reacted by firing one round from his handgun. According to the report, Barbee was struck in the upper chest and an Odessa Fire Department ambulance was immediately dispatched to the scene. Barbee was pronounced dead on the scene by paramedics.

The case has now been handed over to the Texas Rangers, the Metro Homicide Unit and the Odessa Police Department Inspectional Services Unit for further investigation.

In adherence to Odessa Police Department policy, Officer Myers has been placed on administrative leave with pay pending the outcome of the full investigation, a spokesman for the Odessa Police Department said Sunday in a written statement.

According to police records, Officer Myers has been employed by the Odessa Police since December 1992. He started out in the department as a cadet. He began his service as an officer in 1994. Odessa police officials said Myers has only had one complaint filed against him and Myers was exonerated in that instance. He has 16 letters of commendation in his personnel file, the Odessa Police spokesman said.

XFL scores solid rating

From staff and wire reports

The NBC television network said its first broadcast of the XFL football league Saturday night was watched in 10.3 percent of homes in the largest U.S. media markets.

It was NBC's highest-rated prime time Saturday night broadcast since Sept. 30, the last Saturday of the Sydney Summer Olympic Games, the network said.

Of homes with TVs turned on in the country's top 49 markets, 17 percent tuned in to NBC's telecast of the Las Vegas Outlaws' 19-0 win over the New York/New Jersey Hitmen. NBC switched to the Orlando Rage's 33-29 win over the Chicago Enforcers midway through the third quarter to show a more competitive game.

"People are curious right now," said Midland's NewsWest 9 Weekend Sports Anchor Steve Loscalzo. "The real test will be to see if the fans keep coming back. It interested me and I know I would watch again."

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Person to Person

Charlene Gnagy is a former teacher for MISD. One of her students at North Elementary was Laura Welch-Bush/1C



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OBITUARIES



Guy Jamieson

Guy Charles Jamieson was born June 19, 1918 in Columbus, Mississippi to Guy Cleveland Jamieson and Tula Stratton (Leak) Jamieson. He graduated from Longview High School and attended Kilgore College. On July 7, 1941, he married Mary Edna Turner in Houston. They moved to Midland in 1975. Mr. Jamieson was employed with Conoco Oil for 41 years before retiring. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Midland; two sons, Guy (Buster) Jamieson of Hobbs, New Mexico and Dennis Arno Jamieson of Rockwall, Texas and five grandchildren.

Mr. Jamieson died Saturday, February 3, 2001 at his Midland residence.

Memorial services are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2001 in First Christian Church with Dr. Tommy Potter, of First Christian Church, officiating, assisted by the Reverend Gary Groves. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family request memorials be directed to the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 1301 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas 79703 or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79702



Charles Bristol

Charles Porter Bristol, resident of Midland since 1958, died February 3, 2001.

Visitation with the family will be Monday, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Ellis Funeral Home. Services are to be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2001 under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home with the

Reverend Richard Edwards of St. Luke's United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Bristol was born in Altus, Oklahoma July 20, 1908. The family moved to Wichita Falls, Tx. where he graduated from high school. He enrolled in the University of Oklahoma and graduated in 1930 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering. While at the University, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He later attended and graduated from the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.

During his undergraduate days he worked summer months 1928-1929 and 1930, for Shell Oil Company at McCamey, Yates, Wink and Hobbs, N.M.

Upon graduation from O.U., he was employed by Shell in the newly discovered East Texas oil field as a Field Engineer. He later served as District Engineer along the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coasts. He was made District Superintendent at Black Bayou,

Louisiana in 1937 and was later transferred to West Texas in the same capacity in 1939, where he supervised the drilling of Shell's holdings in the Denver City and Seminole fields.

In 1942 he became Division Manager for East Texas, North Louisiana, and Arkansas. In 1947 he was transferred to Houston as Chief Engineer. They later promoted him to production manager at Houston and transferred to Tulsa, Oklahoma in the same capacity in 1951.

After an assignment in the parent company's headquarters, the Royal Dutch Shell, the Hague, Netherlands, and the Shell Headquarters in New York, he was appointed vice-president in 1953. He served in that position in Tulsa, Calgary, Canada, and Midland-Houston. He retired in 1968 after 38 years of service.

He was a former President of

the Midland Petroleum Club and served on the Board of Directors. He also served on various committees for the City of Midland. He was one of the original founders of the Petroleum Pioneers.

He married Gussie Suberbielle in 1934 who predeceased him in 1972. In 1973, he married Jane Ferrell, who passed away in 1976. His two sons, Charles Porter Bristol Jr. and William (Bill) Gaylor Bristol, also predeceased him.

He is survived by two grandchildren, Steven H. Bristol and Sheri Bristol-Nanson, both of Midland.

Pallbearers are R.C. Scooter Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Paul Davis Jr., Paul Davis, III, F. Ferrell Davis, Paul Hartzke, B.H. Kouns, and R.R. Morris.

He was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Memorials may be

directed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church Organ Fund.

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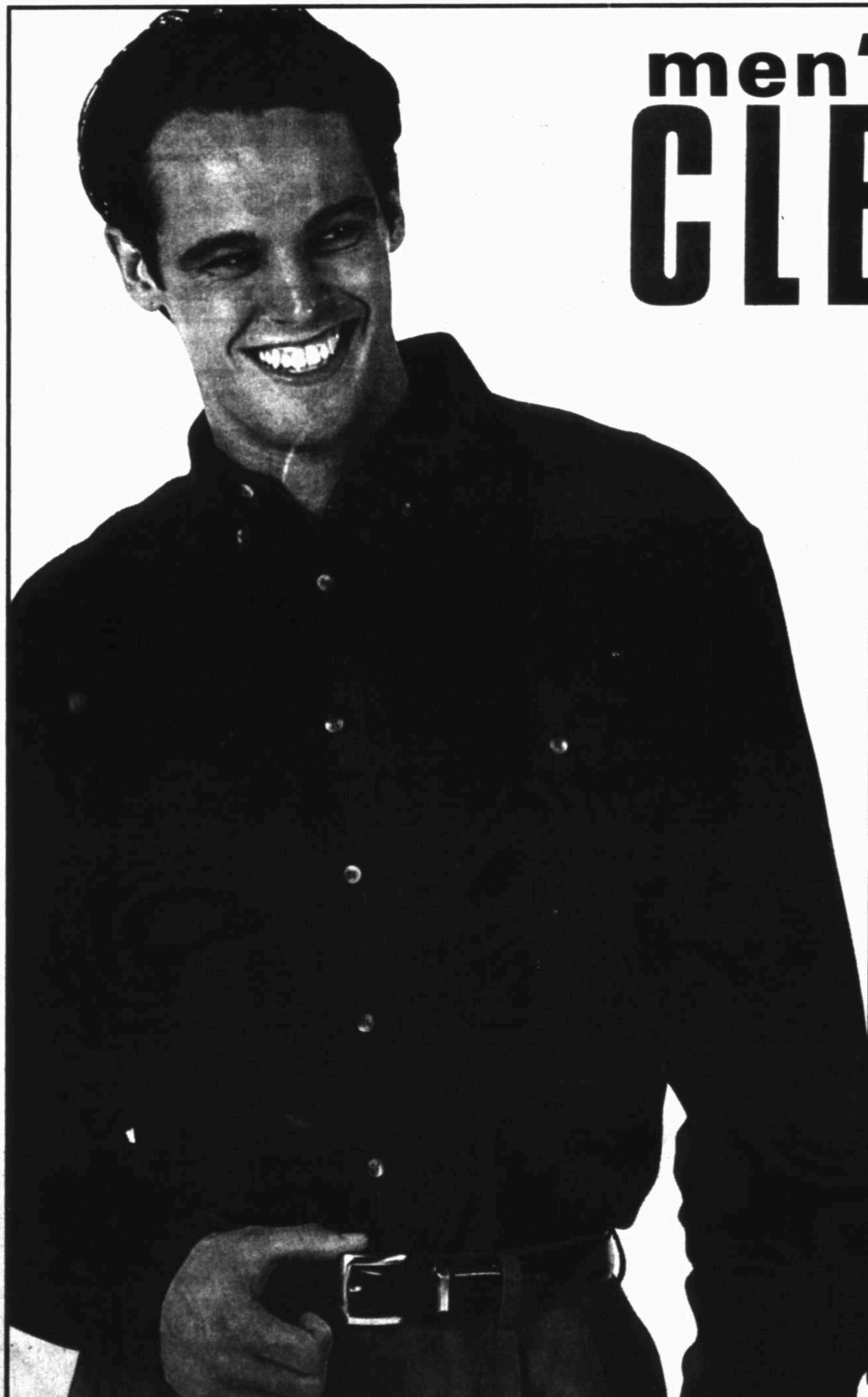
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Twenty-year-old charged in death of police officer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police charged a 20-year-old man with capital murder Sunday in the slaying of a San Antonio police officer.

Manuel Garza of San Antonio, who was questioned throughout the night Saturday at San Antonio police headquarters, was arrested and charged with shooting policeman John Anthony Riojas. A San Antonio magistrate ordered Garza jailed without bond.

Garza already was wanted on five outstanding warrants, including two charges of burglary of a vehicle, a police spokesman said.

Riojas, 37, was shot in the forehead with his own police-issued .40-caliber Glock pistol Friday night after chasing a suspect through an apartment complex on the northwest side of San Antonio.

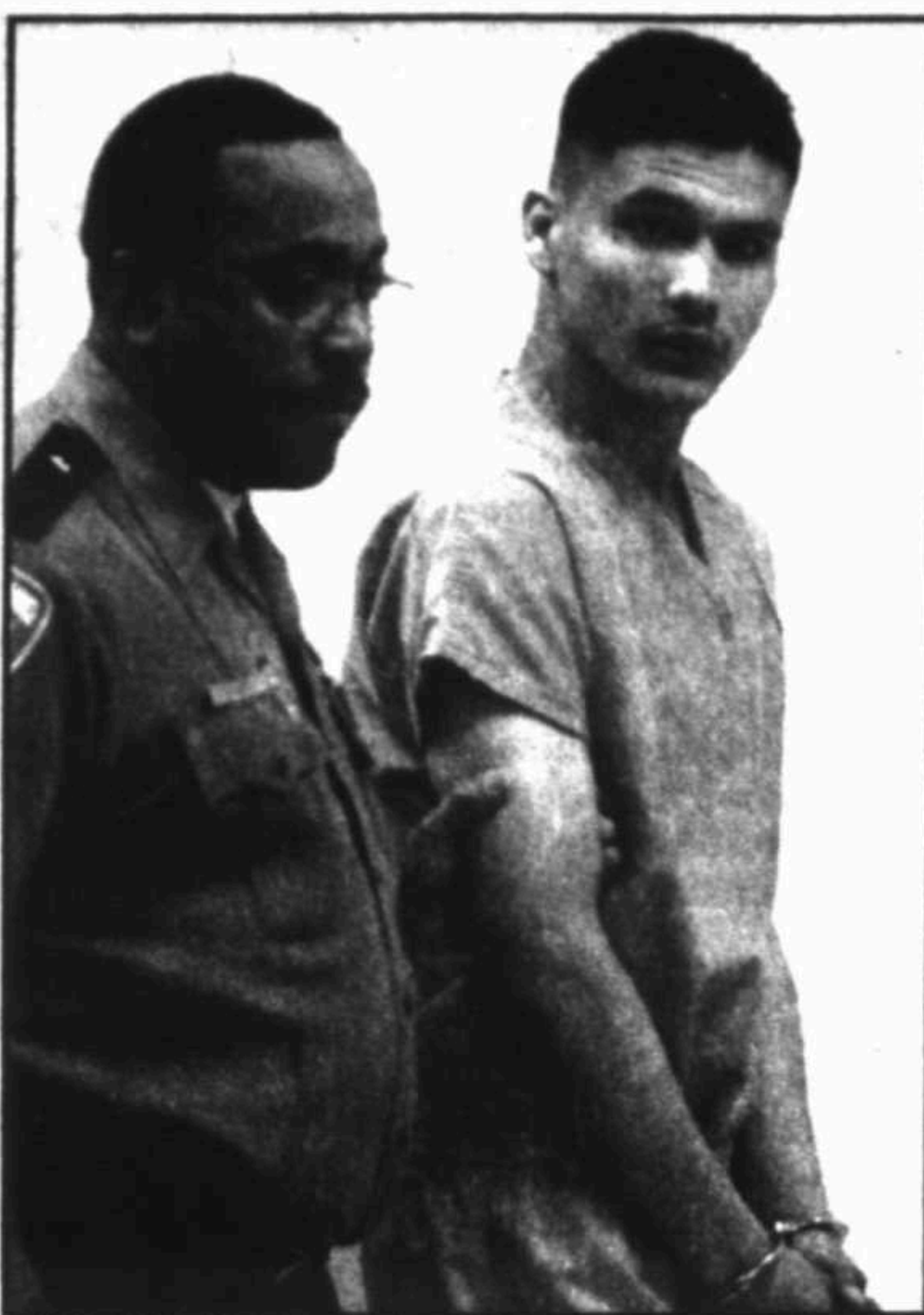
A witness told police that during the struggle Riojas and the suspect traded punches and wrestled on the floor.

Some who knew the stocky, muscular officer were stunned that the man he was chasing was able to wrest the gun from Riojas, a former high school football linebacker and Golden Gloves boxer.

"If I had to get in a scuffle with a couple of bad guys, (Riojas) is the officer I want with me," officer Terry Condon told the San Antonio Express-News.

Riojas, an 11-year police officer and a member of an elite SWAT team, was one of nine officers targeting property crimes plaguing apartment complexes on the northwest side on Friday night, police said.

Authorities said they don't know why Riojas started



AP Photo
Manuel Fernando Garza, 20, is escorted Sunday morning into the magistrate's office to be charged with capital murder in the Friday night shooting death of San Antonio Police Officer John "Rocky" Riojas.

ed chasing the man, but he never turned off the engine of his police cruiser, close the car's door or radio for backup.

Riojas was found a few minutes later — at 9:50 p.m. — sprawled on the curb of a parking lot in a pool of his own blood.

Lone Star SPCA gets \$125,000 grant

By Kristine Aleman
MRT Correspondent

More than 100 animals in Midland will see the benefits of a \$125,000 grant this year. The Dora Roberts Foundation recently awarded Lone Star SPCA, a two-year-old animal shelter, with the grant that will fund the facility's renovations.

"The people in Midland are so great," said Susan Cronin, executive director of Lone Star. "If it wasn't for all the volunteers and businesses that have supported us, it couldn't happen."

Almost two years ago, a group of volunteers purchased 2 1/2 acres of property, formerly Rebelee Kennels, to open the facility. Lone Star SPCA is a no-kill animal shelter that specializes in res-

cue, education and mobile outreach. It is the only shelter in the area that takes in abused horses and other large animals.

"We get all kinds of cases," Ms. Cronin said. "We're addressing the problems and needs that were never addressed before in Midland."

The animal shelter, which is funded entirely on donations, will use the funds for renovations to their facility. The grant will fund the creation of a building strictly for rescued cats, an isolation unit for pregnant or injured animals, as well as a surgery unit.

"Our animals are fixed before they leave here," Ms. Cronin said. "We'll work it out with other shelters in the community. We're not in competition with anyone."

Lone Star SPCA hopes to one

day reach its ultimate goal of creating a building that would use its entire plot of land to accommodate the increasing number of rescued animals. The more than 45 dogs, cats and one pot-bellied pig named Petunia will eventually overcrowd the current facility.

"One thing that we do take in social service animals, or the pets of people who are currently in different shelters, free of charge," Ms. Cronin said. "Most social services do not allow the families to have animals."

Lone Star SPCA continues to focus on education while caring for the rescued animals. Volunteers have visited local schools and have welcomed schools to their headquarters.

"We have high hopes," she said. "The animals are happy."

Eighteen-year-old hospitalized in a case of presumptive meningitis

BAYTOWN (AP) — A Crosby woman was reported in serious condition in a Baytown hospital, two days after being admitted with a presumptive case of meningitis, a hospital official said.

The 18-year-old woman was brought into the emergency room at San Jacinto Methodist Hospital on Saturday while the facility was giving vaccines for the infection.

Cases of presumptive meningitis exhibit the early symptoms of meningitis, including fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea and vomiting. It takes from two to 10 days to develop meningitis symptoms once infected.

Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding the spinal cord and brain. The infection can be either viral or bacterial.

Both types of meningitis have symptoms similar to influenza, which can make a confirmed diagnosis difficult, said Rita Obey, health promotion manager for Harris County Health Department.

The Crosby woman is not related to a 2-year-old Crosby boy who was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis last week, said Laurie Terry, director of business development for San Jacinto. He was in good condition at a Houston hospital, a spokeswoman at Texas

Children's Hospital said Saturday.

In all, 40 cases of the infection have been confirmed in Houston-area counties since Oct. 1, according to the Texas Department of Health.

Only people who have direct contact with saliva or secretions from the nose or throat of an infected person are at high risk of getting the disease.

Concerns have been heightened over the case, especially in light of the meningitis outbreak that has killed at several people in the Houston area. In Austin, a 3-month-old girl also has died from the infection.

DEATH NOTICES

Vina Foutch

Vina B. Foutch, 91, died Feb. 3, in a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. Don Childers of Memorial Christian Church officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

She was born in Porum, Okla., and lived in Midland for the past 39 years. She was a member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Marie Bellomy of Midland; two granddaughters; one grandson; two sisters, Nellie Trainer of Pampa and Rachel Estes of Oregon; one brother, Warren Dowling of Colorado; five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be directed to the Food Pantry at Memorial

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There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas, 79701.

Dorothy Stone

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By John Helli
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Black Democrats Sunday that President Bush was working to repeal the Voting Rights Act against the Republican margin in November.

The president's House last week the Congressional who made clear to John Ashcroft, and also their anger over the deadline.

"It is strained, tion that President Bush is making Rep. Charles B. (D-N.C.) said on NBC's 'Meet the Press' show.

Bush

WASHINGTON — two weeks of war he pushed education-based help Bush is ready to job for the center-

trillion, 10-year tax The White House schedule of activity starting Monday set to appear with a group of American much like he did

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One decision the is likely to make the plan to Congress speed up the tax retroactive to the as a way of fighting

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"He wants to see he ran on pass, not ran on it, but because thing we can do for Bush's chief econo-

Lawrence Lindsey News Sunday."

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Attracting Demo crucial for Bush, g ican's narrow con

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MOVIE SALE

Don't miss this one

Midland

Bush's racial, religious outreaches find wary welcome

By John Hellprin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A leading black Democratic lawmaker said Sunday that President Bush is working to repair strained relations with blacks, who voted against the Republican by a 9-1 margin in November.

The president met at the White House last week with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, who made clear their opposition to John Ashcroft as attorney general and also reminded Bush of their anger over the Florida election deadlock.

"It is strained. There's no question that President Bush has really been making an outreach," Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"The president would do himself and the country well, to look into the fact that caused not every vote to be counted, and to give some assurances that this will be corrected in the future," Rangel said.

The lone black Republican in Congress said the president is "on the right course." Appearing with Rangel on NBC, Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., said the White House meeting was an example of "the kind of things that he has to do to make sure that black America feels like they have a seat at the table."

Among the issues caucus members discussed with Bush were racial profiling, election reform, AIDS, Africa, education and civil rights.

In Florida, civil rights groups have sued state election officials in an effort to change the way elections are run, contending that blacks were disenfranchised in November by institutionalized racism.

Groups supporting the lawsuit say blacks were kept from casting ballots by antiquated voting machines, purges of registration lists that discarded rightful voters and breakdowns in registration. Also, some voters were not given required language assistance,

the groups have charged.

Drawing on the Florida vote, new Democratic Party chairman, Terry McAuliffe, continued to sound a theme from his acceptance speech on Saturday — that Bush is not the legitimate winner.

"I want to use the anger and resentment that came out of that election ... At the end of the day, Democrats won that election," he said on NBC.

But Virginia Gov. James Gilmore, the Republican National Committee chairman, said that allegations of blacks being denied access to ballots remain unsubstantiated.

"Allegations that somehow imply that the voting rights of people have been impinged are irresponsible," he said on CNN's "Late Edition." "I don't think it's the right approach and it's not the right tone."

"To look backward, backward, backward all the time is not going to be the approach that's going to carry this country forward."

Gilmore also said that Repub-



President Bush is introduced by Rep. J.C. Watts, R-OK, as he joins fellow Republicans at the GOP House and Senate retreat at the King's Mill Resort in Williamsburg, Va., Friday. AP Photo

licans need to expand the party and do a better job of reaching out to minorities.

"We need to find some new leaders to talk to — people who aren't tied into the Democratic Party establishment necessarily," he said.

Bush set to sell tax cut proposal to public, Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — After two weeks of warm-ups in which he pushed education and religious-based help plans, President Bush is ready to launch the sales job for the centerpiece of his economic program — a sweeping \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut.

The White House has a full schedule of activities this week, starting Monday when Bush was set to appear with a carefully selected group of American families — much like he did during the campaign — to illustrate the benefits of reducing individual tax rates.

He planned to meet Tuesday with small business owners and on Wednesday scheduled a White House reunion with his tax families from the campaign trail. The outlines of his tax program are to be formally sent Thursday to Congress.

One decision the administration is likely to make before sending the plan to Congress is whether to speed up the tax relief by making it retroactive to the first of this year as a way of fighting off a recession.

"A tax cut now will stimulate our economy and create jobs," Bush said over the weekend. He pointed to what he called "troubling" economic news of rising energy prices, job layoffs and falling consumer confidence that the president said the government must combat.

"He wants to see the tax cut that he ran on pass, not just because he ran on it, but because it's the best thing we can do for the economy," Bush's chief economic adviser, Lawrence Lindsey, said on "Fox News Sunday."

Whether Bush succeeds could hinge on congressional Democrats and corporate lobbyists, two groups already putting together their own, quite different, versions of a tax cut bill.

Attracting Democratic support is crucial for Bush, given the Republicans' narrow control of Congress. Democrats lost a key ally when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said last month that the surplus estimates had grown so large that he now believed there was enough money to accomplish his preferred objective of paying down the national debt as well as providing tax relief.

While more Democrats have been joining the tax cut bandwagon, they are trying to refashion the Bush program so more money goes to lower-income taxpayers and less to the wealthy. They also want to trim the size of the overall program, contending it is not prudent to give away so much in surpluses that may never materialize.

"The people who need the most help get the least help and we've seen this before," said Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "The last time Congress passed a big tax cut, in 1981, the wealthiest Americans got most of the benefits and working families got stuck with the bill."

The corporate lobbyists, meanwhile, will be working to expand

the tax cut — possibly by \$600 billion — to include tax breaks for their businesses.

Administration officials insist they are not changing the program that Bush campaigned on, which has few provisions for big business. "No more, no less," Lindsey said Sunday, when asked if the \$1.6 trillion figure was correct.

Still, corporate lobbyists are hoping that the millions of dollars in campaign donations they made last year to both parties will help persuade Congress.

Congressional veterans fear the same type of tax-cutting frenzy that occurred in 1981. President Reagan pushed Congress for sweeping across-the-board cuts for individuals, giving corporations an opening to win passage for billions of dollars in tax relief for them. The result was huge tax cuts that contributed to quadrupling the national debt.

"I really fear we could lose control of this train," said Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif., a member of the House Ways and Means Committee who was involved in the 1981 battle.

Many private analysts also are worried, contending the rush to cut taxes could grow even wilder in an era of huge surpluses compared with the restrictions imposed in the past era of deficits.

The Congressional Budget Office last week significantly boosted its estimate of the 10-year surplus to \$5.6 trillion, including \$3.12 trillion outside of Social Security that both parties view as fair game for tax cuts and spending increases.

"There is money on the table and everybody is going to go after it," predicted David Wyss, chief economist for Standard & Poor's Corp. "It is going to be very hard to control the feeding frenzy in Congress."

But Mark Bloomfield, the head of the American Council for Capital Formation, a business tax cut lobbying group, said his members wanted tax relief to make America more competitive but he would "not be part of any project that is fiscally irresponsible."

While Democrats have yet to present their alternative to the Bush budget, Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.,

is circulating his own proposal: one-third of the \$3.12 trillion non-Social Security surplus would go to tax relief; one-third for new domestic needs such as providing prescription drug benefits to the elderly; and one-third to fixing the long-range problems in Social Security and Medicare.

Conrad said Bush's "plan goes too far and puts at risk ... this remarkable economy."

Robert Reichbauer, the former

head of the Congressional Budget Office, said the upcoming battle is likely to go in one of two ways: Bush will get something close to a \$1 trillion tax cut, slightly less than he is seeking, or he will get double that amount.

"If it turns into an unrestrained feeding frenzy, the tax cut could go to \$2 trillion where over 60 percent of Congress would vote for it because all of them will have had their needs met," he said.

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

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

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

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White House fame carries a price for Midland, too

With "Inside Edition" airing today a segment on George W. Bush's former girlfriends which is scheduled to include comments from our own Mayor Bobby Burns, we are reminded that our city's newly renewed fame comes with a price.

Today's television episode begs the question, why are Bush's former girlfriends an issue, now nearly a month into his presidency?

But it also acts as a reminder to Midlanders: There are those who would come to town to dig up dirt or try to create stories where none exist.

During the course of Bush's campaign, our city suffered a few black eyes in the national media. Many stories were harmless as reporters from around the country and all over the globe arrived at the Midland International Airport eager to attempt to sample our city and then define its strength, history and character in three or four tightly written paragraphs. But there were other members of the national media (case in point, the March 7 issue of the tabloid Star Magazine) who were busy digging up accident reports from 1963 or trying to talk to locals and sum up our city, but greatly missing the mark (see The New Yorker, Oct. 16 and 23 edition.)

We're likely to see infrequent and sporadic visits from the national media. Those who have already spent a few unfortunate hours in the spotlight will warn you that the heat from the bright lights can be intense and unforgiving.

This community has great affection for our president and the first lady. It's no wonder that nearly 20,000 of us stood out in the cold to share a few precious minutes with George W. and Laura Bush a few weeks ago at Centennial Plaza before they made their final departure for Washington, D.C. None of us wants to say or do things that would create embarrassment for them or for our fine city.

Bush has tried his best to sum up the unique Midland spirit by single-handedly reinventing that old chestnut of a sound bite: "The Sky's the Limit."

But the national media wants a sexier story.

Fame can be good, bad and ugly. Be warned, it comes with the territory.

And don't forget that our city has a great story to tell.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2001. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
 On Feb. 5, 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of Supreme Court justices; critics charged Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the court.

On this date:
 In 1631, the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife arrived in Boston from England.
 In 1783, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

In 1881, Phoenix, Ariz., was incorporated.
 In 1887, Verdi's opera "Otello" premiered at La Scala.

In 1917, Congress passed, over President Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians.

In 1917, Mexico's constitution was adopted.
 In 1958, Gamel Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic.

In 1962, French President Charles De Gaulle called for Algeria's independence.

In 1981, a military jury in North Carolina convicted Pfc. Robert Garwood of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

In 1994, white separatist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in Jackson, Miss., of murdering civil rights leader Medgar Evers in 1963, and was immediately sentenced to life in prison. (Beckwith died this past Jan. 21 at age 80.)

Ten years ago: President George Bush announced he was sending Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to the Gulf war zone to assess how the U.S.-led offensive was progressing.

Five years ago: John C. Salvi III went on trial in Dedham, Mass., in the shooting deaths of two receptionists at abortion clinics. (Salvi was convicted and sentenced to two life terms. He was found dead in his cell in November 1996, an apparent suicide.) Actress Elizabeth Taylor filed for divorce from Larry Fortensky, her seventh husband.

One year ago: Right-wing leader Joerg Haider told a deeply divided Austria not to worry about international sanctions, saying the new governing coalition that included his Freedom Party would soon prove its democratic credentials to the world.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

Courts may decide future of faith-based charities

WASHINGTON — Religious faith helped George W. Bush turn his life around. During a debate last year, he cited Jesus Christ as his favorite philosopher. Now he wants to inject religious belief into the delivery of social services. President Bush's sincerity appears real, together with the passion he brings to the issue. He wants others in need to experience the same kind of enduring conversion he did when he stopped drinking at age 40. This is a noble cause, but one that is fraught with problems.

People don't like to support religious institutions they don't believe in. Picking winners and losers among the groups applying for federal funds will inevitably create charges of favoritism and/or bias. Does anybody seriously believe that the Church of Scientology or a Muslim sect will gain favor in the Bush administration no matter how effective their soup kitchens or job training programs? Bush counters such criticism by insisting that decisions will be made purely on performance. He would have us believe that his business-school degree will be paramount, not his leanings toward



Anderson

Christianity.

Money is fungible. That's what the Bush administration argued when President Bush signed a ban on family planning funds to international groups that also counsel abortion. Providing these funds freed up dollars to spend on abortion, the administration reasoned. Applying the same argument to Bush's faith-based initiative, funneling federal dollars into churches and synagogues frees up more money for Bibles and religious proselytizing.

Bush confided as much when he met with leaders of Catholic charities. Unaware that his remarks were being broadcast over an open mike to reporters, Bush told the Catholic leaders that his faith-based initiative was tied into "a larger cultural issue" in the battle over abortion.

Directing federal funds into faith-based programs is not a radically new idea. The 1996 welfare reform bill passed by a Republican Congress and signed by President Clinton opened the door. Under a "charitable choice" provision, religious groups that help ease welfare recipients into the work force can compete along with secular organizations for government dollars. The concept works reasonably well, but there is the occasional horror story of clients being coerced into bible studies, or a job withheld unless the person is of a particular religious faith.

With the economy teetering on the edge of a recession, Bush may see an expanded social network as a safety net for people whose welfare benefits are running out. The five-year time limit established by

law is coming due, and jobs may not be so plentiful, especially for the hardest of the hard-core welfare recipients. Pumping federal dollars into proven programs at the grassroots level could cushion the shock of an economic downturn.

During the campaign, Bush attached a price tag of eight billion to his faith-based initiative, but the proposal he introduced as president made no mention of additional funding. If all he's talking about is opening the bidding process to more contenders, he will encounter resistance from many Democrats who suspect the introduction of private religious groups into the social service mix may be just another clever Republican ploy to de-fund government.

Whatever the motivation, religion's new prominence has advocates on both sides of the political aisle. Former vice-presidential contender Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., joined Bush in calling for more government support of faith-based charities. Al Gore introduced a similar initiative during the 2000 campaign. But sharing the same goal does not mean that getting there will be easy. The mingling of federal funds with church goals will prompt lawsuits. The future of Bush's program will be decided by the same Supreme Court that made him president, an outcome that may account for his confidence.

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MARIANNE MEANS

Democrats say good-bye to Ralph Nader

WASHINGTON — When Ralph Nader, last year's presidential spoiler, was confronted with evidence that he has become a political pariah to congressional Democratic officials, he scoffed, "What are they going to say, 'We don't want your help'?"

Yes, Ralph, that's exactly what they are saying. Your kind of "help" is poison. Democrats blame you for siphoning enough votes from former Vice President Al Gore in Florida to cost him the election, and they don't want to have anything more to do with you. Ever.

The Democrats may be slow learners, but they've finally got it right.

Nader's blind ambition brought down with him not only Gore but the romantic notion of a viable third party, which may be just as well. Along with his philosophical opposite, Patrick Buchanan, whose miserable zero percent showing destroyed the Reform Party, Nader squashed the naive dream that mavericks make better leaders than established politicians.

Nader's ego was so inflated that it took him a while to realize his reckless, irresponsible Green Party campaign would produce a mainstream backlash against him. At 67, he still lives in the past, the good old days when he basked in fame as the popular champion of consumer rights and other good-guy causes. As a political force, however, his time passed long ago.

Reality finally set in when the Senate Judiciary Committee refused his request to testify at the hearings on John Ashcroft's nomination to be U.S. attorney general. Why on earth did Nader think he'd have anything worthwhile to contribute? Who could possibly care?

His candidacy was based on the self-serving argument that it would make no difference whether Gore or George W. Bush were elected. This was insane. Nobody, for instance, can imagine Gore picking as the nation's chief law enforcement officer a man of Ashcroft's anti-civil rights, antitrust, anti-abortion and anti-gay record. Or picking Bush's first choice to head the Labor Department, Linda Chavez, who opposes the minimum wage and affirmative action.

Nader has been virtually invisible since he garnered only 3 percent of the presidential vote nationwide and failed to qualify for federal funds for another Green Party run in 2004. He has made a couple of speeches

that were widely ignored. The public rush to have a photo opportunity with Ralph Nader is over.

"There's some pretty foolish ostracism going on," he sniffed recently. The real foolishness, however, was his conceit — thinking that he is presidential material. It was his second futile go-around with the Green Party, a small organization centered in the West that champions environmental issues. In his 1996 campaign, he got a whopping 1 percent of the total votes cast.

He recently attended an open conference of the moderate Democratic Leadership Council that debated election mistakes. He was not welcomed and sat off to one side in the room. He interrupted the discussion to blame the Democratic loss on Gore's failure to hammer hard enough at what he called our "corporate society," which Nader finds at the root of all America's social ills. His audience, which had heard this radical theme before, looked bored.

Some leftist Democrats say that Gore must take the full blame for running a campaign that turned out to be so close, but this does not make them look kindly on Nader. They know perfectly well that Nader made all the difference when it came right down to it.

Nader is desperately trying to rewrite history to clean up his own role, claiming he did not intend to defeat Gore. The claim ignores the crucial fact that in the three days before the election he concentrated his campaign on Florida, where he knew Gore needed every single liberal vote he could scrape up.

Nader won roughly 97,000 votes in Florida. Gore lost the state's 25 electoral votes by only 537 ballots when the counting was stopped. According to exit polls, without Nader, Gore would have picked up 11,700 extra votes, more than enough for victory. (A smaller number would have voted for Bush and the rest would not have gone to the polls at all.)

It is usually sad to see a fading public figure whose crusades have stalled struggle painfully uphill. But Nader deserves no sympathy from Democrats. By equating Gore and Bush, he lied to his progressive followers about the stunning shift toward conservative policies that would take place under a Bush presidency. Many of his followers are now ashamed to admit they voted for him, but it is too late for a political epiphany.

There is, however, plenty of time — at least four years — for them to repent in leisure. And now to think more carefully about both the messages and the messengers next time.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

CAL THOMAS

Charity groups could become lobbying groups

I confess to being double-minded when it comes to President Bush's plan to offer government funds to religious charities that provide social services.

On the one hand, I agree with Americans United for the Separation of Church and State that religion doesn't need government to advance its primary calling. On the other hand, I agree with Bush adviser, Professor Marvin Olasky, who says, "I don't think the Founders anticipated a time when secularism or atheism was to be given preference." Still, Olasky worries that letting government in the church door can be "dangerous stuff."

President Bush is also right when he says, "Government will never fund religion, but government should not fear funding programs that can change people's lives."

What concerns me is that religious organizations might be tempted, or forced, to dilute their life-transforming message in order to get government subsidies, thus negating the primary reason for their success. They also risk becoming an appendage of the party in power that financially smiles upon them.

Suppose a new administration of a different party frowns upon a particular charity's close association with the previous administration and allegiance to his party. Charities might be transformed into a lobbying group to be pacified with money in exchange for votes. Many liberal religious groups are mostly aligned with the Democratic Party.

When the Founders wrote the First Amendment, they largely sought to protect the church from government intrusion, not the reverse. But the church and other religious bodies should not necessarily take that as an invitation to raid the treasury. The Clinton administration gave volunteerism a bad name when it established "AmeriCorps" and paid the "volunteers." If people who claim to serve a higher King and a different kingdom fail to obey God's commands and serve Him by serving others, how can government intervention create more compassionate hearts?

It is beyond debate that programs with a life-changing spiritual element produce the results government seeks but has yet to find, in "secular" programs. Organizations like Prison Fellowship, where the recidivism rate is in single digits, and Teen Challenge, a drug rehabilitation program President Bush praised when he was governor of Texas, change lives and substantially reduce the likelihood of repeat offenses. This is a worthy objective and one government can support, so long as no one is coerced into entering such programs. Why should government or anyone else care what method is used so long as it produces results that promote the individual's and the general welfare?

President Bush seems to have considered at least some of the potential hazards of funding faith-based charity work. He first would ease regulations that have made it difficult for these charities to work with government agencies. He also would offer a \$500-per-person tax credit for charitable donations for the 70 percent of Americans who don't itemize on their tax returns. I like that part because it puts the choice of the charity in the hands of the donor. Finally, and most controversially, Bush would allow religious charities to compete for government grants on an equal footing with secular organizations.

My main concern is that many churches and charities might see government involvement as a good excuse for individuals to abdicate a personal calling to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit those in prison," as well as caring for widows and orphans. Charity is a two-way street. It helps the receiver but it's also supposed to transform the giver.

Government help to faith-based charities is worth a try but let's keep a sharp eye on it.

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Nevada

By Angie Wag

Associated Press

FALLON, Nev. — A sagebrush, along the loneliest road in this small farm town that boasts way of life. A bar haircuts and the annual Hearts of taloupe Festival.

But soon, the children. To 11 kids with leukemia might have some living in the "Oasis of Nevada."

For 5-year-old started like the flu bruises, and his translucent.

"You can see Dustin's father really start turning. Acute lymphocytic, the most common cancer, but still rare. cases are diagnosed the entire United States."

What puzzles people of those cases seen in and around of 8,300. Eight cases nosed last year.

This is a cluster health department occurrence, perhaps thing else that is known.

The uncertainty state to ask for help al experts. While answers, the residents.

Mayor Ken Thomas lived in Fallon, 60 Reno, his whole life daddy was mayor, too.

"We're just kidding town," the mayor worry about each other.

At the downtown Shop, which double cycle parts shop, officer Lyndell Smith the water as he talked.

"Nothing wrong water, Smiley," he do responds.

Water is a common Fallon: It has arsenic times the federal state city has been ordered up. Arsenic is a natural chemical that concentrations is poisonous sometimes used as a herbicide to kill weeds, but been linked to leukemia.

A byproduct of the arsenic has been long that many doctors making people sick.

Besides, the children from different sources water, well water.

The arsenic is so residents don't see "Some more arsenic waiver at Angelica's asks a customer. A club calls itself Swingers."

"It's a known water's not the best but I don't know," 50, says at Jerry's. "God knows, what problem."

Tammi Beardsley over it repeatedly. "You relieve those did I feed him? What That's what you do a mom and you're."

Her 5-year-old son No. 9, diagnosed in He is too sick this doctors or go outside. for infection.

Zac was born in spends summers and winter in Fallon. He tap water, only bottled.

Of course, Zac's have nothing to do drank or how he results from mutar what causes the seeds of Zac's disease have been since ten into his genetics.

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Nevada town baffled by 11 cases of childhood cancer in four years

By Angie Wagner
Associated Press

FALLON, Nev. — A blur of sagebrush, along what's called the loneliest road in America, leads to this small farming and military town that boasts of its simpler way of life. A barber is giving \$9 haircuts and there's talk of the annual Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival.

But soon, the talk turns to the children. To 11 kids, all stricken with leukemia that some fear might have something to do with living in the self-proclaimed "Oasis of Nevada."

For 5-year-old Dustin Gross, it started like the flu. Then came the bruises, and his lips turned translucent.

"You can see it in his eyes," Dustin's father says. "When they really start turning dark."

Acute lymphocytic leukemia is the most common childhood cancer, but still rare. Just 2,000 new cases are diagnosed annually in the entire United States.

What puzzles people is that 11 of those cases since 1997 have been in and around Fallon, a town of 8,300. Eight cases were diagnosed last year.

This is a cluster, the state health department says. A chance occurrence, perhaps? Or something else that may never be known.

The uncertainty has forced the state to ask for help from national experts. While they look for answers, the residents worry.

Mayor Ken Tedford Jr. has lived in Fallon, 60 miles east of Reno, his whole life. His granddaddy was mayor, and his uncle too.

"We're just kind of a small town," the mayor says. "People worry about each other a lot."

At the downtown Ideal Barber Shop, which doubles as a motorcycle parts shop, former police officer Lyndell Smiley mentions the water as he talks of the kids.

"Nothing wrong with the water, Smiley," barber Joe Rando responds.

Water is a common topic in Fallon: It has arsenic levels 10 times the federal standard, and the city has been ordered to clean it up. Arsenic is a naturally occurring chemical that in high concentrations is poisonous. It's sometimes used as an insecticide or to kill weeds, but has never been linked to leukemia.

A byproduct of the area's soil, the arsenic has been around so long that many doubt it would be making people sick now.

Besides, the children drank from different sources — city water, well water and bottled water.

The arsenic is so accepted that residents don't seem to mind. "Some more arsenic water?" a waiter at Angelica's Steakhouse asks a customer. A square dance club calls itself the Arsenic Swingers.

"It's a known fact that the water's not the best around here, but I don't know," Mike Story, 50, says at Jerry's Restaurant. "God knows, he knows the problem."

Tammi Beardsley has gone over it repeatedly in her mind.

"You relive those days. What did I feed him? Where did we go? That's what you do when you're a mom and you're desperate."

Her 5-year-old son, Zac, was No. 9, diagnosed in November. He is too sick this day to have visitors or go outside. Too much risk for infection.

Zac was born in Canada, but spends summers and part of each winter in Fallon. He never drank tap water, only bottled.

Of course, Zac's cancer might have nothing to do with what he drank or how he lived. Cancer results from mutant genes. But what causes the mutations? The seeds of Zac's disease could have been there since birth, written into his genetic blueprint.

The survival rate of this type of childhood leukemia is 80 percent. None of the children here has died.

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Leukemia victim Dustin Gross, 5, foreground, gets a kiss from his mother, Brenda, while his father Reto, and brother Reto Jr., look on Jan. 25, at their home in Fallon, Nev. Gross is one of 11 children to have contracted the cancer in the past four years.

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al Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigated 108 cancer clusters in 29 states and five foreign countries. No clear cause was found. Since the mid-1980s, no CDC staff have been dedicated full-time to investigating cancer clusters.

"At this point, we're not finding things that are strikingly in common," state epidemiologist Dr. Randall Todd says. "We're beginning to look for other sources of information. What has changed in this community?"

Health officials are looking for a link among the children, who were toddlers to age 19 when diagnosed. Each family was asked about their habits and medical history. The only common characteristic: All the children live or have lived in this area.

Is something spreading though the community? Or is it a statistical anomaly — just a coincidence, like flipping a coin 11 times and having it come up heads each time.

Often the cause of clusters can't be found because science can not yet identify what triggers them, says Dr. Michael Thun, head of epidemiology at the American Cancer Society.

"It is extremely rare in a community to pin down a cause or to exclude chance with confidence," Thun says.

The state has asked for help

from the CDC, the National Cancer Institute and outside epidemiologists. Legislative hearings and town meetings are planned. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is sending top staffers from the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to investigate.

There's concern about nuclear weapons testing near Fallon in the 1950s. Epidemiologists say ionizing radiation is a risk factor to leukemia, but tests for radioactive substances in the water proved negative.

Some residents blame jet fuel dumped by military aircraft at the nearby Naval Air Station. Or agricultural chemicals. Or something from industrial plants. Or, of course, the water.

The American Cancer Society doctor says there have been stud-

ies of this cancer and its relation to pesticides and chemical exposures to parents, but nothing is conclusive.

The Navy says it has no reason to believe the base is doing anything to lead to the illnesses.

Some residents don't want to hear any more about it.

"I think it's a bunch o' bull,"

says Madeline Rando, co-owner of the Ideal Barber Shop. "I think it's just a freak thing."

But restaurant workers say they've noticed more customers asking for bottled water. Some parents have brought in water jugs for their children's school classrooms so they can avoid city water.

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Relief experts say distributing India quake aid wisely takes time

By Donna Bryson
Associated Press

BHUJ, India — As their oversized pickup truck sped along a one-lane highway in western India on Sunday, V.P. Patel and a dozen friends and neighbors stood in the back, tossing out plastic bags of water and cooking oil. Barefoot children raced behind them, retrieving the bags from the roadside dust.

India faces the mounting challenge of distributing aid that has piled up since the Jan. 26 quake, which killed thousands of people and left more than half a million homeless in this parched desert corner of India's Gujarat state.

But relief workers say that while well-meaning amateurs like Patel may be responding faster than disaster experts, their methods run the risk of putting too much aid in some hands while the neediest go without.

"It's not enough just to hand someone a tarp" to build a makeshift shelter, said William S. Berger, head of a U.S. relief team in India. "You have to make sure 20 other people haven't handed them a tarp, that they need the tarp, and that someone out in a village isn't doing without while everyone living along the side of the road gets help."

Aid has flowed into Gujarat state in response to the quake, but the magnitude of the devastation is still being measured. Death toll estimates range from 11,844 to 16,435, and state authorities say the total killed could eventually hit 35,000.

The number of confirmed dead was expected to surge on Monday, when demolition crews clear away the ruins of larger apartment blocks and uncover the bodies of more victims. The injured numbered 66,758, Gujarat state officials said.

Authorities have cleared bodies from all but three of 400 villages in the region most affected by the quake, and nearly all of the remaining bodies were still buried in three larger towns: Bhuj, Anjar and Bhachau. The recovery of bodies was expected to end in two or three days.

The next challenge will be disease. There are more than 600,000 homeless who lack food, clothing or sanitation, and respiratory infections are spreading.

Relief workers are rushing to keep pace. On Saturday, U.S. Air Force C-17 cargo planes brought tents, blankets, water tankers and forklifts. A British Airways plane landed in Bombay with 36 tons of aid donated by Hindu temples in Britain.

A large amount of international aid is being distributed, along with more food, clothing and tents handed out by Indian organizations and individuals. But efforts have been criticized for lacking coordination and enough manpower, equipment and transportation. Aid officials said Sunday the major push was only just beginning.

Patel, a school teacher, collected money and supplies in his hometown of Modera, in an eastern area of Gujarat spared by the quake. He arrived with his truck-

Smell of disaster lingers after 7.9 India earthquake

BHUJ, India (AP) — The explosive thud of buildings falling and the sight of bodies half-buried in rubble are vivid now only in the nightmares of those who survived India's worst earthquake in five decades. What lingers is the smell of disaster.

In Bhuj, one of the cities worst hit by the Jan. 26 quake, policemen on patrol wear surgical masks. Shopkeepers tie checkered handkerchiefs around their faces. Women strolling to market hold the ends of their brightly tie-dyed saris against their mouths and noses.

"The smell is awful," said Das Shankar Sayaji, whose job as an Indian Airlines cargo delivery man keeps him on the streets much of the day.

The sick odor of bodies decaying under the rubble is only part of it. A powdery white insecticide spread to rid Bhuj of flies and the diseases they might carry adds a sharp, chemical note. Occasional breezes stir up acrid crematorium ash. Cranes knocking down buildings damaged by the quake kick up dust in an already gritty desert town.

The decaying bodies, at least, are not a health risk, said Denis McClean, spokesman for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

But "of course, it's very distressing for people, and the smell is terrible."

The dust, which seems to coat everything a fine gray, however, is a physical threat and can infect open wounds. At the Red Cross field hospital in Bhuj, operating rooms are tents sealed within tents to keep out as much dust as possible. Water trucks patrol the high school field that is home to the hospital, spraying mist to keep down the dust.



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Gita Bhal, 12, carries water to her tent shelter in Kuvappadhar, India Sunday. Many children and their families in the earthquake affected zone of western India have been left with little or no shelter after a 7.9 magnitude quake on Jan. 26. Children in the zone also will likely miss weeks or months of school because most schools have been destroyed and the focus will instead be placed on rebuilding destroyed towns from scratch.

load of aid and friends Sunday and began his own distribution, attaching a red-on-yellow sign to the back of the blue truck declaring in

Gujarati: "Earthquake relief, collected from villages."

"I am helping the poor and the homeless," Patel said.

On Sunday, U.S. relief chief Berger, who's with the U.S. Agency for International Development, met with representatives from CARE and Catholic Relief Services to determine how to get the aid to the needy. They expected distribution of aid that arrived on Saturday to begin in a day or two.

U.S. AID, CARE and Catholic Relief Services have worked together in the past to help Gujarat cope with a drought now in its third year, and have developed a network of local partners to help with distribution.

Denis McClean, spokesman for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said his agency had had trouble getting aid off planes.

"We got a forklift yesterday, and that should help," McClean said. "There's been an overload — the system can't accommodate all the relief that was coming in," Berger said. But he lauded local Indian officials who have tried to organize the relief effort even when their own homes and families were hit by the quake.

The Red Cross, like other agencies, has sent representatives across the hardest-hit regions, trying to determine what is needed and where, and what others are already doing. The Red Cross is working

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with its local affiliates, but the assessment process still has taken time.

"We are getting out to the outlying villages over the last few days," McClean said. "We've a lot to learn, but we are making progress."

Concern about wasting effort by duplicating what others are doing has led an Israeli medical corps team in Bhuj to consider pulling out. The Israelis arrived three days after the quake and overnight set up a 70-bed hospital under green army tents in a Bhuj school yard.

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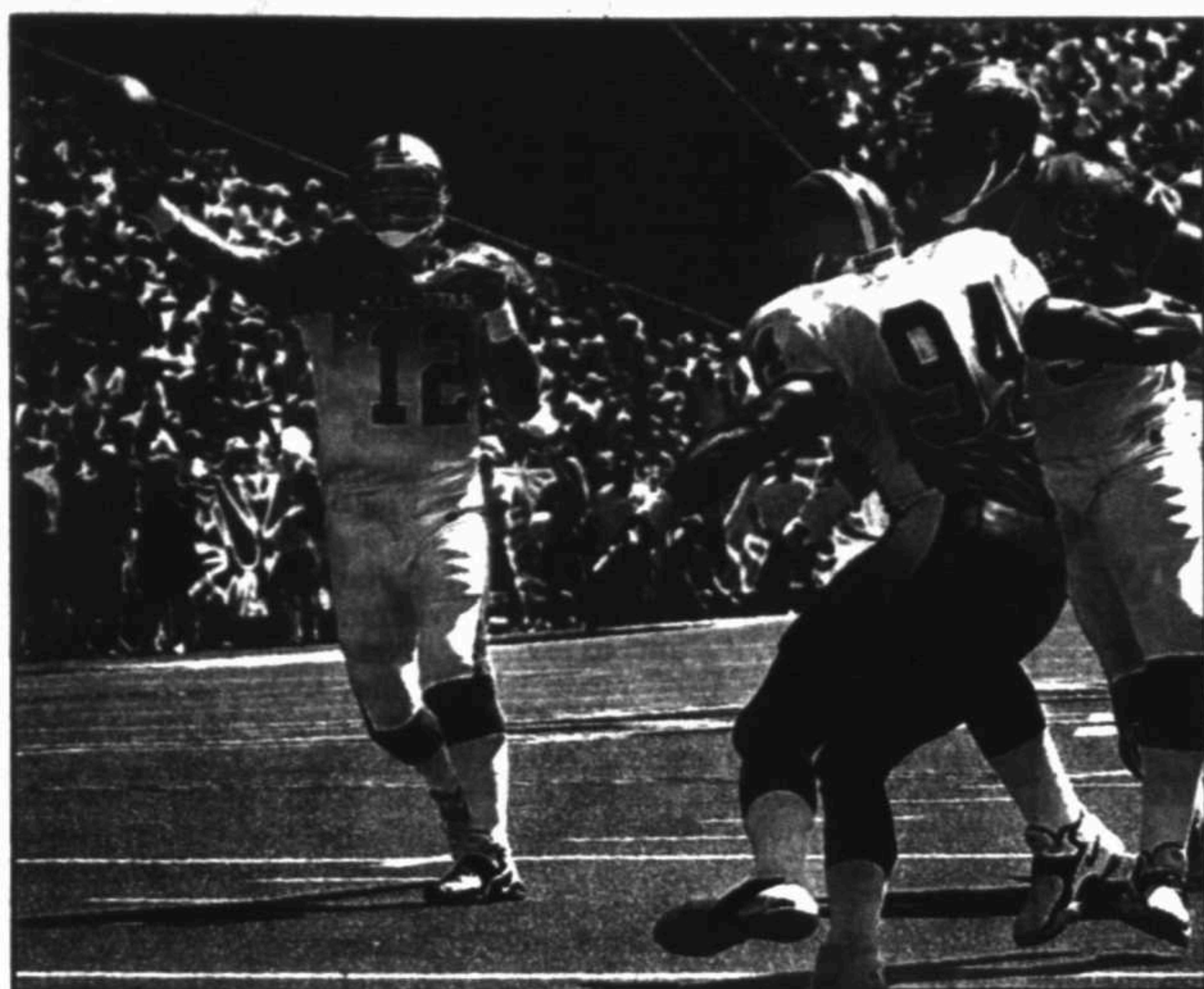
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Oakland Raiders' quarterback Rich Gannon (12) throws an 8-yard touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez (88) of the Kansas City Chiefs as Baltimore Ravens' Johnathan Ogden, right, defends against New Orleans Saints' Joe Johnson.

Gannon leads AFC over NFC

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

HONOLULU — Rich Gannon got a lot accomplished in a short amount of time at Sunday's Pro Bowl.

Still recovering from a separated left shoulder that limited him to the game's first two series, Gannon passed for 160 yards and two touchdowns to get the AFC off to a superb start in a 38-17 victory over the NFC.

It was enough to earn player of the game honors for the 35-year-old veteran playing in his second straight Pro Bowl after languishing as a backup for most of his first 11 NFL seasons.

Afterward, the man who led the Oakland Raiders to their best season in 10 years credited his AFC teammates.

"I was trying to put the ball in these guys' hands and let them make the plays," Gannon said. "These guys are incredible, you feel like you're driving a Ferrari. I feel like a kid in a candy store today, it's just amazing."

By winning for the fourth time in the last five Pro Bowls, the AFC trimmed the NFC's lead to 16-15 since the game went to its present format in 1971.

The AFC scored the first three times it had the ball on Gannon's two scoring passes and a 29-yard field goal by Ravens kicker Matt Stover, and led by at least two touchdowns the rest of the way.

Less than two minutes into the second quarter, the AFC had 14 first downs and 231 yards of total offense to no first downs and six yards for the NFC.

Gannon was playing for the first time since Oakland's 16-3 loss to Baltimore on Jan. 14 in the AFC championship game, when he separated his non-throwing shoulder on a hit by Tony Siragusa. The quarterback completed his first eight passes and was 12-of-14 before taking a seat in favor of Peyton Manning, who also threw two touchdown passes.

"It's OK, and getting better," Gannon said of his shoulder. "It's still not 100 percent healthy, but I was able to get out of there today without getting slammed."

So that's important."

Raiders coach Jon Gruden, who coached the AFC, said he wasn't about to take any chances with his quarterback.

"The guy had a serious injury, he rehabilitated it extremely hard," Gruden said. "He wanted to be here and he wanted to play."

Gannon capped an 87-yard, nine-play drive following the opening kickoff by throwing an 8-yard scoring pass to Tony Gonzalez, who had six receptions for 108 yards — all in the first half.

Following a punt, Gannon directed his team 90 yards in 10 plays, capping the drive with a 16-yard scoring pass to Marvin Harrison, who had eight catches for 84 yards and two touchdowns.

"He was putting the ball in the perfect spot for all of us," Gonzalez said. "Me and Rich played together for two years (in Kansas City), so it's kind of old hat for us. He knows my moves, I know his moves, so it makes it a lot easier."

NFC coach Dennis Green said it took

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Chmura apologizes, hopes to resume pro football career

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

WAUKESHA, Wis. — One day after being acquitted of sexually assaulting a teen-ager, Mark Chmura broke down in tears as he apologized for his conduct and hoped to resume his NFL career.

"I know as a Green Bay Packers and as a professional athlete, I've disappointed many, many people. And for that I am truly sorry," Chmura said Sunday. "I promise you nothing like this will ever happen again."

The foreman of the jury that acquitted Chmura said the football star is guilty of one thing: bad judgment.

"He put himself in a bad situation by being drunk with kids and in a hot tub in his underwear," foreman Brad Breidenstein, a 38-year-old bar manager from Janesville, said Sunday.

But the jury disagreed with District Attorney Paul Bucher's contention that Chmura went from frolicking around in wet boxers with drunken teen-agers to luring the 17-year-old girl into a bathroom and sexually assaulting her last April 9.

Chmura was acquitted Saturday night of charges of child enticement and sexual assault that carried up to 40 years in prison.

"None of us believed nothing happened. We all believed something happened in there," said a 59-year-old female juror who asked that her name not be used. "But we had no evidence to prove it."

Breidenstein said without any DNA evidence, it was hard to prove anything.

"We all agreed that they were in that bathroom together. But we don't really know what took place," Breidenstein said. "It was like (defense lawyer) Gerald Boyle said: 'She got caught in the bathroom with a married man and now she's got to get out of this little predicament.'"

Bucher insisted he proved during the trial that Chmura had inap-



Former Green Bay Packers tight end Mark Chmura hugs his wife, Lynda, as he breaks down and cries at a news conference on Sunday in Pewaukee, Wis.

propriate sexual contact with a minor.

"The evidence clearly indicates there was sexual contact," the prosecutor said. "The real issue became if it was consensual or not. That was an issue for the jury to decide. The jury found we were not able to prove that beyond a reasonable doubt, probably for a variety of reasons."

"Baloney," Boyle said. "I argued there wasn't any sexual contact. That's what the jury found."

At a news conference in which Boyle didn't allow his client to discuss what happened at the party because of the threat of a civil lawsuit, Chmura broke down crying. "This has opened my eyes up to a lot of things," Chmura said. "And like I said, I disappointed a lot of people. And for that I am truly sorry."

Chmura said he would celebrate his acquittal by going to Disney World — no kidding — and that he plans to resume his pro football career.

"I'm ready to get back to work," he said. "I plan on suiting up for someone next year."

PEBBLE BEACH NATIONAL PRO-AM

Love conquers Pebble

Golfer makes comeback to take tourney

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — A dozen fans sunbathing along the Cliffs of Doom were looking back up the fairway as Tiger Woods came by, hopeful they could witness another spectacular comeback in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

They were looking in the wrong direction.

Behind them on the 10th green was Davis Love III, who put together a comeback that was every bit as impressive as what Woods did a year ago.

Seven strokes behind to start the final round, Love wiped out that margin by playing his first seven holes in a staggering 8-under par, then made a bold birdie on the final hole to complete a 63 and win for the first time in 34 months.

"I was reading the paper this morning ... and I looked at the scores and said, 'I'm only seven back.' That's where Tiger was last year," Love said. "It can be done."

Love buried his 0-for-62 drought on the PGA Tour in style. His 9-under 63 was the best closing score by a winner in the 60-year history of the National Pro-Am, topping the 64 by Woods last year.

It also was the best score ever at Pebble Beach without being allowed to lift, clean and place. Tom Kite in 1983 and David Duval in 1997 had 62s in those conditions.

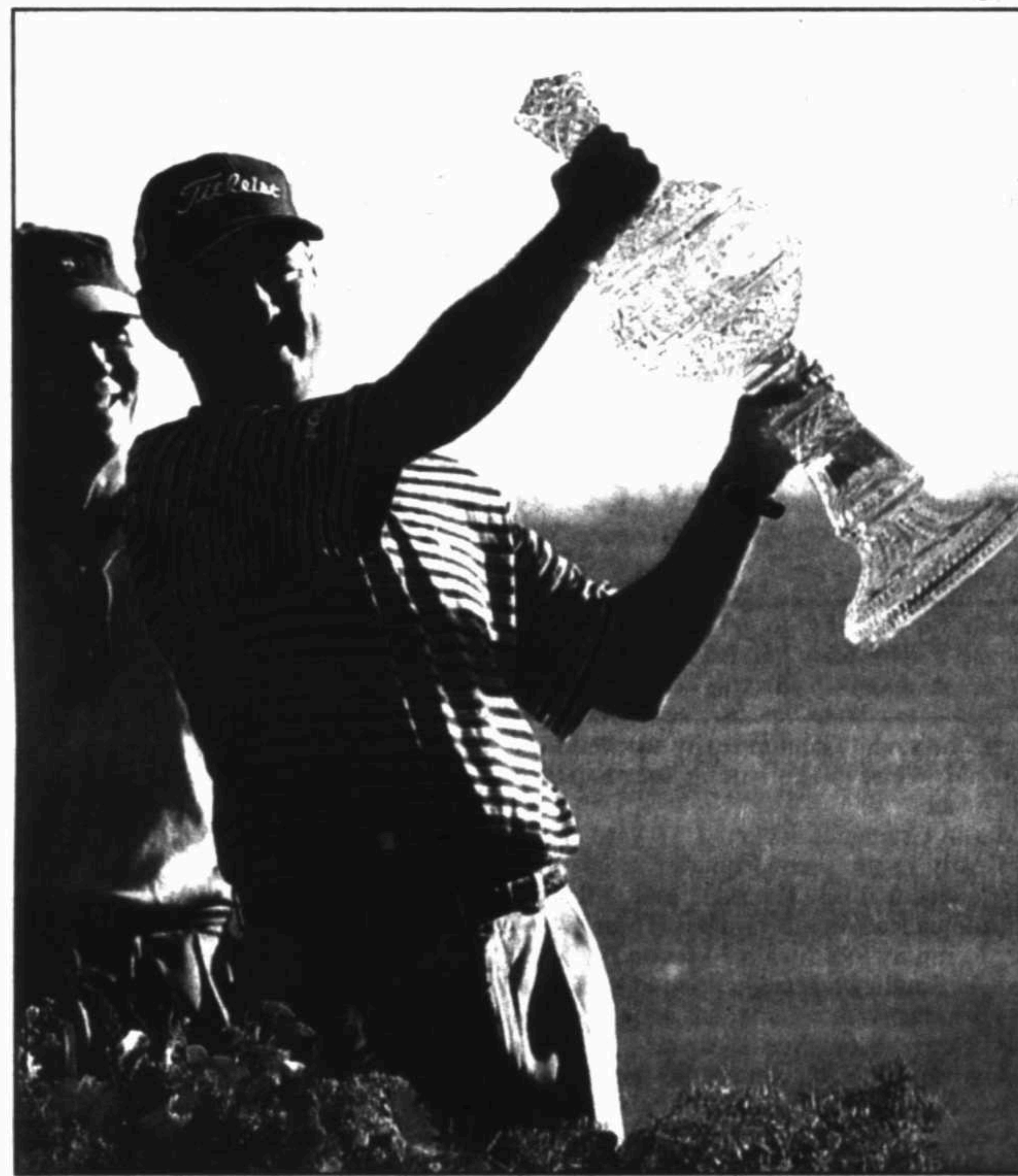
Love finished at 272 for a one-stroke victory over Vijay Singh, and three shots ahead of Phil Mickelson. Both had a chance to force a playoff until crucial shots went over the cliff and into the Pacific Ocean.

"I've been where Phil and Vijay are a few times in the last two years and it's not fun," said Love, who earned \$720,000.

And he now knows how it felt for Woods last year.

Woods made up seven strokes over his final seven holes last year for an amazing victory. He was only a spectator Sunday on another gorgeous day at Pebble Beach, playing in the group behind Love and watching a comeback that must have looked familiar.

The seven-stroke comeback tied the tournament record set by Bob Rosburg in 1961. "I had a range of emotions today —



Davis Love III hoists his trophy as actor Clint Eastwood, left, looks on after winning the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, Calif., on Sunday. Love shot a 9-under-par 63 to finish at a total of 16-under-par.

nowhere near the lead, then in the lead," Love said. "I kept trying to put what had happened early in the round behind me, and play to win the golf tournament."

After going nearly three years without winning on tour, Love had to wait another 45 minutes to see if his lead would hold up.

Singh was one stroke behind when his tee shot on the par-3 17th sailed left of the green and over the cliff. He birdied the 18th

for a 69. Mickelson, a co-leader after 54 holes, was one stroke back and in great shape in the 18th fairway when he tried to hit driver off the deck from 257 yards and flared it out to the left, over the sea wall and bounding onto the rocks.

He made double bogey and closed with a 73. "I always go for that green. I've never

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North America All-Stars Ray Bourque, left, Bill Guerin, center, and Doug Weight celebrate after Weight's goal in the third period of North America's 14-12 victory in the 51st Annual NHL All-Star Game.

North America wins high-scoring 14-12 affair over World in NHL All-Star game

By Ira Podell
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — With 26 goals flying into the nets, the only surprise surrounding the highest-scoring NHL All-Star game ever was that Mario Lemieux only had one.

Lemieux also had an assist but the U.S. trio of Bill Guerin, Tony Amonte and Doug Weight combined for six goals and seven assists in North America's 14-12 victory Sunday over the World team.

Guerin had three goals and two assists to win the MVP award playing on the line that could be reunited next year in the Salt Lake City Olympics.

"Hopefully we all are going to be members of the team," Guerin said. "When you are involved in something like that, you are never going to be upset about who your linemates are."

Five sets of goals came less than a minute apart.

Alexei Kovalev's goal got the World to 12-11 with 5:32 left and snapped the combined record of 22 goals in 1993. The game was the third penalty-free All-Star game. Last year's 9-4 contest won by the World team had one.

Lemieux returned to the Pittsburgh Penguins, the team he owns, in late December after a 3 1/2-year retirement. The 35-year-old center, a three-time All-Star

MVP, gave North America a 5-4 lead in the second period with his 12th career All-Star goal and earned an assist in the third period on a goal by Simon Gagne, making his All-Star debut.

Lemieux, who had a game-high nine shots, has played in only 16 games this season, tallying 16 goals and 16 assists.

Guerin — a first-time All-Star at age 30 — had the 12th hat trick in All-Star history and the fifth in five years. Guerin, one of 14 first-time

all stars, also had two assists — leaving him one point shy of Lemieux's record-setting effort in 1988.

"It was awesome to have him around, his presence was definitely felt," Guerin said of Lemieux. "Just to be involved in something with him like this was a thrill for everybody."

Theo Fleury, who rebounded from his worst season to be an All-Star, had two goals to give him six in seven career games.

North America leads the All-Star series against the World 3-1 in the format adopted in 1998 before the Nagano Olympics — the first that featured NHL players.

Dominik Hasek, the World's starting goalie, has been on the losing side each

time he's played. He missed last year's game because of injury and was a bit of a surprise to be an All-Star this year as he planned to retire after last season.

Amonte had two goals and two assists, and Weight, Guerin's linemate with the Edmonton Oilers until a November trade sent Guerin to Boston, chipped in a goal and three assists.

"It was great," Guerin said of being with Weight. "Doug and I are best of friends and I really enjoyed playing together. This was a nice opportunity to play in an All-Star game together and just be reunited and have a good friend, Tony Amonte, with us out there, too."

Each country taking part in next year's Salt Lake City Olympics must name at least eight players to the team by next month.

The action got so fast-paced without stoppages that when Gagne scored his second goal to make it 13-11, ABC-TV was in a commercial.

Sweden also got a good look at who might represent them next year as Colorado's Peter Forsberg had a goal and two assists; Mats Sundin had two goals and two assists; Fredrik Modin, another first-timer, had four assists; and Markus Naslund added a goal and assist.

Forsberg, who scored on Colorado

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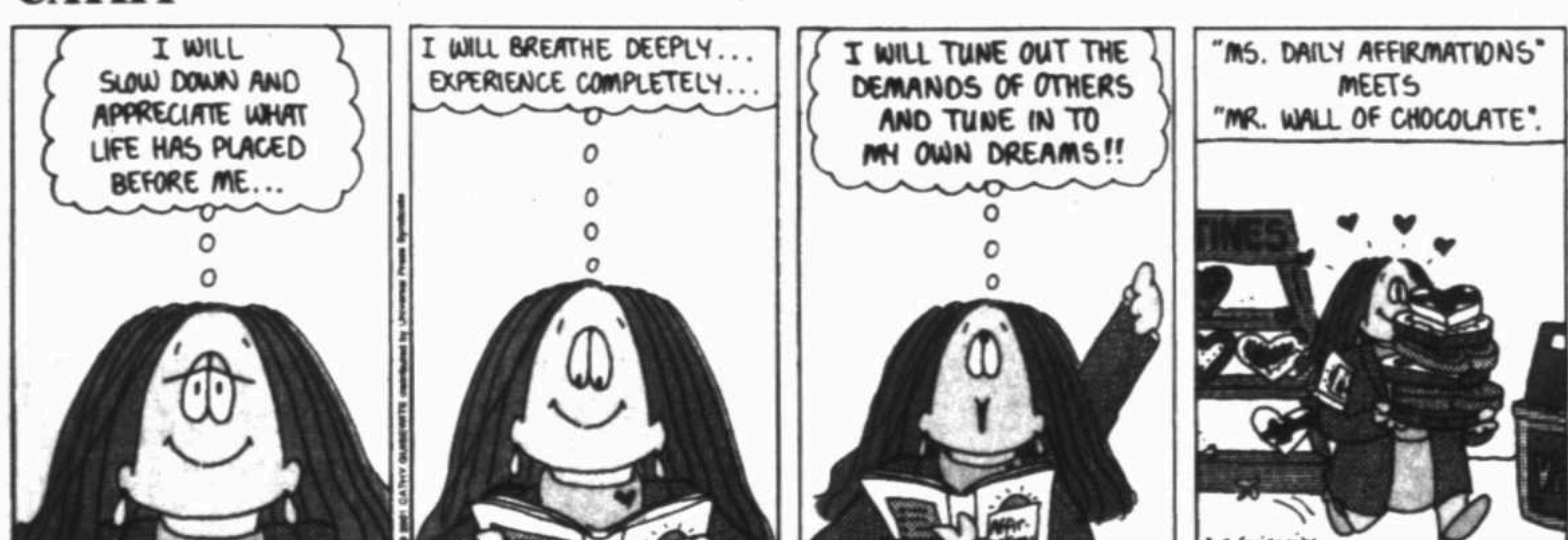
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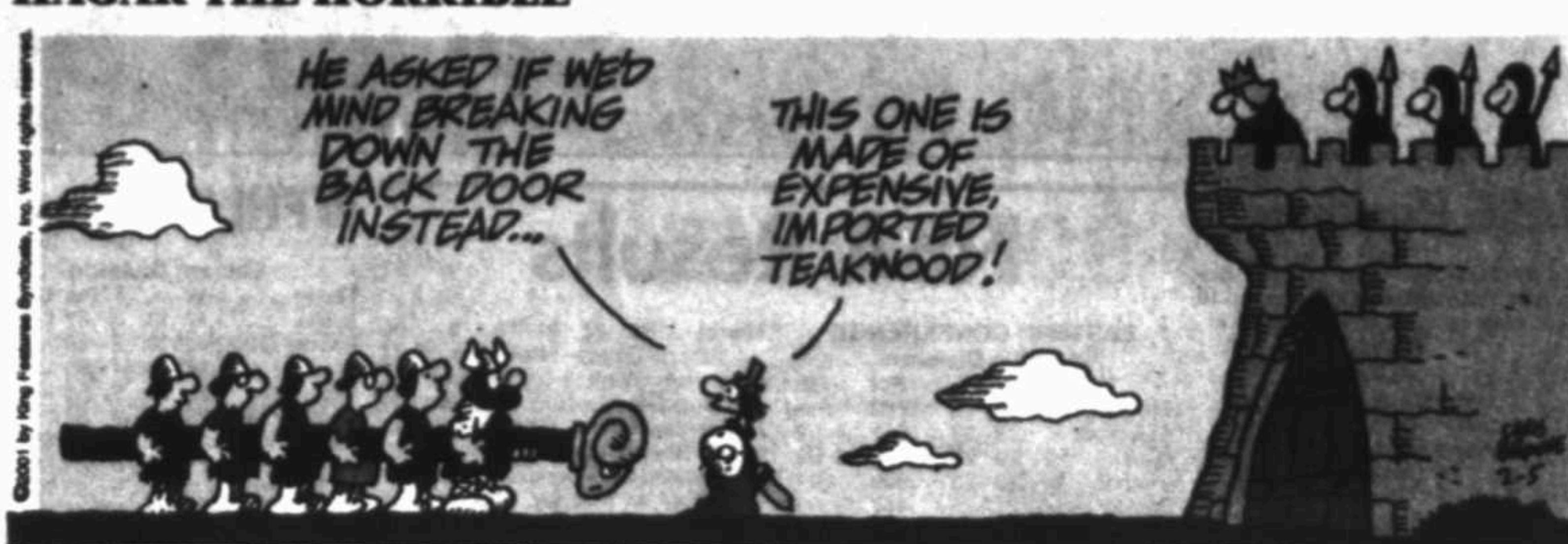
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jerry Seinfeld does 'nothing', turns up for shows at comedy club

WEST ORANGE, N.J. — The star of a show about nothing is doing just that these days.

"I do nothing," Jerry Seinfeld told an audience at Rascal's comedy club Saturday. "A lot of people think doing nothing is really good. I tell you, you can get pretty crammed doing nothing."

Seinfeld, 46, has kept a relatively low profile since his immensely popular series "Seinfeld" ended its prime-time run in May 1998.

He turned up for four weekend shows at the club, where he appeared regularly before he became a star. The 1,500 tickets at \$20 each sold out in less than a week in December, even though the shows were not advertised outside the club. The club owner said he turned away 10,000 other ticket-seekers.

Seinfeld had new jokes, but the same style of humor. Some of the up-to-date jokes took on the Web — "Why do they call it eBay? They should call it Garbay" — and his 1999 wedding — "If you want to have a great party, why invite all the oldest people you know?"

PARIS — Oscar-winner Jodie Foster has backed out of an agreement to head the jury at the 54th Cannes film festival in May because she was offered a leading movie role, festival officials said Sunday.

Foster was asked to replace Nicole Kidman in David Fincher's "The Panic Room," after Kidman dropped out with a knee injury, said Gilles Jacob, the event's president.

Foster said work on the movie would conflict with the May 9-20 festival, Jacob said in a statement.

Foster said she hoped she would be asked to preside over the jury again. "I've dreamed since my childhood of having the honor of being president of the Cannes jury," Foster was quoted as saying last month.

She has received two Oscars, for "The Accused" (1988) and "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991).

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Opera star Luciano Pavarotti kept his promise to fans who were disappointed by an earlier performance.

The legendary tenor returned to the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort on Saturday, performing a concert to make amends for the Nov. 11 show he struggled through while suffering from a cold.

All previous ticket holders were allowed to return for free. A healthier Pavarotti, 65, joined by soprano Cynthia Lawrence, performed for nearly 90 minutes, including four encores. The crowd of 5,000 responded with five standing ovations.

OMAHA, Neb. — Ted Nugent won't be getting a key to this city. And the "Motor City Madman" isn't all that broken up about it.

Nugent was scheduled to get an honorary key on Saturday at an annual outdoor show, but Mayor Hal Daub changed his mind when harsh criticism of the outspoken rocker began to circulate.

"I have no negative feelings whatsoever. He's got to do what he's got to do and I've got to do what I've got to do," Nugent said Friday from his Michigan ranch.

Daub said the decision was not personal. "The decision was clearly made when I was informed Thursday that this was going to be potentially divisive," he said.

Ingrid Newkirk, president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, had sent Daub a letter asking the mayor to reconsider his plans.

"With violence in our society more out of control than ever, what on earth are you doing giving a key to the city to Ted

Nugent, one of today's most visible symbols of bigotry, hatred and destruction?" Newkirk wrote.

As an avid hunter and outdoorsman, Nugent said he is a constant target of PETA and adamantly denied Newkirk's accusations.

"To think that I'm hateful is preposterous. I'm the most compassionate, caring, activist, generous ... (person) that ever played a guitar," he said.

Compiled from Associated Press reports

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 5, 2001

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMD	2	3	2	News at 3/6	Wheel of Fortune	Inside the Diamond	(11) Bruce McGill: Veronica Cartwright	Gordon's Crossing: Life	News at 10/30	News at 10/30	News at 10/30	News at 10/30
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(3) KWB	9	9	9	News 4/19	Seinfeld (1) (PG)	In Style: Celebrity Weddings	(1) (PG) 4/553	Hard Watch: A Rock and a Hard Place (1) (PG)	News 4/04/30	(35) Tonight Show (1) (PG)	(35) Tonight Show (1) (PG)	(35) Tonight Show (1) (PG)
(12) KMLM	42	12	18	News 4/501	John Hughes	Light of the Southwest	(1) (PG) 4/553	Hour of Healing (1) (PG)	News 8/24/6	Life in the World	Promises	Rebecca Baker
(3) KOCV	30	13	13	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	(1) (PG) 3/753	Antiques Roadshow (1) (PG)	24/037	Sinking the Lusitania (1) (PG)	News 8/24/6	Life in the World	Promises	Rebecca Baker
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(2) DISC	30	28	28	Supernatural: Extra Sensory Perception	31/714	Bloodsucker (1) (PG)	64/211	Ultimate Guide: Submarines	Stranded (1) (PG)	8/04/05	Backyard (1) (PG)	8/04/05
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 5, 2001:

Express support and caring to those around you. Streamline your work, errands and everyday life. You will want to share more of your caring with those in your life. Make time to do that. Let go of a need to be overly responsible. Stop pushing yourself so hard. Reflect before you leap into action. If you are single, a relationship buds in the next six months. It is your decision here. If you are attached, don't bring work home. Become a nurturer. Stop being critical. CANCER works with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Nurture those around you, but also nurture yourself. You are no good to anyone, including yourself, unless you start taking better care of yourself. Discuss ways to handle stress. Create a greater separation between home and work. Tonight: Play it as if it is still the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Discussions prove to be animated and lively. You think you are right. Someone else might or might not agree, depending on his mood. Make time for a co-worker or friend during lunch. You might not be sure about which way to go with a personal matter. Tonight: Buy flowers on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Expenses could change. Review recent decisions that impacted your money. You instinctively know how to change your spending pattern, but are you willing? Indulge a boss and make a difference professionally. Tonight: Ask yourself: Do you deserve a raise?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your magnetism helps you with a difficult associate. Listen carefully to another. This person can be overly serious and touchy at times. Think through a decision that involves your long-term goals. Schedule a key meeting. Use that Cancerian charm. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** Take a deep breath. Stop. Sometimes you push way too hard to get what you want. Lighten up about a difficult associate. Organize your work, with an eye to better relationships with those around you. Refuse to shoulder the burden at work. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** When others stray, it is important for you to remain focused and direct. Think before you leap. Review a situation carefully. You might be in the mood to let others dominate. That is OK, but recognize that you are deferring. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Take charge at work. Others might still be in a weekend mind-set. You see the ramifications of a money matter. Zero in and have a much-needed discussion. An associate remains difficult, no matter what happens. Carefully listen to another's feedback. Tonight: Work late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Creativity soars. You might not be sure about what works. Sound out different ideas on others. You get interesting, dynamic feedback. Try to understand where another is coming from. You get better results if you are empathetic and sensitive to those in your

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

immediate life. Tonight: Movie night! SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Deal with others one-on-one. Listen carefully to someone. You maintain a high profile, knowing what your objective is. Learn to understand others' rationales. Ask for their logic. Think, and embrace their way of thinking. Agreements naturally develop. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Defer to others. Everyone demonstrates and reflects an agenda. You get to learn a lot about those you deal with. Be a thinker and an observer. Suggestions might come after you and others see the net results of a plan. You could also decide to embrace another's ideas. Tonight: Flex and gain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Listen to your instincts with work, but still follow a boss' guidelines. You find a situation difficult. Keep putting your best foot forward. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Review a situation carefully, with an eye to the future. You might want much more from your day-to-day life. Tonight: Easy does it. Put up your feet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You have answers when others simply go blank. Communication could be stressed, or difficult at best. Stay on top of demands and calls. Your responsive nature separates you from many. Share a joke or two. Do what you can to lighten up another's mood. Tonight: Others need your playfulness.

BORN TODAY
Statesman Adlai Stevenson II (1900), baseball legend Hank Aaron (1934), actress

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 3 ♠ A K Q J 10 ♦ 8 7 ♣ Q 8 4 3

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

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What do you bid now?

A — If you feel it incumbent to ignore the four weakish clubs in favor of your all-powerful heart suit, you must relish landing in the wrong spot periodically. Part of the reason you opened the bidding is because of your distributional values, so start describing your hand by introducing your second suit. Bid two clubs.

Q 2 — Vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 2 ♥ J 6 ♦ K 4 ♣ A K J 10 8 5 4

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A — If you bid two clubs now, you will be in a horrible position no matter what partner rebids. It is far better to jump-shift now by bidding three clubs. At least it tells partner you have a game-going hand with a self-sufficient suit, and you can then rebid your clubs before committing yourself to some other action.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A Q ♥ A K Q 8 4 ♦ A 8 6 3 ♣ 7 4

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass

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What do you bid now?

A — You have a good hand made better by the honors in partner's suit. Since a bid of two diamonds would not be forcing, and three hearts would show an extra

heart and only be invitational, you have to jump to three diamonds to show your power and create a game force.

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 5 ♥ K J 10 8 2 ♦ A 4 ♣ A Q 8 5

The bidding has proceeded:

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DAVE BARRY

Ben Franklin could solve California's electricity problem

When we consider the serious electricity shortage in California, our reaction, as concerned Americans, is: Ha ha! No, seriously, we are alarmed. Because history teaches us that whatever happens to California — smog; road rage; tofu; coffee that is mainly air; cell phones; the belief that abdominal muscles are attractive; Shirley MacLaine; people taking rollerblading seriously; grandmothers sporting new, flagrantly inappropriate bosoms — eventually happens to the rest of the nation. Thus it is vital that we analyze the California electricity shortage and see if we can develop a workable solution before we become bored and change the subject.

Our first question is: What, exactly, is electricity? When we look in our Microsoft Encarta encyclopedia, we see that "electricity" is defined as a "class of physical phenomena resulting from the existence of charge and from the interaction of charges." What does this mean, in layperson's terms? It means that whoever wrote the Microsoft Encarta encyclopedia is a big fat dope. Because we know from our junior-high-school science training that electricity is actually a fast-moving herd of electrons, which are tiny one-celled animals that can survive in almost any environment except inside a double-A battery, where they die within minutes.

Electrons are formed when clouds rub together and become excited. This was proved in the famous experiment wherein Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a thunderstorm and was almost killed. Encouraged by this success, Franklin went on to conduct many more electrical experiments, including rolling a hoop in a thunderstorm, playing hopscotch in a thunderstorm and doing somersaults in a thunderstorm. Finally one night he was caught wearing only a bonnet and playing "Mister Pooter Rides the Pony" in a thunderstorm, leaving the authorities with no choice but to arrest him and make him ambassador to France.

Nevertheless, Franklin had proved an important scientific point, which is that electricity originates inside clouds. There, it forms into lightning, which is attracted to the earth by golfers. After entering the ground, the electricity hardens into coal, which, when dug up by power companies and burned in big ovens called "generators," turns back into electricity, which is sent in the form of "volts" (also known as "watts," or "r.p.m." for short) through special wires with birds sitting on them to consumers' homes, where it is transformed by TV sets into commercials for beer, which passes through the consumers and back into the ground, thus completing what is known as a "circuit."

But enough technical talk. The problem is that California is running out of electricity. The situation is so bad that in some hospitals, they don't have enough electricity to power those electric-shock paddles that get people's hearts started again; instead, the doctors and nurses have to hold hands, scuff their feet across the carpet in unison, then shout "CLEAR!" as they touch the patient's chest.

Who is responsible for California's electricity shortage? You could blame the power companies; or you could blame environmental wackos; or you could blame the entertainment industry, which uses over 750 billion watts of electricity per day just to blow-dry the cast of "Dawson's Creek"; or you could blame (Why not?) the Firestone tire company. But you would be wrong. Because obviously the real cause of the California electricity shortage is: college students.

I base this statement on widespread observation of my son, who is a college student, and who personally consumes more electricity than Belgium. If my son is in a room, then every electrical device within 200 yards of that room — every light, computer, television, stereo, video game, microwave oven, etc. — will be running. My son doesn't even have to turn the devices on; they activate themselves spontaneously in response to his presence. Now take my son and multiply him by the number of college students in California, which according to my research is "(EDITOR: Please insert number of college students in California)" and you see my point, which is, "(EDITOR: Please insert my point)."

The question is: What can the rest of us do to help our fellow countrypersons in California? The answer is that we can send them our Please see BARRY/2C

Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery



Charlene Gnagy is a former teacher for MISD. One of her students at North Elementary School was Laura Welch, now first lady Laura Bush.

Former Midland schoolteacher

Charlene Gnagy

Long before Laura Bush introduced, welcomed and honored Charlene Gnagy at the authors' reception on inauguration weekend, the spotlight had already begun to focus on her, with a People magazine story appearing in October.

But Charlene, in typical elementary school-teacher fashion, took all the media attention in stride, and thought of another teacher.

"I kept thinking of my high school English teacher in Chico High School, who actually taught me English for five years, starting in eighth grade, and of how she would have loved to have been there," she said.

Charlene knew she wanted to be a teacher before graduating from high school in 1949. She started Decatur Baptist College in the fall of 1949, then went on to North Texas State University, where, in 1952, the Midland High School superintendent came to interview her for a job.

"Superintendents did that in those days," she explained. "He asked me what grade I'd like to teach, and I told him that I'd prefer not to be a first-grade teacher as new as I was."

She signed on to teach second grade at North Elementary, on the corner of Carrizo Street and Ohio Avenue. She was 21, and didn't have a car. She rented a room from Harry and Esther Rhodes, who lived at 401 N. Carrizo St., right across the street from the school.

"There were a couple of other teachers who stayed there, too," Charlene said.

"We had kitchen privileges, although we seldom ate any meal except breakfast there. We ate lunch at the school."

Charlene said her second year at North was when she taught Laura Welch Bush.

"Her mother always dressed her in the cutest clothes," she remembers. "I had photos of the two of us together on the steps of the school, that I

sent to People magazine, and some group photos."

In 1954, the classes were moved to the newly constructed Bowie Elementary. The school was so new that when school started, the building wasn't ready. For two weeks, Charlene said, her class met at the First Baptist Church. After that, there was a period when construction on the lunchroom wasn't completed.

"The children all brought sack lunches, and we would have milk and ice cream delivered every day," she said.

One year, she had two sets of identical twins in her classroom, which she admits was a bit of a challenge at first. Yet, Charlene says, she doesn't remember ever having any troublemakers.

"The parents always supported me. I never had to send a child to the office. I got lots of hugs around the knees."

In 1953, one of her colleagues arranged for her to meet a man — a blind date that Charlene said caused her some trepidation.

"I was fairly tall (compared to fellow teachers), and I was afraid he might be short," she says, smiling. "In the Rhodes house there were French doors with blinds, and I remember peeking through the blinds to get a look at him when he came to the house." To her great relief, Larry Gnagy was not only tall, but he was handsome. They went to the drive-in movie, and found that they liked each other a lot. They were married the following fall.

"That was back in the days when you could get married on Aug. 29, go to New Orleans for a honeymoon, and get back in time for school just after Labor Day," said Charlene.

In 1956, she took leave from teaching in order to start a family, and didn't return until 1964, when her children, Lynn and Bob, had started school.

Upon her return, Charlene taught third grade at Pease Elementary.

"But third-graders are still little and they still hugged me around the knees," she said.

In fact, those hugs around the knees are what Charlene misses now that she's retired. She retired from public school in 1982, but began teaching at First Baptist's Childhood Development Center in 1985, and continued until 1997, when Larry asked her to retire, so they could travel.

And travel they have. While the children were still small, they had gone to Disneyland, to all the Great Lakes, to Canada's Expo 67 and other vacation destinations. Later, their vacations have widened to include an Alaskan cruise, Hawaii, Canada, Europe, Israel, with the First Baptist Church, and this fall, they'll be going to Rome.

But Charlene said the trip to Washington, D.C., was a high point of her life, and to be honored in such a manner was gratifying, not so much in a personal sense as that it helped to stress the importance of good education during children's formative years. On her wall hangs a framed photo that once hung in her classroom, written today by a local PTA mom, Mary O'Neill:

"Who cares if 2 and 2 are 4 or 5 or red or blue? Who cares if 6 or 7 comes before or after 11? Who cares if c-a-t spells cat or rat or tit or tat or ball or bat?"

"Well, I do, but I didn't used to. Until Mrs. Charlene Gnagy (She's terribly old as people go — 31 or 5 or 6 or so). But she makes a person want to know."

Charlene said once a member of the financial community had said during a speech at a luncheon that the only difference between bankers and teachers was that bankers work with cold figures and teachers work with warm figures.

"I think everyone should like his or her job," she said. "I loved mine."

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Goofy infomercial products now available on the Internet too

By Michelle Slatalla
N.Y. Times News Service

I would have a hard time voting for the most memorable product I have ever seen on television.

But if asked to pick just one "As Seen on TV" candidate, I would have to give careful consideration to the Copper Tongue Scraper, a thin piece of metal designed to reduce mouth odors and bacteria if you run it across your tongue.

Although that sounds as if it would hurt (and tongues bleed, right?), the scraper would still face stiff competition from another haunting entrant in the personal hygiene category, the Flowbee Precision Haircutting System. The device, I mean system, has a hose that attaches to your vacuum. It sucks up your hair and then when it is standing on end, cuts it (the length settings are adjustable). Another strong contender is the Ronco Inside-the-Shell Electric Egg Scrambler, designed to cure a condition described as "runny, slippy egg white."

To me, products marketed directly to consumers through infomercials on cable channels have always felt like an essential, comforting element of the background drone that is television, precisely because they knew their place: on television. In that medium, even the most outrageous sales claims blend in seamlessly as part of an endless on-screen parade of wackiness.

But I recently discovered the same merchandise for sale through another medium where even the most outrageous sales claims blend in seamlessly as part of an endless on-screen parade of wackiness: the Internet.

With dozens of sites selling a wide range of products along the lines of the Fling Sock toy, the Cellulift Massager and the Torso Tiger ("amazing abs"), can packaging that screams "As Seen Online" be far behind?

Having grown up in the golden age of infomercials, I still remember the lure of Mister Microphone, a product that made it acceptable in the 1970s to yell from a

passing car. "Hey babe, I'll be back to pick you up." Not to mention the Ronco Veg-O-Matic: While not technically a system, it slices, it dices, it can raise your children. And this week, one was sold on eBay for \$5.50.

These were madcap contraptions whose cunning harkened back to a mid-century era of do-it-yourself ingenuity, to the days when weekend hobbyists routinely tinkered in basement workshops and a young mother sick of damp diapers invented the first disposable model. Who among us has not flirted with the promise of the Ginsu knife and its permanently bonded blades of surgical stainless steel?

Let he who is without a K-Tel Patty Stacker cast the first stone.

Looking for as-seen-on-TV products online, I found two sites: AsSeenOnTV (of course) and wonderfulbuys.com. They offered speedy shipping from company-owned warehouses, refunds for merchandise returned within 30 days, toll-free customer service numbers and

even video clips of popular infomercials in case you want to review that demonstration of how to skewer a chicken on no-stick spit rods without creating a mess.

Prices varied (I found sites offering Flowbee systems at \$49.95 to \$69.95), and shipping costs were hefty (\$29.90 for shipping a Ronco Showtime Rotisserie and Barbecue at Asseenontv.com).

But I had to admit that the arrival online of the Chia Pet Bunny Handmade Decorative Planter (\$14.99 at Joseph Enterprises) was particularly troubling because it raised an uncomfortable question: Who would buy this stuff online?

I had always assumed that only impulsive shoppers would buy this sort of merchandise. (And would buy it only late at night, when they were woozy from the hypnotic influence of the salesman Ron Popeil's visions of a Ronco-centric world in which it was possible to simultaneously barbecue "not one, but two six-pound chickens.")

To find out, I called professor Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the

Study of Television at Syracuse University, and a man who watches a lot of infomercials.

"Is it really true that you own the Clapper?" I asked, referring to that ubiquitous symbol of 1970s pop culture, the sound-activated switch that will turn off a lamp when you clap your hands.

"Yes," he said. "It works when you clap, but the problem is it also works if the dog barks. Or if you drop a plate, the lights go off."

So I asked, "Wouldn't the impulse to buy these wacky products die in the time it would take to stand up, turn off the television, walk over to the computer, launch a browser and type 'Hooked on Phonics' into a search site's query box?"

"Not necessarily," Thompson said, "because the Internet, like TV, puts you under hypnosis and makes you think of buying things you never would consider out in the real world of rational behavior. Whenever you shop online, you are Please see SHOP/2C

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SHOP: Pocket Fisherman being updated for future sale

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missing important tactile cues. For instance, in a real bookstore, if you were collecting too many books, they'd start to get too heavy to carry around and that gravitational signal would say: "You're going crazy; put some away." Not online.

When he put it that way, I flashed back to a recent online excursion when I bought coffee on the Internet. Too much coffee, as it turned out: about 10 times the amount of coffee I will drink in a month. And so much coffee that the forklift necessary to transport it to my car from a real store would have prompted me to put most of the beans back on the shelf.

"Did you think the explosion in sales of storage sheds at the same time as the explosion in Internet shopping was a coincidence?" Thompson asked.

I would not be surprised to learn that those storage sheds are full of Marvin's Magic Drawing Boards (\$19.99 at wonderfulbuys.com) and electric food

dehydrators (\$39.98 at Ronco.com). On the other hand, if all those sheds were filled with Veg-O-Matics, I could see selling those vintage products to the same nostalgic consumers who were easy prey for the purveyors of bell-bottom pants and beanbag chairs.

Thinking "niche market," I called Dan Fasano, the chief executive of ONTV Inc., owner of AsSeenOnTV.com (and SeenOnTV.com, which has the same products).

"We've thought of that," Fasano said. In fact, his site plans to broaden its inventory of 350 products this year by adding a number of classics. The Pocket Fisherman spin-casting outfit (\$29.95, plus \$8.90 for shipping and handling) is being updated, he said.

"What about the Veg-O-Matic?" I asked.

"Well, there are some relics in existence, but you can't really get new ones," Fasano said.

The good news? Mister Microphone may reappear soon. It will get my vote.

Hey, who was that masked Chihuahua?

By Chris Hutchins
N.Y. Times News Service

It's just another day in Union City: Lobo Fuerte, a mighty masked Mexican wrestler, is facing off against the minions of The Whelp, a devilishly intelligent cybernetic Chihuahua. Lobo's masked wrestler sidekicks — Turbine and Maria Valentina — jump into the fray. A Tijuana Brass-meets-hip hop soundtrack blares in the background.

By the end of the scrap, The Whelp (who looks like the unholy spawn of the Taco Bell dog and The Terminator), is vanquished ... and Lobo Fuerte and company are riding away in their flame-airbrushed hot rod.

This is the surreal world of "Los Luchadores," a new Saturday morning action show that debuted Saturday on Fox Kids. Think of it as a live-action program inspired by "Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers" and "Lucha Libre," the flashy style of Mexican wrestling.

Jonathan Rosenthal, VP of development at Fox Kids, explains, "We've got this show that stars Mexican wrestlers who never take off their masks," he says. "They drive around in hot rods and fight cybernetic Chihuahuas. But it's not a comedy. Despite the ridiculous nature of it all, the characters are playing it straight."

"Luchadores" creators say their program is fueled by youth culture's current obsession with wrestling, and a very profitable, growing Latino youth audience. But "Los Luchadores" roots actually go back more than 40 years and across the border, when Mexican filmmakers were cashing in on their own country's lucha libre — "free fighting" — craze.

From the late 1950s to the early 1980s, dozens of lucha libre movies were made, starring real-life luchadors (wrestlers). In these low-budget, campy flicks, the masked wrestlers were superheroes. They had ray guns. They did battle with werewolves, reanimated mummies and killer blobs from outer space. The luchadors were always victorious, always got the girl, and were always gentlemen.

And they never took their masks off ... even when they were wearing leisure suits and cruising around town in their dune buggies.

Citizen Kane, these films were not. But for nearly 30 years, the genre was a profitable one in Mexico, and extended far into oth-

er media: comic books, television appearances, magazines, merchandise. By far, "El Santo" was the most famous of these luchadors. He made nearly 60 movies during his career, many with his sidekick "Blue Demon." Both Santo and Blue Demon have died, but another legendary luchador, the 70-ish "Mil Mascaras" — Man of 1,000 Masks — still makes public appearances.

Lucha libre wrestling is still very popular in Mexico and — despite the occasional English-dubbed lucha flick on TNT, or sporadic broadcast on Univision — this is the first time it's floated into mainstream middle-American consciousness.

The style of the sport is different than traditional American wrestling. While there are still "storylines" that govern the winners of each brawl — and heroes (tecnicos) and villains (rudos) — the matches are more fast paced. They can have up to nine people in the ring at the same time, and generally feature more crowd-pleasing, high-flying wrestling moves.

But not every wrestler gets to wow the crowd.

"In American wrestling, (the villains) can do anything, any kind of moves," explains Larry Lane, a Pembroke Pines resident who wrestled in Mexico in 1991 and '92. "But still, to this day in Mexico, tecnicos get to use a whole other set of moves. Rudos aren't really allowed to do many of those — they do a lot of the punching and kicking."

It's hard to explain to gringos how ingrained lucha libre has become in Latino culture, says Jesse Hernandez, a California-based wrestling instructor who was trained in the lucha style. Luchadors are gentlemen. They're honorable. And ...

"If you were a wrestler, you would not be caught going into an arena unless you were wearing a (business) suit. If you were wrestling in Mexico City and showed up in a torn T-shirt or something, you'd be a disgrace. It's all connected to the image you have to uphold."

DEAR ABBY

Son rebuffs aunt's attempts to contact long-gone dad

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: After my divorce 12 years ago, my ex-husband left the state and had no contact with our son, "Lance," or me. We didn't even know where he had gone. Lance was 5 at the time and is now 17.

When Lance was 6, I married a great guy who is wonderful to both of us.

Several years ago, my ex got in touch with my sister and sent her a letter and a picture of him and his new family to give to our son. When my sister gave it to Lance, he told her he wanted nothing to do with his "old dad" (his words) and told her to let things be the way they have been.

My sister continues to harass Lance to write or call his father, and has out-and-out screamed at my son for choosing his stepfather over his birth father. She has even tried to set up secret meetings, but Lance knows better than to trust her and wants nothing to do with her. Time and again he has said he wants nothing to do with his biological father.



Van Buren

I feel my son is old enough to make his own decisions.

Because of this, we attend no family events and have cut ourselves out of everyone's life. And we have never said anything to anyone about what my sister is doing.

Lance turns 18 this year and already has plans in motion to legally change his name to his stepfather's and to be adopted by him. He uses his stepfather's name now, except for legal documents. (Another thing that annoys my sister.)

How can we continue to deal with my sister until he turns 18, and what should we say if someone brings up the fact that we never come around? — TRULY A FAMILY IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TRULY: There is nothing you can do to stop your sister from meddling. She is convinced she knows what is best for her nephew and obviously has a long alliance with your ex-husband. Your son has done an admirable job of handling her on his own.

I'm mystified that you would protect your sister by telling no one about her trouble-making and cut yourself off from the rest of the family. It was a mistake you should correct. If someone brings up the fact that you have

been absent, speak up and explain why. If you do, I'm sure you'll find you have allies.

DEAR ABBY: I recently saw the letter in your column from Jack Anspach, who dreamed that the next president would have six letters in his first name and four letters in his last name. He bemoaned the fact that he had failed to place a bet.

Apparently, it escaped his attention — and yours — that the names of BOTH major-party candidates have six and four letters. I would have expected you or one of your staff to have caught such an obvious error before going to print.

By now, he's probably got your column matted and framed and proudly on display in his office. Imagine his surprise when he finally discovers that Al is short for Albert. — JODY IN MEMPHIS

DEAR JODY: Jack got it! I got it! And I'm pleased that so many of my readers also got the JOKE. A little amusement in serious times can be a ray of sunshine on a dreary day, and I think we all needed a dose of humor around that time.

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

TALKIN' TEXAS

Men practice 'art' of bringing dead animals back to life

By Tumbleweed Smith

Several people told me that I ought to go see a taxidermy place just outside Grapeland. So I did.

It's called The Sportsman's Memory Shop and is owned by two guys who have been partners for 21 years. They are Bobby Shaw and Robin "Trap" Coppedge.

The first thing I saw when I walked through the front door was a big alligator on the floor. It looked so real I thought it was alive.

"It's twelve feet, four inches," says Trap. "It weighed 750 pounds when we brought it in. We caught him on a hook down

near Bay City. We drew on an alligator hunt and went down there and ended up catching that alligator and another nine footer."

Bobby says the word taxidermy derives from two words: taxi, meaning to move from one place to another and dermy, which means skin. "You basically have a tanned animal skin and as you put it on a mannequin, you've got to get everything adjusted in the right places, then glue it or staple it down to hold it while it dries so it looks real when you get through. It's really an art."

When I was there the shop had two large elk ready to ship to Midland.

"We've done work for people in Spain and Austria and Switzerland, just all over the world," says Bobby.

Their business has come a long way since they started it in Bobby's house in 1980. "We just enjoyed going hunting together and used to have somebody else

do the taxidermy work on the game we brought in. Then we got interested in it. We started skinning fish on a butcher block in my kitchen, trying to figure out how to mount them. We first opened a shop at Trap's house, then moved out here on the highway. We were serious about it. We didn't consider it just a hobby. We always wanted to be full time, professional taxidermists."

They have built the largest and most modern taxidermy studio in East Texas. A life-size bear greets people as they pass by on Highway 287 north of Grapeland.

These two master taxidermists have re-created some rather amazing hunting scenes: a mountain lion attacking a deer, two hunting dogs attacking a mountain lion. "We've mounted life-size Brahma bulls, lions and bucking horses," says Bobby. "We've even done full safaris, where a guy will spend a hundred thousand dollars in Africa hunting and bring thirty different species of

animals back; leopards, lions, even elephants."

Their motto is "We Bring 'Em Back To Life." They do antler and horned shoulder mounts, open mouth animal shoulder mounts, horns on panels and lined rugs with head and feet. They do fish, reptiles and birds. They don't do pets.

They do a big business in bleached animal skulls, from a baboon (\$150) to a warthog (\$250). Prices include mounting panels. They also tan and dress skins for both small and large game.

Bobby and Trap have won state, national and world competition awards for their work. Their business has been so good in recent years they haven't had much time to hunt, the thing which was the basis for their partnership.

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

Belly dancers look to overcome myths of naval navigation

AUSTIN — It's a Saturday night, and Z-Helene Christopher is on her back, her legs bent behind her. Nine quarters are neatly placed across her mid section and she is breathing deeply in preparation for the feat she's about to attempt.

This is not a scene from a bachelor party or local cabaret. There are even a few families and their children in attendance. Christopher and her husband, percussionist Rick Fink, are the hosts of a belly-dancing recital at Cafe Mundi, where a varying cast of four or five dancers regularly perform in front of a modest crowd. As awed coffee sippers stare, Christopher shows off her abdominal prowess by flipping each quarter up and down the length of her stomach. She says she is one quarter away from setting a world record for this bit of belly bravado.

It's a cold night, but it's hot inside and the dancers' brows and cafe's windows are dripping by the time the dancers stop shimmying. One by one, each dancer times her movements to the beat of drums and uses her eyes, shoulders and fingers to

accentuate the furious tremble of her waist and stomach. The women vary in experience, age, size and personal dance style, but all elicit applause and cheers of approval as they grind their hips, wave their arms and prance bare footed across the floor.

And while Texas is known for its two-stepping, Austin (no surprise) is home to many belly-dance events. But the exotic dance can be found across the state, from Amarillo to Corpus Christi.

Greg White, a bachelor and a belly-dancing aficionado who announces shows in Austin, was named the ABA president in January. He says belly-dancing

has many myths. "One is that this form of dance is easy," he said. "Just as with any art form, it takes practice to get good. It isn't about seeing how many quarters someone can roll on their belly. People usually think of 'I Dream of Jeannie.' The truth is, women come in all sizes and shapes, but when they perform, they are the most beautiful and graceful creatures on the face of the Earth."

Melissa Amira, an instructor and professional belly dancer and host of Carousel Caravan, a bi monthly Middle Eastern Dance show at Carousel Lounge, says seeing is believing. "The fact that a lot of us have

trained very hard and researched our music doesn't occur to most people until they come to a show and see for themselves," she said. "Middle Eastern dance is beautiful, powerful, mesmerizing, elegant, majestic and difficult. I worked for many years to hone my skills and will continue to do so. The dance is evolving so quickly that just like any profession, if you don't stay on top of new information, you get left behind."

Dancers come in a variety of shapes, and most perform to please themselves, not to fulfill the fantasies of their audience.



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BARRY: Country should form 'chain of help' for California

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spare electricity. Just imagine what would happen if all the households in this great and generous nation got out their extension cords and connected them together, forming a giant electrical "chain of helping" across the fruited plain to the Golden State! Millions of people would be turned into genius smoking lumps of carbon, that's what. So maybe we should go with Plan B. This involves building a really, really, really big kite.

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Unhappy Israelis expected to turn to Sharon

By Dan Perry
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — An angry and dejected Israeli electorate faces a stark choice this week between Prime Minister Ehud Barak and his push for a final peace deal with the Palestinians, and the hawkish front-runner Ariel Sharon, who won a boost Sunday when he was endorsed by Israel's ultra-Orthodox bloc.

The deck seems heavily stacked in favor of Sharon, a 72-year-old ex-general who promises to quash the four-month Palestinian uprising and cede no more land. He has led in all the polls for weeks by about 20 points — a massive spread in a country that for decades has been deeply divided more or less down the middle.

Sharon received more good news when newspapers representing Ashkenazi ultra-Orthodox parties, composed of Jews of European background, published announcements from the religious leadership calling on people to vote for him.

A victory for the burly ex-general in Tuesday's election would be an astounding rehabilitation for a man whose leadership hopes were widely considered dashed when a government commission indirectly blamed him for a 1982 massacre of hundreds of Palestinian refugees in Beirut, Lebanon, and forced him to resign as defense minister.

It would also appear to slam the brakes on the current peace process. Sharon has made clear that he opposes Barak's offers to the Palestinians and would withdraw them in favor of less ambitious interim deals emphasizing security for Israelis.

Sharon has been vague about his plans. However, he is a lifelong hawk who has opposed the land-for-peace idea and has been a leading patron of the Jewish settler movement. A Sharon plan leaked to Israeli media last month envisioned giving the Palestinians no more land — but also building no more settlements.

Barak has predicted a peace accord is within reach despite the recent setbacks — but he

has also warned that if the Palestinians don't soften their demands he will forgo efforts to reach agreement and unilaterally redraw the map, dismantling some settlements and keeping others.

Many observers believe that whoever wins will have difficulty maintaining a majority coalition in the fractured parliament, and that general elections for prime minister and parliament are almost inevitable within a year.

Sharon has said that if he wins he would make every effort to bring Barak's Labor Party into a more stable centrist coalition — but has not explained how the two parties could possibly agree on a joint platform.

For their part, the Palestinians oppose any more partial deals and insist that negotiations with any Israeli government begin where the outgoing administration left off — even though no agreements were reached.

The 7-year-old peace process has left the Palestinians with full and partial autonomy in dozens of disconnected territories amounting to just over 40 percent of the West Bank, and most of the tiny, crowded Gaza Strip on the Mediterranean coast.

In recent negotiations, Barak offered the Palestinians a state on some 95 percent of the West Bank and Gaza, two areas Israel occupied in 1967. His offer included dismantling some Jewish settlements, a share of east Jerusalem and compromises on Jerusalem's Old City tangle of Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy sites.

To many Israelis, the proposals were shockingly generous, and he consequently lost the support of security-minded centrists and moderately traditional Jews that enabled him to trounce conservative incumbent Benjamin Netanyahu in the 1999 election.

But they didn't entice Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has stuck fiercely to a long-standing demand many Israelis thought was just a bargaining chip: that Palestinian refugees from the 1948 and 1967 wars and their descendants be allowed to move back to Israel. That includes some 4 million people, many living in squalid camps and shantytowns

in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

To Israelis — even peace activists — the idea is a nonstarter. They fear returning Palestinians would swamp Israel's 5 million Jews, undermining the "two states for two peoples" idea.

Israelis are also at a loss to comprehend how Barak's peace offers were met not with counterproposals but an uprising which broke out in September.

Palestinian riots, shootings and bombings, and Israel's often brutal efforts to suppress the violence, have left almost 400 people dead, about 90 percent of them Arabs.

The Palestinians say the 3.5 million people of the West Bank and Gaza have simply grown exasperated with a drawn-out process that has left Jewish settlers in place, hasn't eliminated the presence of Israel's military, and hasn't alleviated their poverty.

The result has left Israelis bitter. Although polls show some two-thirds continue to support the peace process, there appears a deep desire to punish Barak for failing to deliver peace and security — and for continuing to negotiate under fire.

"Barak and his advisers are still inside the bubble of their concept of 'peace' and simply don't realize the intensity of anxiety felt by the Israeli public," wrote Nadav Shragai in the Haaretz daily.

Complicating Barak's situation is the likelihood that many of Israel's Arab citizens will boycott the election. The Arabs — almost 20 percent of the country's population, and a key constituency for the peace camp — are rebelling against decades of discrimination and are still angry over the killing by police of 13 of their number in pro-Palestinian demonstrations last October.

Barak formally resigned in December, but remained in power pending the election. Parliament did not dissolve itself, thereby making this the first election in Israel's history for prime minister only. As a result, there is a possibility that other voters — such as Russian immigrants — may stay away because their sectarian parties aren't on the ballot.

American hostage freed in Chechnya

MOSCOW (AP) — An American worker for the aid group Doctors Without Borders was released unharmed after nearly a month of captivity in rebel Chechnya and said Sunday he would consider going back to work in the war-ravaged region.

"I feel OK," 38-year-old Kenneth Gluck said in brief remarks broadcast on television from Khankala, where the Russian military operation in Chechnya is headquartered. "The kidnappers treated me quite well. They did not beat me or anything."

Gluck was freed Saturday night in an operation conducted by the Federal Security Service, which directs the Russian campaign against rebels in Chechnya, said service spokesman Alexander Zdanovich in Khankala.

Agents of the service, known by the acronym FSB, had been following Gluck's kidnappers for days but had been unable to act "without putting his life in danger," Zdanovich said. "When the moment came, we moved in and secured his release."

"Not a kopec was paid" in ransom, Zdanovich said, but did not give further details. Gluck did not say who had held him hostage; Russian officials previously said he was being held by fighters allied to a warlord who goes by the name Yakub.

Gluck was seized Jan. 9 by masked gunmen who pulled him from his car near the town of Stariye Atagi, in the southern foothills of Chechnya, while he was on a mission to deliver aid. Other workers in the group of cars escaped.

After the kidnapping, Doctors Without Borders halted its work in Chechnya, which has been battered by a 16-month war between separatist rebels and Russian forces.

A spokesman for the group in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Ruud Huurman, said no decision has been made on whether to resume work in Chechnya.

"I think Doctors Without Borders will continue to help people in the area as much as possible. It does not depend on me," Gluck said.

Asked whether he would go back if the group resumes work in Chechnya, Gluck said "I see no reason not to take part."

Gluck, head of the group's mission for the North Caucasus region that includes Chechnya and adjacent Russian republics, was expected to go today to Nazran, the capital of neighboring Ingushetia, where the group has an office.

The New York City native has

wide experience in insecure regions. Doctors Without Borders says he also has worked in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Sudan and Liberia, along with other countries. He also worked in Chechnya during the 1994-96 war, the group said. That fighting ended with the pullout of Russian troops.

After his seizure, Gluck's relatives said he suffers from severe asthma and expressed concern that his health would quickly deteriorate if he was unable to get medicine. Gluck appeared healthy and alert on Sunday, speaking in clear Russian.

He telephoned relatives in the United States after his release, but family members declined comment.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
February 5, 2001

On or about February 25, 2001 the City of Midland (City), Midland County, Texas will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for paving and improvement on the following street blocks:

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

The City has prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) on the above projects which documents the environmental review of the projects and set forth the reasons why an EIS is not required. The ERR is on file in the Community Development Office, City Hall, at the address below and is available during regular business hours for public examination and copying upon request. No further environmental review of the projects is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDINGS
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration to the City at the address set forth below. Written comments should be received at the address specified on or before February 20, 2001. All comments received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified above.

RELEASE OF FUNDS
The City will undertake the projects described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its fiscal 1999 and 2000 programs under grants numbered 8-99-MC-48-0023 and 8-00-MC-48-0023 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City is certifying to HUD that the City and Mr. Robt. E. Burns, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certifications is that upon its approval the City may use the Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act. HUD will accept an objection to its approval only on one of the following bases: (a) that the certifications were not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of the City approved by HUD; or (b) that the ERR for this project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the projects in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and should be addressed to HUD, P.O. Box 2905, Fort Worth, Texas 76113-2905. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received after March 12, 2001, will be considered by HUD.

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 Expedition White, 4X4, rear air, gray cloth, 28K, fully loaded with matching camper shell. \$27,900. 553-1708.

SUZUKI 1991
 Sidekick JX, 4 Door, auto, 4 wd, 61K miles, \$4,250. 688-6936 or 683-7203.

CHEVROLET 1998
 Blazer, immaculate condition, low miles, 4x4, \$17,200 obo or \$500 cash and take up payments. Call 682-7624. (915)263-3778.

BRONCO
 BMW Sales AND Service 2346 E. 8th, ODESSA (915) 580-611

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

GMC 1997
 EXTENDED cab, 3 door, silver, V6, cold air, 102K miles, \$16,000. 520-4252.

CHEVROLET 1996
 1500 Extended cab, Red, loaded, clean, non smoker, new tires, bed liner. \$14,000. 689-6932.

FORD 1999
 F150 Super Cab Step-side, 19,000 miles, \$19,000. 682-2968 daytime, 699-1166 after 5pm.

CHEVROLET 1996
 Suburban, Excellent condition, original owner, trailer hitch, white/grey interior, Amsoil used oil. \$8,450. 685-3312 (8:00-5:00). 689-4869.

GMC 1999
 Suburban, 24K miles, still under warranty, leather, power windows, trailer package, excellent condition, \$25,500. 687-8204, 683-9180.

CHEVROLET 1997
 Astro, 18 months (or 22,000 miles) left on warranty. \$10,350. 682-4026 or 683-2805 after 5pm.

FORD 1994
 AEROSTAR, 13,000 on new 3.0 engine and transmission, plus A/C, rebuild (\$4.3K). Best tires, shocks. \$4,800. 684-7525 evenings.

CHEVROLET 1996
 Suburban, Excellent condition, original owner, trailer hitch, white/grey interior, Amsoil used oil. \$8,450. 685-3312 (8:00-5:00). 689-4869.

GMC 1999
 Suburban, 24K miles, still under warranty, leather, power windows, trailer package, excellent condition, \$25,500. 687-8204, 683-9180.

222 Suburbans & Vans

CHEVROLET 1997
EXTENDED Cab. Vortec V6 5 speed, power locks, CD player, chrome rims, 60K miles. \$13,500 negotiable. 550-7291.

CHEVROLET 1994
Extended Cab. V6 5 speed, air, electric, tool box, bed liner, white with tan interior. Pampered \$9,700. 522-1286.

GMC 1995 Sierra Pickup
short bed, 75K miles, excellent condition. \$8,999. Call 682-9766, 694-7316, 699-7163.

CHEVROLET 1996 1500
extended cab, red, loaded. Very nice, one owner, no smoker. \$13,750. Call 682-5248 or 686-9429.

CHEVROLET 1998
EXTENDED Cab. Silverado, Indigo Blue, loaded, 350, automatic, tool box. Excellent condition! One owner. \$17,900. 694-7603.

FORD 1999 F250
Lariat super duty, crew cab, diesel, auto, short bed, loaded, excellent condition. \$25,000 o.b.o. 915-354-2282.

CHEVROLET 1996 CREW
Cab Silverado Long Bed. Keyless entry, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette, stereo, excellent condition! \$15,500 o.b.o. 50-0839, leave message.

FORD 1988 LARIAT
Extended Cab. Short bed, new A/C (R134), new tires, heavy duty shocks/overload springs. \$5,500. 682-9804.

CHEVROLET 1994 1500
Extended Cab, short bed, 6.5 diesel, loaded, towing package, tool box, new tires. Excellent condition. \$8,500. 697-5643.

CHEVROLET 1994 1500
Short step-side bed, 350 automatic, 70K, excellent condition. \$7,500 or best offer. 699-7275.

TOYOTA 1997 T100
EXTRA Cab. Gray, 4x4, 41K miles, bedliner, sliding glass, cassette, cruise, garage kept. Excellent condition! \$17,500. 684-7307.

222 Suburbans & Vans

CHEVROLET 1982
Suburban. Diesel. Automatic. \$2,995 o.b.o. Call 694-3035.

MERCUY 1999 Villager
Mini Van. Warranted. 5 doors. \$15,500. Call 699-8626.

CHEVROLET 1995
SUBURBAN LS-11,500. New tires, brakes, shocks, battery. 128K miles. 699-1133.

GMC 1993 Suburban
Great condition, 128K, new tires, one owner. \$8,950. 349-1855/ 682-6790.

CHEVROLET 1993
SUBURBAN C1500-124K, well maintained. \$7,650 o.b.o. 694-3884 after 6pm.

CHEVROLET 1971
SUBURBAN-White, V8, positrac rear end, needs body work. \$1,500 o.b.o. See at 2607 W. Illinois after 5pm.

CHEVROLET 1984
Suburban-4x4, 96K, very clean. \$12,750. Call 682-6784 for more information.

CHEVROLET 1994 4x4
Suburban. Excellent Condition. 104K miles, white exterior, blue interior. \$11,500. 520-3810.

CHEVROLET 1995 High
Top Travel Time Conversion Van. Automatic transmission, dual air, TV, VCR, queen bed. 45,000 miles. \$16,500. 694-6193.

NEW TRUCKS

CHEVROLET 2000
Suburban. By Owner. White. 3 seat, 4 wheel drive, loaded, running boards, 11,000 miles. \$35,765. See at 312 East Second, Odessa.

GMC 1988 Suburban
Purchased new in Midland, one owner, 193,000 miles. Blue exterior/blue interior. \$2,750 negotiable. Chris. 683-6778.

ISUZU 1997 MINI VAN
made by Honda, 40K, white with gray cloth. Alarm system, 12 CD changer, and tinted windows added. 4 door. Seats 7, front and rear AC, identical to Honda Odyssey Mini Van, perfect condition. \$16,000. 697-3037.

CHEVROLET 1999
Conversion Van. TV, CB, radar detector, dual air, new muffler, two new tires, recently tuned up. \$3,800. 694-1137.

CHEVROLET 1992
Lumina Mini Van. Blue & silver, V8, cold air, 102K, very clean. \$4,700 negotiable. 694-7423.

CHEVROLET 1993
Suburban Conversion, 4 captains chairs, 3rd seat, rear air, custom paint/wheels, running boards, loaded, super condition. \$10,500/ make offer. 522-1286.

CHEVROLET 1997 Astro
Cargo Van. 18 months (or 22,000 miles) left on warranty. \$10,350. 634-4026 or 683-2605 after 5.

FORD 1994 AEROSTAR
13,000 on new 3.0 engine and transmission, plus A/C rebuild (R34). Best tires, shocks. \$4,800. 684-7525, evenings.

CHEVROLET 1992
Suburban. Excellent condition, original owner, trailer hitch, white/gray interior. Amsoil used. \$8,450. 685-3312 (8:00-5:00). 689-4869.

GMC 1999 Suburban
24K miles, still under warranty, leather, pewter color, trailer package, excellent condition. \$26,500. 697-8204, 683-3180.

222 Suburbans & Vans

CHEVROLET 1997
SUBURBAN LT, superb condition, electric 4x4, 39K, non-smoker, garaged, leather, 12 disk CD, all extras. \$25,000. 683-6779.

CHEVROLET 1988 G-20
conversion van. Quad chairs, loaded, 350 engine, 112K miles, one owner, great condition. \$4,200. 694-6828 evenings.

CHEVROLET 1994 SILVERADO
Suburban. One owner, white/gray leather, alarm, good tires & battery. \$8,000. 682-6122, 686-9421, 526-1525 call.

CHRYSLER 1996 Town & Country
Mini van- low mileage, one owner, 3.8 liter V6, dual sliding doors. \$15,900. 694-8796.

CHEVROLET 1991 Lumina Van
Excellent maintenance record, runs like new, drive to appreciate. \$3,795, or best offer. 686-0732 after 6PM.

GMC 1985 3/4 ton
Conversion Van. Low mileage, runs great, quad captain chairs, new tires, power, dual air. \$4,000. 697-3913.

222 Suburbans & Vans

CHEVROLET 1990
Suburban Conversion 4x4. One owner, garaged, leather, loaded, 82K miles, new tires, rear air, excellent condition. \$9,000. 697-7719.

DODGE 1993 Dakota
extra cab, V8, automatic, power locks and windows, 58K, nice. \$8,200. Call 694-9370.

JEEP 1980 CJ7
Automatic, excellent condition, both hard and soft tops. \$6,500 firm. 267-2005.

JEEP 1995 WRANGLER
4x4, 4 cylinder, 138K. Great condition! \$7,950 negotiable. Loop 250/ Discount Tire. 352-0794, 354-2345 after 6.

FORD 1984 Bronco
New engine, new transmission, Holy carburetor, Edelbrock high rise, Headman headers, mag. \$3,995. 689-2123 after 6 pm.

JEEP 1992 WRANGLER
Red/black soft top, 5 speed, 4 cyl, air, all terrain tires. \$7,500. 661-4043, 689-6494 after 5.

JEEP 1997 WRANGLER
Dark blue, soft tan top, 31K miles, 5 speed, sound system, all terrain tires. A/C. \$11,500. 697-4021.

222 Commercial Vehicles

HANDMAN'S SPECIAL
1986 Chevrolet Box Van. Call 520-8868.

222 Vehicles \$3,000 & under

PONTIAC 1991 6000 LE
4 Door, clean, good condition. \$2,300. Call 697-6092.

CHRYSLER 1987 New
Yorker. 149K, A/C, power locks/windows. Good condition! \$2,000. 689-2999.

DODGE 1983 RAM
Charger, 318, automatic, power, cruise, good condition. \$2,995. O.B.O. 686-8543.

CHEVROLET 1987
BLAZER. Good condition! Needs transmission work. \$2,500 o.b.o. 682-3077.

CHEVROLET 1988
Celebrity runs. \$600 or best offer. 682-3077.

CHEVROLET 1988 S10
Blazer. Good condition! \$2,990. 685-0577 after 5pm. 2212 Harvard.

CHRYSLER 1986 New
Yorker. 67K, very clean, nail guard tires. \$2,495 o.b.o. Call 682-6784.

LINCOLN 1988 Town Car
New transmission with warranty, other new parts. \$2,495 o.b.o. 682-6784.

OLDSMOBILE 1989
Ninety Eight. Good condition! Needs some body work. \$1,500 o.b.o. 694-3309.

CHEVROLET 1970 1/2 ton
pickup. V8, 3 speed. \$2,300 o.b.o. Call 686-8271.

FORD 1970 Winch Truck
1 ton, dual tires, 390 V8, chrome wheels, power steering, headers, clean, mechanically sound. \$1,650. 682-7587.

VOLVO 1986 740 Turbo
4 door, power windows, 164K miles, medium blue, tan interior, sunroof, new turbo. \$3,500. 620-6064, 520-5723.

222 Motorcycles

1995 YAMAHA Z80
The whole family can have great time. It is in excellent condition. \$800. Call 697-7269.

2000 YAMAHA BANSHIEE
with extras. Very low hours. \$5,000. Call Scott 425-4822.

HARLEY DAVIDSON 1997
FLHTCU, Ultra Classic. Gorgeous! \$19,500. Please call 694-5048.

HONDA 1979 6 Cylinder
CBX Yamaha Moto. 4, 80cc 4 wheeler, 400cc Husky dirt bike. 620-0567.

KTM 1982 250 2 stroke
air cooled, runs good, fast. New tires tire. \$450. 520-2637, evenings.

2000 HARLEY DAVIDSON
1200 Custom Sportster, red, lots of chrome/extra. Excellent condition! Includes 6 year extended warranty. \$10,700. 687-5764.

1994 HERITAGE Softail
Harley Davidson 10,700K. Many add ons and extra's. T-bag, helmet, rain gear included. \$17,000 O.B.O. 694-1917.

YAMAHA 1990 VIRGO
Extra clean, lots of chrome. \$2,800. 687-2717.

222 Vehicles

CHEVROLET 1990
Suburban Conversion 4x4. One owner, garaged, leather, loaded, 82K miles, new tires, rear air, excellent condition. \$9,000. 697-7719.

DODGE 1993 Dakota
extra cab, V8, automatic, power locks and windows, 58K, nice. \$8,200. Call 694-9370.

JEEP 1980 CJ7
Automatic, excellent condition, both hard and soft tops. \$6,500 firm. 267-2005.

JEEP 1995 WRANGLER
4x4, 4 cylinder, 138K. Great condition! \$7,950 negotiable. Loop 250/ Discount Tire. 352-0794, 354-2345 after 6.

FORD 1984 Bronco
New engine, new transmission, Holy carburetor, Edelbrock high rise, Headman headers, mag. \$3,995. 689-2123 after 6 pm.

JEEP 1992 WRANGLER
Red/black soft top, 5 speed, 4 cyl, air, all terrain tires. \$7,500. 661-4043, 689-6494 after 5.

JEEP 1997 WRANGLER
Dark blue, soft tan top, 31K miles, 5 speed, sound system, all terrain tires. A/C. \$11,500. 697-4021.

222 Commercial Vehicles

HANDMAN'S SPECIAL
1986 Chevrolet Box Van. Call 520-8868.

222 Vehicles \$3,000 & under

PONTIAC 1991 6000 LE
4 Door, clean, good condition. \$2,300. Call 697-6092.

CHRYSLER 1987 New
Yorker. 149K, A/C, power locks/windows. Good condition! \$2,000. 689-2999.

DODGE 1983 RAM
Charger, 318, automatic, power, cruise, good condition. \$2,995. O.B.O. 686-8543.

CHEVROLET 1987
BLAZER. Good condition! Needs transmission work. \$2,500 o.b.o. 682-3077.

CHEVROLET 1988
Celebrity runs. \$600 or best offer. 682-3077.

CHEVROLET 1988 S10
Blazer. Good condition! \$2,990. 685-0577 after 5pm. 2212 Harvard.

CHRYSLER 1986 New
Yorker. 67K, very clean, nail guard tires. \$2,495 o.b.o. Call 682-6784.

LINCOLN 1988 Town Car
New transmission with warranty, other new parts. \$2,495 o.b.o. 682-6784.

OLDSMOBILE 1989
Ninety Eight. Good condition! Needs some body work. \$1,500 o.b.o. 694-3309.

CHEVROLET 1970 1/2 ton
pickup. V8, 3 speed. \$2,300 o.b.o. Call 686-8271.

FORD 1970 Winch Truck
1 ton, dual tires, 390 V8, chrome wheels, power steering, headers, clean, mechanically sound. \$1,650. 682-7587.

VOLVO 1986 740 Turbo
4 door, power windows, 164K miles, medium blue, tan interior, sunroof, new turbo. \$3,500. 620-6064, 520-5723.

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with extras. Very low hours. \$5,000. Call Scott 425-4822.

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FLHTCU, Ultra Classic. Gorgeous! \$19,500. Please call 694-5048.

HONDA 1979 6 Cylinder
CBX Yamaha Moto. 4, 80cc 4 wheeler, 400cc Husky dirt bike. 620-0567.

KTM 1982 250 2 stroke
air cooled, runs good, fast. New tires tire. \$450. 520-2637, evenings.

2000 HARLEY DAVIDSON
1200 Custom Sportster, red, lots of chrome/extra. Excellent condition! Includes 6 year extended warranty. \$10,700. 687-5764.

1994 HERITAGE Softail
Harley Davidson 10,700K. Many add ons and extra's. T-bag, helmet, rain gear included. \$17,000 O.B.O. 694-1917.

YAMAHA 1990 VIRGO
Extra clean, lots of chrome. \$2,800. 687-2717.

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CHEVROLET 1990
Suburban Conversion 4x4. One owner, garaged, leather, loaded, 82K miles, new tires, rear air, excellent condition. \$9,000. 697-7719.

DODGE 1993 Dakota
extra cab, V8, automatic, power locks and windows, 58K, nice. \$8,200. Call 694-9370.

JEEP 1980 CJ7
Automatic, excellent condition, both hard and soft tops. \$6,500 firm. 267-2005.

JEEP 1995 WRANGLER
4x4, 4 cylinder, 138K. Great condition! \$7,950 negotiable. Loop 250/ Discount Tire. 352-0794, 354-2345 after 6.

FORD 1984 Bronco
New engine, new transmission, Holy carburetor, Edelbrock high rise, Headman headers, mag. \$3,995. 689-2123 after 6 pm.

JEEP 1992 WRANGLER
Red/black soft top, 5 speed, 4 cyl, air, all terrain tires. \$7,500. 661-4043, 689-6494 after 5.

JEEP 1997 WRANGLER
Dark blue, soft tan top, 31K miles, 5 speed, sound system, all terrain tires. A/C. \$11,500. 697-4021.

222 Commercial Vehicles

HANDMAN'S SPECIAL
1986 Chevrolet Box Van. Call 520-8868.

222 Vehicles \$3,000 & under

PONTIAC 1991 6000 LE
4 Door, clean, good condition. \$2,300. Call 697-6092.

CHRYSLER 1987 New
Yorker. 149K, A/C, power locks/windows. Good condition! \$2,000. 689-2999.

DODGE 1983 RAM
Charger, 318, automatic, power, cruise, good condition. \$2,995. O.B.O. 686-8543.

CHEVROLET 1987
BLAZER. Good condition! Needs transmission work. \$2,500 o.b.o. 682-3077.

CHEVROLET 1988
Celebrity runs. \$600 or best offer. 682-3077.

CHEVROLET 1988 S10
Blazer. Good condition! \$2,990. 685-0577 after 5pm. 2212 Harvard.

CHRYSLER 1986 New
Yorker. 67K, very clean, nail guard tires. \$2,495 o.b.o. Call 682-6784.

LINCOLN 1988 Town Car
New transmission with warranty, other new parts. \$2,495 o.b.o. 682-6784.

OLDSMOBILE 1989
Ninety Eight. Good condition! Needs some body work. \$1,500 o.b.o. 694-3309.

CHEVROLET 1970 1/2 ton
pickup. V8, 3 speed. \$2,300 o.b.o. Call 686-8271.

FORD 1970 Winch Truck
1 ton, dual tires, 390 V8, chrome wheels, power steering, headers, clean, mechanically sound. \$1,650. 682-7587.

VOLVO 1986 740 Turbo
4 door, power windows, 164K miles, medium blue, tan interior, sunroof, new turbo. \$3,500. 620-6064, 520-5723.

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CBX Yamaha Moto. 4, 80cc 4 wheeler, 400cc Husky dirt bike. 620-0567.

KTM 1982 250 2 stroke
air cooled, runs good, fast. New tires tire. \$450. 520-2637, evenings.

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1200 Custom Sportster, red, lots of chrome/extra. Excellent condition! Includes 6 year extended warranty. \$10,700. 687-5764.

1994 HERITAGE Softail
Harley Davidson 10,700K. Many add ons and extra's. T-bag, helmet, rain gear included. \$17,000 O.B.O. 694-1917.

YAMAHA 1990 VIRGO
Extra clean, lots of chrome. \$2,800. 687-2717.

222 Vehicles

CHEVROLET 1990
Suburban Conversion 4x4. One owner, garaged, leather, loaded, 82K miles, new tires, rear air, excellent condition. \$9,000. 697-7719.

DODGE 1993 Dakota
extra cab, V8, automatic, power locks and windows, 58K, nice. \$8,200. Call 694-9370.

JEEP 1980 CJ7
Automatic, excellent condition, both hard and soft tops. \$6,500 firm. 267-2005.

JEEP 1995 WRANGLER
4x4, 4 cylinder, 138K. Great condition! \$7,950 negotiable. Loop 250/ Discount Tire. 352-0794, 354-2345 after 6.

FORD 1984 Bronco
New engine, new transmission, Holy carburetor, Edelbrock high rise, Headman headers, mag. \$3,995. 689-2123 after 6 pm.

JEEP 1992 WRANGLER
Red/black soft top, 5 speed, 4 cyl, air, all terrain tires. \$7,500. 661-4043, 689-6494 after 5.

JEEP 1997 WRANGLER
Dark blue, soft tan top, 31K miles, 5 speed, sound system, all terrain tires. A/C. \$11,500. 697-4021.

222 Commercial Vehicles

HANDMAN'S SPECIAL
1986 Chevrolet Box Van. Call 520-8868.

222 Vehicles \$3,000 & under

PONTIAC 1991 6000 LE
4 Door, clean, good condition. \$2,300. Call 697-6092.

CHRYSLER 1987 New
Yorker. 149K, A/C, power locks/windows. Good condition! \$2,000. 689-2999.

DODGE 1983 RAM
Charger, 318, automatic, power, cruise, good condition. \$2,995. O.B.O. 686-8543.

CHEVROLET 1987
BLAZER. Good condition! Needs transmission work. \$2,500 o.b.o. 682-3077.

CHEVROLET 1988
Celebrity runs. \$600 or best offer. 682-3077.

CHEVROLET 1988 S10
Blazer. Good condition! \$2,990. 685-0577 after 5pm. 2212 Harvard.

CHRYSLER 1986 New
Yorker. 67K, very clean, nail guard tires. \$2,495 o.b.o. Call 682-6784.

LINCOLN 1988 Town Car
New transmission with warranty, other new parts. \$2,495 o.b.o. 682-6784.

OLDSMOBILE 1989
Ninety Eight. Good condition! Needs some body work. \$1,500 o.b.o. 694-3309.

CHEVROLET 1970 1/2 ton
pickup. V8, 3 speed. \$2,300 o.b.o. Call 686-8271.

FORD 1970 Winch Truck
1 ton, dual tires, 390 V8, chrome wheels, power steering, headers, clean, mechanically sound. \$1,650. 682-7587.

VOLVO 1986 740 Turbo
4 door, power windows, 164K miles, medium blue, tan interior, sunroof, new turbo. \$3,500. 620-6064, 520-5723.

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KTM 1982 250 2 stroke
air cooled, runs good, fast. New tires tire. \$450. 520-2637, evenings.

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Harley Davidson 10,700K. Many add ons and extra's. T-bag, helmet, rain gear included. \$17,000 O.B.O. 694-1917.

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DODGE 1993 Dakota
extra cab, V8, automatic, power locks and windows, 58K, nice. \$8,200. Call 694-9370.

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JEEP 1992 WRANGLER
Red/black soft top, 5 speed, 4 cyl, air, all terrain tires. \$7,500. 661-4043, 689-6494 after 5.

JEEP 1997 WRANGLER
Dark blue, soft tan top, 31K miles, 5 speed, sound system, all terrain tires. A/C. \$11,500. 697-4021.

222 Commercial Vehicles

HANDMAN'S SPECIAL
1986 Chevrolet Box Van. Call 520-8868.

222 Vehicles \$3,000 & under

PONTIAC 1991 6000 LE
4 Door, clean, good condition. \$2,300. Call 697-6092.

CHRYSLER 1987 New
Yorker. 149K, A/C, power locks/windows. Good condition! \$2,000. 689-2999.

DODGE 1983 RAM
Charger, 318, automatic, power, cruise, good condition. \$2,995. O.B.O. 686-8543.

CHEVROLET 1987
BLAZER. Good condition! Needs transmission work. \$2,500 o.b.o. 682-3077.

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LINCOLN 1988 Town Car
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HONDA 1979 6 Cylinder
CBX Yamaha Moto. 4, 80cc 4 wheeler, 400cc Husky dirt bike. 620-0567.

KTM 1982 250 2 stroke
air cooled, runs good, fast. New tires tire. \$450. 520-2637, evenings.

2000 HARLEY DAVIDSON
1200 Custom Sportster, red, lots of chrome/extra. Excellent condition! Includes 6 year extended warranty. \$10,700. 687-5764.

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Harley Davidson 10,700K. Many add ons and extra's. T-bag, helmet, rain gear included. \$17,000 O.B.O. 694-1917.

YAMAHA 1990 VIRGO
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DODGE 1993 Dakota
extra cab, V8, automatic, power locks and windows, 58K, nice. \$8,200. Call 694-9370.

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New engine, new transmission, Holy carburetor, Edelbrock high rise, Headman headers, mag. \$3,995. 689-2123 after 6 pm.

JEEP 1992 WRANGLER
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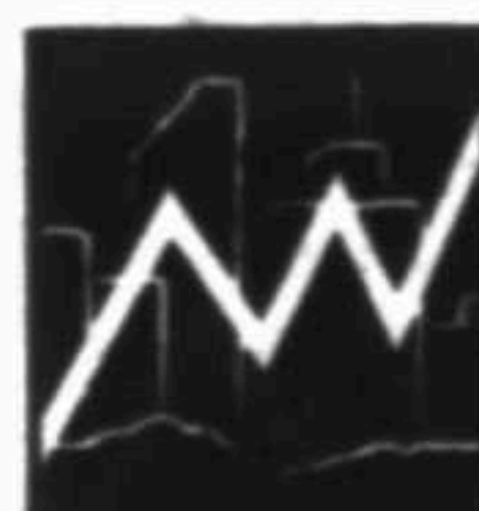
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Photo by Bruce Partain

Midlanders celebrate the moment when George W. Bush took the oath of office for the Presidency of the United States. Several hundred Midlanders gathered in Centennial Plaza on

Jan. 20 for an Inauguration Celebration, hosted by the Sky's the Limit Committee. Tourists drawn to Midland by its connection to the new president could benefit the local economy.

MAAPing the future of Midland's economy

By Daniel B. Houston
Project Manager, AngelouEconomics

Midland, Texas, the Tall City, is a place where, truly, "the sky's the limit." Midland's dramatic skyline, rising above the plains is an ever-present reminder that, in the Permian Basin, anything is possible!

Oil and gas made Midland what it is today, and the industry will remain the lifeblood of the Permian Basin economy for many years to come. But, as the last two years — if not the last three decades — have made abundantly clear, Midland needs to diversify if it is to provide long-term economic opportunity to all its citizens.

With that in mind, the Midland Assessment and Action Plan is underway. As the acronym MAAP implies, the project will develop a roadmap for economic diversification in Midland. My firm, AngelouEconomics (AE) of Austin, in cooperation with Zeitgeist Consulting of Madison, Wisconsin, has undertaken to work with the community in creating this strategy.

"The MAAP is a project that provides a picture of who we are and what we are," said Dennis Clayton, economic development manager for the Midland Chamber. "In the end, it will identify industry sectors that we can target for recruitment and retention of industry and jobs."

"The whole point is diversification — to support the oil and gas economy by targeting new ideas."

The State of the City

With direct input from a diverse group of more than 100 Midlanders, we have learned much about your community. What have we learned thus far?

■ Midland is more dependent on mining — by a factor of 25 — than the typical American city. Oil and gas production is a form of mining.

■ The number of retail outlets in the

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city peaked in 1995, while total retail sales peaked in 1997.

■ While oil and gas prices have steadily risen over the last year, the local economy has not been lifted as much as in years past.

■ Midland once enjoyed an average wage well above the national and state averages, but lost that edge in 1993.

■ The wage gap between the Texas average and Midland grows ever wider as the rest of the state advances in technology industries.

■ Midlanders value the faith and family orientation of the city, but pray for an economy that brings their children back as adults.

AngelouEconomics will release a full Community Assessment — the first of five project reports — during the first week of February. That report will be followed by an Economic Assessment, a Visitor Industry Assessment and Strategy, a Marketing and Branding Strategy, and a Final Report tying these documents together in a cohesive strategy to be implemented in the coming years.

The New Economy comes to Midland

Knowing Midland is not enough, so we are comparing the city against five other communities: Abilene, Lubbock, and Tyler, Texas as well as Lafayette, Louisiana and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Midland is a place apart, to be sure, but cities today can no longer stand apart. Angelos Angelou has said, "Austin has more in common with Wall Street than with Main Street, with Silicon Valley than

with the Rio Grande Valley." The same can be said of Dallas, Albuquerque, Calgary, or any of the former energy cities that have found a niche in the New Economy.

Can Midland join the ranks of diversified, technologically savvy communities? At AngelouEconomics, we are confident it can and must. Midland is geographically isolated, to say the least, but so is Sioux Falls, home to several thousand employees of Gateway 2000 Computers. Midland is largely an extraction economy, but so is Lafayette, home to one of the largest Internet Data Center projects in the south.

And Midland has some advantages over its rivals.

As Angelou has said, "The veteran oilmen here were practicing risk capital when San Jose was a sleepy outpost."

The extraordinary engineering and machining talents of Midland/Odessa can be redirected toward growing sectors of the economy. The working people of the region, accustomed to hard work and unsteady income, will welcome the arrival of new industries that draw on their intellectual capacities as much as on their strength. Midland is also developing, almost unnoticed, into an international city, a transition that should be welcomed and nurtured.

This much is true: there will be winners and losers in the New Economy. Communities across the nation must take bold steps to insure that they will not be consigned to the next Rust Belt. With the MAAP, Midland is just beginning the process. Enlightened action from a cross-section of the community will be required to carry the process forward.



Photo by Bruce Partain

A sunny day greeted attendees of the Inauguration Celebration at Centennial Plaza.

www.MidlandEconomy.org

AngelouEconomics and Zeitgeist Consulting are determined to keep the lines of communication open. In that spirit, we have inaugurated a project website at www.MidlandEconomy.org, which includes:

- Information about the project and the project team
- Research materials and reports about Midland and its economy
- Contact information
- News about the MAAP and about Midland

If you are interested in contributing to the New Midland, then MidlandEconomy.org is the place to begin your explorations. We look forward to hearing from you, and to a long and successful partnership with Midland.

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Using the theme "Midland Proud," volunteers will compete to see who can sell the most memberships.

"We have some exciting new incentives for new members as well as current members who upgrade to gold status," Drive Co-Chair Bobby Norman said.

Businesses joining during that time will receive discounts and special incentives, all provided by other Chamber members.

"Once again, the Midland Reporter-Telegram is offering new members a free quarter-page ad in the Business Journal," said Norman. "That \$150 ad is part of a \$1,000-value package for our new and upgrading members," he said.

"For 77 years the Chamber has led the way in economic and community development," Norman said. "It also brings businesses together to network and learn more about being successful. If you're in business and need more visibility, you should be a Midland Chamber member!"

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Videos of George W. Bush's visit to Midland available

NewsWest 9, the Midland Reporter Telegram, mywesttexas.com, and the Midland Chamber of Commerce are working to make George W. Bush's visit to Midland last a bit longer. They are producing a two-hour video commemorating the rise to power of Midland's Favorite Son.

The video, titled "Midland's Rising Son: A Salute to George W. Bush", costs \$19.95 (which includes tax and shipping). It will be available in early February. The video includes the speech and portions of the entertainment from the January 17th Bush visit to Midland, as well as the January 20th inauguration and speech in Washington, D.C.

Short segments of the Lee and Midland High bands marching bands Mr. Bush are included. A special segment from the Republican Convention where Mr. Bush talked about growing up in Midland is also included.

Proceeds from the sale of the video will go to fund a Visitors Center in the Chamber lobby. Plans for the Center include new brochure racks and display cases, a built-in information desk which will be manned by volunteers, and a Bush photo display.

Other souvenir items — such as t-shirts — will also be available for sale soon.

If you are interested in purchasing the video, please call the Midland Chamber of Commerce at 915.683.3381 ext. 3020, or stop by the office at 109 N. Main Street.

Get awesome telephone skills!

The Midland Chamber is hosting customer service and telephone communications expert Bill Drury as he presents a seminar entitled "Opportunity Doesn't Always Knock ... Sometimes it Rings!"

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On February 8, there will be two identical presentations, allowing employers to send half their people in the morning, and half in the afternoon. The seminars will be held at the Hilton Midland & Towers. The morning session is 9 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m.

To see your employees improve their skills, your investment is only \$69 per person for Chamber members and \$99 for non-members. Group discounts are available. Call the Chamber, 683-3381 to receive a registration form.

"Bill Drury knows what he is talking about," said Zig Ziglar. "He has an excellent style of delivery. Your people and your company will be better off after hearing Bill Drury."



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Celebrating George W. Bush's Presidential Inauguration



Photo by Bruce Partain

George W. Bush commemorative T-shirts were hot items at the January 20 Inauguration Celebration. The Midland Chamber is selling the shirt on the left for \$11 and a short-sleeved version of the shirt on the right for \$10.



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Students from Sam Houston Elementary - a George W. Bush alma mater - sing patriotic songs.

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2000 was year of recovery for Midland-Odessa economy

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Oil prices that rose from the \$10 level at the beginning of 1999 to more than \$30 in mid-2000 began to affect the Midland-Odessa economy in the year 2000.

"It was largely a year of recovery in the Permian Basin, both in terms of the oil economy and the general economy," observed Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index and the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index for First American Bank, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Reporter-Telegram.

Marvin Wynn, president and chief executive officer of the Chamber of Commerce, agreed 2000 was a year of economic recovery, "slow but sure."

He said "the index is certainly continuing to recover from the lows of 1998. It's moving in the right direction and it's moving at a reasonable rate. Still, it's 6.5 percent below its peak. To put things in perspective, we have to look at where we were."

Bobby Norman, president of First American Bank in Midland, noted "We've been playing catch-up a great deal in the past year" and pointed out that the petroleum index is leading the regional index due to the dominance of the energy industry in the Permian Basin.

While Norman said the indicators were largely positive, he noted some soft areas, primarily retail sales, that fell 13.9 percent in December over December 1999 but were up 5.5 percent for the year. He went on to note the hotel-motel tax was up 5.8 percent in December over last December but down 3.9 percent for the year; build-

ing permits were down 10.8 percent in December over December 1999 and down 18.9 percent for the year overall.

"One reason the bank elected to sponsor the index is we wanted to know 'Why is that?' We have tremendous growth in production value but weakness in these areas," Norman said. "This highlights the tremendous consolidation in the oil industry. We have fewer companies and fewer employees."

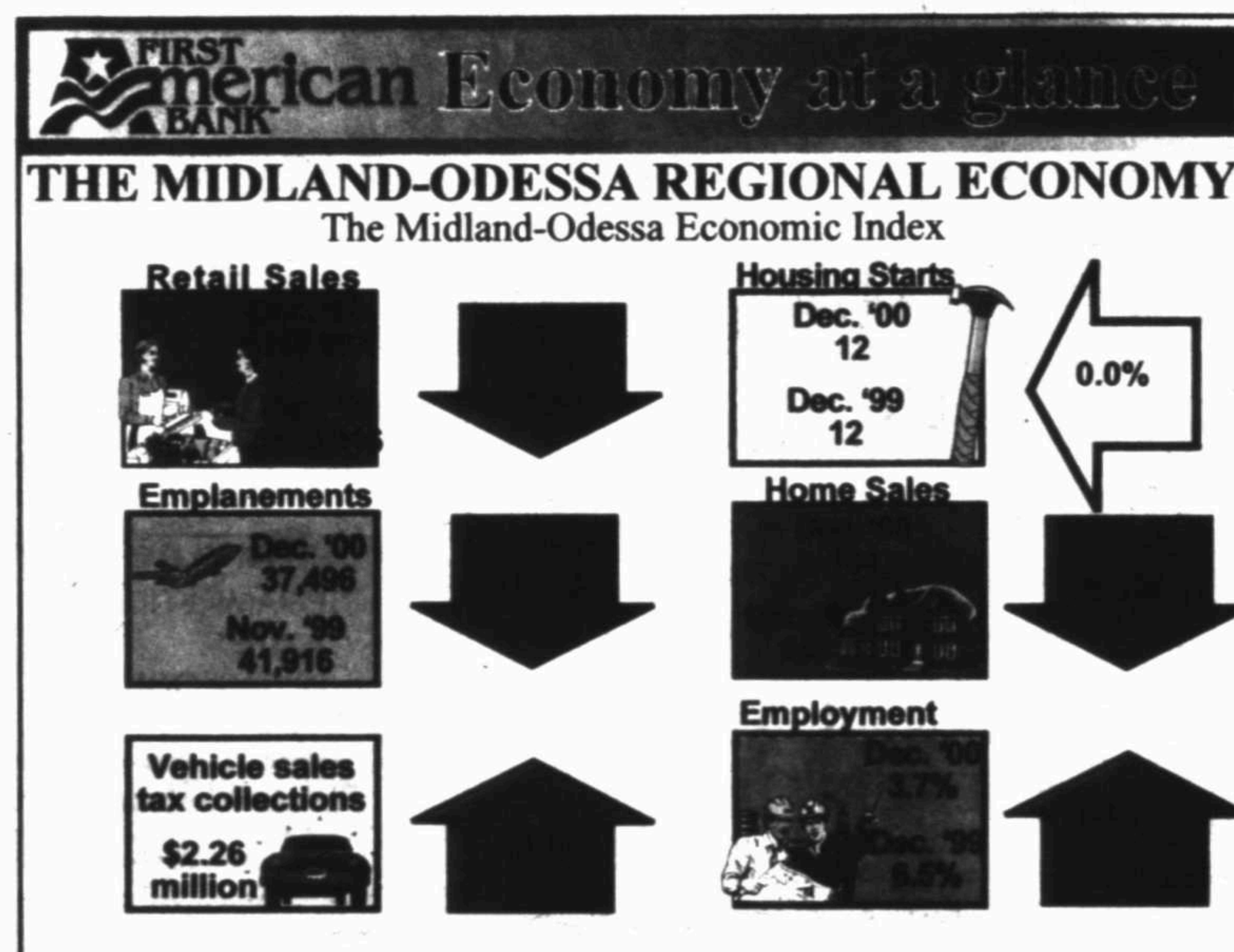
Wynn also expressed disappointment that employment is up only .3 percent for the year even though the unemployment rate fell to 3.7 percent in December from 6.5 percent the previous year.

"That's a false positive because it's down but it's down because the workforce is down," Wynn explained. "Even though there is still some improvement and it's moving in the right direction, we need job creation."

Norman said while oil and natural gas production value is up, "we're not seeing that directly translated into the economy. We're probably seeing an export of capital to money centers in Houston, New York or Denver or into the oilfields in the Permian Basin."

Ingham estimated the growth rate for the combined towns was 6.8 percent over 1999 but stressed the rate was overstated because 1999 was such an economically weak year and noted the economy remains 6.5 percent below the 1998 peak.

"The gap is narrowing with each passing month, but it may take the bulk of the coming year to return to that peak level," Ingham said, adding "as the oil economy grows, so will the general economy. There will be some competing influences,



pulling the economy as a whole in different directions. For the same reasons the national economy is slowing, some downward pressure may exist on general spend-

ing in Midland-Odessa. However, trends in the oil economy will be proven the victor and will continue to pull the general economy upward."

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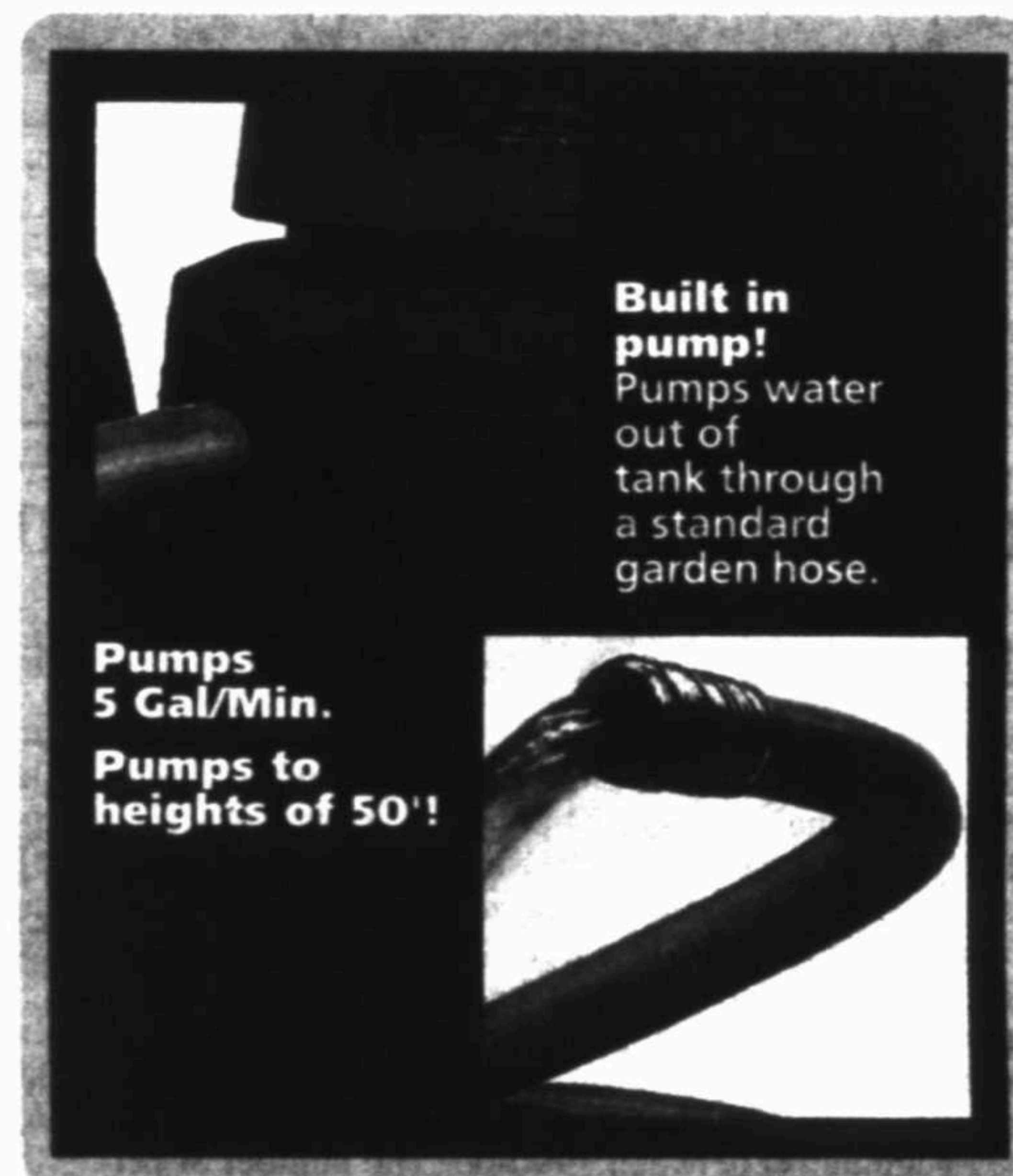


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The Economy

Figure 1. Nonresidential Construction Permits, City of Midland: 1990-00

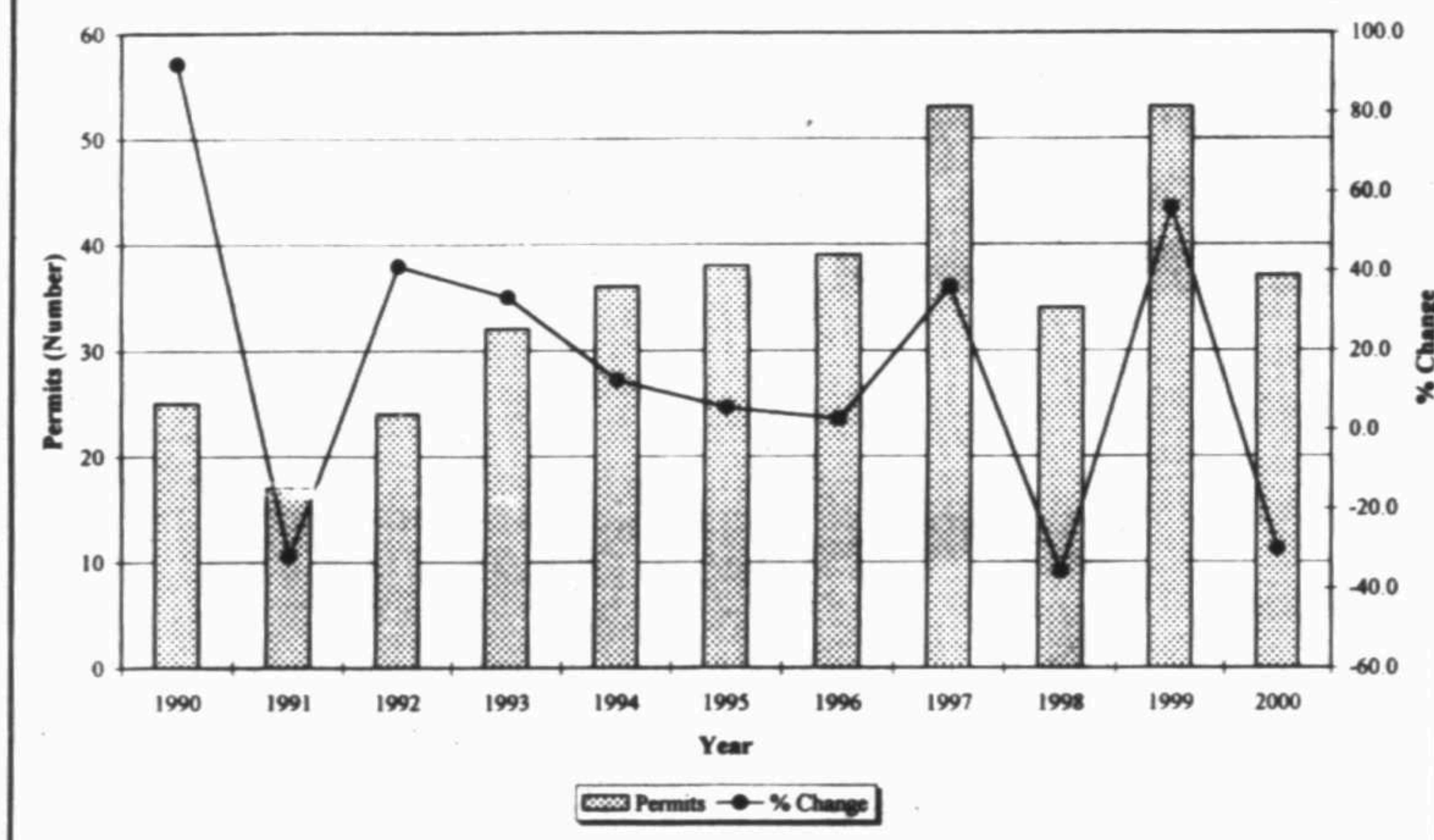
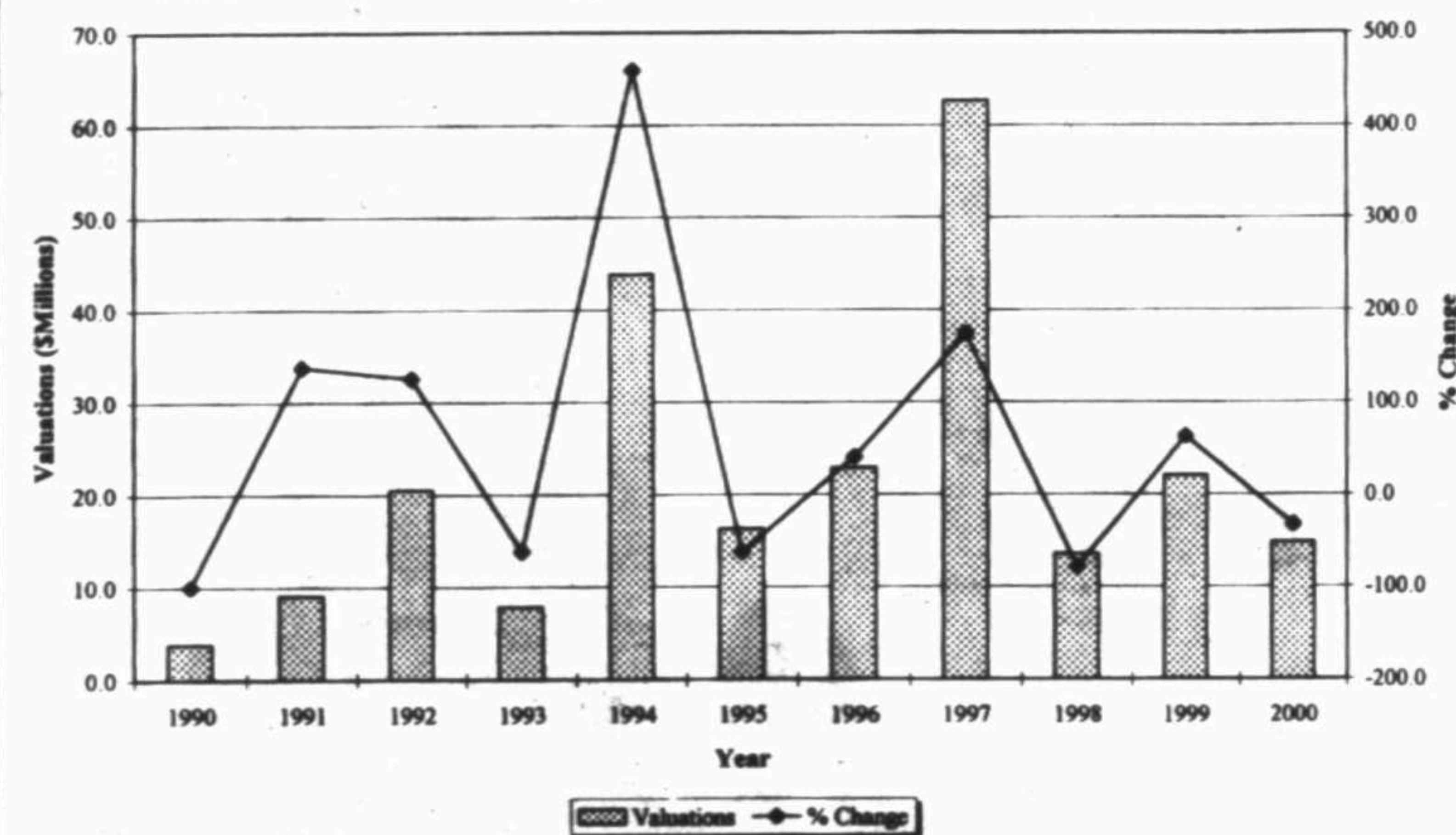


Figure 2. Nominal Nonresidential Construction Valuations, City of Midland: 1990-00



Non-residential construction values fluctuate through 1990s

By Kevin Skipper

The accompanying table and Figure 1 show that Midland's nonresidential construction permitting activity drifted higher between 1991-97 (annual average=34 permits). Activity declined precipitously (from 53 to 34 or -35.9%) in 1998, then rose to 53 (55.9%) during 1999. The number of permits fell to 37 (-30.2%) in 2000. Expansions occurred in eight of the past 11 years and averaged a 25.4% gain per year during the study period. Between 1992-97, permitting improved each year (total gain=29 or 120.8%). Contractions took place during three years of the study period, averaging -32.7% per annum. Permitting activity soared by 48.0% (4.0% annually) between 1990-00. The number of permits totaled 388 (35 per year) during the period.

Figure 2 displays nominal (non inflation-adjusted) nonresidential construction permit valuations. Valuations totaled \$237.1 million or \$21.6 million per year. Valuations retreated by \$7.2 million (-32.8%) in 2000. They advanced by nearly \$11 million (288.8%) between 1990-00.

Real (inflation-adjusted) valuations totaled \$250.3 million (\$22.8 million annually). Real valuation levels appear compara-

ble to those for nominal valuations.

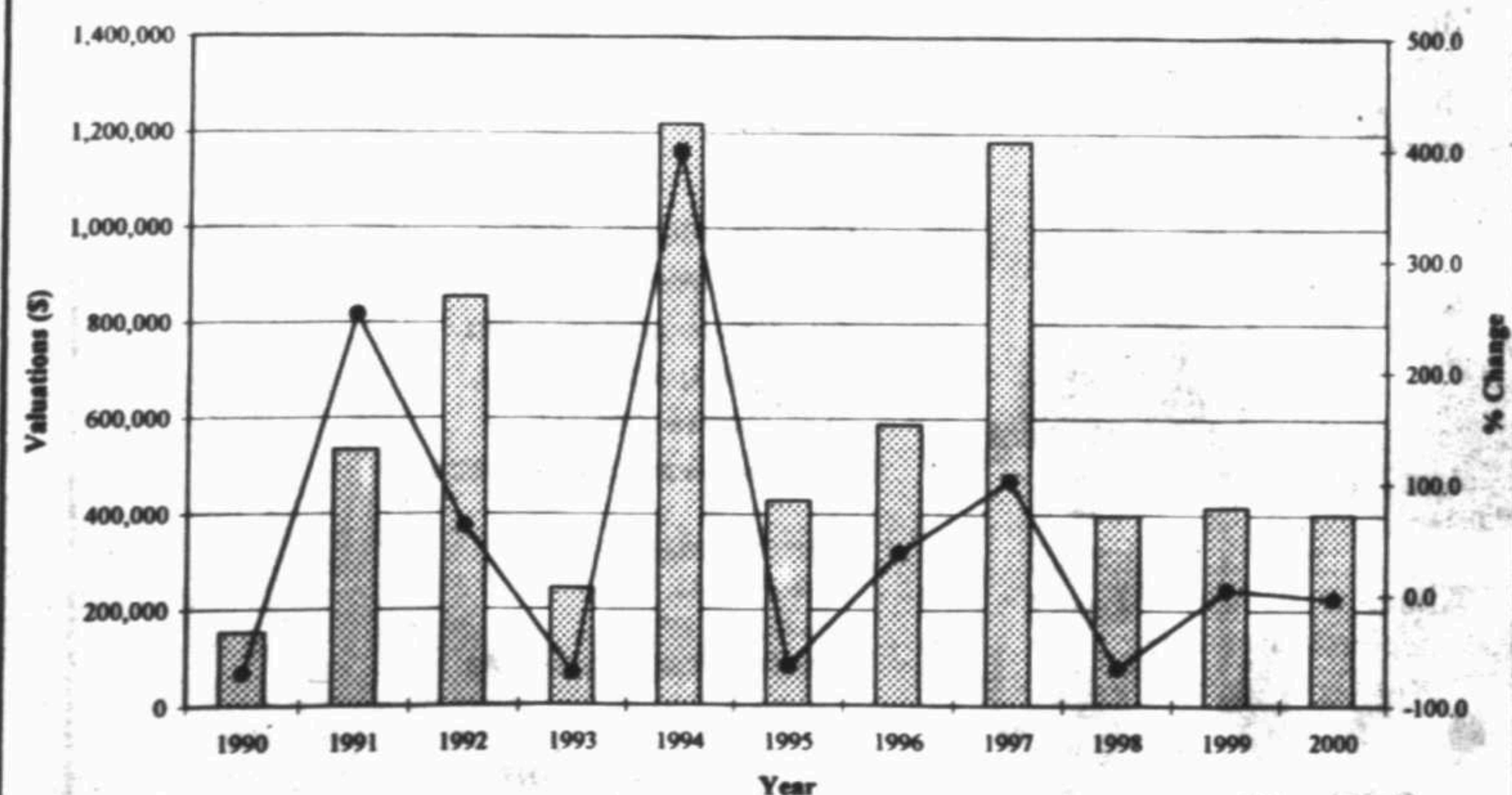
Examining permits and valuations separately is statistically incomplete, because annual levels of each variable vary sharply, leading to possible misinterpretation. For this reason, valuations per permit-year (VPY) appear in Figure 3. Nominal VPY levels fluctuated from \$152,274 (1990) to \$1,217,555 (1994) and averaged \$582,748. VPY values appear equivalent during 1998-00. Real VPY levels averaged \$625,844.

It is difficult to project future permitting and valuation levels based on the irregular data in this study; they wax and wane sharply from year-to-year. Nevertheless, one can expect them to total somewhere near 2000's results.

Kevin Skipper is Chief Economist at Desert Analytic, a Midland-based economics and statistical services consultancy.

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Figure 3. Nominal Nonresidential Construction Valuations Per Permit-Year (VPY). City of Midland: 1990-00



Nonresidential Construction Permits, City of Midland: 1990-00

Year	Permits	
	Number	% Change
1990	25	92.3
1991	17	-32.0
1992	24	41.2
1993	32	33.3
1994	36	12.5
1995	38	5.6
1996	39	2.6
1997	53	35.9
1998	34	-35.8
1999	53	55.9
2000	37	-30.2
Change, 1999-00	-16	---
% Change, 1999-00	-30.2	---
Change, 1990-00	12	---
% Change, 1990-00	48.0	---
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- Feb. 15 Membership Drive Kickoff Luncheon - Free! Learn how you can participate!.
- Call 683-3381
- Feb. 19-28 Membership Drive
- Mar. 8 Joint Mixer with Midland Hispanic Chamber, 5 - 7 p.m.
- April 5 New Member Reception
- April 17, 19 Pack the Park Nights: Christensen Stadium
- May 9 Business Expo 2001: 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- June 7 New Member Reception
- June 14 Business at the Ballpark Family Picnic and Mixer Christensen Stadium, 6:30 - 8 p.m. picnic, 7:15 p.m. game
- Aug. 20 Permian Basin Open Mixer with Odessa Chamber, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Club at Mission Dorado
- Sept. 6 New Member Reception 4-5 pm, Chamber boardroom
- Sept. or Oct. Annual Meeting, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Midland Center.
- Oct. 2 CAF Midland/Odessa Together Mixer - Confederate Air Force, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Nov. 1 Sneak Preview Night and Mixer at Midland Community Theatre 6-7 reception 7:30 pm curtain
- Dec. 6 New Member Reception, Chamber boardroom, 3 - 4 pm
- Dec. 6 World's Largest Christmas Party, Midland Center, 4 - 7 p.m.

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Receiving special CVB jackets for their meeting planner efforts are, from left, Gary Saunders, Marybeth Hughes, Lance Armstrong, Herb Sorley, Wayne Groce and Virginia Ezell.

Meeting planners receive recognition

By Brandl Tannery

Denim is the biggest end-use category for cotton, as nearly 25 percent of all cotton produced makes its way into the denim market.

A little bit of the denim made its way into the hands of several meeting planners on Friday, January 12. The Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) awarded denim jackets emblazoned with its logo to nine individuals.

In the past seven months, the CVB has booked 13 events which each brought in more than 200 hotel room nights. These conventions and sporting events are esti-

mated to result in direct visitors spending of over \$2.8 million in Midland businesses.

Those honored include: Shona Bohon, Texas Court Clerks Association; Gary Saunders, Texas Institute of Transportation Engineers; Marybeth Hughes, Texas Foreign Language Association; Herb Sorley, Farm Service Agency; Terry Lowe, Midland County Sheriff Department; Wayne Groce, Knights of Templar; Lance Armstrong, Tennis Association of Midland; Tommy Hawkins, USSSA; and Freddie and Virginia Ezell, ASA.

For more information on how you can bring your organization's next event to Midland, contact Cynthia Button at 683.3381.

Dell Hoover tops two committees

Dell Hoover is known for her success as an M-Squad volunteer. Now as a President's Club volunteer she is following the same track of achievement.

In November 2000, her first month in the President's Club, Dell earned Top Achiever status. That was made even more special because she was also the M-Squad Ambassador of the Month in November. "This is a rare achievement and we're certainly proud of Dell," said Marvin Wynn, Chamber President/CEO.

In the President's Club, Dell assisted two members in renewing their memberships. Also active in November was Roy Nelson of State Farm Insurance, with one renewal.

For the M-Squad, Dell earned the most points by attending ribbon cuttings and



Dell Hoover

other Chamber events. Dell was retired for six months but has gone back to work part time as a travel planner for RSVP. She works with Amera Travel to plan and coordinate trips for that group. Our congratulations to Dell for continuing her commitment to the Chamber, M-Squad and the community.

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 volunteers spend several hours a month calling on new member prospects, as well as visiting with current members who are 60 days past due. The Chamber invites these volunteers to a monthly luncheon where they share information on new businesses opening in Midland. Top Achievers are invited to Chamber board meetings to receive awards. For more information, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain at 683-3381.

CVB events

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with the booking and servicing of many sporting events held in Midland each month. Numbers in parentheses indicate expected attendance.

CVB Sporting Events

Feb. 2-4 Texas Amateur Softball Association Commissioner's Winter Workshop (100)

Feb. 3-4 Tennis Association of Midland TTA Zone Area Tournament (1,000)

April 6-7 MISD Tall City Relays 2001 (50)

CVB Conventions

Feb. 9-11 South Texas National Productions Spring Home Show (60)

Feb. 26-27 Texas Center for Judiciary Winter Meeting (45)

March 2-4 South Texas National Productions Hunt/Fish/Sport Show (60)

March 15-20 Grand Encampment IOOF Department Council of Texas Annual Meeting (100)

March 30-April 1 Golf Course Road Church of Christ Stream in the Desert (5,000)

April 7-8 West Texas Kennel Club 52nd All Breed & Obedient Show (100)

April 16-20 Council of Petroleum Accountants Society Meeting (75)

April 28 Texas Wildlife Association Big Game Banquet (50)

May 19-26 NJCAA National Golf Tournament (175)

Chamber meetings

(All meetings held in Chamber boardroom unless otherwise noted)

February

2	M-Squad Guidelines	noon
	downstairs conference room	
6	Drive Steering Committee	4 pm
9	M-Squad Luncheon	11:30 am
13	Executive Committee	11:30 am
13	Drive Steering Committee	4 pm
14	Economic Development Council	11:30 am
15	Drive Kick Off luncheon	11:30 am
	Midland Center	
20	Midland Manufacturer's Association	11:30 am
	location to be announced	
21	Retention/Expansion	11:30 am
	location to be announced	
26	Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee	11:45 am
	location to be announced	
27	Leadership Midland Alumni	noon
	location to be announced	
28	Board of Directors	3:30 pm
	location to be announced	

March

6	Membership Services	4 pm
7	President's Club	11:30 am
9	M-Squad Guidelines	noon
	downstairs conference room	
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