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Recount hearing drags through day two

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

Lawyers for Al Gore and George W. Bush slogged through a second day of testimony about chads, voting machines and the vice president's pleas for a recount, while GOP running mate Dick Cheney said Sunday it's time for Gore to concede. Democrats talked about the possibility of a gracious exit from the presidential contest, but declared, "It's far from over."

As a Florida circuit judge promised a speedy resolution to Gore's historic election protest, the vice president braced for the next round of legal action and attended church, where he heard a sermon titled, "A Time for Waiting."

It was an apt metaphor for the longest, closest presidential contest in 124 years. Gore, testing Americans' willingness to wait as he exhausts his legal options, conducted an interview with CBS's

"60 Minutes" as part of a personalized public relations blitz.

"At the end of the day, when all processes have taken place, if George Bush is sworn in as president he'll be my president. He'll be America's president," Gore said as closing arguments in the Tallahassee case went into the night.

Nearly a month after Election Day, Cheney led a herd of Bush and Gore allies to the Sunday news shows. "I do think that it's time for him to concede," he told NBC. "So far, he's chosen not to do that — to pursue other avenues — and clearly that's his prerogative. But I think ... history would regard him in a better light if he were to bring this to a close."

Gore allies said he won't consider quitting before Judge N. Sanders Sauls rules on his request for hand recounts in two counties, and the Florida Supreme Court settles the appeal that will undoubtedly be lodged by the losing side. The vice



Statistics expert Laurentius Marais, left, testifies before Leon County Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls at the Leon County Courthouse in Tallahassee, Fla., Sunday. Attorneys for Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore are seeking to overturn the state of Florida's certification of Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush as winner of the presidential election in Florida. AP Photo

president has one other life line: the U.S. Supreme Court is considering the case in a separate appeal filed by Bush.

Gore lieutenant Warren Christopher also men-

tioned a Democratic lawsuit in Seminole County, where GOP officials were allowed to add information to thousands of absentee ballot applica-

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Into the future...



This is a strong, giving community. This is a generous community. I think it's a result of the pride Midlanders have about their college.

— David Daniel

College enjoys 29 years of growth and love in Midland

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Very few relationships that are this large and this public are able to last. After all, even among regular people with regular lives the divorce rate is always teetering between 51 and 49 percent. How can a high profile romance like this make it without incident?

It's rare that love can last and still be so profound.

But then maybe the love affair can be possible when it is between a town and a college, specifically between the city of Midland and Midland College.

"This community has an intense pride in this college," said Midland College President David Daniel. "This is a strong, giving community. This is a generous communi-

ty. I think it's a result of the pride Midlanders have about their college."

Daniel can tell you exactly how long he has been president of Midland College. It's been exactly nine years and four months that he has been in charge of a campus he describes as "pretty and functional" with very little storage space after almost 30 years of growth.

He can also tell you about how much the city of Midland has done for the school. After all, during his tenure, the college published a book about it. "Midland College: The First Twenty-five Years," is a 222-page love sonnet about the college, its leaders, faculty and students and the town that helped make it all possible.

At 29 years of age and



This file photo taken earlier this year of the Midland College carillon and surrounding campus shows how 'pretty and functional' the school is. After 29 years of service to the community, Midland College is growing fast as ever. To keep growth flowing, the facility is making plans for its future that include new buildings and more storage space. The college continues to gain support from Midland's citizens as it grows and expands.

counting, Midland College is in the midst of the longest honeymoon period ever.

"We've had huge, huge support from the community," said Midland College Public Relations Director Elise Coombes. "You can look at the buildings and look at our enrollment increases and see

the importance of that relationship. Basically we owe our expansion to that relationship. Midland College is a reflection of what the community expects us to be."

To keep that growth flowing, Midland College is making a lot of plans for its future. It just received a \$1 million

donation that will go toward a new academic building.

The college is also putting the finishing touches on other projects, including the \$6 million medical science building that the college will share with Texas Tech. Daniel said the college also will begin

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MISD eyes two legislative bills

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Teetering between a dream solution and a dilemma, Midland Independent School District officials are anxiously awaiting the future of two state House and Senate bills that could either end or complicate MISD's insurance woes.

House Bill 12 is the bill that could put an end to teachers' worries and free up almost \$5 million worth of funds for MISD. If the bill is passed, the state of Texas will be paying for and providing all of the health care for Texas school district employees. Fiscal forecasters are predicting that the bill, if passed, would cost the state between \$2 and \$4 billion. The more than \$2 billion scenario is the one educators dread, but if the costs prove to be more than that, state mandated health care coverage for its school employees will not be feasible.

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Odessa man arrested on narcotics charges

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — Ricardo Vasquez, a 29-year-old Odessa man, was arrested at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday after members of the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force confiscated 4.1 pounds of cocaine and 1 pound of methamphetamines from an Odessa residence.

Officers estimated the total street value at \$160,000.

Vasquez was to be charged with possession of the drugs and he was expected to be arraigned this morning, according to officials with the task force. The FBI office in Midland will handle the prosecution of the case.

Sunday's arrest was the result of a 5 1/2 month investigation by the task force, according to investigator Jason Little, who headed up the probe. Little said the investigation is continuing and more arrests are expected.

Little said the drugs originated in Ojinaga, Mexico and were transported to Odessa by placing them in the gasoline tanks of automobiles. Once the drugs arrived in Odessa, they were distributed to individual buyers, Little said.

Buckner-Hearthstone opens campaign for transitional housing

By Johnnye Montgomery
MRT Correspondent

Buckner-Hearthstone is reaching out. The Midland facility that began in 1986 as a joint venture of members of First Baptist Church and the Junior League to provide safe shelter for children and later came under the umbrella of Buckner Children and Family Services, has begun a capital campaign to build four duplex units for single parent families in need of long-term transitional housing.

With a goal of \$850,000, the campaign will receive its first gift Thursday, when the Hearthstone Advisory Council will present a \$50,000 check to Alden Wren, administrator for the program in Midland. Wren said the proposed housing, to be named Buckner Family Place at Hearthstone, will be constructed on lots adjacent to Hearthstone Group Home.

"We already own three lots," he said. "We hope to be able to purchase two more."

Charles Burbank, chair of the Hearthstone

Advisory Council, said the goal of the expansion is to enlarge the circle of care given to Permian Basin people in trouble and to brighten the prospects for children in trying family circumstances. The primary focus will be on welfare-to-work parents seeking to educate themselves and to find ways of providing for their families. Family place will offer assistance with child care, transportation, education and health care.

"There have been at least 2,700 single-parent families in the Midland area in need of long-term transitional housing," Burbank said. "There are other facilities that provide safe emergency shelter to families, but when they leave, they are right back where they started."

"We hope to be able to help to break the cycle and get these families off welfare for good," he said, adding that the program is a natural progression from the original concept of providing children in danger with a safe environment."

Hearthstone Group Home provides short-



Hearthstone evening house parent, Bud Colium, prepares dinner for the home's residents.

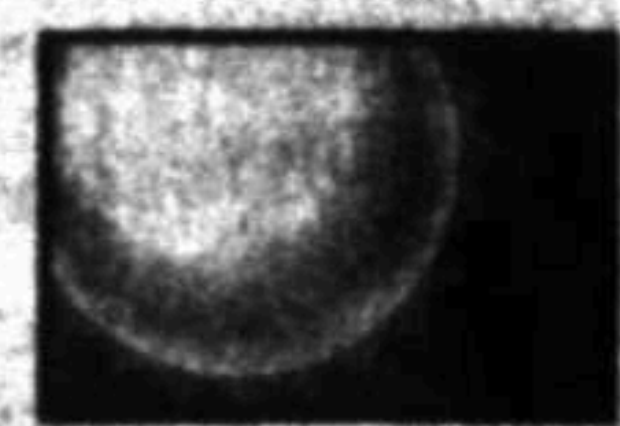
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term residential care for children needing an open group care environment as well as longer term residential care for a smaller

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High 64	High 59	High 56
Low 36	Low 34	Low 27

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies. The high will be 64 with a northwesterly turning into a northeasterly wind of 10-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a low near 30.

Tuesday's forecast calls for increasing cloudiness with highs in the mid 50s.

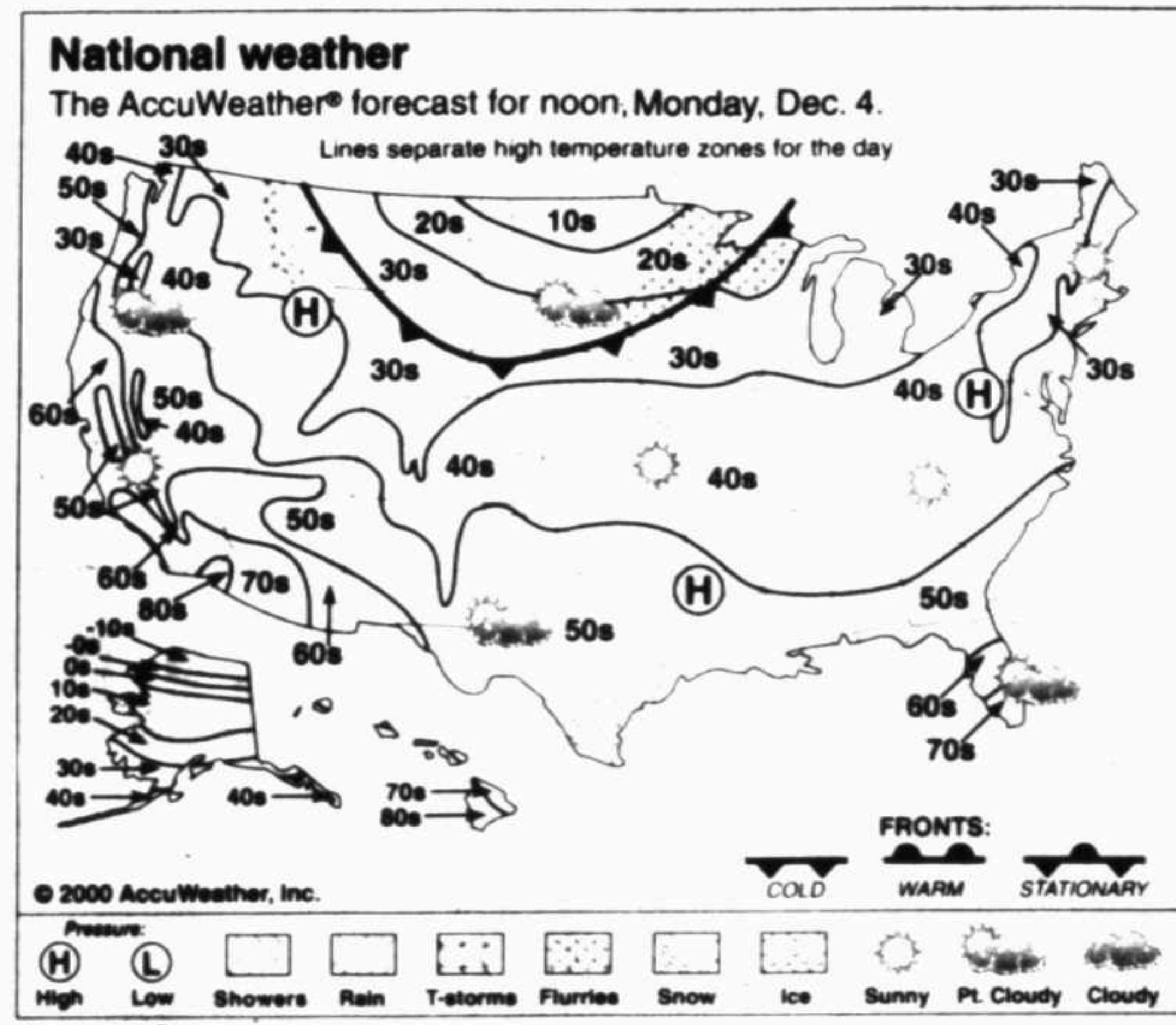
Tuesday night should be mostly cloudy with a low in the mid 30s. Wednesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies. The low will be near 20 and the high will be in the 50s.

After a low of 28, Sunday's high was 36, compared to the record high of 83 in 1954. The record low of 19 was set in 1985.

Yesterday's precipitation	Yesterday's temperatures
Rainfall Saturday 0.01 in.	High 36
Rainfall Sunday 0.06 in.	Low 28
Total for month 0.16 in.	Normal high 61
Total for year 9.48 in.	Normal low 33
Normal total (year to date) 14.22 in.	

Sunrise ... 7:33 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:41 p.m.

National forecast



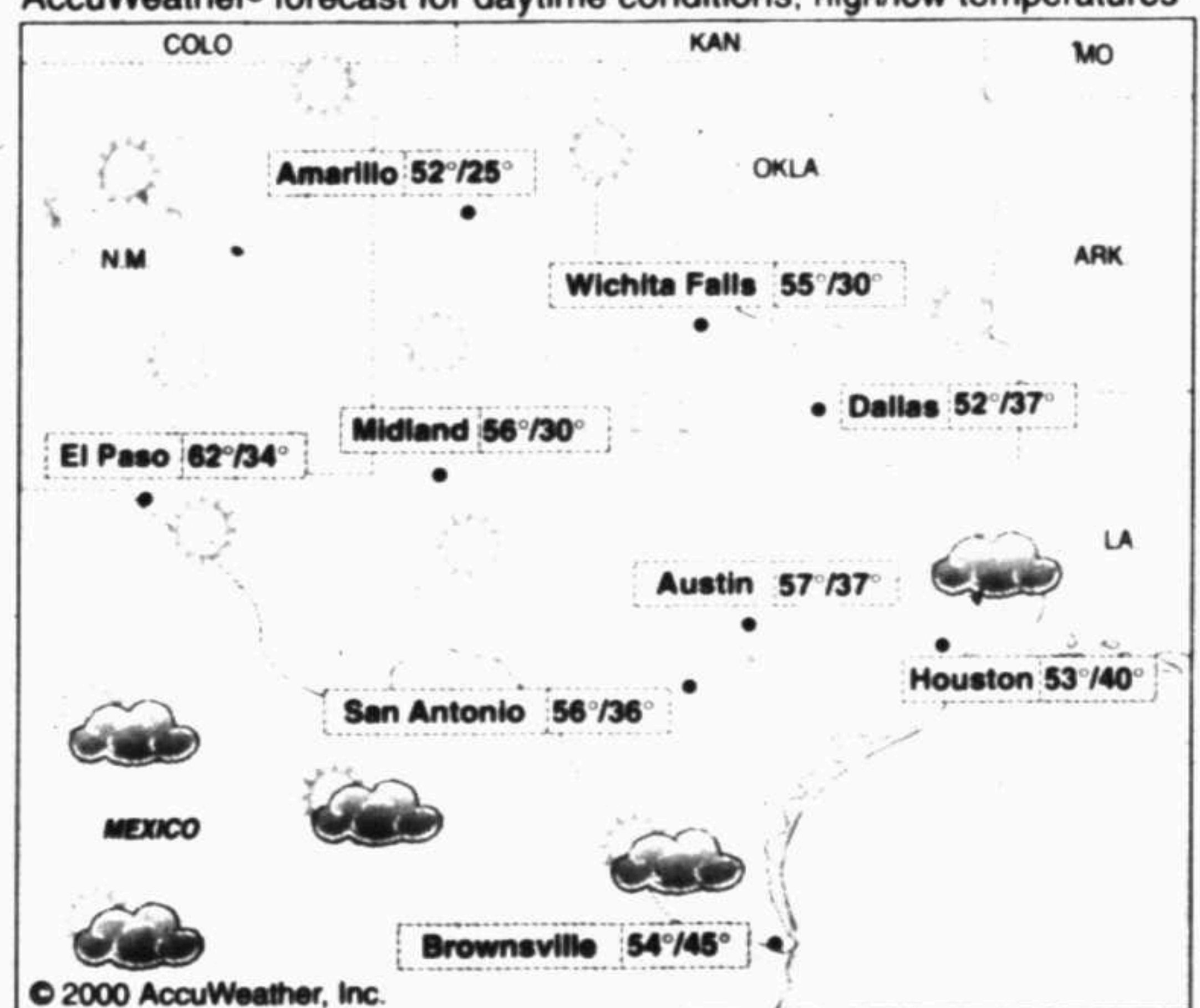
United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Sunday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time		
City	High	Low
Albany, N.Y.	32	12
Albuquerque	49	30
Anchorage	17	5
Asheville	34	27
Atlanta	39	36
Atlantic City	34	18
Baltimore	36	22
Batavi, N.Y.	49	37
Birmingham	37	34
Bismarck	40	32
Boise	40	25
Boston	35	19
Buffalo	30	13
Casper	41	30
Charleston, S.C.	38	37
Charleston, W.Va.	39	26
Charlotte, N.C.	40	32
Chattanooga	35	33
Cheyenne	51	24
Chicago	35	24
Cincinnati	37	22
Cleveland	35	16
Columbus, Ohio	36	19
Dayton	32	17
Daytona Beach	62	57
Denver	58	20
Detroit	35	23
El Paso	36	10
El Paso	32	14
El Paso	35	27
Fargo	31	12
Flagstaff	55	20
Fort Smith	44	27
Fresno	50	36
Grand Junction	48	21
Grand Rapids	34	14
Great Falls	43	26
Green Bay	33	14
Greensboro, N.C.	38	28
Harrisburg	34	16
Helena	38	10
Honolulu	82	74
Indianapolis	36	21
Jacksonville	48	47
Juneau	39	35
Kansas City	38	16
Knoxville	36	32
Lake Charles	49	38
Las Vegas	34	13
Little Rock	64	40
Los Angeles	71	49
Louisville	38	27
Memphis	43	32
Miami Beach	80	65
Milwaukee	36	24
Mobile	50	38
Montgomery	43	40
Nashville	31	29
New Orleans	50	42
New York City	36	23
Norfolk, Va.	39	36
Oakland	42	25
Orlando	62	57
Philadelphia	35	21
Phoenix	74	54
Pittsburgh	34	15
Portland, Maine	35	12
Portland, Ore.	47	42
Raleigh-Durham	36	30
Rapid City	51	18
Reno	53	26
Rio Rancho	36	25
Rochester	34	13
Sacramento	52	38
St. Louis	36	21
Salt Lake City	45	22
San Diego	63	51
San Francisco	58	44
San Jose	62	39
Santa Fe	48	23
Seattle	44	35
Shreveport	45	37
Spokane	33	29
Springfield, Ill.	36	17
Syracuse	30	12
Tallahassee	52	42
Tampa-St. Petersburg	66	54
Tucson	71	53
Washington D.C.	36	24
W Palm Beach	78	61
Wichita	41	19
Youngstown	32	10
Yuma	75	53

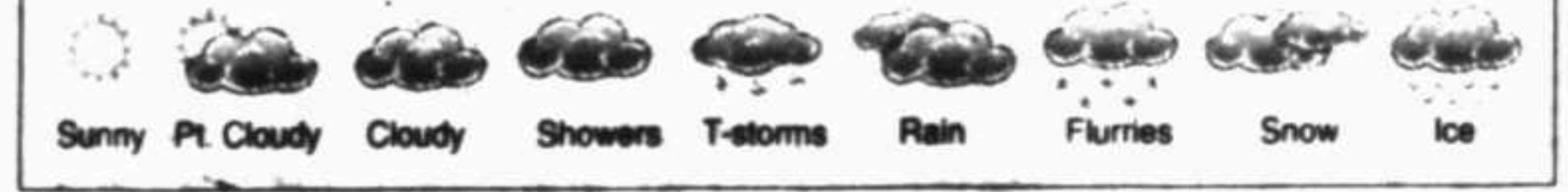
State forecast

Monday, Dec. 4

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



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Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.		
City	High	Low
Abilene	37	23
Alice	47	34
Amarillo	44	23
Austin	41	38
Beaumont	48	38
Brownsville	52	44
Burnet	38	35
Childress	38	27
College Station	47	37
Corpus Christi	48	44
Cotulla	52	41
Dalhart	48	34
Dallas	46	34
Del Rio	47	40
Dryden	39	36
El Paso	47	35
Fort Stockton	44	35
Fort Worth	48	43
Galveston	39	36
Georgetown	39	36
Guadalupe Pass	34	25
Haltom City	51	44
Houston	48	41
Huntsville	45	34
Junction	37	34
Kingsville	48	43
Laredo	48	39
Longview	44	33
Lubbock	38	29
Marfa	47	34
McAllen	39	32
McKinney	46	31
Mineral Wells	44	33
Navy Corps	49	45
New Braunfels	41	38
Palacios	50	43
Panama	45	28
Rockport	49	45
San Angelo	37	33
San Antonio	42	38
San Marcos	41	37
Taylor	44	32
Tyler	44	31
Victoria	47	42
Waco	43	36
Wichita Falls	41	30

TRIAL: Cheney says 'it's time' for Gore to concede

(From 1A)

tions already submitted to election officials. Their options running low, Gore aides are pinning more of their hopes on the case in east Florida.

"It's the late innings," said Christopher on CBS, "but it's far from over." The former secretary of state, also appearing on CNN, charged that Cheney "is trying to hurry history along."

And yet the question kept coming: When would Gore concede?

"I can assure you that the vice president, when the time comes, will concede in a very gracious way. He understands his obligations to the people of the country," Christopher said, not predicting when that time would come.

"It depends upon when the Florida courts rule. The date of December 12, of course, is an important date," he said. States select their electors Dec. 12 and the Electoral College meets Dec. 18.

Democratic lawyers said privately they expected Sauls to rule against them, and were preparing an appeal to the state Supreme Court. Gore's advisers, frustrated by the pace and tone of Saul's 2-day-old hearing, said they needed a quick ruling from the judge or a high court to sustain the vice president's White House aspirations.

Bush laid low at his Crawford, Texas, ranch one day after meeting with GOP congressional leaders in a presidential-style summit.

Gore won the national popular vote by more than 300,000 votes, but without Florida he falls short of the 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency. The state's 25 electoral votes would put Bush over the top by a margin of one.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Bush ally, certified his minuscule lead Nov. 26, forcing Gore to take the unprecedented step of contesting a presidential election result or quit the race.

That led Gore to Sauls court, where lawyers plowed through hours of dry testimony from GOP witnesses. Gore's attorneys asked Sauls to quicken the pace or allow the recounts to begin before he rules.

Sauls rejected the request, saying he needs to determine that a recount is legal before ordering one. "That's what we're in the process of doing," he said, peering over glasses and rocking in his leather chair.

Delivering a boost to Gore's case, one Bush witness — voting machine expert John Ahmann of Napa, Calif. — testified under cross-examination that hand recounts are advisable "in very close elections." He said that was the only way to identify valid votes that result-

ed in so-called hanging chads — disturbed ballots pierced by tiny holes or dimples.

Another GOP witness, police officer William Rohloff of Fort Lauderdale, said he did not intend to vote for president but may have dimpled the top of his ballot by accident.

"I don't believe that, especially on my ballot, that anyone can interpret my intent," Rohloff said, countering Gore's central claim that thousands of ballots with no presidential votes should be examined for any indication that might hint at the voters' intent.

Another Bush witness, Thomas Spargo, came under strong questioning by Democratic lawyers about his role in GOP demonstrations at the Miami-Dade canvassing board Nov. 22, a display Gore allies claim intimidated the counters and was a factor in their decision to stop counting. The board chairman has said it was not a factor.

"There was some, if you will, chanting," Spargo said. "There was no fighting, there was no roughhousing."

As the proceedings plodded forward in Tallahassee, both sides scrambled to shape public opinion.

Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo appeared on "Fox News Sunday" at the behest of Gore, saying the vice presiden-

t's case was "getting stronger every day," though recent events in Florida don't support his claim.

Florida House Speaker Tom Feeney said the GOP-dominated Legislature is on the brink of a special session that could lead to a separate slate of Bush electors. "I'm convinced we have a duty to act unless the U.S. Supreme Court resolves this matter," Feeney said, though Senate leaders say no decision has been made. "We are not trying to steal any election."

Cheney said the Bush campaign does not control the Florida Legislature, but voiced support for legislative action that would, in effect, give Bush a backup plan in case Gore wins his court cases.

Democrats protested. "It would be quite chaotic and disturbing to the country" if Florida lawmakers took over the election, said House Minority Whip David Bonior of Michigan.

Andrew Card, Bush's presumptive White House chief of staff, said he hoped that the state Legislature and the GOP-controlled Congress don't need to flex their constitutional power and get involved in the election — but he didn't rule out either possibility.

COLLEGE: Facility growth steady over past 29 years

(From 1A)

work on the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall in the next 30 days once a construction bid is approved. School officials plan on making some additions to the physical education building, by building additional offices and adding storage space.

According to Daniel, there is a great need for more storage space. Although Daniel credits the planners for Midland College with doing a "super job," it seems there is a serious lack of closet space on campus.

"We can't buy anything because there's no place to put it," Daniel said.

He hopes in the near future they will be able to start work on a warehouse to hold some of the many things the campus has acquired over the years.

Part of the reason why the original planners never planned on needing extra closet space was because no one expected the cam-

pus to grow so quickly. When Midland College's founding president, Al G. Langford, first leased a small building near Midland Drive and Andrews Highway in 1969, officials only expected 200 students. But 660 showed up. In the 1970s, the enrollment continued to grow with the school reaching the 4,000-plus enrollment mark in the 1990s. Under Daniel's tenure, the growth has continued.

When Midland College built its first residence halls in fall of 1999 and fall of 2000, both filled up almost immediately. Currently, the college has more than 5,000 students, 96 full-time 171 and part-time faculty members, and sits on approximately 336 acres of land.

Throughout the steadily growing campus, the buildings feature some of Midland's most high profile names. Abell-Hanger Science Building, Helen L. Greathouse Children's Center, Murray Fasken Learning

Resource Center, Scharbauer Student Center, Pevehouse Administration Building, Allison Fine Arts Building, Davidson Family Health Sciences Building and Al G. Langford Chaparral Center all outline the campus as displaying how prominent Midlanders help build the college.

"When you look all over the campus and see the names on the buildings, it's like a Midland Hall of Fame," Daniel said.

With steady growth, Midland College and its board of trustees are always preparing for more and more expansion. The college recently hired local architectural firm Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to do some spec work for future expansion jobs. Besides dreaming of more closet space, Midland College is anticipating a need for two more residence halls in the future.

To accommodate this potential increase in residential students, the dining hall being built will be able to hold 400 students. The

two current residence halls house 96 students apiece.

Also, Daniel said there is some consideration of renovating residence areas originally built for student athletes. He said the school is considering turning the buildings into housing for faculty members or students who are married with families.

When it comes to answers as to why Midland College has been experiencing so much growth and prosperity for so long, Daniel again points a finger right back at the community the college is named for.

"From my perspective it's a team effort," Daniel said. "In our case, this dedicated group of people have done a miraculous job. After all, it (Midland College) belongs to the citizens of Midland County. The college is a symbol of that generosity."

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MISD: Insurance plans could be affected by bills

(From 1A)

"When you start talking about funding a program like that, you're talking huge amounts of money," said Art Martin, MISD's executive director of business services. "We would prefer a plan that the state would fully fund if possible, but we understand that may not be possible due to the costs."

If passed, House Bill 12 would cover all school employees as well as retirees. According to Martin, it is those retirees — who typically cost more for coverage — that may cause the costs to be higher than expected.

A bill that has that extra

Firefighters remembered year after they died in warehouse blaze

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — With church bells pealing throughout the city, fire officials on Sunday placed wreaths on the lot where six firefighters died a year earlier after rushing into a burning warehouse to search for homeless people.

It had been the nation's worst loss of life among firefighters from a building fire in more than 20 years.

At 6:13 p.m. Sunday, the precise time the first alarm was struck on Dec. 3, 1999, the names of the six firefighters were read out as hundreds of people listened in silence. Family members of the victims attended the ceremony, but few words were spoken.

"The year is up and everybody's tired," Fire Chief Gerard Dio said afterward. "We want to get on with our lives. We'll

never forget these guys. They'll always be in the back of our minds, but we have a job to do."

The firefighters killed were Paul A. Brotherton, 41; Joseph T. McGuirk, 38; James F. Lyons III, 34; Lt. Thomas E. Spencer, 42; Timothy P. Jackson, 51, and Jeremiah M. Lucey, 38.

Six days after their deaths, 30,000 firefighters and 10,000 civilians — includ-

ing President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore — gathered for a memorial service. More than \$7 million was raised for the dead firefighters' families, including 17 children.

A homeless couple were accused of knocking over a candle that started the fire, but manslaughter charges against them were eventually dismissed. The six firefighters were the only victims found in the warehouse after the blaze.

Throughout the day Sunday, visitors placed mementos, plastic flowers and flags in the chain-link fence that now surrounds the empty site where the Worcester Cold Storage Facility stood.

"We've been through a horrible fire and a horrible year. It's heartwarming they still remember us," said Lt. John M. Ford, who spent part of Sunday at the Grove Street fire station, where the six firefighters were assigned.

Eastwood, Domingo receive Kennedy Center honors

■ Other recipients are Chuck Berry, Mikhail Baryshnikov and Angela Lansbury.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American movie icon Clint Eastwood and ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov, a Soviet defector during the Cold War, took their place Sunday with three other master performers from the worlds of film, stage and music as Kennedy Center honorees.

Members of the 23rd annual class of honorees cited for career achievements in the arts included actress Angela Lansbury, rock guitarist Chuck Berry and tenor Placido Domingo.

"Each in their own way, tonight's honorees have brought to a venerable art form a spark of the new and unexpected and each has left it more modern, more brilliant and forever changed for the better," said President Clinton as he led the applause for the 2000 Kennedy Center Honors recipients at a White House reception.

It was followed by a two-hour gala in the Opera House at the capital's showcase performing arts centers.

The gleaming white lights on the Christmas trees competed with the glow of the East Room's gleaming chandeliers as Clinton said a brief word about each of the five, starting with Baryshnikov whom he thanked "for the heights to which you have lifted modern dance and the heights to which you have lifted all of us."

In fleeing to the west, he said Baryshnikov "soared out of the Soviet Union into our hearts."



AP Photo
Singer and conductor Placido Domingo is applauded by actress Angela Lansbury and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton during a reception at the White House, Sunday for the 2000 Kennedy Center honorees. President Clinton hosted the reception at the White House honoring Mikhail Baryshnikov, musician Chuck Berry, Domingo, actor and director Clint Eastwood, and Ms. Lansbury.

He called Berry, who wore a black brimmed cap with gold braid, "quite simply one of the 20th century's most influential musicians" and thanked him for "making us laugh, making us dance and making us happy."

Making a political pun, he said of Domingo, one of opera's best known tenors, that "these days a lot of people are talking about the need to change the tenor of Washington — but they are not talking about Placido Domingo."

The president drew another laugh as he said of the opera star, "he has always been more than a voice, as a young man he prepared for later life in Washington as an amateur bullfighter."

Eastwood, who bucked the evening's dress code by appear-

ing in white tie in a black tie crowd, was described by Clinton as "a star for the ages."

Ms. Lansbury, he said, "left her childhood home in England to become American royalty."

Summing up, Clinton, who has received the Kennedy Center honorees at the White House since 1993, said of himself: "In the future, you may find people who do this better, but you will never find anyone who loves it as much."

The evening's main event, a fund-raiser for the Kennedy Center, will air Dec. 27 on CBS.

Highlights of the careers of the five honorees:

■ Baryshnikov, 52, the dancer who leaped onto the American ballet stage at the height of the

Cold War. He has been a principal dancer on the American ballet and modern dance stage ever since.

■ Berry, 74, was hailed as the poet laureate of rock 'n' roll and an influence on musicians for the last 40 years.

■ Domingo, 59, has sung 115 roles on the operatic stage, more parts than any other tenor, and has more than 100 recordings to his credit. He is now musical director of the Washington Opera.

■ Eastwood, 70, shaped himself into a film-world icon as the archetypal icy eyed Western gunman. He is recognized both for tough guy movie roles and for his career as a film director. He won the Academy Award for best directing in 1992 with "Unforgiven," which also won the best picture Oscar.

■ Ms. Lansbury, 75, won several Tony awards for performances in "Mame," and "Gypsy" on Broadway and Oscar nominations for her movie roles in "Gaslight" and "The Manchurian Candidate." Her popularity soared when she starred in the television series "Murder, She Wrote."

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Computer problem delays unfurling of space station's solar wings

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two spacewalking astronauts attached the world's largest, most powerful set of solar wings to the international space station on Sunday, but a computer software problem delayed the unfurling of the wings.

The task was as monumental as the wings themselves: The future of space station construction hinged on the astronauts' ability to install the solar panels, which will provide much needed power to the newly inhabited outpost.

Space shuttle Endeavour astronauts Joe Tanner and Carlos Noriega guided the \$600 million solar wings onto space station Alpha and then bolted them down. They had spent more than three years training for the mission and, except for some stubborn latches, accomplished everything with relative ease.

However, a computer software

problem initially left shuttle commander Brent Jett Jr. unable to command the latches and retention pins on the wings to open so the panels could unfurl. New software was sent up, and Jett was able to open all the latches and pins but one.

With Tanner floating nearby, ready to help, the astronauts and Mission Control worked on the problem. Noriega, his oxygen running low, returned to the shuttle airlock for replenishment.

At the start of their spacewalk, Tanner and Noriega had helped Canadian astronaut Marc Garneau, the shuttle robot arm operator, line up the wings for installation. The spacewalkers, positioned on either side of the attachment point, gave Garneau instructions for closing the final 3 feet.

"Looking good. Keep it coming," Tanner urged Garneau. "You're dead center almost,

with no direct view himself. Garneau needed the spacewalkers' eyes. He also needed their hands to drive the capture latches.

Before the wings could be unfurled to their full 240 feet and begin generating electricity, Tanner and Noriega had to release all the bolts and pins that were used to secure the payload for Thursday's launch aboard Endeavour.

The blue and gold-colored wings, made of silicone cells and thin Kapton layers, were folded like an accordion for liftoff.

Each wing was expected to take 13 minutes to spread.

Alpha's shiny wings, covering half an acre, will be the largest structure ever deployed in space and will make the station one of the brightest objects in the night sky. The larger the wings, the more sunlight that can be col-

lected for conversion into electricity.

Each wing is 38 feet wide and covered with 32,800 solar cells, and has power-storing batteries and radiators at the base. The combined wingspan — 240 feet — exceeds that of a Boeing 777.

NASA expects the solar panels to generate 65 kilowatts at peak power — four times what currently is produced by the small Russian-built solar wings already on the space station.

By the time the space station is

completed in 2006, NASA will have installed three more sets of these solar wings. Each is designed to last 15 years and will keep operating even if individual solar cells are pierced by bits of space junk.

Alpha commander Bill Shepherd and his two Russian crewmates were mere observers to all the action 235 miles above Earth on Sunday. The hatches between the docked spacecraft remained sealed because of the difference in cabin air pressure.

Two more spacewalks are planned this week by Tanner and Noriega, on Tuesday and Thursday, to finish wiring the solar wings and to install other equipment on the space station. If all goes well, the two crews will meet on Friday.

Sunday's spacewalk featured something new: helmets equipped with small cameras that provided live views of what the astronauts were seeing. They were dubbed "Joe-cam" and "Carlos-cam."

Father charged with using foul language

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Another Michigan man has run afoul of a century-old law that prohibits cursing in the presence of women and children.

Jeffery Richards, 27, is scheduled for a pretrial hearing today on charges of assault, disturbing the peace and using indecent language.

Earlier this year a judge ruled that the 102-year-old law is constitutional, and upheld the conviction of Timothy Boomer who swore in front of children after tumbling out of a canoe.

Richards is accused of using foul language in front of children on a school bus on Nov. 2. Richards said he used a mild obscenity, and only because he believed his daughter was being manhandled and verbally abused by the driver.

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2. Take plenty of extra hearing aid batteries. You may not be near a hearing aid office and the local drug store may not carry your size. Keep them in your purse or carry-on travel bag, not in the glove compartment or in luggage that will be left in a cold trunk.
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service may not be available.

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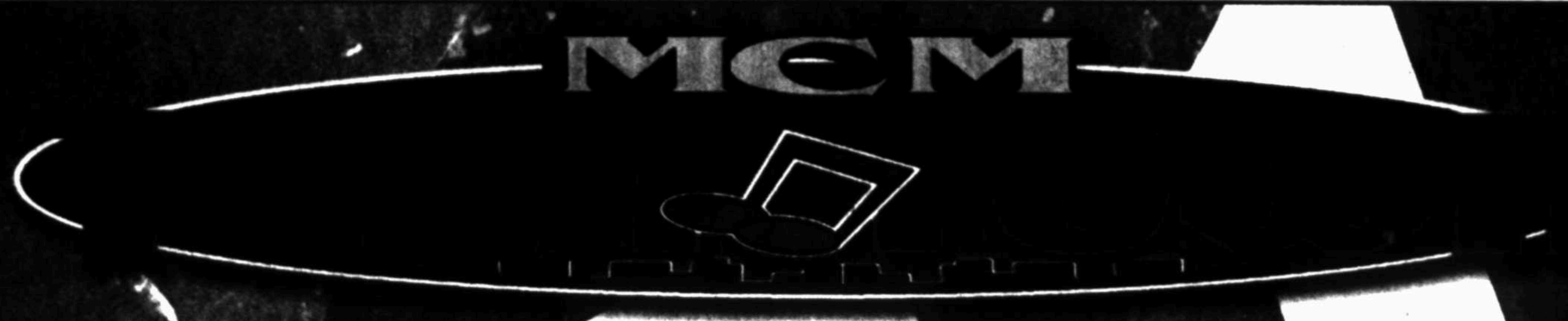
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Lee Rebels instill sense of pride in entire community

The amazing Lee High School Rebels football team keeps blasting forward — and toward a coveted three-peat. Fans have quietly harbored an uneasy feeling this season.

They have secretly worried that eventually the clock must run out on the Rebels. Capturing the state football championship three times in a row is a tall order.

But Rebels Coach John Parchman knows that to keep on winning, he and the team have to constantly mix things up, rely on a total team effort — and keep a few tricks up their sleeve. That's exactly what the Rebels did in their outstanding win this past Saturday over No. 6-ranked Duncanville.

In the end, Lee didn't simply win — the Rebels completely stomped Duncanville to march to quarter-final victory.

Star running back Cedric Benson chalked up another 200-yard game Saturday, but the game provided an opportunity for plenty of Lee stars to shine.

The entire community appreciates what the Lee Rebels football team has been able to accomplish over the past few seasons. Even as Midland has weathered economic uncertainty, we have been able to look to the Rebels' hard work, dedication and talent. The team's reward has been that they have been able to share with the entire community the state championship trophy.

It's no secret that the Lee Rebels' first state championship in 1998 was part of the inspiration and motivation for the November 1999 referendum voters approved to build a colossal new sports complex here in Midland.

As we continue to make progress on the construction of the sports facility, we hope that Midlanders won't put too much pressure on our high school athletes. We want to win. We want to be state champions.

But young athletes shouldn't have to shoulder the community's hopes and dreams. These young people have their entire lives ahead and shouldn't be made to feel that everything — ultimate success or failure — rides on a single championship game.

Again, we look to Coach John Parchman and his very able assistants, as well as Midland's other coaches, and feel confident that they strike the right balance to lead these young athletes.

In the meantime, we wish the best of luck to the Lee Rebels. They continue to make us proud.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 4, the 339th day of 2000. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York.

On this date:

In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1839, the Whig Party opened a national convention in Harrisburg, Pa., during which delegates nominated William Henry Harrison for president.

In 1918, President Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard.

In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone.

In 1980, the bodies of four American churchwomen slain in El Salvador two days earlier were unearthed. (Five national guardsmen were later convicted of murdering nuns Ita Ford, Maura Clarke and Dorothy Kazel, and lay worker Jean Donovan.)

In 1996, the Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral and began speeding toward Mars on a successful 310 million-mile odyssey to explore the Red Planet's surface.

Ten years ago: Iraq promised to release 33,000 Soviet citizens it was holding. President Bush, on a five-nation South American tour, said in Uruguay he was not convinced that "sanctions alone" would bring Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "to his senses" about invading Kuwait.

Five years ago: In a near-freezing drizzle, the first NATO troops landed in the Balkans to begin setting up a peace mission that brought American soldiers into the middle of the Bosnian conflict.

JACK ANDERSON

Debate still rages over embryo research

WASHINGTON — Human embryo research is an area of science that is full of possibilities but fraught with ethical pitfalls. While scientific considerations, no matter how important, cannot overrule the ethical concerns, neither should those ethical concerns be magnified beyond what is reasonable.

Researchers have recently discovered that early development in human embryos is not as uniform as had previously been thought. It is commonly known that humans are often inefficient at reproduction, with only 25 percent of attempted conceptions resulting in actual pregnancy. But scientists now have a new tool in explaining why. In fact, researchers have found that genetic defects are common in most embryos, which would explain why most pregnancies end shortly after conception.

According to Dagan Wells of the University College of London, who helped develop the test,

embryonic cells often divide unevenly, with the parts of some chromosomes sticking to the ends of others. Wells and his colleague, Joy Delhanty, developed the "DNA amplification" method, which creates a two-color view of the chromosomes in one of the cells of a 3-day-old embryo. Looking at 64 cells taken from 12 eight-cell human embryos, the researchers found that while the cells had looked normal under a microscope, only three of the 12 embryos were normal on the chromosomal level. Furthermore, eight of the other nine flawed embryos had multiple defects.

Wells sees in his new technique the potential to gather "an unprecedented amount of chromosomal information ... from looking at a single cell." He also sees how his research can aid in in-vitro fertilization for which the success rate is relatively low. Wells says, "There are some, but just a few, embryos that have normal chromosomes in every cell, and it's quite likely that these embryos have a superior potential for forming a successful pregnancy."

The test would help to determine which ones were more likely to be viable, thus increasing the chances of success when those embryos are

implanted in a woman's womb. Currently, however, the testing takes four days, which is too long to wait in the time span of an embryo. If he and his colleague can shorten the amount of time it takes to conduct the test, then the test could become quite popular at fertility clinics.

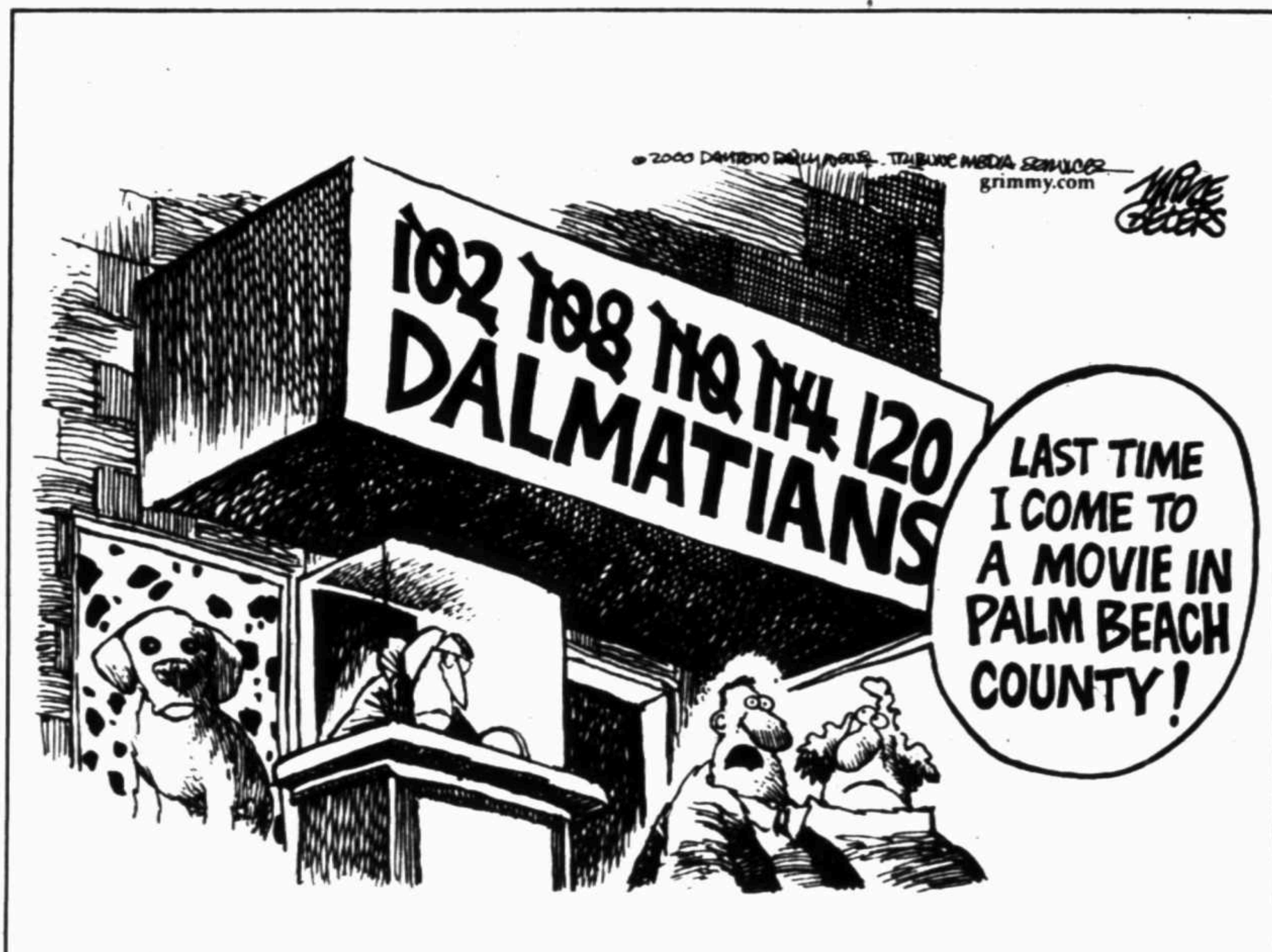
Some people see another potential for this test. Doctors and ethicists alike have suggested that it could be an argument for the use of leftover human embryos in research. Only those embryos lacking in the genetic potential to become humans would be used.

Other people, however, criticize this interpretation. They cite research indicating that genetically imperfect embryos can correct their chromosomal defects within the first few weeks after conception. "There have been cases where early tests have shown a chromosomal abnormality in an embryo, but when the baby is born, it doesn't have the abnormality. So theories suggest it is possible for the embryos to fix themselves in some cases," Wells stated.

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DAVE MCNEELY

It's lonely for Democratic judges

AUSTIN — It is getting lonelier and lonelier for Democrats on several of Texas' 14 courts of appeals.

After a few years of the Democrats ignoring Texas in presidential years because of Bushes on the ballot, and Republicans going from two to all 29 of the elected statewide offices in just more than a decade, the ripple effect on men and women in black down the ballot is being felt.

In fact, in January, the two overlapping judicial appellate districts that include Houston and Harris County will be down to one Democrat among their 18 members: Margaret Garner Maribel.

She had three Democratic colleagues on the court less than two years ago. But Murry Cohen switched to the GOP and was unopposed for re-election. Michol O'Connor decided to retire rather than run again.

And Eric Andell, who sought re-election as a Democrat, got just 42.7 percent against Republican challenger Terry Jennings.

In the 3rd Court of Appeals, which includes Travis and a couple of other counties, incumbent Democrat Woodie Jones was knocked off.

He was beaten by former Travis County Court-at-Law Judge David Puryear, who made his second bid for a seat on the court. The 3rd Court now will have two Democrats and four Republicans.

John T. Boyd, chief justice of the 7th Court, which meets in Amarillo, switched to the GOP and was unopposed for re-election. The court's other three justices were already Republican.

Statewide, 55 of the 80 judges who will take their benches in January are Republican.

"Of course, there were virtually no Republicans 10 years ago," said Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips, who has watched the GOP's steady growth since he was initially appointed to the court

in 1988. Since then, the Republican changes at the top of the ballot have affected most of the judicial districts as well.

Four of the 14 districts now have all Republican judges: the 2nd, which includes Fort Worth; the 5th, which includes Dallas; the 12th, which meets in Tyler; and the 14th, which includes Houston.

Three are still completely Democratic: the 6th, which meets in Texarkana; the 8th, which meets in El Paso; and the 13th, which includes Corpus Christi, Brownsville and Harlingen.

Perhaps the biggest swing district is the 4th, which stretches from San Antonio to include many counties bordering the Rio Grande. Four Republicans and three Democrats are on the court.

In the Nov. 7 election, two Republicans and two Democrats were re-elected over opponents from the other party.

"The San Antonio district has a much higher number of independent voters than the other districts," Phillips said.

The trend toward the GOP is likely to continue, at least for the time being, Phillips said, "because rural Texas is just becoming Republican."

Phillips isn't gloating because he thinks some quite qualified judges have been knocked off appellate and district court benches in partisan sweeps. That's among the reasons Phillips has been a leader in trying to have Texas choose its judges in some way other than partisan elections.

"Any time your career advancement is not based on a rational basis, on the merit of how you've performed, that hurts the jobs," Phillips said.

"It discourages people from wanting to become judges if they feel they have no control over their job security," he said. "Which is not to say we've ever had a judgeship go vacant. But we do know when we have a federal bench come open, there's far more interest."

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McNeely

CHARLEY REESE

Education may not be the answer to society's problems

Education is the answer. If ever there were a single sentence that could be called the mantra or motto of American liberalism, that sentence is it.

Hardly any social problem arises that liberals don't say, "Education is the answer." Talk about not learning from history.

Education failed miserably to prevent any of the horrors of the 20th century. In fact, one characteristic of the 20th century has been the intellectual hangers-on of most of the human monsters who have secured their place in the Hall of Infamy.

For one thing, people no longer define their terms. They no longer even know what they mean by the word "education," let alone what they think it ought to accomplish. One of the earliest critics of mass public education observed that if by education people meant teaching people to read and write, all that they would accomplish would be to create a mass market for trash literature and demagoguery. Anybody want to nominate him for a prophet's hat?

You need 12 years of public education to read the National Enquirer or watch the "Jerry Springer Show"? You can hold a Ph.D. and not know the name of the river that runs through London or the capital of New York? Whoopie, dude, that's hundreds of billions of dollars well spent.

We've made a lot of progress since those ignorant, noneducated Elizabethans produced and appreciated a Shakespeare. Today, we idolize real writers like those who produce such great works of art as "Pulp Fiction" and "American Pie."

All those ignoramuses who chose such leaders as George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson are not nearly as smart as we modern Americans who have chosen such sterling leaders as Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton.

Education is the answer.

I think not. I think parents who actually care about their children should seriously consider pulling them out of public schools — bearing in mind, of course, that some private schools can be as bad or worse than public school.

I recognize, of course, that in this greatest of all possible economies, where many people have to work two jobs and many more need two incomes, that lots of people, despite the stock market, cannot afford either the time or the money to educate their children.

Of course, if education were all that it's cooked up to be, then more people would recognize that there is something wrong with a great economy that cannot support such large numbers of its workers with only a single paycheck. You would think that it might occur to some that corporatism has succeeded in breaking most unions and driving down wages, when adjusted for inflation.

This might be, as Clintonistas insist, a great economy, but the sad fact is that the United States of America has become a cheap labor country for Japanese and German manufacturers. And guess who operates the largest day-care system in the world? The U.S. Army.

I would say that, indeed, education is the answer if you were to ask the following: How do you take a great country with enormous resources, a wonderful Constitution, a sound political and civic culture, and then nose-dive it into the ground? That's about what education has produced — a crashed country.

Jefferson's idea of education was that it would be primarily history. He reasoned that if people knew the past, they could better judge the present and plan for the future.

Our super-expensive education system produces graduates who can't even tell you which century the War Between the States was fought. Or, for that matter, which one they live in.

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Reese

High-tech clothing coming to mall near you



Katrina Barilova, co-founder of Charmed Technology, wears "onHand" on her wrist, a full-featured personal digital assistant from Matsucom in New York. Charmed Technology is on one end of a budding industry specializing in "wearable technology," gadgets designed to be worn as readily as a necktie or a wristwatch to supply instant, easy, anywhere access to computers and to each other.

By Anne Eisenberg
N.Y. Times News Service

Clothes may be about to get a lot smarter. Computers and their peripherals appear to be poised to leave desktop and palmtop for unlikely spots like shirts, neckties and bras. Soon some people won't have to bother carrying cell phones — they'll just talk to the ones stitched neatly into the collars of their jackets.

The high-tech clothing is part and parcel of the world of wearable computers, computers so portable that their components are stored on the body in handy spots like lapels, armbands or eyeglasses frames.

These lightweight computers are coming very soon to the consumer market, some companies say. In fact, aided by ever-shrinking components, wireless connections and lots of ingenious engineering, a few off-the-shelf versions of wearable electronics are already available. Manufacturers hope that consumers will use them to look sharp, have fun, lose weight, sleep better and even improve their memories.

One example of the new wearable electronics — a combination cell phone and MP3 player, tucked into a stylish jacket — went on sale last month for about \$900 in London and a handful of other European cities. Consumers who don these jackets to head outdoors really do talk to their collars because that's where the microphones are.

"We made about 800 of them and only a few are left unsold," said Jonny Farringdon, a scientist who developed the technology for the devices along with his colleagues at Philips Research Laboratories in Redhill, England. Philips collaborated with Levi Strauss & Co. to create the jackets.

The mobile phone and MP3 player are nestled into special pockets and connected to the wiring system in the jacket. A small remote-control panel that runs the devices is on a front flap of the jacket, and the microphone is in the collar. Earphones ride in soft rubber holders along the shoulder line; when the earphones are in the ears, wires extend to the jacket's shoulders.

Farringdon is not a fan of push-buttons on devices, so very few buttons have to be pushed with his company's jackets; instead, voice control technology takes care of most of the chores. "I like the idea of an interface with which you do nothing," he said. "You shouldn't have to find a play button or a hang-up button." There are buttons for a few things, however, like switching the audio to just one ear.

If the phone takes awhile to put the call through, which Farringdon said was common in Europe, the system plays music. It automatically switches back to the music when the call is over.

Farringdon likes the idea of interacting with electronics through one's clothes.

"Clothing is a usable, simple interface," he said. Unlike cell phones, whose relentless miniaturization has left lit-

tle space for screens and touch pads, clothing still offers vast areas in which to maneuver. It is a canvas Farringdon finds appealing. "There's a lot of space on your clothes, and clothing is full of things sewn onto it that you can touch and wiggle," he said.

Farringdon and others in the world of wearable computers met in October at the Fourth International Symposium on Wearable Computers, held in Atlanta. Francine Gemperle, a graduate student in industrial design at Carnegie Mellon University, was in charge of the committee there that set up the many exhibits shown to participants.

Gemperle said wearable computers had come a long way from the days when they featured cumbersome backpacks, dangling wires and big borg-like headsets.

"The new generation is going to be small, durable electronics that can be laundered," she said. "This isn't going to be about changing fashion. It's going to be about changing the way you think about computers as they are integrated into clothing."

Entertainment will be one area of growth for wearable computers, she said. Another will probably be health and fitness.

For instance, BodyMedia, a Pittsburgh-based company for which Gemperle and others in the wearable-computer world at Carnegie Mellon have worked, hopes to sell sensors worn on an armband that will monitor variables like the numbers of hours slept or calories burned.

The sensor stores the information, then transmits it wirelessly to the user's personal computer. From there the data is sent to BodyMedia's Web site, where it is organized so the user can view it on a private Web page.

The chief executive of BodyMedia, Dr. Astro Teller, said that the sensors would be available next spring. "Personalized body monitoring will let people learn about their bodies and how to modify their behavior for longer, healthier lives," he said. Teller pointed out that people could discover when they had slept well and when they had slept poorly and, for instance, match that information with how much they had eaten and when. That could help people modify their habits for better health, he said.

Wearable computers may also help with bolstering faulty memory, both for business people with a lot on their minds and for those with serious memory loss.

For example, one of Farringdon's projects at Philips Research Laboratories is a prototype of a wearable computer that matches people's faces with images of faces stored in the computer.

Farringdon reported on the project at the October conference. In the computer are both wide-angle and close-up pictures of people known to the viewer. When a person approaches, a small camera captures the image and tries to match it with faces stored in its memory. A matching image is displayed, which presumably helps the user recall the other person's name.

Stressing simplicity and ignoring techie critics, online service thrives

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

DULLES, Va. — Lynne Keyser isn't bothered by techies who deride her online service as "Internet on training wheels." In fact, that's why she likes America Online.

Keyser has plenty of company, too.

By targeting newcomers, AOL has become the world's leading Internet provider. It recently surpassed 25 million subscribers, some 85 percent of them in the United States.

The Dulles-based company is widely credited with opening the online world to the masses. The secret: dumbing down the AOL interface to appeal to the millions who might have otherwise balked.

"It's been a good introduction for an idiot savant," said Keyser, 45, an interior designer in Travers City, Mich. "Most of us who aren't that computer literate are going to take the easier path."

Now, AOL is poised to get very big indeed — so big that federal regulators reviewing its proposed acquisition of Time Warner Inc. want to make the combined company open its cable systems to competing Internet providers.

AOL Time Warner would have greater control of both the message and the delivery method, offering customers one-stop shopping unmatched by rivals. And AOL would have done so with little technological innovation.

The online giant, launched in 1989, has thrived despite several pronouncements through the years of its impending death. When a move to flat pricing in 1996 led to busy signals, critics coined "America Offline" or "America On Hold". AOL gave partial refunds to settle a class-action lawsuit — and moved on.

Its practice has often been to dismiss or delay technological breakthroughs as too difficult for the average user.

Until late October, for instance, AOL's software couldn't read messages heavy in graphics or sort e-mail by sender, though such features are common elsewhere.

Even its corporate offices and five "creative centers" where one-fifth of AOL's 15,000 employees work have a non-tech feel, discounting rooms oddly named after disk sectors, as in 46B:00. The computers that run AOL are hidden in other buildings, fortified to withstand natural disasters and even a dropped jet engine.

AOL's strength was always targeting consumers — specifically first-time users — while rivals CompuServe and Prodigy went after businesses. Today, AOL owns CompuServe, which has 2.8 million subscribers. Prodigy has 2.7 million.

In favoring simplicity over functionality, AOL persuaded computer-shy Americans to try out e-mail, instant messaging and other tools — and got them hooked.

"AOL has done a great job of encouraging people," said Stacy Elliott, digital lifestyle adviser at Microsoft Corp., whose competing MSN service has



Jonathan Sacks, a senior vice president for America Online, gestures during an interview at AOL headquarters in Dulles, Va. Sacks attributes the online service's continuing popularity with its more than 25 million users to the simplicity of its interface.

3.5 million subscribers. "They have some good marketing."

America Online already had 1 million subscribers by 1994, the year people began discovering the Internet en masse. Millions more have since signed up through promotional disks stuffed into mailboxes or falling out of newspaper inserts.

AOL's "You've Got Mail" chant became popular enough to spawn a movie with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

For many Americans, AOL is the Internet.

Still, many veterans consider the service a joke and frown on its users as clueless "newbies" who wander cyberspace without the proper training in etiquette and techniques.

"Introducing new people in itself is a good thing," said James R. Curry, 23, a Web designer and programmer in Louisville, Ky., "but AOL has traditionally thrown people into the water without a life preserver."

One Internet service provider, FlexNet, won't even take former AOL users, complaining that they lack technical sophistication.

That's fine, from AOL's standpoint.

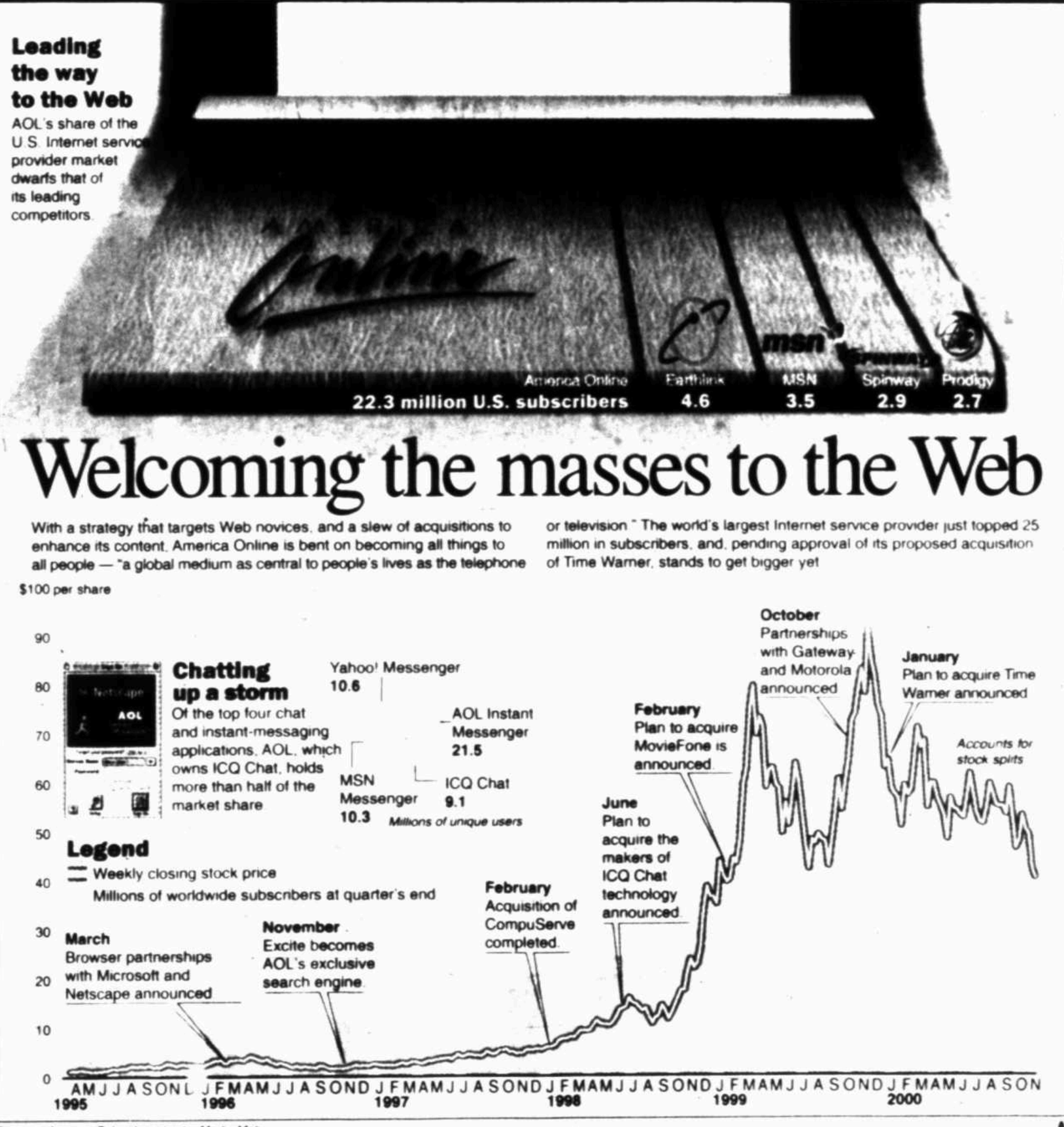
As senior vice president Jonathan Sacks puts it, AOL users have no need to switch even as their skills improve, just as motorists with automatic transmissions don't later change to manual.

While rivals take an a la carte approach, AOL packages access, tools and content together, so that teens can chat with friends, moms can coordinate soccer schedules and dads can check on stock quotes — all from one service.

The company has also been adept at consolidation. In recent years, AOL bought Mapquest's online maps and MovieFone's movie schedules and ticket sales. Soon, Sacks said, Citibank cardholders on AOL will be able to send digital cash to friends online.

AOL wants to become a necessity. Its mission statement: "To build a global medium as central to people's lives as the telephone or television ... and even more valuable."

To keep intermediate users from deserting, the company now offers or will soon provide access through such handheld devices as pagers, cellphones and Palm organizers. For an extra fee, it lets users check e-mail over a regular telephone and chat on a television set.



By letting members — always with the same password — access personal address books, calendars, e-mail and other services from all manner of machine, AOL strategists reason that few people will abandon them for competing services.

The same strategy is expected to apply also to the high-speed broadband services that AOL will be able to provide to Time Warner's 12.6 million cable subscribers.

Ruth Sawyer, 72, a retired bookkeeper in Daphne, Ala., got her Internet start on AOL five years ago because most of her friends had AOL accounts. She resists calls from family members to switch.

"I'm familiar with it and the idea of how it operates and how to find things," she said.

Tony Torti, 43, a network consultant in Narragansett, R.I., said his teen-age daughters "would be gravely disappointed" if he were to cancel AOL. For one thing, changing e-mail addresses would be a pain. No matter that at \$21.95 a month, the service costs a few bucks more than many rivals.

To lure new users, AOL recently introduced an Internet appliance, built by Gateway, that need only be plugged in and connected to a phone line. AOL is also distributing a "Wired in a Week" book through Time Warner for people scared to even insert a promotional disk without handholding.

The company has also shipped disks with Time Warner magazines and is considering other tie-ins such as an AOL television show.

Although AOL executives say they won't discriminate against other companies, they acknowledge the value of cross promotions. Already, ads for Time Warner's Sports Illustrated pop up when users log

on. That could backfire, warned Andrew Bartels, an e-business analyst at Giga Information Group.

He said content providers may look elsewhere for partnerships if they perceive discrimination. In fact, the Internet portal Yahoo! reports increased inquiries from providers of news since the AOL merger was announced in January.

Complaints aren't likely to diminish as the subscriber base grows.

Over the years, AOL has been accused of unevenly enforcing its usage policies.

At one point, it briefly purged the word "breast" from its services, deeming the term obscene or vulgar. The company lifted the ban only after women complained that it stifled discussion about breast cancer.

"Under the guise of helping grandma, they establish policies that control user experiences sometimes to their detriment," said David Cassel, who writes an "AOL Watch" newsletter.

Critics also complain of having e-mail blocked or of being unable to send instant messages to users of rival services.

AOL refuses to release cancellation figures. But Ted Leonsis, president of AOL's Interactive Properties group, insists that "if people didn't like it, they wouldn't keep coming."

On the Net:

AOL corporate site: <http://corp.aol.com>
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Barak doesn't want deadline for peace deal

JERUSALEM (AP) — As Prime Minister Ehud Barak plotted his re-election campaign Sunday, the embattled Israeli leader said President Clinton's departure from office next month was not a deadline for a Mideast peace deal.

After 18 months in office focused on the goal of bringing home a final peace agreement with the Palestinians, Barak now faces early elections next spring and may need the success of at least a partial peace deal to persuade voters to re-elect him.

In violence Sunday, two Israeli soldiers were stabbed, one of them in the neck, at a roadblock just north of Jerusalem. The stabbing prompted a shooting exchange between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian gunmen, and three Palestinians were wounded, according to army radio.

Twelve Palestinians were injured in another clash with soldiers and Jewish settlers in the West Bank village of Hussan, near Bethlehem, eyewitnesses and hospital officials said.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli army, although earlier the army said residents of Hussan threw stones and firebombs at Israeli cars on the Hussan bypass road, slightly injuring one woman.

Also, the Israeli army arrested a Palestinian suspected of involvement in the bombing of a school bus in the Gaza Strip two weeks ago, army radio reported. The bombing killed two Israeli adults.

Sunday was one of the few days without a fatality since the violence erupted more than two months ago. Almost 300 people have been killed overall, most of them Palestinian.

At Sunday's cabinet meeting, Barak lashed out against those in his own party who have pressured him to come to an agreement before Clinton leaves the White

House on Jan. 20, at the end of his second and final term.

"Every attempt to dictate dates to the prime minister is bad for Israel and damages how the peace process should be conducted," Barak told his ministers.

Barak is being squeezed on all sides. He faces early elections he had hoped to avoid, growing public dismay over his failure to halt the violence and a potential revolt from within his own party.

Israeli media reports have said that a leading figure from Barak's Labor party, parliament speaker Avraham Burg, may challenge Barak for party leadership if no peace deal is in sight by the end of Clinton's term.

In the quest to revive the moribund peace talks, Barak has suggested quickly negotiating a phased peace plan that would recognize a Palestinian state but put off the most sensitive issues, such as control of Jerusalem.

However, the Palestinians have demanded a comprehensive agreement that creates a Palestinian state in all, or virtually all, of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — areas Israel captured during the 1967 Mideast War.

In another development, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat denied reports that Israel and the Palestinians were engaged in secret talks. Arafat, on a visit to the United Arab Emirates, also said the Palestinian uprising would continue until his people's national goals were met.

"The Palestinian nation is ready to face all possibilities," he said.

Among those possibilities is the return of Barak's hard-line predecessor to power — Benjamin Netanyahu. Opinion polls have Barak trailing far behind Netanyahu, the man Barak defeated in a landslide victory last year.

Netanyahu was scheduled to return to Israel from abroad Sun-

day, but it was still unclear if he would return to politics to challenge the prime minister. Barak won a four-year term in 1999, but his allies in parliament deserted him in July, peace negotiations with the Palestinians stalled, and the violence erupted at the end of September.

Israeli Justice Minister Yossi Beilin, an architect of past accords with the Palestinians, said an overall peace deal could be wrapped up soon.

Beilin met with Clinton and U.S. National Security Adviser Sandy Berger on Friday in Washington, and said Clinton offered his help in pursuing an agreement during his last seven weeks in office.

Clinton "came into the meeting ... not just to say 'hi,' but to say that as his administration comes to an end they have placed the highest priority on foreign rela-

tions and that their top priority is our conflict," Beilin told Israel radio.

Also, top Barak aide and senior Israeli negotiator Gilead Sher said Sunday that Israel would cooperate fully with an international inquiry into the causes of the violence.

Israel has previously said that the fact-finding commission, agreed to at a Mideast summit in October, should not begin its work while violence was continuing and other parts of the summit agreement had not been implemented.

But Sher said that the investigating team would be welcome when it arrives in two weeks' time.

"Israel will cooperate fully. We expect that all the terms of reference, the mandate of the commission — will be agreed upon before it begins," Sher said.

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Polio vaccine infects at least three people

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — A mutated polio vaccine has infected at least three people in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, causing the first outbreak of the disease in the Western Hemisphere since 1991, the Pan American Health Organization said.

"This is not a desperate situation from the view of outbreak control ... but it is still a surprise," said spokesman Daniel Epstein on Sunday. The organization is a part of the Washington-based Organization of American States.

The outbreak has been traced to the same oral vaccine that experts have used to eliminate the disease in many countries. But Epstein said the standard vaccine appears to still work against the mutated strain, and that health officials are organizing vaccination efforts in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Polio is a highly infectious disease that usually strikes children under 5. It damages the spinal cord and brain, causing paralysis and sometimes death.

In the Dominican mountain town of Constanza, where the first case was reported, hospital officials said they have been swamped by people seeking vaccinations.

"Everyone here is worried," hospital director Jose Matos Perez was quoted as saying in Listin Diario newspaper. "Everyone wants to vaccinate their children, including many with children that are over 5 years old."

Visitors to both countries should make sure they are vaccinated, the health organization said.

The last case of polio in the Americas was diagnosed in Peru in 1991.

The vaccine, known as Sabin 1 oral poliovirus vaccine, uses a weakened version of the virus to teach the body how to identify and fight active viruses.

The mutated virus is 97 percent identical to the one used in the vaccine, the organization said.

Epstein said doctors believe the three infected people may have caught the mutated strain from someone else. That person — or persons — may have received a standard vaccination that mutated within them then passed it on.

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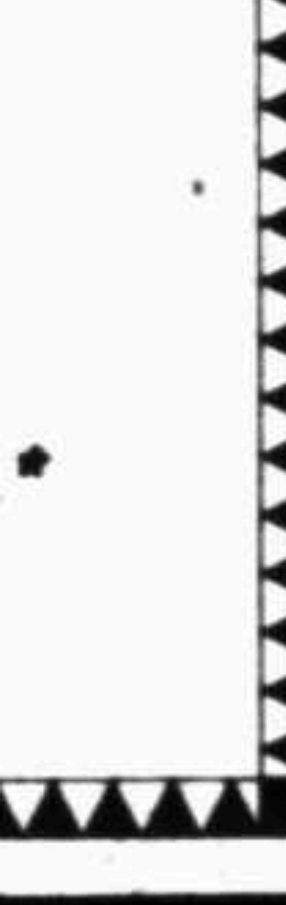
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Parchman knows the right time to throw dice in game-time gambles

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em.

Midland Lee football coach John Parchman keeps playing the role of an old river boat gambler. He probably listens to Kenny Rogers music in his spare time — or when he's coaching during a game.

Parchman was holding and folding with prolific effect Saturday at Texas Stadium while coaching Lee to a 44-9 Class 5A Big School quarterfinal playoff victory over Duncanville.

He folded his hand at the end of the first half and then rolled the dice to cut the throat of the Panthers in the third quarter.

When you look back at this remarkable win over No. 6 ranked Duncanville, it would be easy to assume that two different coaches were making the calls for Lee.

With time running out in the first half and Lee

clinging to a nail biting 13-9 lead, the Rebels were knocking at the Panther door once again. Parchman suddenly became Ronald Reagan conservative, letting time roll on the clock while electing to go with a short 28-yard Michael Wynn field goal.

"We felt like the conservative approach was the right thing to do before the half," Parchman said. "It was a very tight game at that point. With a field goal, we go up by seven points and go into the locker room on a positive note."

"We could go in at the half and tell our kids that we had scored on three of our four drives in the first half. The last thing we wanted to do was come up with something stupid at that point and not get any points out of it. We came off the field at the half with something positive and that set the tone for what happened in the second half."

What happened on the first drive of the second half

was that Lee marched 51 yards, mainly on the legs of Cedric Benson, for a 23-9 lead. That's a padding, but not a safe margin against a team with the speed of NASCAR racers, considering that the better part of two quarters was still left in the game.

But Parchman didn't fold 'em then. He sent Wynn out to perform that surprise onside kick. Wynn recovered, and one play later, fullback Jacoby Kendrick rode the block of Heath Jones for a 45-yard touchdown and a 30-9 lead. This game was over.

Of course, Parchman tried to downplay the creative quality of this move, saying things like, "It was something they had worked on all year," and "The kids wanted to do it," and "We thought it would work."

But then he let it slip, "You do that when you've got the feeling." Ah, the secret was out. You gamble with the guts of a Kenny Rogers. Sign us up for Las Vegas, Coach. Parchman's on a roll. Every card he draws seems to fit his hand these days.

"Of course that play probably won't work again

Please see GAMBLER/2B

Area playoff pairings

Staff Report

The Midland Lee Rebels, Greenwood Rangers and Stanton Buffaloes have advanced to play another week of football. Here are all the particulars on their next round of postseason games.

Midland Lee (11-2) will play The Woodlands (10-2) in a Class 5A Big School state semifinal at 2 p.m. Saturday at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin.

The Greenwood Rangers (10-3) will take on Muleshoe (13-0) in a Class 3A Small School state quarterfinal at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Denver City.

The Stanton Buffaloes (11-2) will face Albany (11-2) in a Class 2A Small School state quarterfinal at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Sweetwater.

In a related note, Stanton is moving its basketball tournament — the Hootown Classic — to Midland Christian this weekend.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Bucs smother Cowboys



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, foreground, fumbles as he is sacked by Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive end Chidi Ahanotu in the second quarter Sunday in Tampa, Fla. Buccaneers defensive tackle Anthony McFarland moves in at right. Tampa Bay won the game 27-7.

Dunn becomes next back to have career day versus Dallas defense

By Fred Goodall
AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Unfortunately for the Dallas Cowboys, there's a first time for everything.

On Sunday, they lost to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 27-7 for the first time after winning all eight of the previous meetings between the teams.

The Bucs finished with a franchise-record 250 yards on the ground against the NFL's lowest-ranked rushing defense. It was the third time this season the Cowboys have allowed at least 200 yards rushing.

A frustrated coach Dave Campo said

after the game that the reason for the loss was simple: "They do what they do well — run the football — and we don't stop the run well."

Emmitt Smith rushed for 80 yards on 20 attempts and scored the Cowboys' only touchdown, a 4-yard run in the third quarter. He finished the day 13 yards shy of joining Barry Sanders as the only players to gain at least 1,000 in 10 consecutive seasons.

"Those things are good, but right

now they don't mean that much," Smith said. "That we're 4-9 today makes it very sour."

Campo echoed Smith's comments. "I thought we moved the ball well at times. We just couldn't make any plays when we needed to. That's been our story all season," he said. "We had an opportunity to get back into the game and, like we've done all season, we didn't get it done."

The victory moved the Bucs, who have won five of their last six, into a second-place tie with Detroit in the NFC Central. Dallas, which has dropped three straight, is assured of finishing

Please see DALLAS/2B

Giants get kicked to NFC East lead; Warner struggles in return from injury

Associated Press

Al Del Greco's kick went through, and Eddie Murray's didn't, put the New York Giants ahead again in the NFC East.

Del Greco, Tennessee's 38-year-old kicker who missed two field goals and an extra point to cost the Titans two games, kicked a 50-yarder as time expired to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 15-13 Sunday.

Murray, Washington's 44-year-old kicker, was short on a 49-yard attempt as the Giants beat the Redskins 9-7 to pass Philadelphia atop the division. The Eagles had taken the lead two weeks ago when the Giants lost to Detroit.

"There were a lot of things said

about us," safety Sam Gaines said of the Giants (9-4). "So we were just looking forward to going out there and proving everyone wrong and showing ourselves that we can be a playoff team. We've still got a long way to go, but it's right there for us."

The Giants are 2-0 since coach Jim Fassel promised the team would make the playoffs.

"We drove in here and saw the atmosphere, and I knew my team was ready to go play," Fassel said.

Brad Daluiso made field goals of 46, 27 and 28 yards to account for the Giants' points as Washington fell to 7-6.

The Eagles (9-5) could have clinched a wild-card berth with a win, but instead the Titans improved to 10-3, a game ahead of Baltimore in the AFC Central. Del Greco's five field goals also accounted for all of Tennessee's points.

"We've lost before," quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "I think when you lose a game like this, your confidence is still there."

Panthers 16, Rams 3

Kurt Warner, out five weeks with a broken

Please see ROUNDUP/2B

It's official: Oklahoma to play Florida State to decide national champ

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Florida State always seems to be in the mix no matter what system college football uses to decide a national champion.

For the fourth time in the last five seasons, the No. 3 Seminoles (11-1) will play for a national title — this time against No. 1 Oklahoma (12-0) in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

The Bowl Championship Series' system of rating teams using polls, computers, schedule strength and losses, placed the Seminoles second behind the Sooners in its final standings released Sunday.

The matchup creates the possibility of split national champions. The AP media poll and the coaches' poll have Oklahoma and Miami ranked 1-2. If Florida State beats Oklahoma and Miami beats Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2, there's a chance for co-champions.

The AP poll's sports writers and broadcasters vote independently of the BCS, but the coaches' poll crowns the Orange Bowl winner as its champion.

"If that happens, then that will be what it is," BCS coordinator John Swofford said. "The BCS doesn't eliminate that possibility. We've known that all along. It does minimize the chances for it happening."

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden understands his team could share a

national title with the Hurricanes, who beat the Seminoles 27-24 on Oct. 7. Still, he says the BCS formula proves his team deserves to play in Miami.

"Everything was run through the computer," Bowden said. "We had nothing to do with it. The facts were fed in during the season and it came out ranking us second. We will accept that."

"It's No. 1 vs. No. 2 in the BCS and if we were to beat Oklahoma, then I think we should be No. 1 in the nation in the BCS. But that probably won't happen in the AP unless Florida beats Miami."

Miami coach Butch Davis said his team did its best to reach the BCS title game, being played in its own backyard.

"Regardless of how it turned out, it can't take anything away from our great season," Davis said. "We had some great games, against Florida State and then Virginia Tech. We've won nine in a row and did everything we think we could have."

Sooners coach Bob Stoops doesn't have to explain how his team landed where it did.

"I'm just glad there isn't any debate on us," he said. "For a month, I'm glad I certainly don't have to defend our position."

Oklahoma, the nation's only major unbeaten team after its 27-24 win over Kansas State in the Big 12 title game Sat-

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Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel holds up an orange to the Oklahoma fans after Oklahoma beat Kansas State 27-24 in the Big 12 championship game Saturday. Oklahoma will play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

Franchione expects most of TCU's staff will join him at University of Alabama

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — New Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione said he expects the majority of his assistant football coaches at Texas Christian University will join him at Alabama, where he hopes he doesn't have to address any NCAA penalties.

Franchione plans to meet Monday with the Alabama assistants — all still under contract. Defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson, recruiting coordinator Ronnie Cottrell and quarterbacks coach Charlie Stubbs have contracts through June 30, 2002. The other assistants' contracts run through June 30, 2001.

Franchione said he hopes one of the first issues he must address does not involve NCAA penalties. Athletic director Mal Moore has already informed Franchione about the NCAA's investigation of the Crimson Tide program. NCAA enforcement staff members spent last week questioning selected players and coaches, including former Coach Mike DuBose.

Florida linebacker Travis Carroll said after Saturday's 28-6 win against Auburn in the SEC Championship Game that he has spoken with the NCAA about possible rules violations involving Alabama.

Carroll transferred to Florida from Alabama last year after playing two seasons for the Tide. He sat out the 1999 season.

"I had to go and talk to the NCAA a couple of weeks ago," Carroll said. "I'd really rather not get into the specifics. I'm not supposed to talk about it."

"(The NCAA) wanted to talk to me about Alabama, about my years there," Carroll said. "I was told to talk to them and I did. That's all I can really say."

As for Franchione's staff, TCU head strength and conditioning coach Ben Pollard has confirmed that he had accepted an offer from Franchione to follow him to Alabama.

Franchione has also said that TCU defensive coordinator Gary Patterson — a candidate to succeed him — has a job at Alabama if he wants it.

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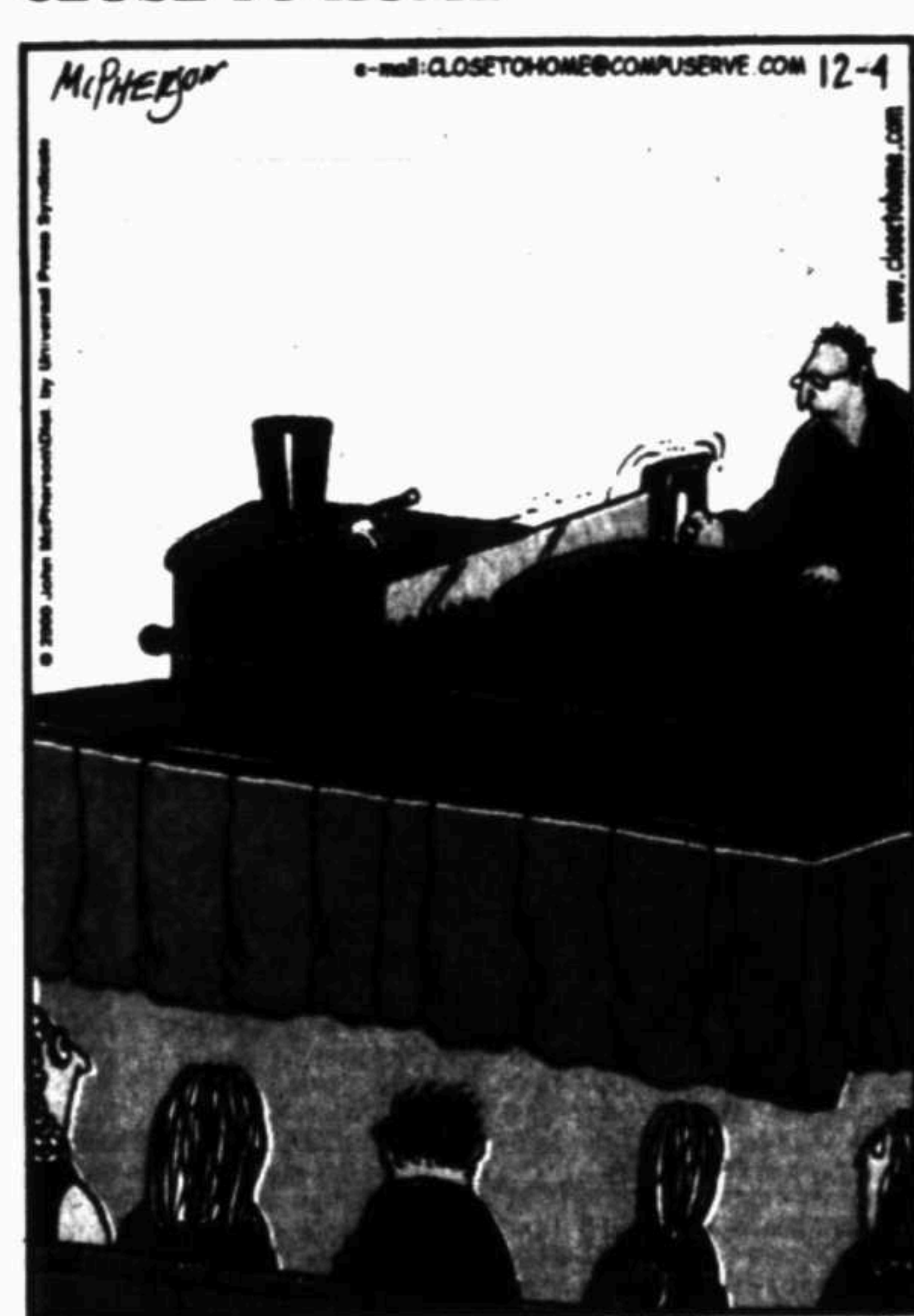
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Warren Buffet, Bill Gates face off in bridge tournament

OMAHA, Neb. — Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, two of the world's wealthiest men, faced off for fun, not money, at a local bridge tournament.

"It's my house against his house," joked Buffett, founder and chairman of investment company Berkshire Hathaway, before Saturday's game at the Omaha Bridge Club. But Gates, whose home and land in Washington state are valued at nearly \$110 million, wasn't ready to bet.

"No money, no money," he said smiling. Gates, founder and chairman of Microsoft, played in the tournament at Buffett's invitation. Both are self-described bridge junkies, although Gates is a relative newcomer. Buffett has played for years.

In June, Forbes magazine ranked Gates the world's richest man with \$60 billion. Buffett ranked fifth with \$28 billion.

MOSCOW — Renowned ballerina Maya Plisetskaya won a libel suit against a Moscow newspaper that reported she had secretly given birth to a daughter.

The newspaper Moskovskiy Vedomosti reported in March that Plisetskaya, 75, had given birth to a daughter in 1978 and that the daughter now lived in Israel, according to the news agency ITAR-Tass.

A Moscow court ruled Friday that the newspaper must pay damages of \$380 and publish a retraction within 10 days, ITAR-Tass said.

Plisetskaya, famed for her work with the Bolshoi Theater ballet company, celebrated her birthday in November by dancing at the theater as part of a gala concert.

MINNEAPOLIS — Patrick Stewart and Mercedes Ruehl have been cast in Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" which opens at the Guthrie Theater in late February.

Stewart, who played Capt. Jean-Luc Picard in "Star Trek: The Next Generation," will play George, the husband. Ruehl, who won a 1992 Academy Award for "The Fisher King" and a 1991 Tony Award for "Lost in Yonkers," will play his wife, Martha.

The British-born Stewart recently starred in Arthur Miller's "The Ride Down Mount Morgan" on Broadway. That drama was directed by David Esbjornson, who will be staging "Virginia Woolf."

YORK, Neb. — Erin Brockovich, whose fight against a powerful California utility was celebrated in a hit movie, may soon be taking on another crusade.

Brockovich, who exposed widespread water contamination in Hinkley, Calif., has agreed to investigate possible hydrogen sulfide contamination in a residential neighborhood.

Brockovich, now an environmental lawyer, learned of the problem through a letter from a resident who

said her house has tested for hydrogen sulfide at a level five times higher than is considered safe. The gas can be fatal in high concentrations.

Brockovich's efforts in California helped lead to a \$333

million settlement against Pacific Gas & Electric Co. for injuries to residents of Hinkley.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

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RIGHT: Junior Robert Moore was one of the members of Midland High School's Texas BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) team. The object of the competition was to build a robot that could perform a task. **BELOW:** Physics teacher Chuck Bell, left, talks to team members, including Aaron Kahler, right.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

MHS students are some of Texas' BEST

By Emily Baker
MRT Correspondent

A team of four members from Midland High School recently competed at the Texas BEST state competition at Texas A&M University after placing second at the regional competition in Lubbock in October.

The object of Texas BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) is to build a robot from odd parts that are supplied to the team from Texas BEST. The robot is then required to perform a task at the competition.

Out of about 50 teams at the state competition, the Midland High team and its robot, the Black Knight, placed 25th.

The team consisted of Lauren Butts, Morgan Dulin, Aaron Kahler and Robert Moore.

"I felt we had one of the best four or five machines there," Chuck Bell, faculty advisor, said. "We just didn't operate it as well."

The competition involves a hypothetical fire at the Smithsonian Institution. The robots were required to go inside the building and retrieve artifacts, according to Moore.

Each robot competes with three other robots at a time. Each robot gets as many artifacts as possible and places them in designated containers. The more artifacts that are collected, the better the score. The robots compete until all the artifacts are removed, or until a three-



minute time limit is reached, which ever comes first. The artifacts that must be collected are of different sizes and textures.

Moore, who helped to design, build and drive the robot, describes the Black Knight — named after the character with the same name in the movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" — as a lot "like a big remote-control car. It is driven like a remote-control airplane."

Local engineers and corporate sponsors may help the students, but their aid is limited to mentoring. This year's sponsors included Kahler Construction Co., Precision Tool, Bob Butts and ex-

BEST team member Dann Shantz. All of the designing and building is done by the students. Bell said the only outside help the students sought was some metal cutting because they didn't have the necessary tools.

The team was provided with a kit of things from which to make their robot. "Every school gets the same nuts, bolts, plastic and wood," Bell said. He said that some other things were in the kit, including a fly swatter, ceiling tile and an old printer that the students took apart for gears and pulleys.

"It is amazing what (the students) do with the parts," Bell said. "All of the machines look so different and they are made out of the same stuff."

Bell said there are limits on the size and weight and the students are limited to only the materials in the kit, but otherwise there are no other restrictions.

"The best part of this is the students' work," Bell said. "It is hand-designed, hand-tested, and they drove it (at the competitions)."

Moore, who is in Bell's honors physics class, and his classmates had a choice between about 15 projects to do for an assignment. He chose to work on the robot.

"I felt it was something interesting that I had never done before," he said. "It was fun to do and a good experience."

Moore, a junior, plans to study engineering in college and plans to work on the team next year.

Lee High senior wins prestigious writing contest

By Garrett Luft
MRT Correspondent

Ryan Berthold has done well in his academic career at Lee High School, but his successes are just beginning to be recognized.

Berthold, a senior at Lee High School, was recently named a winner in the Achievement Awards in Writing contest that is sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English. Nearly 3,000 students from all 50 states applied for this recognition, but only 654 students came away with the honor.

Berthold had to do a number of things to receive the award. In his junior year, he was informed of the competition by Kathy Favor, his English teacher. Each student had to nominate himself/herself for the award. Additionally, all participants had to submit a writing sample and complete a timed writing.

"Lee was able to have five students enter based on the population of the school," said Ms. Favor. "Our committee of Lee teachers examined writing folders and other independent projects."

After reviewing these things, the committee sent the five best applicants' writing samples and timed writings to the national committee. Berthold was the only local student whose work was selected by the NCTE to be recognized. Berthold wasn't sure what to think when he found out he had won.

"At the time, I didn't think it was that big of a deal," he said. "Now I realize a little more what it means. It's nice to get some recognition."

Although no scholarship money is offered to winners, the award is helpful in aiding students to receive acceptance and scholarship money to universities across the nation. Students' names are published in a booklet that is sent to 3,000 two-year and four-year colleges and universities, to members of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, to state supervisors of English and to NCTE leaders.

"This is a very prestigious award," said Ms. Favor. "Ryan is certainly one of the top-notch students I have taught in my years of teaching."

For the students' writing sample,

they could choose between a number of different writing forms. Berthold's sample was a short story that was written in a rather unconventional way.

"It is about this guy who is actually writing a story himself," Berthold said. "It's really detailed and descriptive in an effort to draw the reader in. It really goes into detail about the house he is writing in, the room, what's going on and that type of stuff."



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— Ryan Berthold

"I get really sick of stories that are very detailed and wordy but don't have much of a plot behind them, so I kind of wanted to do something sort of about that."

Berthold has much more than this award going his way in his senior year. He currently stands as the highest-ranking student in the Lee senior class of 699 students, meaning he will most likely be the valedictorian of his graduating class. He has received recognition as a National Merit semifinalist and is waiting to see if he will be named a finalist in February.

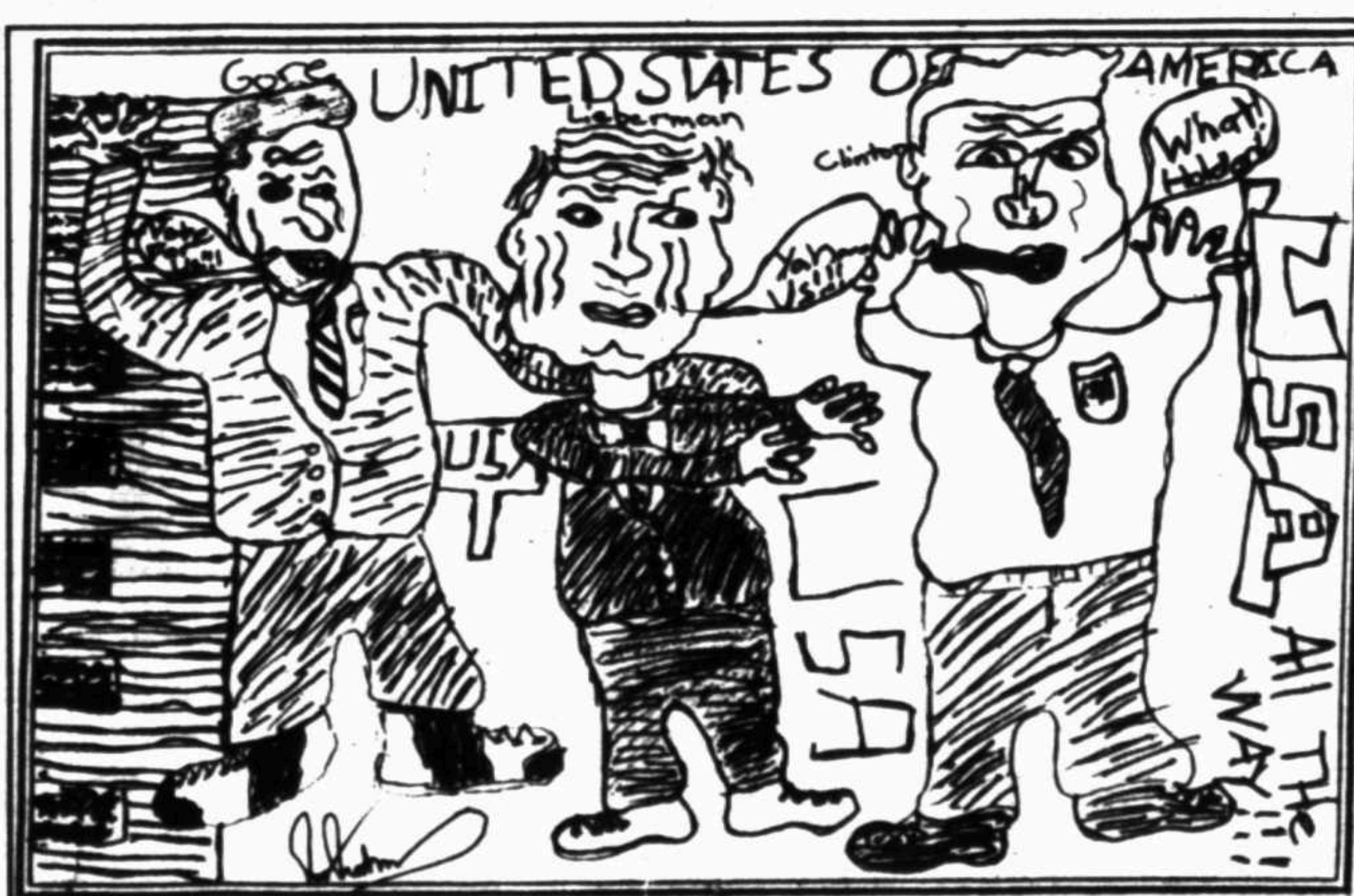
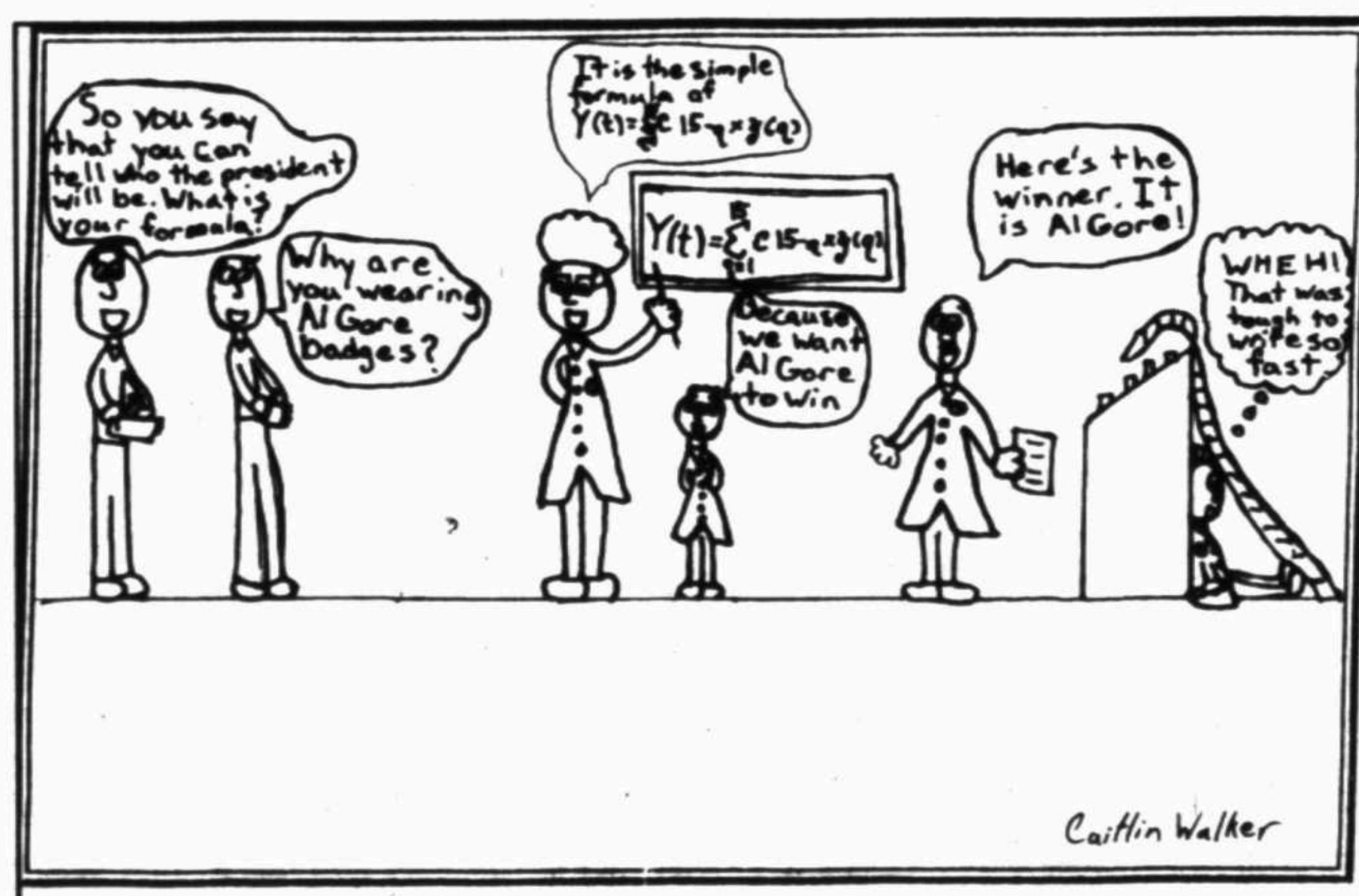
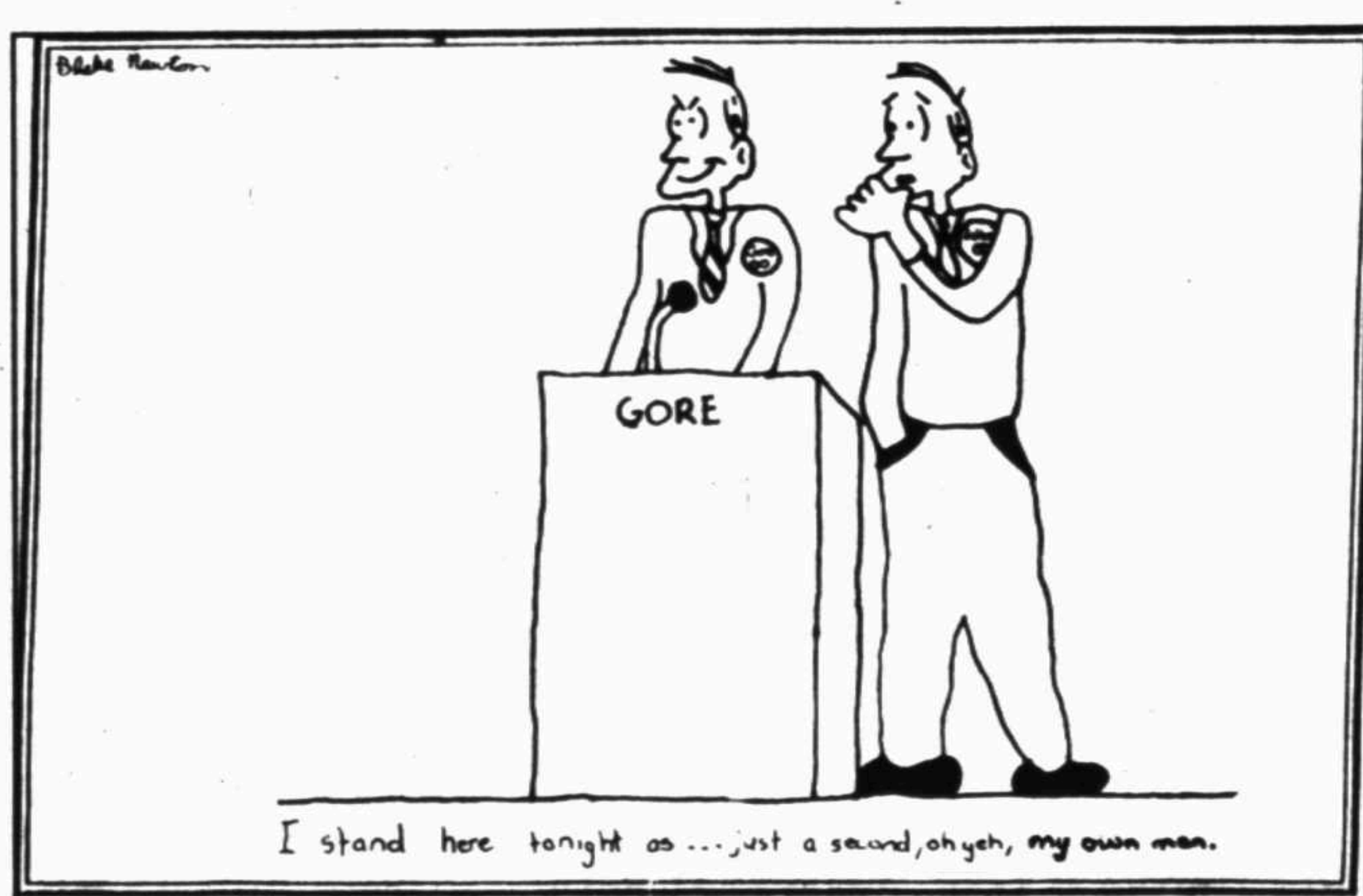
Berthold is not just a book worm, either. He actively participates in extracurricular activities at Lee. He is a member of the Texas BEST robotics team, UIL academic teams, speech and debate team, and academic decathlon team. In addition to these activities, Berthold is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society. He also helped build a trebuchet, which is a catapult invented in the Middle Ages, that goes to trebuchet competition every year from Lee.

"It's tough," Berthold said of his involvement in so many activities. "I'm not really disciplined actually. Right now I am real tied down with getting applications to colleges. On top of that I have all the regular schoolwork."

Berthold, the son of Pat and Rob Berthold, is still undecided about which school he will attend. He is considering Stanford, Rice, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of California-Davis, and the California Polytechnic Institute. Although he is not for certain what career goals he will pursue, he has an interest in engineering.

Political cartoonists

The following political cartoons were drawn by members of Kim Bolla's sixth-grade journalism class in the GEM program (Gifted Education of Midland). This is part of a series of cartoons drawn by these students.



DAVE BARRY

Rule No. 1 for laying tiles: Own a dog

Today's topic for homeowners is: How to install a tile floor. Any home decorator will tell you that there is nothing quite like a tile floor for transforming an ordinary room into an ordinary room that has tile on the floor.

But if you're like most homeowners, you think that laying tile is a job for the "pros." Boy, are you ever wrong! Because the truth is that anybody can do it. All it takes is a little planning, the right materials, and a fire rescue unit.

Consider the true story of a woman in Linthicum, Md., who decided to tile her kitchen floor, as reported in a front-page newspaper article written by Eric Collins for the Sept. 26 issue of the Annapolis, Md., Capital, and sent in by many alert readers. According to this article, the woman, who wanted to be identified only as "Anne" for reasons that will become clear, decided to surprise her fiancé by tiling her kitchen floor herself, thus saving the \$700 a so-called "expert" would have charged for the job.



Barry

Step One, of course, was for Anne to spread powerful glue on the floor, so the tiles would be bonded firmly in place. Anne then proceeded to Step Two, which as you have probably already guessed was to slip and fall face-first into the glue coat she created in Step One, thus bonding herself to the floor like a gum wad on a hot sidewalk.

Fortunately, Anne was not alone. Also in the house, thank goodness, was one of the most useful companions a person can ever hope to have: a small dog. Specifically, it was a Yorkshire Terrier, a breed originally developed in England to serve as makeup applicators. A full-grown "Yorkie" is about the size of a standard walnut, although it has more hair and a smaller brain.

Anne's dog, named Cleopatra, saw that her owner was in trouble, so she immediately ran outside and summoned a police officer.

No, seriously, Cleopatra did what all dogs do when their owners are in trouble: lick the owner's face. Dogs believe this is the correct response to every emergency. If Lassie had been a real dog, when little Timmy was sinking in the quicksand, Lassie, instead of racing back to the farmhouse to get help, would have helpfully licked Timmy on the face until he disappeared.

So anyway, when Cleopatra decided to help out, she naturally also became stuck in the glue. But again, luck was on Anne's side, because also at home were her two daughters, ages 9 and 10, who, realizing that the situation was no joking matter, immediately, in the words of the Capital article, "began laughing hysterically."

Eventually, with their help, Anne got unstuck from the floor and was able to lay the tile. But she still had glue all over herself. So, according to the Capital article, "she called a glue emergency hotline, but no one answered."

I don't know about you, but that sentence disturbs me. I think somebody should check on the glue-emergency-hotline staff. I picture an office reeking of glue fumes, with whacked-out workers permanently bonded to floors, walls, ceilings, each other, etc. Come to think of it, this is also how I picture Congress.

But getting back to Anne: Still trying to solve her personal glue problem, she called a tile contractor. During this conversation, the glue on her body hardened, such that (1) her right foot became stuck to the floor, (2) her legs became stuck together, (3) her body became stuck to a chair, and (4) her hand became stuck to the phone.

"I had to dial 911 with my nose," she is quoted as saying.

When the rescue personnel arrived, they found Anne still stuck. The rescue crews were serious, competent, highly trained professionals, and thus, to again quote the Capital article, they "laughed until they cried."

Once they recovered, the rescue crews were able to free Anne by following the standard procedure for this type of situation: licking her face.

No, seriously, they freed her with solvents, and everything was fine. Anne got her new floor and saved herself \$700, which I am sure more than makes up for suffering enough humiliation to last four or five lifetimes.

So the bottom line, homeowners, is this: Don't be afraid to tackle that tile job. Just be sure to have a dog handy.

Dave Barry's column is distributed by Tribune Media Services.

Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery



Stephanie Womack, left, teaches reading to second- and third-graders at Crockett Elementary School and helps students with homework at Casa de Amigos. Stephanie volunteers through AmeriCorps; in return AmeriCorps will give her a scholarship to the school of her choice. Stephanie, who originally was going to go into business and management, now plans to teach.

AmeriCorps volunteer ...

... Stephanie Womack

It's easy to tell when Stephanie Womack comes down the hall toward the third-grade classroom at Crockett Elementary School, where her day begins at 8:15 a.m. You know it by the sudden rise in the volume of high-pitched voices.

"Miss Stephanie is here! Miss Stephanie!" they yell, and then the hugs start. Stephanie is 5 feet 9 inches tall, so most of them really have to stretch to reach around her waist and unless she bends down they hug one of her long legs.

"It's always exciting to see those kids, especially when I see that they're doing good," Stephanie says. "I'm not a morning person, and sometimes I really drag, coming to school, but not when the children start yelling. They really get me going."

She will have these kids for 45 minutes, during which time she will try to give them the kind of help with phonics and the alphabet that will stick with them and make reading easier.

Later she'll go through the process with second-graders and after school, she'll go to Casa de Amigos, where she'll help with homework.

She says the thing she strives for is to have them feel the delight in books that she felt when she was their age.

"I used to cry every night for my mom to read me one more book, and she'd read to me, then I would read to her. When I was older, I would read to my sister, who is five years younger than I am."

"I loved Michael Jackson when I was a kid, but the one thing I loved more than watching Michael Jackson was having my mother read to me."

"I know that a lot of those kids (who come to Casa) don't have mothers or big sisters who can read to them and that hurts me. I don't want them to see me down."

Stephanie works through AmeriCorps, tutoring kids who are sent to her when they are identified by their teachers to be at least one year behind their acceptable grade reading level.

This is her second year with the AmeriCorps

Educational program, an apprenticeship model based on the GI Bill concept: if you do something for your country, your country will do something for you. In exchange for her volunteer work, she will be awarded scholarship funding at the college of her choice. She also receives a small living allowance and health insurance, which is a big plus because Stephanie is a single mom. In some cases, she would also be eligible to receive child care assistance, a benefit that Stephanie has chosen not to pursue since her mother takes care of her 2-year-old daughter, Nya.

Stephanie graduated from Permian High School in 1993 and went to Odessa College then moved to San Marcos, but came back to the Permian Basin in 1998 when she needed a job. She said her original interest had been in business and management, but a friend, a student at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, had told her about the AmeriCorps program.

Casa de Amigos' AmeriCorps programs cover five areas: tutoring children and adults, parent education, assisting senior citizens, health and dental education and social service.

Stephanie said she had her reservations when she signed on.

"I had never considered working with kids before," she said. "At first I thought I would just tutor the kids, do the community service and that would be it."

"My first year, I worked part time and went to school. (AmeriCorps awards lesser scholarships for part-time workers.) But I hadn't counted on having the kids get to me the way they did."

"I started reaching deep, trying to find ways to make them want to learn to read, and getting involved with the parents, and before I knew it, I was loving it."

Stephanie said she is often the one the children confide in.

"They'll come to me when they have a fight with their best friend, or when someone says something that hurts them."

Stephanie is also the one they confide in when

the electricity or the water have been turned off at home.

"When I have a down day, all I have to do is think of some of those kids and what they go through every day, and then I brighten up."

"One little girl came to me last year, and said, 'Ms. Stephanie, I don't want to read because my big sister doesn't like to read.' I started out reading her little simple books, not trying to make her read at all, but after we got a routine going, she began to get interested and she got to be a very good reader."

"She's in fourth grade now and she looks a lot happier. She still comes to me for homework help and I make sure she gets it right. I also let her know all the time that she can talk to me."

Stephanie says she knows now that her career is in teaching, and for that she can thank AmeriCorps.

"I've changed so much since I started this program. I was very shy as a child and very selfish," she said. "I'm so involved in the community now and we worked on Make a Difference Day and I was involved in the Youth Summit; I've learned about a whole wide world right here."

In less than a month, however, Stephanie will end her days with AmeriCorps.

She will graduate on Dec. 22. She hopes to return to San Marcos and use her scholarship at Southwest Texas State University, but she says leaving her kids here won't be easy.

"I've gotten so used to seeing them and hearing them say, 'Ms. Stephanie is here!' and I know I'm going to miss that."

She says she wants to make sure that no matter how busy she gets with her school and her job, that she will always have time for Nya.

"Nya is a very advanced child," she said. "She can spell her name and turn the computer on and off, and every night we read a different book. I want Nya to be involved in the community."

"Being a member of AmeriCorps has gotten me ready for the world, and I want Nya to be ready, too."

Children learn true meaning of Christmas through giving



AP Photo Clayton Lillard, 12, left, checks a scooter wheel as 7-year-old Andrew Guido, center, and his brother, Matt Guido, 12, work on other bikes Tuesday, Nov. 21, in Clayton's backyard in San Antonio. Clayton's Backyard Crew repairs donated bikes and gives them to needy youngsters at Christmas time.

By Rudolph Bush
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Bicycles, broken if not forgotten, lie by the dozens on the damp back lawn of Clayton Lillard's home.

There is the chrome one propped against the fence, rusted at the handlebars and missing a front tire. There is the pretty pink one with the busted back wheel, big enough for a toddler but hopeless of repair.

Near it rests a banana-seated relic, complete with long sloping handlebars and an unshakable air of nostalgia.

Add the dirt bikes, the racing bikes, the cruising bikes, the hybrids built from dozens of sundry parts, and the picture of 11-year-old Clayton's Christmas project comes into focus.

For a second straight year, the boy, knees muddy and wrench in hand, is leaning over these bikes so that come Christmas, the children of prisoners will have them as presents.

"It makes you feel good, and you have a lot of fun doing it," Clayton said of his project as he gave a tire tube a working over.

Last year, he and his "crew," really a passel of neighborhood buddies, set a goal of fixing up 25 bikes for the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree charity.

By the time they were done, they had quadrupled the goal, shipping out 100 bikes.

This year, he hopes to do even better. His mother, Vicki Gil, said he will need more donations of children's bikes that are in reasonably good shape, plus money to buy parts.

Although Clayton and his buddies are the labor, Gil is the driving force behind her son's generosity.

Each Christmas, she insists her children do something to help the poor — a requirement Clayton considers "pretty cool."

The idea to repair bikes, however, was Clay-

Please see GIVE/2C

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Humor to start
your week ...

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In-laws puzzled by cool reception during holiday visit

d. However our daughter-in-law

IN-LAW
DEAR PUZZLED: You appear to be gracious people. I'm not sure the problem is yours, and giving you any pointers seems beside the point. If she usually behaves that way during your visits, your daughter-in-law may have insecurity or self-esteem issues that make it difficult for her to entertain houseguests, or she could simply be a

In the past when my parents wanted to see the children, transportation would have to be provided to get them here. Rosie didn't want the children to fly, so Mom and Dad had to drive both ways. My brother helped with transportation when he could, but it was mostly up to my parents to provide it.

I cried when I read her letter. Her kind, loving words touched me and helped to heal a part of me that has been empty and aching. You see, I recently celebrated the 10th birthday of my son, whom I placed for adoption.

— **SMILING IN THE CAROLINAS**
DEAR SMILING: I'm pleased that you found that letter comforting. You — and all birth mothers who have given up their children — deserve a star in your crown for having made the most unselfish (and painful) decision a parent can make.

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

Star lit on mountain serves as visual reminder

County Commissioner Buck Lemons

Ross designed the star on his computer and bought the steel tubing to build it. "We laid that thing out in my back yard and welded it together. We built it in three pieces so we could haul it up that steep mountain road on a trailer. We put it together once we got it upon the main

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

GIVE: Kids still looking for donations from the public

Two years later, Clayton's project has rubbed off on his lit-

Ashleigh's project, which

For more information or to offer donations, please call (210) 690-8631.

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Gulf Coast Navy helicopters return to normal flights

Riehl said his squadron's first official day in the air was Nov. 11, but two of the MH-53's are still grounded while a team from Stratford, Conn.-based Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. installs the new systems.

Paul McCartney:
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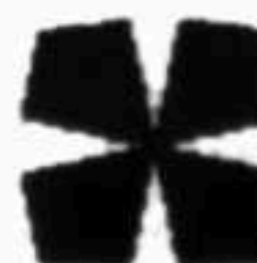
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OBITUARIES

Polly Kellogg

Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Kellogg was born August 10, 1926, in Houston, Texas to Mary Fuqua Pollard Watts and Benjamin Franklin Watts. She grew up in Houston, Texas, and attended Lamar High School, University of the South, Southwestern University, and the University of Texas in Austin. On Aug. 21, 1952, she married Niran E. Kellogg in Houston. In Midland, she was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, Junior League, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, and the Symphony Guild. She was active in the Altar Guild, chairman of the flower guild, and was a volunteer in the Head Start Program.

Survivors include her husband, Niran E. Kellogg of Midland; two daughters, Betsy K. Clements and her husband, Ed, of Austin, and Julia K. Montgomery and her husband, Steve, of Midland; and four grandsons, Ross Montgomery, Mason Montgomery, Ferris Clements, and Ben Clements.

Mrs. Kellogg died Saturday, December 2, 2000, in a Midland retirement home.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, December 4, 2000, in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.



Graveside services will be Wednesday, December 6, at 11:30 a.m. in Glenwood Cemetery in Houston, Texas, with the Reverend Stockton Williams officiating at both services. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

The family wishes to thank Home Hospice and the staff of Mabey Health Care for their loving care and many kindnesses.

Graveside pallbearers will be Leroy Capps, Francis Winters, Robert Powell, Charles Stehr, Steve Montgomery, and Edward Clements.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

DEATH NOTICES

Harold Goodson

Harold Goodson, 63, died Saturday, Dec. 2, at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, in Crestview Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry Ashlock officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 20, 1937, in Childress.

In the mid-1950s, he had a band, "Hal Goodson and the Raiders", which released several recordings that are currently being re-released in England. He worked for Fields and Co. of Odessa and Amarillo, retiring June 1999. He was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Goodson and Nellie Fromm Goodson; and a sister, Naomi Gupton.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Lee Duncan Goodson of Midland; four children, Cynthia Mills of Midland, Mark Goodson of Bedford, Marsha Etter of Lubbock and Robin Horst of Grand Prairie; a brother, Marion Goodson of Hobbs; four sisters, Pansy Johnson and Patsy Wylie, both of Dallas, Mary Cox of Bosque Farms, N.M., and Lena Ford of California; and nine grandchildren.

Ulys Barber

Ulys Pratt Barber, 88, died Sunday, Dec. 3, at his residence.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gale Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 23, 1912, in Sherwood.

He moved to Midland at a young age. He was a member of Bellview Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Dian Wilkerson of Midland, Priscilla Pense of Cedar Park and Beverly Cowan of Round Rock; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702.

Thelma Shepperd

ODESSA — Thelma Wheat Shepperd, 81, died Saturday, Dec. 3, at an Odessa hospital.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the chapel of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors with the Revs. Cecil Maxey and Jeff Franklin officiating. Burial will follow at Rosehill Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 30, 1919, in Eastland County.

She moved from Ranger to

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Odessa in 1947. She managed the pick-up station for Troy Laundry and Cleaners, now Odessa Cleaners. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Midland.

Survivors include a son, Derrell Shepperd of Magnolia; a daughter, Vickie Banks of Midland; two brothers, Lee Wheat of Ranger and John Wheat of Grand Saline; a sister, Pat Herrington of Salado; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Hattie Hall

ODESSA — Hattie Marie Hall, 89, died Saturday, Dec. 2, at a Midland hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Terry Pierce officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memor-

ial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

She was born May 19, 1911, in Fonde, Ky.

She moved from St. Louis, Mo., to Odessa in 1970. She was a nurse's aide. She was a Baptist. Survivors include a daughter, Othelia Swinney of Odessa; three sons, Jerry Hall of San Diego, Calif., Henry Hall of Tulsa, Okla., and Sherrill McCarty of Vermont; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Robert Humble

Robert Humble died Saturday, Dec. 2, at a local retirement home.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

'Legend of Bonnie and Clyde'

Tour offers glimpse into outlaws' lives

By Renee C. Lee
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Silk flowers and a fresh yellow rose adorn the grave of outlaw Bonnie Parker as if she died just months ago.

The sentimental displays left by admirers don't surprise many of the visitors who have come to Crown Hill Cemetery in north Dallas this chilly Saturday. Most are history buffs fascinated by the dangerous lives of Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, gunned down by law officers more than 60 years ago.

Some in the group of 35 take pictures and scribble notes as their tour guide, author John Neal Phillips, explains why Parker's body was moved here from a west Dallas cemetery in 1945.

The grave is the last stop on the "Legend of Bonnie and Clyde" bus tour, which begins at Dallas Fair Park and winds through west Dallas, where the gangster couple lived, worked and often hid from the law.

The tour also stops in Irving, where they narrowly escaped a police ambush, and Grapevine, where the couple and a member of the Barrow gang shot and killed two Texas highway patrolmen.

The four-year-old tour is sponsored by the Dallas Historical Society and runs once a year in April. But so many people signed up this year that the society decided to set up a December run, said executive director Lisa Hemby. The group may consider offering the tour twice a year regularly.

"Their notorious love story is about everything that Dallas is known for," Ms. Hemby said. "It's about money and the rough-and-tumble Southwest."

Bonnie and Clyde were so popular that more than 20,000 people came to view Clyde's body at a downtown Dallas funeral home in 1934, Hemby said.

The society asked Phillips, author of "Running with Bonnie and Clyde: The Ten Fast Years of Ralph Furts," to help develop and guide the tour.



Phillips collected most of his information through firsthand accounts from Furts, who was a member of Bonnie and Clyde's gang, and Marie Barrow, Clyde's sister. Both have since died.

Phillips said he thinks most people are intrigued by Bonnie and Clyde's romance, but their life was far from romantic.

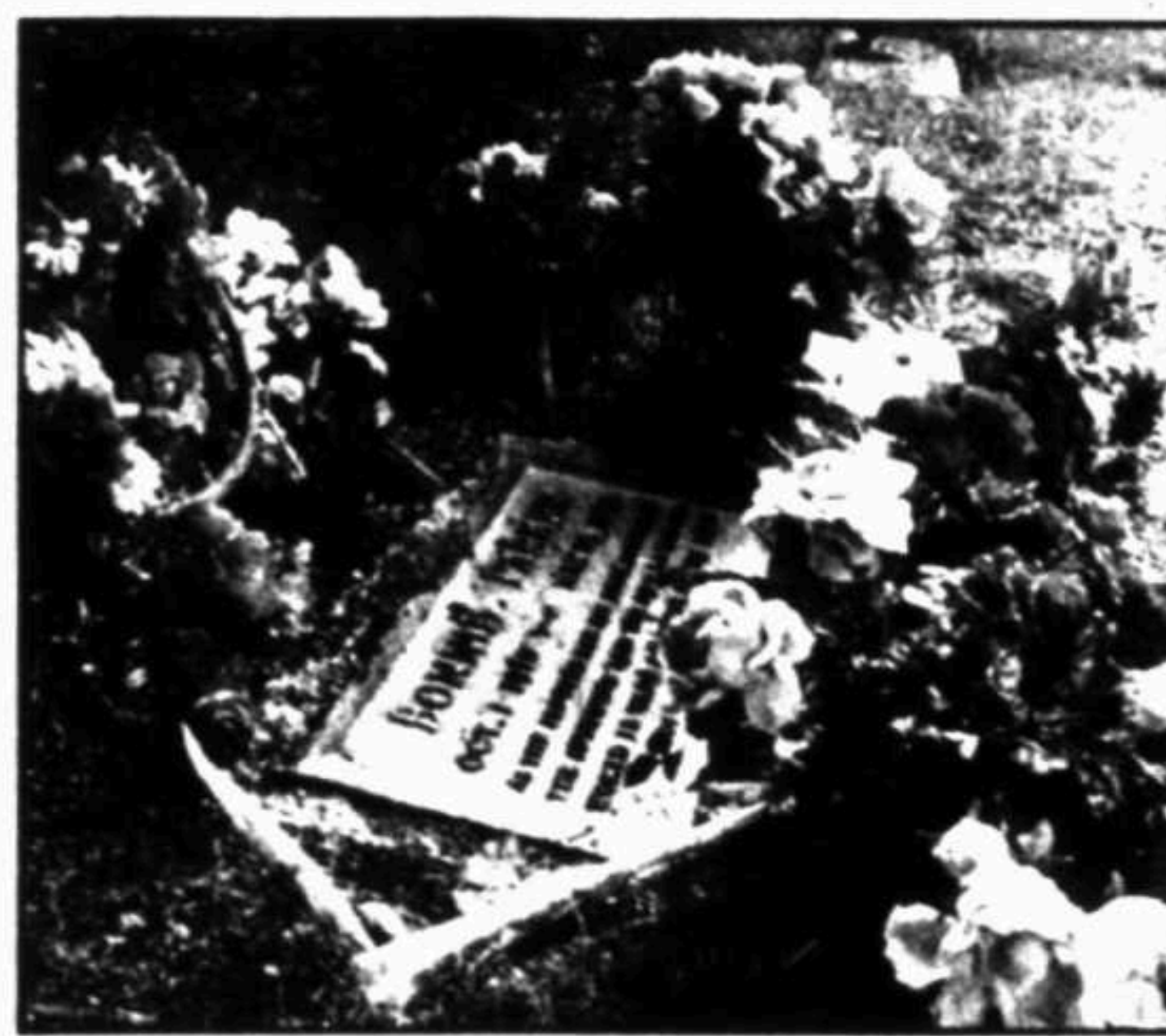
"It wasn't fun for anybody," Phillips said. "They were a young girl and boy going up against whatever odds until the end because they knew they would die."

Bonnie and Clyde met in January 1930 when both were 19 and fell in love at first sight, Phillips said.

Soon after, Clyde was sent to prison for burglary and auto theft. In 1932, Bonnie smuggled a gun into a Waco prison where Clyde was held and he later broke out.

For the next two years, Bonnie and Clyde robbed banks, stole cars and outsmarted the law. They died May 23, 1934, when law officers ambushed the couple on a rural road in Louisiana.

The tour offers glimpses of their short but



AP Photos
LEFT: Guide, and author, John Neal Phillips, front right, looks at the grave of outlaw Clyde Barrow as he talks to the "Legend of Bonnie and Clyde" tour group in Dallas Saturday. ABOVE: Silk flowers and fresh cut roses adorn the grave of outlaw Bonnie Parker Sunday in Dallas, one of the stops on the tour.

fast lives through anecdotes and sites of key events.

A small shopping center near downtown Dallas formerly housed Hargrave's Cafe, where Bonnie once was a waitress. She often took lunch to the workers at a laundry business next door because they weren't allowed to leave their stations, Phillips said.

On north Winnetka stands a green-and-white frame duplex where Clyde and police had a gunfight on Jan. 6, 1933.

Jody Quillian, who skipped worked Saturday to take the tour, said he was glad to learn more about the gangster couple.

"I saw the movie of Bonnie and Clyde and I became a buff," said Quillian, a Dallas teacher. "I was drawn to their personalities when I read about them. Bonnie was very loving and needed a lot of love in her life and Clyde provided that."

Relatives press for answers in border graves investigation

EL PASO (AP) — Almost a year after a massive U.S.-Mexican search at a ranch purported to contain the bodies of more than 100 American and Mexican casualties of drug trafficking, relatives of the missing are pressing authorities for answers about the stalled investigation.

On behalf of the relatives of as many as 200 U.S. and Mexican citizens missing along the border, an international human rights group has written a letter to Edmundo Guevara, El Paso's top FBI agent.

"Your total silence on this tragedy hurts a lot of people. No one expects you to tell us secrets ... just to know that your office recognizes (the scope) of the tragedy," reads the letter from the Association of Relatives & Friends of Disappeared Persons, the El Paso Times reported Sunday.

Relatives of the missing said they are puzzled that investigators have not followed leads on other possible secret graves and why no Mexican police, who are

believed to have aided drug runners in the killings, have been arrested.

In November 1999, authorities converged at La Campana ranch in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, amid talk that the bodies of as many as 200 people, including 18 to 22 U.S. citizens, who were killed by drug traffickers had been buried there.

Many residents on both sides of the border hoped the ranch would offer answers about what happened to relatives missing for years. Instead, they were left with more questions when the two-month investigation ended Jan. 20 and authorities had turned up nine bodies — four from El Paso — and a drug laboratory at three sites.

Five suspects were detained, and in September, U.S. authori-

ties indicted alleged drug kingpin Vicente Carrillo Fuentes in connection with the bodies uncovered in the secret graves. Carrillo has not been arrested.

Guevara said the protesters were directing their questions to the wrong side of the border.

"There are sovereignty issues. I can't go across the border ... We assisted the Mexican government, and our role in that concluded," Guevara said.

"There's nothing the FBI can do except give the Mexican government the information," Gue-

vara said, adding that Mexican authorities have indicated Vicente Fox's new administration will continue the investigation.

Mexican investigators under outgoing Mexican Attorney General Jorge Madrazo said recently that they plan to continue working on the cases.

Jose Larneta, a top federal Mexican investigator, said his staff was looking into leads, but no search warrants on the suspicious properties have been executed.

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Jockey found dead at home

■ Chris Antley's death being investigated as a homicide.

By Beth Harris
AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Chris Antley, who rode Charismatic to victory in the 1999 Kentucky Derby and just missed winning the Triple Crown, was found dead at his home with a blow to the head.

Police said Sunday they were investigating the death as a homicide.

The 34-year-old jockey was found by a family member at 11 p.m. Saturday with "severe trauma to the head," police Lt. Richard Sandoval said.

He said no arrests had been made.

A friend of Antley's had gone to the airport to pick up the jockey's brother, and when they returned there was no answer at the door, according to Ron Anderson, Antley's former agent. "There seems to have been some struggle at the house," Anderson said.

Gary Stevens, a fellow rider and longtime friend who spoke Sunday with Antley's wife, Natalie, said he had been told it

appeared the jockey was struck in the back of the head.

"He seemed to have some fear that something like this was going to happen," said Stevens, who last spoke to Antley three weeks ago. "A lot of things he was saying were not making sense to me."

"I love Chris as a person and all I can say is that mentally he was just having a tough time. He had a lot of demons haunting him."

Antley's career was marked by frequent battles with his weight, alcohol and drugs. He lost his New York jockey's license in 1988, when he tested positive for cocaine and marijuana.

After entering drug rehab, he came back to win his first Kentucky Derby aboard Strike the Gold in 1991, then won the Derby and Preakness with Charismatic last year.

Natalie Antley, who is expecting the couple's first child, was in New York at the time of his death, Stevens said. The Antleys married this year and lived in Pasadena.

Antley stopped riding in March because of his ballooning weight, which the 5-foot-3 rider had tried to fight over the years with diet pills, fad diets and self-induced vomiting.

He finished second in his final race at Santa Anita on March 19.

"I know he had his problems, but he was a good kid," Anderson said. "He was a very kind and generous person."

Last year, Antley made yet another successful comeback from struggles with weight and depression to ride Charismatic, a lightly regarded 3-year-old. They missed winning the Triple Crown when the horse finished third in the Belmont Stakes, then pulled up just past the finish line with a broken leg.

Antley jumped off and immediately held the colt's leg until veterinarians arrived.

"He instinctively came to the aid of the horse. It was a very heroic and admirable circumstance," said Bob Lewis, who, along with his wife, Beverly, owned Charismatic.

Lewis said Charismatic might not have been saved without Antley's quick intervention. The injury ended Charismatic's racing career, but the horse is at stud in Kentucky.

"We just thought so highly of Chris," Lewis said.

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas paired Antley with Charismatic and called the jockey "a very, very talented rider."

Bryant's 38 leads Lakers past Mavs

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant scored 23 of his 38 points in the second half, and also had 10 rebounds and six assists Sunday night as the Los Angeles Lakers continued their domination over Dallas, beating the Mavericks 99-97.

Shaquille O'Neal added 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Lakers, who have beaten the Mavericks 20 straight times at home dating back nearly 10 years and won 35 of the last 38 games between the teams.

However, O'Neal was only 5-of-19 from the free throw line, and spent time on the bench late in the game when it was obvious Dallas wanted to foul him intentionally to send him to the foul line.

Dirk Nowitzki led the Mavericks with 25 points and 11 rebounds. Michael Finley scored 22 points and Howard Eisley added 14 points and 10 assists for Dallas.

Bryant, who scored a career-high 43 points two nights earlier, followed in a missed shot as the third quarter was ending to give the Lakers a 71-63 lead, and a 10-4 run put them ahead 81-69 with 7 1/2 minutes remaining.

With the Lakers leading 83-75, the Mavericks intentionally fouled O'Neal with 5:20 to play, and he missed both free throws, making him 5-for-17 in the game.

O'Neal then committed his fourth foul and was taken out, and the Mavericks scored the next seven points — five by Nowitzki — to draw within one point with 3:49 left.

But that was as close as the

NBA Roundup

Mavericks would get.

O'Neal returned to the game with 1:50 remaining — intentional fouls away from the ball aren't allowed in the final two minutes — and the Lakers leading 89-88. However, he was fouled with 1:36 to play after getting an offensive rebound, missed another two free throws, and went to the bench shortly later.

A Dallas turnover followed, and two baskets by Bryant made it 93-88 with 41 seconds to go.

Pistons 93, Wizards 87 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jerry Stackhouse returned after missing one game with the flu and scored 24 points to lead the Pistons to their third straight win.

Stackhouse, the NBA's leading scorer at 28.7 points per game, was 7-of-19 from the field and 8-of-12 from the free throw line. Chuck Atkins scored 16 points for the Pistons, while Ben Wallace added nine points and 14 rebounds.

Washington, which has lost four straight and six of seven, was without Mitch Richmond, who did not make the trip after injuring his left knee during Saturday's loss to Miami.

Felipe Lopez tied his career-high with 23 points, while Gerald King scored a season-high 16 points for the Wizards.

Suns 84, Trail Blazers 79 PHOENIX — Jason Kidd scored 23 of his 29 points in the second half and Phoenix closed the game with a 10-0 run.

The Suns fell behind 79-74 on Steve Smith's layup with 1:45 to play.

Cliff Robinson, who had 20 points, nine assists and seven rebounds, made a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 79-77 with 1:30 to go. Kidd's fourth 3-pointer of the second half gave Phoenix an 80-79 lead with 50 seconds remaining. His 16-footer with 15 seconds to go made it 82-79 lead.

The Blazers had a chance for a game-tying 3-pointer but Mario Elie knocked away Scottie Pippen's inbound pass and Shawn Marion sealed the victory with two free throws.

Rasheed Wallace scored 16 points for Portland, which had won four consecutive road games.

SuperSonics 118, Warriors 102

SEATTLE — Gary Payton scored a season-high 38 points and had 12 assists as Seattle overcame a 51-point effort from Antawn Jamison.

Jamison, a third-year forward, was 23-for-36 from the field and had 14 rebounds. It was the first time a Warrior scored 50 points since Bernard King had that many on Jan. 3, 1981, against the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Sonics beat the Warriors for the 10th straight time on their homecourt and improved to 3-1 under new head coach Nate McMillan. The Warriors are 1-9 on the road.

Ruben Patterson came off the bench and had 24 points and eight rebounds for the Sonics in 29 minutes.

Love captures Williams Challenge

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Davis Love III realized he was mostly an afterthought for the final round of the Williams World Challenge.

Playing in the twosome in front of Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia and the throng of fans following them, Love went rather quietly around the course Sunday, overtaking the two pacesetters with his second 8-under 64 of the tournament and winning by two shots over Woods.

"I knew when I walked off the course Saturday that it was a two-man race in the fans' minds. I said, 'I'll just play with Freddie (Couples) and have some fun,'" Love, who began the day four shots behind Garcia and three back of Woods, said after he finished at 22-under 266.

Woods shot 69 to finish at 20 under for 72 holes over the Sherwood Country Club course.

Garcia, who had held the lead or shared it with Woods since shooting a first-round 65, faded to finish third, with his 73 leaving him five shots back of Love.

Woods, the tournament host, couldn't muster a run after Love took the lead on the 10th hole.

"It just wasn't to be. At least I made it interesting with a few birdies, but Davis just had it going," Woods said. "He has been playing well, and he will be able to get over that hump."

"He shot two 64s; that says something."

Garcia and Wood both cautioned after the third round that Love — who was the only player near them — wasn't out of the picture.

"I said that Davis was playing really well but not making any putts, so I knew that he would be there," Garcia said. "But I really didn't expect him to shoot a 64." Getting his putter going after

struggling on the greens during his third-round 71, Love rolled in a 10-footer for eagle on No. 11, then sank another 10-footer for birdie on No. 15.

He had a bogey-free round, with six birdies and the eagle.

"After missing quite a few putts yesterday, I really didn't miss a whole lot today," he said.

The win in the made-for-television event was worth \$1 million to Love, who has gone more than two years without winning a PGA Tour event.

Love, whose 13 tour victories include the 1997 PGA Championship, began the day at 14-under. He took his first lead of the tournament with a 5-foot birdie putt on the 385-yard, par-4 No. 10 to go to 18-under. He padded his lead to two shots with his eagle on the 522-yard, par-5 No. 11, and stayed at least two shots in front of Woods the rest of the way.

UH women upset No. 9 Louisiana Tech

Associated Press

HOUSTON — University of Houston women's basketball coach Joe Curt told his team not to be intimidated by No. 9 Louisiana Tech. Freshman guard Chandi Jones listened.

Jones scored 32 points Sunday to lead Houston to a 71-52 upset over the Lady Techsters in the Houston Hilton/Hobby Classic.

Jones, a member of Team USA at the World Championships last summer, hit 11 of 20 from the field as Houston (4-3) blew open a close game in the second half.

"I was pumped up for this game," Jones said. "Coach has been telling us all week that we could beat anybody if we put our minds to it. And we did tonight."

Cathy Lida had 15 points and ShaRonda Lasater added 11. Each had eight rebounds for the

Lady Cougars. Takeisha Lewis scored 16 and Ayana Walker 12 for Louisiana Tech (6-2).

With the help of 3-pointers, including three by Jones, Houston outscored Tech 13-7 the last six minutes of the half to take a 34-29 lead.

Houston increased its lead to 38-31 in the first 2:15 of the second half. The Lady Cougars maintained that much of an advantage for the next four minutes before going on a 11-0 run — eight by Jones — for a 53-37 lead with 8:32 to play.

Houston's lead grew to 24 points when Jones' three-point play made it 71-47 with 1:22 to play.

"They played an excellent game. We were flat and we'll just have to go home and work on some things," Louisiana Tech coach Leon Barmore said.

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MOVING SALE! Bubble juke box and bubble wall speaker rock-ola, 1994, model CD-8, 100 CD capacity \$4,700 for both CD's not included. Pool table 4x8 Brunswick Orleans sold 2 thick mahogany based frame, walnut capped rails, classic leather 3-iron pockets, 3 piece 1 thick slate, registered and matched \$1,500. Small antique dresser/desk \$100. 3 stack bookcase \$50. 5 ft L shaped oak desk \$100. 2 20x24x2 high natural oak formal and tables \$60. Love seat pull out bed with matching ottoman, flower print \$200. Vita Force exercise machine \$75. Please call 694-2052.
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GARDENDALE PECAN- Buying and selling pecans. FM 554 Gardendale 550-7609.
432 Household Furniture
WOOD FRAME Day Bed \$100. Please Call 687-4638 for more information.
SECRETARY CHAIR and arm chairs, very good condition. \$75. Call 699-0963.
HELP ALMOST Sold Out Again. Let me sell your quality furniture and beautiful accessories. Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection. 3211 Wadley, 689-3536.

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PECANS, NEW Crop- Freshly shelled, 3 lbs \$18. Unshelled \$125 per lb. Orchard ground- irrigated trees 397-2286.
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NORMAN ROCKWELL Plates, too many to list. In time for Christmas. 694-6774.
UPRIGHT PIANO EBONY WURLITZER \$500. Please call After 5:00 weekdays. Anytime weekends 689-3965.
GREAT BEGINNER Guitar- Ibanez EX series, metallic green, six string electric. New bag \$250. 694-9375.
NICE CONSOLE PIANO \$600. Good shape! Must see! Please call 682-8818.
LARGE UPRIGHT Weaver Piano- Good condition! \$600 o.b.o. Please call 683-3873 for more details.
EVERETT CONSOLE Piano- good condition! Recently tuned. \$1,000. Call 697-9858.
YAMAHA U3 UPRIGHT Piano- Polished ebony. Excellent condition! \$575. Call 687-3567.
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LADY'S PLATINUM ring utilizing 2 marquise brilliant cut diamonds. 8 straight cut diamonds. and 10 round brilliant cut diamonds. This ring is cast in platinum and has an all brilliant finish. This ring can be seen at Houck's Jewelry at 216 Main, Midland.
SABLE MINK and brown leather combination wrap stroller made by Kossow's. Furs, size medium. 683-1045. 10:00am-6:00pm. Monday-Saturday. 694-8730 evenings.
LADIES-Blue Fox waist length coat (large). Excellent condition. No flaws. Lining solid \$500. 570-1027.

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BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8. Food, Refreshments 682-5511.
WHY PAY RENT? 10x12 storage buildings \$29.00 a month on remaining inventory. Delivery/financing available. 915-563-3108.
ANNUAL PERMIT for Moss Creek Lake. Immediate family get in free for 1 year. For information call 915-393-5246.
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AIRFARE BARGAINS anywhere Southwest flies! Unrestricted! 800-616-0846.
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GIVE SOMETHING SPECIAL for Christmas-Discus absolutely gorgeous pair of mated and breeding Pigeon Blood Discus. Each about 5 inches long and bright orange. Also Oceanic 55 plus show tank with hood, lights and an A miracle Denise at 682-0951.

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By Bruce Partain
Business Journal Editor

Progress at Midland's Advanced Technology Center (ATC) has been impressive.

In 1999, with assistance from then Chamber chair Buddy Sipes, Midland College and Midland Independent School District secured the empty shell of a former retail store at 3200 West Cuthbert Avenue.

By using an existing structure, the cost of building a state-of-the-art tech center has been greatly reduced.

After extensive remodeling and construction, the grand opening for the 80,000 square foot tech center was held in August 2000.

Almost 400 computers, 14 classrooms and a cooperative teaching arrangement between the college and local high schools

have created a superb learning environment.

But you haven't seen anything yet.

Phase II growth

Rebecca Bell, ATC director, is planning for 700 high school students and 1,500 Midland College students by fall 2001. Currently 150 high school and 500 college students are "beta-testing" the facility.

A key factor in the facility's growth will be completion of the ATC's Phase II renovation, which begins in January and should be completed by August 2001.

"This includes areas for automotive technology, welding technology, an industrial training center for automotive training, and additional Computer Assisted Design and Computer Assisted Manufacturing classrooms," Bell said.

Economic Development Tool

The ATC is a vital resource for economic

development. It provides workforce training for businesses already in the Midland area and for businesses that would consider moving in from the outside, if only a workforce could be found or trained.

The ready response room is part of Phase II. It is an area set aside that can be customized for a manufacturer or other business that needs to train new employees or demonstrate a new process to existing employees.

Also in Phase II will be a 98-person community lecture hall equipped with laptop computers, and another lecture hall equipped to transmit two-way classes to rural remote locations.

Bell said the Phase I areas are working well.

"College students are taking high-tech

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ATC: Center also offers customized training for companies

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computer classes for college credit," she said. "Other students are in continuing education. We also have about two business and industry classes per week with 20 to 30 students each. These include management training and computer applications training."

"We can accommodate up to 24 people in one room, with each person having their own computer," Bell said. "For example, we accommodated a training session for Texaco. They brought the instructor in from Denver, we provided the classroom and computers. We will always have a classroom dedicated to customized training and one to continuing education."

Funding

The ATC has been a community effort from day one. It continues to rely not only on traditional educational funding, but also grants from local foundations and businesses.

The entire facility will be completed and equipped for \$9.5 million. Of the \$6 million spent in Phase I, \$4 million was for acquisition and construction and \$2 million for equipment.

Funds for Phase II's \$3.5 million budget are still being secured.

"We met our million-dollar challenge with Wagner and Brown," Bell said. "We still need \$1.5 million. This week I'm finishing a \$900,000 grant proposal to the Economic Development Administration. I'm also pursuing other grants and private funding for the other \$600,000."

High School Classes

Classrooms are buzzing with a variety of courses.

"The high school students are taking four sections of business computer information systems," Bell said. "Each meets two hours a day, five days a week. A section of medical administrative office procedures also meets two hours a day, five days a week. We have an electronics class and a computer networking class."

Students in the computer networking class receive instruction preparing them to take the Microsoft A+ computer certification test, and the first certification for the Microsoft certified systems engineer.

"They can continue with the rest in college, also offered here at the ATC," Bell said.

A high school assistant principal is on-site to deal with any disciplinary problems. So far, that has been of little concern. "It's not like a regular classroom environment," said one instructor. "With one phone call, I can have them removed from the program. And the students know it."

College level

Computer maintenance courses are a big draw for college students, with two sections of 30 students each.

"That will increase in the spring of 2001 to three sections," Bell said.

Computer networking and computer applications and programming are also taught.

Non-traditional students

Barry Horseman, Director of Workforce



The Advanced Technology Center will begin Phase II of renovations in January 2001 and officials expect the project will be completed by the time classes begin in August.

Photo: Bruce Partain

Training for Midland College, says Midland businesses are already taking advantage of the facility.

"The Kent Companies are conducting their new-hire training here," Horseman said. "It's a 12-hour session on policies and procedures. They'll also do software training here in December for 40 people in the accounting area."

"We're also teaching Excel spreadsheet software for 28 Community National Bank employees, and Key Energy's new supervisors are training here."

Horseman is working with a group of state judges who may use the facility in April to train in computer software for certification.

Take a tour

Eileen Piwetz, Vice President of Institutional Advancement for Midland College, says the ATC is ready to be shown to business people. "We'll give tours to anyone interested in learning more about the ATC and possibly contributing," Piwetz said. "Once you see it, it makes all the difference in the world."

Piwetz says the ATC is giving Midland a boost in technical skills.

"The facilities, hardware and software are state-of-the-art," she said. "This is what the students can expect to see in future jobs and industries. They will leave here having skills that are in high demand."

The ATC is attracting more than just Midlanders. "Distance learning takes place through two way video networking," she said. "We are projecting to sites in Fort Stockton, Ozona, Greenwood and Rankin."

No fish story

ATC Advisory Committee Chair Doug Henson runs a real estate development company for a living. He sees the ATC as a place where life skills are taught.

"It is like the old saying," Henson said. "You can give a person a fish and feed him for a day, or teach him to fish and he can feed himself for a lifetime."

Henson says similar facilities in other communities are said to greatly reduce

dropout rates.

"It is an incentive for young adults who are not challenged in other settings to find their place," he said. "In return they have to make their other grades. That's a win-win deal. It is a place that if you're not college bound you find a skill to obtain a decent living in automotive, welding, electronics and computer sciences. It is right here in our back yard, with no dorm or travel expenses. This is a tremendous opportunity for the citizens of Midland to draw on for a reasonable price."

"We're hoping in automotive technology we'll be certified for many different auto makers, so dealerships across the southwest U.S. can come here for certification."

"With the overnight attendees, those type of classes will benefit our hotel, food and beverage businesses. So it certainly has economic development applications in a host of ways."

"I want to extend an invitation to anyone to come out and see it. There is an excitement I feel walking down the hallways,

seeing the labs

and the students. It is hard to describe. And I think the visitors are helping the program. The students enjoy being seen. They're off their regular campus, and they know it is a privilege. They've 'arrived' and they have to come up to the performance level of adults."

About the Advanced Technology Center

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Leadership Midland begins on high note

Leadership Midland's 44 members of the Class of 2001 began their first session by learning to work together as a team. Led by Mitch Moore, the class met at Washington Ranch, near Carlsbad, New Mexico, to tackle a high-level ROPES course.

The 'World's Largest Christmas Party'!

A Midland holiday tradition is set for December 7.

"Be sure to mark it on your calendar," said Jane Inskeep of the Midland Chamber. "That's the World's Largest Christmas Party, an annual event hosted by the Midland Chamber and held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Midland Center."

Last year more than 700 Midland Chamber members and guests attended.

This year, more than twenty Midland restaurants and caterers will offer mouth-watering samples of their menus. Event chair Debbie Bergen and her committee have planned a "Storybook Christmas" theme with oversized decorations, musical entertainment and a holiday-themed silent auction.

All Midlanders are invited, and business people are encouraged to bring business cards to exchange.

Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$7 in advance.

Soft drinks and a cash bar will also be offered. Holiday music will be featured.

A silent auction of Christmas gift items adds to the festivities.

"Midland Chamber member businesses have donated more than 100 items for our silent auction," Inskeep said. "We have wonderful framed artwork, beautiful decorator items, a brand-new wedding gown

and even a copy machine in excellent condition."

"If your company hasn't been able to organize its own Christmas Party, we suggest the boss buy a bunch of tickets and take the entire office to the World's Largest Christmas Party," Inskeep said.

"It's also a great client gift as well." That's Thursday, Dec. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Midland Center.

Restaurants and caterers offering sumptuous samples of their food and drink are Albertson's, All American Snacks, Blue Nile Water, Cattle Baron, Cheddars, Chick-fil-A, Clark's and Winford's Meats,

Cookie Bouquet, Domino's Pizza, Duo Delights, Gerardo's Casita, Graham Pharmacy, Hilton Midland, Holiday Inn, Main Events, Ol' Monterrey, Papa John's Pizza, Plaza Inn, Sam's Club, Smoothie King, Southwest Coca-Cola and the Telephone

Store. A cash bar will also be available.

Sponsors of the World's Largest Christmas Party are The Bosworth Co., First American Bank, First Service, Henry Petroleum, House of Printing, KNFM, the Midland Reporter-Telegram, Permian Distributing, Pipkin Funeral Home, Sam's Club, Southwest Airlines and Southwestern Bell, Southwest Coca-Cola.

WHAT: The World's Largest Christmas Party (Chamber's annual Christmas Mixer)
WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 7, 4 to 7 pm
WHERE: Midland Center
WHO: Open to the public
HOW: \$7 per ticket in advance, \$10 at the door

We're Having a Ball in Midland!

CVB Sales Department attracts events to Midland

By Brandl Tannery

The sales department at the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau has been working hard to attract new conventions and events to the city.

One of the areas Midland has been strong in cultivating is the sports market. Staff members recently attended two sports conferences, TEAMS 2000 and ASA.

The TEAMS conference, which stands for Travel, Events And Management in Sports, was held in Dallas and featured exhibitors from throughout the nation. Shura Lindgren, Director of Convention and Visitor Development, met one-on-one with several delegates from a variety of sports.

"Besides the 'traditional' sports like softball and soccer, which we host quite often, we are also trying to attract new sports, some of which can be accommodated in the new Scharbauer Sports Complex," Lindgren said.

Some of these new events include twirling, rugby, roller sports and extreme sports.

The group also attended the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) conference in Spokane, Washington.

"We are very pleased to announce that we won the bid for the Girls 16 & Under Class B Fastpitch Softball Tournament in 2002," Cynthia Button, Director of Sales, said. "This will bring an estimated direct visitor spending of over \$336,000 to Midland."

SBA Loan guaranty program climbs to a four-year high

By Tom Dowell

SBA District Director, Lubbock

Texas small businesses located in the 71 counties served by the Small Business Administration Lubbock District Office received \$64.3 million in financing backed by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) during the recently completed fiscal year. This dollar amount was comprised of 363 loan guaranties to businesses located throughout our district. Twenty-one percent of these loans were made in the Permian Basin. Values of the individual Permian Basin loans ranged from \$25,000 to \$935,300.

This is a four year high. The increased use of SBA loan guaranties in our area can be contributed to better informed borrowers, a greater marketing effort, more training and our many private and public sector

partners working together to expand the economies of our District. To these, we would like to express our appreciation.

The increase use of SBA loan guaranties is a trend seen through out the nation. As more people make the effort to enter the business arena; they have come to understand that the SBA loan guaranty programs are a useful tool to accomplish their individual goals.

FY 2000, the Lubbock District Office saw a more uniform submission of loans from throughout the District, from Amarillo, to the Permian Basin Area, down to Abilene and Lubbock; this was not the case in previous years. More loans are being received from all areas of the district, than any other time. People are learning that the SBA guaranty program is a means of reaching for their golden ring of opportunity.

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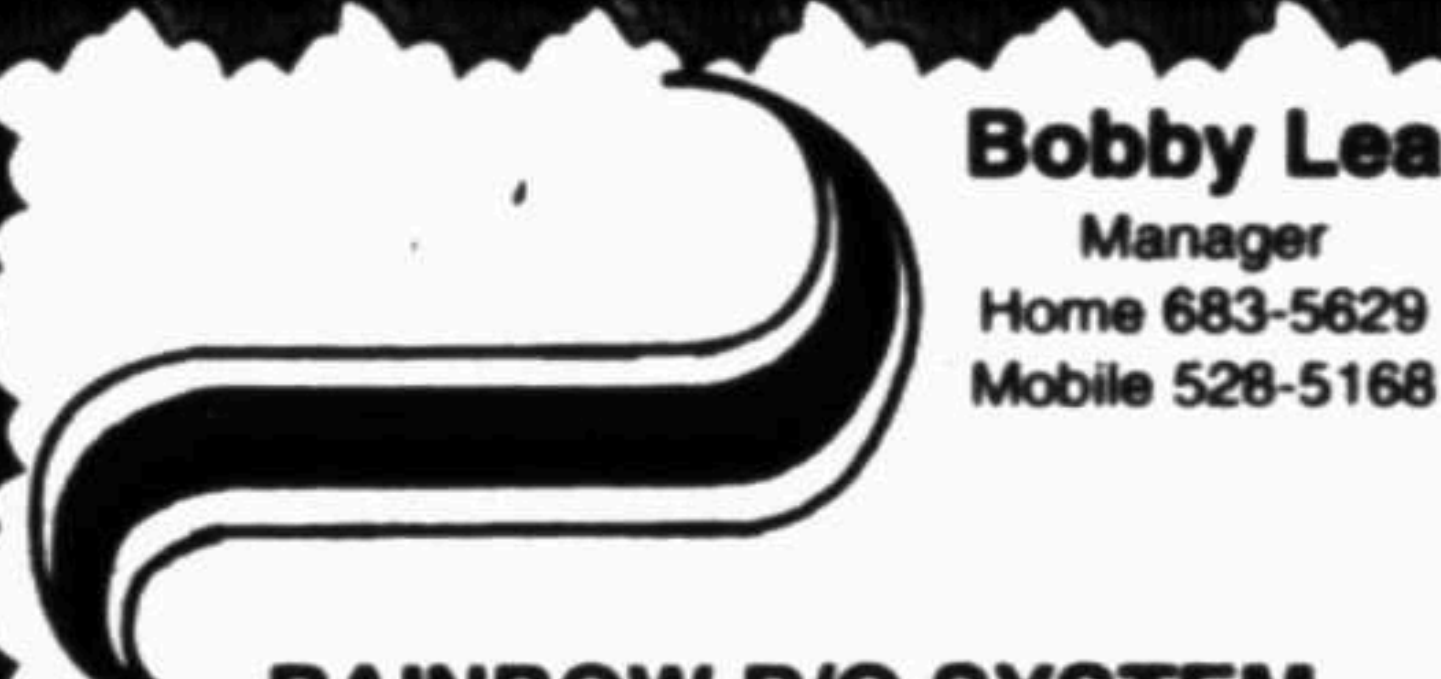
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Employee Honors

Chamber employees honored for service

Three employees celebrate anniversaries with the Chamber in December.

They include:

■ Rebecca Thomas, accounting assistant, seven years,

■ Lisa Worden, controller, nine years,

■ Bruce Partain, membership/communications manager, eleven years.

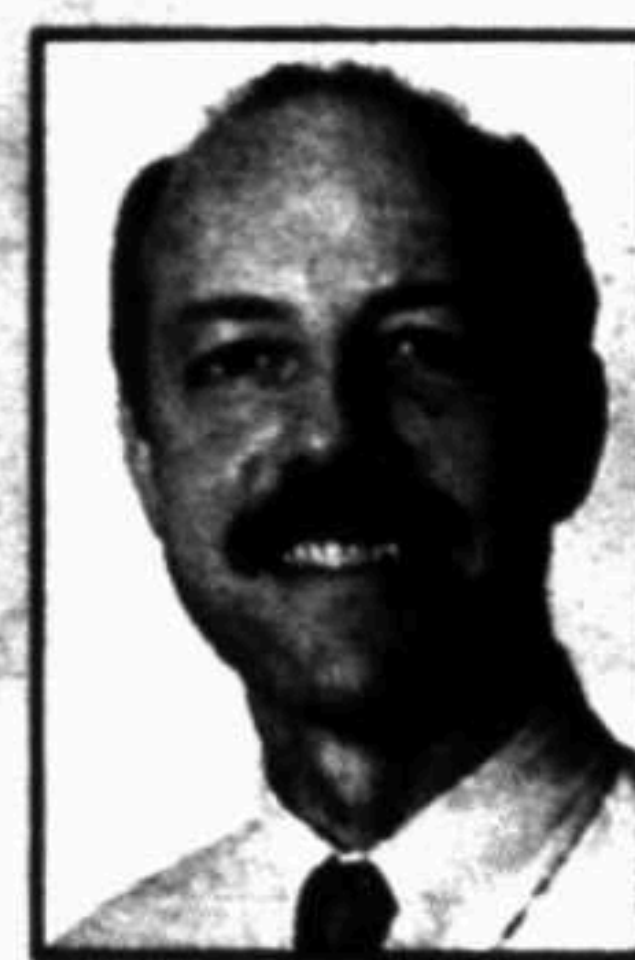
"We're delighted to have these experienced, dedicated employees working at the Chamber," said Marvin Wynn, Chamber President/CEO. "They each



Rebecca Thomas



Lisa Worden



Bruce Partain

have loyalty and professional attitude toward their vocations that make it possible for us to serve the community in so many different ways. My congratulations and appreciation to each of them."

Partain completes economic development course

Bruce Partain, Communications and Membership Manager for the Midland Chamber, recently graduated from the Economic Development Institute (EDI).

A three-session program of the University of Oklahoma, the Institute provides an advanced spectrum of education for the economic development professional.

The three sessions are typically scheduled over a three-year period, with each concentrating on a specific theme. Session One's theme was "Creating a Marketable Product," Session II was "Influencing Investor Decisions" and

Session III was "Current and Future Challenges."

As required for graduation, Mr. Partain researched a project entitled "Economic Analysis of a Proposed Local/Regional Manufacturers' Outlet Along Interstate 20 in West Texas," which is now available through the EDI library in Norman, Oklahoma.

Copies can also be requested by calling the Midland Chamber at 683-3381.

Begun over 30 years ago, EDI now has more than 2,300 graduates worldwide.

Member anniversaries

The Chamber thanks the following members for their long-term commitment to Midland.

Thanks to these businesses for their eight years of service as Chamber members:

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Midland Chamber will participate in ChamberBiz Internet portal project

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce recently unveiled a new Internet portal designed to serve small businesses.

Known as ChamberBiz, it is the only portal endorsed by the U.S. Chamber and the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Since launching the site in April, more than 300 Chambers have partnered with ChamberBiz to offer their members a one-stop option to access business tools and service. The portal provides news, information, educational content, resources and tools for the everyday challenges of running a business.

"We're excited to give our members

access to a wealth of resources to improve their businesses," said Chamber President Marvin Wynn.

Topics on ChamberBiz range from pending legislation to help on writing business plans and creating an online survey.

First time users of ChamberBiz need to register and enter the Midland Chamber name where indicated. There is no charge to register or use the service.

To access ChamberBiz, go to www.midlandtxchamber.com and click on the ChamberBiz logo.

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	OCTOBER 2000	SEPTEMBER 2000	OCTOBER 1999
CITY OF MIDLAND			
Residential Permits	7	11	11
Residential Valuations	\$699,600	\$1,055,250	\$1,139,985
Commercial Permits	1	3	5
Commercial Valuations	\$45,000	\$895,000	\$1,352,000
MIDLAND COUNTY			
Labor Force	59,729	59,562*	60,841*
Employed	57,213	56,727*	57,004*
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.8%*	6.3%*
ODESSA/MIDLAND MSA			
Labor Force	117,920	117,878*	121,159*
Employed	112,473	111,506*	111,406*
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	5.4%*	8.0%*
OTHER			
MAF Enplanements	41,457	36,794	42,745
	City of Midland	Midland County	Odessa/Midland MSA
POPULATION	99,186* (Estimate 1-1-99)	121,300** (1-1-99)	246,200** (1-1-99)
COMPOSITE CRIME INDEX	71 (U.S. =100)	76 (U.S. =100)	110 (U.S. =100)

Sources: Claritas, Inc.; U.S. Census Bureau; Texas Workforce Commission
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Lee Roy, 522-7272

December 8, 10 am
Desert Springs Medical Center - 9 year member
3300 S FM 1788
Christie, 563-1200

December 8, 4:30 pm
Steve Beggs & Associates - New Location
3316 Andrews Hwy.
Vickie, 498-5074

December 15, 11:30 am
March of Dimes - New Location
401 W. Texas #409
Doreen, 570-0172

If the shoe fits...

Midland Center being outgrown by its clients

By Brandi Tannery

Did you know that approximately 88% of women wear shoes that are too small for their feet? This can cause pain and discomfort...similar to that being experienced by the Midland Center.

With their limited space, the center is being forced to squeeze large groups into small areas. In fact, of the 17 cities considered to be competition to Midland, Midland Center is second to last in the total usable square feet. Midland Center only has 18,500 square feet, compared to Abilene with 42,500 and Amarillo with a whopping 270,000.

"The events we host are continuing to grow," Michelle Rudd, Office Manager for the Midland Center, said. "The Chamber's Business Expo, for example, utilizes all of our available space, both upstairs and downstairs. My fear is that as these types of events continue to grow, they are going to be forced to move to another location."

In 1998, the New Year's Eve party hosted by B-93 pushed the Center to maximum capacity.



"We had to lock the doors and turn people away," Rudd said. "We were forced to take this action in order to comply with the fire code."

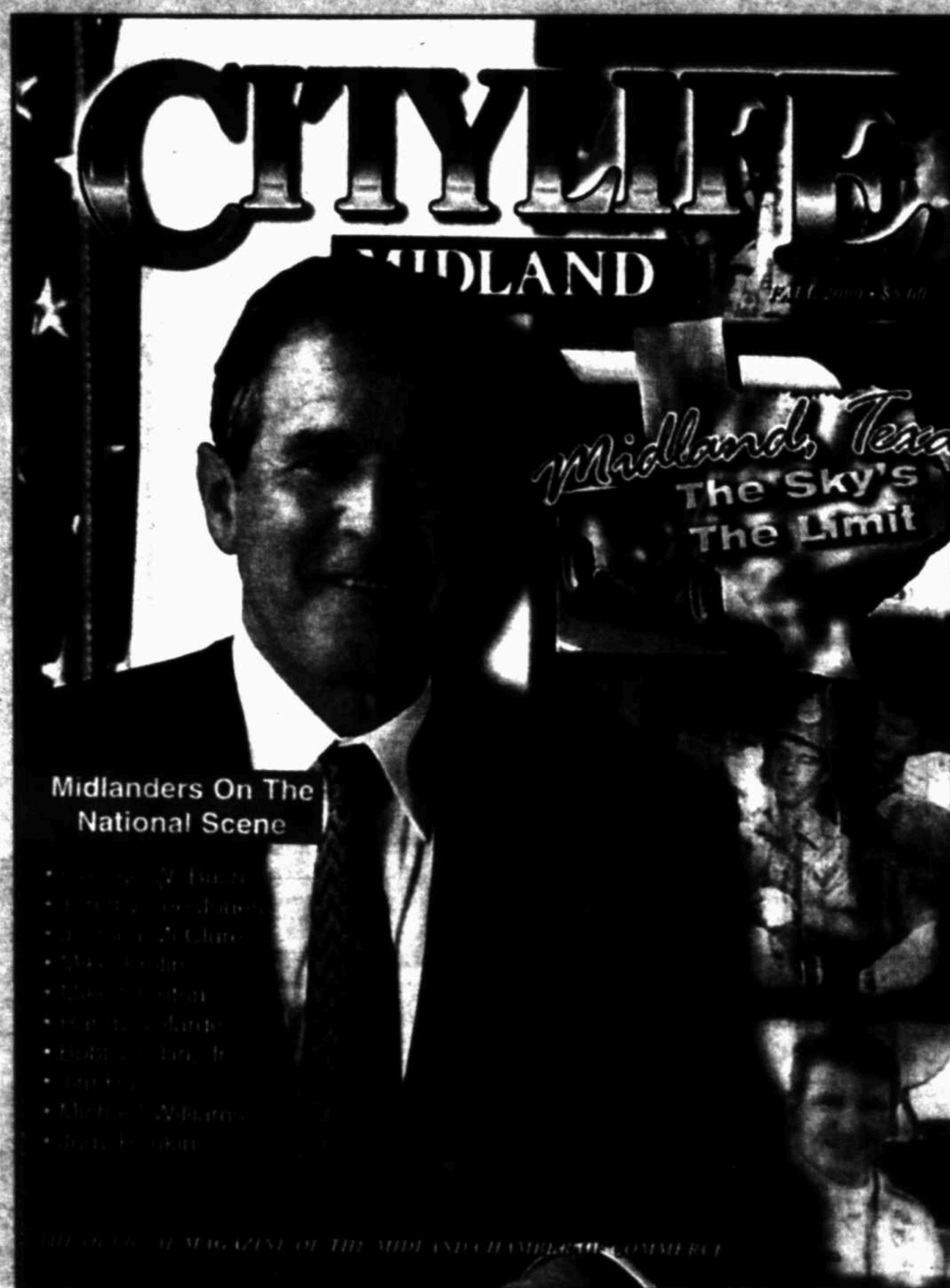
New statistics show that 24 percent of meeting planners are expecting to increase the number of meetings they hold.

"Without some sort of expansion being

done, it is going to continue to be very difficult for us to compete with the larger convention centers," Rudd concluded.

The annual Business Expo presented by the Midland Chamber of Commerce utilizes every bit of existing space at Midland Center, both upstairs and downstairs.

Photo by Bruce Partain



Midlanders On The National Scene

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- Mitt Romney
- Rick Warren
- Mark Warner
- Mike Huckabee
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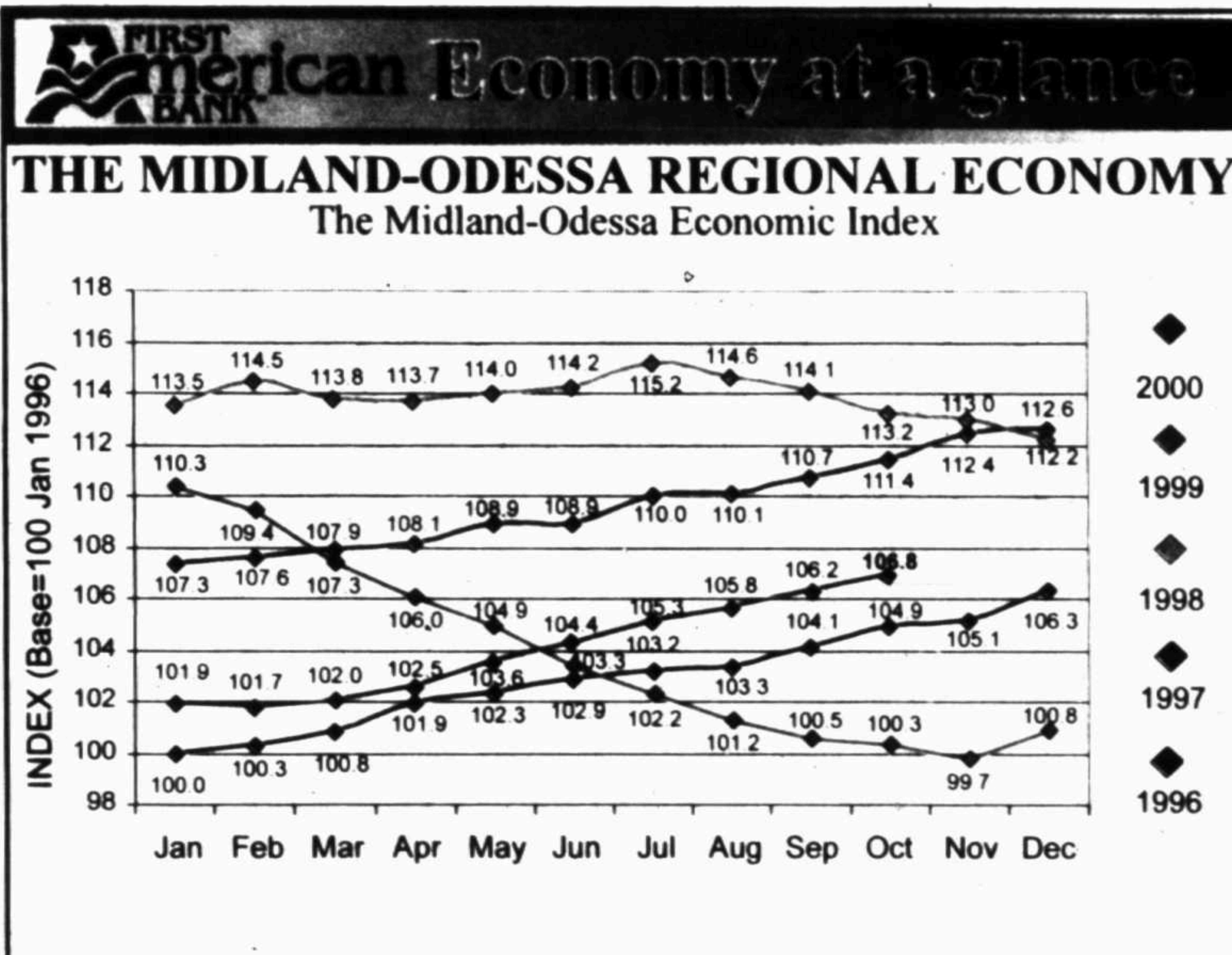
Citylife, the official magazine of the Midland Chamber, is often a keepsake publication. The current, Fall 2000 issue is a prime example. George W. Bush is featured in an eight-page full color spread, covering his childhood and adult life in Midland. Nineteen photos of Bush and his Midland homes capture the West Texas roots of the presidential candidate and governor of Texas. Cost of the issue is \$5. Copies are available at the Chamber office, 109 N. Main, The Haley Library and Barnes and Noble.

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The economy

Midland's employment, earnings growth lackluster compared to state

By Kevin Skipper

Midland County's workforce (i.e., workers covered by the state's unemployment insurance program, estimated by the Texas Workforce Commission to include at least 90% of all workers in the county) expanded at less than one-half Texas' rate between 1990-99. Additionally, Midland's nominal (non-inflation-adjusted) aggregate (total) earnings (NAE) grew at about 40.0% of the state rate during 1990-99. Midland's real (inflation-adjusted and expressed in constant 1998 dollars) aggregate earnings (RAE) rose relatively sluggishly during the decade. Midlanders reported remarkably high nominal (NAWE) and real (RAWE) average weekly earnings compared to the state in 1990. However, local earnings levels fell far behind Texas by 1999. The explanation behind these alarming employment and earnings trends lies primarily with the (1) progressive deterioration of a major source of jobs and earnings (i.e., low or falling energy prices) during much of the decade, (2) the resulting loss of oil & gas (O&G) and other high-paying jobs, and (3) inflow of comparatively low-paying employment opportunities.

Figure 1 depicts covered employment (CE) by industry. Midland County's covered workforce increased by 14.1% to 50,860 between 1990-99. Texas' labor force expanded a great deal more rapidly (29.2%) during the period.

In 1990 and 1999 Midland's largest industries included Mining (9,399), Services (8,599), Retail Trade (8,014), and Government (7,070). Midland County added 6,297 jobs during the 1990s. This gain denotes a 14.1% advance. Texas' CE jumped by 29.2%.

Midland County's nominal aggregate earnings (NAE) expanded by 36.2% to \$1.5 billion during the decade. Texas' NAE rose 87.1% during the same period. Each sector in Texas displayed higher percentage growth rates compared to Midland.

Midland's real covered aggregate earnings (RAE) rose 6.9%, while RAE advanced by 46.8% in Texas. Four Midland County industries show RAE declines. No Texas sector reported RAE declines during the decade. Sizable incongruities exist between industry-specific growth rates in Midland and Texas.

Midland County's overall nominal average weekly earnings (NAWE) gained \$92 or 19.4% (1990=\$475; 1999=\$567). Texas' NAWE strengthened much more (from \$437 in 1990 to \$633 in 1999 or a gain of \$196 (44.9%). NAWE expanded in all industries in Midland and Texas. Five Texas industries' numeric growth especially surpassed levels in Midland. After summing industry-specific differences in changes, NAWE in Midland fell short of Texas by \$104.

In 1990 the county's overall NAWE spread (i.e., difference in same-year, industry-specific earnings) surpassed Texas' by \$38. Texas' NAWE surmounted Midland's by \$66 in 1999. Relative NAWE figures in 1990 appear pronounced in four county industries, including Government (\$30), Manufacturing (\$24), Agriculture (\$24), and TCEGS (\$12). However, in 1999 no Midland industry's NAWE surmounted respective levels in Texas.

Figure 2 delineates real covered average weekly earnings (RAWE). After adjusting NAWE values for inflation, 1990 RAWE in Midland County equaled \$592 (8.6% above Texas' RAWE value (\$545)).

By 1999, Midland's RAWE dropped 6.3% to \$555 or 11.5% below RAWE in Texas. Two Midland industries (Mining=\$76 or 7.9% and FIRE=\$161 or 27.0%) sustained the preponderance of Midland's RAWE growth. Six county industries show declines, the most glaring being Manufacturing (-\$133 or -18.7%). All industries in Midland County reported modicum RAWE growth compared to growth rates in Texas.

Figure 1. Covered Employment by Industry.
Midland County: 1990 & 1999

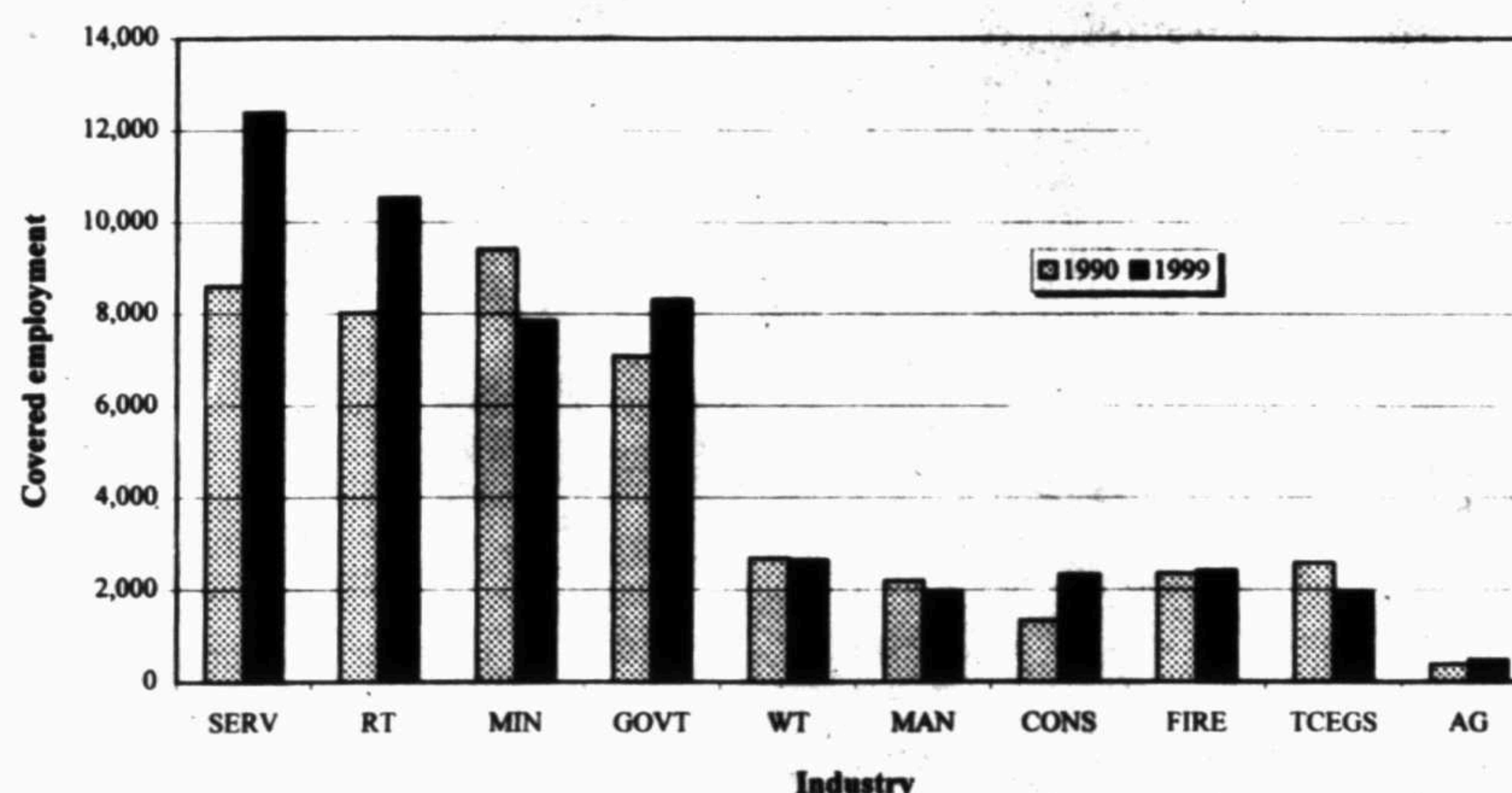
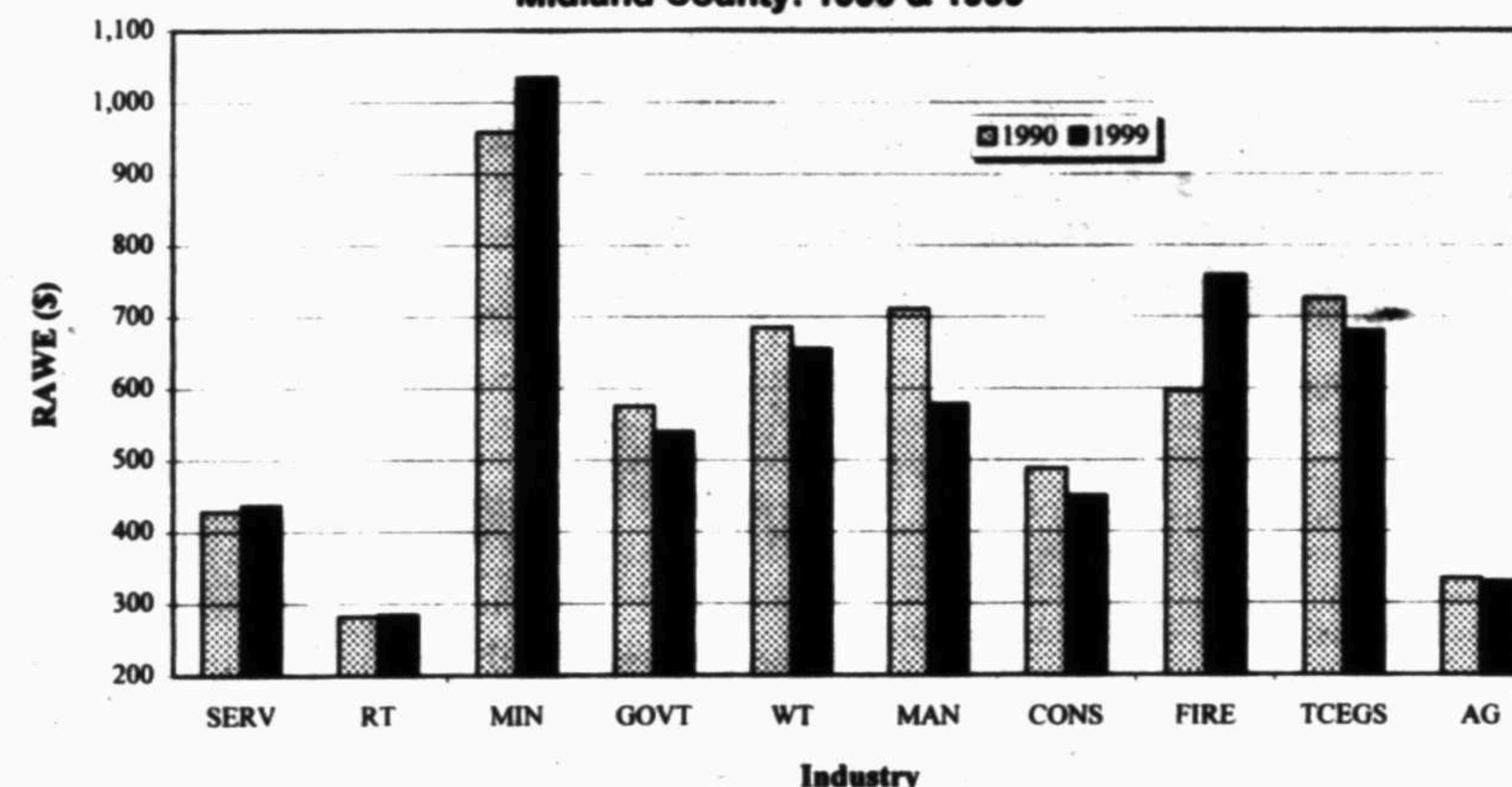


Figure 2. Real Covered Average Weekly Earnings by Industry.
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Four industries (in descending numeric order: Services, Retail Trade, Government, and Mining) employed three-quarters of Midland's covered workforce in 1999. We can refer to this group of industries as the "Core". Three Core sectors (excluding Mining) display hefty numeric increases in CE between 1990-99. Mining lost 1,559 jobs. Core industries produced extensive nominal and real aggregate earnings, as well as considerable numeric increases in NAE. Three Core sectors (excluding Mining) gained the highest numeric increases in RAE. Mining lost RAE.

The trends in EC, NAE, and RAE delineated above seem dire. However, when we scrutinize average weekly earnings (AWE) statistics, Midland's employment and earnings patterns, particularly those of the Core group, look decidedly grimmer.

Only one Core industry (Mining (\$1,057)) ranked in the top four industries for NAWE in 1999. Workers in Services (\$446), Retail Trade (\$290), and Government (\$551) ranked substantially lower than workers in the county as a whole (\$567). In fact, Services' NAWE equaled just 78.6%

of the county figure. Retail Trade's AWE level equaled 51.2%, while Government's equaled a respectable 97.1%. Mining earned 186.3%.

Bottom line: Midland County's workforce expanded considerably more slowly compared to Texas during 1990-99. Midland's CE appears concentrated in four industries. Aggregate earnings indicators depict generally anemic relative expansion in each sector. Average earnings indicators (superior measures of earnings because they delineate earnings per worker per week) exhibit pronounced numeric earnings levels in just one Core industry (Mining). The remaining Core sectors display low average numeric earnings and limited average earnings growth.

When compared to the state, Midland County's employment and earnings conditions look unremarkable.

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Chamber meetings

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December

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| 4 | Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee | 11:45 am |
| 5 | Executive Committee | 11:30 am |
| 5 | M-Squad Guidelines | noon |
| | downstairs conference room | |
| 7 | New Member Reception | 3 pm |
| 7 | World's Largest Christmas Party | 4-7 pm |
| | Midland Center | |
| 12 | M-Squad Luncheon | 11:30 am |
| 13 | President's Club | 11:30 am |
| 13 | Board of Directors | 3:30 pm |
| 19 | Midland Manufacturer's Association | 11:30 am |
| 20 | Retention/Expansion | 11:30 am |
| 26 | Membership Services | 4 pm |

January

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| 2 | Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee | 11:45 am |
| 9 | Executive Committee | 11:30 am |
| 10 | Economic Development Council | 11:30 am |
| 12 | M-Squad Guidelines | noon |
| | downstairs conference room | |
| 16 | Midland Manufacturer's Association | 11:30 am |
| 17 | Retention/Expansion | 11:30 am |
| 18 | M-Squad Luncheon | 11:30 am |
| 23 | Leadership Midland Alumni | noon |
| 23 | Membership Services | 4 pm |
| 24 | Board of Directors | 3:30 pm |
| 29 | Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee | 11:45 am |

CVB events

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with the booking and servicing of many events held in Midland each month.

Sporting events

- Dec. 7-9** Oilman's Classic Basketball Tournament (365)
Chaparral Center
- Dec. 8-10** Blast Soccer Club Coaches Classic Soccer Tournament (750)
Hogan Park Soccer Complex
- Dec. 27-30** Byron Johnson Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament (470)
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- Jan. 7-9** 2001 Texas State Boxing Championships (200)
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Conventions

- Dec. 5-6** Texas Women's Alliance Winter Meeting 2000 (20)
- Jan. 13-14** South Texas National Productions Ultimate Super Warehouse Sale (300)
- Jan. 4-15** Sams Family Birthday Celebration (70)
- Jan. 19-20** MISD 2001 State Academic Decathlon Meet (300)
- Feb. 2-4** Texas Amateur Softball Association Commissioner's Winter Workshop (100)
- Feb. 9-11** South Texas National Productions Spring Home Show (300)

The number indicated refers to the approximate number of individuals attending the convention.

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Ambassador of the Month

Dell Hoover took over the Ambassador of the Month position by earning 48 total points for October. Dell is currently enjoying some leisure time as Past Chair of M-Squad. She works part-time for Amera Travel and Clem George. Dell enjoys traveling and volunteering.



Dell Hoover

Each month the top five point earners

are recognized at the M-Squad monthly luncheon. Points are earned by attending assigned events. Events include ribbon cuttings, VIP receptions, special events and community gatherings. If you work for a Chamber member firm, enjoy meeting people and making contacts, and have the time to commit to this vital volunteer effort, please call Dawn Webster at 683-3381 for an application.

President's Club Top Achiever

James Beatty is the October Top Achiever for the Midland Chamber's President's Club.

He assisted two members in retaining their memberships.

A retired science and math teacher for MISD, Beatty has volunteered with the Chamber for the past two years. He taught at Alamo Junior High and Lee Freshman High. Born in North Platte, Nebraska, James grew up in Gulfport Mississippi. He graduated from Midwestern University and served four years in the U.S. Air Force.

James also volunteers for Community Concerts and is chaplain for the American Legion. When asked why he volunteers for the Chamber, he said, "I want to have an



James Beatty

effect on Midland's future."

James is married to Ann. They have two grown sons.

Also active in the President's Club in October were Charlie Jeffus of A.G. Edwards & Sons, John Lewallen of Big John's Limo, The Paper Clip and Do Rite Office Supply, Debbie Bergen of Debbie Bergen Promotional Products, Bob Price, Min Jones of Michael's Flowers and Dianna House of CompUSA.

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 Jan Inskeep or Bruce Partain at 683-3381.

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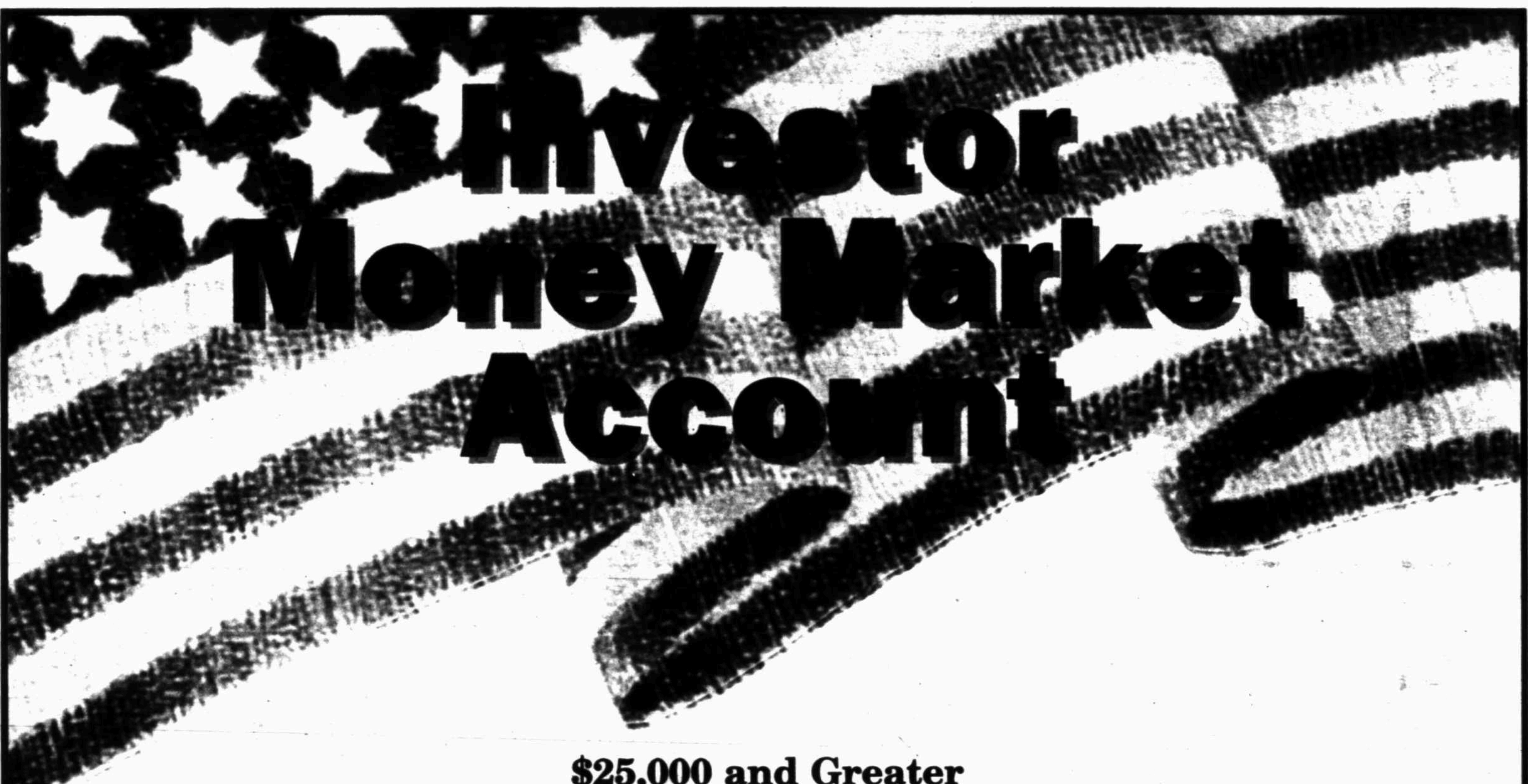
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