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Bush restoration to reflect 1950s family life



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Mayor Bobby Burns holds up a commemorative sign for Bush's hometown of Midland. Burns said he is appreciative of the board of Realtors who are heading up a restoration project of one of the homes used by the Bush family during the 1950s.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer
The prospects of the George W. Bush Childhood Home becoming a national Midland monument that would be restored precisely to its 1950s Bush years is making progress under sponsorship of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors. The concept has gained its non-profit corporation status through the Texas Secretary of State and is awaiting its tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service, said Bill Scott, a Midland Realtor who is president of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, Inc.
"We want it to be as detailed as it needs to be," Scott said of the restoration of the 1412 W. Ohio Ave. house, which was built in 1940 and takes in

1,492 square feet. Outwardly, the pier-and-beam house is distinguished by a front bay window and a broad chimney. Inwardly, it was the house that became the childhood home of the current United States president and the place Bush said he first learned family and community values from his parents, former President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush. The house is to be restored to its 1952-1955 appearance in detail, Scott said.
"It's going to be a very slow and methodical process" over a projected two-year period. The 233-member Permian Basin Board of Realtors is taking on the restoration as a project that was



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
President George W. Bush's boyhood home is pictured here at 1412 W. Ohio Ave. The Permian Basin Board of Realtors has set up a committee to head a project to restore this Bush home to its original appearance when the Bush family occupied it from 1952-1955. Projected cost of the restoration by professional restorers is estimated to be about \$400,000.

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Panel scrutinizes ex-presidents' perks

By Stewart M. Powell
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WASHINGTON — Sparked by the controversy over former President Bill Clinton's one-time quest for luxury office space in midtown Manhattan, Congress is preparing to cut some of the \$43 million spent on former presidents and their families each year. The biggest potential targets for congressional cutbacks are the retired chief executives' office expenses, including rent and staff salaries. The former presidents' pensions, lifetime Secret Service protection and taxpayer support for presidential libraries appear likely to escape the budget knife. All together, the benefits for former presidents and their families have cost taxpayers at least \$850 million over the last 25 years. Rep. Ernest Istook Jr., R-Okla., the new chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's panel with jurisdiction over federal spending on former presidents, says he is developing a standardized formula to govern the size, cost and purpose of office space that taxpayers provide former chief executives. Istook said Clinton's initial effort to lease 8,300 square feet of luxury executive office space at an estimated cost of \$811,000 a year exposed a loophole that Congress needs to close. "Sometimes it takes something like that to bring a problem to light," Istook said. After being chastised for his extravagant tastes in real estate, Clinton shifted his post-presidential office space elsewhere, selecting a suite of offices in Harlem at an estimated cost of \$210,000 a year. Istook is asking Congress' watchdog General Accounting Office to examine the office expenses of all former presidents, the purposes for which their offices are used and the number of staff needed by former presidents. The Oklahoma lawmaker, a possible candidate for governor in his home state in 2002, said



Former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy pose for pictures during a tour of the "Christmas Around the World" exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum Nov. 22, 1994, in Simi Valley, California.



Former President Gerald Ford holds hands with his wife Betty as the crowd applauds him following a tribute at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia on Aug. 1, 2000.



Former President Jimmy Carter speaks during a ceremony to transfer control of the Panama Canal to Panama after 85 years of United States control Dec. 14, 1999, outside Panama City.



Former President George H.W. Bush, center, arrives at the Kuwait International Airport with his wife Barbara on Feb. 24.

Photos by Associated Press

Clinton considers offer to speak with senators privately

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton is considering an offer to be questioned in private by senators about his last-minute pardons, an aide said Sunday. The Republican leading the Senate's pardons investigation said he thinks Clinton "may be inclined" to accept the offer, while the former president's spokeswoman said it was too early to say what might happen. Senate leaders, treading gingerly over the prospect of trying to compel Clinton's testimony about his 176 last-minute pardons and commutations, have suggested a meeting with Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and a Democrat as a way of "getting to the basic facts," Specter said. Clinton's spokeswoman, Julia Payne, responded: "With all due respect to Senator Specter, it is very premature to talk about what the president may or may not do." She said Clinton had no time frame for making a decision about the proposal. Specter, who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee's investigation, said he discussed the option with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., as well as the committee chairman, Republican Orrin Hatch of Utah, and other Senate leaders. He detailed the proposal in a letter to Clinton last week. Specter also said he had an "informal conversation" with Clinton's chief of staff, Karen Tramon- tano, and was told Clinton "is thinking about it." Payne said Tramon- tano had wanted more information about the offer. "I think as the facts build up, the president is evaluating it and may be inclined to come in," Specter said on ABC's "This Week." Committees in both the House and Senate are investigating whether the pardons, including one granted to fugitive financier Marc Rich, were linked to political contributions. Specter said he suggested "very professional questioning by me with another Democrat, if the president chooses, in an office, his



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Magnet school renovations could cost \$1.7 million

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer
Renovations for the two new magnet schools may cost as much as \$1.7 million. Magnet school renovations along with school uniforms and future plans for the Midland Independent School District will be up for vote during Tuesday's board meeting. The MISD Board of Trustees will vote on possible renovations for future magnet school sites — Washington Elementary and Pease Elementary. In the past, MISD Director of Gifted, Talented and Magnet Schools Patricia Maurer has said both schools are in need of some renovations. "We're reconfiguring spaces for labs," Ms. Maurer said, noting that Phase I of the renovations is due to be finished in August. "I don't have any doubt that we're going to be up to speed and ready to go." The magnet school facility budget report submitted to the board indicates nearly \$700,000 will be needed to renovate Pease and more than \$1 million will be needed to reno-

vate Washington. MISD Executive Director of Auxiliary and Construction Services Wilson Heidelberg said the last time both schools were renovated the buildings were completely gutted and made over. Washington had a full renovation in 1990, while Pease was last renovated in 1998. Some of the major costs at Pease will be for three new classroom additions with toilets which will cost \$456,000 and a production lab/technology lab renovation for \$67,000. For Washington, the new math lab and science lab construction will cost half a million dollars. Its second largest cost will be for asbestos floor tile removal, which will cost \$90,000. "We intend to do a first-class job of providing facilities on these campuses," Ms. Maurer said. In the proposal the construction is to be completed in phases. Phase I will cost \$638,225. More than half of the cost of Phase I will be coming out of MISD's board reserves. Phase II will cost \$1,094,275. According to Ms. Maurer, Phase I is for items that the schools need to have done, while

Phase 2 will not be put into place until next school year. Other renovations listed for the two schools are renovations for music labs, infrastructure for portable buildings, lab furnishings, campus landscaping, furniture moving, exterior lighting, Americans with Disabilities Act stage ramp construction, chain link fencing, a site marquee sign, a NASA satellite up link, a weather station, a tower and its installation and other miscellaneous services. Ms. Maurer, along with Heidelberg, both Washington and Pease principals, MISD Executive Director of Elementary Education Dorsey Rushing and the district architect James Riggan worked together to develop the facilities programming for the schools. Ms. Maurer will be going to the board Tuesday to ask for the trustees to fund this project. Also involving the magnet schools, the board will be voting on an amendment to the current district dress code policy that would allow magnet schools to be exempt from the school

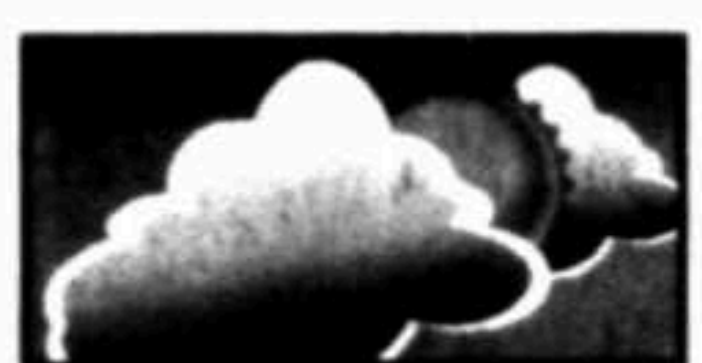
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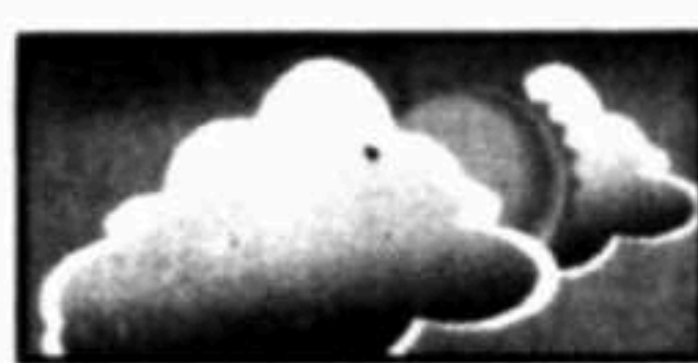
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 64
Low 36



Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 66
Low 37



Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 68
Low 41

For today, look for partly cloudy skies, with a high in the lower 60s and a north wind at 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, skies will be clear, with lows in the upper 30s and light, variable winds.

The forecast for Tuesday calls for partly cloudy skies. Expect lows between 35 and 40 and highs in the lower to mid 60s.

The extended forecast for Wednesday calls for partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers. Expect lows in the lower 40s and highs in the upper 60.

For Thursday and Friday, expect partly cloudy skies. Low temperature is forecasted to be between 35 and 40, and the high temperature in the upper 60s or lower 70s. Temperatures reached a high of 61 and a low of 38 for March 3. The record high for the day was 85 set in 1939. The record low was 19, set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday Trace
Total for month Trace
Total for year 1.93 in.
Normal total
(year to date) 1.10 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High 61
Low 37
Normal high 67
Normal low 37
Sunrise ... 7:12 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:49 p.m.

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uniform vote process.

Currently at MISD, only schools where parents have voted for uniforms must adhere to that standard. Ms. Maurer has contended in the past that a uniform vote would not work for the magnet schools because its student population is unknown. Unlike the neighborhood schools, the magnet school's population will be drawn from the larger Midland community making a vote difficult. Ms. Maurer also has said uniforms would provide the magnet school students with a sense of unity since they come from all over Midland.

The board also will discuss the possibility of moving district-wide with school uniforms. Originally brought up by MISD Trustee Charles Tighe, many board members have expressed curiosity about the idea of having mandatory uniforms from grades kindergarten through ninth.

"I was curious as to what authority if any they (Texas Leg-

islature) had to school boards to adopt a uniform policy as opposed to a particular school doing it," Tighe said in an earlier interview. "I really haven't made up my mind if I would vote to invoke that legislative authority. It's something I want to take a look at."

This idea already has started to draw criticism from some parents who believe the district may not be able to afford such a move. MISD, by law, is required to pay for uniforms for economically disadvantaged students. If there was a district-wide policy, MISD would be paying for uniforms for nearly half — or close to 10,000 — of the students in the district.

The board also will be meeting with superintendent search consultant Bob Thompson on March 8. Thompson will be presenting the trustees with a list of possible future candidates for MISD's soon-to-be-vacated top position. Superintendent Dr. Joseph Baresi will step down this summer.

RESTORE: Realtors put up money for purchase

(From 1A)

launched during the administration of Board President Jana Tucker, who had sought a community project.

While the Midland-Big Spring Realtors are "identified with the project, ... we are just sponsoring the project," Mrs. Tucker said. "We want the entire community and the entire Permian Basin to be involved" in the restoration.

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns, who is chairman of The Sky's The Limit Committee which has endorsed the project, recently told Scott that the Realtors "have our thanks and admiration. We want to help in anyway we can."

Burns cited three Midland houses in which the Bush family called home during their 1950s Midland years.

"I think it is incumbent on us to do what we can to preserve that valuable history that these homes represent," Burns said of the Bush houses. Beginning with the earliest, they are the 840-square-foot 405 E. Maple Ave. frame house on what was termed "Easter Egg Row" due to the pastel colors of the post-World War II houses; the Ohio Avenue house, and the 3,000-square-foot 2703 Sentinel Dr. brick house.

"These are homes of presidents, not just a president but presidents — plural," Burns noted. "It's a tremendous asset for Midland. The Sky's The Limit Committee is looking at ways to preserve it and create added value for our city."

Projected cost of restoration of the Ohio Avenue house by professional restorers could be an estimated \$400,000, Scott said. The cost could be more or less depending on "how much detail we go into in restoring the house."

"We don't have any intent of doing the project halfway," Scott asserted. "If it takes longer and more money, then that's what we intend to do."

Aside from seeking Midland and area support for the project, Scott said the corporation would ferret out grants, possibly including those for historical preservation from the Texas Department of Transportation.

"We are going to begin, probably in a month, a real strong fund-raising campaign," Scott said. "That campaign is going to be obviously from local folks and

also is going to include Realtors from across the country — the National Association of Realtors and the Texas Association of Realtors."

Restoration construction alone would be an estimated \$500 per square foot, he said.

"Do we dismantle the house completely or not?" he pondered. "We are going to restore the house to the 1952-to-1955 period."

The house's 2001 value for taxation as deemed by the Midland Central Appraisal District was pegged at \$31,010.

The Realtors are purchasing the house from its owner, Mark Edmiston, an American Cancer Society Dallas-based executive who in 1993, while living in Midland, had purchased the house and was then unaware of its Bush connection.

The corporation is to take ownership of the house for restoration by May 2001. Scott said the project's architect is Midlander Mark Wellen.

The Realtors were "really fortunate" in that Edmiston still has a "sense of pride in Midland and wanted to help the community and not take advantage of his situation," Scott said. While the house's purchase price was not disclosed, Scott said it was "very fair" and reflected a "fair-market value" without adding in the house's enhanced value as a historic home associated with two presidents and two governors. The younger Bush, 54, was the Texas governor before he resigned after winning the presidency in 2000, and his younger brother, John Ellis "Jeb" Bush, is the Florida governor.

"He has a real sense of community," Scott said of Edmiston. "We are very happy."

The Realtors' intent is to "buy the home, restore it and preserve it," Scott said. "We don't have any intention of keeping the house perpetually. We don't have the resources or capability to do that."

One possibility for the Bush house's future could be its association with the Midland County Public Library and its reading program, Scott noted. The president's wife, Laura Welch Bush, a Midland native, is a librarian by academic training and is an advocate of learning through reading.

Directors of the Realtors' Bush home include eight members of the Realtors board, Jana Tucker, Bill Scott, R.C. "Skeet"

Doss, Kay Sutton, Joanne Langston, Clayton Alexander, Darrell McDonald and Kerry Marker; an affiliate board member, Joe Campbell, owner of Lone Star Abstract and Title Company; and four community leaders, Jan O'Neill, friend of the Bush family; Dr. Charles Younger, physician-surgeon and friend of the Bush family; Jose Cuevas, Midland businessman and former Midland City Councilman; and Mike Bradford,

Midland County commissioner.

The Task Force chairmen on the Bush home project and their committees include Joanne Langston, fund-raising; Kerry Marker, restoration; Camden and Pat Chancellor, furnishings; Sandy Scott, historical research; Jana Tucker, marketing and communications; Bill Scott, disposition of the home following restoration; and a so-far unnamed person for funding-research.

Bush library in Midland: 'You've got to ask first'

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

While the George W. Bush Childhood Home project is moving ahead, there is possibly afoot Midland's initial groundwork for luring the prospective George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum to Midland.

His father's \$82-million presidential library and museum is on the campus of Texas A&M University at College Station. George H.W. Bush was the United States' 41st president and his son is the 43rd president.

Already, Baylor University in Waco and Southern Methodist University in Dallas independently are seeking to be site of the son's library and museum.

"It would be great if it could be in Midland but that will be up to the president," said Bill Scott, president of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, Inc., a non-profit corporation sponsored by the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

Of Midland making strides to secure the library-museum site, Eileen Piwetz, a Midland College vice president who serves on The Sky's The Limit Committee, said succinctly: "If you don't ask, the answer is always 'no'."

In pursuing the library-museum site, Midland Mayor Bobby Burns said, "If it is not realistic, it changes the amount of work you put into it."

Burns is chairman of the 20-member The Sky's The Limit Committee that was founded in 2000 to bolster Midland's

image and economic development since the city's "Rising Son" is now the U.S. president.

Marvin Wynn, president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce presented to The Sky's The Limit Committee a brief report on Midland's image related to the Bush presidency.

"Unless his presidency is marred by an unforeseen scandal, the Bush connection will be a powerful one for Midland," Wynn noted in the report. "It will be a point-of-difference that no other destination in the land can claim."

The Sky's The Limit's membership includes community leaders Burns, Ms. Piwetz, Wynn, Linda Bond, Roy Nelson, Joseph I. O'Neill III, Jan O'Neill, Lucy Woodside, Grant Billingsley, Meta Minton, Gerald Nobles, Robert Rendall, Mike Conaway, David Diaz, Bruce Partain, Joan Baskin, Nancy Wantuck, Berry Simpson, Keith Stretcher and David Daniel.

"At this stage, we don't know the chances of securing the Bush library-museum) and neither does Baylor or SMU," Burns said.

"What we've got to do is make preparations, put together a smaller group that has connections directly with the president and from that get a sense of what the president would like for us to do," Burns said.

"Certainly, Midland would love to have it. We want to pursue it if the president would like us to. It would be a tremendous asset for Midland whether it was at Midland College or in another (Midland) location."

PERKS: New law limits Secret Service protection of ex-presidents

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he plans to take action during the appropriations process later this year.

"I don't think you can just look at one former president," Istook said in an interview. "You have to have an overview of all of them."

Istook said he wants to design a formula that would resemble the guideline used by Congress to pay for lawmakers' offices back in their home states or districts.

"Right now there is no formula on the size of office space for former presidents," Istook said. "You can't have some hard and fast rule that strictly limits space. But we need to understand how the space is being utilized so we can determine what should be paid for by the taxpayers and what should be paid for by someone else."

Former presidents currently enjoy total freedom in choosing the location of their offices and the type of activities they choose to conduct from their offices. Free mail privileges are limited to non-political mail. Travel expenses are only reimbursed for "official" travel by the former president and up to two aides. This doesn't cover vacation travel.

The price tag for the office-related expenses this year amounts to almost \$1.8 million for all former presidents. But this perk is just a fraction of the generous package of benefits that has evolved since federal support began for presidential libraries in 1955, federal pension and office allowances began in 1958 and U.S. Secret Service protection began in 1962.

Costs are expected to increase, with Clinton's retirement on Jan. 20 giving the nation five living former presidents for only the third time in history. Clinton joins George Bush, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford.

The annual bill includes:

- \$806,000 for five presidential pensions of \$161,200 each;

- \$20,000 for a pension for a presidential widow, Lady Bird Johnson;

- \$1.8 million for office space, staff payroll and office expenses;

- \$16.3 million to operate presidential libraries for the five living former presidents;

- An estimated \$23.8 million for round-the-clock U.S. Secret Service protection for 11 people — five former presidents, their spouses and Mrs. Johnson, widow of former President Lyndon B. Johnson who died in 1973.

A last minute directive by Clinton before he left office also extended temporary Secret Service

protection to Chelsea Clinton, 21, daughter of the former president and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. He did the same for former Vice President Al Gore. Ordinarily the children of former presidents lose Secret Service protection when they turn 16 and vice presidents lose protection when they leave office.

Clinton also receives \$1.8 million to assist his transition to private life, including funds to lease temporary office space, pay staff and pay office expenses until he establishes a permanent post-presidential office.

Michael Nelson, a political scientist at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., and editor of Congressional Quarterly's respected "Guide to the Presidency," says the generous benefits package may be an anachronism.

Modern-day presidents enter retirement facing none of the financial hardships that beset former presidents in the past, such as Thomas Jefferson, who died with \$100,000 in debts, or James Monroe, who was driven by poverty from his native Virginia to live his final years with his daughter in New York.

"The original rationale for presidential pensions and taxpayer support was to help out former President Harry Truman who refused to cash in on having been president," Nelson said. But with former presidents being offered lucrative speaking engagements, book contracts and seats on corporate boards, Nelson said, "It's been a long time since somebody refused to cash in on being president."

Historian John Whiteclay Chambers II of Rutgers University says the ex-presidency has evolved into a "form of public office," adding: "Despite the growth of the office and of the sums of public funds spent on its maintenance, a former chief executive is under virtually no obligation to do, or not to do, anything at all."

Former Rep. Andrew Jacobs Jr., D-Ind., who fought perks awarded former presidents during many of his 29 years in Congress before leaving in 1997, says the "former presidency has become big business."

Jacobs, now living in Indianapolis, contends: "As a taxpayer, it just sticks in my craw that anybody who has been given such an enormous privilege to serve as president would do anything as tawdry as try to cash in on it. But these offices are nothing more than booking agencies for huge fees for speeches and

books."

Jacobs cites Ford's practice of joining corporate boards after leaving office; Reagan's controversial \$2 million speech-making tour to Japan; and Clinton's quest for high-paying speaking engagements and a book deal.

Former presidents have seen their benefits cut in the past. Congress agreed in 1997 to cut back on the lifetime Secret Service protection for former presidents and their spouses that began in 1965 after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The new law limits that protection to 10 years after the president leaves office, beginning with the current president.

The last former president to face an assassination attempt was Theodore Roosevelt in 1912, when he was seeking the presidency as leader of the Bull Moose Party. Protecting "the former," as Secret Service agents often refer to the retired chief executives, is often such numbing duty that the Secret Service prefers to rely on agents to volunteer for the assignment.

Secret Service protection often "becomes a glorified valet service," recalled former Secret Service agent William Bell in Ronald Kessler's book, "Inside the White House: The Hidden Lives of the Modern Presidents and the Secrets of the World's Most Powerful Institution."

Bell, who had been assigned to protect Mrs. Johnson, recalled: "There were times when I felt it was a waste of taxpayer money." In his book on the presidency, Nelson recalled that Mamie Eisenhower, who died in 1979 at the age of 82, "relied on her Secret Service agents mainly to take her to church and to run errands."

Congress also agreed in 1986 to limit federal subsidies for presidential libraries. Federal law requires presidential libraries to be built with private funds and then maintained and operated at taxpayers' expense by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

But Congress limited the space in presidential libraries that qualifies for full support by the taxpayers to 70,000 square feet. Many of the library complexes also include museums that highlight the accomplishments of the former presidents, as well as space to protect archives for use by researchers.

Congress also ended funding in 1987 for an 1860s townhouse that served as a guesthouse for former presidents one block from the

White House. The house had been used a total of 57 days over the previous eight years.

The latest move to cut costs comes at a time when the overall tab for former presidents is expected to escalate because the retirement of relatively young presidents means they could be on the federal payroll for years to come.

For example, Clinton, now 54, is the youngest former president to join the ranks of retired chief executives since Theodore Roosevelt left office in 1909 at the age of 50. Bush, 54, would be 58 after one four-year term or 62 after a second term.

The National Taxpayers Union estimates that over the course of their projected lifetimes as former presidents, Clinton and Bush could receive cumulative pension pay outs averaging \$6.9 million apiece — nearly twice the \$3.6 million average in pension benefits projected for Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush.

Long-term costs also are projected to soar because of the government's commitment to pay for maintaining and operating additional presidential libraries in perpetuity. The National Archives is spending a total of \$16.3 million this year to operate and maintain the presidential libraries of four living former presidents and to prepare documents for the Clinton library due to be completed in Little Rock, Ark., by 2003.

NARA also is spending \$27.1 million this year alone to handle the papers of seven dead presidents from Herbert Hoover, who left office in 1933, to Richard M. Nixon who left office in 1974. Maintaining presidential libraries has proven to be expensive: Taxpayers have paid \$27.4 million to maintain and repair the Hoover presidential library in West Branch, Iowa, over the last 25 years.

Susan Cooper, spokeswoman for the National Archives, calls the ongoing costs an investment in democracy. The collections of documents from 11 presidents include more than 300 million pages of material; 7 million photographs, 350,000 museum objects and 83,000 hours of disc, audio and video recordings — enough for around the clock listening and viewing for more than 9 years.

"The preservation of the papers of a president and his administration is really something that serves the interests of the American people and not any particular president because it enables citizens to make a judgement themselves about a president and the era in

which he served," Cooper said.

Stephanie Smith, an analyst with the Congressional Research Service, traces the roots of federal benefits for former presidents back to steel magnate Andrew Carnegie's offer in 1912 to provide a \$25,000 a year pension to former presidents.

But it wasn't until 1958 in response to the financial plight of Truman that Congress enacted the so-called Former Presidents Act to provide a \$25,000 annual pension, a \$10,000 annual pension for widows of former presidents and an office allowance of up to \$50,000 a year. The benefits have steadily expanded to include a \$161,200 annual pension tied to the annual salary of a Cabinet secretary; a \$20,000 annual pension for former presidents' widows, open-ended funding for office space selected by a former president, a \$96,000 annual allowance for office staff and \$1.8 million for the first eight months of a president's transition from the White House into private life.

In contrast to the past, when a former president such as Ulysses S. Grant had to write a death-bed memoir on his Civil War exploits to generate \$440,000 for his family, modern-day retired chief executives have their pick of financial rewards including service on corporate boards, paid speaking engagements or best selling books.

Within a month of leaving office, Clinton had made two speeches for reported fees of \$100,000 each. Within the past 18 months, the Clintons have purchased homes in Chappaqua, N.Y., and the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C., for more than \$4.2 million. Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush are millionaires.

One prominent New York City book agent says that Clinton could obtain as much as a \$20 million advance for a three-book contract that included a tell-all presidential memoir.

Former presidents have adopted a variety of approaches to their post-White House years. Ford, Reagan and Clinton seized high paying opportunities upon leaving office, whether by joining corporate boards, making paid speeches or signing lucrative book deals.

Carter opted to make his mark in international affairs, building the privately funded Carter Center as part of his presidential library on the campus of Emory University in Atlanta to serve as a base for his efforts to help negotiate the end to civil wars and monitor the fairness of elections in fledgling democracies.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — While announcements of job cuts, layoffs and corporate belt-tightening have shaken consumer confidence, economists say all the news does not spell gloom and doom.

Not conveyed, they contend, is that many cuts will occur overseas or will come through attrition and retirement — even over several years.

"The implication is you can go tomorrow and find these people walking the streets, and that doesn't necessarily happen," said Lewis Siegel, a senior economist specializing in layoffs for the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Layoff notices rose to 142,208 in January — the highest total in the past eight years, according to Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a private Chicago placement firm.

Appliance maker Whirlpool Corp. plans to make most of its announced 6,000 layoffs in Latin America, Europe and Asia. Most of the 300 North American jobs it wants to cut will be eliminated through voluntary retirement.

DaimlerChrysler's plan to shed 26,000 jobs will occur over the next three years and much of it through retirement programs, attrition and some phased-in layoffs.

Nortel Networks had already cut 6,000 of the 10,000 jobs it announced last month it would eliminate, and will minimize layoffs by not replacing workers who retire or quit. Verizon Communications said last month it expects to cut the equivalent of 10,000 jobs this year — mostly by not filling vacancies and cutting overtime and the use of contractors.

For those 142,208 announced cuts in January, overall payrolls increased that month by 268,000 new jobs, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The unemployment rate rose only slightly in January to 4.2 percent from 4 percent in December — the latest figures available.

Finding a new job is not the hard part for Mike Cook, 41, of Levittown, Pa., laid off two weeks ago at U.S. Steel's Fairless Hills plant where he worked as an electrician. He had only been back on the job about a week after being laid off previously for about 11 weeks.

Cook, a United Steelworkers of America union member, is hopeful he will get recalled again this time before his 26 weeks of unemployment compensation runs out. He worries about finding a new job that can come close to his benefits and pay. An employee for 13 years, he was paid \$18 an hour with a pension and good health and dental benefits.

He considered going to work for a contractor at the steel mill, but was not offered any health

care coverage or benefits. One of his three children is a special education student who needs medical care, so benefits are a must. His wife does not work.

"Most places want to have a no-strings-attached kind of employee," he said. "There are not a lot of big industries left in this country that are offering the kind of benefits and pay I'm making now."

Theoretically, laid-off workers have employment opportunities in the new jobs still being created. The services sector added 81,000 jobs in January, and hospitals and doctors' offices reported solid gains. So did construction, real estate firms and mortgage banks.

Many companies still have "help wanted" signs posted. A survey of second-quarter hiring plans by temporary staffing agency Manpower Inc. showed that 28 percent will need additional staff in the second quarter, while 8 percent plan cutbacks. The report, based on a survey of 16,000 businesses nationwide, showed that some 59 percent expected their work forces to be unchanged, and 4 percent were uncertain.

A year ago, 32 percent said they would hire staff, while 6 percent predicted cuts. Some 58 percent expected no change and 4 percent were uncertain.

Despite the failure of many dot-coms, technology companies still are hiring and expanding.

"The industry continues to grow, but just a lot more slowly," said Mark M. Zandi, chief economist for consulting firm Economy.com. "There were so many open positions going begging before the current problems, and now they're being filled."

Manufacturing in particular is seeing tough times. The sector was the hardest-hit in January, losing 65,000 jobs — the largest decline in five months and bringing total factory losses to a quarter-million since June.

Many of the layoffs being announced are in manufacturing. The gloom tends to get cast over the entire economy, but much of the bad news is relegated to one sector, said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

"These news items make splashy, perhaps even gut-wrenching headlines, but those headlines aren't representative of what's going on in the whole economy," he said.

The fastest-growing occupations through 2008, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, include computer engineers, computer support specialists, systems analysts, database administrators, desktop publishing specialists, paralegals and legal assistants, medical assistants and home health aides.

PARDON: Bush administration says move on

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office if he would like, getting to the basic facts."

Were Clinton to reject the proposal, Specter said he did not know what would happen. "Technically there could be a subpoena. I don't think that will happen," he said, citing the "sensitivity" of forcing a president to testify.

Today, the House Government Reform Committee was expected to get more details about large donations to the William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation, which is raising money for a library to be built in Little Rock, Ark. The committee already has received a list of the top donors, but was awaiting specific information, including dates of contributions.

Rich's ex-wife, songwriter Denise Rich, contributed \$450,000 to the foundation and

her friend, Beth Dozoretz, a former finance chairman for the Democratic National Committee, has pledged to raise \$1 million for the library project.

Dozoretz refused to testify before the House committee last week about her involvement in Rich's pardon, invoking her constitutional right against self-incrimination. Denise Rich also has refused to testify.

Noting the almost daily revelations about lobbying by political donors on behalf of pardon applicants, Specter said, "It naturally raises a question. It doesn't come to a legal conclusion, it won't stand up in court, but I think it is something that ought to be answered, and, again, only the president can give the answer."

Specter also said Congress may consider reporting requirements for private foundations like the one handling Clinton's

library fund-raising, and may look at more lobbying registration requirements for people who seek things from the president.

Meantime, Vice President Dick Cheney said the Bush administration was moving ahead with its legislative agenda and trying to avoid being drawn into the pardon controversy.

"We have not wanted to spend a lot of time on it. We have a lot of business to do: budgets, tax policy, foreign policy. And we'll let Bill Clinton and the Congress sort out what, if anything, they want to say about the pardons," Cheney said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

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Military faces grim task of recovering 21 bodies from plane wreckage

By Elliot Minor
Associated Press

UNADILLA, Ga. — Military crews battled slick, muddy conditions Sunday as they tried to recover the remains of 21 National Guard members killed when their twin-engine C-23 Sherpa crashed in a field in heavy rain.

Officials weren't sure how long the recovery would take because of deep mud in the area, which has had nearly 4 inches of rain over the weekend.

"It's a quagmire," said Lt. Col. Deborah Bertrand, a spokeswoman at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins that had tracked the plane.

Although the rain had stopped, winds were expected to force crash site crews to halt work overnight, said Faye Williams, a spokeswoman at Robins Air Force Base. "You're trying to get big flat beds, heavy equipment in and out," she said. "You don't want to have a problem with stabilization."

Three Florida Army National Guard personnel and 18 Virginia Air National Guard members were killed when their transport plane crashed Saturday morning south of



AP Photo

Military personnel ride all-terrain vehicles, brought in to get to the crash site of a military transport plane Sunday, near Unadilla, Ga. Twenty-one people were killed Saturday when the plane went down en route to Camp Pendleton in Virginia Beach, Va.

Macon and burst into flames. Officials said there were two debris fields: one 400-feet-by-400-feet and a smaller one about a quarter-mile away. On Sunday, skies were overcast and winds were strong as about 150 workers searched slowly through the

wreckage. "They're far more concerned with safety at this point, than speed," said Maj. Randy Noller, spokesman for the National Guard

Bureau in Washington. "Slippery mud makes it a relatively dangerous site."

The bodies will be taken to an Air Force casualty center in Dover, Del.

In-flight data and voice recorders have been found, but investigators don't know yet if they were working, said Col. Dan Woodward, an Air Force spokesman.

The Army Safety Center's investigation team from Fort Rucker, Ala., "will require a significant amount of time" to investigate the crash and determine the possible cause, Noller said.

"Obviously there was bad weather when the crash happened, but at this point we don't know if it was a factor," Noller said. "It's an obvious criteria to look at."

Air Force officials escorted reporters and photographers Sunday past dozens of muddy all-terrain vehicles and Humvees to a command post about a half-mile from the main crash site. The area could be reached only by a dirt road

marked by gullies carved by the heavy weekend rains. Water stood in ditches and fields that had been plowed 3 feet deep in preparation for spring planting.

The Lakeland, Fla.-based plane, assigned to the Florida National Guard's 171st Aviation Battalion, took off without any problems from Hurlburt Field near Fort Walton Beach, said Air Force

Capt. Carol Kanode, a field spokeswoman. The aircraft was headed to Oceana Naval Air Station, Va.

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7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
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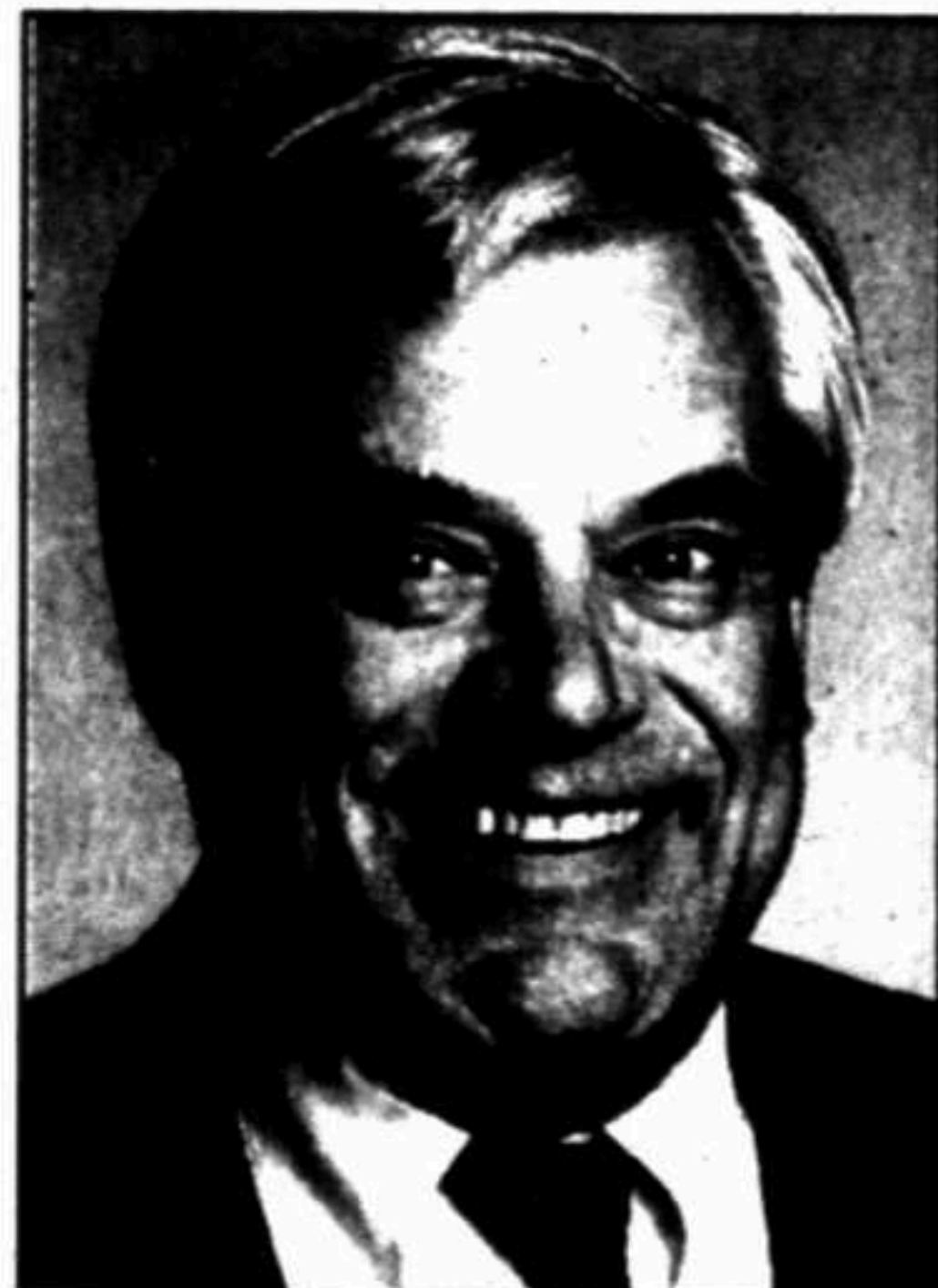
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Clinton ought to step forward and answer questions

Americans couldn't help but feel sorry for three of former President Clinton's top aides, called to answer questions under the scrutiny and hot lights of the House Government Reform Committee this past week.

Former Clinton White House Chief of Staff John Podesta, no longer on the payroll, has been a punching bag for Clinton's critics in recent weeks as he has steadfastly tried to thwart the national media's persistent pounding of his former boss. Beth Nolan, former White House counsel, appeared to be painfully truthful in her committee questioning and doesn't seem to have picked up the knack for legally reinterpreting sentence structure, an art the Clintons have taken to a new level. And longtime Clinton confidant Bruce Lindsey, the shadowy, Zelig-like Clinton alter ego, claimed to have been kept in the dark about the 11th hour decision to pardon fugitive financier Marc Rich.

All three said they had recommended against the pardon.

Admittedly Democratic fund-raising baroness Beth Dozoretz, close personal friend of Marc Rich's former wife Denise and the Clintons, is in a tight spot and it is hard to second-guess her wisdom at seeking protection under the Fifth Amendment rather than get herself into more hot water.

So we ask the former president, rather than traveling the country and shaking the money tree by keynoting at luncheons, why don't you head over to Congress, spare your friends the anxiety and clear this matter up once and for all? Lay it out for the nation in plain and simple language, something for which you certainly have a talent.

To what end?

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But we deserve to know the truth. We deserve to know the exact location of the low-water mark in the Clinton presidency. The voters of this country put Clinton in office. Ultimately, his actions reflect on us.

Clinton can try to shuffle the blame around. But can he honestly fault former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak or former Gore Chief of Staff and Rich lawyer Jack Quinn for his own disastrous decision?

There are certain questions that only Clinton can answer.

He owes it to the American people to step forward and come clean.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 5, the 64th day of 2001. There are 301 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 5, 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

On this date:

In 1849, Zachary Taylor took the oath of office at his presidential inauguration.

In 1868, the Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson.

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote, enabling it to join with the Nationalists to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died at age 73 after 29 years in power.

In 1963, a private plane crash near Camden, Tenn., claimed the lives of country music performers Patsy Cline, "Cowboy" Copas and "Hawkshaw" Hawkins.

In 1976, the British pound fell below the equivalent of two dollars for the first time.

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood. He was 33.

In 1986, in Lebanon, Islamic Jihad issued a statement saying it had "executed" French hostage Michel Seurat, who had been abducted almost a year earlier.

Ten years ago: Iraq repudiated its annexation of Kuwait. The Iraqis turned over 35 prisoners of war, including 15 Americans, to the Red Cross. An anti-Saddam Hussein uprising was reported sweeping city after city in Iraq.

Five years ago: Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole swept the "Junior Tuesday" primaries. Former Republican Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz, tangled in a financial mess that she blamed on her estranged husband, announced she would not seek a second term.

One year ago: Israel's Cabinet voted unanimously to withdraw its troops from south Lebanon by the following July. A Virginia subsidiary of PPL Therapeutics of Edinburgh, Scotland, the company that cloned Dolly the sheep, produced the first cloned pigs.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

Out of office, Clinton loses political compass

WASHINGTON — The mystery of the last weeks is that the Clintons seem to have lost their political compass. As the grand master of his generation when it comes to politics, Bill Clinton has fumbled since leaving office. Neither the former president nor the freshman senator from New York, Hillary Clinton, has been on course since their final days in the White House.

Hillary's political judgment has been clouded in the past, as evidenced by her failed health-care plan and her stonewalling on Whitewater, which turned a minor embarrassment into a major scandal. Her husband's counsel is not what she needs right now, but his presidency is a model for what she needs to do. Whatever the distraction, President Clinton convinced Americans that he was working on their behalf.

An anchor on one of the cable news networks wondered whether Hillary Clinton could recover politically in only six years. Granted, the new senator from New York has had a disastrous start. There was the \$8 million book deal, the

soliciting of silverware before the Senate gift rules kicked in, and the what-she-knew-and-when-she-knew-it about her husband's fire sale of pardons. In today's overheated political climate, six days — much less six years — are a political lifetime.

Hillary faces a balancing act that would challenge the Wallendas, the famed high-wire troupe. She's entwined with her husband for better or worse, yet she has to forge her own identity. Distancing herself from her husband makes her look cold and imperious. When the revelation broke that her brother, Hugh Rodham, had profited from the granting of questionable pardons, Hillary was forced to hold a press conference — never her favorite activity. If there's a silver lining, it may be her realization that as an elected official, she can't duck unpleasantness with a head held high and a curt "no comment" the way she did as first lady.

Clinton watchers have always marveled at the shifting power dynamic within the Clinton marriage. Hillary must have been furious at Bill for the frenzied issuing of pardons in their final hours at the White House. Given the ensuing controversy, the cost-benefit ratio was out of whack no matter how many hundreds of thousands of dollars may have made their way into the Clinton Library Fund.

But just as Hillary was feeling high and mighty

— the moral one, the organized one — the news comes about her younger brother. New York's Marist poll found that a startling 58 percent of Hillary's constituents didn't believe her claim that she was out of the loop on Hugh's lobbying. Now it was Bill's turn to console Hillary. Once again, they're drawn together by a shared political problem.

It must be maddening for Hillary to have voters question her truthfulness. That's supposed to be his problem, not hers. If Al Gore had trouble figuring out his relationship with Clinton, that's nothing compared to what Hillary faces. Gore's situation was short-term, the length of a campaign, and he failed miserably in separating the Good Clinton from the Bad Clinton and benefiting where he could.

It may be that the Clintons' political compass never was internal, but only external in the form of the personally flawed yet politically astute Dick Morris or the equally astute "Rajun Cajun," James Carville. Clearly, both Clintons need someone to whisper, "Yes, Mr. President, you have the right to grant pardons arbitrarily before exiting the White House, and, Senator, you have the right to ask for gifts before entering the Senate. You have the right, but it won't play in Peoria."

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HELEN THOMAS

Bush speech makes it sound too easy

WASHINGTON — President Bush's speech to a joint session of Congress this week made it all sound too easy.

We can have a big tax cut, better schooling, pay down the national debt and have a strong, well-funded military complete with a missile defense system.

He sounded like a man who had won an election mandate to proceed with his campaign agenda — not like the candidate who came in second in the presidential election by 540,000 votes.

When the applause had ended, it was clear that Bush wants his \$1.6-trillion tax cut to be the centerpiece of his first year in the presidency.

With a tax cut favored by both parties in Congress and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, the chances look very good for a tax slash this year. It will probably combine elements of the Bush plan and the Democrats' alternative. So while Bush will achieve his goal of a tax cut, it won't be as large as he wanted. In his rebuttal to Bush, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota pointed out — as did former Vice President Al Gore during the election — that the administration plan is heavily skewed to the wealthiest people in the nation. The richest 1 percent of the taxpayers would get 43 percent of the cut, Daschle said. Nice work, if you can get it.

It's very telling that neither Bush nor his top fiscal advisers have ever tried to defend against Democratic complaints that his tax plan gives the rich a windfall.

In fact, it's quite the contrary. In the president's view, since the wealthier taxpayers have to kick in the most money to the government, their rewards should be larger. He feels they earned it.

The Republicans have been trying to sell a big tax cut for years. In the 1996 campaign, GOP nominee Bob Dole touted a tax cut at every opportunity. Dole's single-issue focus didn't get him very far on Election Day.

Bush is now trying to fire up the American electorate with his tax cut campaign. Interestingly, he has had to portray an economy in the dumps — and argue that a tax cut is needed to get the economy revved up again. With the president of the United States talking down the economy, it's no wonder that consumer confidence

has plunged in recent weeks. Bush should take note of the reality that people give a presidential pronouncement much more weight than they do a candidate's campaign statement.

There apparently is some skepticism among Americans about the wisdom of a whopping tax cut. I think we learned from the Reagan administration's tax-cutting campaign that bad things can happen if we don't keep the federal budget deficit under control. One of the Clinton administration's major achievements was working with Congress to correct the budget imbalance that was aggravated by the tax cuts of the 1980s.

In his remarks to Congress, Bush clearly was trying a kinder, gentler approach. Even though he seems philosophically in tune with President Ronald Reagan, his conservatism hasn't reached the point where he would say that government is the problem, not the solution — as Reagan put it.

When you get down to it, Reagan really thought government was the root of all evil.

Bush's speech promised a little bit of something for everyone: Excellent schools, quality health care, a secure retirement, a cleaner environment, a stronger national defense with money left over to pay down the national debt by \$2 trillion and expand work opportunities for Americans with disabilities. He also promised that "no senior in America will have to choose between buying food" and buying prescription drugs.

The day after his address on Capitol Hill, Bush followed presidential tradition and hit the road to peddle his tax plan and to try to put public pressure on Congress.

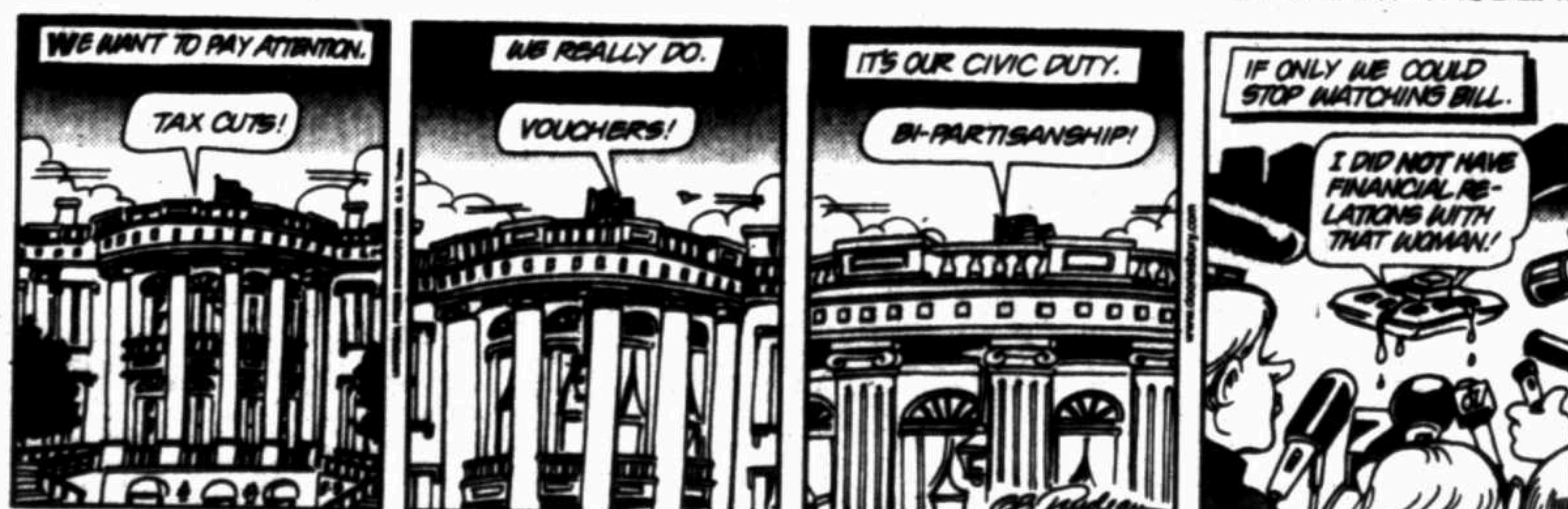
In Omaha, he told a crowd: "The surplus is not the government's money. The surplus is the people's money. And I'm here to ask you to join me in making that case to any federal official you can find."

Meantime, GOP leaders have tipped their hand, saying they will try to win quick passage of a tax cut on grounds that American workers, worried about layoffs, need speedy relief. Speaking of speed, the Republican-controlled House is moving with unusual rapidity and is expected to vote as early as this week on the Bush proposal.

Bush has laid down worthy goals. And it seems we're all going to live happily ever after. But it's best to wait to see the fine print in the budget figures that will be unveiled next month. Then, seeing may be believing — or maybe it won't.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

CHARLEY REESE

Does anyone win from focusing on global warming?

Here's how you whittle down a con job. Take the latest predictions from the United Nations folks peddling the global-warming theory. They just came out with a fearsome forecast of storms and pestilence and floods and drought for the years ahead.

Well, the first thing to think about is that storms, pestilence, floods and drought have been a constant in human history long before anybody dreamed up the idea of global warming. Predicting them is about like predicting that folks will grow old if they don't die first.

The second thing to do is to ask how these folks know what's going to happen 25 and 50 years in the future. They're not omniscient. They're not clairvoyant. Nobody else can predict the future, so how do these mugs do it? Well, the answer is simple: They run spreadsheet games on their computers. They call it modeling, but modeling is just a fancy spreadsheet.

Trouble is, they don't have enough data to predict the weather one year from now, much less 25 years from now. Furthermore, data are history, and history tells you what has already happened — never what's going to happen.

The fact that a summer is the hottest in the past 30 years (but not the hottest in the past 5,000 years) doesn't imply anything at all about future summers. Earth has a history of global warming and global cooling. In the past 300 million years, ice sheets and glaciers have melted and then grown hundreds of times.

Sensible scientists not trying to peddle a fraudulent scheme offer the following observations: Earth varies in its orbit and in its wobble, and although these are not noticeable to us folks, the variations can affect how much heat Earth receives. The fact is, our dear, old planet has regulated itself for a couple of billion years, and I figure it's going to go right on, balancing hot spells with cold spells.

Now, you might ask yourself, what is the motive behind all this effort to convince folks that the world is getting warmer and that drastic actions have to be taken right now to avoid the predicted bad consequences? As the wise old Romans used to say, "Cui bono?" Who benefits?

Well, that's not hard to figure out. Virtually all the steps these folks advocate will make the cost of energy go higher than a swallow can fly. If the price of energy becomes dear, who benefits? The people selling the energy. Which would you rather do, sell 100 barrels of oil at \$10 each or 10 barrels of oil at \$1,000 each? Not only would you make more money, your expensive oil would last much longer so that your future would continue to be profitable. And if you are already rich, then you don't have to worry about being laid off or freezing in the winter or sweating like a mule in the summer.

If you check the records, you will find that we common folks they profess to be so concerned about do not fund all of these high-flying environmental groups. Nope, the bulk of their funding comes from corporations and from foundations set up by corporations. I don't believe that any corporation is going to finance an organization that will cause it financial harm. I don't believe that any corporation acts like an altruist. Making money is a corporation's alpha and omega and everything in between.

We folks subject to the shivers and the sweats and the layoffs had best make damn sure our 100 senators don't get a case of the stupids and ratify that Kyoto Protocol — the international proposal to reduce gas emissions that likely would drive up energy costs. That would put a wrecking ball in our economy without preventing a single snowflake or raindrop from falling.

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Reese

Coast

By Ben Fox
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Ities unloaded cocaine Sunday was seized on a boat off the coast was the government's largest such seizure.

The Coast Guard destroyer with a law enforcement team seized the boat 250 miles west of Diego. They towed the boat to San Diego.

The seizure, which was the fourth-largest in the agency's history, was a productive week for patrols.

In six days, the Coast Guard seized 28 pounds of cocaine, about twice as much as in all of 1996.

"We've never

Copyright

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Copyright music for the Napster tune the Napster tune vice Sunday after waited to see if it would fulfill a prearranged song on the weekend using a system.

All the top 10 songs on the Billboard Hot 100 were available on the servers, including "Stutter" by Joe Raposo and "Tikal" by Joe Raposo. Songs by Joe Raposo and Joe Raposo were also available.

The company was on the screening begins, spokesmen DeMarco said would not say whether the service was available.

With the service, the service was available. More than 11,000 songs were available on a total of 2.2 million songs on just a few servers used by the service.

"I am kind of worried about getting my law quickly," said Thorpe from St. Paul, Minn.

During a federal Friday, Napster and Boies said the service would be available the weekend. He said a specific time.

On its Web site, the process of screening names, song titles won't be easy.

"It has involved investment of resources," a spokesman said. "However, we believe prior to shutting the service and disbanding the service during the transition to new membership-based service."

The software to Napster's server access to 1 million songs. He said he and his colleagues did not say number represented or spelling variations or list.

Napster's plan is to move against the service sought by the major record companies, which argue copyright and artists are not protected.

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Coast Guard claims productive six-day string of cocaine seizures

By Ben Fox
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — U.S. authorities unloaded 8.8 tons of cocaine Sunday that they said was seized on a rusty fishing boat off the coast of Mexico. It was the government's fourth-largest such seizure ever.

The Coast Guard said a Navy destroyer with a Coast Guard law enforcement unit on board seized the boat Feb. 24 about 250 miles west of Acapulco. They towed the boat to San Diego.

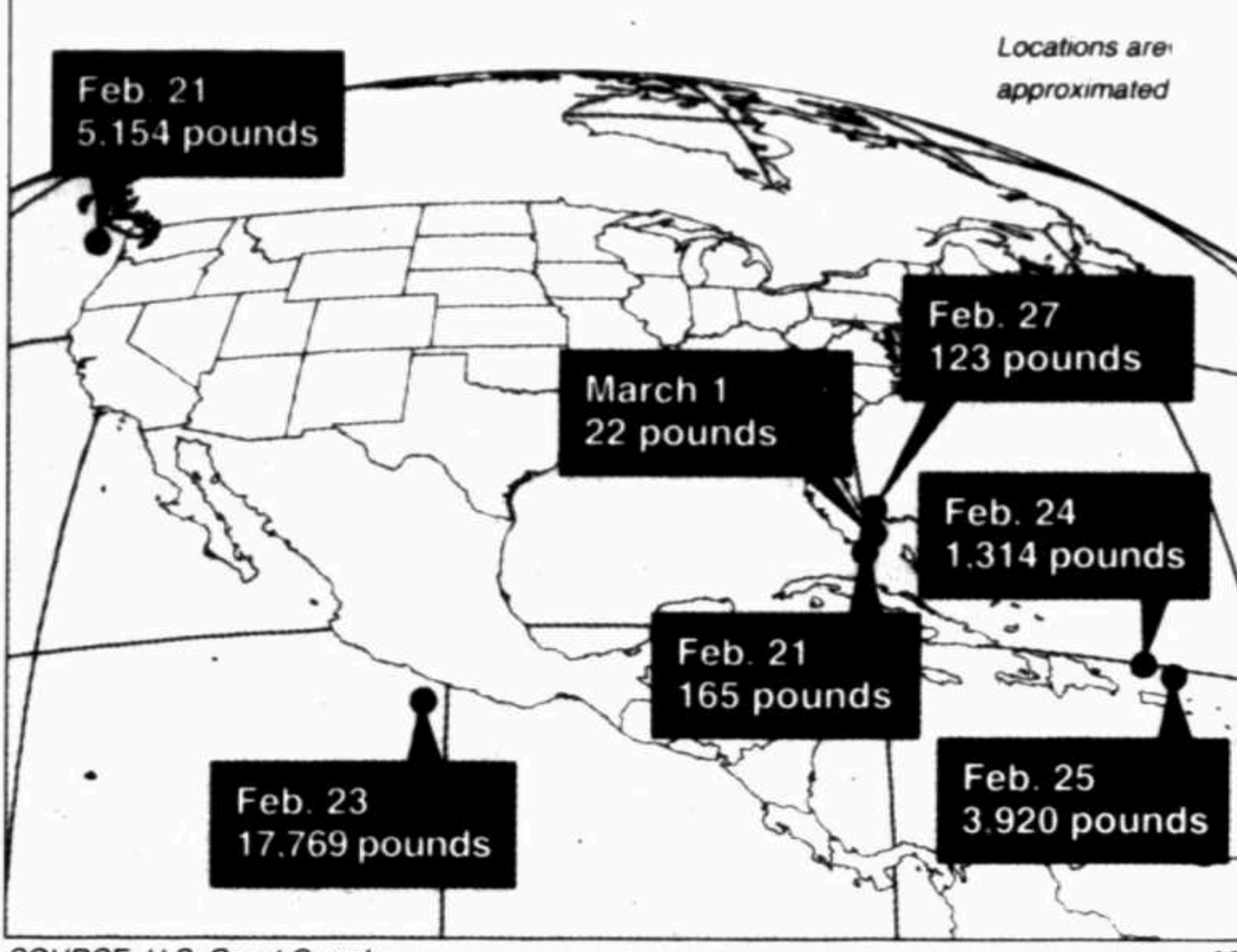
The seizure, which the Coast Guard said was the government's fourth-largest, capped what the agency called one of its most productive weeks of anti-drug patrols.

In six days, the Coast Guard — from Miami to the Caribbean, and in the Pacific from Mexico to Washington state — seized 28,845 pounds of cocaine, about what it captured in all of 1996.

"We've never had a week like

Smugglers coming up short

February was a very successful month for the U.S. Coast Guard and other federal agencies in their war against international drug smuggling. Here are some of the recent cocaine seizures that took place in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Pacific.



this where our border has been assaulted all the way from the Bahamas to Seattle," said Cmdr.

Jim McPherson, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta praised the anti-

drug effort.

"Those engaged in drug trafficking are attempting to penetrate all of our borders," he said near a Coast Guard pier, where the 8.8 tons of cocaine were stacked neatly in large blocks on wooden pallets.

The 10 crew members of the Belize-flagged boat, the "Forever My Friend," will face drug smuggling charges that carry a minimum 10-year sentence and a maximum of life in prison, U.S. Attorney Gregory Vega said. They were to appear in federal court in San Diego on Monday.

Eight of the men are from Nicaragua, one is from El Salvador and one from Ukraine. The cocaine was hidden in a secret compartment, buried under ice and fresh fish, authorities said.

Agents wearing surgical masks and gloves and protective white jumpsuits, spent Sunday morning unloading the large blocks of cocaine from the Forever My Friend. Federal agents

with automatic weapons guarded it on the pier.

The string of recent seizures reflects a general increase in the amount of cocaine seized at sea by the Coast Guard working with the Navy, the Customs Service, Drug Enforcement Administration and other federal agencies.

In 1999, the Coast Guard seized a record 55 tons of cocaine, which broke the previous high of 40.7 tons. Then in 2000, the agency captured 66 tons.

The Coast Guard estimates it catches only a small fraction of U.S.-bound cocaine, which is generally produced in Colombia and shipped either through the Caribbean or via the Pacific to Mexico to be smuggled overland into the United States through the Southwest.

"We've put a dent in it, but we certainly haven't cut off the flow or driven the price of cocaine through the roof," said Capt. Joseph Conroy, chief of the agency's law enforcement division.

Navy ships on anti-drug patrols travel with Coast Guard contingents on board because the U.S. military is prohibited from law enforcement activities. The Coast Guard, which is part of the Transportation Department, faces no such restriction.

During the string of seizures from Feb. 21 to Feb. 27, the agencies captured 5,538 pounds from a Canadian trawler off Washington's Pacific coast on Feb. 21 and 3,920 pounds from a small powerboat north of San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Feb. 25.

In all, 24 people were arrested over the six-day period.

Copyright song sharing continues on Napster

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Copyright music flowed freely on the Napster tune-swapping service Sunday afternoon as users waited to see if the company would fulfill a promise to block pirated songs sometime over the weekend using a new screening system.

All the top 10 songs listed on the Billboard Hot 100 list were available on the company's servers, including the No. 1 "Stutter" by Joe featuring Mystikal. Songs by longtime Napster foe Metallica also showed up in searches.

The company will not comment on the screening plan until it begins, spokeswoman Karen DeMarco said Sunday. She would not say when that would be.

With the service facing imminent change, usage was soaring. More than 11,100 people shared a total of 2.2 million files Sunday afternoon on just one of dozens of servers used by Napster.

"I am kind of watching it and trying to get my last efforts in — quickly," said Thor Nelson, a user from St. Paul, Minn.

During a federal court hearing Friday, Napster attorney David Boies said the service would deploy the screening system over the weekend. He did not provide a specific time.

On its Web site, Napster said the process of screening out file names, song titles and artists won't be easy.

"It has involved a significant investment of time and resources," a statement said. "However, we believe it is superior to shutting the service down and disbanding the community during the transition period to the new membership-based service."

The software to be installed on Napster's servers will block access to 1 million music files, Boies said. He and Napster officials did not say whether that number represented distinct songs or spelling variations on a smaller list.

Napster's plan is a pre-emptive move against an injunction sought by the major record labels, which argue copyright holders and artists are not compensated

for music traded on the service. Napster has argued that its computers do not store actual song files but rather direct people to other users' hard drives where the music can be downloaded.

In July, U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel granted the industry's request for a preliminary injunction and ordered Napster shut down for facilitating infringement. But last month the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals stayed the order pending its decision in the case.

By Friday, all parties were back in court to discuss the case when Napster announced plans to start blocking songs.

The change is significant, but the policy will work only if the company is diligent in policing its servers and blocking so-called workarounds, such as Madonna songs that are listed with her name spelled with one "n," said Robert Schwartz, an attorney who specializes in copyright law.

Hilary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, said the proposal is a promising step.

"We think that the screening technology has the potential to be effective, but we'll see," she said after Friday's hearing.

On Sunday, RIAA spokeswoman Amy Weiss said the

group would have no comment immediately on Napster's implementation of file blocking "or lack thereof."

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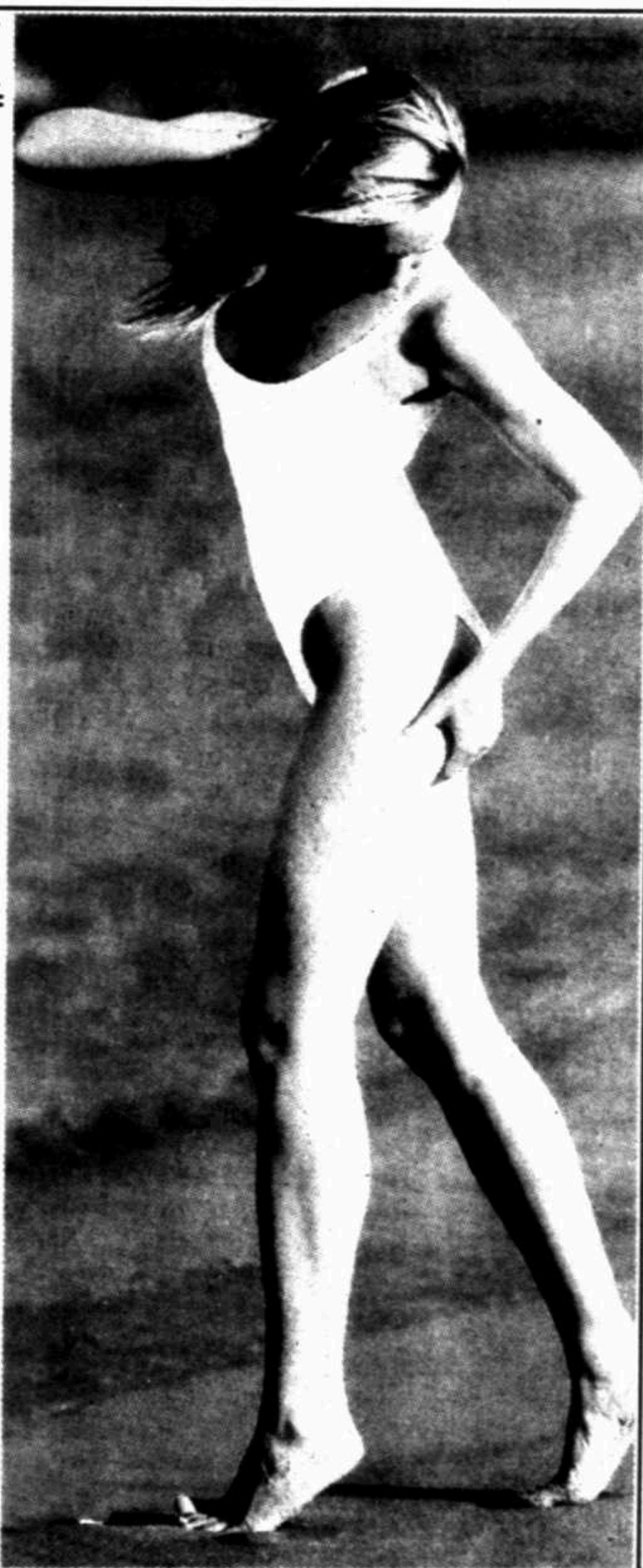
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Muslim pilgrims head to Muzdalifah after day of prayers at Mount Arafat

By Amr Nabli
Associated Press

MUZDALIFAH, Saudi Arabia — Hundreds of thousands of Muslims crowded into buses, trucks, cars, or headed on foot Sunday to the holy area of Muzdalifah after spending the day praying, reading from the Quran and asking for God's mercy at sacred Mount Arafat.

The Islamic pilgrimage, or hajj, climaxed Sunday with more than 2 million pilgrims spending the day at Mount Arafat outside Islam's holiest city of Mecca, an emotional ritual that retraces the last journey of Islam's seventh-century Prophet Muhammad.

In Muzdalifah, the pilgrims were performing sunset and night prayers and collecting pebbles for the next phase of the hajj, the ritualistic stoning of the devil. After Monday's dawn prayers, they would head for Mina to cast their stones at three pillars representing the devil.

After the stoning, pilgrims may perform the ritual of sacrifice — slaughtering a camel, sheep or cow to mark the beginning of Eid al-Adha, one of Islam's most important holidays.

At Mount Arafat earlier in the day, helicopters hovered overhead to ensure security and safety, police directed chaotic traffic, volunteers handed out free water from refrigerated trucks to cool off pilgrims in the desert heat and vendors sold cold drinks and snacks.

The hajj chant of "Here I am, oh Almighty, here I am," sounded across Mount Arafat, a gentle hill 12 miles southwest of Mecca. A seemingly endless sea of pilgrims converged on Arafat, where Muhammad delivered his last sermon in March 632. He died three months later.

At midday, 250,000 pilgrims crowded Namira Mosque to hear a sermon from Saudi Arabia's top religious cleric, Sheikh Abdul-Aziz bin Abdullah Al al-Sheik. He said

Jerusalem was in the hands of "Jews who are bullying our Muslim brothers in Palestine under the eyes of those protecting human rights."

"Where are these people who speak of rights, whose mouths spread venom on Islam? Some people speak of human rights and choose to forget the rights of our brothers who have been killed, expelled and had their lands violated," he said.

The pilgrimage is required once in a lifetime of every able-bodied Muslim who can afford it. Saudi Arabia has said that this year close to 2.5 million people were expected to take part in the hajj. Islam has 1.2 billion followers worldwide.

The Day of Arafat is believed to symbolize the day of judgment, when Islam says the dead will rise and every person will stand before God to answer for his deeds. Muslims believe that the last passage of the Quran, Islam's holy book, was revealed to Muhammad during his sermon at Arafat.

The three-mile trip from Mount Arafat to Muzdalifah is called the nafrah, or rush. As the sun sets, pilgrims start leaving the holy mount to Muzdalifah to pray at a monument called al-Mashaar al-Haram and collect the pebbles.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, pilgrims again will perform the stoning of the devil at Mina, then will head to Mecca to circle the

Kaaba, a large cubic stone structure covered with a black cloth that is Islam's most sacred site, seven times. Muslims worldwide face the Kaaba during daily prayers.

In 1998, more than 100 pilgrims were trampled to death in a stampede set off during the stoning ritual. Due to the sheer size of the crowds, the hajj frequently has been marred by tragedies. But the two past years have been trouble-free.



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A Muslim pilgrim watches thousands of pilgrims during the noon prayers at Namera mosque in Arafat Sunday. More than two million will gather after the noon prayers at Mount Arafat on the first day of the Muslim annual hajj pilgrimage.

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Mexico's Indians debate women's rights, rebels' role

NURIO, Mexico (AP) — Indians from across Mexico debated on Sunday everything from the often ignored rights of women to the role Zapatista rebels should play in their movement.

Ski-masked rebel commanders, who are leading a bus caravan across the country, sat quietly as Indian discussion groups at this open-air National Indigenous Congress talked about how to create their first truly national movement.

At the end of the congress, the participants approved a resolution demanding the return of their ancestral lands and an end to nature reserves and tourism projects that they claimed "had turned our sacred ceremonial centers into vacation spots."

"For us Indians, Mother Earth is sacred," the declaration read. Participants also discussed problems within their communities.

Wearing the traditional cotton shawl of her people, Candida Jimenez told a women's round table "there are violations of our human rights when women are beaten, when they aren't allowed to go to school."

"It's not good crossing our arms and saying everything is fine within our communities," said Jimenez, a Mije Indian woman from Oaxaca state whose father tried to force her into an arranged marriage at age 15.

The women — including three female rebel commanders, also with ski masks — reached a particularly indigenous solution to the gender issue. They voted to have male-female couples represent the indigenous congress at all levels.

"We always work side-by-side with our men, but we are hidden," said Enriqueta Calderon, a Purepecha Indian from the pine-covered hills of the western state of Michoacan, where the congress is being held. "Maybe it's our fault because we always hide."

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Chaps split with Howard

■ Midland College's baseball team wins one on Sunday, but also loses third WJCAC game in two days.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

One swing of the bat kept the weekend from being a complete catastrophe for the Midland College baseball team.

The Chaps managed only one win in the first four games of their inaugural Western Junior College Athletic Conference series against Howard College, but it was certainly memorable. Two outs from suffering an ignominious third straight loss to Howard, Midland College came back for a dramatic victory, as Chad Reeves hit a two-run home run to left field to give the Chaps a 6-5 win in the first game of a doubleheader Sunday

afternoon at Christensen Stadium.

But MC reverted to the form which resulted in two losses to Howard a day earlier in the second game, as the Chaps were unable to generate much offense in an 8-3 loss. The split left Midland College at 12-5 overall and 1-3 in the WJCAC while Howard improved to 3-1 in conference.

In their first ever WJCAC games Saturday, the Chaps were swept in Big Spring by the Hawks by a combined 17-2. MC was more competitive when it returned home, but it still couldn't help the Chaps break even against Howard.

"It's nice to win one, but winning one out of four is not what we had in mind," said Midland College coach Steve Ramharter.

Saturday's problems were obvious for the Chaps, as they had four hits apiece in the two losses.

On Sunday, Midland College sur-

passed those combined hit totals in both games, picking up 12 in the first game and nine in the second. The problem was, they didn't result in runs.

"I'm embarrassed with our offensive performance in this series," said Ramharter. "There's no other word for it."

The bottom of the first inning of the first game provided a microcosm of that. Chad Christy and Benjy Blackmon opened the game with consecutive singles, then Josh Haney walked to load the bases. But Howard righthander Murray Carson struck out Braden Conner and Ben Fritz looking and got Reeves to hit into a fielder's choice to kill MC's bases-loaded, no outs threat.

Midland College broke a 2-2 tie with a pair of runs in the sixth. Matt Overman led off with a double and scored on a wild pitch, then Blackmon drove in a run with a sacrifice fly, giving MC righthander

Please see **BASEBALL/2B**

MHS, Rebel baseball squads battle tonight

Staff Report

In a prelude to their District 4-5A opener, the Midland High and Midland Lee baseball teams meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Christensen Stadium, over 48 hours after they had been scheduled to meet in the same location in the championship game of the Tournament of Champions.

MHS and Lee, who went unbeaten in tournament pool play, were supposed to have played Saturday night at Christensen, but hard rain and vicious winds decended upon Midland a half-hour before game time, making the Christensen infield unplayable. The two teams tried to play the game

just down Lamesa Road at Simon Field, but determined that it wasn't in any better shape, forcing the game to be postponed until today.

With the rearranged schedule, Midland High was forced to cancel its scheduled game at Andrews Tuesday. The two teams had already meant in the Tournament of Champions in a game MHS won 14-6 Saturday. Andrews took third in the tournament.

After the game, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet in the picnic area behind the left field line in a rare joint venture sponsored by Midland High and Lee. Drinks and snacks will be provided as well as testimony from the athletes.

NASCAR ROUNDUP

Hitting the Jackpot

Gordon rallies to capture the crown in Vegas

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Jeff Gordon, NASCAR's biggest star now that Dale Earnhardt is gone, reminded everyone how good he can be.

Gordon took the lead 20 laps from the end Sunday and drove away for an easy victory in the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

"We weren't very good at the beginning," Gordon said. "The car was real, real tight in traffic and we were just struggling."

A two-tire stop in the middle of the race helped free up the car in the turns on the wide, banked 1 1/2-mile oval. He suddenly moved into contention with fewer than 100 laps left in the 267-lap event.

All the leaders pitted on lap 178 during the last of six caution periods of the race, and Gordon's Chevrolet came out third behind Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jerry Nadeau and the Dodge of Sterling Marlin.

Marlin took the lead on lap 202, and Gordon got by Nadeau for second on the next lap. Gordon stalked Marlin, cutting steadily into his lead before charging past on lap 225 to become the 12th different leader in the race.

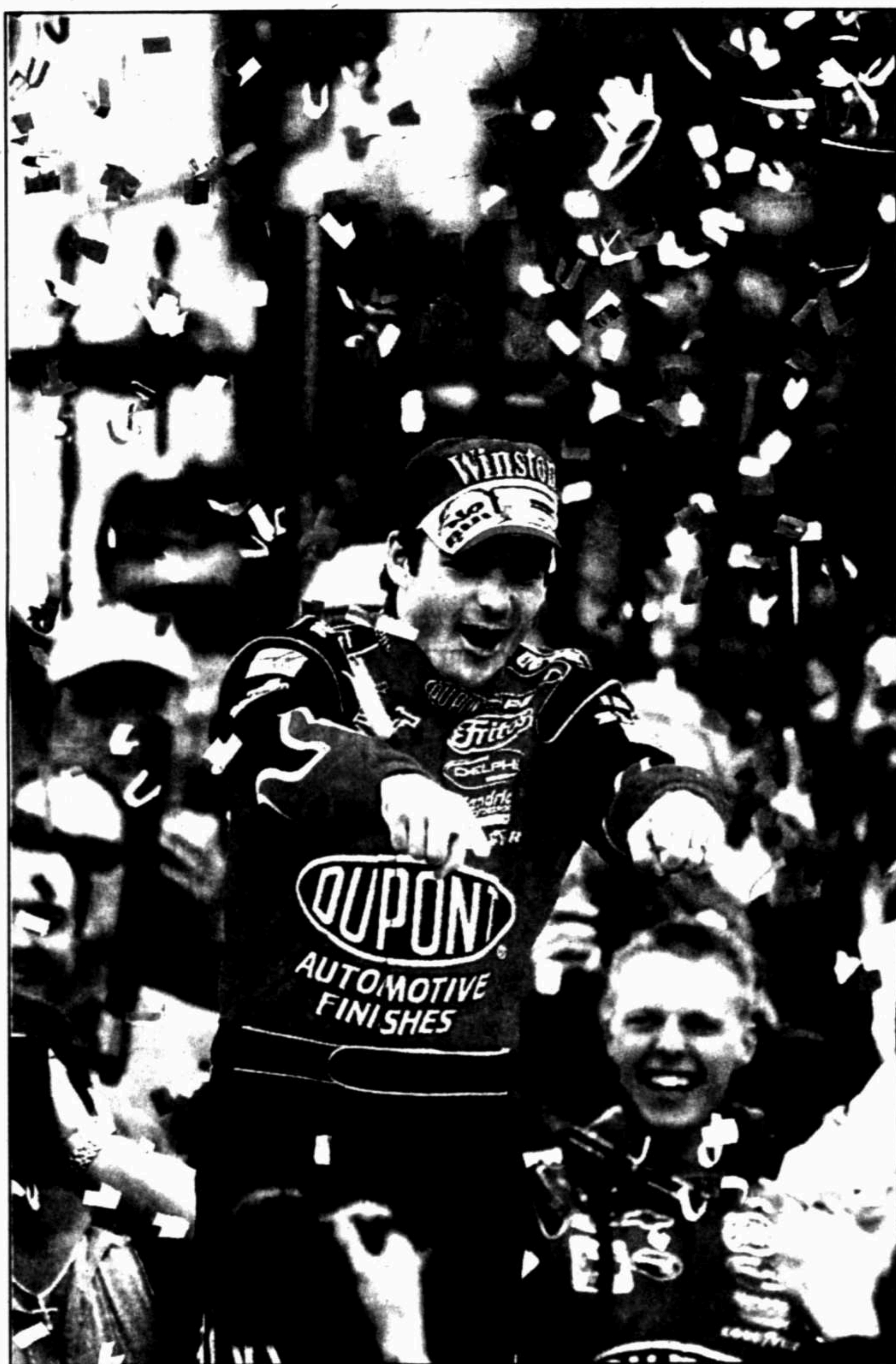
Gordon lost the lead for a while during a series of green-flag pit stops, but came back out on top on lap 248 and pulled away from the second-place Ford of Dale Jarrett to win by 1.477-seconds — about 15 car-lengths.

It was Gordon's first victory since last September in Richmond, Va. Besides the regular first-place money, he got a \$1 million bonus from series sponsor Winston.

"Winning at this racetrack today, as much as we've struggled here in the past, it means almost as much to me as the million dollars," said Gordon, who had finished 28th, third and 17th in the previous Winston Cup events here.

The three-time series champion said the victory proves to him that his team is capable of

Please see **RACE/2B**



Jeff Gordon celebrates his win Sunday in the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 in Las Vegas. Gordon edged out pole-sitter Dale Jarrett to win.

Earnhardt's widow makes plea to public

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

LAS VEGAS — The widow of racing great Dale Earnhardt pleaded for public support Sunday in helping the family keep the driver's autopsy private.

"This is the first time I've spoken in public since we've lost Dale," Teresa Earnhardt said, reading from a statement. "Honestly, I'm not very comfortable

being here. It's too soon. But this issue is of vital importance — not just to my family — but to anyone ever faced with being exploited after losing a loved one."

Later in the afternoon, The Orlando Sentinel released a statement reiterating its sympathy to the Earnhardt family, but further explaining its request to see the autopsy report for a deeper investigation into how exactly Earnhardt died.

"Newspapers are not always popular," the statement said. "Sometimes newspapers have to ask hard questions; this is one of those times."

Earnhardt died instantly of head injuries on Feb. 18 in a last-lap crash at the Daytona 500.

His wife sued Volusia County in Florida on Feb. 22 to stop release of its medical examiner's autopsy photos taken after the fatal wreck. The next day, an Orlando

Sentinel reporter made a public records request asking for "any and all photographs" of Earnhardt.

Judge Joseph Will issued a temporary injunction. He said the photos have no "bona fide newsworthiness" and could cause the family "additional anguish and grief."

A hearing on whether to make the injunction permanent was originally set for last Thursday but was postponed for one week

Please see **PHOTO/2B**

Should Cowboys have gone after Leaf?

By Randy Galloway
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Forgive me. I have sinned. In a moment of extreme weakness, this unholly thought occurred:

Ryan Leaf made sense for the Cowboys. This scares me. It's yet another indication of personal mental instability, which, of course, also describes Ryan Leaf. Worse yet, however, was the reaction at Valley Ranch when I called to apologize for wishing to unleash a weasel on those people.

Even with a tight Jerry Jones gag order in place, it wasn't like anyone could privately come up with a good reason why Ryan the Rodent might not be a fit for the Cowboys.

It's best not to even think about what that told

us — at least what it told us until Friday, when the Cows suddenly became a bit self-righteous, and decided to snub Leaf.



Leaf

Maybe Mr. Jones and his football guys turned to the sports page of the "San Diego Union-Tribune", where some seething words appeared from the former Chargers' general manager, who has Leaf-stains all over his portfolio.

Bobby Beathard is now retired, one reason being that Leaf was drafted on his watch, and became the

biggest quarterbacking bust of modern times. "I don't think I've ever been around anybody

in my whole career who has done more to hurt himself and less to be a player and a leader than this guy," said Beathard after the Chargers released Leaf. "He went to great lengths to do everything the wrong way. The saddest thing is he worked at not getting along with his own teammates, and when you're a quarterback, that's a shame."

Such a ringing endorsement might have immediately erased any thought on Leaf ending up at Valley Ranch. And it apparently did. In a surprise, the Cowboys passed on Leaf by allowing him to pass through NFL waivers. Only one team made a wavier claim, that being the quarterback-starved Tampa Bay Bucs. But after general manager Rich McKay dropped the claim, he then started crawfishing, as if he want-

Please see **BOYS/6B**

Lady Chaps can't put doubleheader victories together

■ Midland College's softball team finishes with another split versus Howard College and a 2-2 conference record.

By H. A. Tuck
MRT Correspondent

Midland College Lady Chaps finally got to play their softball doubleheader Sunday afternoon against Howard College, with each team winning one. MC grabbed the opener 7-1. Howard got the second game 2-1.

The teams started Friday afternoon, but rain canceled that second game in the third inning. Another doubleheader on Saturday ended with the second game wiped out in the first due to nearby lightning and high winds.

So by the time the teams wearily left MC's field at Ulmer Park at sundown Sunday, they had split their four games.

Morgan Webster pitched a masterful opener for the Lady Chaps. She faced only 10 batters in the first three innings, hitting one batter in the first.

Meanwhile, MC scored two runs in the second. Tish Hernandez singled, Stacy Broman doubled and both came in on Dora Pichardo's single. In the third, Julie Stanford got on by error, Tiala Tagaloo singled with both scoring on Melissa Rodriguez' double. Rodriguez scored on Tish Hernandez' single to put MC up 5-0.

Howard got its first hit of the game in the fourth. But it couldn't score until the fifth. Brittany Murray was hit by a pitch, stole second and was safe on a fielder's choice that failed to get Valerie Goetz. Samantha Ward drove in Murray with a single. With one out, DeShaun Drake flied out to centerfielder Michelle Hofman who fired a strike to catcher Melissa Rodriguez at home to catch Goetz trying to score.

Midland added a pair of insurance runs in the last of the fifth, getting them on three Lady Hawk errors.

Rodriguez used Christine Joiner, who attempted to steal after walking in the top of the sixth, with a strike to shortstop Ksenia Stepanova covering second.

The Lady Chaps seriously threatened in the last of the sixth, which they opened with three straight singles. But small grounders forced two runners at home and the last going to first.

Morgan Webster took the win for MC, allowing just three hits, no walks and striking out six.

In the second game, Howard used a single by Joiner and a double by Breanna Bohls to put runners in scoring position with one out. But the Lady Chaps turned a tough double play. Shortstop Melissa Rodriguez grabbed Amanda Michael's grounder, fired to Tiala Tagaloo at first for the out. Tagaloo,

Please see **SOFTBALL/2B**

Disher's late goal gives Odessa win over New Mexico

By Kyle Clark
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes got a late goal from Jason Disher to defeat the New Mexico Scorpions 1-0 Sunday night in a defensive matchup between the number one and two teams in the WPHL West.

Disher, who only had three goals going into the game, scored on a hard blast that went under the left leg of New Mexico goalie Steve Pottie. Disher said it felt great to get his first game winning goal of the year in such an important game.

The Jacks and the Scorpions duled in a scoreless match for 52 minutes before Disher could put the Jacks ahead. Jack goaltender Grant Sjerven collected his seventh shutout of the year and made several key saves to keep the Jacks even with the Scorpions.

Coach Don McKee said the team has been playing well defensively in the last two games and credited the team's goaltenders for their good play.

"Last night we got good goaltending from (Joe) Harris and tonight we got outstanding goaltending from Sjerven," McKee said.

With this win the Jackalopes went ahead of the Lubbock Cotton Kings by two points in the WPHL West standings and are now within three points of the Scorpions, who are in first place in the WPHL West.

"We're within three of them now and we play them Tuesday," Disher said. "We can still get first place so we will be pumped for Tuesday and pumped for our last 11 games. Home ice in the playoffs is important."

Throughout January and February the Jackalopes trailed New Mexico by as many as eight points, but the Jacks are now in position to attempt to step into the top slot in their division. McKee said that the team dropped off in January, but because of the players staying healthy and the Jackalopes' ownership allowing the team to carry 20 players, the Jacks have been able to make a run at the Scorpions.

Sunday's game also was a memorable event for Jack defenseman Miles Van Tassel because he was acquired by

Please see **JACKS/6B**

Woods blows Dubai tournament by hitting into water on the 72nd hole

By Stephen Wade
AP Sports Writer

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Tiger Woods has lost before, but he's never blown a pro tournament the way he did Sunday.

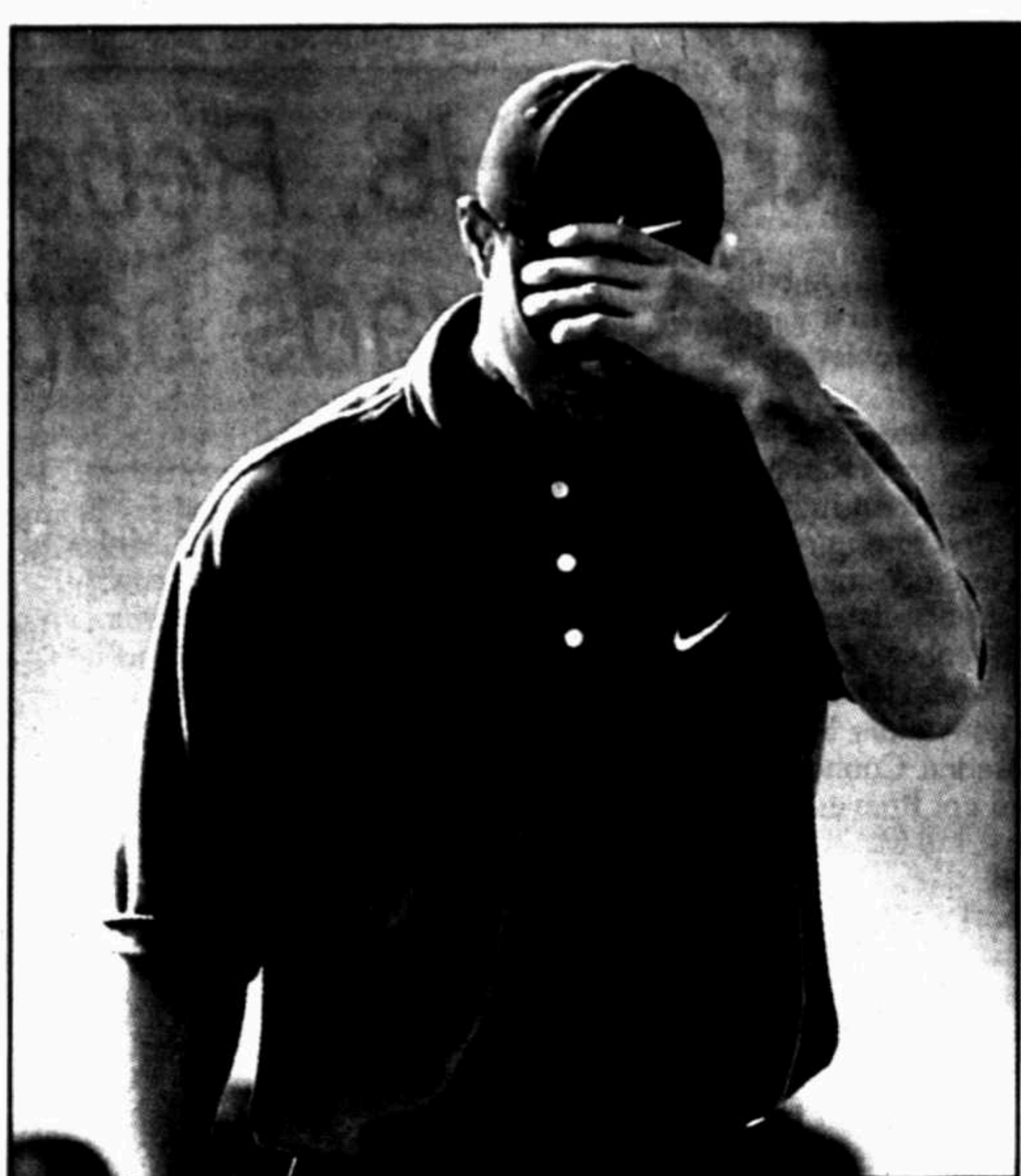
Tied for the lead with Thomas Bjorn, Woods found trouble off the tee of the final hole of the Dubai Desert Classic, then splashed his third shot in front of the green to take a double-bogey 7 and remain winless this season.

It was only the fourth time Woods has failed to win after starting the final round in front, and he never had such a final-hole collapse as a pro.

Bjorn, who caught Woods with a birdie on No. 17, finished at 22-under 266 for a two-stroke victory, and joined a short but lengthening line of players who've beaten Woods down the stretch. The American is still the world's best, but he doesn't intimidate like he did a year ago, and he's 0-for-6 this season.

"The intimidation is disappearing," Bjorn said. "People are now starting to realize you can't get intimidated by him. You have to beat him."

"Tiger's got to learn to lose. Jack Nicklaus won a whole lot of majors, but he finished second a whole lot of times. Tiger's got to learn to lose. That's just



American golfer Tiger Woods reacts after missing a putt during the last day of the Dubai Desert Classic at the Emirates golf course in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Sunday.

the way golf is. I'm sure he knows that."

Bjorn finished with a three-putt par to cap a 3-under 69. Woods shot a 72 to finish tied for second

with Padraig Harrington of Ireland, who had a final-round 69. Ian Woosnam (69) and Mathias Gronberg (68) were another two shots back.

BASEBALL: Reeves' homer lifts Chaparrals in Sunday's first game

(From 1B)

Jared Birley's 4-2 lead to take into the seventh.

Birely retired the first two batters, then disaster struck. Howard's Zane Shook hit a grounder to third which Haneb bobbled and Shook was safe on an error. Steve Goch blooped a single to right, but the game appeared to be over when Adrian Ballesteros swung and missed at a third strike.

But it was ruled that the pitch was fouled and hit the ground, and on the next pitch, Ballesteros blasted a towering shot over the left field wall to give the Hawks a 5-4 lead.

"I don't have a problem with our pitching at all," said Ramharther. "When we're not scoring runs out pitchers feel we have to throw the perfect pitch every time."

Aaron Rocha came on in the bottom of the seventh to try to close it out for Howard, and he retired the first batter of the inning. But Fritz singled before Reeves came to the plate and ran it to a full count.

Reeves ended the game by blasting a line drive which went off the scoreboard beyond left field, salvaging something from the series for the Chaps.

"Chad Reeves stepped up for us big in the bottom half of the inning, and that's something we

haven't seen a lot of," said Ramharther.

Reeves wasn't intimidated by the prospect of facing a reliever he hadn't seen before.

"Some of the kids who knew him said he threw real hard and straight," said Reeves. "It was just the way it felt and I knew I hit it hard enough to go out."

Christy had three hits for MC while Blackman had two. Jesse McDermott, who retired the last batter of the seventh, earned the win for the Chaps.

Clark Harris had three hits for Howard while Gregg Lindsey had two hits and drove in two runs.

The next game wasn't nearly as suspenseful. Howard broke things open with five runs in the top of the fifth, chasing MC left-hander Mike Watson. Lindsey's two-run single was the big hit in the inning in which the Hawks took a 7-0 lead.

MC got its runs in the seventh off Howard left-hander J.J. Ball, who was the winner. Wade Hansford, Christy and Blackman had consecutive hits to bring home the runs.

Fritz had two hits in the second game while Shook had three. Justin Anderson pitched the final three innings to earn the save for Howard.

SOFTBALL: Lady Chaps split

(From 1B)

then threw across the diamond to Jennifer Bryant at third to get Bohls and retire the side.

Howard returned the favor in the last of the first after Michelle Hofman's lead-off walk. Pitcher DeShaun Drake grabbed Stanford's bunt attempt, fired to second baseman Joiner, who was covering first for the out. Joiner then got Hofman at third on the tag by Michael.

Drake put the Lady Hawks up 1-0 with a lead-off homer in the top of the third.

Dora Pichardo scored MC's only run in the last of the third, singling and then stealing second and third prior to Hofman's single.

MC left fielder Julie Stanford was injured in the top of the fourth when she dove attempting to catch a short fly from Diana Faulkner.

Early indication was a possible dislocation of the little finger on her right (throwing) hand.

That left MC coach Tommy Ramos with a serious dilemma, as previous injuries had left him with only three able-bodied outfielders. Stacy Broman, a regular infielder who usually alternated at second base, was sent to right field with Dora Pichardo moving to left.

Following a bunt single and a stolen base, Howard had runners at second and third with one out.

A deep fly sent Broman scurrying backward, but she made the catch and a strong throw to the infield to prevent a run.

Drake opened the fifth with a single. Joiner was safe when the fielder's choice failed to get Drake. She then scored on a single by Bohls.

Midland had two base runners in the sixth and one in the seventh, but couldn't get a runner home.

Drake got the victory, along with scoring both HC runs. She gave up one run, eight hits, walked one and struck out three. Katya Eronina got the loss, allowing two runs on nine hits, walking two and striking out nine.

After the game, Broman was asked how long it had been since she had played in the outfield.

Her eyes got wide as she grinned and answered, "I've never played in the outfield in my life."

She's likely to get lots of practice on that part of the field this week as the Chaps probably won't get anyone well enough to play in the next few days. Savanna Adams has an injured hand, Audrey Burrell has a shoulder injury that limits her to pinch-running duties. And to compound the problem, the Chaps are without Shaden Campbell, who has a 3-0 pitching record, but developed a serious infection last week and was sent home to Breckenridge to recuperate.

Musgrave wins NASCAR trucks series race

Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Ted Musgrave squeezed the last few ounces of fuel out of his dominating Dodge to win the NASCAR truck series race Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Musgrave, who became the event's fifth first-time series winner, led a race-high 86 laps including the

final 15 circuits of the 1.5-mile track. He took over for good when Jack Sprague, his Chevrolet low on gas, pitted from the lead on the 153rd of 167 laps.

Musgrave, making just his second start on the circuit after stepping down from the Winston Cup Series, averaged 118.176 mph for the 250.5-mile distance. Musgrave won \$46,635 in the Florida Dodge Dealers 400.

GOLF ROUNDUP

PGA Tour

Geniety Championship Scores Sunday

At Dorval Golf Resort & Spa, Blue Monster Course

At Miami

Yardage: 7,125; Par: 72

Final Round

Joe Durant, \$810,000 65-270

Mike Weir, \$486,000 71-272

Vijay Singh, \$234,000 67-274

Jeff Sluman, \$234,000 70-274

Hal Sutton, \$234,000 72-274

Dave Love III, \$162,000 71-275

Nick Price, \$150,750 67-277

Chris Smith, \$126,000 67-278

Billy Andrade, \$126,000 70-278

Bob Estes, \$126,000 70-278

Lee Porter, \$126,000 72-282

Greg Chalmers, \$88,200 71-279

Craig Barlow, \$88,200 72-279

Esteban Toledo, \$88,200 72-279

Scott Verplank, \$88,200 72-279

Stewart Kirk, \$88,200 74-279

Jesper Parnevik, \$65,250 71-280

Billy Mayfair, \$65,250 72-280

Ben Bates, \$65,250 72-280

Jim Furyk, \$65,250 73-280

Ben Crenshaw, \$48,600 72-281

David Toms, \$48,600 69-281

Geoff Ogilvy, \$48,600 73-281

Brandel Chamblee, \$32,200 72-282

K.J. Choi, \$32,200 72-282

Robert Damron, \$32,200 70-282

Skip Kendall, \$32,200 72-282

J.L. Lewis, \$32,200 73-282

Ernie Els, \$32,200 73-282

Chris Perry, \$32,200 73-282

Jerry Kelly, \$32,200 73-282

Grant Wahl, \$32,200 74-282

Steve Stricker, \$22,725 72-283

Cameron Beckman, \$22,725 72-283

Brian Gay, \$22,725 73-283

Stuart Appleby, \$22,725 70-283

Brad Elder, \$22,725 69-283

Greg Kraft, \$22,725 75-283

Paul Goff, \$15,363 73-284

Steve Elkington, \$15,363 73-284

Bernhard Langer, \$15,363 73-284

Steve Lowery, \$15,363 74-284

Paul McGinley, \$15,363 73-284

Greg Owen, \$15,363 69-274

David Lynn, \$15,363 71-274

Anders Hansen, \$15,363 75-284

Richard Green, \$15,363 71-284

Andrew Oldcorn, \$15,363 68-275

Greg Norman, \$10,631 74-285

Retief Goosen, \$10,631 74-285

Senior Tour

Toshiba Senior Classic Scores Sunday

At Newport Beach Country Club

Yardage: 6,584; Par: 71

Final Round

Rocky Thompson, \$3,010 69-217

Cheri Green, \$3,010 69-217

Howard Twiss, \$3,010 71-218

Wally Morgan, \$2,310 74-218

Isao Aoki, \$3,010 72-217

Bob Dowd, \$3,010 71-218

Tommy Aaron, \$2,310 74-218

Jim Dent, \$2,310 77-218

Charles Cook, \$1,890 74-219

Jerry McGee, \$1,890 74-219

John Litter, \$1,610 72-220

Jimmy Powell, \$1,610 72-220

Walter Hall, \$1,610 71-218

Tom Shaw, \$1,316 73-224

Paul Parajko, \$1,316 76-224

Walter Zemborski, \$1,106 74-225

DeWitt Weaver, \$1,106 74-225

Kikuo Arai, \$952 73-226

Joe Imman, \$952 72-226

Bill Holstad, \$868 77-227

Orville Moore, \$812 79-238

Billy Casper, \$756 78-241

AUTO RACING ROUNDUP

Winston Cup

NASCAR Las Vegas 400 Results By The Associated Press

Sunday

At Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Track length: 1.5 miles

1. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 267, \$369,602

2. (1) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 267, \$257,977

3. (8) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 267, \$183,760

4. (2) Johnny Benson, Pontiac, 267, \$129,600

5. (6) Todd Bodine, Ford, 267, \$108,500

6. (15) Mark Martin, Ford, 267, \$138,051

7. (21) Steve Park, Chevrolet, 267, \$109,543

8. (20) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 267, \$127,927

9. (12) Ron Hornaday Jr., Pontiac, 267, \$77,000

10. (19) Jimmy Spencer, Ford, 267, \$59,865

11. (9) Kurt Busch, Ford, 267, \$80,575

12. (5) Tony Stewart, Pontiac, 267, \$66,875

13. (4) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 267, \$75,675

14. (16) Bill Elliott, Dodge, 267, \$93,396

15. (3) Jerry Nadeau, Chevrolet, 267, \$78,075

16. (27) Robert Pressley, Ford, 266, \$80,986

17. (22) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 266, \$73,275

18. (37) Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, 266, \$59,499

19. (19) Kurt Busch, Ford, 266, \$80,575

20. (11) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 266, \$68,065

21. (13) Ward Burton, Dodge, 266, \$95,410

22. (32) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 266, \$94,000

23. (32) Dale Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 266, \$90,398

24. (18) Casey Atwood, Dodge, 266, \$54,675

25. (29) Scott Pruett, Dodge, 267, \$46,635

26. (17) Dave Blaney, Dodge, 266, \$55,675

27. (26) Stacy Compton, Dodge, 264, \$54,175

28. (30) Jason Leffler, Dodge, 264, \$58,675

29. (36) Ricky Hendrick, Pontiac, 263, \$102,500

30. (31) Bobby Hamilton, Chevrolet, 263, \$58,775

31. (34) Kenny Wallace, Pontiac, 260, \$50,075

32. (39) Mike Wallace, Ford, 259, \$57,675

33. (35) Ryan Newman, Ford, 256, \$49,675

34. (40) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 252, \$49,475

35. (23) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 230, \$49,475

77-285 Lee Westwood, England 70-275

77-285 John Emery, England 70-275

77-285 George Archer, \$14,728 70-275

77-285 Bruce Summerhay, \$19,145 70-275

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77-285 Ray Floyd, \$7,560 70-275

77-285 Jim Thorpe, \$6,300 70-275

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77-285 Jim Albus, \$6,300 70-275

77-285 Tom Jenkins, \$6,300 70-275

77-285 Gibby Gilbert, \$5,320 70-275

77-285 David Lindstrom, \$5,320 70-275

77-285 Leonard Thompson, \$4,200 70-275

77-285 Don Bies, \$4,200 70-275

77-285 Jesse Patino, \$4,200 70-275

77-285 John Jacobs, \$4,200 70-275

77-285 Steve Varato, \$4,200 70-275

77-285 Tom McGinnis, \$4,200 70-275

Boys Tournament

AUSTIN (AP) — Pairings for the U.S. boys state basketball tournament in Austin beginning Thursday and continuing through Saturday:

THURSDAY
8:30 a.m. — Class 1A Division I Final: Goodrich (34-2) vs. Nazareth (25-9)
10 a.m. — Class 1A Division I Final: Evadale (29-5) vs. Stratford (19-4)
2 p.m. — Class 3A Semifinal: Gainesville (23-10) vs. Mesa (21-2)
3:30 p.m. — Class 3A Semifinal: Dimmitt (26-8) vs. Corpus Christi West (30-3)
7 p.m. — Class 4A Semifinal: Dallas Lincoln (30-2) vs. San Antonio Larios (31-5)
8:30 p.m. — Class 4A Semifinal: Beaumont Ozen (34-0) vs. Herford (32-4)

FRIDAY
9:30 a.m. — Class 2A Semifinal: Grapevine (26-9) vs. Ponder (26-7)
11 a.m. — Class 2A Semifinal: Hale Center (29-7) vs. Danbury (27-8)
3 p.m. — Class 5A Semifinal: Bryan (32-3) vs. The Colony (32-1)
7 p.m. — Class 5A Semifinal: Sugar Land Willowridge (37-0) vs. Converse Judd (31-4)
SATURDAY
9 a.m. — Texas Cup: Class 1A Division I champion vs. Class 1A Division II champion
10:30 a.m. — Class 3A Championship
2:30 p.m. — Class 2A Championship
4 p.m. — Class 4A Championship
8 p.m. — Class 5A Championship

Tennis

Abierto Mexicano Pegaso
At Acapulco, Mexico
Purse: Men, \$700,000; Women, \$170,000

Surface: Clay-Outdoors
Men
Singles
Championship
Gustavo Kuerten (1), Brazil, def. Galo Blanco, Spain, 6-4, 6-2

Doubles
Championship
Gustavo Kuerten, Brazil, and Donald Johnson, United States, def. David Adams, South Africa, and Martin Garcia, Argentina, 6-4, 6-5 (5)

Women
Singles
Championship
Amanda Coetzer (1), South Africa, def. Elena Dementieva (2), Russia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2

Doubles
Championship
Maria Jose Martinez Arandona and Maria Jose Suarez, Argentina, and Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5

ATP Sybase Open Results
Sunday
At San Jose, Calif.
Purse: \$400,000
Surface: Hard-Indoor

Singles
Championship
Greg Rusedski (8), Britain, def. Andre Agassi (1), United States, 6-3, 6-4

Doubles
Championship
Mark Knowles, Bahamas, and Brian MacPhie, United States (4), def. Jan-Michael Gambill and Jonathan Stark, United States, 6-3, 7-6 (4)

WTA Tour State Farm Classic
Sunday
At Scottsdale, Ariz.
Purse: \$555,000
Surface: Hard-Outdoors

Singles
Championship
Lindsay Davenport (1), United States, def. Meghann Shaughnessy (8), United States, 6-2, 6-3

Doubles
Championship
Lisa Raymond, United States, and Rennae Stubbs, Australia (1), def. Kim Clijsters, Belgium, and Meghann Shaughnessy, United States, w/forfeiture

Ski Report
ROCKIES
New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sat 3:00p packed powder 40-44 base 66 of 67 trails. 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts, 84-30p

Piaño — Sat 5p nmr packed powder 62-72 base 37 of 37 trails, 280 acres 100% open, 5 of 6 lifts, 8:30-4p

Open Fire — Sun 8:30-4p
Red River — Sat 5p nmr packed powder 52-66 base 58 of 58 trails, 213 acres 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, 8:30-4p

Sandia Peak — Sun 8:00-4p
New packed powder 46 base 29 of 29 trails, 100% open, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p/Sat-Sun 8a-4p

Spa — Sat 5p nmr packed powder 39-49 base 20 of 20 trails, 40 acres, 100% open, 2 of 3 lifts, 8:30-4p

Ski Apache — Sun 7:45-5p
New powder 73 base 55 of 55 trails, 100% open, 11 of 11 lifts, 8:45-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Sun 8:45-4p
New powder 93 base 43 of 43 trails, 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat-Sun 8a-4p

Taos — Sun 6:30a packed powder 83-92 base 72 of 72 trails, 100% open, 12 of 12 lifts

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Philadelphia 44 16 2 33 GB
Miami 36 24 600 8
New York 34 25 576 9 1/2
Orlando 31 27 534 12
Boston 26 34 433 18
New Jersey 21 40 344 23 1/2
Washington 13 47 217 31

Central Division
Milwaukee 36 22 621 —
Charlotte 34 26 567 —
Toronto 33 27 550 —
Indiana 26 31 456 9
Cleveland 22 36 379 14
Detroit 22 37 373 14 1/2
Atlanta 18 42 300 19
Chicago 10 48 272 26

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
Utah 39 19 672 1
San Antonio 39 19 672 1
Dallas 37 22 627 3 1/2
Minnesota 36 24 600 5
Houston 32 28 533 10
Denver 30 31 492 11 1/2
Vancouver 18 42 300 23

Pacific Division
Portland 42 18 700 —
L.A. Lakers 39 19 672 2
Sacramento 38 19 667 2 1/2
Phoenix 35 23 603 6
Seattle 31 30 508 11 1/2
L.A. Clippers 21 41 339 22
Golden State 16 44 257 26

Sunday's Games
Toronto 96, New York 88
Utah 118, Washington 96
New Jersey 120, Indiana 96
Charlotte 116, Boston 97
Detroit 93, Orlando 84
Minnesota 119, Seattle 111, OT
Miami 91, Cleveland 79
L.A. Lakers 110, Golden State 95

Monday's Games
Dallas at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

Timberwolves 111, OT
SEATTLE (111) Lewis 59-0-10
McCoy 2-8 3-7, Ewing 4-7 2-2 10
Mason 1-8 0-0 2, Payton 18-30 6-9 44
R Patterson 5-10 3-13, Baker 8-13
10-16, Williams 3-10 2-2 9, Totals 46-95 16-111

MINNESOTA (119) Szczepiak 11-16 3-4 27, Garnett 11-21 4-4 26
Stator 9-12 0-0, Peeler 9-12 2-2 24
Brandon 8-17 2-3 18, Garrett 1-0 0-0
2, Ellis 4-8 5-6 13, Billups 3-5 0-0 6
Mitchell 0-2 0-0 0, Avery 1-3 0-0 3
Lopez 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 48-94 16-119

Seattle 29, 22, 24, 8-111
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3-Point Goals—Seattle 9 (Payton 2-5, Williams 1-3, Mason 0-1), Minnesota 4 (Avery 1-2, Garnett 0-1, Brandon 0-1, Billups 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 53 (Mason 17), Minnesota 50 (Garnett 16). Assists—Seattle 26 (Payton 3), Minnesota 36 (Brandon 5). Total fouls—Seattle 21, Minnesota 21. A—19,006 (19,006)

Hornets 116, Celtics 97
CHARLOTTE (116) Mashburn 10-19 4-27, P. Brown 3-6 6-12, Campbell 4-8 8-12 16, Davis 8-11 5-7 24, Weasley 7-15 6-9 22, Majumder 1-3 1-1 3, Robinson 4-5 1-3 10, James 13-20 4-0 2, Naalton 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 38-72 31-42 116

BOSTON (97) Walker 11-24 4-4 27, Pierce 6-14 9-12 24, Blount 2-3 0-0 4, R. Brown 4-8 0-0 8, Stith 2-5 0-0 5, E. Williams 2-6 0-0 5, Potapenko 3-0 0 5, Palacio 2-0 0 5, Miller 2-0 0 5, G. Griffin 1-2 0-0 2, Carr 2-4 0 5, McCarthy 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 37-84 13-56 97

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UTAH (118) McDermott 15-44 20 Marshall 9-12 1-1 19, Polynice 3-6 0-0 6, Starks 8-10 0-0 19, Stockton 15-22 4-8 22, Russell 4-9 2-12 24, Vaughn 3-0 1-7 13, Manning 2-6 0-4 12, Carter 5-7 2-12 22, Crotty 3-5 2-2 8, Benoit 2-0 0-4, Padgett 1-1 0-0 3, Totals 49-82 16-118

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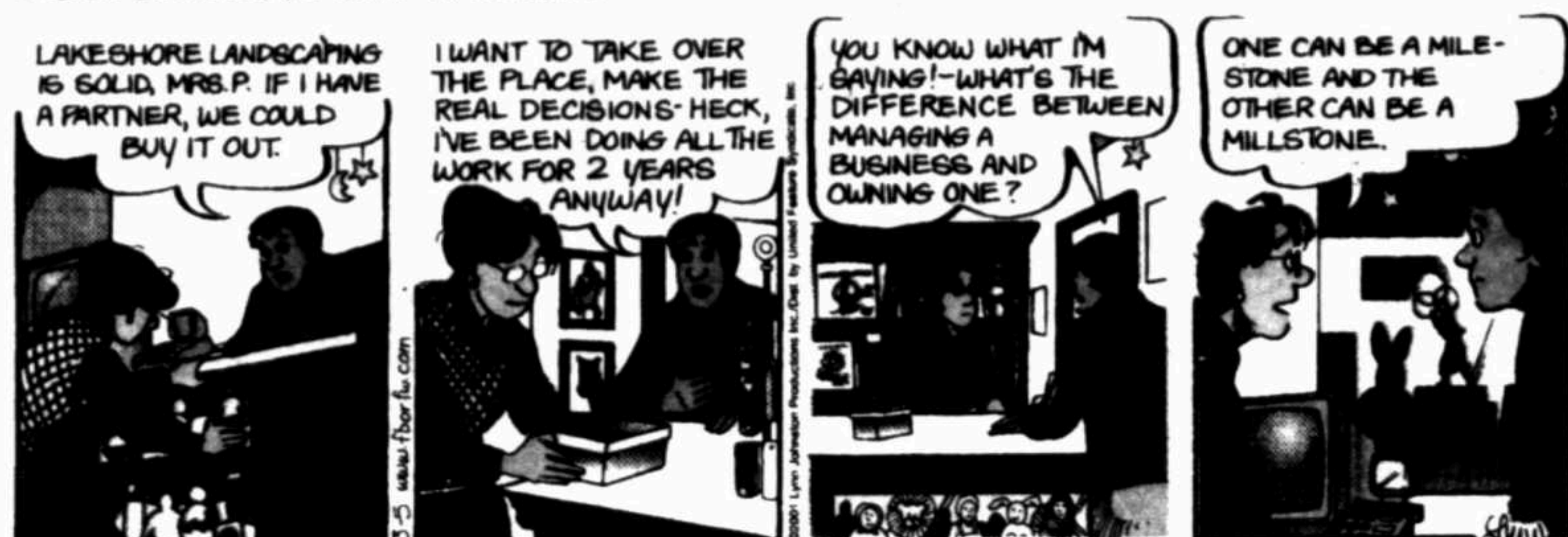
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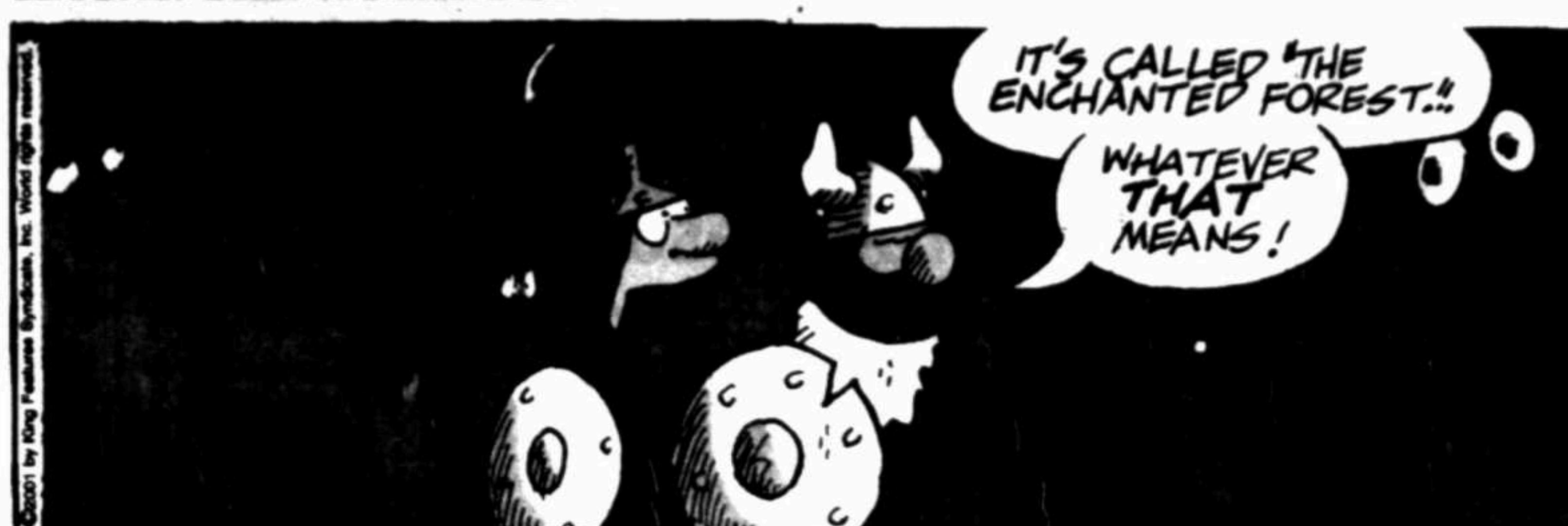
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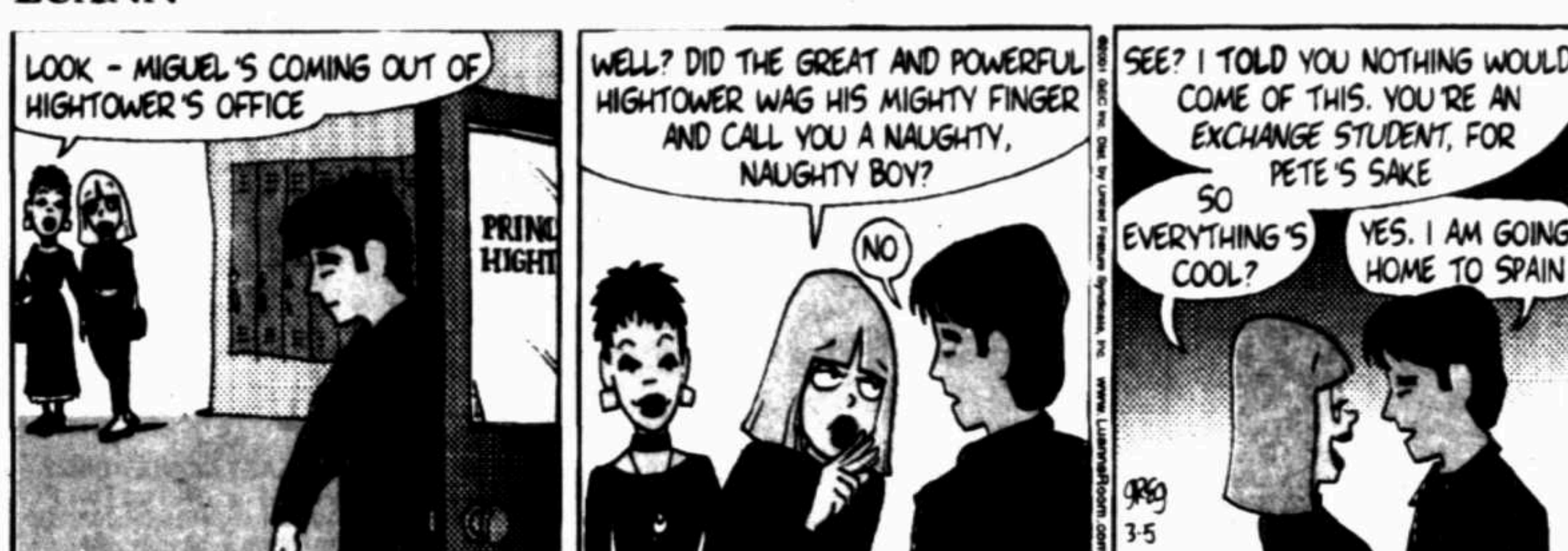
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NEW YORK
The Mask of Zorro and Mel Gibson by's for an auction. Several Hollywood intended to keep "Movie Action Children's Fund."

The auction, call from Michigan are being accepted. Other items include Phantom Menace of Madison County a deck chair and Proceeds will go to child HIV Coast. Sotheby's.

ASPEN, Colo. "American Graduate" at the U.S. Capitol.

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The film grew. "This was the at the American Dreyfus, Cindy. The whole dopey and dumb of magical experience."

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Tonight: A lazy TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Highlight expect. Speak your mind about your war agreement, unless extremes seem.

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Movie memorabilia to be auctioned off for Children's Fund

But Matt Goldman, Phil Stanton, and Chris Wink say their artistic vision hasn't changed since starting as a guerrilla theater troupe in New York 13 years ago.

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5	KPEJ	24	5	Cosby (N) 71650	Sammy Davis Jr. (G) 95230	Grounded: Living with Convicts (TV-14) 45747	Yippee! (G) 45747	Arrest & Trial (N) 89766	Arrest & Trial (N) 89766	Jerry Springer 14 19495	Blind Date 84211	Suddenly 98600			
7	KOSA	7	7	News 5018	Ent. Tonight 1358	Kim 4785	Yes, Dear 9582	Raymond Becker (N) 2655	And 8 Hours (N) 82196	News 4350327	(38) Late Show (N) PG-13 17456921	Late Late 3814495			
9	KWJL	9	9	News 9124	Seinfeld (N) 31196	Dateline (N) 56308	Jackie, Ethel, Joan: Women of Camelot (TV) Part 2 of 2 (G) 69872	Hennessy Premiere (N) (TVPG)	News 5590940	(39) Tonight Show (N) 14 2443776	Life in the House 25889	Life in the House 25889	Late Night '14 7010747		
12	KMLM	42	12	News 25018	John Hagee 49698	Light of the Southwest (Live) 67230	Hour of Healing (N) 94124	Hour of Healing (N) 94124	News 87921	Business Rpt. 8200691	Teletour 216059	Teletour 216059			
13	KOCV	36	13	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 761705	Championship Basketball Dancing 20th Anniversary (N) 210872	Championship Basketball Dancing 20th Anniversary (N) 210872	Great Performances: Burn the Floor 247766	Great Performances: Burn the Floor 247766	MacGyver Brainwashed (N) 709037	MacGyver Brainwashed (N) 709037	MacGyver Brainwashed (N) 709037	MacGyver Brainwashed (N) 709037			
16	WGN	10	10	Fresh Pr. 287320	Suddenly 278522	A Stranger Among Us (PG-13, 32) *** Melanie Griffith, Eric Thoen, John Pankow, (N) 603414	Good Morning, Vietnam (36) (R) *** Robin Williams, Forest Whitaker, (N) 325676	Good Morning, Vietnam (36) (R) *** Robin Williams, Forest Whitaker, (N) 325676	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
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20	DISC	20	26	Wild Discovery: House Cats 329969	Freshwater Crocs (G) 886056	Fixing the Body: Reconstructive Surgery 872476	Cosmetic Surgery: Creating Beauty 14 885940	Cosmetic Surgery: Creating Beauty 14 885940	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
21	AMC	21	31	Hollywood Lives 769563	Casino Royale (R) *** David Niven, 1342058	Casino Royale (R) *** David Niven, 1342058	WWF War Zone 318392	WWF War Zone 318392	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
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24	CNN	28	22	Moneysline (Crosstake) (N) 307107	WWF Monday Nitro 14 14 348311	WWF Monday Nitro 14 14 348311	WWF War Zone 318392	WWF War Zone 318392	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
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28	ESPN2	63	31	PM 24/7 (N) 345299	WWF Monday Nitro 14 14 348311	WWF Monday Nitro 14 14 348311	WWF War Zone 318392	WWF War Zone 318392	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
29	ESPN	29	30	College Basketball: NCAA Championship - Teams 15A 23110	College Basketball: NCAA Championship - Teams 15A 23110	College Basketball: NCAA Championship - Teams 15A 23110	College Basketball: NCAA Championship - Teams 15A 23110	College Basketball: NCAA Championship - Teams 15A 23110	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
30	USA	30	38	JAG: Tiger Troop (N) 14 950853	Nash Bridges: Most Wanted (N) 14 427940	Nash Bridges: Most Wanted (N) 14 427940	WWF War Zone 318392	WWF War Zone 318392	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
31	FX	31	31	NYPD Blue (N) 1616501	M*A*S*H (N) 14 427940	M*A*S*H (N) 14 427940	WWF War Zone 318392	WWF War Zone 318392	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
32	A&E	32	25	Law & Order: Blood (PG-13) 314637	Biography: Sammy The Bull: Bravado 881124	Biography: Sammy The Bull: Bravado 881124	WWF War Zone 318392	WWF War Zone 318392	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
33	TLC	33	31	Medical Detect 630308	Medical Detect 6303	Medical Detect 6303	WWF War Zone 318392	WWF War Zone 318392	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
34	NICK	34	37	Hay Mirold (N) 345476	Rugrats (N) 345476	Rugrats (N) 345476	WWF War Zone 318392	WWF War Zone 318392	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
36	LIFE	36	30	Intimate Portrait: Nancy McK. (N) 793076	Intimate Portrait: Nancy McK. (N) 793076	Intimate Portrait: Nancy McK. (N) 793076	WWF War Zone 318392	WWF War Zone 318392	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
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43	FSN	43	29	Totally NASCAR	Women's College Basketball Atlantic Coast Conference Final - Teams to Be Announced (Live) 713679	Women's College Basketball Atlantic Coast Conference Final - Teams to Be Announced (Live) 713679	Beyond the Glory 78124	Beyond the Glory 78124	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
44	COM	44	24	Daily Show	Ben Stein 91872	Ben Stein 91872	Presents 1215058	Presents 1215058	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
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46	ANIM	46	47	Croc Files	Animals	Animals	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
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48	TVL	48	24	Andy Griffith	Andy G. 'tiff	Barney/Hogan	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
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51	MSNBC	51	51	Benfield & Hoff 1614143	Benfield & Hoff 1614143	Benfield & Hoff 1614143	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
52	TELE	52	16	Two-Kind	Boos?	Boos?	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
53	FAM	53	16	Two-Kind	Boos?	Boos?	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
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61	TCM	61	61	Willie's New 414853	Willie's New 414853	Willie's New 414853	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
62	HIST	62	62	History	History IQ	History IQ	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
63	BRV	63	63	Movie IV	Rising Sun (N) 311076	Rising Sun (N) 311076	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
64	SCIF	64	64	Baylon 5 (N) 311076	First Wave 1249872	First Wave 1249872	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
65	FLX	65	65	Dream a Little (S) 6904563	Message From Space (S) 95	Message From Space (S) 95	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
66	SHOW	66	28	Lambda 5:00 (PG) 30	The Green Mile (N) 99	The Green Mile (N) 99	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
67	TMC	67	16	Blood Money (15) (NR) 99	Stir of Echos (R) 99	Stir of Echos (R) 99	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
68	HBO	68	19	In the Mood (15) (PG-13) 87	Angelo, In the Mood (15) (PG-13) 87	Angelo, In the Mood (15) (PG-13) 87	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
69	HBO	69	19	Jagged Edge (5:00) (R) 85	Miss Ever Boy (PG) 99	Miss Ever Boy (PG) 99	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
70	HBO	70	19	Jefferson in Paris (5:00) (PG-13) 95	Nick Nole, Greta (S) 99	Nick Nole, Greta (S) 99	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		
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72	MAX2	72	72	Max 72	Max 72	Max 72	Encounter 200624	Encounter 200624	News (N) 799550	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Good Morning, Vietnam (R) 87	Williams, Based on the exploits		

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DAVE BARRY

Budget surplus crisis solved: Bus museums

URGENT TAXPAYER BULLETIN: The Federal Budget Surplus Crisis has become so severe that there is now serious talk in Washington of LETTING YOU KEEP SLIGHTLY MORE OF YOUR OWN MONEY.

That is correct: The government has been taking in so much of your money that EVEN CONGRESS is having a hard time spending it all. Not that Congress isn't trying! In fact, in recent years Congress, faced with the alarming buildup of your money, has come up with some truly creative things to spend it on. My favorite is the Greyhound Bus Museum.



Barry

I am not making the Greyhound Bus Museum up. It's located in Hibbing, Minn. ("Gateway to the Greater Hibbing Area"). As every history student should know, Hibbing is the birthplace of Greyhound, which started as a small bus company and then grew, in historic fashion, into what it is today: a large bus company.

I'm sure that every taxpayer — especially every taxpayer who has ever had to take a long bus trip sitting near the toilet — often thinks: "I hope and pray that at least some tiny portion of the tax money I worked so hard for is used to help finance a bus museum in a city that I will probably never visit unless I happen to be in a plane that crashes there!"

Well, taxpayers, your prayers have been answered, thanks to U.S. Rep. Jim ("Jim") Oberstar, who represents (surprise!) Hibbing. Not only did Jim procure \$80,000 in federal money for the Greyhound museum, but he also boasted about it in a press release, which I imagine you taxpayers also paid for.

This press release states the \$80,000 came from an act of Congress called the "Transportation Efficiencies Act for the 21st Century." The release further states that, initially, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) "wasn't certain" that the Greyhound museum "fit the criteria" for the Transportation Efficiencies Act. But as Rep. Oberstar points out, he was "a key architect of the legislation," and thus was "in a better position to help MN/DOT understand how Congress intended the money to be used."

You tell "em, Jim! Don't let those dopes at MN/DOT prevent you from spending our money as you see fit! If a bus museum doesn't epitomize the true meaning of Transportation Efficiency for the 21st Century, then I don't know what does!

Of course, the bus museum is only one of many, many examples of how Congress is working to ease the dangerous buildup of your money in Washington. Thanks to Congress, you're also paying \$1.5 million for sunflower research, and \$176,000 for the Reindeer Herders Association. No, really!

Unfortunately, we cannot put a serious dent in our dangerously high budget surplus by spending pathetic amounts like \$1.5 million. That is why we should be thankful to leaders such as U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.), who has, over the years, spent more than one billion taxpayer dollars in his relentless ongoing effort to improve West Virginia by covering the entire surface of the state with a gigantic slab of federal concrete (which will be named "The Robert Byrd Concrete Slab").

And let us not forget Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.), a man so concerned about our naval preparedness that he demanded that the U.S. Navy be given — for starters — \$375 million for a helicopter assault ship to be built in (surprise!) Sen. Lott's hometown. In pushing this vital naval project through, Sen. Lott had to overcome the resistance of ... well, the Navy. That's right: The Navy did not want this ship. Fortunately, Sen. Lott is not the kind of candypants leader to let some upstart outfit like the U.S. Navy tell him what our naval needs are, any more than Rep. Oberstar is going to let the so-called "Minnesota Department of Transportation" tell HIM about transportation.

I could talk about many other heroic efforts by our leaders to reduce the federal budget surplus. But the tragic fact is, they have failed. The surplus has reached such alarming levels that it now appears likely that Con-

Please see BARRY/2C

Person to Person

With Johnnys Montgomery



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Doug Cole, manager of KOCV-FM, is the mellow voice on the public radio station.

KOCV-FM Manager

Doug Cole

ODESSA — Well, here he is, folks — the face behind the mellow voice on public radio station KOCV-FM, who politely tells you the time and temperature, reads occasional news clips from the Midland and Odessa papers and twice yearly pleads, extols and does everything to come up with funding for the next six months' programming.

Doug Cole, manager of KOCV-FM, said he got into radio because he had always wanted to be a disc jockey.

"I really thought I wanted to spin discs," he said. "But once I got there and learned how commercial radio is set up — which is basically to sell advertising, and it doesn't matter what you play, you end up hearing the same songs at least twice in a six-hour shift, I realized that it wasn't as much fun as I expected it to be."

"So I gravitated over from spinning discs to doing news, which is infinitely more interesting, because the news does change."

Doug was a news announcer for two years before a position opened up at KOCV-FM. He said he was amazed he got the job.

"There were a whole host of applicants, but it turned out that only two of the whole group had ever listened to public radio," he said.

He had worked as a volunteer for public radio in Alaska and loved it, so he said. He probably got the job on the basis of that volunteer experience as much as his experience in commercial radio.

Of course, it couldn't have hurt that Doug had grown up hearing all kinds of music, including classical, and that he knew how to pronounce the names of the classical composers.

"I grew up hearing classical music," he said. "My dad was always a big fan of the Boston Pops and he loved Rodgers and Hammerstein, and he had a boxed set of all nine Beethoven symphonies."

"Besides, I went through the choral programs at First United Methodist Church in Midland. My mom was of the opinion that if the doors of the church were open, that's where I should be."

Doug spent his early years in Midland, where his father worked for Exxon. He attended Sam Houston Elementary and Sam Houston Junior High until the family was transferred to Alaska when he was 14.

During those early years, he was a kid who could never sit still. The teachers knew he was bright, but he had a learning disorder — attention deficit disorder (ADD), and this was the days before Ritalin.

But singing at First UMC helped.

"They had George de Hart, an excellent music director who was also choral director and organist, and he was fabulous as a teacher. He grouped the kids in grades one through three, then fourth through sixth grades. Then in grades seven, eight and nine he took the boys out of the choir, because one week you'd be singing alto, and the next week you'd be a bass. So we got to be bell-ringers."

Doug also played trumpet in the junior high band. Upon moving to Alaska, he discovered skiing, and fishing, and a love for pushing life to its gritty edges.

"Alaska is beautiful," he said. It's not as cold or as dark as people think. It has great restaurants, great malls, a great college hockey team.

"In a lot of ways, it's similar to West Texas, in that you can drive five or 10 miles from town and you're really in the country — not like East Texas, or the eastern U.S., where you never really get away from civilization."

"Drive five or 10 miles out of Anchorage, and if you have a problem with your vehicle, you could die. And nobody might find you until spring. There's something about that that really appealed to me as I was growing up."

"But for older people, the cold could be a problem. Please see DOUG/2C

Hey, This is kids' STUFF!

The power of ice

The hard pavement on a street often breaks down during the winter, making "potholes." Here's why.

You'll need:

- Strong plastic freezer bags
- Refrigerator or freezer
- Adult helper
- A piece of each of these as big as your hand:
 - Asphalt "blacktop" that has broken from the edge of a road
 - Old concrete, from the edge of an old sidewalk
 - Solid piece of clay (not rich soil like a gardener uses)

Do this:

- Soak the concrete and asphalt in water overnight
- The next day, put the clay in water for 5 minutes
- Put each piece in a separate bag and close it tightly
- Put the bags in a refrigerator freezer overnight
- The next morning, take them out and leave them at room temperature
- That evening, put them back in the refrigerator to freeze

Repeat these steps for a week, and examine each piece carefully each day

What happened:

The clay will start to crumble into pieces. Small fragments will break away from the edges of the asphalt. Some pieces may even break away from the concrete if it isn't too solid. That night, it freezes and expands. After several months, the freeze-thaw cycle begins to break up the pavement.

Hitting hard

A Dutch scientist did this famous experiment in the 1700s and helped change people's minds about what "energy" is.

You'll need:

- Lump of modeling clay as big as an orange
- A smooth, heavy ball, such as:
 - Billiard (pool) ball
 - Croquet ball
 - Large ball bearing
 - Bocce ball
- Ruler marked in millimeters
- Small stick
- Meter or yard stick

Do this:

- Smooth the clay so its top is perfectly flat
- Hold the ball 30 cm (or 12 inches) above the clay and drop it
- GENTLY pull the ball out of the clay, and use the toothpick and ruler to measure how many millimeters deep the hole is. Write down that number.
- Smooth out the clay, drop the ball from 60 cm (24 inches) and measure again
- Repeat, dropping the ball from 90 cm (36 inches)

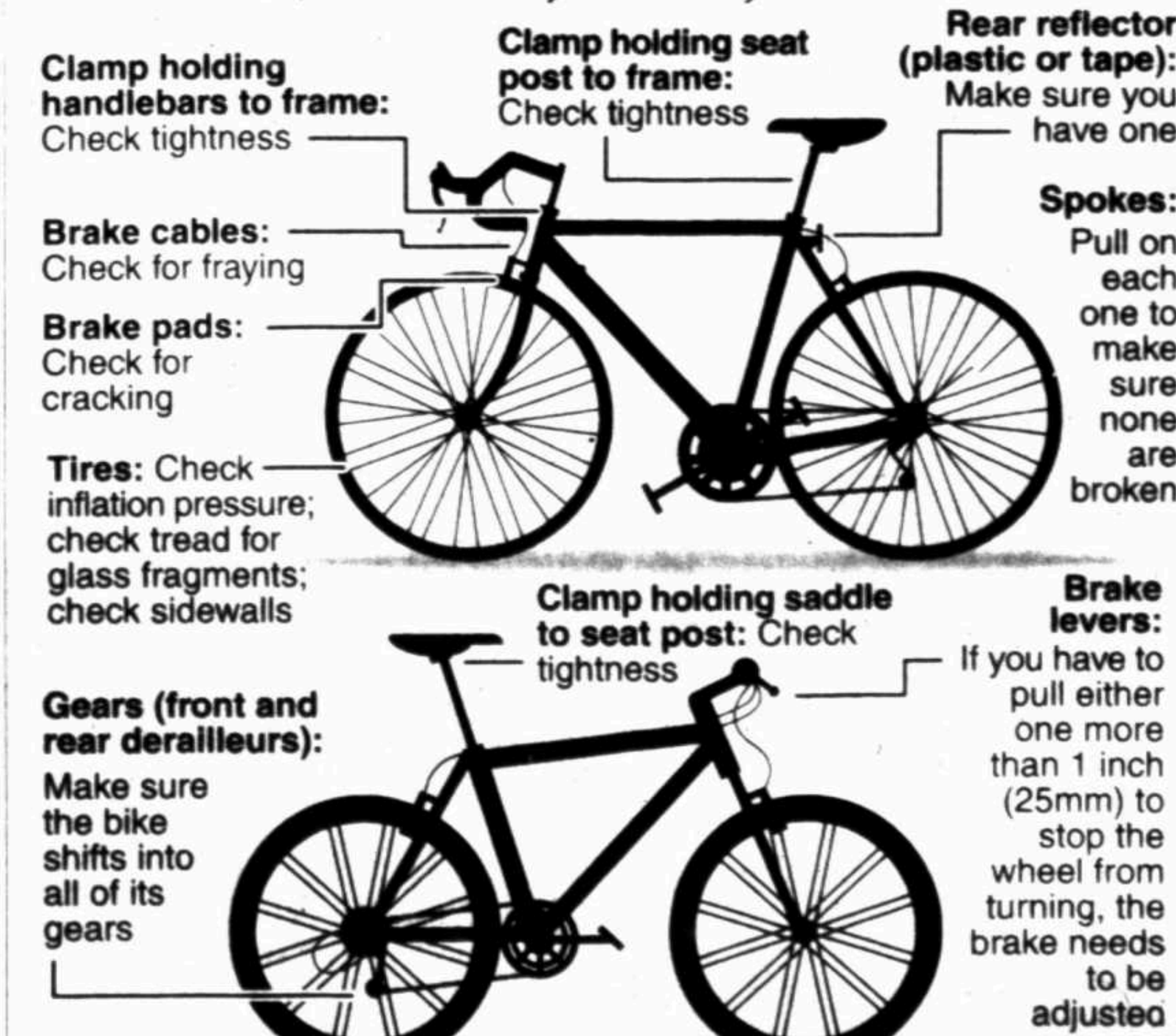
WHAT HAPPENED:

No, the hole got about four, then nine times deeper. Double the height of the ball, and it has four times as much energy, not two. Two "squared" (multiplied by itself) equals 4. $2 \times 2 = 4$. Triple the height, and it lands nine times as hard. Three "squared" equals 9. $3 \times 3 = 9$. In the 1700s, they thought that increasing something's speed increased its "energy" by the same amount. This experiment showed that energy is the square of speed.

PERSONA Trainer

A preseason bike checkout

Before you take your first ride of the new bicycling season, it's essential to make these safety checks on your bike.



Why make these checks in late winter?

Once spring begins, bike repair shops get busy, and it can take days — or even weeks — to get a repair done; repair technicians are also slowed down by the flood of new bikes they have to unbox and assemble.

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DOUG: Job of running station calm, low key

(From 1C)

lem. I remember the year I turned 30, we had 120 inches of snow, and I thought 'This is the last year I'm going to shovel snow. I'll hire a teen-ager to do it.' Also, with snow and ice on the ground five or six months out of the year, it's a given that you're going to slip and fall at least once a year."

As it turned out, Doug made good on his statement that he wouldn't shovel snow another year. He lost his job, and four days later, his wife told him she wanted out of the marriage.

"My dad was up there on a fishing trip, with his RV, and I went down and found him, and asked him if I could hook my vehicle on the back of his RV, and get a ride back to Texas."

"I still have dreams about Alaska sometimes," he said. "I dream of salmon swimming in the gutters outside my house, and when I wake up, I realize that the dream had to be of Alaska."

Since coming back to Texas, Doug has found a new life, and a new wife, Rene Cole, who stuck with him while he worked full time and went back to school at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and graduated summa cum laude.

"UTPB is just wonderful," he said. "The class size helped, and I had great, very dedicated instructors. It's a great community resource, and we're lucky to have it."

Now it's Rene's turn. She's working full time as office manager of a sandblasting, painting and coating company while she pursues her degree in geology. Doug functions as house husband when he goes home from work each day.

"We have a little competition going," said Doug. "She thinks she can do better at school than I did. She's doing awfully well so far. She hasn't made a B yet."

Meanwhile, Doug is doing exactly what he wants to be doing.

"Odessa College owns KOCV-FM, the station is on college property, and OC owns the license. We're a non-commercial educational station, and I am paid by Odessa College. I'm considered professional staff. I'm not on the faculty, because I don't teach."

"About 60 percent of the time, the station is run by students at OC either on a work/study program, or a non-work/study program," he said. "It doesn't matter what their major is, as long as they are punctual, good readers and are able to speak what

they're reading in a manner comprehensible to our listeners.

"The type voice you have, or whether you're a broadcast major or want to do this as a vocation is all secondary."

Doug said that most of the time, the job of running the public radio station is pretty calm and low key.

"I'm not a micro-manager," he explained. "People make mistakes and they learn from them, and we're not here to yell about that."

There are, however, two eight-day periods that do get stressful: the spring and fall fund-raisers. Doug gets a little sensitive about some of the remarks he hears about fund-raisers.

"A lot of people don't realize that the government does not automatically give us one dime," he said. "I'll never forget last fall, we were doing some election coverage, and I was standing next to this guy who was going on and on about how PBS (Public Broadcasting System) and NPR (National Public Radio) are just rolling in dough from the government, and I had to interrupt him, and say, 'Pardon me, you really sound like you know what you're talking about, but ... you don't.'"

"We don't automatically get money from anybody. Once a year, I apply for a grant for \$10,000 from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and the rest comes from our members, and we do quite well at it. Last year, our members contributed \$70,000."

Doug said people often complain to him about the amount of time the fund-raisers take out of the broadcasting schedule.

"But we're on the air 365 days a year," he said. "That comes to about 4 percent of our broadcast time. Commercial media do their fund-raising approximately seven to eight minutes out of every 30. That amounts to about 26 percent of the time devoted to advertising."

Another comment that irritates Doug is the accusation that the media are biased on the liberal side.

"I want to submit to you that there's no such thing as liberal media," he said. "We're not ultraconservative, but by the same token, we're not bleeding-heart liberals either."

"When you stand on the North Pole, the only direction you can see is south. We try to stay in the middle, so that we can look both ways."

DEAR ABBY

Desperate teen must seek real voices for advice

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a teen who self-injures. I cut myself and hurt myself constantly, and I also tried to kill myself.

I'm depressed all the time and so stressed it makes me sick. I hear a voice that tells me things, and it says if I tell anyone about it, it will kill me. Please help me. — DESPERATE IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

DEAR DESPERATE: The voice you're hearing is a symptom of your illness. If you keep secret the fact that you're hearing a voice, the voice will become stronger. The best advice I can give you, and this is from the heart, is to tell your parents or another trusted adult what you are experiencing. Your problems can be overcome, but not without professional intervention. You need medical and psychiatric help right away. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Jamie's Family," about the 11-year-old girl who was killed in an auto accident while reclining in the front seat of the car. I was stunned when I read their letter.



Van Buren

I would like to let that family know that she did not die in vain. Although I don't do it frequently, I have allowed my 11-year-old son to do the same thing. You can be certain I'll never do it again.

A heartfelt thank-you to Jamie's family for taking the time to send a letter that I'm sure was difficult to write. They may have saved the life of at least one other 11-year-old today — mine.

— GRATEFUL MOM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR GRATEFUL MOM: Several readers have reminded me that new-car operating manuals warn against reclining in the seat while a vehicle is in motion. Although nothing can lessen their grief, I am sure that Jamie's family will find some degree of comfort in knowing they have averted a possible tragedy. Thank you for speaking up.

DEAR ABBY: My parents are in their 80s, in moderately good health, and live a modest lifestyle. They are active and youthful in many ways. We children and grandchildren love them dearly and look forward to spending time with them.

Our relationship is sustained by mutual enjoyment instead of guilt. They have many old friends and constantly make new ones. What is it about my folks that draws people to them? What makes them so popular with people of all ages? Here's the answer:

■ They listen more than they talk.
■ They rarely complain about anything.
■ They show a genuine interest in others by asking meaningful questions without being judgmental.

■ They live in the present, and although they appreciate the "good ol' days," they don't dwell on them.

■ They enjoy young people and recognize that each generation has both good and bad.

■ They are fun and interesting to talk to because they are learning new things and want to share them with us.

■ And finally, they can laugh at themselves. Growing old can be a real grind, but through it all, they find a little humor.

Relationships are a two-way street, and a lifelong endeavor. I hope that when I'm as old as my parents I will be like them. — LUCKY DAUGHTER IN MINNESOTA

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your parents sound like wonderful people. However, the traits that make them sought after apply not only to seniors, but to people of all ages. So if you want to be the kind of person your parents are when you reach the age of 80, start practicing now.

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

TALKIN' TEXAS

'Old coots,' kids in Goldthwaite know what tops are

By Tumbleweed Smith

When I was in Goldthwaite to make a speech, Nita Frazier gave me a top.

It's the old fashioned kind, made of wood. I wrapped the string around it, threw it down and it went bouncing across the floor on its side. No good.

I picked it up and tried again. Same thing. After a few tries I finally got it to spin correctly. It was a good feeling.

Nita manages the Dairy Queen in Goldthwaite. On the counter are several wooden tops. They sell for five dollars and are made by Jack Clendenen.

"You can't find a young person nowadays that knows what a top is," says Jack.

"It's gotta be some old coot like me to even know what it's all about."

"We've sold somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 tops," says Nita.

"People just love them because they haven't seen them in so long and they are handmade. Jack comes here in the morning and if

I tell him we need more tops he'll gather up some new ones and bring them in that afternoon."

Some time ago, some of Nita's regular customers were sitting around talking about tops. They told Nita they wanted some.

"I happened to have some tops in my kiddies' meals and so I gave them all a top. Well that didn't quite work out. They didn't like those."

"So I went to Wal-Mart and bought them some plastic tops. That didn't work out. They wanted a wooden top. So I put the word out that we needed some wooden tops. Jack comes in every morning and afternoon for coffee and he decided to see if he could help them. So he made some wooden tops and gave them to the boys. That just tickled them to death. They showed me how they could spin the tops on the floor of the Dairy Queen here. They were happy as a lark with those tops."

Jack Clendenen makes the tops at his home in the country. He makes them in different sizes with different types of wood, from mesquite to black walnut. A huge

pile of sawdust has built up around the lathe where he shapes his tops. He uses the sawdust as fertilizer.

"I just started whittling on this lathe. I made a top and it turned out pretty, so I made another and another. I've made several hundred now."

Jack stays busy making tops and going to the DQ twice a day to drink coffee and check on the inventory. When it runs low, he'll go make some more.

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.



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BARRY: Efforts to reduce surplus fail

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gress may actually reduce your taxes slightly. Of course, Congress must first argue for months about exactly which of you taxpayers are worthy of being allowed to keep slightly more of your money. And no matter what Congress decides, the odds are that you, personally, won't get much tax relief — certainly nowhere near Reindeer Herder Association money.

But still, thanks to the generosity of Congress, some day — perhaps as early as next year — you might be able to afford a slightly nicer summer vacation! The Greyhound Bus Museum is open from May 15 through the end of September.

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

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Clogging, basic & intermediate levels, 7 p.m., 2800 W. County Road 130 (Cotton Flat Road and S. Midkiff Road).

Midland Area AIDS Support, for family and friends of people with AIDS, 7 p.m., 684-6161 or 684-7821.

West Texas Singles dance class/lessons, 7:30 p.m., 550-6960.

Midland Rape Crisis support for incest survivors. For group information call 682-7273.

Compassionate Friends support group, Hospice, 911 W. Texas Ave., 7:30 p.m., 685-1566.

The 12 Step Group of Al-Anon, 6 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-C, 699-2005

Permian Basin Parkinson's support group, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, Loop 250 and Thomason Drive, 682-4100

Rebekah Lodge No. 91, 8 p.m. 610 E. Florida St. **East Side Lions Club**, 7:30 p.m., El Rancho Grande.

Wall Street Toastmasters Club, 5:30 p.m., Midland County Library, 697-2084.

Support group for persons with hepatitis, 7 p.m. Immanuel Baptist Church, 4020 E. University Blvd., Odessa, 366-4439.

La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018.

Barbershop Singing Society, Permian Basin Chapter of SPEBSQSA, Our Savior's Lutheran, 7 p.m., 685-1831.

Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of Rainbow, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.

Midland Chapter American Association support group, 7 p.m., Abell Hanger Medical Pavilion, 682-0314.

A support group for military personnel and their families, 7:30 p.m., Midland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2306 Elizabeth Ave., 684-6161.

Civil Air Patrol, adults and cadets, 7 p.m., CAP building at Midland Air Park, 685-3384 or 694-2035.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 7 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Kim, 580-HELP

Civil Air Patrol, cadets, 7 p.m., Midland Air Park, 682-6776.

Midland AARP Chapter 256, 6 p.m., Senior Citizens Center at Kingsway Center, 682-1770 or 694-1447.

The Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of Rainbow for Girls, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple, 1600 W. Wall Ave.

Wallstreet Toastmasters Club, 5:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library second floor meeting room, 697-2084.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, Dot, 683-3775 and Kathy, 580-HELP.

West Texas Harmony, 7 p.m., Memorial Christian Church, 694-2035 or 333-5838.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

POLICE REPORTS

Crime Stoppers

Sometime between the end of January and the beginning of February, individuals shot out car windows with BB or pellet guns.

This damage occurred in the area south of Wadley Avenue and north of Illinois Street, and between Fairgrounds Road and Midland Drive.

More than 26 cases have been reported to authorities, with property loss totaling more than \$5,000.

If you have any information on this criminal mischief or any other felony crime, call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCK-UP and it could be worth up to a \$1,000 cash reward. Callers remain anonymous and caller ID is never used.

Texas officials warn cattle ranchers to guard against foot-and-mouth disease

By David Koenig

Associated Press

DALLAS — This year's outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in England has caused Texas officials and ranchers to raise their guard against a scourge that hasn't been seen in the United States in 70 years.

The viral disease has spread westward from England to Scotland and Northern Ireland, prompting agriculture authorities in this country to worry that it could jump across the Atlantic because of free trade and travel.

"This disease is so highly contagious that until it's eradicated from the face of the earth, it will always be a threat to us," said Terry Conger, a veterinarian and the chief epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Ranchers are being told to protect their animals from anyone who has traveled to a country afflicted by the disease, such as England or Brazil, where an outbreak occurred last year.

People can carry the foot-and-mouth virus on their clothing, cars or even for a while in their lungs, state officials say. Experts are advising ranchers to isolate new animals, limit visitors to their property and disinfect their boots if they've traveled abroad.

Of particular concern, they say, are hog-farming operations in which pigs are fed garbage, which could include meat scraps.

"If Farmer Brown's daughter was in South America and brought back some meat product and didn't eat it all, and he fed the rest to the pigs in the backyard — there you are," Conger said.

Some states ban the feeding of garbage to livestock slaughtered for food. Texas requires only that the

garbage be cooked.

There are more than 500 garbage-feeder operations registered with the state, and they are subject to monthly inspections to make sure the feed is cooked.

Livestock experts say the heightened concern over mad-cow disease, a brain-wasting condition that can be transmitted to humans, has raised U.S. barriers against foot-and-mouth.

Clay County rancher Wilson Scaling said he is always concerned about potential threats to the cattle industry.

But Scaling said he considers it more likely that foot-and-mouth would be introduced to the country in an act of terrorism by animal activists than by some accident.

"They will stop at nothing. Look at what they've done to some of the research labs," Scaling said. "I'm not too worried about the importation of animals because I believe enough safeguards have been built in."

John McNeill, an agriculture-extension official at Texas A&M, said that a ban on beef imports from Europe and a 1997 prohibition on feeding animal byproducts to cattle and sheep have reduced the threat of foot-and-mouth too.

"It could even be that we've got some overkill, but we've got to keep vigilant," he said. "It's one of those things you really can't control once it gets out of hand."

Unlike mad-cow disease, foot-and-mouth is not generally considered a health threat to humans. The name comes from sores that develop around the feet and mouth of cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, pigs and deer, sapping their appetite and causing weight loss or death.

OBITUARIES



Antonio "Cheetah" Sandate Sr.

Antonio H. Sandate, 66, died Saturday, March 3, at his residence. Antonio was born to the late Ernesto and Concepcion Sandate on July 5, 1934 in Shafter, Texas. At an early age he moved to Midland with his family where he was reared. He worked maintenance at Ranchland Country Club for several

years then worked at Greentree Country Club until his retirement in 1996. He was Catholic.

A Rosary will be said on Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the chapel. The Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 6, at 11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Jerome Burnett officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Andrea Menchaca Sandate of Midland; sons, Oscar Sandate of Midland and Antonio Sandate Jr., also of Midland; daughters, Yolanda Portillo, Sheila Madrid, Maria Madrid, Alicia Gonzales, all of Midland, and Teresa Tello of Stanton; brother, Vicente Sandate of Odessa; sisters, Lucia Macias, Guadalupe Revelez, Valentina Sandate, Dominga Reyes and Josephia Passalacqua, all of Midland; 27 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Juan Madrid, Henry Gonzales, Roger Tello, Mario Sanchez, Charlie Madrid, Alfredo S. Lopez and Paul Sandate.

Lottery jackpot reaches state record \$77 million

By April Castro

Associated Press

DALLAS — As the Texas Lotto rolled to \$77 million, the largest in state history, ticket buyers marked their numbers and counted their dollar bills to make sure they had a shot at the loot.

Jerry Huff, a retired Dallas resident, fantasized Sunday about what he'd do if he won the pot in Wednesday's drawing. He'd share with his family, he said.

"Yeah — from the South of France," his wife, Joann, chimed in.

Another ticket-buyer said if she won, she'd give each of her nine brothers and sisters \$1 million.

"Then I'd move back to my 76 acres in Mississippi and get all sorts of cats and dogs and

chickens to raise," said the woman, who declined to give her name.

Lines were nonexistent Sunday morning, but lottery officials in Austin warned ticket-sellers to plan for a major crush approaching the 10 p.m. Wednesday drawing.

"We're anticipating that retailers will have a really busy week and we're trying to let people know that they may need to bring in additional help," said Kristina Childress, spokeswoman for the Texas Lottery. "There could be lines out the doors. We're going into a situation that the Texas Lottery has not been in in seven years."

When the Lotto hit \$75 million in 1994 — a record at the time — sales before the drawing reached \$66,000 per minute. Childress said she expects those kind of numbers again this week, for what is now the highest jack-

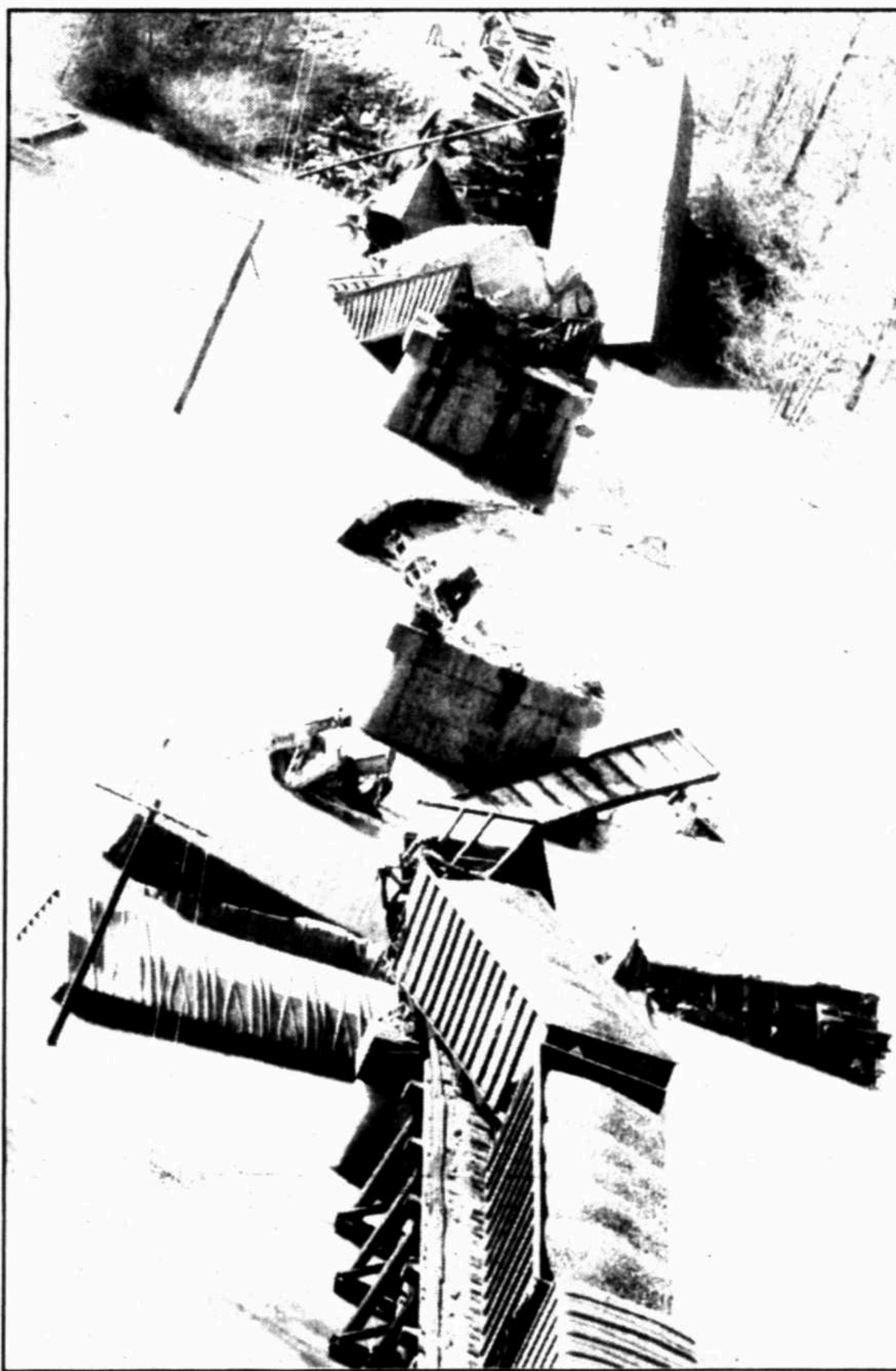
pot in the nation.

This past weekend, when the jackpot stood at \$56 million, hourly sales were more than \$1 million, or \$16.667 per minute, from 5 p.m. until the drawing. Total sales for the day were about \$13 million for the fourth-largest jackpot in state history, she said.

The energy generated by higher jackpots is exactly what lottery officials were hoping for when four numbers were added to the draw last year, decreasing the chances of winning but increasing the potential payout.

"You're looking at a lot of money and the thrill of getting a chance to win that gets everybody talking," Childress said. "Everybody is asking what's going to happen Wednesday night. This is the kind of excitement we wanted to drive back into Lotto Texas."

Train derails



Union Pacific Railroad cars sit submerged in the Sulphur River west of Bassett, Sunday, after an early morning derailment. Officials are still trying to determine if a trestle gave way, causing 15 freight cars to fall in to the water.

AP Photo

El Paso pediatricians say they can't afford to treat poor children

EL PASO (AP) — Children newly enrolled in Texas' health plans for the poor are being turned away by a third of the pediatricians in this West Texas city.

The doctors say they are paid too little to see the overwhelming numbers who need their help. Other pediatricians are warning they will follow suit, threatening access to health care for some of El Paso's most vulnerable children, the El Paso Times reported in Sunday's editions.

Seven doctors at El Paso Pediatric Associates no longer take new patients enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program. Some doctors have left El Paso in recent months for jobs in other cities because of the low reimbursements.

"Taking care of them is strictly a break-even proposition," said Dr. Stuart Kahn, one of the seven doctors. "They utilize services more, and they're sicker than our other patients."

In the past several months, El Paso pediatricians have seen a dramatic increase in the number of poor patients in their practices, driven by successful community efforts to enroll children in Medicaid — the health insurance program for the poor — and in CHIP, a federally funded health insurance plan for the working poor, the doctors say.

But doctors are paid far less to treat those children than they would receive under commercial insurance plans — in many cases, half as much.

For example, El Paso pediatricians make about \$100 for a well-baby checkup covered by commercial insurance plans. But CHIP pays doctors \$62 for the same service, and Medicaid pays \$50.

"Our rates are cut and cut and cut, and we have to work more and more to break even," Central El Paso pediatrician Dr. Arturo Casillas said. He has closed his practice to new CHIP clients and is considering telling his current CHIP patients to go elsewhere.

A medical practice that carries more than 50 percent Medicaid or CHIP patients will go bankrupt, according to the Texas Medical Association.

In some cases, El Paso physicians are paid less for services than are physicians in other parts of Texas. "It's hypocritical for the state to say it cares about kids when the rates are so low," said Dr. Gilbert Handal, regional chairman of pediatrics for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

Two years ago, state legislators boosted the Medicaid reimbursement rate by 2.7 percent — the first increase in eight years.

Baylor sophomore wins \$10,000 in Internet contest

WACO (AP) — Baylor sophomore Stephen Klein wasn't expecting a package from Federal Express.

And he was unaware that surfing the Internet would be so profitable.

When he opened the package Friday, Klein, a 20-year-old finance major, learned that he had won \$10,000 in a drawing by iWon.com, an Internet company that offers a site people can use to search the World Wide Web.

"I was pretty shocked," he said. "You enter those things, but you never expect something to come of it. I've never won anything close to this. I think I won a camera once."

Samantha Better, public relations coordinator for iWon.com, said Klein won in a daily drawing for the \$10,000 the company offers to individuals who register and use the site. When people use the site they are given points, which are then used in the drawing.

"Basically, each point is like an individual raffle ticket," she said. "They are randomly selected by a computer, and that person gets the \$10,000."

Klein, who has been told he'll receive the money in about 30 days, said he plans to put most of the money toward his tuition, but he will also set some aside for a vacation this summer.

"My dad and I have been talking, and I think we are going to take a trip to the Grand Canyon, and

then up to Yellowstone," he said. I have been wanting to do that."

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MALE MALAMUTE
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Cities gear up for TAAF games this summer

By Brandi Tannery

Imagine waking up one morning to find that your city has been invaded by nearly 20,000 people!

That is just what the Midland/Odessa area is bracing for. This summer, the twin cities will be host-

ing the 2001 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Games of Texas, July 27 - August 5.

Patterned after the Olympic Games and the U. S. Olympic Sports Festivals, the Games of

Texas provide a forum for training and competition among Texas' Olympic hopefuls and recreational athletes. This Olympic-style competition provides Texans of all ages and skill levels with a wholesome avenue for positive personal development through sports and physical activity.

The popularity of the Games has grown steadily since the first Games were held in San Antonio in 1986. Recognized as the largest amateur sporting event in the state, more than 7,000 athletes compete each year, with an additional 10,000+ spectators in attendance.

Midland/Odessa Parks & Recreation

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Photo by Tim Fischer

Newly inaugurated President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush wave to the crowd at the Inaugural Parade. Behind

them are Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, former First Lady Barbara Bush and former President George Bush.

Chamber helps press find Bush's Midland

By Bruce Partain
Business Journal Editor

Like the leading edge of a tide sloshing up the beach, the first call arrived.

Soon another caller was on the line, asking the same questions.

And then another caller, then more and more until we were floating in a deluge of requests.

Well, not really.

But there have been a flood of journalists contacting the Midland Chamber in a search of the "real Midland" that President George W. Bush invited them to discover.

"The values Midland holds near to its heart are the same ones I hold near to my heart," Bush said in the summer of 2000. "It's a town of risk takers...a town that

knows the value of hard work and having an optimistic vision. The slogan 'The Sky's The Limit' was meant for everyone, not just a select few. Midlanders believed if you work hard and believe it will happen, anything can happen. That ethic of hard work and outlook of optimism has stayed with me my whole life."

The media heeded the suggestion made by Midland's Rising Son. By my reckoning, I've provided information and leads to about two dozen writers, photographers, video crew producers and the like since last April. The Midland Chamber staff has assisted German magazine *Max*, a Mexican wire service, Finnish newspaper *Helsingin Sanomat*, German news channel N24, French Television 1, French Television 2, Brazilian Radio TSF, Dutch magazine

Elsevier, French newspaper *Le Figaro*, the British Broadcasting Company, Italian publication *Corriere Della Sera*, Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet*, German television ARD, Danish publication *Weekend Avisen*, German news magazine *Der Spiegel*, A&E Biography, the Associated Press, CNN, the Today Show, the *Houston Chronicle*, Dallas television WFAA and the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Community-spirited individuals such as Fran Billingsley, who has given many media tours of Midland, have assisted us.

During the week leading up to the January 17 Bush Blitz on Midland, volunteer Cathy Burgess helped the Chamber field the extraordinary number of requests

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GUIDE: Chamber, volunteers guide visitors to Bush's Midland

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from local to international media, all wanting access to the President-elect.

In July 2000, the Chamber published a special edition of Citylife magazine with an eight-page color spread of the Bush years in Midland, in part to provide accurate information to the media. We posted the story and photos on our website -- www.MidlandTxChamber.com. In the months since then, I've created lists of locations, possible interviews and web site links to assist journalists on a deadline.

WGBH, a National Public Television crew from Boston, arrived in April 2000. The producer — like many producers — was extremely charming and persistent in getting information and access to locations and persons associated with Mr. Bush.

Once in Midland, the WGBH crew combed the town, looking for suitable outdoor locations. I caught up with them one Saturday morning at Cowden Park. They were behind the former Bush home located on Sentinel Drive. The director was rubbing a brand new baseball in the dirt and pounding it with a bat. They had found George's old baseball field and were going to recreate some visuals of the 1950s. I mentioned I had my own baseball glove from the 1960s — fat thumb and small pocket — at my house a few blocks away. I brought it and a few genuinely-aged baseballs and they reacted with delight. They now had some authentic-looking props.

The rise of George W. Bush to national fame isn't the first time the Midland Chamber has been a first-contact point for the national and international media.

As the Chamber's Communications Manager for the past eleven years, I remember the 1992 election and the calls about George Herbert Walker Bush, George W's father. There were enough requests that I made up a fact sheet and mailed or faxed it to many news agencies. Once in a while someone might come to town for a story.

In 1987, when Jessica McClure was

trapped in a well in west Midland, I was working as marketing manager for a natural gas company. I remember looking out my office window in the Centennial Tower building and marveling at the crush of satellite trucks and other news crews parked around the Chamber building. My predecessor, Susan Atchison, said the well site was so crowded that the media decided the Chamber office would make an excellent news headquarters. Chamber staff member Jane Inskeep said it was not unusual to come into the office and find several writers camped out, taking turns using her phone.

This time around, the real workhorses have been George W.'s friends. Joey O'Neill told one news producer that he had literally done 67 interviews and would appreciate a little relief. "Can't you do 68?" the producer asked.

Sometimes the media don't call until after they've already swept through town. The New Yorker's fact checker called to find out if "oceans of gray dirt" would accurately describe the Midland area. After a 15-minute discussion along these lines, I knew this story would be a classic hatchet job. And it was.

The international media don't seem to have any malice aforethought, but they are heavily into cliches. Oilman Jim Henry, who typically doesn't wear cowboy boots, reluctantly agreed to pull on some Tony Lamas and grab a borrowed Stetson so a BBC crew could get some "authentic" footage of him stepping out of his Suburban. (He usually drives a Corvette.) A freelance photographer from Dallas told me that if you don't produce the cliché, you can't sell the image. He was headed to the Huntsman plant to see if he could juxtapose a low-income home with the industrial facility.

An Italian photographer wanted access to the floor of an oil rig. "I want to get zee pictures of zee dirty men doing zee dirty work," he said. "Not people doing work like you and me." I felt so puny when he



Presidents past and present, George W. Bush and his father George H.W. Bush attend the dedication of a Zapata rig.

Photo courtesy George Bush Presidential Library

said that. Especially since he was a very slight man wearing a t-shirt with a glittery message, covered with a too-tight jeans jacket. He also sported a circular Band-aid stuck in the middle of his forehead. "What do you mean, 'you and me?'" I thought.

At times I question the amount of effort the Chamber puts into assisting national or international journalists, especially the ones who may eventually write an inaccurate story about Mr. Bush or the city we care so much about.

After all, these people are not my true customers. I work for the businesses, individuals and organizations that are members of the Chamber. But those businesses want the true story of Midland told to people who might visit or move to Midland or possibly start a business here. The media can be a conduit to a person who has never heard of Midland.

The San Francisco Chronicle wrote that when landing in Midland, the airline attendant would advise you to "set your watch back to 1957." To me, that comment seemed contrived, until a few calls from California came in. People were inquiring about Midland, asking if it was true that West Texas was so different from the crowded, high-cost, unsafe city they lived in. Maybe the story was over-dramatized, but a little of the truth seeped through. The writer's hyperbole actually struck a chord with readers who were fascinated with the idea that there are places in America that have not lost their idealism and spirit, much less their low cost of living.

This is a special place. It does produce special people. And the Midland Chamber is here to let world know about it.

It's not 1957 in Midland, Texas. But the sky is still the limit.

A Letter from German Television:

Jan. 30, 2001

Dear Bruce:

I can't thank you enough for all the advice and suggestions for our Midland story. We had a great trip, and I think your guidance was a primary reason. The website was very helpful to us tracking down a place to have a beer and what to see while we were there (The Polo Club, The Petroleum Museum). The Hilton was fine...your suggestion of KD's Barbecue was brilliant. We ate ourselves silly and talked to some really nice people. We also had a great dinner at Wall Street.

Our overall impression was that Midland is very, very friendly and that was a breath of fresh air for us Washingtonians. Some of our best shots will be from the oil drill rig that you suggested and from Teraco Inc., where we found Jay and Madeline to be excellent in front of the camera. I will admit that Midland exceeded my expectations. It only made us wish that there was someone like you in every town that we went to do a story!

Again, thanks for the information, and if you start to notice a lot of German tourists, you'll know why...

Sincerely,

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The Midland Chamber's March 22nd Small Business

Roundtable will feature several successful advertising managers. They'll share their insights on recruiting and organizing a fired-up sales team.

The roundtable "Creating and Motivating a Super Sales Staff" will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Chamber's second-floor boardroom.

Radio entrepreneur Tommy Vascocu and newspaper advertising executive Chuck Evers will be among the panelists at the meeting. Anyone interested in being on



Vascocu



Evers

the panel can contact Bruce Partain, 686-3558.

"This is a great chance for managers to learn from their peers," Partain said. "Plus, it is an opportunity for sales people to know how to get that great job and keep it."

Refreshments will be served and a door prize awarded at the roundtable meeting.

The public is invited to attend.

The free event is held in the Chamber boardroom, second floor, 109 N. Main.

Access is by the stairs located on the west side of the Chamber, near Texas Avenue.

To RSVP, contact Dawn Webster -- 683-3381, fax 682-9205 or e-mail Dawn@midlandtxchamber.com.

GAMES: Midland, Odessa gear up to host TAAF Games this summer

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Departments and Convention and Visitors Bureaus are working jointly to host this event, which is expected to bring in approximately \$3.3 million into the cities' economies. Sports scheduled to be included in the 2001 Games are: bowling, boxing, cycling, figure skating, golf, in-line hockey, judo, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and track & field, with the opening ceremonies being held at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

As we gear up for this event, we encourage you to get involved! There are several ways to be involved, ranging from sponsorships, to donating items for player registration bags, to participating as a volunteer. In fact, we are anticipating needing around 1,000 volunteers to assist in running the Games. If you would like to be a part of this event, please call Carolyn Coleman for volunteer opportunities, or Brandi Tannery for a sponsorship package, at 683.3381.

Take a look at the CVB's new newsletter, the Midland Monacle

By Brandi Tannery

You've seen one in the movies. That single lens wedged in the corner of the eye socket of a British chap.

It's a monacle, and its purpose is simple — to bring objects into focus and make things clear. The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) staff has created its own Monacle to help the community and the state take a closer look at Midland.

The Midland Monacle newsletter is produced jointly by the CVB and Midland Center. It debuted in February and will be

produced on a bi-monthly basis, covering topics including hospitality tips, industry updates and upcoming events.

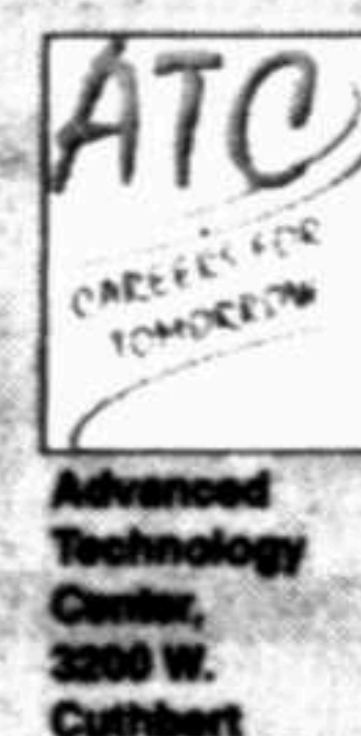
"Because I oversee both the CVB and Midland Center and our marketing department does public relations for both, I found it fitting to create one succinct newsletter," said Shura Lindgren, Director.

The newsletter is mailed to city officials, restaurants, hotels, and tourism partners both city and statewide. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, contact Brandi Tannery at 683-3381, or e-mail brandi@visitmidlandtx.com.

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Ambassador of the Month

Three share Ambassador of the month honors

Shari Hamilton and Linda Slate, with Dynamic Real Estate Professionals, and Bob Price all tied for the honors of January Ambassador of the Month. They attended all the events scheduled for that month, earning 18 points each.

Shari was also the December winner.

Linda is serving the M-Squad as Secretary and Bob Price is captain of the Stars teams. Congratulations to these outstanding volunteers!

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



Shari Hamilton



Linda Slate



Bob Price

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

Nelson named President's Club top achiever

Roy Nelson with State Farm Insurance is the January Top Achiever for President's Club. He assisted one member with their renewal. Also active was Janice Hogan with one renewal.

President's Club volunteers spend several



Roy Nelson

hours a month calling on new member prospects, as well as visiting with current members who are 60 days past due. The Chamber invites these volunteers to a monthly luncheon where they share information on new businesses opening in Midland. Top Achievers are invited to Chamber board meetings to receive awards. For more information, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain at 683-3381.

Local Purchasing Management group to present one-day seminar April 26

The Permian Basin Affiliate of the National Association of Purchasing Management will present a one-day seminar April 26 at the Midland Center.

The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$75 for NAPM members, \$100 for non-members, \$50 for college students. Lunch will not be provided.

Presenting the seminar will be Preston Leavitt, an educator, trainer, consultant and seminar leader with over 30 years of business background and academic experience.

He will offer three presentations during the one-day seminar:

- Negotiation: Fads, Fears, Facts & Fallacies

- Realizing Your Potential: What Would a Creative Person do With My Job?

- Evaluating Purchasing Performance and Living to Tell About It.

Leavitt's clients include private industry, non-profit organizations and government organizations. He has managed the procurement operations for companies from start-up to nationwide expansion as well as overseen marketing functions for corporations in the College of Business at the University of Colorado at Denver.

He also teaches in the Department of Management and the Department of Marketing at the Metropolitan State College of Denver, where he has been named a distinguished faculty member in the School of Business. He is also a Certified Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association.

The Permian Basin affiliate has applied for continuing education hours for this seminar.

Payment can be made to NAPM, P.O. Box 2701, Midland Texas 79702.

Employee Honors

Dawn Webster celebrates nine years at chamber

Dawn Webster was recognized recently for her nine years of service to the Midland Chamber.

Webster is the Program Coordinator for the Chamber's Membership /Communications Department, as well as for several Community



Dawn Webster

Development programs.

Ms. Webster coordinates the M-Squad ambassadors and the Leadership Midland program.

"Dawn is an extremely valuable team member of the Chamber," said Marvin Wynn, Chamber President/CEO. "She serves our members, visitors and volunteers with enthusiasm and knowledge of the community. We appreciate her commitment to the Chamber and to Midland."

Davis promoted to crew leader at Midland Center

By Brandi Tannery

If you have attended an event at the Midland Center, you have seen Freddie Davis. A mainstay at the center, Davis has been on staff for the past 16 years. He began his career by working part-time, evenings and weekends while still attending high school.



Freddie Davis

In appreciation for his dedication and hard work, Davis was recently promoted to Crew Leader of the Midland Center staff. His new responsibilities include supervising staff during events, ensuring all policies and procedures are followed, fielding questions and concerns, and ensuring customer service.

"His many years of experience and considerable training, not to mention his client pleasing demeanor, have always made Freddie a valued member of the Midland Center team," said Rick Woody, Operations Manager.

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Local economy continues recovery as employment rebounds

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Economic recovery continued in the first month of 2001, fueled by strong energy prices, retail spending and a growing resurgence in employment.

The indicators contained in the Midland-Odesa Regional Economic Index and the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index — especially after recent revisions in employment estimates for most of 2000 — show that recovery is "coming along quicker than we thought," said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the indices for First American Bank, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Reporter-Telegram.

He said that the revised employment figures from the Texas Workforce Commission increased the number of residents employed in the energy industry significantly and "that tells me the labor market troubles in the oil and gas industry may be working themselves out at a quicker pace than we thought."

Dennis Clayton, economic development manager for the chamber, said that employment estimates were growing at a stronger rate but pointed out that "our labor force is down, which is affecting our recovery."

Bobby Norman, president of First American Bank, said he was pleased to see continued growth in the number of local employers telling the quarterly Manpower survey they intend to increase staffing levels.

But, like Clayton, he said residents need to remember that Midland-Odesa is down 2,500 to 3,500 jobs from three to three and a half years ago.

"That's a permanent change," Norman said, estimating that an average of 3,000 jobs lost at an annual salary of \$27,500 is equal to \$83 million in purchasing power lost to local businesses.

Continuing strong are retail sales, up 6.5 percent so far.

Ellen Whitfield, general manager of one of Midland's newer retailers, Linens 'n' Things, said that she is pleased with the store's performance.

"Sales are holding steady," she said.

Also strong are motor vehicle sales tax collections, which soared 24.5 percent over the previous January.

Local auto sales are running contrary to national trends, said Ingham.

"I keep thinking vehicle sales will slow down," he said, advising dealers to "ride that gravy train as long as they can."

Norman and Clayton both said that flat building activity — overall building permits are down 15 percent from last January while new home permits are even with a year ago levels — will continue, to be watched, as will airplane boardings and hotel-motel tax collections.

Hotel motel tax collections totaled \$425,462 in the fourth quarter, a gain of 5.8 percent, but collections were down 3.9 percent for the entire year.

"It's tough right now," said Shafik Tejani, whose family owns the Ramada Inn Airport and recently acquired the Plaza Inn. "It's tough to say where we're going. Psychologically people are down. Whether the economy is that bad or not, psyche plays a lot in perception."

His two properties performed well last year, he said, observing that "We had a lot of people staying with us who performed software and hardware upgrades for companies."

He predicted that strong, stable oil and natural gas prices could have a positive impact on local hotels and motels.

Local establishments have also benefited from Midland-Odesa serving as a regional hub, he said, with visitors staying at a local hotel and then moving on to surrounding areas.

"Without surrounding areas like Abilene, San Angelo, southeast New Mexico, it would be tough," he said.

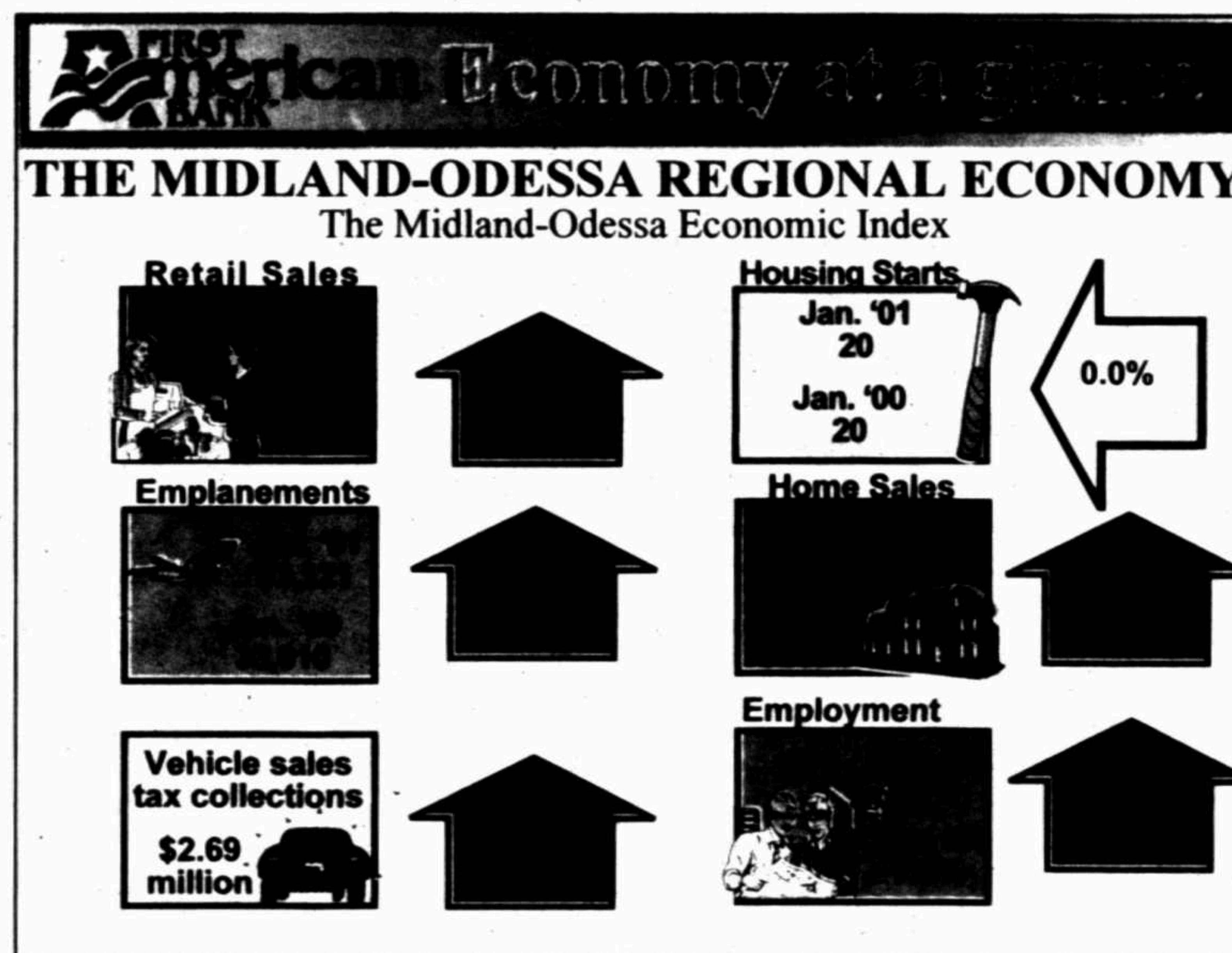
Being the hometown of the new President of the United States could bring visitors, Tejani said, but only if there's a monument visitors can visit and see movies and exhibits about the Bush family.

"It has to be thorough," he said. "I don't know that a Bush fan would fly from Washington State just to drive by a house Bush used to live in."

On the other hand, he said, when Bush visited Midland on his way to Washington for his inauguration, "two hotels sold out. It can't hurt. Anything that brings people to the area doesn't hurt."

Clayton said that he is concerned the significant slowdown in the national economy could weaken or slow the local recovery.

"It could slow the purchase of the com-



modity that drives our economy," he said.

Ingham, noting that the estimates of the fourth quarter growth in the national economy were recently cut from 1.4 percent to 1.1 percent, and that consumer confidence has fallen drastically, agreed that a national economic slowdown could impact the local

economy.

But, he said, "even with what occurs at the national level, unless it's a protracted downturn that drastically affects demand for energy, strong oil and gas prices will sustain Midland-Odesa through the national downturn."

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The M-Squad will conduct ribbon cuttings this month at the following Chamber-member locations. Contact Dawn Webster for further information.

Wed., March 7, 9:30 am
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Thurs., March 15, 10 am
Teen Challenge - dedicate new buildings

Wed., March 21, 11:30 am
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital -
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Chamber meetings

(All meetings held in Chamber boardroom unless otherwise noted)

March

6	Membership Services	4 pm
7	President's Club	11:30 am
8	Tourism Committee	4 pm
9	M-Squad Guidelines	noon
	downstairs conference room	
14	Economic Development Council	11:30 am
15	M-Squad Luncheon	11:30 am
20	Executive Committee	11:30 am
	location to be announced	
20	Midland Manufacturer's Association	11:30 am
21	Retention/Expansion	11:30 am
27	Leadership Midland Alumni	noon
27	Membership Services	4 pm
28	Board of Directors	3:30 pm

April

2	Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee	11:45 am
4	President's Club	11:30 am
5	New Member Reception	4 pm
6	M-Squad Guidelines	noon
	downstairs conference room	
10	Executive Committee	11:30 am
11	Economic Development Council	11:30 am
12	M-Squad Luncheon	11:30 am
17	Midland Manufacturer's Association	11:30 am
18	Retention/Expansion	11:30 am
24	Leadership Midland Alumni	noon
24	Membership Services	4 pm
25	Board of Directors	3:30 pm
30	Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee	11:45 am

CVB events

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

CVB Sporting Events

April 6-7 MISD Tall City Relays 2001 (50)
April 9 Texas Association Private & Parochial Schools TAPPS 3A Tennis Tournament (60)
April 27-28 Cinco de Mayo Futbol Tournament
May 19-26 NJCAA National Golf Tournament 2001 (175)
May 29-31 Compaq Junior All Star Tournament (260)

CVB: Conventions

March 2-4 South Texas National Productions Hunt/Fish/Sport Show (300)
March 15-20 Grand Encampment IOOF Department Council of Texas Annual Meeting (100)
March 30-April 1 Golf Course Road Church of Christ Stream in the Desert (5,000)
April 1-2 Texas Downtown Association Mid Year Spring Meeting 2001 (20)
April 7-8 West Texas Kennel Club 52nd All Breed & Obedient Show (100)
April 16-20 Council of Petroleum Accountants Society Meeting (350)
April 28 Texas Wildlife Association Big Game Banquet (50)
May 1-3 Chevron USA Regional Safety Conference (200)
June 4-5 Advanced Technology Center Texas Center for Judiciary (45)
June 6-9 Texas Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Conference 2001 (130)

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The Economy

Figure 1. Single-Family Home Building Permits.
City of Midland: 1990-00

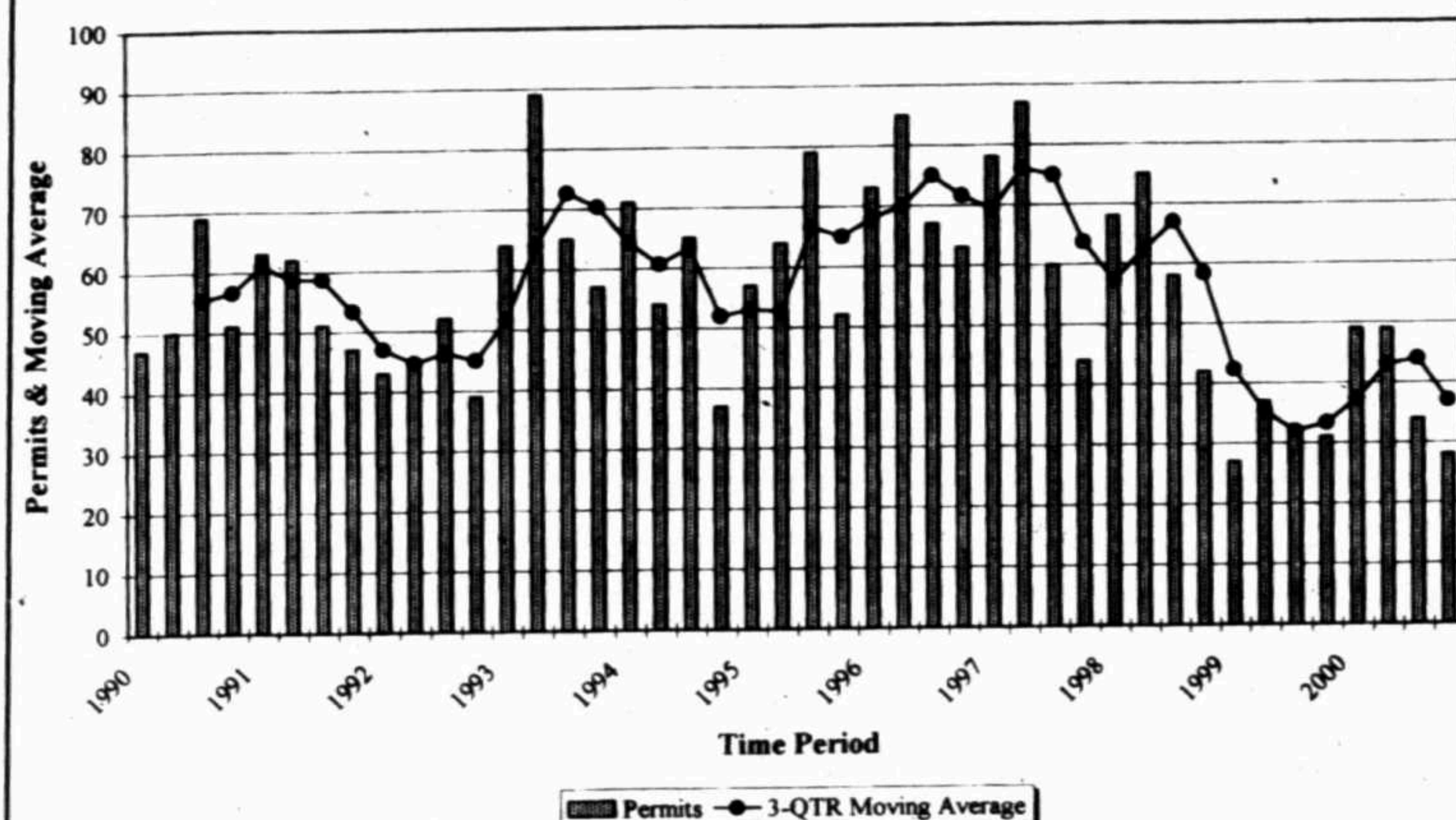
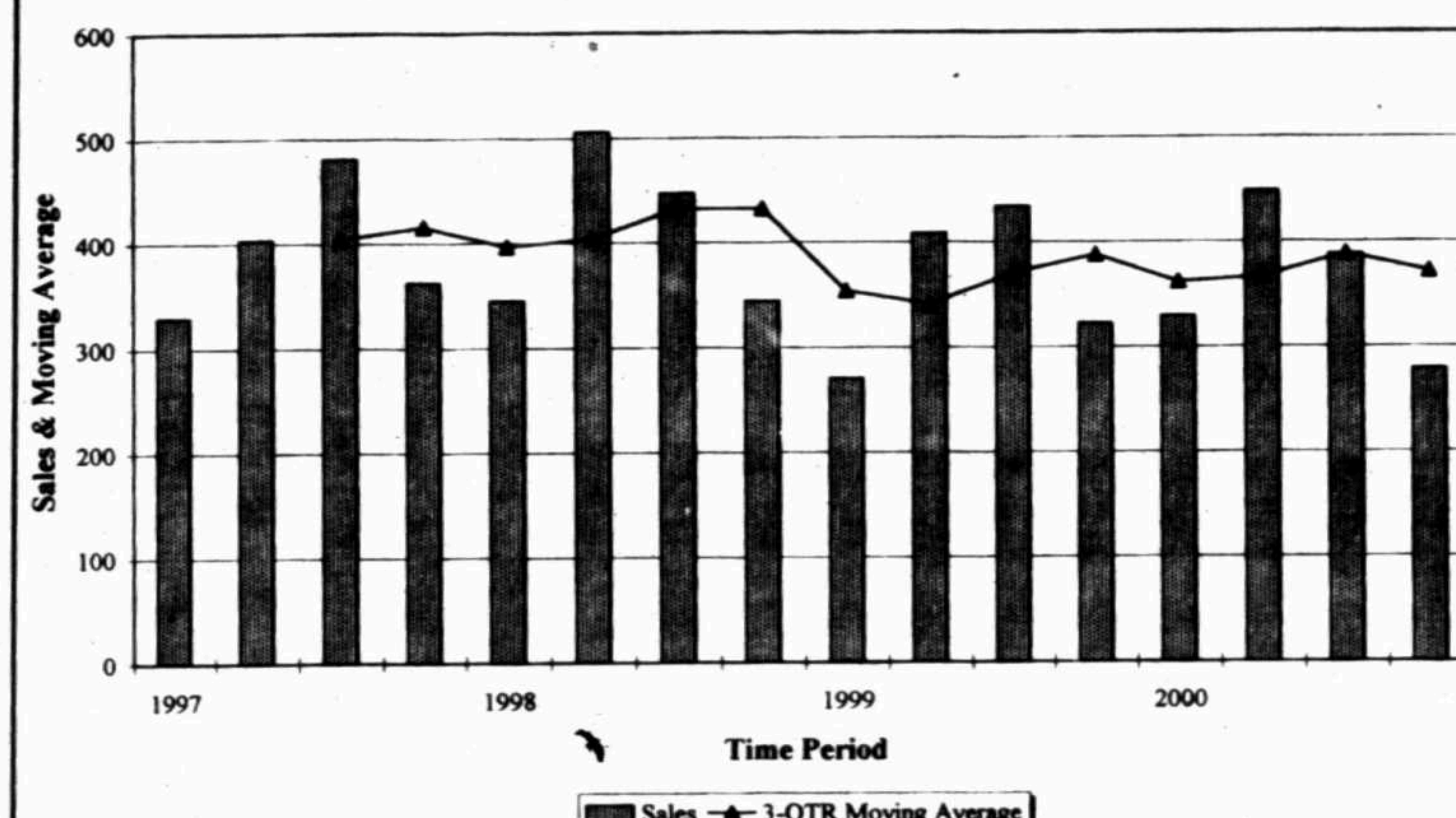


Figure 2. Total (New & Existing) Single-Family Home Sales.
Midland County: 1997-00



Oil prices key to improving home building permits

By Kevin Skipper

The accompanying figures display single family (SF) home building permits data in the city of Midland and total (new and existing) home sales statistics in Midland County. Three-quarter moving averages in the figures smooth out fluctuations and display any underlying trends. The study period covers 1990-00 (permits) and 1997-00 (sales).

The quarterly numbers of Midland's SF home building permits drifted lower through Q1/93, briefly rose, generally declined through Q1/95, grew through Q3/97, then displayed a softening course through 2000 (Figure 1). Annual permitting activity fell 26.3% between 1990-00 (3.0% annually); it strengthened by 26.0% during 2000. The number of permits equaled 2,459

and averaged 56 per quarter or 224 per annum. Quarter-to-quarter permitting levels (expressed as percentage changes) varied substantially with no clear trend.

Midland County's quarterly numbers of total home sales changed little during the period (Figure 2). The moving average indicates that the number trended superficially downward. Sales dropped by 8.4% (2.9% per year) between 1997-00 and displayed a meager gain of 0.6% in 2000. Sales totaled 6,094 during the four-year period; they averaged 1,524 per year or 381 quarterly. Annual percentage changes in sales depict no identifiable trend.

Multiple factors — (each related to one another) — affect consumers' home-related spending levels. Four of these determinants — especially significant in West Texas — include oil and gas (O&G) production lev-

els, real (inflation-adjusted) O&G prices, real O&G revenue, and workers' real earnings.

Average monthly West Texas (Districts 8 and 8A) oil and gas production declined by 37.3% and 46.9%, respectively, between 1990-99 (the latest full year for which final annual data are available). Moreover, although real average monthly (RAM) oil prices improved by 10.0% during the period, RAM oil revenue (defined as the product of quantity or production times price) contracted by 60.9%. RAM gas prices fell 37.5% during the ten-year period; RAM gas revenue slipped by 39.3%. Combined RAM O&G revenue decreased by 57.6%.

Midland County's real aggregate earnings (RAE) gained a mere 6.9% between 1990 and 2000. Texas' RAE advanced by 46.8% during the same period.

We should expect continued sluggishness in the numbers of home permits and sales during the short-to-medium term. Long-term levels will not recover materially until (at least) O&G production, prices (which have recovered since 1999), and revenue expand and local real aggregate earnings rise more rapidly.

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