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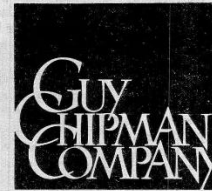
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Homes More Affordable Now Than Since 1978

WASHINGTON — Resale homes were more affordable in November than they have been since December 1978, according to the National Association of Realtors' latest Housing Affordability Index.

A 1.0 percentage point October-to-November increase in the index to 99.7 put this measure of housing affordability for resale homes at the highest level since December 1978, when it was 102.2.

"Lower interest rates, only modest increases in home prices and continuing improvements in family income mean that the typical family is now very near being able to purchase the median-priced resale home," said Clark E. Wallace, the association's president.

The November index meant that a family earning the median income of \$27,814 per year had 99.7 percent of the income needed to qualify for a \$59,700 loan — a mortgage covering 80 percent of the median-priced resale home, which was \$74,600 that month.

Based on lending standards set by the Federal National Mortgage Association, a family would need an annual income of \$27,910 to qualify

for a loan of that size. Fannie Mae lenders require that principal and interest payments by a borrower making a 20 percent down payment consume no more than 25-28 percent of his yearly gross income. The National Association of Realtors calculates its index based on the assumption that a borrower devotes 25 percent of his income to principal and interest payments.

Monthly principal and interest payments on a \$59,700 home loan would have been \$581 in November, 25.1 percent of median family income, according to association calculations.

Not since December 1978 have the monthly principal and interest payments on a loan for a median-priced home represented 25 percent or less of median family income.

"Families who have been waiting for the 'right time' to buy a home should be encouraged by November's 99.7 index and the fact that the index has been increasing for six consecutive months," Wallace said. Since May, when the Housing Affordability Index was 90.6, it improved 9.1 percentage

points to the November level.

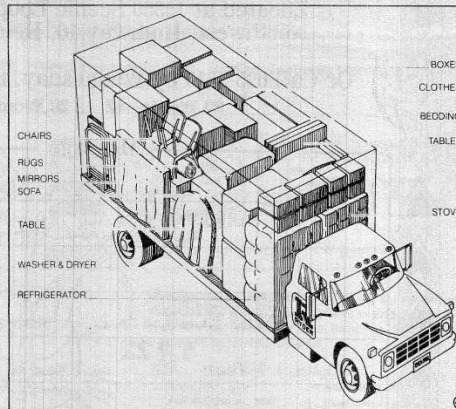
Wallace noted that the average effective interest rate on loans closed for previously occupied homes fell to 11.29 percent in November from 11.32 percent in October, according to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

"Movement in the affordability index closely tracks movement in mortgage interest rates," Wallace said. When the index was at its record high of 153.1 in February 1972, mortgage rates were about 7.5 percent, and when the index bottomed out at 63.9 in September 1981 mortgage rates were in the 16-17 percent range.

"Conditions for purchasing homes now are better than they have been in five years," said Wallace. Even though the index was not at 100 in November, the median family income was sufficient to qualify for a \$74,400 home. Nearly one-half the existing homes sold in November were at or below that price level.

The National Association of Realtors, the nation's largest trade association, represents more than 675,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

HOW TO PACK A TRUCK



Moving yourself? More and more Americans are doing just that these days.

This year, four out of five households that will relocate will be self-movers, according to figures from a national survey by Ryder Truck Rental.

Before you hit the road with all your kit and kaboodle, take these tips on packing a truck from the experts at Ryder:

1. Load large appliances first, sliding them all the way forward. Fill spaces in between with small

cartons and tie everything securely. 2. Load large furniture next, with table legs removed and table tops protected by pads or blankets.

3. Stand box springs, mattresses, mirrors—wrapped securely—and pictures on their edges along the sides of the truck. Place rolled rugs lengthwise in the center of the truck.

4. Fill the truck to the top with boxes and lightweight items. Leave as little space as possible to prevent the load from shifting en route.

Have a happy move!

Texans Rate Doctors Up-To-Date

Texans think doctors are usually up-to-date on the latest advances in medicine, but that they keep patients waiting too long for their appointment, according to a survey conducted for the Texas Medical Association.

The survey also reveals that most Texans believe the professional liability situation has reached crisis proportions and that the tort system needs reform. These and

other findings are featured in the January issue of the official TMA journal, Texas Medicine.

Doctors also were rated as having very high or high ethical standards by 58 percent of the respondents. Nine out of ten said it is important to have a personal physician.

These findings come from a survey conducted in July by V. Lance Tarrance & Associates, Houston. "We feel we can better

serve patients by knowing what they like and dislike about their doctor," according to Dr. Joel Reed, Houston, chairman of the TMA Council on Communication. "That's why we asked that this survey be done."

While 58 percent of Texans said doctors keep them waiting too long, a nearly equal number think doctors take a genuine interest in them and are up-to-date on medical advances.

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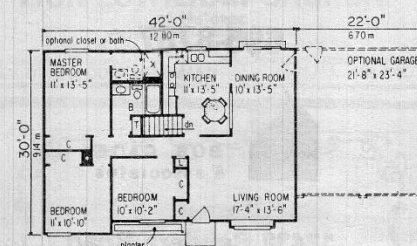
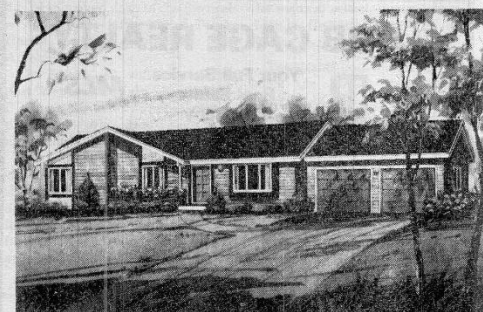
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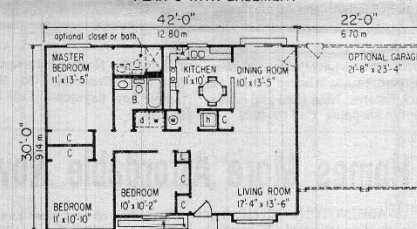
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Farmers Cooperate to Help Keep Both Weeds and Food Costs Down

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Not only are we well fed, but in comparison to other developed nations, the average U.S. expenditure on food as a percent of personal spending is one of the lowest in the world. In the U.S., the average expenditure on food is 12.7 percent of personal spending. This compares with 17.3 percent in the U.K., 18.5 percent in France, and 21.5 percent in Japan.

Use of crop protection chemicals such as insecticides and herbicides is one means of holding down food costs. Food can be produced at a lower cost since chemicals save time and labor, and they also increase crop yields. This is one of the factors that enables a single farmer in the U.S. to produce enough to feed 55 people. Significant improvements in agricultural chemicals have made them even more effective and economical to use, and safer to the environment. This benefits both the farmer and the consumer.

To be approved for use by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), any agricultural chemical undergoes a lengthy and involved review process. Many years of testing and screening are required to develop a new compound, let alone



make it commercially available. Extensive laboratory analysis is conducted long before a product is released for any type of field testing. Independent university research is also usually conducted for several years before a product is made commercially available. After small replicated plot trials and extensive safety and toxicity data is reviewed, a herbicide undergoes large plot trials under on-farm conditions for additional evaluation.

This is usually done under an experimental use permit (EUP) granted by the EPA. The plots in an EUP evaluation are generally much larger than those in the earlier trials and treated as normal fields rather than as experimental plots. This offers the opportunity to see how a product performs under actual use conditions which vary from area to area, and from farm to farm.

"An EUP evaluation, while not being mandatory, is certainly one of the most useful aspects of testing a herbicide prior to sale," notes Ted Warfield, FMC Corporation. "We recently ran one of the most extensive EUP evaluations ever conducted on a preemergent herbicide to introduce Command®, a new her-

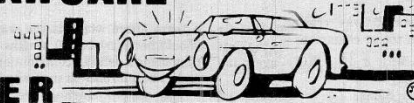
bicide for soybeans. It was an expensive undertaking, but it was worth it. And one of the keys to its success was the cooperation of the farmers who helped in putting out the plots and evaluating them," he adds.

Warfield continues, "We had over 500 farmers throughout the country evaluate Command against other herbicides on over 10,000 acres, and they gave us honest appraisals of what was good about it, and what was not very good. Their input is invaluable, and they taught us a great deal about how the product performs. Even though it takes extra time and effort to conduct these kinds of EUP evaluations, farmers are eager to test how a product performs under their specific management practices and on-farm conditions, and share that information, not only with us, but with other farmers."

As a result of the EUP evaluations, farmers discovered Command had a broader utility than originally anticipated. "You can never totally understand what a product will do until you see it under a wide variety of field conditions," notes Joe Sipia, FMC product manager. "Farmers deserve a lot of credit for conducting EUP evaluations and they provide a valuable service."

"They are true professionals concerned with the development and introduction of new and better products," Sipia added. To ultimately get a product to market requires the input of the very people—the farmers—who will use it. Their commitment is to improve production and maintain food prices as low as possible.

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- To clean the system open the plug at the bottom of the radiator, let the old fluid drain out, then put a garden hose into the radiator and let the water run for 10 or 15 minutes, while running the heater on high.

- After closing the drainage plug, add the prescribed amount of fresh antifreeze and water to the

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When Your Child Has A Cold

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- You don't need to call the doctor every time a mild cold begins, but you should call the doctor every time an unusual symptom appears, or a high fever occurs.

- Keep your child warm and comfortable as he or she rests in bed. Light meals and plenty of liquids keep up the child's strength and help reduce the adverse effects of fever. Games and read-aloud sessions may help the time spent convalescing go faster.

- If a cough or cold continues with fever for more than a few days, see your child's doctor for expert advice.



Seniors Spark Soccer Team Rams Take Lead In District Race

Marshall was crowned District 28-5A soccer champions for the first time with a 3-1 victory over Jay Tuesday.

The Rams, 7-0 in district and 11-1 overall, must still face second place Clark Saturday. Clark is 5-2 in district.

Marshall's first round opponent is undetermined but it will come from District 27-5A.

Coach Carson Edwards said the big difference with this year's club has been 10 seniors led by Jeff Huddahal.

"Huddahal is probably the best midfielder in the city," Edwards said. "But really and truly, it's been

a team effort which is the way it should be. We have 10 seniors and they made a definite contribution. It makes a difference in maturity."

The seniors starting are Sean Stroud, Javier Navarrete, Bobby Delgado, Ceaser Guajardo, Mike Massa, Rena Renteria, Greg Richards and Lee Emerson. John Downes and Adin Gonzales are reserves.

Chris Brown, Stroud and Huddahal scored goals in the win over Jay.

"This is the hardest working bunch of boys," praised Edwards. "There's more dedication, more effort, and it's paid off."

Marshall's boys basketball team continues to stand at the top of the District 28-5A race but they haven't been crowned King of the Hill yet.

The Rams were 5-0 going into Wednesday's contest with Clark, which is second at 4-1. Marshall knocked off district favorite Holmes 49-45 last week, which took some work. The Rams had beaten Taft, 57-42, and Kennedy during the previous week.

"We shot pretty well and played well in other aspects," said Coach Steve Sylestine of the victory over Holmes. "I knew it was going to be close. We've been fortunate to win some close games."

Sylestine said consistency and the defense have been key factors in the Rams 14-9 record, particularly the first place standing in district.

"I'm not surprised by what we've done and I don't think the players are either," Sylestine remarked. "We've really hit our stride. The kids have played together for a while and found their niche. Where and when they want the pass."

"I thought going in we had the potential to be real solid. We don't have much team speed but we've done everything adequately. We're improving and I hope we continue to do so."

The Rams hit 15 of 17 free throws, in the game, including 11 of 13 in the final period to ice the game. Mark Beauvais led the Rams with 17 points followed by Kelby Gorman with 16. Beauvais continues to rank among the city scoring leaders with a 17.1 average.

Taft

The Raiders ran into a big roadblock against Jay, bowing 54-23.

"We didn't come to play," admitted Coach Mike Osterman of the loss to Jay last week. "We had poor performances from about everyone. Jay had a lot to do with that though. We were down by 18 with 13 minutes to go when I decided to clean the bench and let the subs go in there."

A 30-point night by Mike Laderer wasn't enough as Taft fell to Kennedy, 64-57, Tuesday. Darren Wylie added 11 points for the Raiders, who are now 2-4 in District 28-5A and 8-3 overall.

Basketball Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 25 — Marshall girls and boys vs. Del Rio at Taylor, 4 and 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 27 — Taft girls and boys vs. Holmes at Taylor, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31 — Marshall girls and boys vs. Jay at Taylor, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1 — Taft girls and boys vs. Clark at Taylor, 4 and 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 3 — Marshall girls

and boys vs. Kennedy at Taylor, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 — Taft girls and boys at Del Rio, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 7 — Marshall girls and boys vs. Taft at Taylor, 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 11 — Taft boys vs. Jay at Taylor, 6 p.m.; Marshall boys vs. Holmes at Taylor, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14 — Taft boys vs. Kennedy at Taylor, 5 p.m.; Marshall boys vs. Clark at Taylor, 8 p.m.

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Ram Girls Beat Holmes, 49-42

Marshall's girls got their first big taste of district competition and came out like a rose — still smelling sweet but with a few thorns.

Holmes took Marshall into overtime but the Rams prevailed, 49-42. It was the first overtime game for Marshall and the closest district game they've had.

Marshall went into Wednesday's district game with Clark ranked second in the city with a 21-4 overall record and 7-0 in district. Clark is second at 6-1.

"Holmes played extremely well," said Coach Steve White. "We didn't play well until the overtime. They fouled us a few times in overtime

and we came out in good shape. We shot poorly in the game and they shot well."

Marshall canned eight free throws in the final minute to take the victory in a game that was 40-all at the end of regulation. Lisa King popped in 22 points and Lisa Mazur 10.

"We haven't had to work real hard in the last couple of games against Taft and Kennedy," White continued. "They (Holmes) needed to win to stay in the race. They worked harder. We didn't do a good job of executing. We'd get up by eight or nine points, then we'd make some turnovers and they'd come

back.

"Hopefully, we got that out of our system. That'll wake us up a bit. We didn't have to do a lot that last couple of games, we gave up just 15 points in the games (including a 62-8 whipping of Taft). When you come up to a team with talent, you have to get on a higher level."

White didn't pull any punches on where improvement is needed. The free throw shooting was the only good area.

"We needed to be more aggressive," White said. "We weren't aggressive under the boards. We haven't been shooting well. We haven't been moving the ball well, we've been standing around."

Taft

The record isn't getting better at Taft but the skills are.

The Raiders dropped a 51-43 district decision to Kennedy Tuesday but Coach Micki Hudson was busy talking about the second half rally.

"We played our best quarter last night," Hudson said. "We played them even in the third quarter and we beat them in the fourth. We outplayed them on defense. We came out too reluctant and made fouls. That comes from inexperience and not having played together much."

Kennedy had taken a 33-19 halftime lead but saw that shrink in the second half. Jennifer Lennon led Taft with 15 points.

"We're making better passes and doing some things better," praised Hudson. "Del Rio had to keep the pressure on us the whole game. Some teams keep their starters in but don't do much pressing."

Taft is winless in eight district outings and 1-19 on the year.

Little League To Meet

A parents and players meeting of the Greater Helotes Little League is scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Taft High School. There will also be preregistration at this meeting.

The league will have registration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at Ernest Kempf Field on Braun Road. Tryouts and registration will be at the field from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 8 and 15.

Tryouts are required for the major girls softball (ages 9-12), senior girls softball (ages 13-15), senior boys baseball (ages 13-15) and boys baseball (ages 10-12). Tryouts are optional for nine year old boys. A birth certificate is required.

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Leo Seitz Had Part In Patriots' Rise

By CHARLES OLMSTED

A little league baseball coach told us that our games were won in practice and that it was the little things in practice that evolved into big things in the game.

Such is the case with the New England Patriots as they prepare for Super Bowl XX against the Chicago Bears, Sundays. The Bears have been hyped to death about their on-and-off-the-field exploits. The Bears, 17-1 on the season are 10-point favorites over the 14-5 Pats.

The two teams have come different routes to New Orleans. The Bears were the first to clinch a division title and are America's new team with players hawking products on TV. The Patriots were 2-3 at one time and had to take the wildcard route to The Game. Everyone has virtually made the Bears the World Champs — they're just waiting to accept the trophy.

The Patriots may not have realized it at the time but the Super Bowl seed was planted during summer camp. One coach who was there to assist Head Coach Raymond Berry, beginning his first full year at the helm, was Coach Leo Seitz of Helotes and MacArthur High School.

Seitz contacted Berry last year and told him of a new concept in weight training and offered the technique to the team.

"Berry requested all the veterans report early with the rookies," Seitz recalled. "After dinner, he'd have these 15-minute talks with the players before they went to classes. He really got their attention and motivated them. You'd think it would be hard to reach those pros but he's unbelievable."

"I would just sit down with them,

ask them if they're happy with the results from weights," Seitz continued. "If they were, I'd ask them 'let me know, maybe I can learn something.' If they weren't, I'd talk to them on the idea that can increase your strength, help your recovery and prolong your career."

The idea is simple enough. A person — whether a businessman or athlete — becomes more efficient with his energy.

"An individual may have 10 units of energy to expend," Seitz explained. "There's a fine line between enough training and too much. You don't want seven units used in the weight room and just three left over for games. You want the most accomplished with the least amount of work."

Seitz said most pros work out twice a week using three basic movements each time: push, pull and leg exercises. Since performing a squat thrust uses the entire body instead of just leg muscles, the person should just work on that one area that day. Work on the pushing exercises on day two and the pulling on the third.

A person is still doing each group but just once a week and over a three-day period. The second day of the big workout day is during the game.

"You finish it off with one, two or even three days rest, depending on when the game is," Seitz said. "Coach Berry is a big advocate of being fresh at game time."

"I talked to Coach (Dean) Brittenham (the strength coach) right before they went to play the Raiders and he said John Hannah has almost doubled his strength through the season," Seitz said of the perennial All-Pro guard. "I don't know if he's following my program

but he had two down years. He's 34 years old and came back and had a great season.

"With those guys, you just present it to them. You don't tell them anything. They have their ways of doing things. The bottom line is winning. They're easier to work with than high school kids. They're eager to do anything to reduce injury, recover and prolong their career."

"The players make the same mistakes as the ones in high school and the techniques are about the same. They're just a lot bigger."

Dedication and sacrifice are two traits the Pats have going for them with two examples cited by Seitz. The first was the veterans reporting early. With the players' union and holdouts for more money, it's just something when they report on time.

"Coach Berry told us after dinner that he was so proud of everyone for reporting early," Seitz recalled. "You don't realize what'll mean now but you'll understand down the road."

The other example was a phone conversation with Brittenham. The Patriots had just beaten the New York Jets in the wildcard playoff game and had flown to California over the New Year's holiday to play the Raiders.

"You can't believe these guys," Seitz related on his phone conversation. "There wasn't a doubt in their mind that they could beat the Jets. And there's not a doubt in their mind about beating Los Angeles. They're talking about getting their hands back on Miami. Some of them even had us find a weight room for them to lift weights at 6 in the morning New Year's Day."

"You can't be out partying and

Texan Cultures

To Show Old Plane

The Alamo Wing of the Confederate Air Force will bring a rare DeHavilland Moth Minor to The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures on Sunday, Feb. 2. The World War II British training plane, one of only a few in the country, will be making its first and only appearance in San Antonio as representatives of the Alamo Wing discuss and display military aviation photos and artifacts from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission will be free.



Terry S. Vincent,
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"DESERT FEVER" MENINGITIS: COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS

By Terry Vincent, M.D.
Helotes Family Practice Clinic

Johnny Moore, a star player for the San Antonio Spurs basketball team, falls victim to one of the rarest forms of meningitis. Logically, this is *NEWS* so you've heard about it and wondered just what...exactly...was wrong with him. Let me tell you more about it.

First, the name. The media terms Johnny's problem "Desert Fever." True, according to my medical dictionary, but in more common use is "Valley Fever" or "San Joaquin Fever." The medical name is coccidioidomycosis, a pronounced cox-aid-eh-oid-oh-my-cose-iss. And there's a reason for this tongue-twister: About a hundred years ago, when the bug that causes it was first discovered, the doctors saw it resembled a known protozoan called *Coccidia* so they added the "oid," meaning *Coccidia*-like, and "mycosis" because it was not a protozoan but a fungus and all fungus diseases end that way. When I can scarcely pronounce the medical name, so I'll go along with the current media and call it Desert Fever.

Desert Fever is common in the dry, arid southwestern United States, and almost all countries south of there. The fungus is hardy, resisting extremes of temperature, acidity, and alkalinity; it seems to thrive in dry, dusty soil, posing a threat to agricultural workers.

How did Johnny Moore catch Desert Fever? By inhaling the dry, dusty fungus spores. It is *not* spread person-to-person, or even from animals to man. He got it by being in the Great Southwest and breathing. Could happen to anybody, and it does: It has been estimated that 30,000 new infections with Desert Fever occur annually in California alone! About 50 deaths per year are reported in the USA, from infancy to age 85. The longer you stay in an endemic area (say Arizona, a hotbed for coccidioidomycosis) the greater your chances of getting it.

If so many thousands of people are infected, why don't we hear more about Desert Fever? Well, 60% of the folks who get it have enough resistance to throw it off and develop no symptoms whatsoever; never know they had it unless special tests are done. Thirty percent suffer a flu-like picture with fever, dry cough, headache, loss of appetite, and perhaps some chest pain. Nine percent will suffer joint pains and a typical rash, in addition. Chest x-ray and skin tests help in the diagnosis. Most get well without any specific treatment. The old "Take two aspirin and call me..." bit.

Johnny Moore fell into the remaining 1%, one of those who progress to the "disseminated coccidioidomycosis". The fungus may invade bone, skin, joints, lymph nodes, or...in his case...the covering of the brain called the meninges. For absolute diagnosis a biopsy of infected tissue, or a special culture to grow the fungus, is necessary. Skin tests and serologic studies also help to pin it down. Once the diagnosis is made, treatment with amphotericin is begun.

Thirty years ago anybody with disseminated Desert Fever had a dismal outlook. More than half of the victims died. Then in 1956 amphotericin was introduced, so now almost all of them recover. There's even a vaccine in the research mill to protect those in high-risk areas some day. Johnny Moore is getting amphotericin, albeit in a highly technical manner.

Desert Fever. Not at all a rare disease, one that affects many thousands every year. 60% don't even know they've had it. 39% get "the blahs" and recover without treatment. Johnny Moore chanced into the remaining 1%. Let us pray that he'll be dumping in 20 or 30 points a game for the Spurs in a year or two. The odds favor it.

Lagging Roadrunners To Play Three At Home

With a crucial three-game home stand coming up, the UTSA Roadrunners won their second consecutive game with a 93-91 overtime chiller against future Trans America opponent Stetson University Saturday, Jan. 18, at the UTSA CONVO.

Upcoming For The Roadrunners
SAT., Jan. 25 — PAN AMERICAN — 7:30 p.m.
MON, Jan. 27 — NEW ORLEANS — 7:30 p.m.
SAT, Feb. 1 — NORTH TEXAS — 7:30 p.m.

UTSA, now 4-12 on the year, got a career high 29 points from junior forward Calvin Haynes as the "Runners put together their first win streak of the season. The Roadrunners trailed Stetson by 15 points with eight minutes to play when Anthony Stewart caught fire, hitting seven straight shots in the second half. After Stewart canned a 18-foot jumper with 1:07 left to tie

the score at 78-78, Stetson's Gary Coachman tipped in a miss with 11 seconds to go to give the Hatters the lead. With time running out, Stewart missed a jumper in the lane and Haynes and Dion Pettus went up and tipped in the miss at the buzzer to tie it at 80-80 at the end of regulation.

In the overtime, clutch free throw shooting by Gary Payne and Haynes sealed the victory. Hayne's 29 points were the most points by any Roadrunner player other than Derriek Gervin. Pettus also had a career high 17 points in the victory.

The Roadrunners, after losing to Prairie View A&M at Prairie View Wednesday, will return to the CONVO for three straight home games. Pan American will be in San Antonio on Saturday, Jan. 25, when UTSA hosts "GECU NIGHT" and the New Orleans Privateers will be at the CONVO Monday, Jan. 27. North Texas will come in Saturday, Feb. 1.

Lions Plan Trailwalk

The Helotes Lions Club will sponsor a Sesquicentennial Trailwalk here on March 15 and 16.

It will begin at the club's Parrigin Pavilion on Bandera Road. Two trails will be available, on of ten kilometers and the other of 20 kilometers. The shorter walk will include Helotes Park Estates and Sherwood Addition. The longer walk will go to Grey Forest and back.

Participants may begin at anytime between 7 a.m. and noon on the two days. Registration fee is \$4 until March 10 and \$5 after that.

The walk is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association and the International Federation of Popular Sports. Participants may receive both a medal and an IVV stamp.

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Trailwalks were held in Grey Forest for several years.

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The signs can be ordered by sending a \$2 donation, per sign, and 50 cents for postage and handling, per sign, to: AARCC, P.O. Box 27802, San Antonio, Tx. 78227. Allow four to six weeks for delivery. The signs are available, also, in bulk quantities. Proceeds go to the Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center and its prevention programs.

Police Auction

The San Antonio Police Department will hold its next auction of motor vehicles unclaimed by former owners on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Police Storage Lot, 3625 Growdon Road, beginning at 10 a.m. The vehicles may be viewed Saturday morning prior to the auction.

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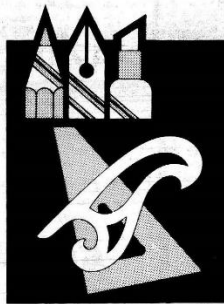
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- 3) Only one flag submittal will be permitted per registered entrant.
- 4) All registered entrants will submit their entry on approximately a 22"x25" poster board with the flag design centered on the poster

board and being 12"x19" in size. The entrant will place his/her registration number on the back side of the poster board for judging.

- 5) The Helotes Flag Committee and City Council reserves the right to make the final decision on the winning entry and to make necessary modifications.
- 6) All entries will become the sole property of the City of Helotes, Texas.
- 7) Prizes will be donated by the Helotes Bank and awarded as follows:

1st Place: a \$200 Savings Bond and Life Size Flag.

2nd Place: a \$100 Savings Bond.

3rd Place: a \$50 Savings Bond.

- 8) All entries are to be submitted to the Helotes City Hall for judging by 3:00 PM, Friday, January 31, 1986. No entries will be accepted after that time.

- 9) Award ceremonies will be at 7:00 PM, Sunday, March 2, 1986, at Floore's Country Store, Old Bandera Highway, Helotes, Texas.



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