Apply now for JTPA classroom training

Applications are now being accepted by the Job Training Partnership Act for Vocational Classroom training in microcomputer operations offered at Wharton County Junior College Satellite Campus in Richmond. This class meets Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classes begin November 30 and ends March 8.

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The JTPA program pays tuition, fees and books. Other assistance includes support payments for transportation and part-time employment while attending classes.

Persons who seek training through JTPA must apply through the Texas Employment Commission. Addresses of area TEC centers are as follows: TEC, 117 South Fulton, Wharton Texas 77488, (409) 532-1399; TEC, 3926 Avenue H Suite 6, Rosenberg, Texas 77471, (713) 342-0696; TEC, 3614 Avenue F, Bay City, Texas 77414, (409) 245-4808; SER-JTPA Service Center, 300 East Highway 290, Suite B, Prairie View, Texas 77446, (409) 857-5520.

Itinerant offices are located as follows: SER-Jobs for Progress Office, 1126 Milam, Columbus, Texas 78934; Austin County Courthouse, Room B-19, Bellville, Texas 77418, (interviewer available every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.); Texas Dept. of Human Resources, 505 Bains, Brookshire, Texas 77423, (interviewer available every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.).

Information on JTPA skills training is available by calling Dianne Kielman at WCJC, (409) 532-4560, extension 239.

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November 9

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Senior day at Wharton college November 10

Hundreds of high school seniors will gather at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton to learn about careers and meet Craig Roberts, sports reporter for the KPRC-TV Channel 2 of Houston, during senior day activities Tuesday, November 10.

Seniors from many school districts will attend senior day, including students from Dulles, Needville, Brazos, Brazosport, El Campo, Sealy, Van Vleck, Louise, Ganado, Lamar Consolidated, East Bernard, Boling, Columbus and Rice Consolidated in Altair. They will be able to meet with college professors of their choice, investigate career choices, and enjoy a free picnic lunch.

Also that day, high school administrators and counselors will be converging on WCJC for the annual administrators and counselors' conference. The speaker for this conference is Gail Anderson, consumer reporter for Channel 2.

Anderson has worked in both radio and television for 13 years, and recently received the 1987 Young Black Achievers award. She also has been an Emmy award nominee and is listed in Who's Who of Successful Florida Women.

Senior day activities will be held in the Main Gym, with registration from 8:45 to 9:15. At 9:15 there will be a welcome and the speaker's presentation; from 10:20 to 11:30 students may visit career interest areas and meet professors; and at 11:30 the picnic lunch begins. Students who wish to attend senior day at WCJC should contact their high school counselors.

Registration for the administrators and counselors' conference is from 8:45 to 9:15. Introductions will be from 9:15 to 9:30; the program will be from 9:30 to noon, with a coffee break in the middle. These events will be in the Outlar Auditorium of the Johnson Health Occupations Center.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to meet Nov. 5

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will convene for a regular public hearing at 9 a.m. Thursday, November 5 at Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road in Austin.

Items on the agenda include an award to be presented by the Texas Historical Commission to the department for preserving the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps through a traveling exhibit in state parks; changes in the "Operation Share a Lone Star Lunker" program; and proposed additions to the Wildlife Division's Type II Wildlife Management Area program.

Sign offer by game thief officials

Landowners and other interested persons can now obtain an "Operation Game Thief - No Trespassing" sign for each minimum $10 donation to the Operation Game Thief (OGT) fund.

OGT is a program for reporting suspected game law violations through a toll-free number, 1-800-792-GAME. Any caller whose tip leads to the conviction of a game law violator is eligible to receive a reward funded through donations from individuals and organizations.

The 12-inch by 18-inch all-weather aluminum signs may be obtained in several ways. A check or money order can be sent to OGT, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. Also, a limited supply of the signs will be maintained at TPWD law enforcement offices across the state.

Capt. Stanley Brooks, OGT coordinator, said the signs identify the landowner as an OGT contributor. "In addition to supporting a successful and worthwhile program, an added bonus is that all contributions to the OGT fund are tax-deductible," said Brooks.

For further information call toll-free 1-800-792-1112.

Anthrax outbreak investigated by Texas Parks, Wildlife Dept.

An outbreak of anthrax in the Carta Valley area of southwestern Edwards County is being investigated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and all ranchers and outdoorsmen are being alerted.

The outbreak occurred between June and early September, resulting in severe losses of white-tailed deer, according to Mike Reagan, assistant white-tailed deer program leader. Other minor incidences of anthrax may have occurred in Edwards and surrounding counties, but no decline in the deer population was detected during department surveys, Reagan said.

Anthrax is a recurring contagious disease which can be contracted by humans. It is caused by a large non-motile spore-forming bacterium. Reagan said ranchers finding deer carcasses in the outbreak area should seek the assistance of a veterinarian. No attempt should be made to touch or remove the carcass or antlers. Proper carcass disposal requires complete incineration.

Historically, anthrax has been a common occurrence in this part of the state, Reagan noted, happening periodically when weather conditions are favorable for the organism. "Disease outbreaks are most often localized and usually do not affect overall deer populations," Reagan said. "As far as we know, the anthrax outbreak is over, since no sick or dead deer have been reported recently."

Special Olympics bowling meet held in Victoria

Area III of Texas Special Olympics held its bowling meet on Saturday, October 17 at Century Bowling Center in Victoria. Approximately 97 athletes participated, representing seven teams in the 11-county area.

Opening ceremonies began at 8 a.m. with the traditional parade of athletes led by the Color Guard of the Joy Troop #596 of Victoria. The Joy Troop then led in the pledge of allegiance. An invocation was given by Mike Perkins and the welcome was given by Dr. Larry Vaughn, superintendent of the Victoria Independent School District.

The Special Olympics motto, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," was recited by Dr. Elaine Cary, director of Special Services for the Victoria ISD.

The athletes were then introduced and Robin Siegfried, assistant Area III coordinator, officially opened the games. The first ball was rolled by Debbie Vrazel, Special Olympian from Lavaca Work Activity Center in Hallettsville. Debbie recently won fourth place in bowling at the 1987 Special Olympics International Games in South Bend, Indiana.

Athletes attending from the Eagle Lake Raider team were: Jaime Gonzales, Victor Hernandez, Edward Holloway, Kenneth Holloway, Myron Howard, James Lewis, Kevin Middleton, Larry Morgan, Juan Rivera, James Santos, Leroy Shorter, Socorro Cano, Judy Holloway, Melinda Patina, Lacretia Sims and Juanita Tillman. Eagle Lake Raider coaches attending the games were Linda Lipperdt, Darlene Stancik and Ruby Darnell. They were assisted by Ada Tillman, Veronica Daniels, Carol Plata and Mrs. Semora.

Athletes attending from Columbus Alternate Education Center: Sidney Lira, Beth Lipperdt and Julee McInteer. Coaches attending were Judy Pustejovsky and Sandy Neuendorff.

After bowling a total of three games, the athletes then moved to the Bluebonnet Convention Center for lunch.

After a delicious barbecue meal, an awards ceremony was held. Awards were presented by Don Brubaker of the Channel 25 television station in Victoria. The Raiders received four 1st place ribbons, eight 2nd place ribbons, one 3rd place ribbon and three 4th place ribbons for a total of 16 ribbons. The athletes from Columbus Alternate Education Center received two 1st place ribbons and one 2nd place ribbon for a total of three ribbons.

Winners and their ribbons are as follows: Jaime Gonzales, 4th; Victor Hernandez, 4th; Edward Holloway, 4th; Kenneth Holloway, 1st; Myron Howard, 1st; James Lewis, 2nd; Kevin Middleton, 2nd; Larry Morgan, 2nd; Juan Rivera, 2nd; James Santos, 2nd; Leroy Shorter, 3rd; Socorro Cano, 2nd; Judy Holloway, 1st; Melinda Patina, 1st; Lacretia Sims, 2nd; Juanita Tillman, 2nd; Sidney Lira, 2nd; Beth Lipperdt, 1st; Julee McInteer, 1st.

A dance followed with music provided by Mike Brouillette and his band.

Beken named grand champion at Colorado County Hay Show

By LEROY HAJDIK,
County Extension Agent

Milton Beken, livestock producer in the Weimar area, swept the 23rd annual Colorado County Hay Show recently held in Eagle Lake by winning grand champion of the perennial grass division with a coastal bermudagrass hay entry and the annual grass division with an alfalfa hay entry.

Beken's coastal entry had a crude protein analysis of 13.5% and the alfalfa entry had a protein content of 17.5%.

An unusual point in the alfalfa entry is that Beken had bought the 22% protein New Mexico produced alfalfa over 15 years ago to feed to his dairy cattle. A few bales had been left and unfed and remained in the bottom of his hay barn covered by hay produced by Beken in later years.

Beken's entry of the bale in the hay show was to see what feed value remained. Research has stated that properly stored quality hay may lose up to one-half (.5) percent of crude protein per year of storage. This bale of hay supported that research data.

There were 51 entries in the 1987 show with 12 blue ribbon, 20 red ribbon and 19 white ribbon entries.

Protein entries of the bermuda entries ranged from 4.6 to 13.5%. The program range other perennials including bahia, bluestem and kleingrass were 3.8 to 8.4%. Annual grasses such as Johnson grass, sorghum-sudan's ryegrass had a protein range of 3.8 to 10.2%.

The key factors to the range in protein values in the samples entered was the stage of maturity at harvest and fertility programs under which the hay was grown.

Conservation assistance

Soil Conservation Service personnel provided conservation assistance to the following land owners:

District cooperator G. Shay, of the Wildwood area, is planning to shape and establish eroded areas to control erosion.

Roy Stallman, a district cooperator of the Rock Island area, has completed construction of a pond.

A.D. Willbern, of the Shaws Bend area, has completed construction of a pond.

Elizabeth Massey is shaping eroded areas which will be established to grass for erosion control.

District cooperator Bob Parish, of the Oakland area, has established alicia bermudagrass on eroded areas which were recently shaped.

Elizabeth and John Massey have completed construction of a pond in the Borden area.

Elvira in town

'Elvira', spokeswoman for Coors beer, made several stops in Eagle Lake last Friday in conjunction with Halloween. Sponsored by M&S Distributing of La Grange, 'Elvira' scheduled appearances at Miller's Grocery, Wilcox Minimax and other spots in town. She is pictured with Bennie Miller, co-owner of Miller's Grocery.

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Army News

Army Spec. 4 Mark D. Williams has participated in the NATO-sponsored exercise, Return of Forces to Germany '87 (REFORGER).

The exercise was designed to evaluate plans and support agreements between NATO member nations, to exercise West Germany's ability to support deploying forces and to test the ability of European-based units to quickly link reinforcing units with their pre-positioned equipment.

Williams, the former ward of Gloria L. Garcia of Eagle Lake, is a decontamination specialist with the 2nd Chemical Battalion at Fort Hood.

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Airman Rodney Cruz, son of Camilo and Josie Cruz of East Bernard, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base.

Graduates of the course studied systems security operations, tactics and weapons training and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1985 graduate of Brazos High School, Wallis.

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Airman Roland Soto, son of Philip and Vera Soto of Eagle Lake, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force financial services course at Sheppard Air Force Base.

During the course, students were taught principles and procedures for preparing input and operating equipment in a mechanized disbursement system. Fund accounting, military pay and travel payments were emphasized. Graduates also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1984 graduate of Rice High School in Altair.

EAGLE LAKE HEADLIGHT SPORTS

ELMS 8th grade 7-0 for season

It was another outstanding performance by the Raiders as they closed out their home season with a 34-8 whipping of the Sealy Tigers. This brings their record to a perfect 7-0 for the year with only the Royal Falcons to conquer for a perfect season.

Offensively the Raiders were unstoppable as they have been for the whole season. Fine blocking by the offensive line and great running by the backs paved the way for the Raider win. The following people led the Raider offensive serge:

Jesse Scott - 219 yards on 17 carries, three touchdown runs of 2, 3 and 78 yards; and a 2 point conversion;

O'Neil Tillman - 60 yards on 12 carries, 2 touchdown runs of 10 and 12 yards;

Gonzalo DeLaGarza - 2 point conversion pass from Kevin Jackson;

Kevin Jackson - 3 yard conversion pass to Gonzalo DeLaGarza.

Defensively the Raiders were led by a strong second half effort. Outstanding performances were put in by Jesse Scott, O'Neil Tillman, Merrill Tillman, Gonzalo DeLaGarza, Patrick Weeks, Kevin Jackson and Lupe Rodriguez. Rodriguez also had a fumble recovery in the second half. It was another fine team performance after a sluggish first half start.

Congratulations to all the players for a job well done. The Raiders play their final game against the Royal Falcons at Royal November 5. Come out and support your team as they try to stay undefeated and win the District Championship.

ELMS 7th grade hangs in for first win of season

Perseverance was the key word last Thursday, October 29, as the seventh grade ELMS Raiders held on tooth and nail for their first victory of the year over the Sealy Tigers.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Raiders took control of the scoring in the second quarter on a 53 yard pass play from quarterback George Hernandez to end Arlen Lemons. Though the Raiders failed the point after attempt, they held on to the lead through the remainder of the half. Sealy dodged another bullet with seconds left in the first half as Roland Hemphill ran a reverse for 30 yards, but he was unable to get into the end zone as the half ended with Eagle Lake on top 6-0.

In the second half, the Raiders moved down the field again on runs by Hemphill, Terris Alexander and nifty pass reception by Juan Roque on a punt fake. Hernandez then called his own number and scampered into the end zone on a 2 yard touchdown run.

The Raiders took a 12-0 lead into the fourth quarter, but the Tigers' tenacity paid off as they scored a touchdown and point conversion to make the score 12-8 with five minutes left in the game.

After the brief lapse, the Raider defense took over. The Tiger offense seemed to be marching, yet the Raider defenders bent but didn't break. The final fifteen yards of the Sealy march to the end zone proved to be the toughest. Key tackles by Scott Garrett, Eddie Garza, Todd Mascheck, and the entire defense held the Tigers as the seconds finally ticked away. The other standouts on defense for the Raiders were Roland Hemphill and Terris Alexander.

Come watch the Raiders as they travel to Brookshire Royal for their final gridiron contest of the season, November 5.

Sealy avenges last year's loss with 36-0 win over Raiders

It didn't take long for the Sealy Tigers to establish supremacy over the Rice Raiders on their visit to the RHS athletic field last Friday night.

The Tigers went home with a convincing 36-0 shutout, avenging their defeat last year when the Raiders knocked them out of post-season contention.

The suffering Raiders gave up the first touchdown with only 1:53 gone off the first quarter clock when the Tigers blocked a Raider punt. Ricky Stancik took it into the endzone when the Tiger defense knocked down Scott Ripper's first punt attempt of the season. Kevin Long, who has been starting quarterback and punter for the Raiders, did not play until the last seconds of the first half due to a reported injury, so Ripper, who has been booting extra points and field goals, was pressed into service.

With impressive snap and precision execution, Sealy continued to add to its score, while keeping the Raiders off the board. Orie King tallied the second TD after the Tigers moved only 30 yards in five plays. Sealy tried to run the ball in for a two-point conversion, but the Raider defense held them out, making the score 12-0 with 2:09 to go in the first quarter.

That score was reflected in Rice head coach Clifton Darden's face — it showed dejection and probably rightly so. The series before the Tiger score, the Raiders' Tiger Pratt had moved his team to within inches of a first down at their own 30. They decided to go for the inch or so and a first down, but the mark by the officials — without any consideration for a measurement — gave Sealy the ball. Darden was at midfield trying to get the officials' attention but to no avail.

The game almost went down hill from there, if you were on the Raider sideline. The Tigers scored two TD's and a field goal in the second period. With a 29-0 half-time score, and a lopsided loss in the offing, many Raider fans deserted the stands.

There were notable moments in the game for Rice, however. Just before the half ended, with the Tigers mixing its passing and running game, Raider Kyle Perry put up some of the best past defense of the season. Covering his man downfield at the goal line, Perry watched the ball through the air, then batted it down as it reached the intended receiver. Two plays later, Perry again got his fingertips on a Tiger pass, making it incomplete.

Sealy did overpower the Rice defense, as the score indicates, but not with simple muscle. The Tiger play development and execution is their key to success. One of their main alignments looks like a pass is coming. But when the ball is hiked to quarterback Billy Little, it then is pitched almost directly forward. By that time the line is in its pass defense, and almost every time a big hole opened.

The Tigers executed 44 rushing plays (the Raiders had 40) and tallied 283 yards on the ground (Rice had 86). The Raiders had two completions in 15 attempts while Sealy had three completions in nine attempts.

Near the end of the game, Raider junior Tiger Pratt took a hard knock and had to be helped off the field. With Long again at quarterback, working on an injured ankle, he was hurt again, but managed to finish the game.

District 23-3A
VARSITY STANDINGS

Won	Lost	Tied	%	Pts Scd	Pts Allwd	Team	Won	Lost	Tied	%	Pts Scd	Pts Allwd
6	2	1	72.2	173	144	Bellville	3	0	1	87.5	92	42
5	4	0	55.6	185	121	Sealy	3	1	0	75.0	102	52
6	2	1	72.2	185	121	Brookshire	2	1	1	62.5	77	62
4	5	0	44.4	134	218	Columbus	2	2	0	50.0	66	84
1	8	0	11.1	90	184	Hempstead	1	3	0	25.0	59	68
1	8	0	11.1	78	277	Rice	0	4	0	0.0	27	115

Garwood/Sheridan 8th grade beats Columbus

Contrary to what was in The Headlight last week, the Sheridan-Garwood 8th grade football team did not finish its season on a losing note.

The team actually played its last game of the year on Tuesday night of last week when it faced the Columbus 8th grade "B" team.

The final score was 8-0. The winning TD came on an 18 yard pass from Aaron Machac to Matthew Gallagher. The two-point conversion was good on an option left play to Jessie George.

Leading rushers were Raymond Ford, 43 yards; Jessie George, 42 yards, and Will Adkins, 31 yards.

Machac was four of five in the passing department for 45 yards; Ragen Stienke and Matthew Gallagher each caught two passes. Gallagher and Garland Axel each recovered a fumble.

On defense, leading tacklers were Raymond Ford, with 7; Mark Johnson, 6, and Mark Ybarra and John Carey with five each.

JV's goal shattered by Sealy

(Sealy 18-Rice 6)

The Rice JV Raiders had a chance, a good chance, to win the district title. But so did Sealy. The teams were very evenly matched. Before Thursday's game on October 29, Sealy had accumulated 126 total points while letting their opponentes score 84. Rice scored 91 points while holding their opponents to only 55.

Coach Sanders said "I knew that it could go either way. Mistakes would tell the tale and bingo, they did. Sealy got a safety and blocked a punt that rolled down to the 3 yard line. Two mix ups became 10 points. Ten points given or 10 points earned, it doesn't matter, we lose.

"The only good thing that came out of the loss is that it really bothered most of the guys. They realized what they had in their hands, and they realized what slipped through their fingers. That memory in itself might make a difference somewhere down the lin...may be next year. In my eyes they are the champions."

The next game will be Royal Falcons at Raider stadium November 5.

Support the Rice Raiders in all their athletic activities

Raider-Sealy Varsity Statistics

THE STATS...

(Courtesy of Joe Fling and Leroy Alvadaro)

Rice		Sealy
40/86	Rushing	44/263
15-2	Passing	9-3
1	Pass Intcpts.	0
33	Pass Yds.	55
119	Total Yds.	338
10	First Downs	14
5/24.0	Punts/Avg.	1/35.0
6/4	Fumbles/Lost	3/3
3/35	Penalties/Yds.	8/80
26:29	Time of Poss.	21:31

Score by Quarters

Team	1	2	3	4	T
Sealy	12	17	7	0	36
Rice	0	0	0	0	0

D. Tillman	1	25
U. Johnson	3	30
M. Norris	3	15

Johnnel Dogins' 20 tackles gives him 194 for the season and 381 career, which leaves him at No. 3, 24 tackles behind No. 2 Lenard Sims who had 405 career. Dogins' 194 for the season is 16 away from the season record of 210 held by John Sims, 1973.

Raider Defense...

Player	Tackles	Assists	Tot. Hits
J. Doggins	11	9	20
U. Johnson	10	8	18
M. Rhodes	4	7	11
D. Tillman	4	6	10
C. Weeks	5	5	10
Richardson	1	7	8
A. Lopez	3	4	7
V. Corman	5	0	5
M. Norris	2	3	5
T. Pratt	3	1	4
K. Perry	0	3	3
T. Boone	1	1	2
S. Taylor	0	2	2
A. Puga	0	1	1
R. Shaver	0	1	1
Team Total	49	58	107

Perry was credited with two pass blocks, Corman with a quarterback sack, and Pratt, Puga and Taylor each recovered a fumble.

Raider Offense...

Rushing	Carries	Yds.	Long.
D. Tillman	10	34	14
C. Weeks	5	31	12
M. Norris	6	25	10
U. Johnson	13	4	5
K. Long	4	-7	

Passing Yds	Att.	Comp.
K. Long	15	2

Receiving	Catches	Yds.	Long.
C. Weeks	1	25	
M. Norris	1	8	

Punting	Punts	Yds.	Long
S. Ripper	4	120	39

Kickoff Returns	Yds.	Long.

Cross-fencing hailed as tool for better grazing control

Have you ever considered cross-fencing as a part of the grazing program on your farm or ranch? Yes, cross-fencing can be used as a tool to control grazing management in a farm or ranch operation.

By using cross-fencing, the livestock can more fully utilize the available grass in each pasture, and gives the grass an opportunity to grow and recover naturally for future utilization by livestock.

Materials used in the cross-fence should be new. Corner posts should be six inches across the top or more and line posts should be three inches across the top or more. Steel T line posts may also be used as long as they weigh 1.33 pounds per foot without the anchor plate. Line posts can be spaced 10 feet apart or more, if desired. Fiberglass posts may be used, also, if the fence is to be electrified.

H-brace posts or double H-brace posts need to be used to provide strength and stability to the fence. Four or more strands of 12 1/2 gauge domestic wire, or 13 1/2 gauge high tensile strength smooth or barbed wire may be used in constructing the fence. Staples 1 to 1 1/2 inches long can be used to secure the wire to wooden posts or clips can be used on steel T posts and fiberglass posts.

Cross-fencing and rotation grazing of your pastures, whether native grass or coastal, can help improve your livestock performance as these pastures are grazed also improves the quality of the grass. Better utilization of the grass is realized as grazing takes place in each pasture.

We, at Soil Conservation Service office in Columbus have information for constructing cross-fences and also have specification sheets, for those interested. Call 732-2773 or come by 316 Spring Street, Columbus.

Americans improve their dental health

By PEGGY BRADEN,
County Extension Agent

People are keeping their teeth longer and have fewer cavities than in the past.

These conclusions were reached by the National Institute of Dental Research as a result of the 1986 National Survey of Adult Dental Health. It was the first survey ever to look at the prevalence of root caries and periodontal disease in detail.

Though toothlessness still remains a problem for Americans aged 65 and older, the survey found that toothlessness is almost eliminated in middle-aged adults. Only 4 percent of the employed adults surveyed were missing all their teeth, which is lower than the percentage in the 1971-74 survey.

Age doesn't seem to be a factor in cavities in the crown of the tooth. Both younger and older adults suffer from decay on the crowns of the teeth, but women have a slightly higher incidence of decay. Yet the survey shows that with today's high level of dental care, almost 95 percent of the cavities have been filled.

Tooth roots begin to decay as gums recede with age or as a result of periodontal disease, thus it is three times more prevalent in the elderly than in working adults. According to the survey, decay of tooth roots is more common in males, unlike tooth crown cavities, and only about half of the root cavities had been filled.

Signs of periodontal disease, which destroys the tissues that attach the teeth to the jaw, were found in the majority of the adults surveyed. The disease tends to be more prevalent in males and in the elderly, and its symptoms worsen with age.

Overall, the survey shows that Americans are going to the dentist, and there is a continuing improvement in the oral health status of adults.

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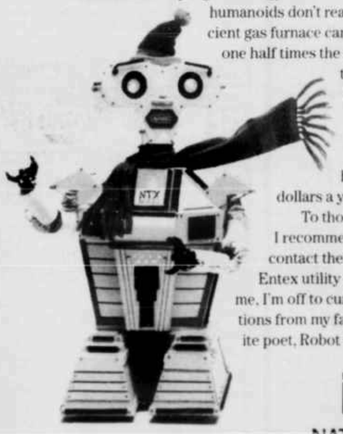
To those creatures, I recommend that they contact their nearest Entex utility station. As for me, I'm off to curl up with selections from my favorite poet, Robot Frost."



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