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New 'ins' and 'outs' for Washington

Warning: It has begun.

The day after Vice President Al Gore delivered his concession speech and Gov. George W. Bush became president-elect, the Wall Street Journal weighed in with this story: "Capital's Social Lions Scent Change, Seek Cues."

The gist of the story is that the hick Texans are coming to the sophisticated capital of the free world.

The story listed 23 things that soon will be "in" in Washington and 23 things destined to be "out". Among the ins, the Texas two-step, branch water and tacos. The matching outs are the Tennessee Waltz, Whitewater and Big Macs.

While the piece is moderately amusing, it shows what Texans are in for during the Bush administration: Even more national media attention than the state received during the campaign.

During the campaign, the national

media tended to focus on all of Texas' problems, from environmental matters to poverty to the quality of education.

What's coming next will be particularly onerous to all true Texans: journalistic attempts to prove that Texas still lives up to its stereotype.

For instance, if there's a real Texan who refers to water as branch water, he or she must live within pistol shot of Arkansas. Watch for a lot of photographs of cowboys hats, oil wells and other Texas icons. That Austin has 12 bagel shops and 54 coffee shops, including more than a dozen Starbucks outlets, probably will not be mentioned.

As soon as the holidays are over, national reporters will be flocking to Texas to tell the rest of the nation and the world "what George W. Bush's Texas is really like."

In the McLennan County community of Crawford, the answer to that

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question can be summed up in this phrase: "Johnson City, 1964."

To some extent in 1960, when Lyndon Johnson became vice president, his hometown of Johnson City began to experience what the future now holds for Crawford. When Johnson was elected to the presidency in 1964 by a landslide, Johnson City prospered financially and became internationally known.

The same thing already is happening to Crawford.

It's the economy again

With the longest election "day" in American history finally beyond us, many Texans have found something new to worry about: the economy.

While the price of oil is up, revenue is down in Texas' New Oil (the high-tech industry).

But the entrepreneurial spirit in Texas remains strong. Seen recently at Fifth and Lamar in downtown Austin was a street person displaying this handmade sign: "Stressed out? Yell at a homeless man, \$1."

Given all the political change to come-in Austin and across the nation-that homeless fellow may make a lot

of money over the next few months.

Hunter safety training has made a difference

Though the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department won't have final stats until the first of the year, two persons died in hunting accidents across the state on Dec. 16.

Last year, six people died in hunting accidents in Texas, compared with eight in 1998.

In an effort to decrease the number of hunting deaths, the Legislature adopted a mandatory hunter safety education program in 1988.

The program, which all young hunters have to take before they can get a hunting license, clearly has made a difference.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1976

Dr. Raymond R. Thomas and Dr. Po Wen Lee have completed the move of their offices on S. McCarty to the new Thomas Surgical and Medical Clinic at 610 S. Austin Road. Dr. Rose Roquemore, D.D.S., had earlier moved into the building for the practice of dentistry...

Clark J. Murgage is the new patrolman for the City of Eagle Lake... J.T. (Tommy) Pilkington was elected to VFW Commander...

Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Olvera of Sealy announced the birth of their first child, a daughter, born on Nov. 13 in the Bellville Hospital. The little lady has been named Cheri Lynn...

Vicki Truly Copeland, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Truly of Eagle Lake, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Sam Houston State University Dec. 18...

Roger Stienke, a product of Rice Consolidated High School, was among football lettermen at Southwest Texas State University...

Mr. & Mrs. Guy B. New of Sheridan announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathleen Scott, to Kelly August Janak, son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Janak of Weimar. A Feb. 26 wedding will be held at United Church of Christ in Weimar...

A large group of friends gathered at the Victor Scott home Dec. 23 to surprise Mr. Scott on the occasion of his 50th birthday...

Funeral services were held in Weimar Dec. 27 for Mrs. Frieda Greak. She was the mother of Daniel Greak of this city...

Funeral services were held Dec. 29th for Mike Flores, 81, who passed away at his home on Dec. 27th.

Dec. 23, 1952

Lions Club members and guests were entertained by the Austin dancers at the club's annual Christmas party...

Receiving national honors by being named number one livestock judging team were Joe Dawson, Eugene Turner and Clyde Parker. Their advisor is Willie Fitzgerald at the E.H. Henry High School...

Airman Frankie Parma is home on Christmas leave...

David Wintermann met with next Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Benson...

Harold Ware was elected to head the Chamber of Commerce. The new vice president is H.C. Johnson; Jack Grieves was re-elected treasurer...

The James Dutchers are the parents of a new son, Jerry Lyle...

Sgt. Weldon Behrens enjoyed a furlough from Air Force duty in France...

Mrs. T.P. Doole held the annual Christmas recital. Performing were Beth Sinclair, Diana Dowdy, Judy Feik, Judy Ware, Randy Briggs, Bill Rhoades, Sue Matthews, Ann Terrell, Dolly Stiles, Judith Johnson, Nita Feik and Mary Hanly...

Deputy Game Warden Tom Waddell brought home a big 165-pound buck.

Opps!

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Eagle Lake Headlight would like to apologize for the omission in the parade summary/lineup of the efforts of Police Chief Keith Webb during the Eagle Lake Lighted Christmas Parade.

Chief Webb led the parade and also went around to the end of the line to ensure the safety of those in the lineup and those attending. Your efforts are always appreciated, Chief!

Foot Facts By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist HIGH HEELS & HOSIERY Women suffer more foot problems than men, and high heels are a factor. High-heeled shoes make a woman more prone to knee and back problems. They shorten the calf muscle and create an awkward, unnatural gait.

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Appelt back at KULM Carl Geisler, general manager of KULM and KNRG Radio Stations, has announced the addition of long-time Colorado County resident Darrell Appelt to the staff.

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