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Hispanics Split on Bush Social Security Proposal

Nearly half of U.S. Hispanics support personal investment accounts for Social Security, according to a study released Wednesday.

The report, by the non-partisan Pew Hispanic Center in Washington, also found that Hispanics might have more difficulty making the transition to such accounts than the overall population because they earn less and have less experience owning and managing stocks, bonds and other long-term financial assets.

"Latinos are young so they will be disproportionately affected by proposed changes in Social Security," said Richard Fry, a researcher with the Pew Hispanic Center and co-author of the report. Ninety percent of Latinos are under age 55, compared to 74 percent of whites, he said.

President Bush touted the personal investment accounts at a press conference Wednesday, saying that they would earn a better rate of return than money in the current Social Security system.

"That's an important part of making sure the system works for the individual," the president said, at a White House press conference. But he also said the accounts were not a solution to the looming Social Security problems that will arise when millions of Baby Boomers reach retirement age.

The Pew study included a nationwide survey in which 49 percent of Hispanics said that Bush's plan for personal retirement ac-

counts is a good idea, 38 percent said it is a bad idea, and 12 percent said they didn't know.

The poll -- of 1,001 people over the past month -- also found that Hispanics who are 65 and older are more dependent on Social Security than their white counterparts because they have few other sources of retirement income.

The report also found:
-While the white labor force is expected to drop from 100 million in 2005 to 94 million in 2050, the Hispanic labor force is projected to more than double over the same time period -- from 19 million in 2005 to 46 million in 2050. In other words, while fewer white workers will be contributing, more Hispanics will be paying Social Security taxes by the middle of the century.

-About 29 percent of Hispanic workers have an employment-based pension plan, compared to about 53 percent of white workers.

-More than 600,000 Hispanics 65 and older are kept out of poverty by Social Security.

Bush has offered no specifics on Social Security beyond adding personal retirement accounts and "principles," including opposition to an increase in the Social Security tax rates. The president has not ruled out raising the cap on wages that are subject to the 12.4 percent Social Security payroll tax. That cap is currently \$90,000.

The Pew survey comes on the heels of a

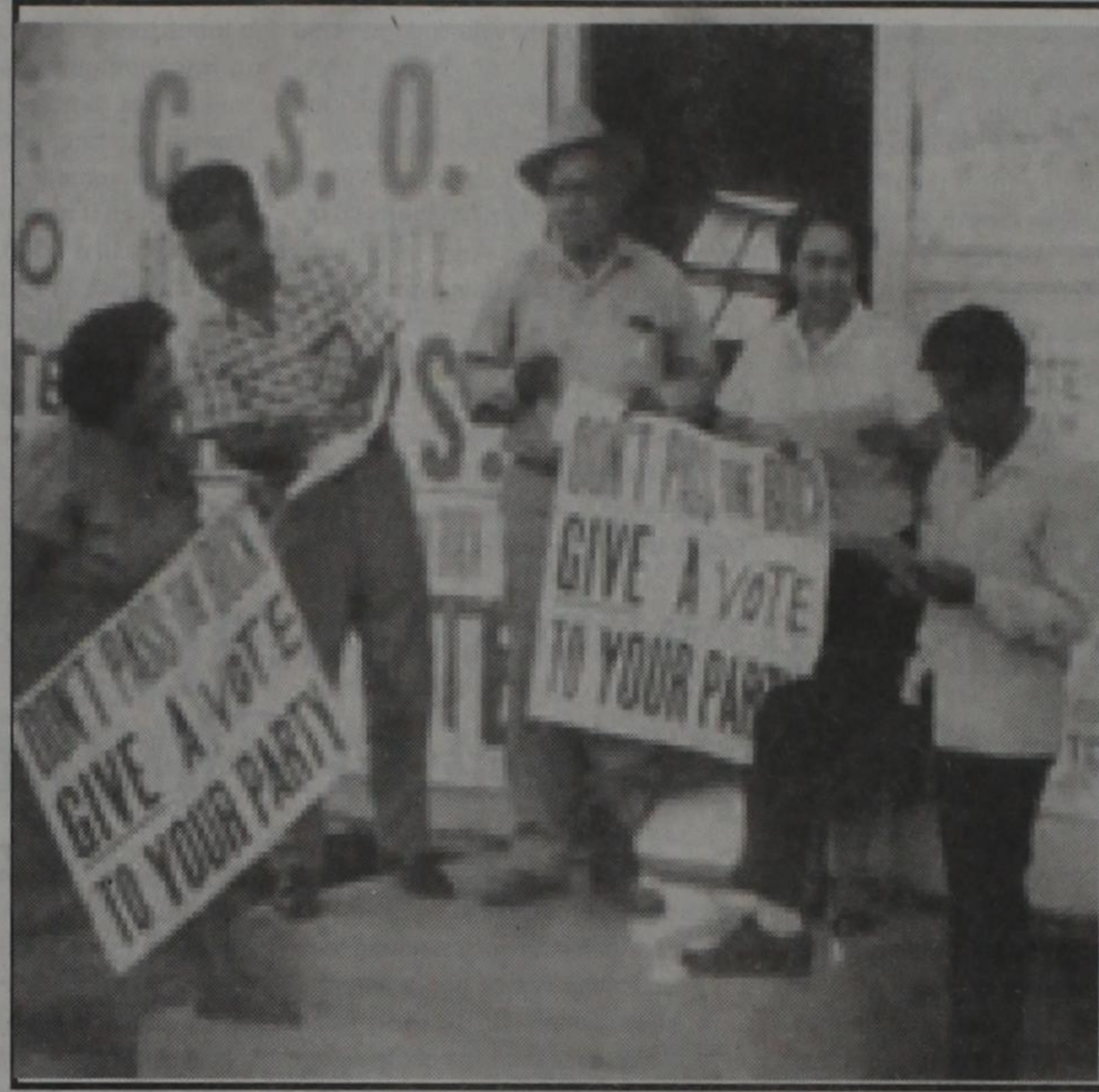
Washington Post-ABC News poll that showed only 37 percent of respondents support Bush's approach to Social Security.

The president also faces an uphill battle in selling the personal retirement accounts to African-Americans.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Urban League both oppose private accounts

carved out of Social Security payroll taxes.

In addition, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation said in a January report that if individual accounts are adopted, "it is highly likely that African-Americans -- who are disproportionately low- and moderate-income earners -- would run the risk of living in extreme poverty upon retirement."



Texas Leads Undocumented Immigrant Increase

Dave Montgomery
A survey says that undocumented immigration into Texas appears to be outpacing other states.

Despite toughened border safeguards in the aftermath of 9-11, the population of illegal immigrants in the United States has edged steadily upward to nearly 11 million, with Texas accounting for a large share of the increase, according to a survey released Monday.

Texas has 1.4 million illegal immigrants, the second-largest population of undocumented residents behind California, which has 2.4 million, according to the Pew Hispanic Center in Washington. Jeffrey Passel, who conducted the survey, said that illegal immigration into Texas appears to be outpacing other states, possibly because of a robust economy attracting job-seekers from across the border with Mexico.

Over the last 15 years, he said, the number of illegal immigrants in the Lone Star State has more than tripled from an estimated 400,000 in 1990.

The state accounts for 14 percent of the nationwide population of illegal immigrants, compared with 11 percent of the nationwide estimate of 3.3 million in 1990.

Although it has 24 percent of the total, illegal immigration in California appeared to increase at a slower rate than in Texas, Passel said.

Others agreed with the assessment.

"The numbers have grown dramatically," said Hector Flores of Dallas, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens. "On my daily route to work, I see people on the corners looking for jobs. I think a majority of them are looking for ways to feed their families."

Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, a former border patrol agent who sponsored a conference on immigration and border issues last week, said he questioned some aspects of the study but felt the report accurately reflects illegal immigration trends in Texas.

"Just based on size, California and Texas would make the logical one and two," Reyes said.

Nationally, the number of illegal immigrants grew from 8.4 million in 2000 to 10.3 million in March 2004 and was approaching 11 million by March of this year, the report said.

Over the past four years, the growth rate has averaged about a half-million a year, but the survey said the number of new illegal immigrants could reach as high as 700,000 to 800,000 annually.

"It shows that in the face of 9-11 and increased border enforcement, the numbers continued to grow," Passel said in a



telephone interview.

Sixty-five percent of the illegal immigrants in the country -- 6.7 million -- arrived since 1995; 30 percent, or 3.1 million, arrived since 2000.

The report may add fuel to a congressional debate to overhaul the nation's immigration laws. President Bush is scheduled to host Mexican President Vicente Fox at his Crawford ranch Wednesday as part of a three-day summit that includes Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin. Fox has pressed for U.S. reforms to ease restrictions on illegal immigrants from Mexico.

An estimated 5.9 million Mexicans are living in the United States illegally, the report says, and they are 57 percent of the total undocumented population. Another 24 percent are from other Latin American countries. Asians make up 9 percent; Europeans and Canadians, 6 percent; and those from African and other nations, 4 percent.

The report does not specify immigrants from Middle Eastern countries.

The number of Mexican migrants, both illegal and those permitted entry, has increased almost 15-fold since 1970, from 760,000 to more than 11 million in 2004.

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Read El Editor First

Community to Pay Homage Cesar Chávez

A commemoration for Cesar E. Chavez, the charismatic founder and leader of the United Farm Workers of America will be held Saturday April 2, 2005. Participants representing various organizations along with students, senior citizens, migrant workers, elected officials, and religious leaders will pay homage to Chavez's tireless work for justice and equality.

The event will begin with a gathering on the Texas Tech Campus at the Memorial Circle, proceeding with the People's Honor March to Stumpy Hamilton Park at Ave. X and 22nd. Immediately following, a commemoration will be held featuring a program by Jaime Martinez, a national Cesar Chavez advocate.

During the celebration, a special tribute to Irma Guerrero, the 2005 "Spirit of Cesar Chavez" Award recipient will be made. Guerrero, who died January 4, 2005 after a sudden illness, was instrumental in establishing the local celebration. The Cesar E. Chavez Celebration Committee will recognize her contributions to civic organizations, and her involvement with the Hispanic community, and local politics.

Immediately following the tribute, a variety of entertainment and children's activities will be held, including performances by Ballet Folklorico Nuestra Herencia, and the musical group DARE. The City of Lubbock Police Mounted Patrol Unit and the Police Mobile Unit will be on hand to answer questions about recruiting and general safety. In addition, the League of Women Voters will conduct voter registration.

**See More on Cesar Chavez:
A National Hero on Page 3**

Governors in Key Hispanic States Fail to Recruit, Hire Raza for Top Positions

By Paul Hortenstine

A national survey has revealed that Hispanics and other groups of color remain severely underrepresented in top state positions appointed by governors.

It found that last year, Hispanics held only 4.3% of those key jobs nationally.

Broken down, that's 2.7 percent male and 1.6 percent female.

The 4.3 percent figure represents a slight increase over the past six years, up from 2.5 percent in 1998 and 3.0 percent in 2001.

Overall, whites made up 83.8 percent, while blacks, Asian-Americans and Native Americans were 9.5, 1.4 and 0.5 respectively.

The report, "Democracy Unrealized," was completed last month by the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society of the State University of New York-Albany. It tracks the representation of people of color and women as top state administrators and policy advisors in all 50 states.

Judith Saidel, director of the center, emphasizes that while the trend is upward in Hispanic hires, there is still "a lot of work to do." Governors definitely need to look more comprehensively at the populations of color, she says, adding, "Outside groups need to be more vigorous" in promoting people of color.

Singling out the 23 states with Hispanic populations of at least five percent, it found that eight governors had no Hispanics among their 207 top policy appointees and an additional seven had just one Hispanic each among their 255 policy- and administrative-level ap-

pointees.

New Mexico, where Mexican-American Bill Richardson serves as the nation's lone Hispanic governor, had the highest percentage (32.6 percent) and the most (14) Hispanic appointees, followed by California (10) and Arizona (9).

Marisa Rivera-Albert, president of the Virginia-based National Hispana Leadership Institute, says she makes it a practice to submit names of Hispanics for gubernatorial and presidential appointments.

"The problem is twofold," she says. Governors do not look for Hispanics, and Hispanics do not seek the jobs as actively as they should. "The Hispanic community needs to hold governors more accountable."

Only the governors of Florida and Illinois - Republican Jeb Bush and Democrat Rod Blagojevich - appointed Hispanics in proportions equal to their percentage in their state's population, 17 percent and 12 percent respectively.

Rosalind Gold, senior director of policy, research and advocacy at the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, headquartered in Los Angeles, sees the gains, albeit small, as "part and parcel of Latino political progress."

"Both political parties realize that Latinos are an important constituency and they are reaching out to them," Gold says, pointing out that "states really benefit from the talents of Latino public servants."

She also notes that state-level appointments serve as good stepping stones to important federal positions.

NALEO conducts several programs to acquaint Hispanics with appointive and elective public service opportunities and holds workshops on ethics, responsibilities, networking and access for newly minted Hispanic ones.

Last year, there were 46 Hispanic men and 28 Hispanic women appointed to key posts by governors around the country. Latinas more than doubled their number since 1998, when there were just 12.

At the federal level, Hispanics comprised nearly 8 percent of presidential appointments requiring Senate approval in 2001, according to the Brookings Institution. The same year Hispanics represented a mere 3 percent of gubernatorial appointments.

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Comentarios by Bidal Agüero



El Día de la Coneja?

Easter has always been a special time of year for Chicanos. It seems like the prime time to reflect and renew one's faith and religion.

I can remember that "la semana santa" was something very special for all families in the barrio. A week to eat only certain foods - capirotada, mariscos and healthy food. Good Friday was always the most sacred of days. My friends were not allowed to watch TV or even play baseball. This is what bothered the barrios boys most. Although we did not have enough to make two teams, we split up as much as possible to enable us to play for hours. This is another story that maybe I can tell some day.

Everybody in the barrios went to church all week starting on Wednesday.

For many in the barrio Easter Sunday meant the last day of "la cuaresma". For many that meant that they could resume their drinking habits. After being without beer for 40 days, you can believe that most would be at Mass by midnight Saturday and have a can of beer by 2:00 that morning.

It seems that things have changed since then. A few still observe la cuaresma and a few still observe the many customs of la semana santa, but now it seems more about getting a new set of clothes or even making sure that the kids have their Easter baskets to welcome la coneja.

Maybe that's how come things are the way they are now.

Feliz Día de Pascuas

NFL to Play First Regular Season Game Outside U.S.

For the first time in its 86-year history, the NFL will play a regular-season game outside the United States on October 2 when the Arizona Cardinals host the San Francisco 49ers in Mexico City, Mexico, the NFL announced today.

The Sunday night game at Estadio Azteca will be televised live at 8:30 PM ET in the U.S. on ESPN. Televisa will provide live television coverage throughout Mexico.

"Mexico is the country with the most NFL fans outside of the United States," said NFL Commissioner PAUL TAGLIABUE. "Our fans in Mexico are knowledgeable and passionate and they are ready for this next step. They have supported our American Bowl games in record numbers and NFL programming has been part of television in Mexico for many decades. The Cardinals and 49ers play in markets with large Hispanic communities, including many people of Mexican descent. This game will generate new excitement both in Mexico and in Hispanic communities throughout the United States, and it promises to become a milestone in the NFL's history as a global sport."

The Cardinals will be the home team. The club will shift one of its eight regular-season home games from Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona to Estadio Azteca - site of the largest crowd in NFL history. On August 15, 1994, 112,376 fans filled the stadium

for an American Bowl game between the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers.

Arizona has an in-state Hispanic population of more than 25 percent, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. The Cardinals have a rapidly growing fan base south of the border, fuelled by the club's aggressive outreach to the Hispanic community. Approximately 67 percent of U.S. Hispanics trace their origin to Mexico.

Cardinals ties to Mexico include offensive lineman ROLANDO CANTU, a native of Monterrey, Mexico, and former NFL kicker LUIS ZENDEJAS -- a native of Mexico City - who is the club's director of community relations.

"The Cardinals are honored to have been selected for this historic and unprecedented game," said MICHAEL BIDWILL, the team's vice president and general counsel. "When we learned of the league's interest in staging an international regular-season game we felt the Cardinals would be a natural fit this season for a number of reasons. Cultivating the Hispanic fan base has been a long-standing priority, and our final season at Sun Devil Stadium certainly provides the optimal timing to host the game this season. We couldn't be more excited about the direction in which our organization is headed. This game will provide a phenomenal opportunity to showcase the Cardinals to a national and international audience."

The 49ers have been one of the NFL's most popular franchises worldwide.

San Francisco has played in eight international games as part of the NFL's American Bowl series of preseason games, the second most of any franchise (Dallas, 9).

The Cardinals took part in an NFL international milestone in 1976. On August 16 of that year, they played in the league's first game outside North America -- a 20-10 preseason victory over San Diego in Tokyo, Japan.

The American Bowl series of preseason games, instituted in 1986 in response to growing worldwide interest in the NFL, has averaged 58,345 fans in 39 games with more than 2.2 million people worldwide experiencing the excitement of the NFL in person. The Indianapolis Colts and Atlanta Falcons will play in the 40th American Bowl on August 6 in Tokyo.

NCLR JOINS BROAD COALITION IN SUPPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

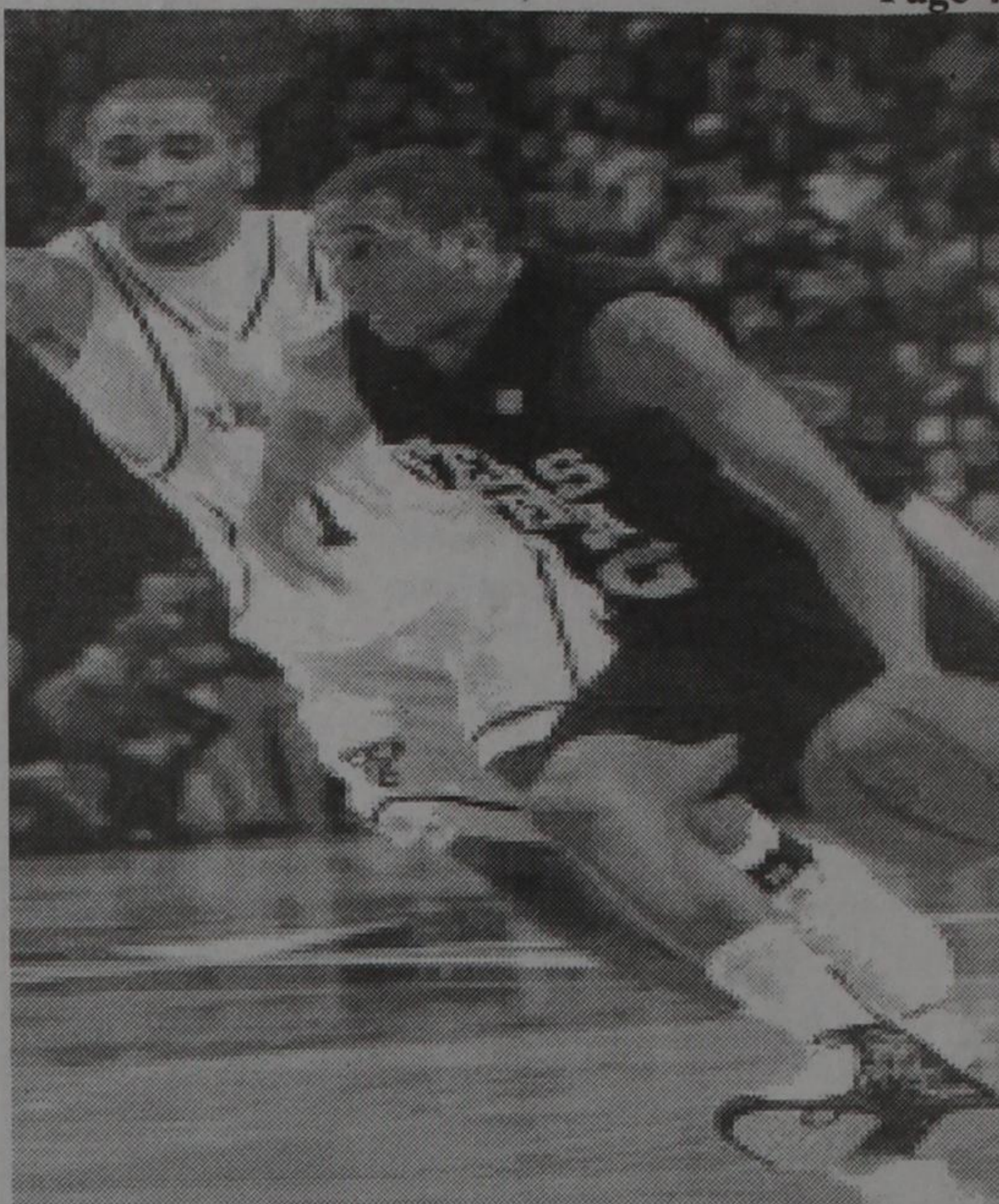
Washington, DC - The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S., today joined with a diverse array of leaders from labor, business, religious, conservative, and ethnic organizations to call on the President and Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform this year. A news conference was held on Capitol Hill in anticipation of

President Bush's meeting with Mexican President Vicente Fox next week.

"It is clear from today's event that there is a strong consensus that our immigration system is badly broken and must be fixed. The groups gathered here also demonstrate that there is widespread bipartisan support for comprehensive immigration reform and that there is a broad coalition willing and ready to work together to make it happen," stated Janet Murguia, NCLR President and CEO.

NCLR also restated what it believes should be the guiding principles of any reform effort. "Immigrants should be able to come to the U.S. legally, and their hard work and essential contributions to our society should be rewarded with a path to citizenship. We should reduce the unconscionably long waiting lists for Americans to reunite with their closest family members. And we believe that all of this must take place in a framework that respects the rights of all workers - immigrants and Americans alike," continued Murguia.

"We commend President Bush for putting this issue back on the table, and we are pleased that there is a bipartisan effort in the Senate, led by Senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA), to introduce legislation in the next few weeks. The President and Congress should move quickly to address our failed immigration system," concluded Murguia.



Jarius Jackson and the Red Raiders battle West Virginia on Thursday.

Texas Tech to the 'Sweet Sixteen' Raiders & Mountaineers

LUBBOCK, Texas - The Texas Tech Red Raiders travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico for Thursday night's game against the West Virginia Mountaineers in the regional bracket of the NCAA Tournament.

Texas Tech is seeded sixth in the Albuquerque regional. It matches the Red Raiders' highest seeding under Coach Bob Knight and marks their third NCAA appearance in four seasons. It also notes Bob Knight's 27th NCAA Tournament appearance, which equals the top mark held by Dean Smith.

The game will be televised on CBS with an 8:40 PM tip-off (Central Time). Gus Johnson will call the play-by-play. Len Elmore will provide the color analysis. Tracy Wolfson will be the sideline reporter. John Harris will call the court-side action for Texas Tech and Chris Cassidy will provide the analysis on KKAM (1340 AM), the flagship station for

the Red Raiders.

The Raiders finished the non-conference season with eight wins and three losses and had ten wins and six losses in conference play for 18 wins and nine losses heading into the conference tournament. With wins against Iowa State and Oklahoma and a loss to Oklahoma State in the championship game, the Raiders reached the 20-win mark for the fourth straight season under Coach Knight. Texas Tech defeated UCLA 78-66 in the NCAA First Round in Tucson last Thursday. Ronald Ross led all scorers with 28 points. Jarius Jackson added 19 points and six assists. Devonne Giles scored 16 points and had nine rebounds for the Raiders. Dijon Thompson led the Bruins with 22 points as teammate Josh Shipp added 13 points.

In the NCAA Second Round played on Saturday, the Raiders edged the Gonzaga Bulldogs 71-69. Ronald Ross led the Raiders in scoring with 24 points. Jarius Jackson added 18 points. Martin Zeno chipped in 11 points and Darryl Dora scored 10 points. With their second round win, the Raiders move to the "Sweet Sixteen" in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the The Pit/Bob King Court and will face Mountaineers of West Virginia.

This is West Virginia's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 1998. The Mountaineers are 23-10 on the season and were 8-8 in Big East play. A seventh seed in the Albuquerque Regional, West Virginia lost to Syracuse 68-59 in the finals of the Big East Tournament. They topped Creighton 63-61 in the NCAA First Round and then downed Wake Forest 111-105 in double-overtime in the Second Round to advance into their Thursday evening match-up with the Red Raiders. They are averaging 71.2 points per game for the season. Their defense has allowed 66.8 ppg for the season.

Meeting Texas Tech for the first time, West Virginia has three players averaging double scoring figures for the season. Tyrone Sally leads the squad with 12.6 points per game. Mike Gansey averages 12.1 points per game and Kevin Pittsnogle averages 11.2 points per game.

The Red Raiders have four players who are averaging in double-figures for the season. Ronald Ross leads the squad with 17.6 points per game. Jarius Jackson follows with 15.5 points per game. Martin Zeno averages 12.8 points per game. Devonne Giles is next with 11.3 points per game.

Ronald Ross continues to move up in the 1000 Point Club. He now has 1,158 career points and has moved into the 19th spot on the all-time scoring list. With 24 points against Gonzaga, Ronald moved ahead of Kent Williams, another Hobbs, New Mexico/Texas Tech player. Williams scored 1,148 points for the Red Raiders from 1976-1980. Ronald also has 82 steals on the season and 200 career thefts - both are records for the Red Raiders. He is the only Red Raider to be listed in the "Top 10 Single-Season" *continued on page 5*

En Plena Campaña

El 'Beibis' Mendoza trata de calentar a los panameños

El campeón interino mínimo de la Asociación Mundial de Boxeo (AMB), el colombiano Antonio "Beibis" Mendoza, dijo que con su experiencia y fuerte pegada liquidará el 29 de abril al panameño Roberto Vásquez en la disputa de ese cetro mundial.

Ambos pugilistas se vieron los caras ayer en una rueda de prensa y se lanzaron dardos, en medio de una campaña de promoción del combate.

"Vásquez no es el hombre que me aguante la mano", dijo Mendoza. "Con mi experiencia, lo acabaré por nocaut".

La "Araña" Vásquez replicó: "Lo que diga él no me importa, yo no le hago caso. En el ring

verán coronarse campeón a un panameño".

A juzgar por las fojas de ambos, Mendoza, de 30 años, lleva más camino recorrido, con una foja de 30 victorias y tres derrotas.

Vásquez, de 21, tiene récord de 18-1, con 15 nocauts.

"Soy más veterano que la 'Araña' y le voy a arrancar la cabeza", reiteró el colombiano.

Habrà que ver, no obstante, si Mendoza llegará totalmente recuperado después de haber sido derrotado en tres ocasiones por el nicaragüense Rosendo Alvarez.

"Esas derrotas quedaron atrás. Ahora estoy totalmente concentrado en la 'Araña'", señaló Men-

doza. La pelea se disputará en un centro de convenciones de esta capital.

POR FIN SE DECIDE

Por otro lado, después de largas semanas de negociaciones, el estadounidense Bernard Hopkins parece dispuesto a realizar la vigesimoprimera defensa de su corona absoluta de los pesos medios, cuando se enfrente en julio próximo a su compatriota Jermain Taylor.

Según confirmó ayer el propio Hopkins a la cadena televisiva ESPN, el pleito podría llevarse a cabo el 16 de julio en Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Lady Raiders Take On Tennessee in 'Sweet 16'

The Game
No. 14/14 Texas Tech is the No. 4 seed in the Philadelphia Regional and will face No. 1 seed and third-ranked Tennessee in the regional semifinals of the NCAA Championship at The Liacouras Center on Sun., March 27, at 11 a.m. CST. No. 2 seed and eighth/seventh-ranked Ohio State takes on No. 3 seed and ninth/10th-ranked Rutgers in the second semifinal game approximately 30 minutes after the Texas Tech-Tennessee game. The winners of the each semifinal game will play on Tues, March 29, in the regional final with the winner advancing to the Final Four in Indianapolis, Ind., April 3-5.

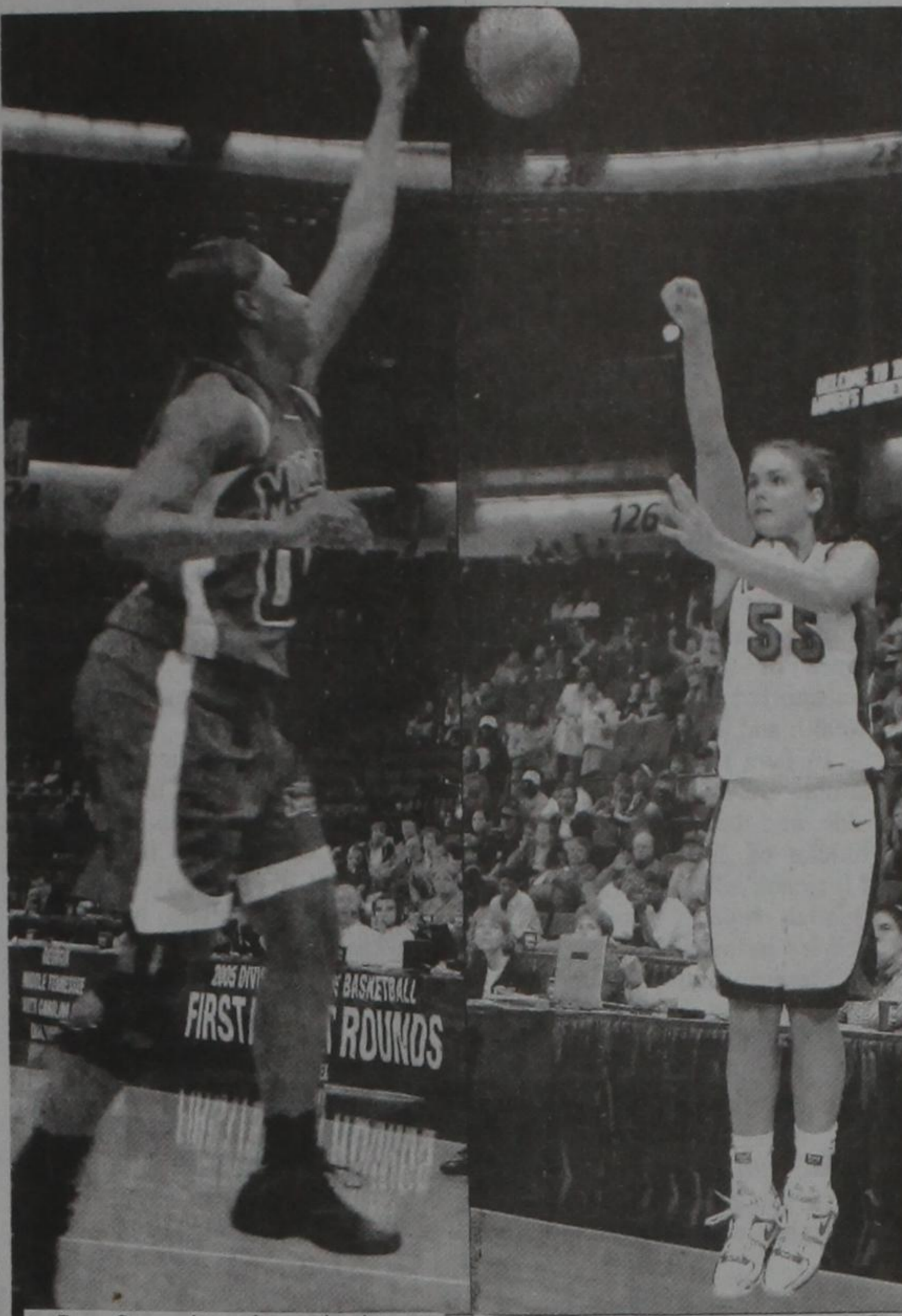
On the Air
The game is being televised on ESPN as Sean McDonough (play-by-play) and Doris Burke (color analyst) call the game. Erin Andrews will be the sideline reporter. The game can be heard on the All Sports Radio Network, in Lubbock on KFYO-AM 790 and KKCL-FM 98.1, with play-by-play by Ryan Hyatt.

The Lady Raiders
Texas Tech is 24-7 and finished Big 12 regular-season play tied for third with a 12-4 record. On the year, four Lady Raiders are scoring in double figures led by senior Cisti Greenwalt at 13.2. Sophomore Alesha Robertson is at 12.7, junior LaToya Davis at 12.5 and junior Chesley Dabbs at 12.3 points a game. Davis is shooting a team and Big 12-high 61.6 percent from the field. Robertson is shooting 38.1 percent

from behind the arc and a Big 12-high 86.3 percent from the free throw line. Greenwalt is the top rebounder, grabbing 8.8 boards per outing. Junior Erin Grant has team highs of 213 assists and 39 steals and leads the Big 12 in assists per game at 7.10 and assist/turnover ratio at 3.55. Greenwalt is the top shot blocker with 101 blocks and leads the conference in blocks per game at 3.26. Texas Tech is shooting 46.1 percent from the field - first in the Big 12, 36.3 percent from three-point range and 70.1 percent from the charity stripe.

Scouting the Opponent
Tennessee enters the game with a 28-4 overall record after beating Purdue, 75-54, in the second round of the NCAA Championship. In that game, junior Tye'sha Fluker scored a game-high 18 points, while senior Shyra Ely added 16. Junior Shanna Zolman and freshman Nicky Anosike chipped in 15 and 11 points, respectively. Fluker collected 10 rebounds, senior Loree Moore dished out five assists and Anosike tallied six steals and three blocks.

On the year, Ely paces the Lady Vols in scoring with a 14.4 average followed by Zolman at 12.5. Ely is the top rebounder, averaging 7.0 rebounds per contest. Freshman Alexis Hornbuckle has team highs of 100 assists and 57 steals. Anosike leads the team in blocks with 28. Tennessee is shooting 41.7 percent from the field, 37.5 percent from three-point range and 70.3 percent from the free throw line.



Pat Summitt, the winningest basketball coach in NCAA history - men or women, is in her 31st year at the helm of the Lady Vols establishing a career record of 880-171.

Common Opponents
Texas Tech and Tennessee had three common opponents during the 2004-05 season as both teams played Texas, Stanford and Mississippi. Tech lost to Stanford, 61-58, Nov. 28, in Santa Clara, Calif., and beat Mississippi, 86-38, Dec. 12, in Lubbock. The Lady Raiders split with Texas during Big 12 Conference play, winning 79-62 in Lubbock, Jan. 12, and losing 64-43 in Austin, Feb. 13. The Lady Vols lost to Texas, 74-59, Nov. 25, in Austin, and won in Knoxville against Stanford, 70-67, Dec. 21, and against Mississippi, 99-67, Feb. 6.

A Look Ahead
The winner of Sunday's game will face the winner of the Ohio State/Rutgers game in the regional finals (Elite Eight) on Tues., March 29, on ESPN.

NCAA Stats
As of games through March 14, Texas Tech ranks second in blocked shots per game at 7.4, fourth in field goal percentage defense at 34.3, sixth in turnovers per game 13.6, ninth in assists per game at 17.4, 10th in scoring margin at 17.6, 16th in scoring defense at 54.3, 20th in field goal percentage at 45.5, 23rd in rebound margin at 6.3, 24th in scoring offense at 71.9 and 26th in personal fouls per game at 14.4, among all NCAA Division I teams. Junior Erin Grant ranks third in assists per game at 6.9 and senior Cisti Greenwalt ranks 10th in blocked shots per game at 3.3.

among all NCAA Division I players.

Another 20-Win Season
Texas Tech is 24-7, marking its 16th-straight 20-win season and Marsha Sharp's 20th in her 23 years as head coach. It is also the 23rd 20-win season overall for the Lady Raiders.

Grant Nominee For Lieberman Award
Junior Erin Grant has been named one of 10 nominees for the Nancy Lieberman Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top point guard. Three finalists will be named from this list prior to the selection of the winner. This is Grant's third year to be nominated.

All-Big 12 Honors
Senior Cisti Greenwalt and junior Erin Grant garnered first team All-Big 12 honors, while junior Chesley Dabbs was named to the second team, which was voted on by the league coaches. Junior LaToya Davis and sophomore Alesha Robertson were honorable mention selections. Greenwalt, Dabbs and Davis were all first time all-conference honorees, as Grant was second team and Robertson was honorable mention in 2004.

Robertson Gets Hot
Sophomore Alesha Robertson poured in 25 points in Texas Tech's win over Middle Tennessee in the second round of the NCAA Championship. It was the first time she had scored 20 or more points since scoring 27 at Colorado Jan. 15. Robertson has scored 20-plus points on five occasions this season, including a career-high 37 points against Miami Dec. 6.
Double Duty for Davis, Again
Junior LaToya Davis registered

another double-double in the win over Middle Tennessee, making it her first back-to-back double-double of the season. Davis had 11 points and a career-high 16 rebounds against MTSU. She had a career-high 26 points and 14 rebounds, while adding three steals and two blocks in the previous game against Texas-Arlington. Davis has five double-doubles on the year.

Starters Getting the Job Done
All five starters combined to score all but four of Tech's 80 points against Middle Tennessee. Sophomore Alesha Robertson led the way with 25 followed by senior Cisti Greenwalt with 12, 11 and nine, respectively.

Griffin Ties Career Highs
Freshman Darrice Griffin tied her career-high 11 points in Tech's loss in the semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament to Baylor March 10. Griffin had scored 11 points earlier in the year against Idaho State.

Season-High Boards for Dabbs
Junior Chesley Dabbs grabbed a season-high nine rebounds against the Lady Bears in the Big 12 Tournament semis. Dabbs recorded a previous season high of eight rebounds versus Virginia Tech back in December. Her career high is 11 against Colorado last year.

Robertson Matches High Assists
Sophomore Alesha Robertson matched her career-high four as-

sists against Baylor in the Big 12 Tournament semifinals. Robertson has dished out four assists five times in her career, including three occasions this season.

Starters Put Up Numbers
The five starters combined for 56 of Tech's 61 points against Iowa State in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament. Junior Chesley Dabbs and sophomore Alesha Robertson both had a team-high 13 points, while senior Cisti Greenwalt and junior Erin Grant each added 12 points. Robertson hit the game-winning free throws with 2.7 seconds remaining in the game. Junior LaToya Davis chipped in three points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds. Grant also dished out a game-high nine assists. Freshman Judith Smith came off the bench and hit two key three-pointers for the Lady Raiders.

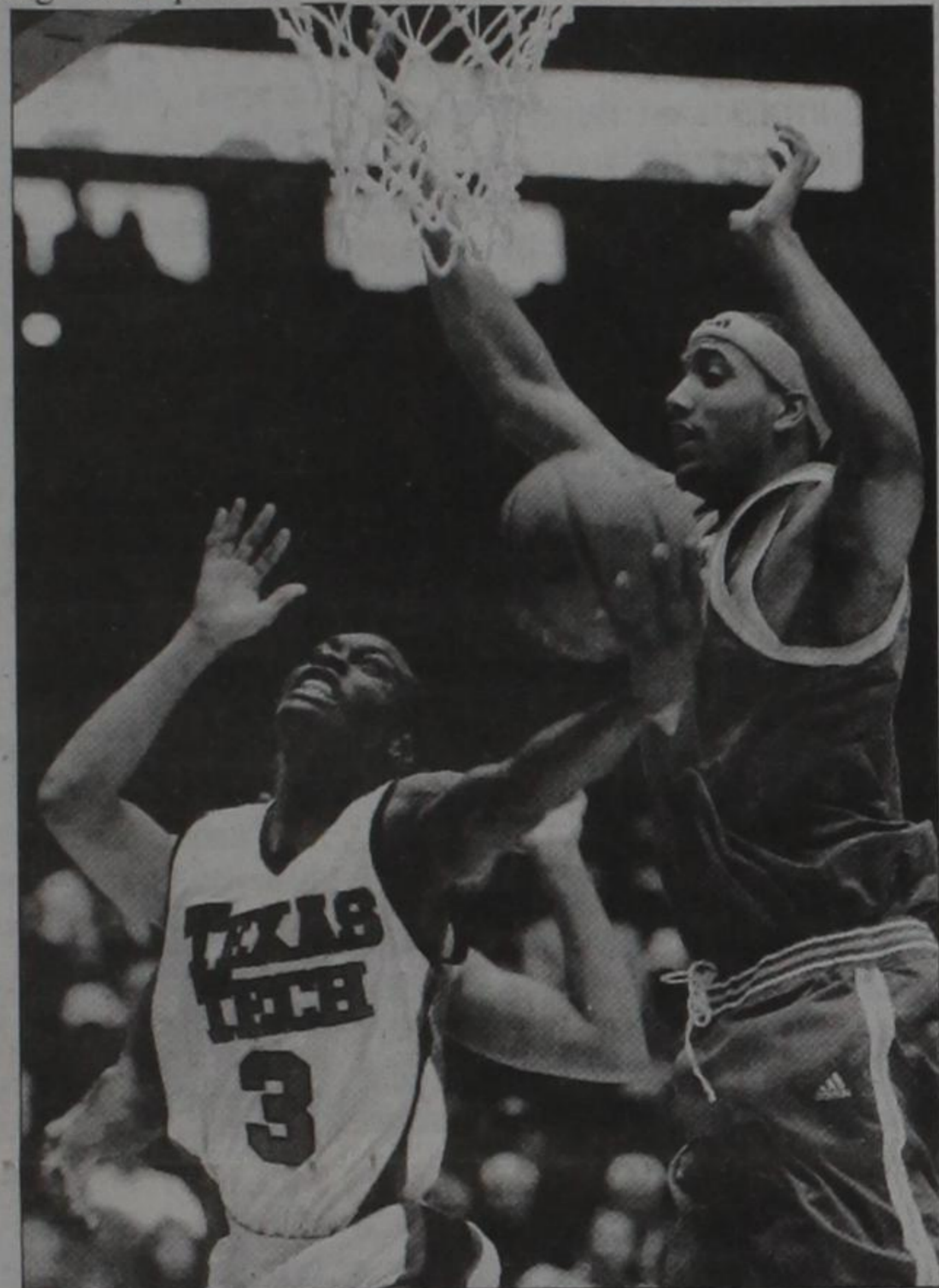
100-Point Game
Texas Tech scored 109 points in its victory over Miami Dec. 6. Last season, Tech scored at least 100 points on two occasions: 100 vs. Pacific Dec. 8, 2003 and 106 vs. Oklahoma State Jan. 10, 2004. The 2003-04 season was the first time Tech had scored 100-plus points more than once in the same season since 1994-95. The 109 points versus Miami marks the 11th season Tech has accomplished the feat of scoring 100 or more points in a game. During 1992-93, Tech scored 100 or more points on six occasions, which is the most of any Lady Raider season.

Texas Leads Illegal Immigrant Increase

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"This remarkable growth has been largely driven by undocumented migration," the report said. "On average, the Mexican population living in the United States has grown by about half a million people a year over the past decade. Unauthorized migrants have accounted for about 80-85 percent of that increase."

Two-thirds of the illegal immigrants live in eight states -- California, Texas, Florida, New York, Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey and North Carolina. But illegal immigrants are also fanning out into other parts of the nation in search of jobs, the report said. Since the mid-1990s, "the most rapid growth in the immigrant population in general and the undocumented population in particular" has occurred in states immigrants typically bypassed, the report said. For example, six states -- Georgia, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, Virginia and Washington -- had illegal immigrant populations of between 200,000 and 250,000, the report said. The study also found that although most illegal immigrants are young adults, "there is a sizable childhood population," an estimated 1.7 million, or one-sixth of the total, are younger than 18, the report concluded. The survey also reported a "significant number of women" -- 29 percent. Reyes said he believes the total is too high, saying that a more likely assessment is somewhere between 3 million and 9 million illegal immigrants. "I would look at these estimates and studies with a kind of a jaundiced eye," he said. "I don't think there's a good way to estimate. It's like asking a fisherman how many fish did you not catch." By the numbers The national population growth of illegal immigrants has averaged about a half-million a year. Texas has 1.4 million illegal immigrants.

Martin Zeno is one of several Texas Tech players who are happy to lend a hand for the good of the team. Said guard Ronald Ross: "Everybody on our team is very good at certain tasks."



Texas Tech Men's Basketball

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Highs" for steals in three different seasons. With 131 games played, he eclipsed Andre Emmett's mark of 128 career-games. Ronald has 320 career assists and holds down the eighth spot among career leaders. Stan Bonewitz (1995-1999) tops everyone with 435 career assists. Texas Tech Video-coordinator, Bubba Jennings is fourth all-time with 378 assists. Devonne Giles has 56 blocks this season and had 51 blocks last season. He holds down the fourth and sixth spots for most blocks in a single season during his two-year career as a Red Raider. His 107 blocks place him fourth on the all-time

blocked shots list and two blocks behind Will Flemons's mark of 109 blocks between 1989-1993. The Raiders are averaging 77.3 points per game for the season and scored 73.8 ppg in conference play. Their defense has allowed 69.4 ppg for the season and 74.4 ppg in conference games. With 854 career victories over 39 seasons, Coach Bob Knight will be on the sidelines for his 1,187th game with Thursday night's game against West Virginia. He is only the third coach to amass 850 wins in his career. The late Adolph Rupp won 876 games and Dean Smith leads everyone with 879 career wins.

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