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Some voters claim election irregularities

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida officials began recounting nearly 6 million ballots Wednesday to determine the next president, while Democrats and some voters complained of election irregularities. Partial results showed Al Gore cutting into George W. Bush's lead.

The recount in all 67 counties was triggered by state law because Republican Bush led Democrat Gore by less than one-half of 1 percentage point. State officials said they expect to finish by the end of the day today.

Florida elections supervisors also waited for an undetermined number of overseas ballots, primarily from military personnel and their families. The state allows 10 days after the election for the ballots to come in.

The state counted about 2,300 overseas ballots in the 1996 election — more than the margin separating Gore and Bush this time — so there is a remote

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possibility that those ballots alone could change the outcome.

The Florida totals, including all absentee ballots received so far, showed Bush with 2,909,135 votes and Gore with 2,907,351 — a difference of 1,784 in a state with 8.75 million registered voters.

After 28 of Florida's 67 counties were recounted Wednesday, Gore had gained 351 votes.

Pinellas County, which includes St. Petersburg, will have to redo its count because a poll worker inadvertently failed to run an unknown number of ballots through its computer Wednesday, county Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark said. The county retracted its original announcement that Gore had gained 404 votes and Bush dropped by 61 votes in its recount.

The scrutiny was intense because Florida and its 25 electoral votes will decide the next president. In an added twist, the state's governor, Jeb Bush, is the Republican nominee's younger brother.

"We thought it would be close. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine it would be this close," Jeb Bush told reporters Wednesday.

Both Bush and Gore campaigned hard in the state and regarded it as crucial. Some counties completed the count

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The crowd celebrates early Wednesday morning when it was announced that Gov. George W. Bush won Florida, and thus would be the next president. About an hour later it was realized that Florida was "too close to call."



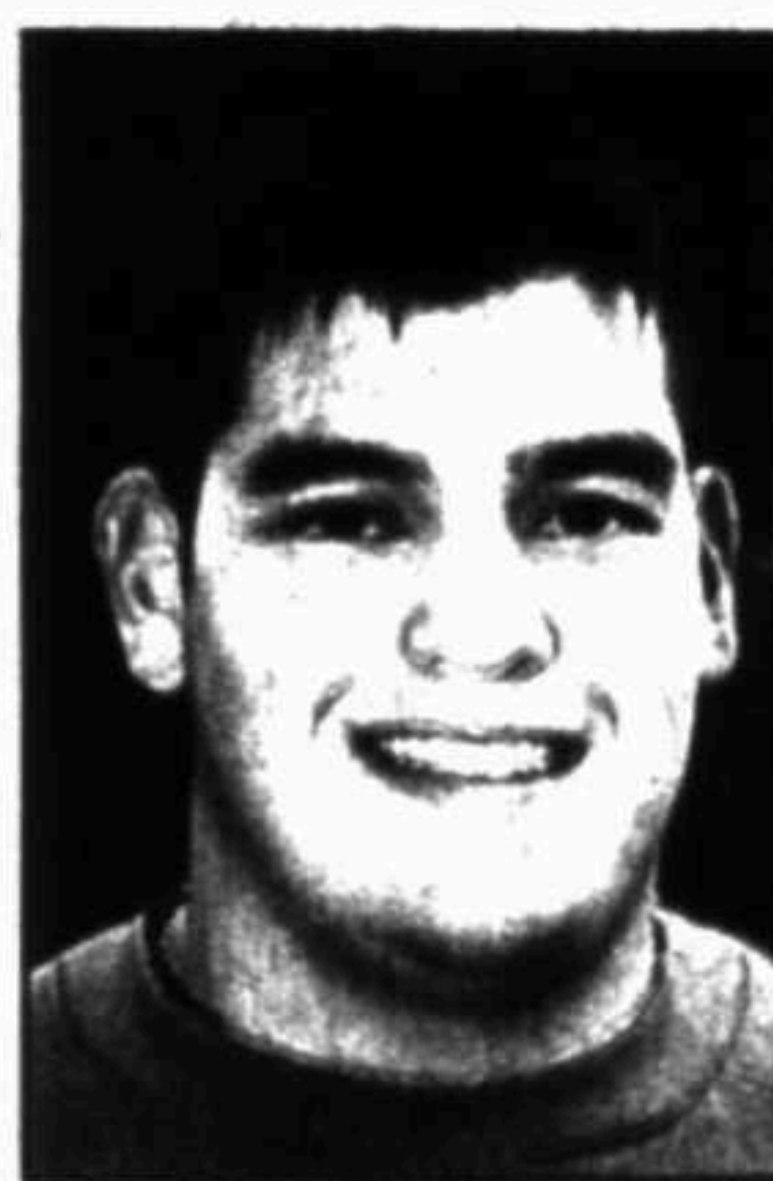
"I think the electoral vote is outdated. Just get rid of it. It was put in place for people who were not educated and didn't know what they were voting for."

— Lauren Lawler



"They have to use one way to figure out who should win. I think the electoral vote is as good as any."

— Lance Decker



"I think it's just kind of twisted. If more Americans voted for Gore then he should be president."

— Jeremy Gamez

Austin voters are frustrated by confusion

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

AUSTIN — Thousands of George W. Bush supporters and reporters departed in the wee hours Wednesday morning from a downtown Austin celebration not knowing if the Texas governor had indeed won the presidency. And when they awoke later that morning, nothing had changed.

On Wednesday, both candidates remained in a neck-and-neck race in electoral votes: Bush with 246, Vice President Al Gore with 260. What remained at stake were the 25 electoral votes from Florida. The victor of that state would exceed the necessary 270 votes needed to become president. Although Bush retains a slight lead in total Florida votes, national media reports revealed that Florida's secretary of state would follow state law and recount the ballots because the seemingly final margin of difference was less than one half of 1 percent. Other reports out of Florida have raised suspicions of ballot confusion, voter fraud and voter intimidation.

In Austin, a cross section of voters expressed concern and frustration about the uncertainty of who will be the next president.

The subject was all the buzz at the University of Texas at Austin. While the campus was littered with propaganda in favor of Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, Matt Cook, a senior, said he voted for Bush. The chaos in Florida was cause for concern, he said.

"It's just that I'm a really skeptical person," Cook said. "It sounds like crap to me. And I'm disappointed with the way the media has been pulling it. They give Florida to Gore then they take it back and give it to Bush. I just think it's a case of really bad journalism."

Cook discounted the confusion in Florida. National media had reported that voters in Palm Beach, Fla., complained about ballots that had suppos-

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GOP eyes 'triple crown' in Washington

By Timothy V. Kretz
MRT Correspondent

The Republican party held on to its majority in the U.S. House of Representatives in Tuesday's general election, and in addition, the U.S. Senate will likely be split 50-50, which would give the vice president the tie breaking vote in the event of gridlock. So a confirmed presidential victory by George W. Bush would seal Republican control of Washington for at least the next two years.

Finality in the 2000 presidential election may not come until as late as this afternoon, because the extremely close race in Florida where a recount is now taking place. The candidate who is certified as winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes will become president.

If Bush wins the election, it will mark the first time in almost 50 years that a Republican president has had a Republican House

and Senate to work with.

U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, who represents a portion of Midland County, was scheduled to speak at a Midland County Republican Women luncheon on Wednesday, but was unable to attend because of weather-related flight delays that left him stranded in Dallas. However, in a prepared statement read by Midland County Republican Women associate member Mina Fitting, Smith referred to the possibility of Republican dominance in Washington as the "...the triple crown of politics — the House, the Senate and the White House."

According to Smith, the Republican majority would focus on strengthening national defense, giving more local control to schools, saving Social Security and delivering tax relief to the American people.

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Venita Faircloth joins other members of the Midland County Republican Women Wednesday in praying for America's future.

Many Midland Republicans are optimistic about Bush victory

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Optimism steeped in confidence reigned supreme — almost as sure as the rising sun on a cloudy day.

"There's no doubt we've won," Republican Christy Lacy said of Gov. George W. Bush's tight race for the presidency against Vice President Al Gore — a victory that hinges on the sway of Florida's 25 electoral college votes.

The setting at Wednesday's Midland County Republican Women's day-after-the-election meeting at the Midland Hilton and Towers was infused with credence that

Bush, 54, the son of the nation's 41st president, would be America's 43rd president based on the final electoral-vote tally.

"It's not over," surmised Midland County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Reeves. "I'm confident we'll win. If you watch Gov. Bush, the future president-elect, to his credit, he has been optimistic and upbeat."

Juandelle Lacy, president of the Republican Women's group, said she expects Bush to be triumphant.

"We will be successful in the election of George W. Bush," she said. "I'm confident. If you have not

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Sales tax revenues continue upward trend

■ City receives November rebate check of \$1.24 million, which is based on September sales.

By Timothy V. Kretz
MRT Correspondent

The city of Midland received \$1,246,165 in sales tax revenue for the month of November, which is based on September sales. That figure reflects a 10.07 percent increase from November 1999, or an increase of \$113,972.

According to Assistant City Manager Tommy Hudson, that total does not include tax revenues collected to pay for the sports complex. "The 10.07 percent increase is exclusive of sports complex monies," he said. "Revenue collected for the complex is kept separate from city to city numbers."

Hudson reported that since the city began

collecting the additional .25 percent sports complex tax, it has received a total of \$1,556,673.33 to be put toward the venture. He also added that the portion of that total collected in November was \$311,541.

The 10 percent increase in overall sales is being felt at area businesses all over the city. Many retail merchants have reported tangible accelerations in gross revenue.

Midland Wal-Mart manager Rick Wiley said his store has been experiencing increased sales all year. "Sales numbers are definitely up," Wiley said. "Since the price of oil has begun to rebound, we have seen a steady increase over last year." Wiley added that his numbers will likely increase even more during the holiday shopping season.

"This is the best year we've had in the last seven," said Tom Heller, owner of Midland Power Sports, a motorcycle, ATV and water-

craft dealership. "Ironically, the year before that was our worst ever, because of the low oil prices." Heller said it has been very unique to experience such a massive sales increase in such a short period of time.

"Most of the bikes we sell get 45 to 50 miles per gallon," he added. "The current high fuel prices have also likely helped us, because people are looking for a more economical way to commute."

Midland's year-to-date total sales tax revenue is up 14.44 percent, or \$277,811 over last year's totals at this time, according to the City Manager's Office. However, sales tax revenues are still down 5.84 percent when compared to the totals for November 1998.

In that month, collected sales tax revenues totaled \$1,323,520.

The 1998 sales tax revenues were the highest amount collected in Midland history.

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PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS

Here are the latest returns in the race for president.



ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTE

To win the presidency, 270 electoral votes are needed. Here is a breakdown of the number won by each candidate so far.

Bush **246** Gore **255**

POPULAR VOTE

Here is a state-by-state breakdown of the popular vote. Whichever presidential ticket gets the most popular votes in a state wins all the electors of that state, with the exception of Maine and Nebraska. States that have not been called are in bold.

STATE	PRECINCTS REPORTING	BUSH	GORE	NADER
ALABAMA	100%	56%	42%	1%
ALASKA	97%	59%	28%	10%
ARIZONA	100%	50%	45%	3%
ARKANSAS	100%	51%	46%	1%
CALIFORNIA	100%	41%	54%	4%
COLORADO	100%	51%	42%	5%
CONNECTICUT	99%	36%	56%	4%
DELAWARE	100%	42%	55%	3%
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	100%	9%	85%	5%
FLORIDA	100%	49%	48%	2%
GEORGIA	100%	55%	43%	0%
HAWAII	100%	37%	56%	6%
IDAHO	100%	68%	28%	0%
ILLINOIS	100%	43%	54%	2%
INDIANA	100%	57%	41%	0%
IOWA	100%	48%	49%	2%
KANSAS	100%	58%	37%	3%
KENTUCKY	100%	56%	41%	2%
LOUISIANA	100%	53%	45%	1%
MAINE	100%	44%	49%	6%
MARYLAND	100%	40%	57%	3%
MASSACHUSETTS	100%	33%	60%	6%
MICHIGAN	100%	46%	51%	2%
MINNESOTA	100%	46%	48%	5%
MISSISSIPPI	99%	57%	41%	1%
MISSOURI	100%	50%	47%	2%
MONTANA	100%	58%	33%	6%
NEBRASKA	100%	63%	33%	4%
NEVADA	100%	50%	46%	2%
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NEW YORK	99%	35%	60%	4%
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NORTH DAKOTA	100%	61%	33%	3%
OHIO	100%	50%	46%	3%
OKLAHOMA	100%	60%	38%	0%
OREGON	87%	48%	46%	5%
PENNSYLVANIA	100%	46%	51%	2%
RHODE ISLAND	100%	32%	61%	6%
SOUTH CAROLINA	100%	57%	41%	1%
SOUTH DAKOTA	100%	60%	38%	0%
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WASHINGTON	100%	45%	50%	4%
WEST VIRGINIA	100%	52%	46%	2%
WISCONSIN	100%	48%	46%	4%
WYOMING	100%	69%	28%	0%

*In Maine and Nebraska, two electors are chosen by statewide popular vote and the remainder by the popular vote within each congressional district. Percentages may not total 100 due to other candidates in the race.

Election gave Americans everything but a president

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was as if someone had skimmed off the high drama of elections past and staged it all in one night, way past people's bedtimes.

Now an unsettled nation is hemming and hawing through the uncertainty of a presidential election that has yet to yield a president. "Am I dreaming?" asked Mary Houle at a Springfield, Mass., bagel shop. "I can't take anymore," said Jane Reznicek in Chicago.

Oh, my. "You couldn't write a script like this," marveled film director Rob Reiner, on his way to see if his friend Al Gore needed a morale boost before dawn Wednesday. "If you wrote this, they'd throw you out of the Writers Guild."

America stared wide-eyed and bleary-eyed at a Kennedy-Nixon-type photo finish, only closer, so close it could be determined by as many people as attend one big high school. There were Dewey-Defeats-Truman moments and headlines in print, on TV and the Internet.

"I'm just numb," said George Martin, a software consultant smoking outside the Aetna headquarters in Hartford, Conn. But for all the sleeplessness, furrowed brows and queasiness, Martin was one of those who thought it was also kind of neat.

"Who else has lived through this?" he asked. No one, exactly. Americans alive today have been kept waiting until morning but they've always known by lunch.

An old-fashioned logistical paper-shuffling deadlock in this

time of instant communication confounded a nation that expects to be told what's happening when it happens, preferably sooner.

Instead, people are waiting as if for the Pony Express.

Click on the Web all you want, it won't make a bit or a byte of difference.

"I don't know how it can happen in the age of electronics," said Evelyn Haynes, a restaurant manager in Nashville, Tenn. "In Dewey's age, they were counting by hand."

Haynes, 40, spoke for sheepish nonvoters everywhere. She was kicking herself for failing to vote for Gore, her fellow Tennessean who lost the state. She couldn't get away from her job. She promised she won't let it happen next time.

"I will definitely make the polls and drag my husband, my daddy, my sister and everyone else with me."

Floridians were the king-makers in this election and cause of all the confusion, their popular vote now being recounted and their decisive 25 electoral votes still up in the air.

Wanda Berkeley, a Miami systems analyst who voted for George W. Bush, went to bed when TV networks declared him the winner in the state — and therefore nationally — and like so many others, woke up to a different story. "I thought, 'They pulled a switcheroo,'" she said.

In Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Scott Taylor, a Florida firefighter trying to get away from it all in a Smoky Mountains vacation, called home. He'd voted by absentee ballot Monday.

"I just told my parents how important it was to vote," he said. "I can name 100 voters in Florida and these 100 could sway it either

way." At last count, that was only a mild exaggeration.

In Baltimore, it was as if the Grinch had stolen the election as far as addictions counselor Janet Neale was concerned.

"I remember waking up as a little girl, learning we had a new president," she said. "It was like getting a Christmas present. Well, I didn't get a present this year."

Sunrise hasn't always settled the race, though.

In 1976, President Ford conceded to Jimmy Carter at 11 a.m. the next day.

In 1968, Richard Nixon said in his memoirs, the TV networks called the election for him at 8:30 a.m. the next day. Hubert Humphrey conceded at noon.

Eight years earlier, Nixon conditionally conceded to John Kennedy shortly after midnight,

telling supporters he'd lost. "If the present trend continues," By 6 a.m., the race had tightened even more. But Nixon said a recount could have taken six months and branded him a "sore loser" forever. He congratulated Kennedy by telegram.

In 1948, the Chicago Tribune prematurely headlined the outcome "Dewey Defeats Truman" in an edition happily brandished by Harry Truman, the real winner. Thomas Dewey conceded to Truman at 11:15 a.m. the next day.

On Wednesday, that paper's headline of record was a determinedly cautious, "As Close As It Gets."

In the White House, President Clinton said he hoped Americans learned the lesson that their vote does count.

America spoke, he said, but no one's sure exactly what it said.

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Senior laments lost 'precious vote'

PALM BEACH, Fla. (NYT) — Helen Halperin, an 81-year-old resident of Palm Beach County, said Tuesday's elections may be the last of her life, and she knows she cast her vote for the wrong man.

Confused by poor eyesight, and incorrect counseling from a poll worker, Halperin voted for Pat Buchanan instead of Al Gore.

Wednesday morning the widow was angry. By Wednesday evening — after watching hours of newscasts that confirmed she was not the only Palm Beach County voter to make the Buchanan mistake — she was forming conspiracy theories.

The ballot listed presidential candidates on two facing pages and had arrows pointing from the candidate to a corresponding punch hole. The Democratic ticket of Gore and Joe Lieberman was the second listed on the ballot, while its corresponding hole was third.

Buchanan's punch hole was

the second on the ballot.

"My precious vote was lost. I lost it on that devil," he said.

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Ashcroft concedes Missouri Senate race

By Libby Quaid
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Republican John Ashcroft fought back tears Wednesday as he conceded the Senate election to the late Gov. Mel Carnahan and opened the way for Carnahan's widow to assume the seat. "I hope the outcome of this election is a comfort to Mrs. Carnahan," he said. "Missouri is a compassionate state and, I think, in a very special way, they have demonstrated their compassion," said Ashcroft, surrounded by his family and two dozen supporters at his suburban St. Louis headquarters.

Mel Carnahan was killed in a plane crash on the way to a campaign rally three weeks ago, but his name remained on the ballot and he outpolled Ashcroft by more than 48,000 votes out of 2.36 million cast Tuesday. Before the election, Missouri's new Democratic governor, Roger Wilson, said that if Carnahan won, he would appoint his 66-year-old widow, Jean Carnahan, to the Senate.

Never before in U.S. history has anyone posthumously won election to the Senate, though voters on at least three occasions sent deceased candidates to the House.

Ashcroft on Wednesday rejected the possibility of a challenge to the election, saying he will not take part in any legal action and will discourage oth-



A weathered sign featuring Missouri's late Gov. Mel Carnahan welcomes motorists to Carnahan's home town of Rolla, Mo., Wednesday. Carnahan, who died in a plane crash Oct. 16, was elected to the U.S. Senate in Tuesday's election, defeating Republican Incumbent John Ashcroft. Carnahan's widow, Jean Carnahan, has agreed to serve in her husband's place.

ers from doing so.

Some Republicans had argued that at the time of the election, Carnahan was not, as the U.S. Constitution requires, a Missouri inhabitant, because he was dead. Also, the Missouri GOP has urged an investigation into possible voter fraud in St. Louis on Tuesday.

Ashcroft, a former two-term governor, state attorney general and auditor, said he will go back to his farm near Springfield after his term ends Jan. 3. Mrs. Carnahan would be appointed

then, when the vacancy occurs, and would serve until the next general election, in 2002.

"I look forward to spending time with my wife, Janet," Ashcroft said, breaking off to fight back tears as his wife laid her head on his shoulder and squeezed him. He said he does not want to think about whether he will seek the same seat in 2002 or run for any other office.

Early Wednesday, Mrs. Carnahan spoke to hundreds of St. Louis-area supporters from her home in Rolla.

"We remain heirs of a legacy, bearers of a dream," she said. "On this night, I pledge to you — rather, let us pledge to each other — we will never let the fire go out. God bless you always."

Mel Carnahan got 50 percent of the vote to Ashcroft's 48 percent.

After Carnahan's death, Ashcroft, 58, took an eight-day hiatus from campaigning, which he said hurt him in the polls.

Mrs. Carnahan conducted a low-key but effective effort consisting mainly of one news conference, one TV commercial and a single interview from the family home.

The decision to appoint her to the Senate transformed the election, making a vote for Mel Carnahan a means of electing his widow and honoring his memory.

Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., said he will ask the U.S. attorney's office Thursday for a federal investigation of the fraud allegations. But Bond added: "The people of Missouri have spoken. America and Missouri have always done well by following the will of the people. The Senate will do the same."

"I don't think my election hinged on voter fraud in the city," Ashcroft said. "I lost this race because I didn't get as many votes as my opponent did. I've been there before."

Tight race brings more voters to polls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Get-out-the-vote efforts, a barrage of political ads and intense media coverage were cited as explanations for increased voter participation in this year's election.

An estimated 51 percent of Americans old enough to vote did so on Tuesday, said Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate.

By comparison, the rate in 1996 was 49 percent, the lowest since 1924. In 1992, about 55 percent voted.

Gans' figures for 2000 were based on turnout reported by The Associated Press and CNN, and include an estimated 2.4 million absentee votes uncounted Wednesday. He also based turnout on estimates of uncounted votes in Oregon, Alaska and Michigan.

Gans said the higher turnout likely was due to well-funded, grass-roots mobilization efforts and media coverage about the White House race between

Democrat Al Gore and GOP Gov. George W. Bush.

More people voted this year in Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Delaware. A lottery on the ballot in South Carolina helped increase turnout there by about 6 percent from 1996.

Voters said the tight presidential race energized them.

In Florida, where a recount was under way to determine which candidate would take the state's 25 electoral votes and capture the White House, almost 51 percent of those eligible to vote actually did. That was almost 3 percent more than in 1996.

In Wisconsin, turnout was 66 percent, up nearly 9 percent from 1996. Both nominees visited the state often during the campaign.

In Oregon, the convenience of nation's first all mail-in election was not enough to push state turnout to record levels, though an estimated 300,000 votes remained uncounted, Gans said.

Election night chaos catches editors in gaffe

NEW YORK (AP) — Editor James A. Haught walked back into the newsroom of The Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette after grabbing a fitful three-hour nap Wednesday morning and collided with this front-page headline: "Bush triumphs."

In an instant, the election night chaos Haught had tried to sleep off returned as a painful hang-over.

With the presidential race hinging on just few thousand votes and deadlines looming, the Gazette and many other papers prematurely declared that Republican George W. Bush had carried Florida to clinch the election, even as the vote was still being counted.

Other news organizations, including The New York Times and Reuters, also followed television networks and called an election that for hours was too close to call, only to do a double-take.

That resulted in a series of headlines reminiscent of 1948's infamous "Dewey Defeats Truman" and left some sleep-deprived editors embarrassed, others apologetic and all as intrigued as other Americans about what will happen next.

"BUSH APPEARS TO DEFEAT GORE," The Times said in its third edition, sent to the presses at 2:48 a.m., before changing to "BUSH AND GORE VIE FOR AN EDGE."

"It's Bush in a tight one," The Boston Globe heralded before backing off with "RECOUNT!" "Bush wins at wire," the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel blared, then followed with "Too Close to Call."

And then there was the Austin American-Statesman's potent declaration: "Bush!", which circulated through the crowd at the governor's would-be victory rally before the newspaper reconsidered with "History on hold."

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 56
Low 34

Friday
Partly cloudy
High 59
Low 32

Saturday
Partly cloudy
High 63
Low 36

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies. The high will be in the upper 50s with a southwest wind of 10-20 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for clear skies with a low in the mid-30s. Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 60. Friday night should see mostly clear skies with a low near 30.

Saturday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a chance of showers. The low will be in the mid-30s and a high in the low 60s.

After a low of 31, Wednesday's high was 42, compared to the record high of 89 in 1988. The record low of 22 was set in 1938.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday trace
Rainfall Tuesday 0.40 in.
Total for month 1.11 in.
Total for year 9.55 in.
Normal total (year to date) 13.95 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

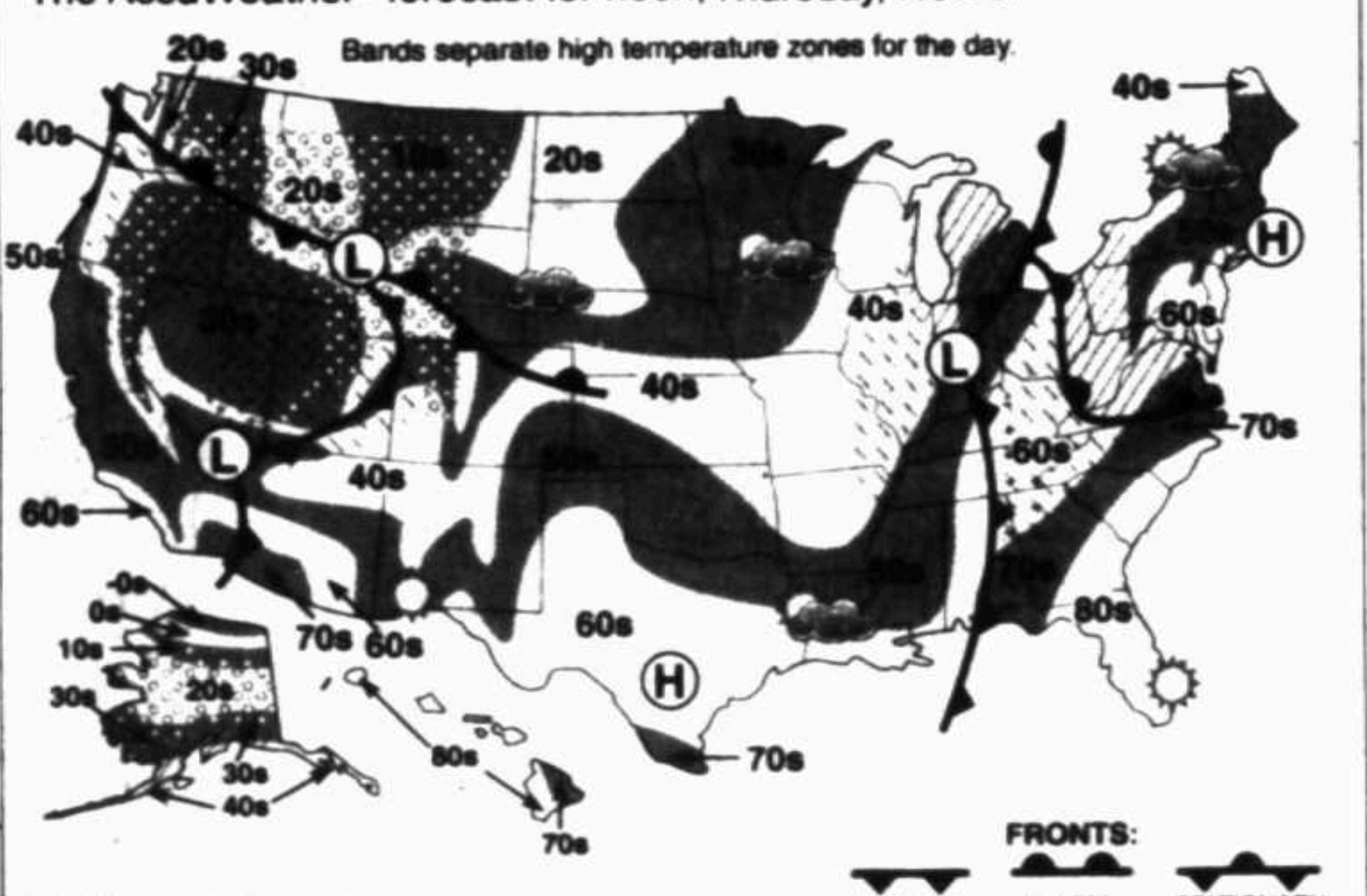
High 42
Low 31
Normal high 69
Normal low 41

Sunrise ... 7:12 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:53 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

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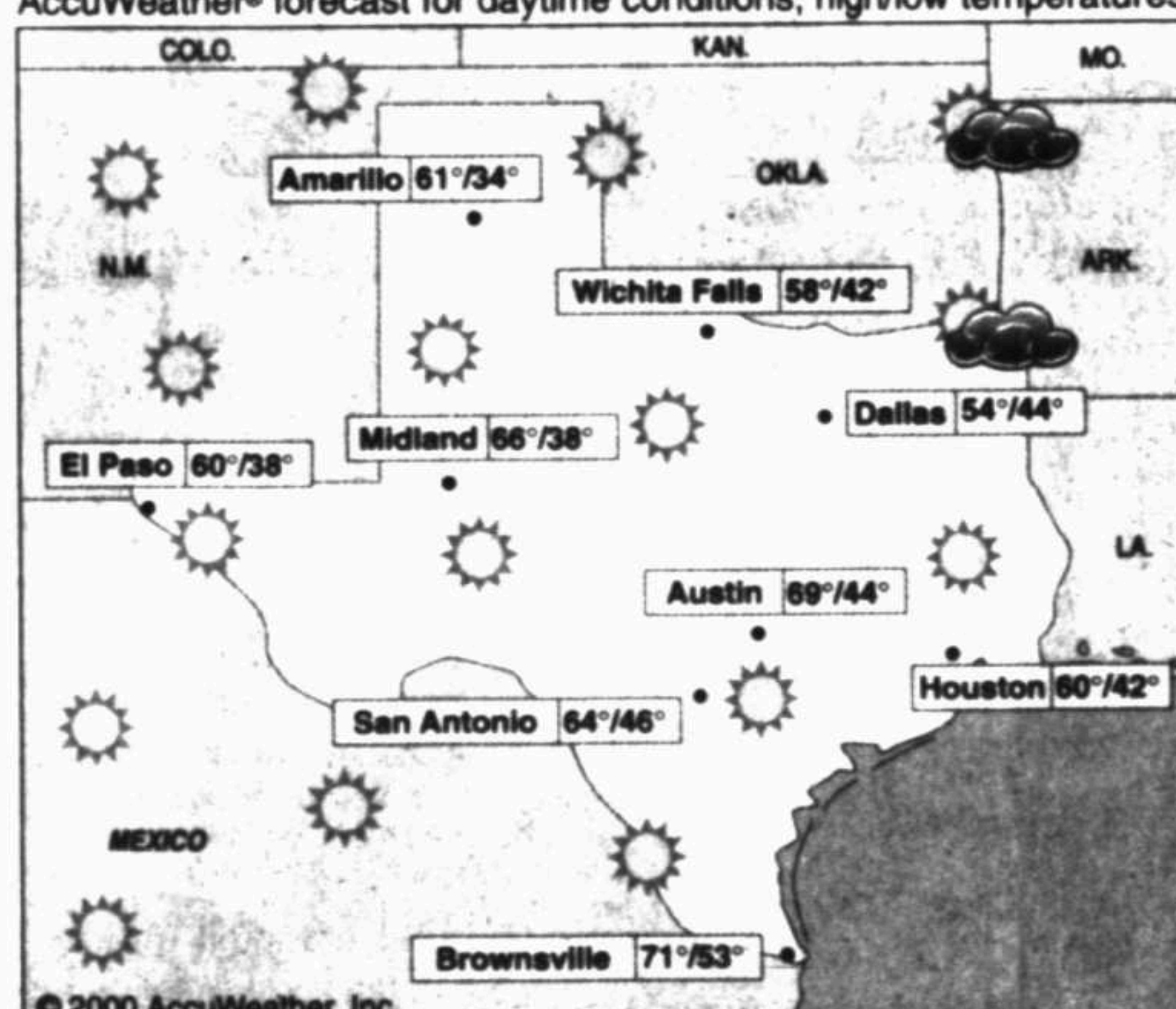
United States temperatures

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind	City	High	Low	Precip	Wind
Albuquerque	41	28	0	0	Las Vegas	58	40	0	0
Albany, N.Y.	40	34	0	0	Lexington	57	56	11	0
Albany, N.Y.	40	34	0	0	Lincoln	53	22	0	0
Atlanta	72	61	0	0	Little Rock	50	46	1.74	0
Atlanta City	66	35	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Baltimore	51	35	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Boston	53	46	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Bridgeport	53	38	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Cambridge	53	38	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Carroll, Maine	49	41	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Casper	52	32	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Charleston, S.C.	83	60	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Charleston, W. Va.	72	51	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Charlotte, N.C.	78	56	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Chattanooga	72	59	1.87	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Cheyenne	42	19	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Chicago	48	32	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Cincinnati	59	54	0.07	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Cleveland	61	51	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Colorado Springs	39	20	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Columbia, S.C.	81	61	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Columbia, Mo.	79	67	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Columbus, Ohio	68	51	0.05	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Denver	40	23	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Des Moines	31	23	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Detroit	57	49	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Evansville	54	49	10	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Fairbanks	9	-10	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Fargo	26	25	0.01	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Flagstaff	43	23	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Flint	57	44	0.06	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Goodland	41	18	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Grand Junction	42	20	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Grand Rapids	42	39	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Great Falls	27	13	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Green Bay	41	35	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Harrisburg, N.C.	78	55	0.01	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Harrisburg	58	45	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Hendersonville	58	36	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Indianapolis	50	47	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Jackson, Miss.	80	60	0.31	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Jacksonville	84	62	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Juniata	41	36	0.03	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Kansas City	30	27	0.07	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Knoxville	77	60	1.20	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Lake Charles	84	68	0.33	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0
Lansing	56	38	0	0	Los Angeles	71	48	0	0

State forecast

Thursday, Nov. 9

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



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Texas temperatures

City	High	Low	Precip	Wind	City	High	Low	Precip	Wind
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Guadalupe Pass	36	22	0	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Hartsville	79	54	0.25	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Houston Interim	59	48	0.39	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Huntsville	54	45	0.24	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Jacksonville	42	35	0.24	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Kingsville	80	60	0.06	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Laredo	52	44	0.79	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Longview	52	44	0.79	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Lubbock	39	29	0	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Lufkin	56	47	0.85	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Marfa	37	27	0	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	McAllen	79	54	0	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	McKinney	44	38	0.92	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Mineral Wells	37	30	0.30	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	New Braunfels	50	43	0.07	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Palacios	51	0.03	0	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Paris	45	41	0.72	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Rockport	82	50	0	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	San Angelo	39	32	0.82	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	San Antonio	52	43	0.10	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	San Marcos	48	43	0.19	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Terrell	46	40	0.53	0
Abilene	55	32	0.45	0	Waco	47	42	0.96	0

AUSTIN: UT student thinks ballot confusion is 'fishy'

(From 1A)

edly confused Gore voters to accidentally vote for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan.

"That's a bunch of bull," Cook said. "If you can't read a ballot, then you don't deserve the right to vote. I think it's fishy. I'm fed up with it."

Fellow UT senior Lauren Lawler also voted for Bush. Although a Republican, Ms. Lawler discounted the use of the electoral college. National media reports had indicated that Gore, not Bush, had won the popular vote. But the presidential winner needs only the majority of the electoral votes, which are divided state by state. The possibility exists that Bush could win Florida, win the majority of the electoral votes, lose the total number of votes cast nationwide but still be president.

"I think the electoral vote is outdated," Ms. Lawler said. "Just get rid of it. It was put in place for people who were not educated and didn't know what they were voting for."

If the Electoral College were

done away with, Ms. Lawler conceded that Gore, not Bush, would be president. Asked if she would be OK with that, Ms. Lawler replied, "If that's what the people want, then yes."

But Lance Decker, a Bush supporter and ticket broker at UT's Royal Memorial Stadium, said the Electoral College is adequate enough in determining who should be president.

"They have to use one way to figure out who should win. I think the electoral vote is as good as any," Decker said.

Jeremy Gamez, a registered Democrat who didn't vote, said it would be wrong for Bush to take office if Gore received the most overall votes.

"I think it's just kind of twisted. If more Americans voted for Gore then he should be president," Gamez said.

The anti-Electoral College sentiment was shared by downtown professionals during lunch hour.

"I'm about to throw up. I've wanted to throw up for the past 12 hours," said Jessica Holms, a Gore supporter. "They projected



The mood of the crowd, watching the Jumbotron, changed as election returns were announced. Those who made the trip to Austin included Randy Byers, from left, Rick Herold, both from Euless, and Heather Wolff of San Antonio.

that Gore was going to win the Florida vote. And what, at this point they're still waiting to count the overseas vote? It's too much. I just can't concentrate.

We bought a bottle of champagne when he won Florida. Then they took it back. We thought, 'Well, if he's going to lose we might as well get drunk anyway.'

VOTERS: Jesse Jackson calls for thorough investigation

(From 1A)

Wednesday and forwarded results to Tallahassee for certification by Republican Secretary of State Katherine Harris and state elections director Clay Roberts, a Republican appointee. Jeb Bush said he recused himself.

Although both candidates typically pick up votes in a recount, veterans of the process said it is unusual for one side to pick up enough votes to make a difference in the outcome.

In each county, a county judge, the chairman of the county commission and the local elections supervisor, recounted the votes by feeding punch cards through tabulation machines three times. The makeup of the canvassing board is supposed to insulate the

process from politics, Roberts said.

Two former secretaries of state — Warren Christopher for Gore and James A. Baker III for Bush — were heading monitoring teams sent to Florida on Wednesday.

Even before the recount, the Gore campaign was already eyeing legal options for forcing a new vote in Palm Beach County, where confusion over how to fill out the ballot may have boosted the tally for Pat Buchanan, a senior Gore adviser said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In Florida and elsewhere, Democrats grumbled about long lines at the polls, reports that ballots were late in arriving at polling places and other possible

irregularities.

"We've received literally thousands of telephone calls and inquiries and reports of irregularities like ballots appearing and disappearing, voter intimidation, and the totals of this election sort of mysteriously disappearing and growing overnight," state Democratic Party chairman Bob Poe said.

Jesse Jackson said he got calls on Election Day complaining that blacks had difficulty voting in Florida and other Southern states. He said some voters were told there were no more ballots, or that polls were closed.

"What we need is not just a recount by hand, but also a thorough investigation," Jackson said.

NAACP President Kweisi

Mfume said he has asked the Justice Department to investigate alleged election irregularities affecting minority voting. He also wants the government to oversee the recount.

"We are not suggesting foul play, but we are very much concerned that foul play can happen," he said in a statement.

Separately, Democratic officials and voters complained about the way ballots in Palm Beach County were arranged. Voters punched holes in the middle of the ballot, while candidates were alternately listed to the left and then the right. County officials also said more than 19,000 ballots in the presidential race were tossed out because more than one candidate was picked.

VICTORY: 2000 election is most exciting race, Faircloth says

(From 1A)

prayed in the past, pray now.

"Naturally, we wanted a big win," said Mrs. Lacy, who is mother-in-law to Christy Lacy. "I never dreamed it would be this close."

And, with an air of patriotism on the week of the general election and Veterans Day, Mrs. Lacy noted, "Freedom is not free."

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, who was the Republican Women's speaker in the absence of U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, tendered this observation: "A win by any margin is still a win. One vote can make a difference."

Turning to his audience of about 140 Republicans and at least one Democrat guest — Midland County Constable Angel Hernandez — Dewhurst said, "You are sunshine. We can't win elections without your hard work, your passion, and your brains."

Hernandez had picked up Republican votes in his victory against a Republican contender in Tuesday's election. "Basically, what they are telling me (is) they voted for the person, not the party," Hernandez said.

Of the presidential race, Sue Brannon, who is chairman of the Midland County Republican Party, said she had never witnessed a more exciting race.

"And I have never seen more enthusiasm than we have right here" and at Tuesday night's "Win, Lose, or Draw" Bush GOP Victory party, sponsored by the Republican Women, "for our next president, George W. Bush."

"We are still winners because he will (still) be governor of this great state of Texas or president of the United States," she said.

Judge Barbara Culver Clark — who in 1962 was elected Midland County judge to become the first Republican elected official in the courthouse and the first woman elected county judge on the Republican ticket in Texas — cited the "very exciting" 2000 election returns.

"We have seen that the long, long campaigns and hard campaigns by these candidates got lots of voters out," Judge Culver said. "We're always worried about lack of voter interest and apathy and all of that."

"Certainly, we got lots of voters out this time. And that's good," she said. "We are hoping that Bush will be declared the winner. I think it was a very historic election and a marvelous way to start off the new millennium."

J.D. Faircloth, who is vice chairman of the Midland County Republican Party, noted Bush's tenuous lead.

"I think Bush is going to fare real well," Faircloth said. "Bush will win in Florida unless something happens — (such a Democrats) stealing the election by finding a mysterious box."

From his perspective, the 2000 presidential contest "is absolutely the most exciting race I have seen, even more exciting than the Kennedy and Nixon race back in the 1960s."

Faircloth, 51, recalled that he was in elementary school during that 1960 televised race that pitted Democrat John F. Kennedy against Republican Richard M.

Nixon. Ultimately, Kennedy won that race by gathering 303 electoral votes to Nixon's 219. In the popular vote, Kennedy garnered 34.2 million votes or 49.72 percent, and Nixon got 34.1 million votes or 49.55 percent. The total vote count was 68.8 million, according to the Federal Election Commission. Kennedy plurality was by 114,673 votes.

"Our (elementary-school class) was really excited," Faircloth recalled. "We were watching the debates and the election. This (2000 race) far exceeds that in sheer excitement."

Since "the voters have spoken" at the election polls, Faircloth said he is "still confident" that Bush "will prevail."

"He has been a great governor, and he has been good about working with the Democrats, working with the other side," Faircloth said, "and I think that it is real important in Washington right now to do that."

Juandelle Lacy said the Bush-Gore 2000 race "is the most nerve-wracking election that I have witnessed in my lifetime." She was a "Goldwater girl" in 1964 when Republican presidential nominee Barry Goldwater lost to President Lyndon B. Johnson, the Democratic Party's nominee.

And four years earlier in the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon race, Mrs. Lacy said that "I thought I had died a thousand deaths because I wanted Nixon to win, but he lost in the closest election until this one."

"But I'm still encouraged" that Bush, like his father, a former Midlander, will prevail and win the election, said Mrs. Lacy,

who quoted the poem, "Don't Quit":

"Don't quit when the night is darkest, For it's just a while 'til dawn."

Don't quit when you've run the farthest, For the race is almost won."

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19,000 Florida ballots disqualified; voters sue over confusing ballots

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Election officials on Wednesday disqualified more than 19,000 ballots in a Florida county where confusion over the punch card system led to a flood of complaints and a lawsuit.

Three people filed suit Wednesday seeking a new election in Palm Beach County, claiming the punch-card ballot was so confusing that they accidentally voted for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan instead of Vice President Al Gore.

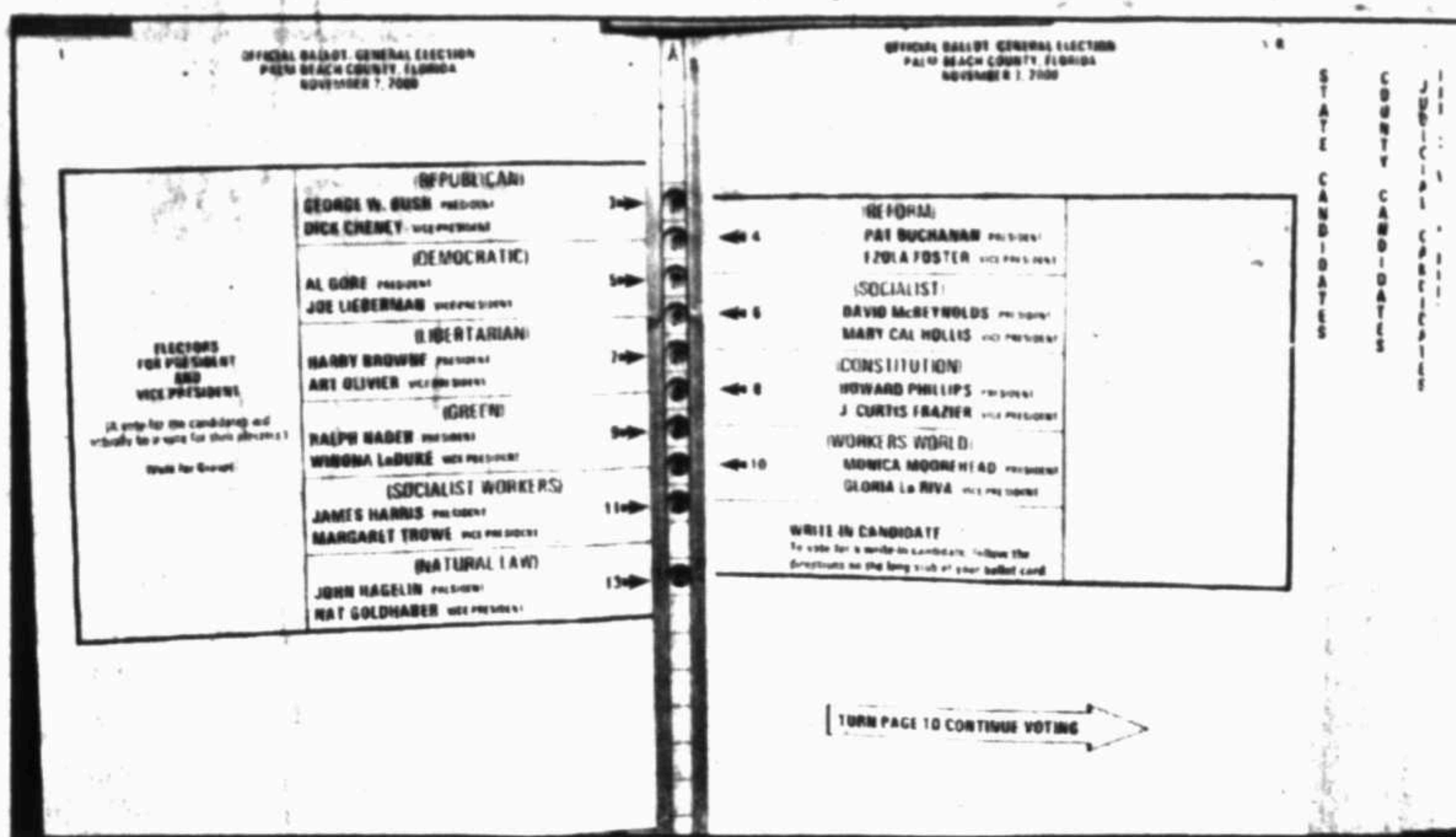
Hundreds of Gore supporters also called the county elections office Wednesday, saying they feared they had mistakenly voted for Buchanan.

Lawyers for the Democratic Party said that the design of the Palm Beach County ballot is illegal and that they may ask for a re-vote. But no immediate action was taken by the party.

Election officials said 19,120 ballots in the county were nullified because they showed more than one vote for president.

Buchanan got 3,407 votes for president in the heavily Democratic county Tuesday, more than he received in any other Florida county, according to unofficial returns.

Statewide, Gore was behind George W. Bush by fewer than 1,800 votes, and Florida held the key to the national race.



Close-up of the ballots used in Palm Beach County, Fla., on Election Day, Tuesday. Supporters of Vice President Al Gore flooded the Palm Beach County elections office with calls Wednesday, fearing they had accidentally cast their votes for Reform Party Candidate Pat Buchanan because of the way the punch-card ballot was laid out.

"It was so hard to tell who and what you were voting for. I couldn't figure it out, and I have a doctorate," voter Eileen Klasefeld said.

Two larger counties south of Palm Beach both had much lower Buchanan results — 789 in Broward County and 561 in Miami-Dade County. In Duval County, a much more conservative county in northeast Florida, only 650 Buchanan votes were cast.

The confusion apparently arose from the way Palm Beach County's punch-card style ballot was laid out for the presidential race. Candidates are listed in two columns, with holes down the middle between the columns, to the right or the left of each candidate's name.

The top hole was for Bush, who was listed at top left; the second hole was for Buchanan, listed at top right, and the third

hole was for Gore, listed under Bush on the left. Arrows linked the names with the proper hole, but some voters feared they had missed the arrows and punched the wrong hole.

"When ballots are placed in the slide for voting, Al Gore and Joe Lieberman are the second names on the ballot, but the third hole to punch," Florida Democratic Party Communications Director Bill Buck said in a statement.

But Clay Roberts, director of the Florida Department of Elections, said the problem was exaggerated.

"I don't think they are confused. I think they left the polling place and became confused. The ballot is very straightforward. You follow the arrow, you punch the location. Then you have voted for who you intend to elect," said Roberts, a Republican appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush, George W.'s brother.

Florida law specifies that voters mark an X in the blank space to the right of the name of the candidate they want to vote for.

Jeff Liggio, a lawyer for county Democrats, called the ballot illegal. "Right means right, doesn't it? The state law says right. It doesn't mean left," he said.

Don A. Dillman of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, who has done research on the design of paper

questionnaires, called the ballot confusing.

"I've never seen one set up like this," Dillman said from Pullman, Wash. "It's very confusing the way they have put things on the right side together with things on the left side. I can see why there might be a problem. If you passed over the first candidate to go for the second candidate, it's logical that you'd punch the second hole."

Outside the Palm Beach elections office, about 50 outraged citizens carried signs protesting the ballots.

"It was an injustice. Thousands of people were confused," said 42-year-old Niso Mama. "We have to have another election in this county."

In Pinellas County, meanwhile, election officials ordered a recount of the recount late Wednesday, saying some ballots weren't properly counted.

Number of women governors at one time hits highest mark

Associated Press

Ruth Ann Minner started working in the Delaware statehouse as a receptionist in the 1970s. Judy Martz entered Montana politics just four years ago after helping run a garbage business.

Now both lieutenant governors have been promoted to their states' highest office and have helped give the nation more women governors — five — than ever before.

In all, three women were among the 11 gubernatorial victors in Tuesday's elections; the other was New Hampshire's Democratic incumbent, Jeanne Shaheen. They join two serving Republican governors, Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey and Jane Hull of Arizona.

Two other women ran strong major-party campaigns, but lost in high-profile races.

North Dakota's Heidi Heitkamp, a Democrat diagnosed with breast cancer in September, lost to Republican banker John Hoeven. In Vermont, Democratic Gov. Howard Dean survived a challenge from Republican Ruth Dwyer, who opposed a Dean-backed bill that extended marriage-like rights to gay couples.

Martz, a Republican, got 51 percent of the vote to 46 percent for Democratic State Auditor Mark O'Keefe. A former Olympic speedskater, Martz was virtually unknown in Montana politics until picked as running mate for outgoing Gov. Marc Racicot.

Minner, a Democrat whose stint as a statehouse receptionist preceded a lengthy legislative career, won 59 percent of the vote to defeat former GOP lawmaker John Burris.

With one exception, the gubernatorial elections ended with the same party holding power. Only in West Virginia will there be a change — Democratic U.S. Rep. Bob Wise edged Republican incumbent Cecil Underwood, at 78 the nation's oldest governor.

Underwood's loss means there will be 29 Republican governors, 19 Democrats and two independents.

The other five incumbents up for re-election won: Republican Mike Leavitt in Utah and Democrats Dean, Shaheen, Frank O'Bannon in Indiana and

Gary Locke in Washington.

In Missouri, there was an exceptionally close race to succeed Gov. Mel Carnahan, the popular Democrat killed three weeks ago in a plane crash. The winner was Democratic State Treasurer Bob Holden, who edged Republican Rep. Jim Talent in a contest that wasn't decided until nearly 3 a.m. EST Wednesday.

"I'm just sorry he's not here for the rest of the journey," Holden said of Carnahan.

The Democrats also won in North Carolina, where Attorney General Mike Easley defeated Republican Richard Vinroot, a former mayor of Charlotte, by 52 percent to 46 percent.

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Fundamental freedoms, democracy continue to hold America together

For all of the chaos in Tuesday's White House contest, it's the little things which go unnoticed we ought to treasure most.

Wednesday morning, with no clear winner yet determined, America continued to function as normal.

Men and women went to their offices and workplaces. Children went to school. The mail was delivered. The banks and stock market opened on time.

With all of the swirling questions surrounding the future of the nation's highest executive office, Americans still woke up confident that their day-to-day lives and fundamental freedoms were not in jeopardy.

How many nations in the world can make that same claim?

In America there were no tanks rolling down Pennsylvania Avenue. There was no rioting in the streets. There was no quick grab for power by the either of the two men who had worked so hard to attain the nation's highest office.

Many times the people of our nation have persevered through crisis. The Civil War may have been the ultimate test of our nation, and in the end we were stronger because we made it through that bloody contest. Through subsequent wars in Europe and Asia, the veterans who went off to defend our country and the men and women who supported them back on America's shores are a testament to the toughness and fiber of our country.

In the end, it is a fragile web of common beliefs and a theory of government carved out by the likes of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison that hold our country together.

For the next several days, Americans will be debating a number of issues.

Why does our nation depend on the Electoral College rather than the popular vote? As technologically sophisticated as our nation has become, is there still too much room for fraud or miscalculation in the hurry-up tallying of votes on election night? Does release of voter data from the East Coast hinder the democratic process on the West Coast?

Fortunately, we Americans enjoy the fundamental freedom of speech. We can express our thoughts about the process and the candidates without fear of repression.

Throughout our community for the past couple of weeks, schools have been holding mock elections in an effort to demonstrate to our young people how the American system works.

This presidential election has served as another reminder of the importance of each and every voice in America.

We have faith that our American belief in democracy and freedom will carry our country forward with strength for many generations to come.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 9, the 314th day of 2000. There are 52 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Nov. 9, 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West; joyous Germans danced atop the Berlin Wall.

On this date:

In 1872, fire destroyed nearly 1,000 buildings in Boston.

In 1918, Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II announced he would abdicate. He then fled to the Netherlands.

In 1935, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis and other labor leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization.

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in what became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and 160 people died in a train crash.

In 1965, the great Northeast blackout occurred as several states and parts of Canada were hit by a series of power failures lasting up to 13 1/2 hours.

In 1970, former French president Charles De Gaulle died at age 79.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved 10 resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

In 1988, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, a major figure in the Watergate scandal, died in Washington at age 75.

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a historic non-aggression treaty with Germany, winning praise from German leaders in Bonn for his role in the peaceful fall of the Berlin Wall.

Five years ago: In a pair of telephone interviews, O.J. Simpson told The Associated Press that people have supported rather than shunned him since his acquittal, and that he has learned that fame and wealth are illusions: "The only thing that endures is character."

One year ago: The flight data recorder from EgyptAir Flight 990 was recovered from the Atlantic Ocean and shipped to a National Transportation Safety Board laboratory in Washington.

GEORGE WILL

In politics, a close race deepens pain of losing

WASHINGTON — As the 1932 election approached, President Herbert Hoover, about to be swept from office, received a telegram from an angry voter eager to wield the broom: "Vote for Roosevelt and make it unanimous." Boring unanimity is not America's problem just now.

Amid the welter of uncertainties remaining as this is written at noon Wednesday, there are three certainties. The ferocious campaign, unprecedentedly competitive across the continent, will produce one president, two tenuously controlled legislative chambers, and a bumper crop of bitterness.

If Al Gore loses Florida by a number of votes substantially smaller than Ralph Nader's vote total, Democrats will feel deprived of victory by a frivolous faction. As we enter an impassioned debate about electing presidents by electoral votes, ponder this:

Replacing the Electoral College, and the winner-take-all allocation of electoral votes by states (not a constitutional requirement; a choice made by all states except Maine and Nebraska), with direct election of presidents by popular votes, or by proportional (to the popular vote) allocation of electoral votes, would be an incentive for minor parties to splinter the electorate, producing muddy mandates rendered in a raspy and uncertain national voice.

If Bush loses Florida, having lost other states by whiskers, Republicans will suspect that victory was snatched from them when he lost momentum due

to the election-eve tempest about a 24-year-old driving-under-the-influence infraction. Everyone, regardless of political allegiances, should exorcise all passions, such as the fool in Maine who initiated the tempest, who recklessly play with the process.

In Congress, the remarkable Democratic Party, which believes that a baby kicking in its mother's stomach should not be considered alive but that a dead Senate candidate should be considered alive, came tantalizingly close to capturing both houses. And this time the familiar axiom — that close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades — is not apposite. Closeness deepens disappointment, and some senior Democrats, whose long experience in the majority make the drudgery of minority status especially galling, may now retire.

In the Senate, two Democratic seats are uncertain. If Joe Lieberman becomes vice president, Connecticut's Republican governor will appoint a Republican replacement. And Missouri's Jean Carnahan may be a long way from securely occupying the seat for which she did not run — at least she did not if you subscribe to the perhaps quaint notion that candidates running have their names on ballots.

Furthermore, a Republican seat from a state with a Democratic governor hangs by the thin thread of an old man's health: South Carolina's Strom Thurmond will be 98 in December and is ailing. Which means that Democrats could control the Senate at any moment.

There is a pretty paradox in Tuesday's surge in turnout. Many of the people — for example, the editors of The Washington Post and other newspapers — who are most distressed by low turnout are also disturbed by one thing that helped produce the surge. The flood of political money, much of it not raised by or spent through candidates' campaigns, produced

an extraordinary — and on balance wholesome — cacophony, which energized the electorate.

Those who favor higher turnouts and less political discourse — limits on campaign giving and spending indisputably mean less communicating — cannot have it both ways. Those who favor less discourse include many members of the political class, who resent losing control of the national conversation, and hence of their campaigns. Too bad. Politics is not their private property.

The Post, which is constantly amazed by the hydraulics of political money, has yet again discovered that when you impede the flow of funding for political opinions in one stream, funding increases in other streams. The Post, which favors limits on contributions to candidates, notes with alarm that "spending is increasingly channeled not through candidates' coffers but through supposedly independent organizations." Yes, indeed — through the myriad party committees and issue-advocacy groups (for and against gun control, right to life, and on and on) that helped bestir more than 4 million more voters than participated in 1996.

Let there be no mistaking what happened Tuesday: Our system of constitutional democracy worked well. It is a system of representation, and it has, with splendid precision, represented the strengths of the parties, and hence the division in the public mind. There exists between the parties a parity not known since the last quarter of the 19th century, when five consecutive elections produced plurality presidents.

Tuesday the nation elected its third consecutive president with less than a popular vote majority. Whoever he is, he earned the job.

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CAL THOMAS

Political gridlock to just get worse

It reads like a novel. It looks like a scene from the film "The Matrix," in which all action is frozen. No one predicted this. Nothing like it has ever been seen before. Talk about not having a mandate! What does this election mean? What message, if any, were voters trying to send? What agenda will the new president feel he can pursue?

Based on experience, if George Bush squeezes out a slim majority, Democrats will claim he has to work with them, meaning only Democrat ideas and programs can be advanced. Bush has had a history in Texas of working with Democrats to advance legislation, but Washington isn't Austin and the stakes become much bigger at the national level. If Al Gore manages to win, he will encounter hostile Republicans, still bitter over the Clinton-Gore years.

The idea of "doing the people's business" sounds noble, but most politicians look out for No. 1. If they appear high-minded, so much the better, but in a contest between looking noble and doing what is best for the individual politician, guess who's most likely to win that struggle?

Will the country put up with four years of deadlock between the White House and Congress when serious issues demand resolution? These would include fixing Social Security, deciding how to improve a troubled education system, sorting out how to deal with the surplus, including the question of tax cuts. Defense and foreign policy issues, especially the Middle East, need a president-elect who can prepare to address them.

The politics of division seems to have worked well for Democrats. More than 90 percent of the African-American vote went for Gore. The race card was on the table nationwide. African-American churches were used by Al Gore and Hillary Rodham Clinton, New York's Senator-elect, to pander to black voters. This is as shameful as when politicians use and abuse God in conservative churches, but the government's

response is a double-standard. Liberal black churches get to keep their tax-exemption even when the preacher endorses a Democrat from the pulpit. Conservative churches risk losing theirs for doing little more than passing out "voter guides."

However the presidential race turns out, a lot of people will not be satisfied. If you think gridlock was a problem before, look for it to get even worse with this new Congress. But in many ways, that's good. A "do-nothing Congress" means they will do nothing about raising our taxes, or spending more of our money. This expiring Congress still has work to do on the current budget, which it has already larded with huge amounts of pork.

The biggest intrigue of all may come with the Electoral College. When the electors meet next month to officially elect the president, suppose some feel pressured to change their votes from the one to whom they are pledged (by virtue of who got the majority of the popular vote in their state) to the other guy? Perhaps some will be offered favors, even an ambassadorship, if they switch from Bush to Gore, or the reverse. There is nothing to stop them from switching, other than a loss of honor. And what happens if the Congress refuses to accept the results of the electoral vote, producing another election, this one in the House of Representatives? And what happens if the popular vote is overturned by Congress? Suppose a single vote or two would decide the race? Would a few members of Congress consider "incentives" to vote in a certain way?

No matter how close election outcomes, Americans have always accepted the results, making our country unique in the world. But the ability of a new president to command allegiance and support remain in doubt in a race like this. What then?

For a time Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, television anchors and pundits were left without much to say except repeat the obvious. Historians will study this election for generations to come. Who says one vote can't make a difference?

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DAN RATHER

Election has taught us that just about anything can happen

"Unbelievable." That was the reaction of George Bush's communications director, Karen Hughes, to Al Gore's withdrawal of his concession and congratulations. Ms. Hughes might not have offered that word in quite the same spirit as I did my journalistic colleagues, but I can tell you that it was, and is, the sentiment all around about the ceaseless seasawing of this year's presidential election. Unbelievable.

Pity the poor writer on deadline ... for if this Election Day/night/following day has taught us anything, it's that no one knows what's going to happen next. It might be days or even weeks before final, official results of the national popular vote and the Electoral College are known and certified.

The country and the candidates will settle down, settle back and forge forward with the hard task of making our continuing experiment in democracy work as best it can. We lean on experience in times such as this; the problem is, there has never been a presidential election quite like this one: Gore ahead in the popular vote, Bush ahead by the tightest of margins in the key electoral state, a recount ordered — the entire election and the American presidency resting on the outcome.

This much, though, seems certain: The next president, be it Bush or Gore, will move to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. with a mandate that can be measured in precincts. If it is finally Bush, we'll have our first electoral-vote-only president since Benjamin Harrison in 1888. If it's somehow Gore, his death-grip on the presidency will earn him partisan acrimony galore. Negligible seems a charitable word for the mandate either of these two will have.

To put it mildly, the American electorate is deeply and nearly evenly divided. And the fact that this split is also reflected in the new Congress will make the new president's job even more difficult. It looks as if the Republicans have held on to the House of Representatives by a hair, and one scenario — partially dependent on the presidential outcome — has an unprecedented 50-50 split in the Senate.

If it turns out to be Gore, it's hard to see him getting much support from a GOP that was in the process of measuring the White House drapes when he crashed the party. And if it's Bush, the challenge to governing posed by his slight win in Florida will be coupled with the historical challenges of a minority presidency. After a campaign in which Bush intentionally blurred many of his differences with Gore on the issues, it will be difficult at best for him to undertake anything resembling a bold policy initiative.

The 2002 elections are just around the corner in Washington terms, and the slim congressional majorities seem likely to take on lives of their own. With each side looking to position itself from the beginning, bipartisan compromise seems poised to be the loser. You can pretty much tear up the playbook with this election, but the rule that still prevails is that both parties will seek the upper hand. The people's business, unfortunately, might well suffer in the process.

Throughout the long Election night and into the next day, your reporter was struck with something approaching awe at democracy in action. The ultimate resolution might well spark debate over certain constitutional and practical elements of the process, but we remain assured that the issue will be resolved, peacefully and with at least a measure of satisfaction on all sides. That seems a great victory for all.

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By Daniel G. M.

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The herpes virus, which causes AIDS-related appears to spreading.

Herpes virus 8, six years ago, an cancer called Kaposi's sarcoma. In the United States, it occurs almost exclusively in people with AIDS.

Some had suspected that the virus was transmitted through sexual intercourse, but research from the University of Washington, reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, contradicted that.

Dr. John Paul, 39, said he was infected with the virus in 1993. Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer of the skin, is one of the most common complications of AIDS.

Police

By Sonja Bari

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Police were searching for a man who fired a shot at a police officer returning to the scene of a shooting.

Joseph Ludlam, 40, was fired a shot at by a police officer. Ludlam was fired a shot at by a police officer. Ludlam was fired a shot at by a police officer.

The search for the man who fired the shot was ongoing. The man was described as being in his late 20s or early 30s, with dark hair and a mustache.

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AIDS-related virus spreads through kissing

By Daniel Q. Haney
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A form of the herpes virus that causes an AIDS-related skin cancer appears to spread through kissing.

Herpes virus 8 was discovered six years ago and causes a skin cancer called Kaposi's sarcoma. In the United States, the cancer occurs almost exclusively in people with AIDS.

Some had suspected that the virus was transmitted through sexual intercourse, but the new research from the University of Washington, reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, contradicts that idea.

Dr. John Pauk and others tested 39 gay men who were infected with the virus but did not have Kaposi's sarcoma. They found the virus in 30 percent of their

saliva samples and mouth swabs, compared with 1 percent of anal and genital samples. When present, the virus levels were also much higher in saliva than in semen.

"The important thing is it suggests that oral-oral contact plays some role in transmission, although more study is needed to confirm that," said Pauk.

The study also found that homosexual men who engaged in "deep kissing" — kissing that involves a lot of contact with saliva — appeared to be at substantially higher risk of catching the virus.

Kaposi's sarcoma causes purple skin blotches and can also attack the internal organs. Like many other diseases that kill people with AIDS, it usually affects those with weakened immune systems. The virus alone rarely causes sickness among people

with normal disease defenses.

The research "definitely has public health implications for people infected with HIV," said Dr. Ronald O. Valdeserri of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, he said there was not enough data to recommend that people with HIV avoid deep kissing.

Thirty percent to 50 percent of HIV-infected people who catch herpes virus 8 will eventually get Kaposi's sarcoma. Kaposi's sarcoma has been present for centuries in Southern Europe, the Middle East and Africa. But it was rare in the United States until the start of the AIDS epidemic in the early 1980s.

Experts say the virus is still largely confined to homosexuals in the United States, and that is why kissing has not yet spread herpes virus 8 among heterosexuals.

Dr. Anna Wald, another University of Washington researcher, noted that herpes virus 8 is closely related to the common Epstein Barr virus, which causes mononucleosis, long known as the kissing disease.

"Teen-agers tend to get this when they start kissing," she said. "The reason they get Epstein Bar virus and not herpes virus 8 is that most people have Epstein Bar virus, but relatively few have herpes virus 8."

Dr. Patrick S. Moore of Columbia University, who discovered the virus, said exposure to saliva may explain the high rate of infection in parts of Africa, where more than 70 percent of people may carry herpes virus 8.

Other forms of the herpes virus cause chicken pox, shingles, cold sores and genital herpes.

Police search for suspect in brokerage shooting

By Sonja Barisic
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Police were searching Wednesday for a fired stockbroker accused of returning to the office and killing the manager who dismissed him.

Joseph Ludlam, 36, reportedly was fired a month ago from First Union Securities because of discrepancies in his accounts and aggressive trading practices. Police say he returned to the brokerage Tuesday morning and killed Timothy K. O'Shaughnessy, 40.

The search for Ludlam focused on southeastern Virginia because a witness saw him in Portsmouth as late as Tuesday afternoon. "We don't have anything to indicate that he left the area," said Larry Hill, a spokesman for Norfolk police.

Police warned that Ludlam was armed and should be considered dangerous.

Ludlam arrived at the office at about 8:30 a.m., encountered several employees and confronted O'Shaughnessy, witnesses told police. He told at least one other person in the office, "You'd better get out of here," shot his former boss, then fled, police said.

Ludlam ran to a nearby parking garage and fled in O'Shaughnessy's 1998 green Honda

accord, police said. The car was still missing Wednesday.

First Union's Norfolk office remained closed Wednesday. Senior officers from the home office in Richmond were in Norfolk to meet with employees, and counselors were made available to employees in both cities, Materna said.

Ludlam, a 1986 graduate of the Naval Academy and a Gulf War veteran, was discharged from the Navy as a lieutenant in March 1996, according to military records. He also had worked for a discount brokerage before joining First Union.

In September, Ludlam was arrested and charged with failure

to appear in court on a misdemeanor charge. Hill said he did not know what the charge was. Ludlam was released from jail on \$500 bond, authorities said.

While Ludlam was in the Navy, he was charged with drunken driving and possession of marijuana. The Virginian-Pilot reported. A judge found Ludlam guilty of reckless driving, and Ludlam was given a 90-day suspended jail sentence, court records show.

O'Shaughnessy, who was married with four boys ages 6 and under, was transferred to First Union's Norfolk office several months ago after managing the company's office in Elizabeth City, N.C., company officials told The Virginian-Pilot. Ludlam was hired by the Norfolk office several months before O'Shaughnessy became manager, officials said.

Thomas Love, who brought O'Shaughnessy to First Union more than seven years ago, said O'Shaughnessy was scrutinizing



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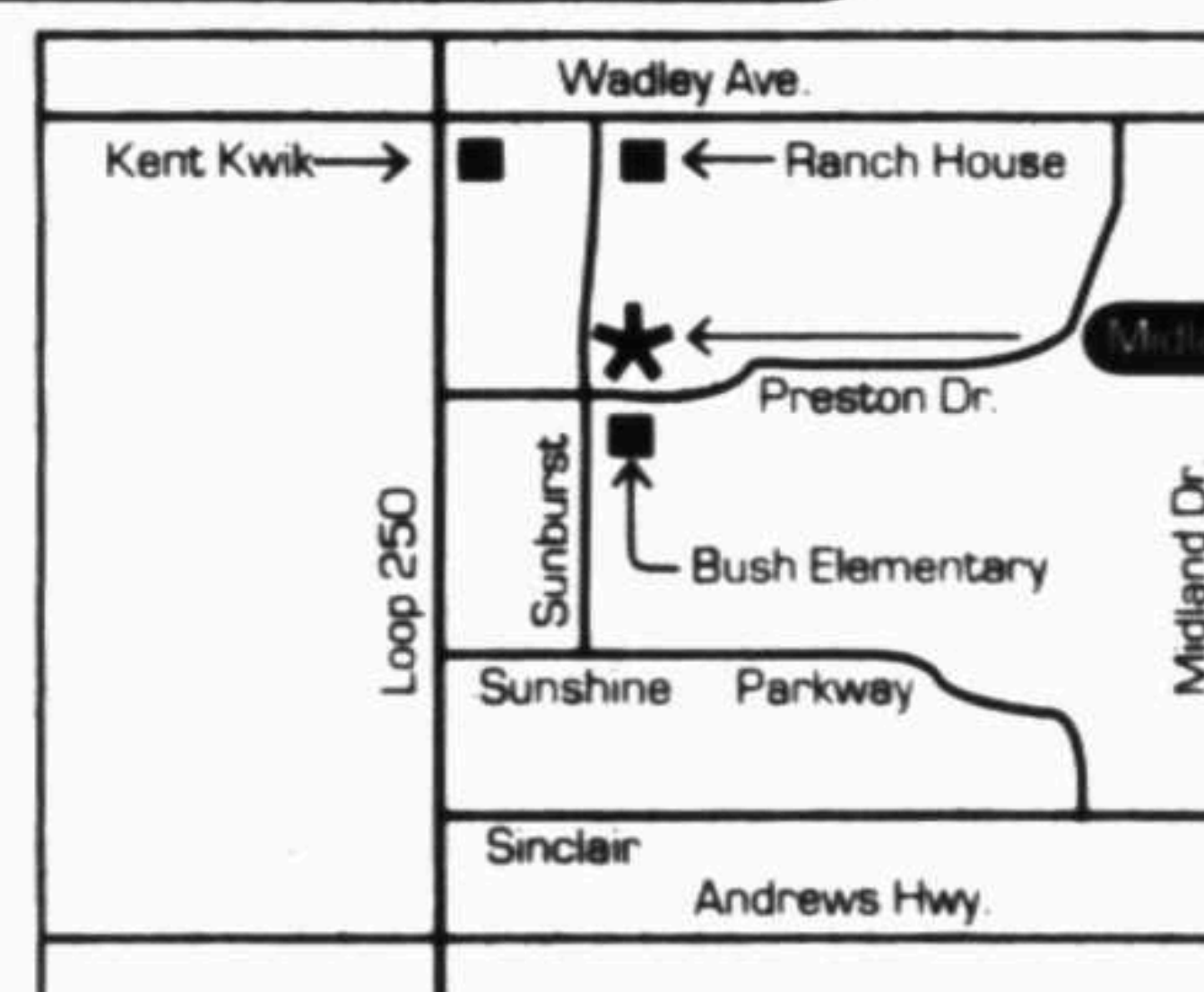
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Cohen: Premature to say bin Laden behind bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen said Wednesday it is too early to conclude that suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden was behind the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen.

Speaking with reporters in his Pentagon office, Cohen was asked whether evidence collected so far by U.S. and Yemeni investigators points to bin Laden, the exiled Saudi millionaire who is wanted by the FBI in connection with the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa.

"We can't say that at this point," Cohen responded. "That's a conclusion that hopefully the FBI will be able to reach (soon), in terms of who is responsible and who we can hold accountable. Osama bin Laden is one that we will continue to look at, but it is by no means definitive at this point as to who was responsible for this."

Bin Laden has called for a holy war on the United States and vowed to drive the U.S. military out of the Middle East.

Cohen said U.S. investigators in Yemen are "still getting good cooperation" from Yemeni authorities, but he knew of no breakthroughs.

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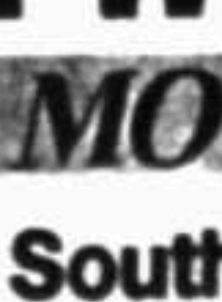
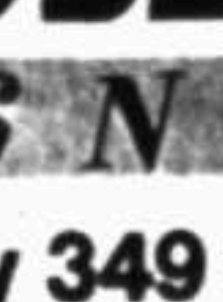
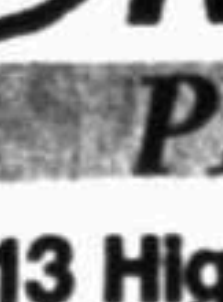
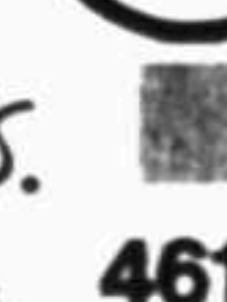
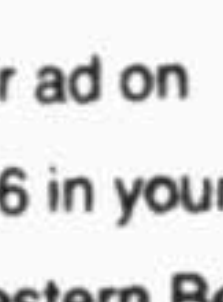
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Violence flares as Arafat heads to Washington to meet Clinton

By Ron Kampeas
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Violence flared in the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Wednesday even as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat headed for Washington to consult with President Clinton. Palestinian gunmen killed a customs worker on her way to work, and four Palestinians were shot dead in clashes.

The Palestinian leader flew to Cairo to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak — the main sponsor, with Clinton, of the peace process — and then headed to London to meet with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Arafat was due in Washington by nightfall, and will meet with Clinton on Thursday. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak was to meet with Clinton on Sunday.

Barak said on Israeli television that he will not ask for resumption of peace negotiations. "I go to Washington to ensure that the end of violence that was agreed on at Sharm el-Sheikh is carried out if that is possible. That is all," he said, referring to a truce mediated last month by Clinton in Egypt.

Although the Palestinians have said they won't declare statehood on Nov. 15 — the 12th anniversary of a symbolic independence declaration Arafat made in exile — they did say they might do so without prior notice.



AP Photo

An Israeli soldier looks at the wreckage of a car which was ambushed by three Palestinian gunmen on an Israeli-controlled crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt Wednesday, killing an Israeli customs officer and lightly injuring her male colleague.

"The Palestinian people have the right to declare the state whenever they want," Nabil Shaath, a top aide to Arafat, said Wednesday.

That came a day after Barak made his clearest ever offer of statehood to the Palestinians, but said it could come only through negotiations — and that talks would resume only once the violence stopped.

"This situation cannot continue and Israel will put an end to it, be it by political or other ways," Barak said Wednesday at a memorial to former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, slain by a Jewish extremist five years

ago. "Violence will not achieve anything, it will not change our policy and will not weaken our determination to bring peace and security to Israel."

But the prospect of a peaceful resolution seemed far away Wednesday.

Three Palestinian gunmen ambushed an Israeli customs official traveling to work in Rafah, the Israeli-controlled border crossing between the Gaza Strip and Egypt. They killed her

and injured her nephew, who was driving.

Barak said he viewed the attack "with great severity, especially on the eve of ... Arafat's trip to Washington. It calls into question the seriousness of Arafat's intentions to implement ... understandings and decrease violence in the region."

A group allied with the militant Islamic Jihad, a small organization opposed to the peace process, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement faxed to The Associated Press in Damascus, Syria.

In retaliation, Israel shut down the crossing and Gaza's airport, which it jointly controls with the Palestinians.

Officials said they believed the gunmen came from the direction of the airfield. Israeli army Chief of Staff Shaul Mofaz has accused Arafat of smuggling arms on his presidential jet. Hussein a-Sheikh, a senior military aide to Arafat, dismissed that charge as "nonsense."

Four Palestinians — including three teen-agers — were killed in clashes with Israelis throughout the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on Wednesday. Two more teen-agers died overnight from wounds sustained in earlier clashes, bringing the death total from five weeks of violence to 178 — 165 of those Palestinians.

The killing of minors has fueled Palestinian fury, and Arafat wants Clinton to press Barak to accept an international monitoring force.

"If (Clinton) thinks Israel would not accept, then he should work to put pressure on Israel to accept it," Shaath said.

Israelis say they will reject any attempt to bring in police from the outside, but Barak has said he is ready to accept the scrutiny of a committee convened by Clinton and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan that will examine the causes of the violence.

The committee will be led by former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, who guided peace talks in Northern Ireland, and will include another American,

a Turk, a Norwegian and a Spaniard.

Shaath said Arafat was insisting the committee include an African — preferably Nelson Mandela of South Africa, a friend to the Palestinian cause who nonetheless surprised Israelis last year on his first visit when he emphasized his understanding for Israeli positions.

Shaath said the Palestinians want to broaden international mediation to diminish the U.S. role, which they view as overwhelmingly pro-Israel.

"We want a united European role that supports our demands and our rights," he said. "This is what can bring peace to the area and to Israel."

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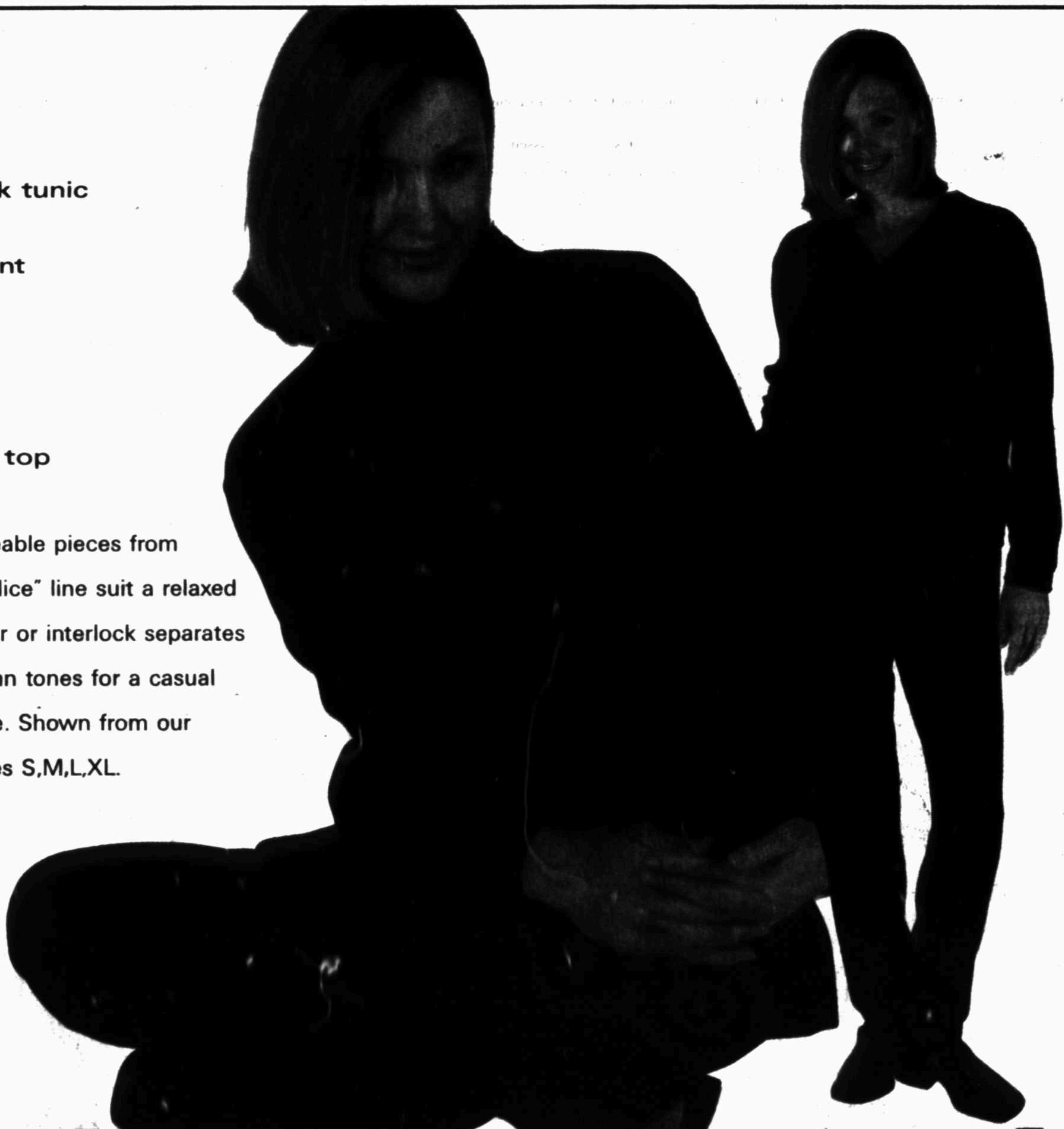
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Jury hands Lonnie Payne mixed verdict

By Brian Rogers
Staff Writer

Lonnie Payne, 51, was placed in custody Wednesday after a Midland jury returned a mixed verdict.

After over two hours deliberating, Payne was found not guilty of sexual exploitation of a minor, the first count in the indictment against Payne.

But Payne was found guilty of receiving/possessing child pornography, the third count from the indictment.

One of the charges handed down by indictment against Payne, the second count, was dismissed during the trial for lack of evidence, according to Tom Morgan, the attorney for the defense.



Payne

Payne faces a maximum of 15 years for receiving child pornography or five years for possessing child pornography. Morgan said the prosecution would decide between the two charges for sentencing in January.

Mark Roomberg, assistant U.S. attorney, said, "The jury has rendered its verdict and we have accepted it."

Morgan said, "Because the prison sentence for the first count (sexual exploitation of a minor) is 10 to 20 years without parole,

justice was served with a not guilty verdict."

Morgan said Fourth Amendment issues in the case will likely be appealed to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects citizens from unlawful search and seizure.

Morgan asked the jury to find Payne guilty on count number three in his opening statement, and his closing arguments.

He also reiterated that Payne asked the jury to find him guilty of count number three.

"Payne admitted guilt to the jury, as to knowingly possessing child pornography, although he was also found guilty of knowingly receiving child pornography," Morgan said.

After Payne was remanded to custody, the for-

mer Midland police officer turned bail-bondsman handed his tie, belt, watch and suit jacket to his lawyer.

He was handcuffed and, before being escorted away, he smiled and kissed his wife.

A second trial is also being scheduled for the beginning of next year to hear arguments stemming from counts four and five in the indictment against Payne.

Payne was arrested July 17 where he worked at Midland Bail Bonds.

The FBI, Midland Police Department and the Midland County Sheriff's office arrested Payne and searched his home and office after a 17-year-old

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Veterans Day activities set for weekend

By Judy Serbantez
MRT Correspondent

A variety of events are planned for this weekend in observance of Veterans Day.

The Confederate Air Force and the American Airpower Heritage Museum's first event will include a dedication ceremony held for the opening of the newest exhibit: "Salute to American Airmen in Vietnam." The dedication will begin at 11 a.m., Friday at the CAF Hanger. Exhibit committee members Col. Harry Spannaus, USAF (ret.), Arden Grover and Frank Cahoon are slated to speak at the ceremony.

The exhibit will honor all Americans who served as air crewmen, both on the ground and in the air, while serving in

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Rivalry put aside for school spirit

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Crosstown rivalry will be put on the back burner for a few hours this week in the name of a good meal.

Friday, just 2 1/2 hours before the "Battle of Midland" football game, the Midland Lee tennis and Midland High baseball programs will cater to the community's appetite for barbecue with a dinner, which will take place next to Midland Memorial Stadium at Sam Houston Elementary School.

A ticket for the all-you-can-eat dinner — which includes brisket, chicken and sausage — is \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for

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Stoni Malone cleans snow off her car outside her Midland townhouse Wednesday morning. Midland was hit with one of the earliest snowfalls on record the night before.

U. Frank Williams Jr.
Reporter-Telegram

First snowfall of season blankets Tall City — briefly

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

By Wednesday morning almost all signs of Midland's early winter wonderland were gone.

Indeed, short, squat snowmen assembled from packed ice and snow and a few snowy rooftops were the only reminders of a sudden winter storm that blew through Midland the day before. The stout fellows could be found poking out of apartment complexes and in the front of homes. One peeked out at cars as they went by on Big Spring Street across from the ClayDesta building. Most were less than 2 feet in height. Now the remaining snowmen sit awash

in green lawns as the ice and snow melted away when the sun returned Wednesday afternoon.

Tuesday night's storm produced Midland's first snow of the year. Along with that snow came ice, rain and bitter cold winds with gusts up to 38 miles per hour.

Although Wednesday morning started off in the lower 30s with a wind chill factor of 19 degrees that made it feel even colder, by mid-afternoon things started warming up.

"It should slowly warm up over the next few days or so," said National Weather Service Forecaster Jim DeBerry.

According to DeBerry, another snow storm is prob-

ably not likely for this weekend. Instead, he's predicting precipitation of a different nature.

There's a chance of showers on Friday night, but on Saturday those chances will increase significantly, DeBerry said.

In recent days, Midlanders have been receiving much needed rain that has been keeping many residents' lawn greener than usual. In eight days, November has already met and exceeded its yearly average in rainfall.

Midland County can expect mostly sunny skies in the forecast for today with a high near 69. Things should stay bright, sunny and dry throughout the week, before Saturday's showers return.

Midland students discuss historical election

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Some were mad. Others were frustrated. But almost everyone was exploding with excitement.

Two area teachers had no problem getting students to pay attention in their social studies class Wednesday. Real life election results turned both Judi Barbier's and Hugh Franks' social studies classes into Constitutional Crisis 101.

Ms. Barbier, who teaches eighth grade social studies at Abell Junior High, found her U.S. History class buzzing with comments and questions about who really is the 43rd president of the United States — fellow Midlander Gov. George W. Bush or Vice President Al Gore.

Ms. Barbier admitted her class was probably a little biased — out of 30 students, 22 were for Bush — but there was still lots of discussion. One student, while watching political news on Channel One in class, screamed out, "Yes!" after finding out U.S. Senate seats were tied between Democrats and Republicans.

All but a few students had watched Tuesday night's election returns. Most had plenty of questions and answers for Ms. Barbier as she probed her class with facts and historical tidbits. Most of the conversation leaned toward the Elec-

toral College vote that will eventually decide this extremely close election. Many students wanted to know why the Electoral College existed at all.

"Two hundred years ago very few people were educated," said Ms. Barbier as she explained why the Constitution's framers felt there was a need for the Electoral College. "They didn't totally trust the electorate to be able to pick the president. News traveled slowly back then. They wanted to make sure people knew something about the candidates."

Nearly all of the students had been talking and learning about the election all year at home and at school. Some said they learned how there were more than three parties and one student even voiced how he was impressed by Green Party candidate Ralph Nader. Others were fascinated by the situation in Florida and how the vote recount would be handled.

"I learned how differently people vote in different parts of the country, like how people in the north vote Democratic and people in the south and parts of the west vote Republican," eighth grader Daniel Abney said.

In Hugh Franks' economics class at Midland High, the state of Florida was the main topic for discussion. Franks, who's been teaching for the Midland Independent School District for 17 years, drew a diagram of the state of Florida and was

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Judy Barbier discusses Tuesday's presidential election with her eighth-grade students at Abell Junior High School in Midland Wednesday. Many students had watched the election returns Tuesday and had questions about the way Electoral College determines the presidency.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram



EMILY BAKER

Don't let Veterans Day pass without saying 'thank you'

What a week it has been for patriotic people ... electing a president and celebrating veterans all in one week. I voted the first day of early voting and fixed my tribute to veterans for the Midland College student newspaper.

I wish I could do more. I interviewed a local Marine for my tribute and told him I hoped his mom made him breakfast in bed on Saturday. I wish every veteran could get breakfast in bed this Veterans Day.

Since it is impossible for me to oblige my wish by preparing every veteran breakfast in bed, I'll do what I can to show my respect. I have my Stars and Stripes where they belong, out where everyone can see them. I also have on that faithful yellow ribbon.

Be encouraged to show respect to our veterans. This rainy weather we've been having is just wonderful but another reminder of the lack of respect we have for America and for our veterans who fought to make it what it is. Many Midland businesses, in fact more businesses than not, had the flag flying in the rain. That is a flag etiquette no-

no. Why don't you just dig up all the veterans who have gone on and let it rain on their dead bodies. Same principle.

These last few years have not been real great for Uncle Sam. He saw several U.S. sailors lose their lives on the USS Cole. He has seen those who are supposed to set an example for the rest of America go down the moral tubes. But, he has not seen a war.

We have had some close calls with the three American soldiers being taken captive in Kosovo during the Spring of 1999, with the problems in the Middle East and with terrorism threats. The reason we didn't go to war does not lie solely with the negotiators. The U.S. armed forces are out there protecting us from all sorts of wars and conflicts that could happen.

We don't have to be at war to be protected. All day, every day they are on guard in all sorts of scary places around this world to make sure we can travel and carry on business, to make sure we aren't nuked by someone in a bad mood, to make sure we can rest our heads at night with peace of mind.

Think about all they have done in years past. First of all, we wouldn't even have this country if someone wasn't willing to fight and die for it. Though the Civil War was not fought solely on the issue

of slavery, there were plenty of people who fought and died to rid the United States of slavery. Plenty of people fought and died to protect others from genocide.

Veterans have protected the innocent from people like Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini. I would hate to think where we would be if they weren't there to protect us.

Another thing I hate to think about is how taken advantage of the armed forces are. They were sent to their deaths in a war that wasn't even declared by Congress in Vietnam. They are shipped all over the place to keep the local peace and have to subject themselves to terrorist acts like the one inflicted on USS Cole. They are sent to places the United States doesn't need to be, such as eastern Europe, to be referees in civil wars only to be taken as hostages. The government needs to stop using the armed forces for enemy target practice.

Veterans have put themselves at great risk. Those who haven't because they haven't been to war are willing to put themselves at risk if a conflict should come about. Some are even exploited by going into unnecessary danger for "peace keeping" missions in parts of the world where Americans aren't welcome. And they never ask for anything in return.

When was the last time you said, "thank you" to someone who served? They are easy to find. Most of our grandparents and parents served. Just about everyone in my generation has a grandparent who fought in World War II and a parent or uncle or aunt who fought in Vietnam. Once you find them, thank them.

If you see a car with one of those "disabled vet" license plates, leave a note of thanks under the windshield wiper. If you read an obituary about a veteran, write a note to the family telling them how much their family member's serving meant. Write a letter to a lonely soldier in the field. The local recruiting stations can give you addresses.

Saying thank you can be done in so many ways. My grandpa, who is a World War II veteran, gave me a bumper sticker that says, "If you enjoy your freedom, thank a vet." That is so true. Thank you, Grandpa. And thank you every other veteran. If it weren't for your selfless service, we wouldn't have what we have in this great country. Thank you for making it what it is.

Emily Baker, a student at Midland College, is a Reporter-Telegram correspondent.

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Area briefs

KMB benefit

Keep Midland Beautiful is sponsoring a program with the help of some Midland elementary schools that will benefit organizations like Casa de Amigos, St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission, Helping Hands, MISD reading program, Safe Place and the Lions Clubs. South, Henderson, DeZavala, Lamar, Emerson, Bonham and Santa Rita schools are collecting clothing, non-perishable food, books, eye glasses and hearing aids to benefit service organizations for the holiday season.

The community may give by calling the elementary schools listed or the service organization of choice. For further information call 688-4190.

Veterans show

BIG SPRING — West Texas VA Health Care System

Today's Agenda

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Public Library at 688-8991.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 987-7286.

Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.

Nurses Christian Fellowship, 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, room 105; 520-4410 or 683-3300.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. Tx139, 7 p.m., 1007 Austin St., 694-8643.

Permian Basin Hotel/Motel Association, noon, 561-8000.

Project ADAM (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men), 570-0467.

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., 570-1084.

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

Stroke Club, 6:30 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 520-1600.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program Parent Group, 7 p.m., second floor First Baptist Church, 685-3645.

Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital, Room E-14 (basement), 520-4418.

will host the annual Veterans Day Program at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, in front of the VA Medical Center, 300 Veterans Blvd. Local attorney and Vietnam veteran Ben Bancroft will be the guest speaker. Patriotic music will be performed, Goodfellow Air Force Base Honor Guard and Rifle Squad will post and retire the colors and provide Taps and a 21 Gun Salute. The public is invited.

Honors

Members of the Midland camp of Royal Neighbors of America have earned national honors for their efforts in improving the local area during 1999. The RNA camp is a local gathering of members that meets regularly for fellowship, fraternal activities and to organize service projects.

OBITUARIES



Wesley Tims

Services for Wesley Dean Tims, 39, of Odessa, are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at Hubbard-Kelly Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will be at Rosalie Cemetery in Rosalie, Texas.

Mr. Tims died Monday, November 6, 2000, at Valley Medical Center in Vernal, Utah. He was born November 20, 1960 in Rankin, Texas.

Mr. Tims moved to Odessa in 1962 from Rankin. He was presently working for Cutter Wireline Co. in Vernal, Utah.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer of Odessa; his father and step-mother, Tommy and Patsy Tims of Midland; his grandmother, Lois Moses of Kerrville; two brothers, Barry Tims of Whitney, Texas and Brad Tims of Midland; and two sisters, Laura Tampe and Jeanie Holloway, both of Houston.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean Tims.

passed away Tuesday, November 7, 2000, in Odessa, Texas. He was born on March 1, 1937 in Midland, Texas, to Fernando Camero and Benita Diaz Camero.

Fernando was preceded in death by his parents, Fernando Camero and Benita Diaz Camero; his brother, Manuel Camero of California; and his sister, Janie Casarez of Haskell, Texas.

He is survived by his children, Gloria Camero, Fernando Camero Jr., Rosemary Gonzalez, Diana Castillo, Alice Valdez, Sammy Camero, and Michael Camero, all of Midland; nine sisters, Manuela Camero Flores, Isabel Camero Segura, Juanita Camero Ramirez, Adela Juarez, Gloria Pena, Rosa Arizpe, Nora Tena and Olivia Martinez, all of Midland, and Yolanda Criddle of Pasadena, Texas; one brother, Arturo Espinoza of Odessa, Texas; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Friday, November 10, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa, Texas, with Rev. Rosario Hill officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Fernando Camero Jr., Michael Camero, Arturo Espinoza, Jesse Barrera, Larry Barrera, and Fabian Barrera.



Alva Earnest

Alva James "Jiggs" Earnest was born March 22, 1927 in Castle, Oklahoma to Thomas Henry and Buelah Mae (Hicks) Earnest. On December 1, 1945, he married Mildred Joyce Clay in Okemah, Oklahoma. He was employed for BBM Drilling Company in Midland from 1953 to 1968, and then for Tom Brown Inc. from 1968 to

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There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

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Mr. Earnest died in a local nursing home Sunday, November 5, 2000.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 9, 2000, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Gaston officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Earnest is survived by his wife, Joyce Earnest of Midland; his four daughters, Alva Jean Walker and her husband, Donny, of Levelland, Texas, Sue Jenne and her husband, Don, of Kinneer, Wyo., Patti Chambers of Nashville, Tenn., and Melodie Boren and her husband, Calvin, of Austin; four brothers, Melton Earnest of Seminole, Okla., Cecil R. Earnest of Delta, Utah, Jim O. Earnest of California, and Sam Earnest of Aurora, Colo.; five sisters, Mary Scovel of Placerville, Idaho, Gay Coons of Brea, Calif., Betty Tande of Foot Hill Ranch, Calif., Dolly Cinko of Yuma, Ariz., and Patsy Light of Anaheim, Calif.; his nine grandchildren, Heath Hamilton of Riverton, Wyo., Jim Hamilton of Green River, Wyo., Stuart Walker of Lubbock, Texas, Heather Simpson of Stanton, Texas, Tim Fort of Nashville, Tenn., Stacie Davis of Nashville, Tenn., Cally Hadley of Austin, Texas, Ben Boren of Austin, Texas, Dan Boren of Camp LeJume, N.C.; his 18 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Heath Hamilton, Jim Hamilton, Stewart Walker, Tim Ford, and Dennis Simpson; and nephew, John Clay.

Survivors include a daughter, Myra Booth of Abilene; two sons, Noel W. Lightsey of Kings Mountain, N.C. and L.K. Lightsey of Brookhaven, Miss.; 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 149 N. Willis, Abilene, 79603; or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 41, Abilene, 79604.

Memorial services were held today, Nov. 9, at SouthPark Funeral Home in Pearland. He was born Aug. 18, 1951 in Carlsbad, N.M. to Jerry William and Ouida Louise Branson.

Survivors include two daughters, Tammy Gilmore and Charlotte Branson of Houston; his mother, Ouida Branson of Midland; and his brother, Edmund R. Branson of Midland.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Erma Proctor

BIG SPRING — Erma Lee Proctor, 69, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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DINNER: Event has raised almost \$125,000 over years

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children. All the money raised will go to the respective booster clubs at the two schools.

Lee tennis coach Steve Buck said this is the ninth year for the event that has raised close to \$125,000 for the booster clubs over the years.

"That is money we don't have to take out of school funds," Buck said.

Buck expects 2,000 people to be served at Friday's dinner, which is set before one of the bigger football games of the season. In fact, the Midland High-Midland Lee game has been seen by some as a divider of a community.

Factions are strong, and school loyalty is stronger. Annually, this week has been a time when that

division often comes to the forefront.

Buck says that dinner, in addition to raising money, adds a communal spirit to an otherwise divided day.

"It is probably one of the only projects that the schools work on together," Buck says. "Everybody thinks everybody hates each other, but we don't. We just like to compete. This (the barbecue) adds sportsmanship and spirit to the game."

"It makes for the biggest tailgate party around."

Buck also said that the two booster clubs are also selling 12- to 15-pound briskets for \$25 each.

"We have sold 750 and plan to sell another 100 on Friday," Buck said. "We will sell one to anybody who walks up."

VERDICT: Girl says Payne took sexually explicit photos of her

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girl said Payne had taken sexually explicit photos of her.

The girl, who is now 18, testified Monday.

On the stand, the girl said she was arrested April 19 on charges of credit card abuse.

On May 5, Payne secured her release. At his office in the 700 block of West Indiana, the girl claims Payne took the photos and had sex with her.

The girl said under oath that after her bond was revoked for non-payment of fees, she came

forward with the story about Payne.

After a search warrant was issued, authorities seized computers, digital cameras, scanners and related items in Payne's home and office.

Authorities also found sexually explicit photos of children they believe to be as young as 7 years old.

The prosecution showed some of these photos to the jury on Tuesday. Morgan claimed the girl and a friend of hers took the nude photos at Payne's office, with his permission.

Railroad killer believes execution will occur sometime next year

LIVINGSTON (AP) — Condemned killer Angel Maturino Resendiz is convinced he'll be put to death, probably next year, but said Wednesday he's not troubled by the prospect.

"I don't believe in death," the so-called railroad killer said. "I know the body is going to go to waste. But me, as a person, I'm eternal. I'm going to be alive forever. The flesh is just a little part for a little while. As the Psalmist put it, it's just a fraction."

Maturino Resendiz, 41, who earned a spot on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List for his killing spree, spoke from death row where he awaits the outcome of a mandatory appeal following his conviction of the 1998 murder of a Houston-area physician at her home. The killing of Dr. Claudia Benton was among 14 murders he claims to have committed in six states: Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia and California.

He wouldn't say Wednesday if there are others.

"I cannot affirm it or deny it," he said.

He agreed to cooperate with Florida authorities to resolve two unsolved murders there because he was given immunity, and would agree to the same conditions for authorities investigating killings in California and Georgia, he said.

During his capital murder trial earlier this year in Houston, his lawyers tried an unsuccessful insanity defense. On Wednesday, he said he is taking anti-depressant drugs and is suffering from anxiety attacks that leave him in prolonged pain.

In the interview, he repeated contentions that some of the killings were in response to the deaths of the Branch Davidians in Waco, others were tied to Serbian atrocities, and some were linked to his anti-abortion beliefs or because victims may have been homosexual.

He remembers each of the murders and compared them to watching something through a tunnel.

"Everything you see is in a distance," he said. "Everything is slow and silent."

DEATH NOTICES

Ruby Lightsey

ABILENE — Ruby C. Lightsey, 93, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, in a local nursing home.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Friday at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland with the Rev. Steve Tims officiating under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born in Blooming Grove. She moved from Gatesville to Abilene early this year. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry D. Lightsey; a daughter, Pat Griffith; and a granddaughter, Kristy Booth.

VETERANS: Students from Rusk to perform musical program

(From 1B)

the military during the Vietnam War. The spotlight of the exhibit will include examples of aircraft flown during that conflict.

Following the new exhibit, students from Rusk Elementary in Midland will perform a musical program entitled "Stars and Stripes 2000." The program will take place at noon, outside the CAF hanger.

A number of local veterans have been invited to attend the patriotic presentation.

San Jacinto Junior High School is planning a rally behind the school. Students have designed and made posters representative of Veterans Day that will be judged by veterans. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners. The event begins at 3:05 p.m. Friday, and will include a Confederate Air Force

fly-over. Members of the local unit of National Guard have been invited to San Jacinto campus during the lunch periods (10:45 a.m. to 1:03 p.m.), so the students will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Today through Sunday, a large CAF display about the role of minorities in World War II will be in the school.

"This special event is to celebrate our veterans and reinforce character in our education. Character building is on our priority list, and it's one of our top educational objectives," said Barney Welch, executive director of communications and services at MISD.

The Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Site, 9931 Wright Drive at the Midland International Airport, will con-

duct a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday. It will include a color guard and the Midland High School band will perform.

"Taps will be performed, and a few patriotic poems will be read at the ceremony," said John Philbeck of the Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee.

Veterans Day activities will continue on Saturday evening at the CAF as the American Airpower Heritage Museum presents the final program in the "Remembrance of War" seminar series. Activities begin at 6:30 p.m. in the museum classroom.

A panel discussion entitled "Cinema and the CAF" will feature Lefty Gardener, a long-time CAF member who flew airplanes in the classic 1968 film "The Battle of Britain."

Few offices to close for Veterans Day

From Staff Reports

Local banks and other financial institutions report no changes in their business hours or schedules for the upcoming Veterans Day weekend.

Veterans Day is Saturday and will seemingly only affect mail delivery on that day, although

county officials indicated that the courthouse and related offices will be closed all day on Friday.

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By Angela K. Associated Press

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DISCUSS: Students frustrated over TV coverage

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explaining how and why certain groups voted the way they did.

While a majority of the class full of juniors and seniors were not old enough to vote, six students were. Three said they voted in the presidential election.

"It was my first time and I was excited. Every vote counts, I guess," said Midland High student Kristen Heimke, 18.

Many students expressed frustration over Tuesday night's election coverage. Ashley Moore was particularly put off by some television pundits' complaints about Bush.

"I think the newscasters jumped to conclusions," Ms. Moore, 17, said. "They were just fighting back and forth and saying he (Bush) was a whiner."

Others complained about the uncertainty of facts with different networks broadcasting different results. Andrew Hart, 17, said he felt sorry for Ralph Nader, who didn't get the 5 percent he needed to get the Green Party matching funds for the 2004 election.

Franks said he was pleased with the

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— Ashley Moore,
Midland High School student

students' enthusiasm about the election. Although this was an economics class, he had been discussing the election with them previously from a purely economic standpoint. But, Franks found that the potential impending constitutional crisis was too good to pass up for a rousing class discussion.

"I've seen more interest in this election than past elections since I taught here," Franks said. "Kids were really excited."

Franks discussed everything from how former President John F. Kennedy handled the Bay of Pigs scandal to Fidel Castro and the Batistas — all of which influenced the way Cuban-Americans vote today.

"It's this group that made Florida so difficult to call," Franks said.

Franks' political discussion often turned into a history lesson, as he

explained everything from when polling was first used to predict an election — Thomas Dewey versus former president Harry Truman in 1948 — to the dead residents of Duval County in Texas voting Lyndon Johnson to the Senate.

"That's why both people in the Gore and Bush campaigns sent people to Florida to oversee the vote count," Franks said.

When a student asked if there was a chance dead people may have voted in Tuesday's election in Florida, Franks answered that "dead guys only vote in Texas."

Franks encouraged his class to remember this election and to collect mementos of it — everything from pictures to newspaper headlines.

"Don't let this opportunity pass you by," Franks said.

Residents near Bush ranch anxiously awaiting results

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

CRAWFORD — This one-stoplight town on the verge of national attention held its breath Wednesday, evident by a marquee outside First Baptist Church: "Crawford, Texas: Home of President George W. Bush — maybe."

A handful of retirees sipped their morning coffee inside the town's only gas station while waiting to hear whether Bush, who bought a ranch near here last year, won the election. "I'm not worried," said Bill Holmes, 68.

"Not too many people win on recounts." More than half Crawford's 700 residents packed into the community center Tuesday night to watch broadcasts of vote tallies, state by state. Many stayed until early Wednesday morning, cheering and bursting balloons when television networks declared the Texas governor as the new president.

Residents were stunned but didn't lose faith when they heard Bush's slim lead over Vice President Al Gore prompted a vote recount in Florida. They decided not to remove the decorations for several days, anticipating a Bush victory and another celebration.

"This was just a great opportunity for this community ... and something that every citizen joined. We had a common bond," said Shirley Westerfield, who organized the Crawford rally. "I mean, how often do you have your neighbor running for president?"

Bush and his wife, Laura, have been spotted in Crawford, about 80 miles south of Fort Worth and 20 miles west of Waco, several times since they bought the 1,600-acre spread some 15 months ago.

The couple sold their Dallas home and moved into the governor's mansion in Austin after Bush took office in 1994. But the Bushes, who also maintain a lake house near Athens



From left, Louis Lindsay, Loyd Anderson, Bill Holmes and Bob Harris drink coffee and talk about the presidential election at a gas station in Crawford Wednesday. All four men say they voted for Republican presidential candidate Gov. George W. Bush and feel he will be declared the winner. Bush's ranch is near Crawford.

AP Photo

in East Texas, still were looking for a permanent home site.

Bush never released financial details of the ranch purchase, but local real estate agents have said the land likely is worth \$1.2 million, or \$800 to \$900 per acre. The county tax appraiser's office says the property's market value is \$988,353.

The Bushes are building a home on the land and have renovated a 60-year-old farmhouse built by the parents of former owner Kenneth Engelbrecht. Bush, an avid fisherman, also has built a private fishing lake to be stocked with largemouth bass.

Engelbrecht's family has owned the land since shortly after the Civil War, and he still lives in his house at the ranch entrance and serves as ranch foreman.

"Bush doesn't have a desire to be a rancher; he has a desire to live in the country," said Bob Harris, a lifelong Crawford resident and

friend of Engelbrecht's.

McLennan County commissioners already have restricted traffic near the ranch after the Secret Service was concerned about media and tourists impeding traffic in the rural area.

Motorists cannot park, stop or stand along about 3 miles near the ranch. Violators who don't move their cars face a fine of up to \$500.

Still, folks in Crawford expect more tourists if Bush wins the election. The gas station owners, already bombarded with requests, made copies of hand-drawn maps to the ranch, which has one gated entrance down a dirt road and no signs with the Bush name.

Some residents say they wouldn't mind the longer motorcades and extra security that accompany a president.

"I think if people respect his right to privacy, then there won't be a problem," said Joyce Smith, a gas station clerk.

Perry still governor-in-waiting; lieutenant governorship uncertain too

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Rick Perry — and those jockeying to replace him should he ascend to governor with a George W. Bush presidential victory — were in limbo Wednesday, awaiting results of a recount of Florida votes.

"We are kind of on hold just like everybody else," Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said Wednesday.

Despite Bush's assertion of a complete vote in Florida, a small number of absentee ballots remained uncounted. Fewer than 1,800 votes separated Bush and Vice President Al Gore at last count, with Bush having the edge. Until the recount is complete and a winner officially declared, the impact on Texas government was unclear.

If Bush is elected, Perry — who had run state government most of the time Bush campaigned for president — will be sworn in as governor, an arguably less consequential post. In Texas, the lieutenant governor is considered one of the most powerful officials in state government because he controls the flow of legislation.

The state Senate then will have 30 days to elect the new lieutenant governor, who will preside over the Senate and keep his vote as state senator.

Behind-the-scenes campaigning for Perry's job has been going on for months, with a handful of Republican senators emerging as likely candidates.

Sens. J.E. Buster Brown of Lake Jackson, David Sibley of Waco and Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio are all in the race to take Perry's spot.

Bush ally Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, has been mentioned as a possibility, but his selection would be unlikely because Republicans control the chamber 16-15.

Wentworth said he spent Wednesday morning calling fellow senators to discuss the situation.

"We hoped and believed that we would know today one way or the other, and we have a better indication that we probably are going to have a vacancy but we don't 100 percent know for sure that we are," Wentworth said.

Brown's own local party asked him in 1999 not to run for lieutenant governor, should the office become

available, after he apologized for allegedly sexually harassing a female office clerk.

Perry has not discussed the race, instead talking about issues that are important to him — improving education and transportation — that he says he will promote from either post.

He was on a roller coaster of emotions Tuesday night as election returns trickled in.

After telling thousands of Bush supporters at a party outside the Capitol that a Bush victory was assured, Perry retreated to his office, where he spent the evening logged onto the Florida secretary of state's Web page and watching voter returns at a private party.

When news organizations early on called declared Gore victorious in Florida and then later recanted, Perry called it a "disgrace."

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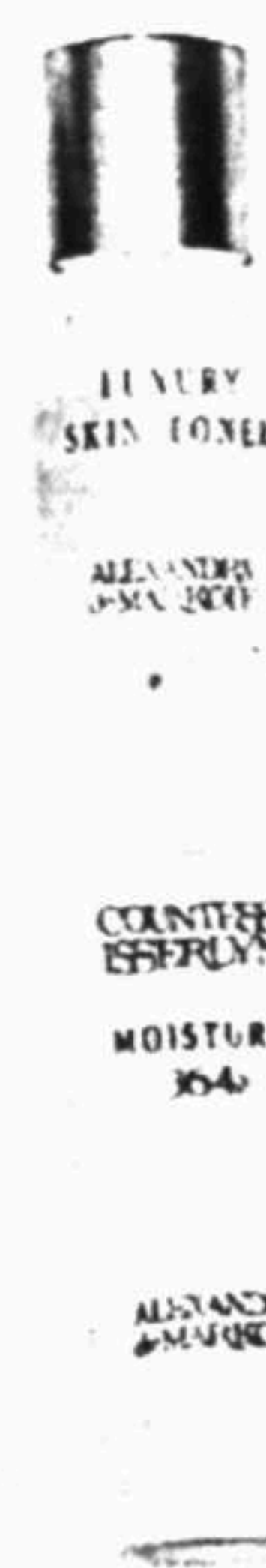
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Clemency denied for Mexican-born inmate facing Thursday execution

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected a clemency request from Miguel Angel Flores, the Mexican-born convicted killer whose scheduled execution Thursday has drawn international protests.

"We did not recommend he be commuted or receive a 90-day reprieve," Gerald Garrett, chairman of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, said Wednesday.

"We looked at everything that was presented before us in the defendant's argument of the sentence being set aside. After a complete review of information — we are an 18 member board — it was unanimous that the penalty that was assessed be carried out," Garrett said.

Flores' attorneys sought a full clemency hearing before the parole board and wanted Gov. George W. Bush to issue a 30-day reprieve. The governor can issue once a 30-day reprieve but can act favorably on a commutation or longer reprieve only with the blessing of the parole board, whose members he appoints.

Flores, 31, was convicted in the 1989 abduction, rape and fatal stabbing of 20-year-old Angela Marie Tyson, a New Mexico college student. Although born in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Flores was raised on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande in El Paso, where he graduated from high school.

Flores has said he shouldn't be executed because he was not allowed to contact Mexican consulate officials as called for under the Vienna Convention of Consular Relations when he was arrested.

Also this week, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals refused to halt the lethal injection, the 4th this year in Texas and second this month. Three more are set for next week.

The board's decision came two days after the U.S. State



AP Photo
Mexican-born convicted killer Miguel Angel Flores stares out from a visiting room cell at Texas' death row Wednesday in Livingston. Flores is scheduled to die by lethal injection today for the 1989 murder of 20-year-old Angela Marie Tyson. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected a clemency request from Flores whose scheduled execution today has drawn international protests.

Flores, 31, was convicted in the 1989 abduction, rape and fatal stabbing of 20-year-old Angela Marie Tyson, a New Mexico college student. Although born in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Flores was raised on the U.S. side of the Rio Grande in El Paso, where he graduated from high school.

Department wrote the parole board and Bush, asking that they "give careful consideration to Flores' pending clemency request, including taking into account apparent Vienna Convention violations."

Although the department noted probable Vienna Convention violations in the case, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher Monday said any procedural missteps by Texas authorities were not "sufficient cause for the sentence to be overturned."

Prosecutors in the case say Flo-

res was not informed of his rights to consular assistance because he claimed to be an American citizen.

The Mexican government wrote Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the execution. The French and Swedish ambassadors to the United States, as well as the European Union, made similar pleas to Bush and the parole board.

At least two other Mexican-born men and one who claimed to be Canadian have been executed in Texas in recent years.



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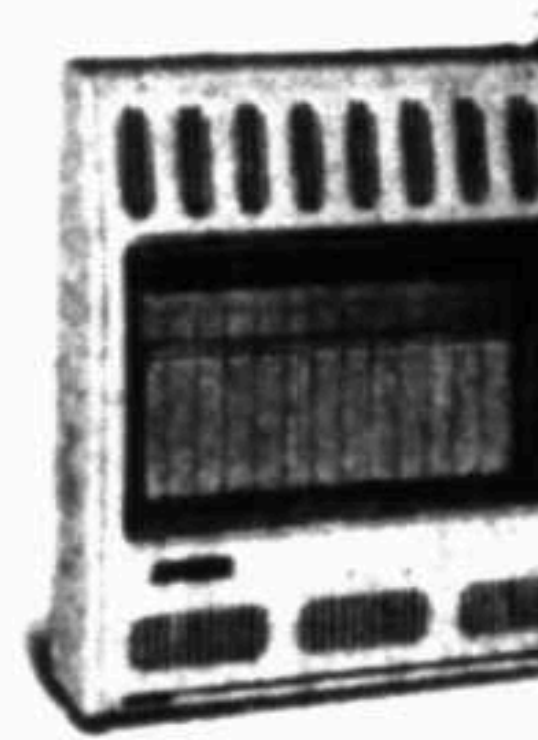


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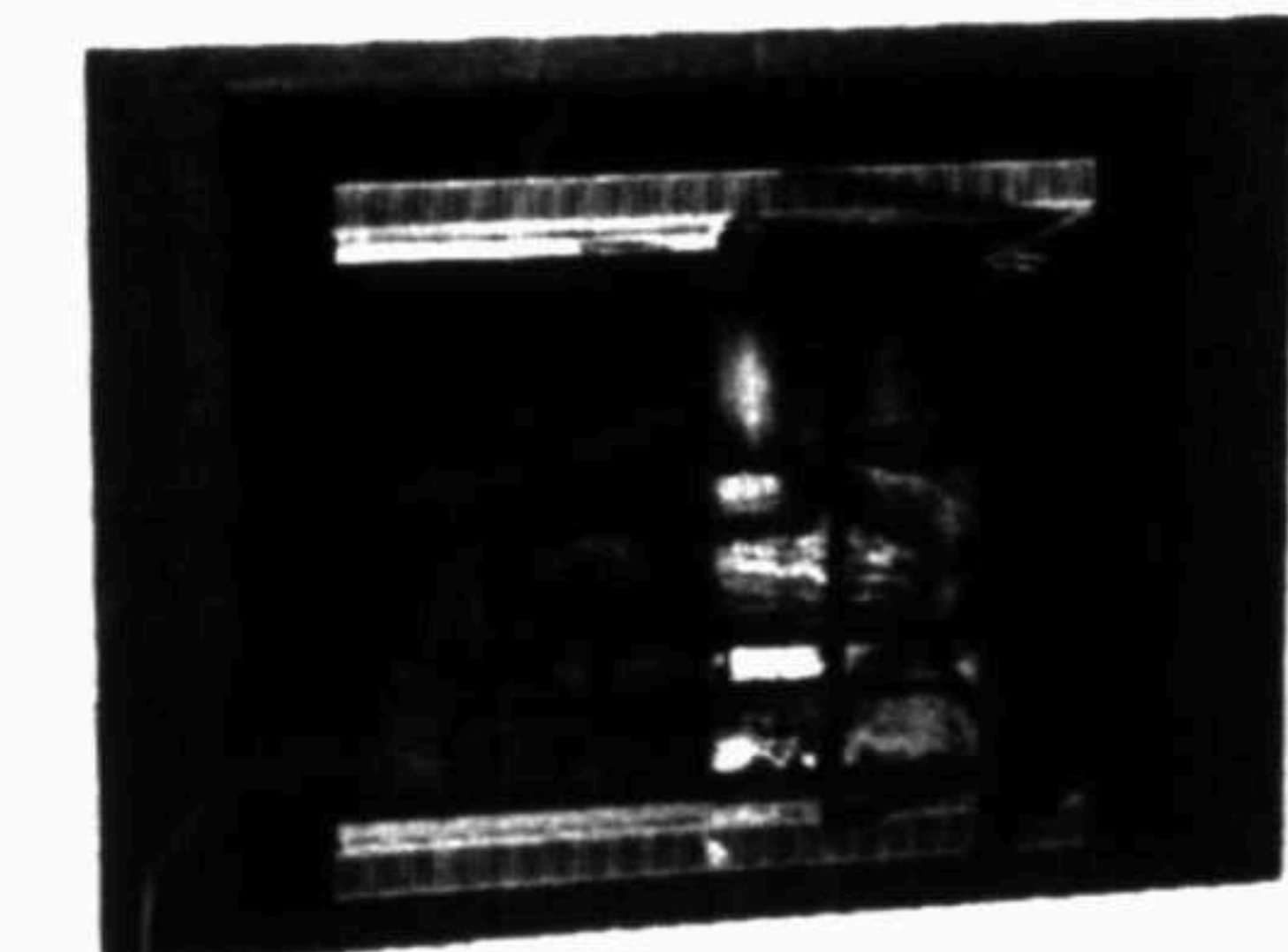


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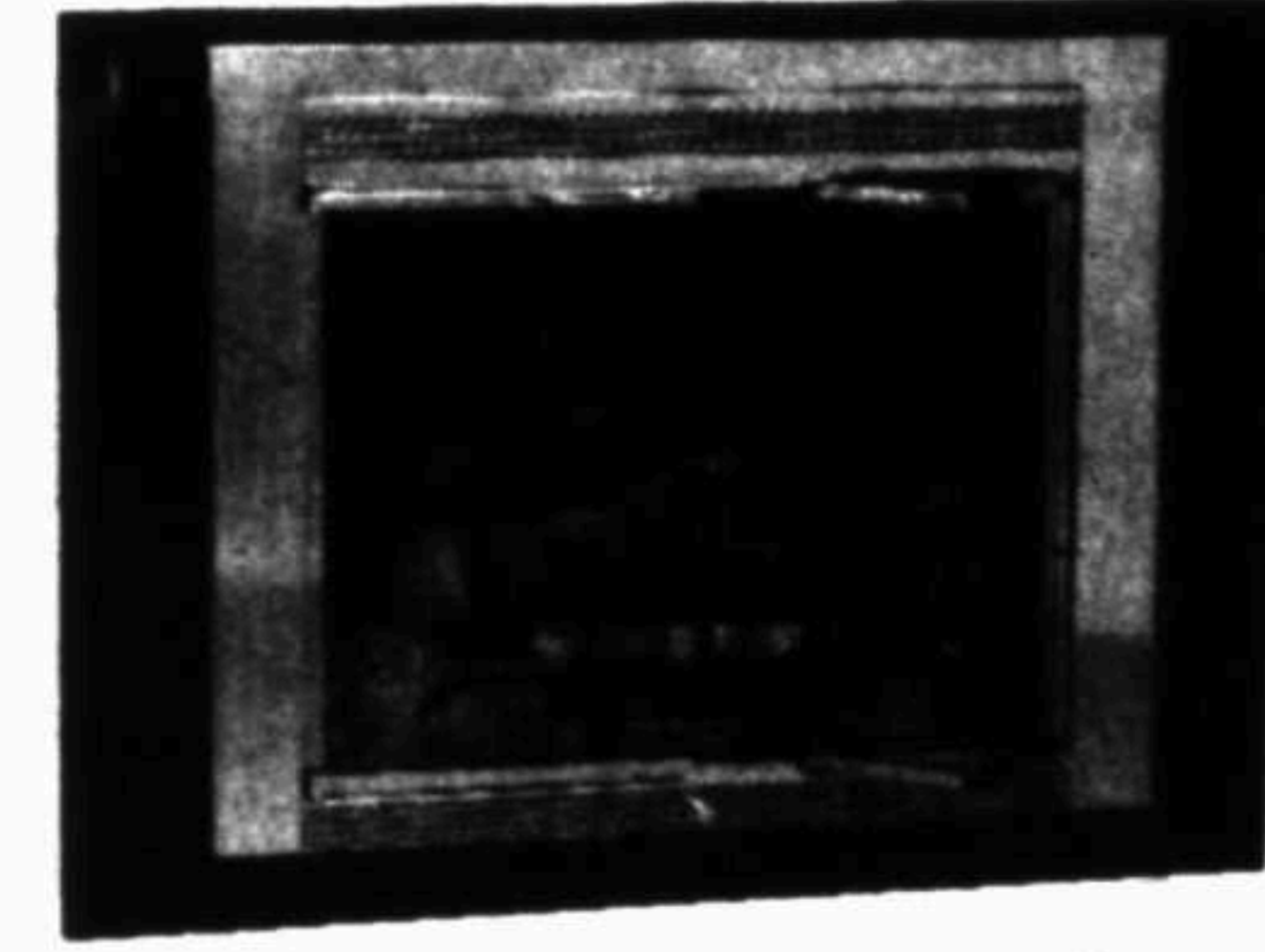


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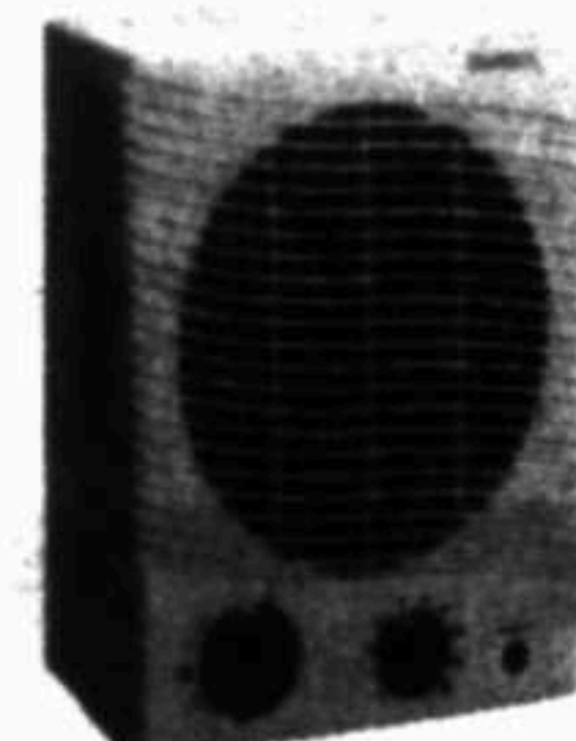
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WHEREAS, The Air, Land, and Sea Team of the United States Marine Corps, manned by highly trained and dedicated personnel, is a major deterrent to aggression throughout the World; and

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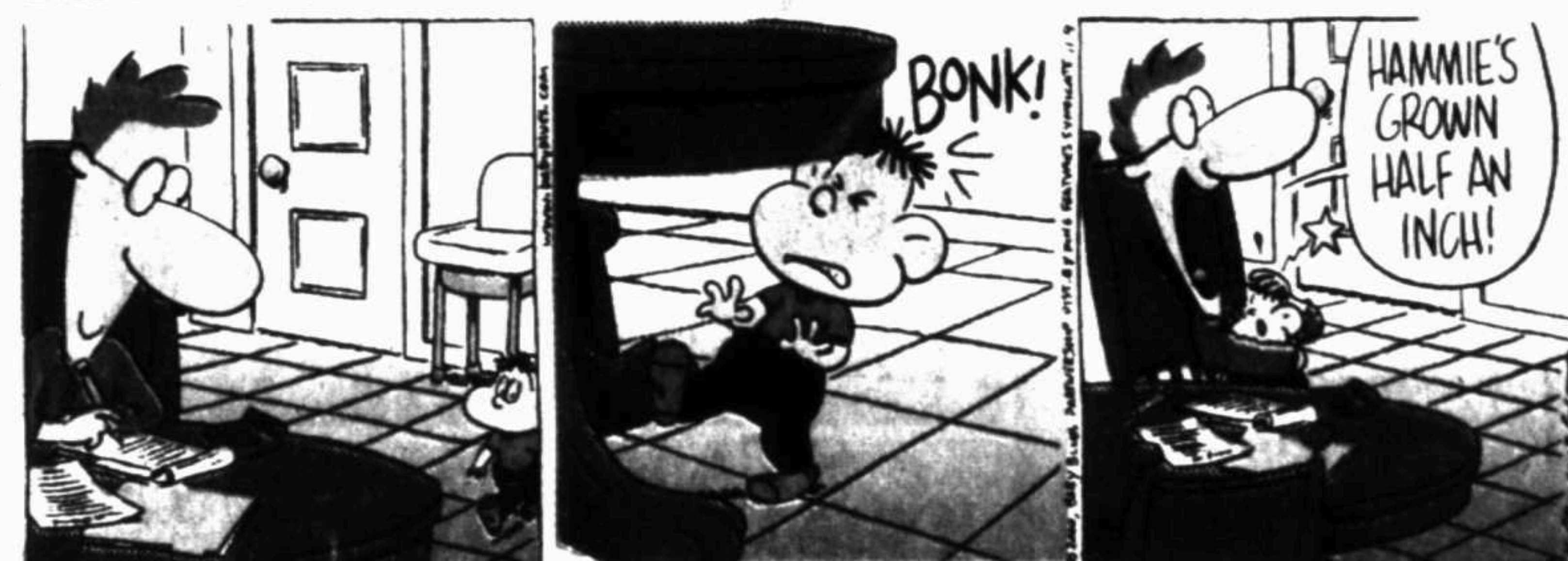
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Death sentences handed down in massive Chinese graft case

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Splashing pictures of ill-gotten gains across the main evening news broadcast, China announced death sentences Wednesday for 11 people, among them police and government officials, in the nation's largest corruption scandal.

In all, 84 people were convicted of involvement in a multi-billion-dollar smuggling ring that doled out huge bribes to officials whose influence touched the apex of power.

Twelve were sentenced to life imprisonment and 58 received lesser jail terms in the huge racket centered on the shady Yuanhua Group in the busy southeastern port of Xiamen, state media reported. Three others received suspended death sentences, usually commuted later to life in prison.

In a lengthy report on the sentences, state TV ran film evidence of the decadent style the syndicate kept: A tiger skin rug laid out on a conference table, confiscated cars belonging to corrupt bureaucrats, a sack of gold rings, wads of cash and credit cards and a picture of a young woman, said to be a lover kept for one official by Lai Changxing, Yuanhua's boss.

Footage showed the luxurious interior of a six-story pleasure palace, complete with hot tub-equipped bedroom suites, where



Yang Qianxian, the head of customs in China's eastern port of Xiamen, stands in court during his sentencing in a corruption scandal, in this picture from Chinese state television Wednesday.

Lai plied officials with women. In reports from trials in five cities, the convicted were shown standing before judges, flanked by green-uniformed police.

Among those sentenced to death were Deputy Mayor Lan Fu of Xiamen in Fujian province; the city's customs chief, Yang Qianxian, and Zhuang Rushun, deputy head of public security for Fujian, the reports said.

The magnitude of the case and the seniority of those involved is said to have caused rifts among Chinese leaders in Beijing. But

state media, in providing the government's fullest account of the case that was tried in intense secrecy, left many questions unanswered.

The reports made no mention of the former head of military intelligence, said by Communist Party insiders to have been toppled in the scandal, or of a tainted protégé of President Jiang Zemin. China's top police official in charge of fighting smuggling, quietly taken into custody nearly two years ago, also is to go on trial soon.

Media reported that bribed

officials helped Yuanhua and others smuggle cars, oil, cigarettes and other goods worth \$6.4 billion. The smuggling ring cost China's treasury \$3.6 billion in lost import duties, the Xinhua News Agency said.

One official reportedly took as much as \$960,000 — a huge sum in a country with annual per capita incomes of about \$750.

Seeking "exorbitant profits," the syndicate used "cash and sexual favors" to corrupt officials and cause major losses to state coffers and damage to public morality, Xinhua said.

The investigations marked a "major achievement" in the struggle against smuggling, the agency said.

The case was so huge that it was divided among courts in Xiamen and four other cities in Fujian, where trials began Sept. 13.

Although much talked about since the investigation secretly began 15 months ago, the government and its media have been virtually silent on the scandal. The announcement of verdicts Wednesday was the first time the government even disclosed the names of most defendants.

Among others convicted were two brothers of Lai, Yuanhua's boss, who got seven- and 15-year sentences.

Lai himself is believed to have fled China and is still a fugitive. Defendant Zhuang, the Fujian deputy police chief, was

accused of advising Yang to flee. Twenty-five of the defendants were expelled by the Communist Party and fired from government jobs, Xinhua said. It said eight worked in province-level departments.

However, the report did not clarify how many defendants were government officials. It named dozens of defendants with no mention of their jobs, or government or Communist Party ties.

While leaders at the top may still be shielded, the government is making examples of lower-ranked officials to convince a disgusted public that it is tackling pervasive corruption.

Thousands of officials have been punished in yearslong anti-graft campaigns. This year, courts have put to death a deputy

provincial governor and a deputy chairman of China's legislature — the highest-level officials ever executed for corruption since the party came to power 51 years ago.

"The government is dead serious about tackling corruption, and it's not just window dressing," said Daniel Gay, an economist for Singapore-based business research firm Strategic Intelligence.

However, the Communist Party's refusal to permit independent law enforcement will make it nearly impossible to end a system where graft is "part of the culture" for low-paid officials who don't answer to the public, Gay said.

"It's going to be years, if not decades, before China can stamp out corruption," he said.

Peru restores exiled TV station owner's citizenship

LIMA, Peru (AP) — President Alberto Fujimori's government on Wednesday restored Peruvian citizenship to an Israeli-born businessman who was forced from the country after his TV station aired reports linking the military to torture and corruption.

The government stripped Baruch Ivcher of his citizenship and control of his Channel 2 station in 1997 in a case that sparked international outrage and came to symbolize attempts by Fujimori's government to suppress press freedom.

The measure restoring his citizenship was made official in a decree published in the government's gazette, El Peruano.

Peruvian law prohibits foreigners from owning television or radio stations, so after the government revoked Ivcher's citizenship, a court stripped him of control of Channel 2, awarding it

to minority shareholders, who turned the station into an organ of overtly pro-government propaganda.

The move came as Fujimori appeared to forge ahead with an investigation of a corruption scandal swirling around his fugitive ex-spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, that is forcing the president's early exit from power.

Fujimori announced in September that he would end his presidency next year after Montesinos

was shown on a leaked video apparently bringing an opposition congressman.

Montesinos has been in hiding since his Oct. 23 return from a failed asylum bid in Panama.

Interior Minister Gen. Fernando Diandras said late Tuesday that plainclothes police had seized some 40 suitcases and 40 crates full of videos, books and documents from the luxury apartment of Montesinos' wife, Trinidad Becerra.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Model Lauren Hutton leaves hospital after motorcycle accident

LAS VEGAS — Model and actress Lauren Hutton was released from a Las Vegas hospital Monday after being treated for injuries from a motorcycle crash last month.

Ms. Hutton, 55, suffered multiple fractures in one leg, a broken wrist and several cuts and scrapes when her motorcycle ran off the roadway on Oct. 21 and crashed near the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, about 25 miles east of Las Vegas. The National Park Service said she had been wearing a helmet.

Ms. Hutton had been on a 100-mile ride with the Guggenheim Motorcycle Club through southern Nevada with other celebrities, including actors Dennis Hopper and Jeremy Irons.

BOSTON — As he accepted a seventh full term to the Senate, Edward M. Kennedy told supporters that his ill sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, was "doing better."

Ms. Shriver was hospitalized two weeks ago for a postoperative infection. She was listed in serious condition Tuesday night at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Speaking at the Copley Plaza Hotel after the polls closed Tuesday night, Kennedy said his sister, Patricia Lawford, was there to represent "all of the Kennedy sisters."

"Eunice is doing better tonight, which is the most important thing," Kennedy said.

Ms. Shriver had a benign pancreatic tumor removed Oct. 12, and her doctors said they expected a full recovery after her Oct. 21 release. But two days later she was readmitted, and doctors operated again to stem the postoperative infection.

NEW YORK — Teen music idol Britney Spears may do it again with a new work of fiction.

Her mother, Lynne Spears, is expected to make the rounds of publishers next week, the Web site Inside.com reported.

Britney Spears and her mother plan to co-write a "Mother's Day Parable" for release in 2001, Inside.com said.

The two already published another book they co-wrote, "Britney Spears' Heart to Heart," released in May.

NEW YORK — Already a major presence on the Internet, Pamela Anderson has launched her own Web site, www.PamTV.com.

"I think the only way to control your image on the Net is to create your own," the former Baywatch star told Entertainment Weekly Online.

The site comments on her numerous fan sites and features video footage and trivia about the star.

"It may be funny, edgy, free spirited content," she said. "Hopefully, we'll have other celebrities and actors involved as well."

NEW YORK — "Today" show host Katie Couric is pictured in the December issue of Vanity Fair with Olympic gold medalist Rulon Gardner.

The wrestler and Ms. Couric are featured in the magazine's 2000 Hall of Fame section. The diminutive Ms. Couric is pictured sprawled across Gardner's brawny shoulders and 54-inch chest.

Richard Hatch, the million-dollar winner of the CBS show "Survivor" is also pictured — in the buff, as he was famed for appearing on the show.

Also pictured are such stars as actress Jane Fonda, sprinter Marion Jones, golfer Tiger Woods and "Harry Potter" novelist J.K. Rowling.

LOS ANGELES — Camryn Manheim, an Emmy-winning actress in the TV legal drama "The Practice," is pregnant and plans to raise the child as a single mother.

The 39-year-old actress, who made the announcement Tuesday, is expecting a baby boy in April. She would not identify the father.

Ms. Manheim, who plays combative lawyer Ellenor Frutt in the ABC series, won a best supporting actress Emmy in 1998.

Caste mate Kelli Williams also is pregnant. Their pregnancies have been written into the scripts of the show.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Leaving keys in the car isn't a good idea,

even when it's parked at the governor's house.

Gov. John Kitzhaber's wife, Sharon, learned that lesson over the weekend when the couple's leased Mercury Grand Marquis was found badly dented, wedged between a stop sign and a light pole at the end of an exit ramp that runs through the middle of the city.

A man who appeared disoriented was seen grabbing items from the back seat of the late-model vehicle when a tow truck driver,

Michael Block, drove past early Saturday and shined his flashlight at him, police said.

The man asked Block for a ride out of town. Instead, the tow truck driver alerted his dispatcher, and the man walked off.

The car, which the first lady drives for official business, was last used Friday, said Bob Applegate, the governor's spokesman.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

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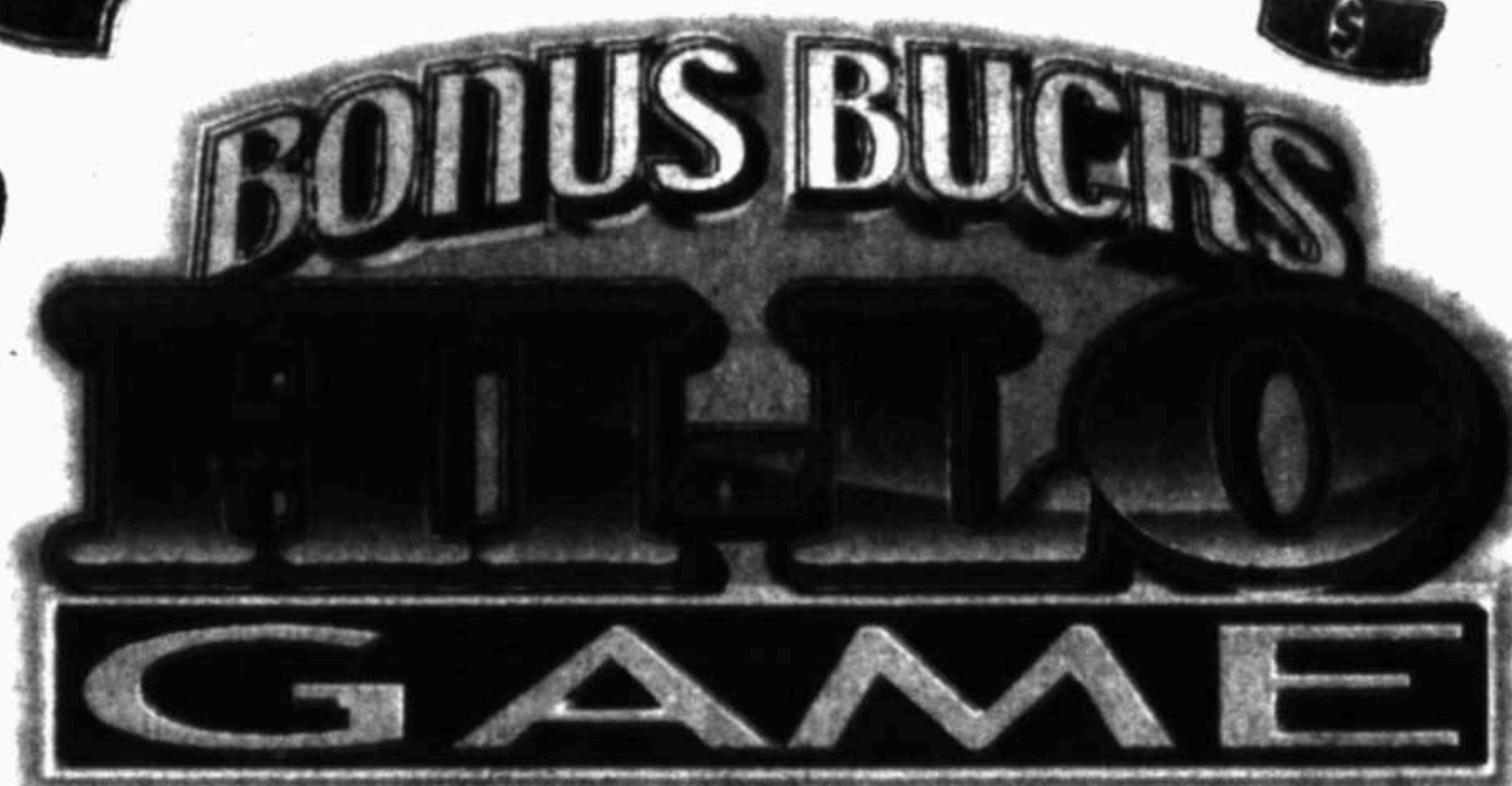
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Aikman's status remains questionable

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman practiced for the first time in nearly two weeks Wednesday, and was optimistic he can start this week against Cincinnati.

The practice came two days after Aikman received a second round of injections in the lower left side of his aching back.

"I haven't gotten the relief I got two weeks ago, but got enough to get out and do what needed to be done," Aikman said after the two-hour workout at an indoor facility. "I'm optimistic that if it doesn't regress, I'll be okay."

After Aikman got the first series of shots before the Oct. 29 game against

Jacksonville, he said his back was feeling better than it had in years. But he was knocked out of the 23-17 overtime loss with back spasms after being slammed to the turf by Tony Brackens in the first quarter.

Aikman didn't even travel for last week's 16-13 overtime loss at Philadelphia.

With Randall Cunningham sitting out practice with fluid on his knee, Aikman got a full workout with the first team Wednesday. Third-stringer Clint Stoerner also took some snaps.

"He looked fine," running back Emmitt Smith said of Aikman. "I

thought he moved around and didn't really grimace, nothing like that. I'm assuming that he's fine. But there's the physical aspect of it in terms of the pounding that remains to be seen."

Coach Dave Campo said no decision has been made on Aikman's status for Sunday.

"Troy looked good, he felt good and threw the ball well," Campo said. "He practiced a full practice and looked pretty good, but I have to see how he reacts overnight. That will be the determining factor."

On the same day that Aikman returned to practice, the Cowboys lost defensive tackle Leon Lett for the season. Lett sprained his left knee during a drill on the artificial turf at the Coppell High School facility.

"We're disappointed for Leon. He was a solid contributor in our defensive front this year, and this is a difficult setback," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

The Cowboys had placed defensive tackle Chad Hennings on the injured reserved list earlier in the day. Hennings is out with a possibly career-ending neck injury.

"The loss of Leon and Chad is a blow in terms of experience, production and leadership on the line," Campo said. "We will probably go with Michael Myers at Leon's spot this Sunday, and then we will determine."

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Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman practiced on Wednesday, but he remains questionable for Sunday's game.

AP Photo

EARLY SIGNING PERIOD



Midland High senior Jason Lindgren talks to television reporters on Wednesday after signing a national letter of

intent to play golf next year at the University of North Texas.

Lindgren picks Mean Green

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High golfer Jason Lindgren will be turning green next fall.

On Wednesday, Lindgren signed a binding letter-of-intent scholarship agreement to play golf for the University of North Texas next year.

"This is a chance to get an education and play golf," Lindgren said. "That's all I wanted to do."

Lindgren carries a 5.44 grade point average at MHS, so he will wear the student-athlete role seriously at UNT.

Lindgren will join UNT coach David Foster, who has been with the Mean Green the past 10 seasons as golf coach. Prior to that,

Foster was at Western Texas College in Snyder.

"Coach Foster has recruited a lot of West Texas players, and I felt really comfortable being around that team," Lindgren said. "Brad Gibson (a freshman) from Andrews and Michael Pruitt (a junior) from Idalou are both on the team, and I've played high school golf against both of them and I've played a lot of summer tournaments with Brad."

Lindgren chose UNT over the University of Texas-Arlington. He also had contact with Rice and Southwestern. It was his play this past summer that turned the scholarship trick.

"The summer before your senior season is the key to getting a golf scholarship," Lindgren said. "I was recruited mainly on what

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MC's Rhodes decides to call TCU her home

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

When Chanovia Rhodes' decision came down to which four-year school she would attend after her stay at Midland College was over, she went with the school that made her feel right at home.

On Wednesday, the 6-foot-3 sophomore post for the Lady Chaparrals signed a letter of intent to play with Texas Christian University in Fort Worth next year. Rhodes will be going back to play in her hometown after her two-year stint at Midland College is over. Rhodes was a standout at Fort

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Midland College basketball player Chanovia Rhodes signs a letter of intent on Wednesday to play next season at TCU — in her home town of Fort Worth.

Steers' Bamert signs letter with Louisiana State

Staff Report

BIG SPRING — Clint Bamert, a senior at Big Spring High School, signed a letter-of-intent Wednesday to play college baseball at Louisiana State University.

Wednesday was the first day of the early signing period, which allows high school athletes in all sports except for football to sign on the dotted line to the college of their choice. The signing period started Wednesday.

Bamert is the first of many Permian Basin baseball players expected to sign during this early period. Midland High could have as many as three. It is expected that Matt Bose, Jayson Nix and Madison Edwards will sign

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Stanton needs victory — or it will need help

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

It all comes down to the final week of the regular season. There is just one week left to decide who stays home next week or who goes on to the post-season. This Friday may prove to be judgment day for many teams.

For Greenwood, the Rangers know that they're already headed to the playoffs but don't know where they will be seeded or whom they will play in the bi-district round.

For Stanton, this Friday is a make-or-break affair as the Buffaloes host Seagraves at 7:30 p.m.

It's a very simple formula for Stanton: Win and they're in; lose and the Buffs would have to hope for Colorado City to beat Coahoma in Coahoma, which is possible but Stanton wants to control its own destiny rather than having other teams decide their fate.

"It's a pressure situation," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton. "We've got to win to have things in our own hands. We don't want to put our future in anybody else's hands."

A win would give the Buffaloes (7-2 overall, 3-1 in District 3-2A) the No. 1 seed in the small school playoffs. But in order to get that top seed, the Buffaloes will have to play a Seagraves team which has given Stanton a fair share of great battles over the last few years.

"Whenever we play Seagraves, it's usually a grudge match," Cotton said. "It's been a pretty good rivalry over the years."

The Eagles (5-3, 2-2) appear to be the same old Eagles with plen-

Please see STANTON/8C

'Kats seek win vs. No. 6 Roscoe to make playoffs

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Two area teams with two very different agendas will close their regular seasons Friday night sharing a similar obstacle — a ranked opponent.

While Big Spring will have some sense of security in having secured a playoff berth prior to facing No. 9 Wolfforth Frenship in the District 4-4A finale, Garden City is playing for a lot more than pride. Quite simply, the Bearkats face their biggest obstacle of the season Friday if they wish to make the playoffs.

If Garden City is to grab one of the two postseason spots from District 9-A, it must defeat the one team ahead of it in the standings, and for better or worse, the best has been saved for last for the Bearkats. Garden City will travel to No. 6 Roscoe, the 9-0 frontrunner, for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

After several years of being in the second tier of district play, the Bearkats have become a contender under first year coach Wade Wesley, posting a 7-2 overall record and a 3-1 mark in district. With a win over Roscoe, Garden City makes the playoffs.

"Our kids are very excited about what has happened this season," said Wesley of his team's progress. "They're on an emotional high right now. I set a goal to make the playoffs before the season and we're not surprised to be in this position."

At 4-0, Roscoe leads the district while Garden City is tied with

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LEE PASSMORE

Playoffs may be decided before presidential race

You don't need to be an elections commissioner in Florida to know that numbers should add up. And perhaps that explains why although we might not know for sure who our next president will be, we already know which high school football teams are going to the playoffs.

The way things are going now, though, high school brackets might be filled by Friday night before we know if Bush or Gore can start inviting guests to stay in the Lincoln Bedroom. If the electoral college can be so easily broken down on CNN, then you can certainly take a look at some numbers from last week and determine why most area teams succeeded and a couple didn't.

The common thread of last week's winners can be found on the ground, where the successful area teams traveled en route to victory. What it came down to was this: Those teams who ran the ball well won, and those who didn't, lost.

Last week nobody ran the ball more efficiently than Greenwood or Stanton, both of whom scored lopsided victories. Greenwood piled up 445 yards in a 28-0 win over Brownfield in a District 3-3A game which clinched a playoff spot for the Rangers.

So overwhelming was Greenwood on the ground that the

Rangers had not one, not two, but three runners who surpassed 100 yards, which happens about as often as a Libertarian wins public office. Brandon Audus had 174 yards, Kevin Thornton 110 and Brandon Smith 109 while each scored a touchdown in Greenwood's win.

As impressive as that was, the Rangers didn't even have the leading rushing attack in the area last week. Stanton outdid Greenwood by bludgeoning its way to 521 yards on the ground in a 46-6 rout of Forsan in a District 3-2A game.

Tailback Jeremy Hull had another big game for the Buffaloes, with 204 yards on 27 carries. Fullback Clay White proved he's more than a blocking back by running for 161 yards on 20 carries and scoring a pair of touchdowns. And while quarterback Keith Cook's 60 yards on the ground might pale by comparison, he still ran for two scores.

One area team, Midland Trinity, has gotten a two-week head start on the playoffs, having opened the postseason last week with a 55-19 thumping of Watauga Harvest. The Chargers ran for 478 yards and six scores on the ground.

Trinity wasted no time in establishing its running game against Watauga, as Clint Adcox scored on an 80-yard in the first quarter and Nathan Pirtle scored on a 78-yard dash later in the quarter. All told, Adcox and Pirtle scored the game's first five touchdowns, including a 67-yarder by Pirtle in the second quarter. Pir-

tle showed he was all the way back from a broken foot with 309 yards and four touchdowns on 24 carries while Adcox added 141 yards on 15 carries.

Andrews and Garden City weren't as overwhelming on the ground, but both were nonetheless strong. The Mustangs clinched a playoff berth from District 4-4A with a 38-20 win over San Angelo Lake View, running for 346 yards, including 184 by Jamie Bueno. Garden City stayed in the race by beating Roby 30-12, as the Bearkats ran for 280 yards and Curtis Eggemeyer ran for 125 yards in the first half alone.

Big Spring and Midland Christian, meanwhile, didn't quite live up to past accomplishments on the ground, and both lost. The Steers ran for only 119 yards in a 35-21 4-4A loss to Snyder in which the outstanding duo of Jason Woodruff and Jaroe Pamell combined for a mere 75 yards. Midland Christian mounted a furious rally before losing to Fort Worth Christian 35-28 in a TAPPS 1-3A game, but the Mustangs found themselves in a hole in part because they only picked up 104 yards on the ground.

The loss means that instead of the No. 1 seed in the district, MCHS will have to go on the road to open the playoffs, Saturday at Dallas Bishop Dunne. Going on the road, the Mustangs might find that the best way to travel is on the ground.

Lee Passmore is a sports writer for the Reporter-Telegram.



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Free Agents
NEW YORK (AP)—The 128 players who have been released for free agency. Eligible players must be 35 or older by Friday.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANALYST (7)—Tim Lincecum, rhp; Gary Garretts, ss; Ron Gant, of; Kent Meriweather, rhp; Mark Whiten, c; Kevin Slocum, rhp; Matt Williams, c; BALTIMORE (3)—Mark Lewis, 3b; Mike Mussina, rhp; Pat Rapp, rhp; BOSTON (11)—Manny Alexander, ss; Rocco Biondo, 1b; Hector Carrasco, rhp; Raul Combs, rhp; Jeff Fassero, rhp; Bernard Gilley, of; Tim Lincecum, rhp; Ramon Martinez, rhp; Steve Ontiveros, rhp; Pete Schourek, rhp; Tim Wakefield, rhp; CHICAGO (4)—Harold Baines, of; Cal Eldred, rhp; Charles Johnson, c; Jose Valentin, ss; CLEVELAND (4)—Sandy Alomar, c; Jason Bere, rhp; Manny Ramirez, of; David Segui, 1b; DETROIT (5)—Rich Becker, of; Willie Blair, rhp; Juan Gonzalez, of; Greg Jeffries, of; Hal Morris, 1b; KANSAS CITY (3)—Ricky Bostello, rhp; Jorge Fabrega, c; Jeff Reulbach, 1b; NEW YORK (7)—David Cone, rhp; Roberto Kelly, of; Denny Neagle, rhp; Jeff Nelson, rhp; Luis Polonia, of; Luis Sojo, 2b; Jose Valentin, ss; OAKLAND (3)—Kevin Appier, rhp; Doug Jones, rhp; Mike Stanley, 1b; SEATTLE (5)—Rickey Henderson, of; Tom Lampkin, c; Jose Mesa, rhp; Jose Oliver, c; Alex Rodriguez, ss; TEXAS (5)—Luis Alcaez, 2b; Mike Munoz, rhp; Ruben Sierra, of; Mike Simms, of; John Wetteland, rhp; TORONTO (7)—Frank Castillo, rhp; Alex Gonzalez, ss; Craig Grebeck, 2b; Mark Guthrie, 1b; Dave Guthrie, of; Mickey Morandini, 2b; Steve Trachsel, rhp.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA (3)—Tim Lincecum, of; Dan Plesac, rhp; Armando Razo, rhp; ATLANTA (11)—Andy Ashby, rhp; Bobby Bonilla, of; John Burkett, rhp; Andres Galaraga, rhp; Greg Maddux, rhp; Scott Rolen, rhp; Greg Maddux, rhp; Terry Mulholland, rhp; Reggie Sanders, of; Rudy Seanez, rhp; Walt Weiss, 1b; CHICAGO (5)—Rick Aguirre, rhp; Shane Andrews, 3b; Mark Grace, 1b; Jeff Heston, 2b; Jeff Reed, c; CINCINNATI (2)—Beno Santiago, c; Mark Wohlers, rhp; COLORADO (3)—Jeff Frye, 2b; Jeffrey Hammonds, of; Julian Tavarez, rhp; FLORIDA (2)—Ricky Bones, rhp; Henry Rodriguez, of; HOUSTON (2)—Tim Bogar, ss; Ken Caminiti, 1b; LOS ANGELES (4)—Darren Dreifort, rhp; Todd Hundley, c; Jim Leyva, 1b; Ismael Valdes, rhp; MILWAUKEE (2)—Charlie Hayes, 3b; James Mouton, of; MONTREAL (1)—Lenny Webster, c; NEW YORK (8)—Kurt Abbott, 2b; Derek Bell, of; Mike Bordick, ss; John Franco, rhp; Mike Hampton, rhp; Tim Lincecum, rhp; Rick Reed, rhp; Scott Rolen, rhp; PHILADELPHIA (5)—Alex Arias, 3b; Kent Bottenfield, rhp; Jeff Keiser, rhp; Brian Hunter, 1b; Tom Prince, 1b; ST. LOUIS (7)—Eric Davis, of; Shawn Dunston, ss; Pat Hentgen, rhp; Thomas Howard, of; Jose Ochoa, rhp; Scott Rolen, rhp; Rick Wilkins, c; SAN DIEGO (5)—Bret Boone, 2b; Tony Gwynn, of; John Mauer, of; Dave Magadan, 3b; Ed Sprague, rhp; SAN FRANCISCO (4)—Ellis Burks, of; Mark Gardner, rhp; Doug Henry, rhp; Scott Servais, c.

AL Manager

NEW YORK (AP)—Results of voting for the 2000 American League Manager of the Year as selected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America (tabulated on a 5-31 basis):
Manager, Team 1st 2nd 3rd
J. Manuel, Chicago 25 3 134
A. Nolasco, Oakland 2 2 174
L. Piniella, Seattle 1 3 1428
M. Scioscia, Anaheim 1 5 8
J. Torre, New York 1 2 5
J. Garry, Detroit 1 1 1
J. Williams, Boston 1 1 1

AL Manager, List

NEW YORK (AP)—The American League Managers of the Year as selected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America (the BBWAA began selecting in 1983):
1983—Tony LaRussa, Chicago
1984—Sparky Anderson, Detroit
1985—Bobby Cox, Toronto
1986—John McNamara, Boston
1987—Sparky Anderson, Detroit
1988—Tony LaRussa, Oakland
1989—Frank Robinson, Baltimore
1990—Jeff Torborg, Chicago
1991—Tom Kelly, Minnesota
1992—Tony LaRussa, Oakland
1993—Gene Linder, Chicago
1994—Buck Showalter, New York
1995—Lou Piniella, Seattle
1996—Johnny Damon, Texas
1997—Joe Torre, New York
1998—Dwight Gooden, Baltimore
1999—Jim Williams, Boston
2000—J. Manuel, Chicago

Bowling

PVBA Sam's Town Las Vegas (AP)—Standings Wednesday after the third round of the PVBA Sam's Town Las Vegas Invitational with total pinfalls after 24 games:
1. Aleta Sil, Detroit, Mich., 5,731
2. Gary Honeychurch, Australia, 5,692
3. David Davidson, 4,812
4. Tiffany Stanbury, Oklahoma City, 5,504
5. Liz Johnson, Niagara Falls, N.Y., 5,394
6. Dana Miller-Mackie, Albuquerque, 5,388
7. Carolyn Dorin-Balard, North Richland Hills, 5,385
8. Tish Johnson, Northridge, Calif., 5,384
9. Kim Hoverton, Walla Walla, Wash., 5,306

NHL Results

By The Associated Press
Atlantic Division
Pittsburgh 7 5 2 0 16 43 31
N.Y. Islanders 6 4 2 1 15 34 42
New Jersey 6 5 3 0 15 53 40
N.Y. Rangers 7 7 4 1 14 50 45
Philadelphia 4 7 4 1 12 37 48

Northeast Division
W L TOL Pts GF GA
Ottawa 9 1 0 1 14 33 28
Buffalo 6 5 1 0 14 34 38
Montreal 5 8 2 0 12 43 49
Boston 5 8 1 0 12 38 59

Western Division
W L TOL Pts GF GA
Washington 3 7 4 1 11 34 45
Tampa Bay 4 7 2 1 10 41 58
Carolina 3 8 3 0 9 33 49
Atlanta 2 5 5 0 9 36 39
Florida 1 6 3 3 8 25 39

Central Division
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St. Louis 10 2 2 0 22 43 22
Detroit 8 5 0 1 17 40 37
Nashville 6 7 1 1 13 35 35
Chicago 5 8 0 2 12 36 45
Columbus 3 10 1 1 8 26 50

Northwest Division
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Edmonton 9 6 2 0 20 50 44
Vancouver 7 3 1 18 48 40
Calgary 3 8 3 0 9 26 45
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San Jose 9 2 2 0 20 37 25
Los Angeles 8 3 3 0 19 40 49
Dallas 7 4 2 1 17 39 33
Anaheim 3 9 2 1 10 41 58

Wednesday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 2
Nashville 4, New Jersey 3
Toronto 5, Carolina 0
Montreal 4, Florida 0
Detroit 3, Phoenix, (n)
Vancouver at Anaheim, (n)
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Chicago at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 6 p.m.
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NFL Standings

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American Conference
East
W L T Pct PF PA
Miami 10 2 0 .778 200 119
Indianapolis 6 3 0 .667 256 198
N.Y. Jets 6 3 0 .667 208 193
Buffalo 4 4 0 .556 176 186
New England 3 6 0 .333 156 187

Central
W L T Pct PF PA
Tennessee 8 1 0 .889 181 125
Pittsburgh 4 4 0 .556 187 105
Pittsburgh 4 4 0 .556 137 93
Jacksonville 3 6 0 .333 185 207
Cincinnati 3 6 0 .333 187 194
Cleveland 2 8 0 .200 101 233

West
W L T Pct PF PA
Oakland 6 1 0 .857 258 172
Denver 5 4 0 .556 286 201
Kansas City 4 5 0 .444 243 219
Green Bay 3 7 0 .300 157 235
San Diego 3 6 0 .333 204 213

National Conference
East
W L T Pct PF PA
N.Y. Giants 6 4 0 .600 204 115
Washington 6 4 0 .600 185 158
Dallas 3 6 0 .333 204 213

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Area Football

District 9-1A
Overall Standings
Team W L PF PA Pct.
Roscoe 9 0 358 90 1.000
Rothman 7 2 237 100 .875
Garden City 7 2 184 72 .778
Robby 4 5 137 246 .444
Robert Lee 4 5 184 150 .444
Sterling City 3 6 91 350 .111

District 4-4A
Overall Standings
Team W L PF PA Pct.
Team 7 2 340 199 .778
Big Spring 6 3 224 167 .667
Andrews 6 3 211 188 .667
Snyder 4 4 237 186 .556
Lewelland 4 4 164 209 .444
Plainview 3 6 203 259 .333
Estacado 2 7 201 251 .222
Lake View 1 8 189 287 .111

Tonight's Game
El Paso Buzzards at Odessa Jackalopes
7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum
Records
Jackalopes 5-2-1. Buzzards 4-5-3.
Radio
KMCM (FM 96.9). Broadcast Time - 6:40.

Last Five Games
Odessa 6, San Angelo 1
Odessa 5, Fort Worth 3
Odessa 4, Bossier-Shreveport 2
Odessa 1, El Paso 0
New Mexico 3, Odessa 2

Next 10 Games
Thursday El Paso 7 p.m.
Nov. 10 at El Paso 8:11 p.m.
Nov. 11 Lubbock 7 p.m.
Nov. 14 San Angelo 7 p.m.
Nov. 16 New Mexico 7 p.m.
Nov. 18 at Amarillo 7 p.m.
Nov. 22 at New Mexico 8:05 p.m.
Nov. 24 at Lubbock 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 25 at San Angelo 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 28 Amarillo 7 p.m.

Prep Top 10
By The Associated Press
Here is this week's schedule for the teams ranked in The Associated Press high school football poll (Games Nov. 9-11). All games are on Friday, unless otherwise noted.

Class 6A
1. Austin Westlake (9-0) vs. Austin Crockett
2. Kirby (9-0) vs. Katy Taylor
3. Adine Eisenhower (9-0) at Houston MacArthur, Saturday
4. Garland (8-1) vs. North Garland vs. San Antonio Marshall (9-0) vs. S. Antonio O'Connor
5. Duncaneville (8-1) at Irving Nimitz, Saturday
6. Copperton Cove (9-0) at Killeen Elison
7. Midland Lee (7-2) at Midland Converse Junction (8-1) at San Antonio Churchill, Saturday
8. The Woodlands (7-2) vs. Conroe

Class 4A
1. Wichita Falls (9-0) vs. Wichita Falls Rider
2. San Marcos (9-0) vs. Lockhart at Temple
3. Hereford (8-1) vs. Canyon
4. Highland Park (9-0) at Lancaster
5. West Orange Star (9-0) vs. Little Cypress-Davenport (1-2) at Smiley
6. Houston Forest Brook (9-0) vs. Smiley
7. Nederland (8-1) at Port Neches-Groves
8. Stephenville (7-2) at Granbury

Class 3A
1. Aledo (10-0) vs. Aledo
2. Lamesa (9-1) vs. Seminole
3. Diboll (9-0) at No. 5 Crockett
4. Gatesville (9-0) at Lorena
5. Crockett (8-1) vs. No. 3 Diboll
6. Abilene Wylie (9-0) vs. Ballinger
7. Dargardfield (9-0) at Linden-Killeen
8. Commerce (9-0) vs. Princeton
9. Cuero (8-1) vs. Palacios
10. Madisonville (9-0) vs. Cleveland
11. Mart (9-0) at Franklin
12. Celina (9-0) at Aubrey
13. Refugio (9-0) vs. Kenedy
14. Sonora (9-0) at Eldorado
15. Olney (9-0) vs. Anson
16. Lone Oak (9-0) at Big Sandy
17. Arg (9-0) at Alto
18. Comfort (9-0) vs. Lago Vista
19. Rogers (8-1) vs. Lexington
20. Pilot Point (7-2) vs. Calisburg

Class 2A
1. Shiner (9-0) vs. Seabolt
2. Stratford (9-0) vs. No. 9 Nazareth
3. Paducah (9-0) vs. Knox City
4. Rankin (9-0) at Marfa
5. Jacksboro (9-0) vs. Big Lake
6. Roscoe (9-0) vs. Garden City
7. Windthorst (9-0) vs. Saint Jo
8. Iran (7-2) at Fort Davis
9. Beckville (8-1) at No. 2 Stratford
10. Beckville (8-1) at Cushing

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Tonight's Game
El Paso Buzzards at Odessa Jackalopes
7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum
Records
Jackalopes 5-2-1. Buzzards 4-5-3.
Radio
KMCM (FM 96.9). Broadcast Time - 6:40.

Last Five Games
Odessa 6, San Angelo 1
Odessa 5, Fort Worth 3
Odessa 4, Bossier-Shreveport 2
Odessa 1, El Paso 0
New Mexico 3, Odessa 2

Next 10 Games
Thursday El Paso 7 p.m.
Nov. 10 at El Paso 8:11 p.m.
Nov. 11 Lubbock 7 p.m.
Nov. 14 San Angelo 7 p.m.
Nov. 16 New Mexico 7 p.m.
Nov. 18 at Amarillo 7 p.m.
Nov. 22 at New Mexico 8:05 p.m.
Nov. 24 at Lubbock 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 25 at San Angelo 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 28 Amarillo 7 p.m.

Sports on TV

Today
COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Virginia at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m., ESPN.
GOLF — PGA, WGC American Express Championship, first round, 5 a.m., ESPN.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Coaches vs. Cancer (KON Classic): Kansas vs. UCLA, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2. Kentucky vs. St. Johns, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2.
NBA — Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7 p.m., ESPN2.

What's on Deck

Today
JUCO BASKETBALL — Midland College Chaparral Classic: Women, Barton County (Kan.) vs. Cochise (Ariz.) Community College, 6 p.m. Women, Midland College vs. Temple Junior College, 8 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Gretzky to lead Olympic hockey team
TORONTO — Wayne Gretzky, intent on bringing a gold medal to Canada, will lead his country's hockey team at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

He will be the executive director of the team for the Salt Lake City Games, with Toronto coach and general manager Pat Quinn the coach.

"We all understand the pressure we're under," Gretzky said Wednesday. "We all understand the situation that we're in, but we feel confident about our team."

"We have a vision," Quinn added, "and that vision is Canada with the gold."

Gretzky's last international game as a player came during Canada's loss to Finland in the bronze medal game at the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

"He is the ideal Canadian for this position," Canadian Hockey Association president Bob Nicholson said.

Nicholson has assembled what he hopes will be Canada's own dream team, one that will return Canadian hockey to supremacy.

Edmonton Oilers general manager Kevin Lowe will be the assistant executive director. Quinn's assistants will be Jacques Martin of the Ottawa Senators, Ken Hitchcock of the Dallas Stars and Wayne Fleming, coach of the Canadian national team program.

Gretzky is now part of a group that expects to complete the purchase of the Phoenix Coyotes by the end of the year. The Hall of Famer will be the head of hockey operations.

Nicholson said Gretzky will have the "final say" in his Olympic job but the coaches will run the team.

"I'm thrilled that Pat will be the head coach," Gretzky said. "And, quite frankly, with him and his staff, Kevin and I and Bob will give them our recommendations. But, at the end of the day, it's his hockey team," Gretzky said.

New York Rangers winger Theoren Fleury, a member of the 1998 Canadian team, called the choice of Gretzky "exciting for Canadian hockey."

"Over the years as a player he's gained a lot of experience and played on a lot of winning teams," Fleury said during the NHL's weekly conference call. "Obviously, he has a good feel for the players in the league that he will pick from."

Hingis, Davenport advances
VILLANOVA, Pa. — Defending champion Lindsay Davenport had little trouble with fellow American Lisa Raymond, gaining a 6-2, 6-3 win in the Advanta Championships on Wednesday.

Davenport was aggressive from the beginning, breaking serve in the first game and not allowing Raymond a break point in the match.

"Getting on top quickly with the first break in the first game really helped my confidence," said Davenport. "I wanted to put pressure on her to win serve every time."

Davenport, ranked second in the world and seeded No. 2 in the tournament, has been a finalist in the last three Advantas. She broke serve in the first game and seemed in control the rest of the way.

Glantz-Culver Line

For November 8	NCAA Football	Today	Underdog
FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	UNDERDOG
at Georgia Tech	11:12	9:12	Virginia
at Michigan	16:12	15:12	Penn St.
at West Virginia	16:12	15:12	Duke
at N.C. State	24:12	19:12	at Temple
at Miami	6:12	9:12	at Wake Forest
at Florida State	4:12	7:12	at Wake Forest
at East Carolina	14:12	14:12	at Wake Forest
at North Carolina	6:12	7:12	at Wake Forest
at Indiana	6:12	7:12	at Wake Forest
at Purdue	6:12	7:12	at Wake Forest
at Northwestern	11:12	12:12	at Wake Forest
at Mississippi	3:12	2:12	at Wake Forest
at Texas Tech	14:12	14:12	at Wake Forest
at Illinois	16:12	14:12	at Wake Forest
at Ohio U.	8:12	9:12	at Wake Forest
at Michigan State	34:12	34:12	at Wake Forest
at Toledo	4:12	6:12	at Wake Forest
at Kentucky	4:12	6:12	at Wake Forest
at Missouri	12:12	12:12	at Wake Forest
at Colorado	5:12	4:12	at Wake Forest
at Oklahoma	9:12	10:12	at Wake Forest
at Louisville	18:12	18:12	at Wake Forest
at Cincinnati	1:12	2:12	at Wake Forest
at Texas Tech	3:12	3:12	at Wake Forest
at Colorado State	11:12	11:12	at Wake Forest
at Boise State	16:12	16:12	at Wake Forest
at Utah	14:12	14:12	at Wake Forest
at Notre Dame	10:12	9:12	at Wake Forest
at Mississippi St.	7:12	7:12	at Wake Forest
at Georgia	11:12	11:12	at Wake Forest
at Nebraska	4:12	4:12	at Wake Forest
at Ohio St.	7:12	7:12	at Wake Forest
at Oregon	13:12	13:12	at Wake Forest
at Southern Miss	10:12	10:12	at Wake Forest
at UNLV	7:12	7:12	at Wake Forest

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San Jose State University fans carried off the goal posts Saturday night — right after the SJSU football team carried off TCU's BCS bowl hopes with a 27-24 victory.

Frogs must try to recover focus after loss rips BCS hopes away

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — One unexpected loss answered the questions for Texas Christian. No undefeated season. No BCS bowl.

Now comes what may be an even tougher challenge for the Horned Frogs than their attempt to reach those lofty goals. They have to bounce back from the bitter disappointment of losing to try to salvage a conference title and other goals.

"The problem that everybody has had to deal with is that the things they lost were rare and hard to get," said TCU coach Dennis Franchione. "There's still a lot on the table. The difficult thing is they seem pale compared to what you lost."

TCU had a 12-game winning streak, the nation's longest, and had moved to ninth in the BCS standings. While a longshot for a national title shot, the Horned Frogs were getting closer to a possible BCS bowl.

Until a 27-24 loss at San Jose State late Saturday night.

"If we go 11-1 and go to a bowl game, that game will be with me for the rest of my life. That's how devastating it was to me," said linebacker Shannon Brazzell. After the loss, the Frogs (7-1, 4-1 WAC) fell out of the top 15 of the BCS standings, and tumbled nine spots in the AP poll just one week after ending a 41-year hiatus from the top 10. No. 1 Oklahoma is now the nation's only undefeated team.

"Not really believing that we had lost, that's what it felt like," said LaDainian Tomlinson, the nation's leading rusher (181 ypg).

"It felt like a dream, and I'm thinking I'm okay, I'm going to wake up."

"The key is to realize you still have a lot to play for. But it's so hard to think about it actually when you had it right there in front of you."

The stakes aren't as high, but still important.

The Frogs are trying to claim a share of the Western Athletic Conference title, in their last season in the league before moving to Conference USA. They are tied for second in the WAC with San Jose and Fresno State (5-3, 4-1), their opponent Saturday, and play league-leading Texas-El Paso (7-2, 6-0) the next week.

They can still be the first TCU team to go to three straight bowl games, though the postseason trip most likely will be back to Mobile, Ala., against a C-USA team. The Frogs beat East Carolina last year in the inaugural Mobile Bowl.

Franchione, who took the loss maybe harder than any of his players, is reminding them not to give up on the goals that are still in reach.

"We can still finish ranked, we can still win a piece of the conference championship, we can still go to postseason play ... we can be the first team ever to go to three bowl games in a row," Franchione said. "So there's a lot of specialness left to achieve in the season. That's part of the challenge."

The irony is that no matter what the Frogs now accomplish, this

season will be considered by some as a disappointment.

Forget that this team was just 1-10 and lost 10 straight games in 1997, the year before Franchione arrived. Expectations were high, and talk of an undefeated record had been prominent since months before the season even began.

"People have got to realize, and I'm not making excuses, but in a couple of years, we've come a long way," Tomlinson said. "There's still things you learn along the way while you are climbing. This team is still learning how to deal with things like what happened Saturday night on the road."

Even with TCU's loss, Tomlinson remains a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate.

After leading the nation with 1,850 yards rushing last season, including an NCAA I-A single-game record 406 against UTEP, he leads the nation in rushing and scoring (12.8 ppg) this year. He has rushed for at least 119 yards in every game, including 155 at San Jose.

Still, Franchione expresses some concerns about the loss on Tomlinson's chance to win the Heisman.

"I don't think it helped. I think some of it will deal with how we finish. There's still some time yet and he didn't have a bad game," Franchione said. "We've always had some odds to fight in that. Maybe they're a little bigger than they were."

More Sports/8C

Aggies seek to improve 0-8 mark vs. No. 1 teams

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

After 23 years, Texas A&M gets another shot at the No. 1 team in the nation.

The last time, on Nov. 26, 1977, No. 1 Texas came to College Station and beat the Aggies 57-28 — dropping Texas A&M to 0-8 against top-ranked teams in the AP poll.

This time, No. 1 Oklahoma (8-0, 5-0 Big 12) visits Kyle Field on Saturday in a game that has as much significance for the 23rd-ranked Aggies (7-2, 5-1) as it does for the Sooners.

While Oklahoma has visions of a national championship, the Sooners must first beat Texas A&M, win the Big 12 South and advance to the league title game on Dec. 2. A loss puts the Aggies in position to win the division and knock the Sooners out of title contention.

Texas A&M can't wait to challenge top Heisman Trophy contender Josh Heupel and an offense scoring 45.9 points per game, tops in the nation. The Aggies also would like to avenge last year's 51-6 loss in Norman, Okla.

"These are the fun games," Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said. "This is the fun part of coaching. I hate the games where nobody's excited and you're supposed to win. Those things are a coach's nightmare. It's fun to get to these types of games where you can say there's no question that the team we're playing is a great team and it's going to be a good ballgame."

OU coach Bob Stoops is all business.

"This is another big game, and we've had a bunch of 'em," Stoops said. "Our preparation never changes. ... I don't see any pressure. ... This is what we do. We're supposed to play well. We're going to be prepared to play well and go about our business like we always do."

Do they ever! The Sooners are coming off a 56-7 win over Baylor. Heupel threw for 313 yards

College Picks

and three touchdowns and ran for another before taking off the second half. In the big games, OU has been awesome — winning at then-No. 2 Kansas State 41-31 before coming back after a week off to beat then-No. 1 Nebraska 31-14.

The Aggies, under quarterback Mark Farris, have shown signs they can play with the Sooners. Farris has thrown for 2,042 yards and eight TDs, and the Aggies average nearly 29 points per game.

The Wrecking Crew leads the Big 12 in scoring defense — allowing 13.1 points per game — and are tied with the Sooners for the lead in interceptions at 16. The Aggies are allowing just 6.8 points per game in their last four games, including a 26-10 win over Kansas State.

Plus, Oklahoma has lost eight in a row at College Station in a series that began with a Sooners' win in 1903.

The picks:

No. 1 Oklahoma (minus 10) at No. 23 Texas A&M

Wrecking Crew capable of dismantling Sooners' perfect-season plans. ... TEXAS A&M, 28-24.

Pittsburgh (plus 21) at No. 2 Miami

'Canes need to win big to impress BCS computers. ... MIAMI, 41-24.

No. 3 Florida State (minus 47) at Wake Forest

Weinke can pass for 600 yards if 'Noles want him to. ... FLORIDA STATE, 56-7.

No. 4 Nebraska (minus 4) at No. 16 Kansas State

Don't look too far ahead, Huskers — K-State is a dangerous foe. ... NEBRASKA, 31-24.

No. 21 South Carolina (plus 14) at No. 5 Florida

Believe it or not, this one's for the SEC East and spot in league title game. ... FLORIDA, 38-14.

California (plus 13 1/2) at No. 6 Oregon

Ducks can move within a win of Rose Bowl with 20th in a row at home. ... OREGON, 31-21.

UCLA (plus 7) at No. 7 Washington

Huskies coach Neuheisel goes for

first win over alma mater. ... WASHINGTON, 33-31.

No. 8 Virginia Tech (no line) at Central Florida

Hokies need semi-healthy Vick to avoid huge upset. ... VIRGINIA TECH, 31-24.

No. 9 Purdue (minus 8) at Michigan State

As Boilemakers move closer to Rose Bowl, QB Brees moves up in Heisman race. ... PURDUE, 42-24.

No. 10 Oregon State (plus 1) at Arizona

Beavers have never won in Tucson — they're 0-10. ... ARIZONA, 27-24.

Boston College (plus 9) at No. 11 Notre Dame

BC QB Hasselbeck out with injury; Irish head to BCS game (Fiesta or Sugar) if they win out. ... NOTRE DAME, 31-20.

No. 12 Northwestern (minus 12 1/2) at Iowa

No way Hawkeyes can slow down Wildcats and RB Anderson. ... NORTHWESTERN, 45-18.

No. 13 Ohio State (minus 7) at Illinois

Buckeyes need to step up intensity to win this one. ... ILLINOIS, 28-24.

No. 14 Georgia (minus 1 1/2) at No. 22 Auburn

Tigers still in SEC West title chase. ... AUBURN, 31-28.

Alabama (plus 7) at No. 15 Mississippi State

Buildups ready to hand befuddled 'Bama loss No. 7. ... MISSISSIPPI STATE, 33-23.

Fresno State (plus 13) at No. 18 TCU

Horned Frogs bounce back after last week's shocking loss. ... TCU, 31-13.

No. 19 Texas (minus 13) at Kansas

No QB controversy at Texas: Applewhite's hurt, Simms starts. ... TEXAS, 31-21.

Penn State (plus 15 1/2) at No. 20 Michigan

Wolverines set to bounce back and hand JoePa and Lions loss No. 7. ... MICHIGAN, 42-13.

Virginia (plus 9 1/2) at No. 24 Georgia Tech

In last game, Tech QB Godsey threw for school-record, 454 yards vs. Clemson. ... GEORGIA TECH, 41-28.

No. 25 Southern Mississippi (minus 10) at Alabama-Birmingham

Golden Eagles' defense bounces back after allowing 7 TDs last week. ... SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, 35-20.

Last week: 13-3 (straight); 9-5-2 (vs. points)

Season: 150-41 (straight); 101-81-2 (vs. points)

NCAA investigates violations at Baylor

WACO (AP) — The NCAA is investigating two alleged rule infractions at Baylor University.

In one case, a former Baylor assistant football coach allegedly reimbursed the parents of a prospective student-athlete for a college entrance examination preparatory course. That student nev-

er enrolled at Baylor.

No one now affiliated with the university is part of the allegation. Baylor football coaching staff members reported the case to the NCAA once they discovered the alleged violation, university officials said.

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Previous	\$30.50

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Previous	\$5.081

Futures surge

NEW YORK — Heating oil futures surged late at the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday following a report that estimated lower supplies and higher demand in the fourth quarter.

U.S. heating oil inventories in the fourth quarter were cut by 7 million barrels to 120 million barrels, the Energy Information Administration said Wednesday in its monthly short-term energy outlook. The EIA also raised its estimate of fourth-quarter heating oil demand by 50,000 barrels per day to 3.83 million barrels per day.

Heating oil for December delivery rose 1 cent to 95.93 cents, but those gains are expected to be short-lived. The American Petroleum Institute reported Tuesday a build of distillate stocks, which include heating oil, of 1.35 million barrels, while the Department of Energy showed stocks grew by 2.1 million barrels for the week ended Nov. 3.

December natural gas futures jerked upward 25.7 cents to settle at \$5.338 per 1,000 cubic feet, with buying by funds amid short-term expectations of wintry temperatures arriving next week.

Oil and products futures had spent most of the day in negative territory following news that Iraq had resumed oil loadings at its Ceyhan terminal in Turkey Wednesday, after halting exports Tuesday.

Crude futures gave up some of Tuesday's gains caused by Iraq halting exports from Ceyhan for 12 to 24 hours, possibly to spur the United Nations to more quickly convert their oil revenue account from dollars to euros. The new account was set up Tuesday, U.N. sources said. But traders said they will continue to keep an eye on Iraq.

Dollar higher

LONDON — The U.S. dollar rose against the other major currencies in European trading Wednesday.

The euro was quoted at 85.49 cents in late European trading, down from 86.02 cents Tuesday. Later, the euro gave up its post-intervention gains and fell below the technical level of 86 cents, trading at 85.24 cents in midday trading in New York.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Tuesday, included 107.58 Japanese yen, up from 107.01; 1.7759 Swiss francs, up from 1.7674; 1.5410 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5299.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4230 down from \$1.4339.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 107.40 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.4208.

Based on euro rates, the dollar is worth 2.2870 German marks, up from 2.2726; 7.6702 French francs, up from 7.6221; 2.5768 Dutch guilders, up from 2.5607; 2.264.11 Italian lire, up from 2,249.91.

Gold lower

Gold closed in London at \$263.95 bid per troy ounce, down from \$264.25 on Tuesday. In Zurich the bid price was \$263.95, down from \$264.70. Gold rose 20 cents in Hong Kong to close at \$264.95.

Silver closed in London at \$4.72 bid per troy ounce, unchanged.

Investors weigh who will be president

By Amy Baldwin
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street spent Wednesday wondering how to turn the unresolved presidential election to its advantage, but stocks still ended a choppy session mostly lower amid the continuing political uncertainty.

With the election outcome hinging on a vote recount in Florida, investors returned to their recent trading pattern, focusing on and selling high-tech issues.

The tech-dominated Nasdaq composite index closed down 184.09 at 3,231.70.

The Dow Jones industrial average, unable to hold its gains, fell 45.12 to 10,907.06 after briefly hitting 11,000 earlier. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 22.59 to 1,409.28.

Investors who have been trading care-

fully since Friday in anticipation of Election Day weren't sure where to invest given the undecided presidency.

"Do you buy all service and oil stocks because of George W. Bush? Or, do you short health care companies because of Al Gore? Or, do you buy financial stocks because they're safe? This is what's going on in investors' minds," said Larry Rice, chief investment officer for Josephthal & Co.

Analysts predicted more of the same until the election results are known. Florida officials said the recount should be finished by the end of the day Thursday.

Technology issues moved lower as investors remained uneasy about future profits. Investors began dumping tech stocks in September, before a litany of companies announced disappointing earnings and lowered their expectations for the

current quarter.

Dell was off \$2.25 at \$30.31, while network equipment manufacturer Cisco lost \$4.63, closing at \$52.13.

Computer chip maker Intel, a Dow stock, fell \$3.50 to \$42.69.

"Investors have been getting out of tech stocks and being defensive by buying Dow and non-tech stocks," said Dan Ascani, president and senior research director for Global Market Strategists in Gainesville, Ga.

Investors, who seemed poised by October's end to put money back into the markets, are holding on to their cash, he said.

"We are missing some of the buy volume," Ascani said. "Not knowing who is going to win as president means investors don't know whether the president will be friendly to big business and corporate America. (For example), they are not cer-

tain about policies toward tobacco or pharmaceuticals."

Drug and health care concerns built on early gains. Eli Lilly picked up \$3 to close at \$90.44 and Merck, a Dow component, rose \$3.81 to \$90.81. Health insurer UnitedHealth Group rose \$1.75 to \$110.50.

Food and tobacco company Philip Morris gained \$1.69, closing at \$36.69.

Financial firms, often considered safe buys in flat or down markets, were generally lower. Banker J.P. Morgan dropped \$3.56 to \$159.69. Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, which analysts downgraded earlier in the day, also fell \$3.56 to \$73.06.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers 13-to-11 on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 1.08 billion shares, up from 1.06 billion Tuesday.

Putting the sock to sleep



This photo shows the Peta.com sock puppet. The San Francisco-based pet products company, known for its commercials with the sock-puppet dog and the slogan "Because pets can't drive", said Tuesday that it is closing down after failing to find a financial backer or buyer. This marks the third major online supplier of pet-based goods to fold in recent months, following Petopia.com and Petstore.com.

Lawrence Brothers IGA Store replaces Fiesta Foods

By Judy Serbantez
MRT Correspondent

Jay Lawrence, the current mayor of Sweetwater, announced on Wednesday the Fiesta Foods Store at 2200 Rankin Highway is now Lawrence Brothers IGA.

"We are cutting prices and changing logos," Lawrence said at a ribbon-cutting ceremony held Wednesday to recognize the name change. "A number of specials will be running during our grand-opening."

The store is gaining a new food label, Best Yet, the national brand from Fleming Foods Inc. Lawrence says the new label is one of the many changes Lawrence Brothers IGA hopes to make to bring quality foods at lower prices to the community.

The Lawrence Brothers IGA stores are family owned and have been in operation since 1929. The Lawrences started

the family grocery business 77 years ago with the purchase of Piggly Wiggly in Sweetwater. The brothers now have 25 stores in 20 cities within a 140-mile radius of Abilene.

"Right now the 25 stores are very excited to be in Midland, and hope to continue operating on the economical scale," Lawrence said. "Research has been done on the south side, and the data shows the area needs a good grocery store. The current employees will stay on, but the changes occur in the merchandise. The changes made will offer a better selection, and lower prices to the community."

Currently, Lawrence Brothers IGA stores offer pharmacies, delis, bakeries, and floral departments in selected stores.

Dawn Webster, the program coordinator for the Midland Chamber of Commerce, said the store is good for Midland and its overall economy.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Jay Lawrence, mayor of Sweetwater and partial owner of the Lawrence Brothers IGA stores, stands before the produce section of a Lawrence Brothers IGA at 2200 Rankin Highway.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Learn when to jump from a sinking stock

By Eric Tyson

Q: I just started to "invest" in the stock market earlier this year. I bought Breakaway Solutions at \$31.50 per share, and now it's down to \$6. I know I should have gotten out when my losses weren't so bad, but now I want to know if you think it's a good idea to wait it out, or should I dump this stock and take the loss? It seems to be posting good news all the time, but since the market is fluctuating so badly I don't know what to think about all of this.



Tyson

A: Investing in individual stocks of your own choosing is far more risky and dangerous than buying into a diversified portfolio of stocks such as

those contained in a typical stock mutual fund. Buying into an Internet consulting company was even more perilous.

This stock has been incredibly volatile — even before you bought into it. Within just a few short months, it had zoomed from \$20 per share up to \$80 per share, and within a few more months, quickly plunged below where you bought it — falling at one point to less than \$3 per share!

Posting of news is irrelevant. The key question is, given this company's financial situation and reasonable future prospects, what is the stock worth? You haven't done your homework, and I'm sure you can't answer this question.

Your approach to investing is analogous to someone who is interested in learning to fly an airplane taking a Boeing 747 jumbo jet out for a spin his first time out! Fortunately, there are laws and regulations that prevent that from happening. Unfortunately for investors like you, there's nothing to stop you from getting in way over

your head, which is what you have done.

You've got to learn to walk before you can run. I suggest you start investing the bulk of your money in efficiently managed mutual funds. You could earmark a small portion — up to 20 percent or so — of your money for individual stock purchases. However I strongly urge you to begin investing in more conservative, larger-company stocks and that you do your homework before you buy any.

Q: My mom sent some money for my kids to use toward college savings. I have looked at custodial accounts and the state Section 529 plans, of which there seems to be advantages and disadvantages. What should I do?

A: Generally speaking, your best bet is to invest college money for your children in your own name. Unless you are so affluent that you can afford to pay for the full cost of college education for your children, putting money in your kids' names can harm your

ability to qualify for financial aid.

Affluent people can benefit from contributing money to a custodial account, as the first \$1,400 of investment returns on such accounts is taxed at the child's rate prior to age 14 (all income after turning age 14 is taxable to the child). However, these accounts have a downside in that the money is legally your child's when he or she reaches 18 or 21 (age varies by state).

I've also written in the past about the state Section 529 plans. Money in the plan compounds tax-deferred, and if withdrawn to pay for college (or graduate school) tuition, room, board and other related higher-education expenses, the investment earnings and growth are taxed at the student's rate. Be aware that a future Congress could change the tax laws affecting these plans and diminish the tax breaks or increase the penalties for nonqualified withdrawals.

Eric Tyson's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Another executive leaves troubled Priceline.com

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — The head of Priceline.com's auto-services business left the troubled name-your-own-price Internet company on the same day its chief financial officer quit. But Priceline didn't announce Maryann Keller's departure last week when it said CFO Heidi Miller was leaving.

Keller's departure was first reported by The Wall Street Journal on Wednesday. The former auto analyst told the newspaper she thinks the experiment of selling cars online has failed.

"For car buying, the Internet is an idea whose time has not yet come and may never," she said.

Keller said she left after she was asked to lay off half of her 23-person staff. Priceline said last week it was cutting 16 percent of its 535-member work force.

A Priceline spokesman confirmed Keller's departure but said it "has absolutely no effect on our auto business." The division is being run by Pamela Caputo, vice president of automotive sales.

Priceline, which began offering name-your-own price airline tickets two years ago, has faced increased competition for its core business from other Internet travel sites and airlines themselves. The company's efforts to develop other markets have also faltered.

Last month Priceline's grocery and gasoline licensee, WebHouse Club, announced it was shutting down. The same day, Perfect Yardsale Inc., which offered used merchandise through Priceline, also said it was going out of business.

Priceline's stock plunged 38 percent as a result of those announcements, and it dropped further after the company warned last week that its fourth-quarter revenue would drop because of slowing demand for its airline ticket service.

It was the same story on Wednesday. Priceline stock fell 24 percent to close at \$3.25, well off the 52-week high of \$104.25.

BUSINESS BRIEF

The Human Resource Professionals of the Permian Basin will meet Nov. 14 beginning at noon at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, FM 1788 and Highway 191. Guest speaker Russell Calk, assistant professor of accountancy at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, will give an overview of professional ethics. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Reservations should be made by noon Friday by calling 685-7247.

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1601 24.44	+31			TWA	15487	1.98	-66	Oracle s	6284340	24.81	-1.75
3682 45.25	+44			DJIA	14843108	75	-1.00	Cisco s	5821554	52.13	-4.63

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199808		61.11 -7.13	SPDR	80732140	56	-3.19	WorldCom	8713302	16.94	-94
151601		24.44 +31	TWA	15467	1.86	-86	Oracle	6282340	24.81	-1.75
143662		45.25 +44	DJIA Diam	148483108	75	-100	Cisco	5821524	52.13	-4.63

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C	3.94	+49	+16.2	Metromdia	3.80	+75	+24.8	5B Tech	2.83	+78	+42.4
	12.00	+1.50	+14.3	BlondT	6.00	+81	+15.5	Infactivn	7.00	+2.00	+34.0
	4.56	+56	+14.1	SevensSeas	3.25	+44	+15.7	Gadznxx	6.13	+56	+43.2
	8.81	+1.06	+13.7	EaglwN	3.75	+44	+13.2	Dynex p/A	8.38	+2.06	+32.7
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	12.00	-1.50	-14.3	BlondT	6.00	-81	-15.5	Infactivn	7.00	-2.00	-34.0
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	8.81	-1.06	-13.7	EaglwN	3.75	-44	-13.2	Dynex p/A	8.38	-2.06	-32.7

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	12.13	-1.81	-13.0	Frnsh pl	2.00	-50	-200.0	2X n	7.00	-2.50	-35.7
	46.94	-7.00	-11.0	NHtore	1.13	50	13.9	Extensy n	11.86	-4.13	-25.6
sp	6.06	-81	-11.8	DuckHd n	2.88	-44	-13.2	proline n	3.25	-1.03	-24.1
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ghs	89	New Highs	11	New Highs	52
ws	31	New Lows	13	New Lows	152
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INDEXES						
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02/02	47	Dow Jones Transportation	2,777.07	+850	+23	-6.72	-7.82
04/03	72	Dow Jones Utilities	390.20	+82	+21	+37.70	+31.23
03/19	575.01	NYSE Composite	681.80	-2.72	-41	+1.77	+5.21
04/26	804.66	Amex Index	920.83	+153	+17	+4.96	+12.85
02/32	3,026.11	Nasdaq Composite	2,331.70	-184.09	-53.99	-20.58	-2.40
05/11	1,305.79	S&P 500	1,409.28	-22.59	-1.58	-4.08	+2.81
04/16	441.34	Russell 2000	500.88	-5.33	-105	-8.1	+11.58
03/25	12,354.82	Wilshire 5000	13,152.58	-250.19	-1.87	-4.78	+3.94

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MCHS linemen leave no questions unanswered

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

At the beginning of the season, there were many questions concerning Midland Christian's offensive and defensive lines, considering the Mustangs lost five starters to graduation from last year's team.

But what was a big question mark at the beginning of the year has turned into a strength for the Mustangs as both lines have come up huge this year for 7-3 Midland Christian. The offensive line has paved the way for running back Josh Gunter to rush for 1,000 yards, while quarterback Jamie Beeghley has thrown for 1,700 more and has not been sacked.

The defensive line, which is made up of many of the same players as the offensive line, has yielded an average of 130 yards on the ground.

"We've all just come together as a unit and have played great," said junior J.D. Machacek, who plays on both lines.

Having these players achieve as much as they have together has allowed the Mustangs to be versatile on offense and stingy on defense.

"That's one of the reasons that our passing game is the way it is," said Midland Christian head coach Greg McClendon, who will lead his Mustangs to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A bi-district playoffs against Dallas Bishop Dunne at 2 p.m. Saturday. "When our quarterback drops back into the pocket, he has time to look down the field and find his receivers."

"Our defensive line is the same way. They have really stepped up this year. They've played extremely aggressive and made it tough to run the football."

Seven guys make up the lines, and they include: Machacek (6-foot-1, 240 pounds) at right tackle and strongside defensive end; senior Roan Moreno (5-11, 235) at right guard/defensive tackle; junior Jacob Cannon (5-10, 235) at center/defensive tackle; senior Dustin Hull (6-0, 190) at left guard/defensive tackle; senior Brandon Tobias (5-9, 200) at right tackle; senior Phillip Prude (6-2, 195) at weakside defensive end; and senior Justin Carlile (5-9, 200) at guard.

"We tell them that they're the heartbeat of our football team," McClendon said. "Wherever they take us is where we're going to go."

"I've been impressed with the way we've come about as a unit," said Moreno, who transferred to Midland Christian after starting 15 straight games for the 1999 state championship Midland Lee Rebels. "I really feel comfortable with this offensive line."

The offensive line probably started developing as a strong unit in the second half of the Kermit game (a 28-13 win), the fourth contest of the season.

"We saw some good things early in the season, but because of injuries, we never got a rhythm going until the fourth game of the season," McClendon said. "Against Kermit, they came on, and they blew holes, and we came back to beat them. It was in large part due to that offensive line. I think we scored on all four drives of the second half."

"We've come a long way, and we're just getting stronger every week," Carlile said.

It took time for the players to gel, because the Mustangs had a rash of injuries at the beginning of the year and the team struggled. By getting people healthy, the chemistry started to develop.

"We got over the bumps and bruises," Moreno said. "I think once we got settled in, we got used to playing with each other and knew we could lean on each other."

"After the second loss of the season, we decided that was it," Tobias said. "We decided that we weren't going to let anybody touch Jamie (Beeghley). Since then, Jamie hasn't been sacked."

And once the lines got settled in, the Mustangs started to click as a team and went on a six-game winning streak, which ended last week in a heart-breaking loss to Fort Worth Christian.

"The second half against Fort Worth Christian, even though we lost 35-28, they never died," McClendon said. "They were the big reason we came back. They blew holes open and allowed Josh Gunter to make some nice runs. They gave us the protection we needed to get our passes off, and we came roaring back."

"Last week we had a little trouble, but this week we plan on doing better," Hull said. "We just need to protect Jamie and not let him get hurt, and give Gunter the ball and let him run for another 1,000 yards."

Having players Gunter and Beeghley succeed not only gives the offensive line confidence, but a lot of pride.

"The line gets credit for just about anything we do in the backfield," Hull said.

Both Midland Christian lines have produced this season even though they've come up against bigger opponents. A reason they've succeeded even though they're undersized is that they've executed, according to offensive line coach Van Gravitt.

"The boys got their heads in the right place and they communicate with each other," Gravitt said. "And they know that if they can give those backs a crease, Josh and Jamie can make something happen."

"I don't think there's a written rule in football that says, 'You've got to be big to be good,'" McClendon said. "It's the heart that they play with and the tenacity they come off the ball with. They may not be quite as big, but they stagger their opponents, get them on their heels and our backs get through there."

Being undersized hasn't bothered the players.

"(Being undersized) just makes us work harder," Tobias said. "But I don't think I've come against someone shorter than me."

They've also had great unity along the lines, and that's another reason for their success this season. The coaches noted an example of the players' unity when they started holding hands in practice,

Mustang Linemen



J.D. Machacek
Junior
6-foot-1, 240 pounds
Offense: Right tackle
Defense: Strongside end

Coach's comments: "He's always been a good football player but he's turned into a great football player," said Midland Christian head coach Greg McClendon. "He's a stronghold on both the offensive and defensive side of the football."

Machacek

Roan Moreno

Senior
5-11, 235 pounds
Offense: Right guard
Defense: Tackle

Coach's comments: "When you put J.D. and Roan side by side, the other side of the line is in trouble," McClendon said.



Moreno



Jacob Cannon
Junior
5-10, 235 pounds
Offense: Center
Defense: Tackle

Coach's comments: "He's been the picture of consistency," McClendon said. "He had a huge game last week against Fort Worth Christian. They went 290 and 325 over him and he stood them up all night long."

Cannon

Dustin Hull

Senior
6-0, 190 pounds
Offense: Left guard
Defense: Tackle

Coach's comments: "He thrives on his quickness and really does a good job getting penetration on our defense and causing grief," McClendon said. "He's the quickest we've got on our football team and plays hard."



Hull



Brandon Tobias
Senior
5-9, 200 pounds
Offense: Right tackle

Coach's comments: "He's a kid that comes off the football and knows who to block every time," McClendon said. "He does a good job and rarely ever makes a mistake. He's also a kid that's played hurt for us this year and has given us everything he's got."

Tobias

Phillip Prude

Senior
6-2, 195 pounds
Defense: Weakside end

Coach's comments: "He'll play whatever we needed him to play," McClendon said. "He's a quarterback but he does everything we need him to. He's made some huge plays in big games."



Prude



Justin Carlile
Senior
5-9, 200 pounds
Backup guard

Coach's comments: "He's really had a good year coming off the football and blocking people," McClendon said. "He's like our sixth man in football," said offensive line coach Van Gravitt.

Carlile

which is something they were never told to do by the coaches.

"You can have a huge line with a couple of 300-pound guys, but if you don't have that togetherness, it won't work," Carlile said. "Even if you're smaller, if you're together, you'll work together. When we started holding hands it was to make sure that we were on the same page and together more. That's when we started coming together more and started getting big yardage from our running backs."

"I was surprised that we gelled the way we have," Hull said. "After Seagraves (a 35-14 loss in the third game of the season) I thought it was going to be one of those seasons. But we've come together and done a good job."

continue to play and/or if he feels he can still play.

But he also knows how tough it was for him last weekend, when for the first time in his 12-year career, he watched the Cowboys play from his living room.

"It was very difficult to do. I stood up most of the second half," Aikman said. "I'm hopeful that the carpet in my living room was softer than the turf in Philly."

Aikman said he will do as he does every year when evaluating his future. He said any decision will be based on if he wants to

LOCAL SPORTS

Sub-varsity games changed

Game times and the site for the sophomore and junior varsity football games between Midland High and Midland Lee have been changed for today.

The sophomore teams will meet at 1 p.m. at Lee Freshman while the two junior varsity teams will play at 3 p.m. also at Lee Freshman.

The games were changed due to the wet field at Memorial Stadium. The MHS and Lee varsity will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday as scheduled at Memorial Stadium.

Helmet raffle to be held

The Midland Fire Department will raffle off three college football helmets as a fund-raiser for the Rescue Cam campaign.

More Sports/3D

The Riddell full-sized helmets are from the University of Texas, Texas Tech and Texas A&M. They are autographed by those teams' coaches.

Tickets are \$1 each and are available at the Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall. Interested persons may also call 685-7333.

Ticket delivery is available for a \$20 donation (20 tickets). Tickets will also be sold in the parking lot of Stadium Sports during the MHS-Lee game Friday and will also be available at the Greenwood football game Friday. The raffle will be held Dec. 2.

Two Midlanders at nationals

Two Midland volleyball players will get to play for a national championship on Nov. 20-22.

Former MHS player Keisha Smith and former Lee player Danielle Dickey both play for Vernon Regional College. The Lady Chaparrals have earned entry into the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament at Overland Park, Kan. Vernon won the Region V tournament in Gainesville recently.

The Lady Chaps are 32-11 on the season and had a 12-2 conference record.

Smith is a freshman setter/outside hitter while Dickey is a freshman outside hitter.

Correction

In Sunday's Reporter-Telegram, it was listed that John Norman was the son of Jerry and Rose Norman. John is the son of Jerry and Sheila Norman.

BEARKATS: Garden City must get past sixth-ranked Roscoe

(From 1C)

Rotan one game behind. No matter what Rotan does against Sterling City, the Bearkats will make the playoffs if they beat Roscoe, and if they win by nine or more points, they'll win the district championship. If the Bearkats lose, their season is over.

While Garden City has played well in district, Wesley thinks more than effort will be required to beat Roscoe.

"We're going to need a little bit of everything," said Wesley. "We'll need luck, we'll need execution and we'll need almost everything else."

Last week's 30-12 win over Roby put the Bearkats in position to play for a playoff spot this week, and it's as good a blueprint as any to explain Garden City's resurgence. The Bearkats displayed their usual stout defense, holding Roby to under 200 total yards, and rolled up 280 yards on the ground.

That formula has been a factor in Garden City's rise, especially when you consider the Bearkats were rated 112th out of 133 Class A teams in Texas before the season, according to Wesley. Roscoe, on the other hand, has been in the top 10 since the beginning of the season and hasn't disappointed yet.

"They're so big," said Wesley of the Plowboys. "Their skill people are about 6-2, 180 pounds and their linemen are huge too."

Despite not being so big, Garden City's defense has been effective. The 12 points the Bearkats gave up to Roby last week marked only the second time in the last eight games that they've allowed an opponent to reach double figures.

But Garden City will have to contend with something it hasn't had to worry about this season — the wishbone. Behind quarterback Chase Holland and halfback Nick Anthony, the Plowboys can give opposing defenses fits, something Wesley is ready for.

"When we run our 4-3 defense in practice, we've worked all year long on the veer option," said

Wesley of an offense similar to the wishbone. "Our kids all year long have been trying to understand that. It helps you out on stopping the dive and reading the quarterback."

Big Spring faces No. 9 Frenship

Big Spring also faces the challenge of stopping a strong offense, although Frenship runs nothing in common with the wishbone. When the Tigers arrive in Big Spring for Friday's 7:30 p.m. kickoff, they'll go to the air to accumulate yards.

Neither team is in a desperate situation, and Frenship even knows who its first round playoff opponent will be, since it has been designated the big school out of 4-4A and will play Hereford out of District 3-4A. Big Spring and Andrews fall into the small school category (Division II), although neither team knows its opponent.

Yet, the winner of Big Spring-Frenship will claim at least a piece of the district title, making the game more than intriguing.

"They're a playoff team and we're all in the same boat," said Big Spring coach Dwight Butler of Frenship. "We'd still like to win a district championship."

Big Spring (6-3 overall) sat atop the district at 5-0 prior to last week's 35-21 loss to Snyder, dropping the Steers into a three-way tie with Frenship and Andrews for first place. The defense and running game which carried the Steers into the post-season took hits against Snyder, as Big Spring gave up 257 yards on the ground and ran for only 119.

Worse yet, Big Spring committed five turnovers, something that can't happen from here on out.

"They've come ready to go (in practice) and they're very attentive," said Butler of his team. "As far as practices go, last week they weren't bad, but it's always a crap shoot as to how a team will play. You turn the ball over that many times and you aren't going to beat anybody."

STANTON: Buffalos need to win

(From 1C)

ty of talent. They are led by Melvin Fisher, an outstanding running back, and a hard-nosed defense which has only given up 53 points in four district games.

"They've had some injuries to overcome this season, but they are still a quality football team," said Cotton about Seagraves, which is coming off a 13-6 loss to Coahoma.

The Buffs are coming off an impressive 46-6 win in Forsan in which they rushed for 525 yards and only gave up 174 total yards.

"We played really well," said Cotton about the win in Forsan. "This is the first Stanton team that I've been associated with that had success in Forsan."

Cotton would like a repeat showing from his team against Seagraves.

"We have to keep them from making the big play and we have to find a way to move the football against that stingy defense,"

said Cotton, on the key to Friday night's contest.

Greenwood goes for top seed against Denver City

The Greenwood Rangers hope to gain the top seed in the small school playoffs with a win over Denver City at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

If the Rangers win, they get the No. 1 seed and play either Kermit or Alpine. If the Rangers lose, they go up against Crane. Needless to say, they'd rather not go up against Crane if they have the opportunity.

"This game is important from the standpoint that it's an old rivalry and it's always better to be the (district) runner-up than the third place team," said Greenwood coach Bob Purser.

In order to avoid Crane in the bi-district round — a team which the Rangers beat 14-7 in late September — the Rangers (6-3 overall, 3-1 in District 3-3A) have to defeat a very solid Denver City team which comes in at 7-2 and

3-1. The Mustangs are coming off a 43-21 loss to state-ranked and district champion Lamesa.

Denver City's strength lies in its defense, which is the top-ranked defense in the Lubbock area. The Mustangs, which have given up only 125 points all season, are extremely physical.

Offensively, the Mustangs haven't scored many points, but they are led by versatile quarterback Armando Galvan, who makes the Mustangs click as a threat to run or throw the ball.

In order to defeat the Mustangs, the Rangers must step up on both sides of the football. The Rangers must stop Denver City from making the big play on defense, while on offense, the Rangers have to move the ball against that defense. Also, the Rangers must avoid the turnovers.

"Turnovers are always critical but they may prove to be more critical in this game than any other game," Purser said. "This is just a big game."

Final juror selected in Carruth case

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A 12th juror was chosen Wednesday in the Rae Carruth murder trial, leaving four alternates to be selected before testimony begins.

Carruth, a former wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers, is charged with murder in the death of Cherica Adams, who was eight months' pregnant with his child when she was shot last November.

Adams' baby son was delivered by emergency

Caesarean section and survived. She died a month later.

The selection of the final juror, a white man in his 40s, came a day after Judge Charles Lamm ruled that prosecutors had not acted with bias in excluding eight of 11 black prospective jurors.

The jury is composed of seven white men, three black women and two white women. Carruth is black, as was Adams.

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DALLAS: Aikman is questionable

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As for Aikman, who turns 34 later this month, Jones expressed concern earlier this week about whether the quarterback will return after this season.

In addition to being sidelined because of the back the past two games, Aikman missed two games after a concussion suffered in the

first half of the season opener.

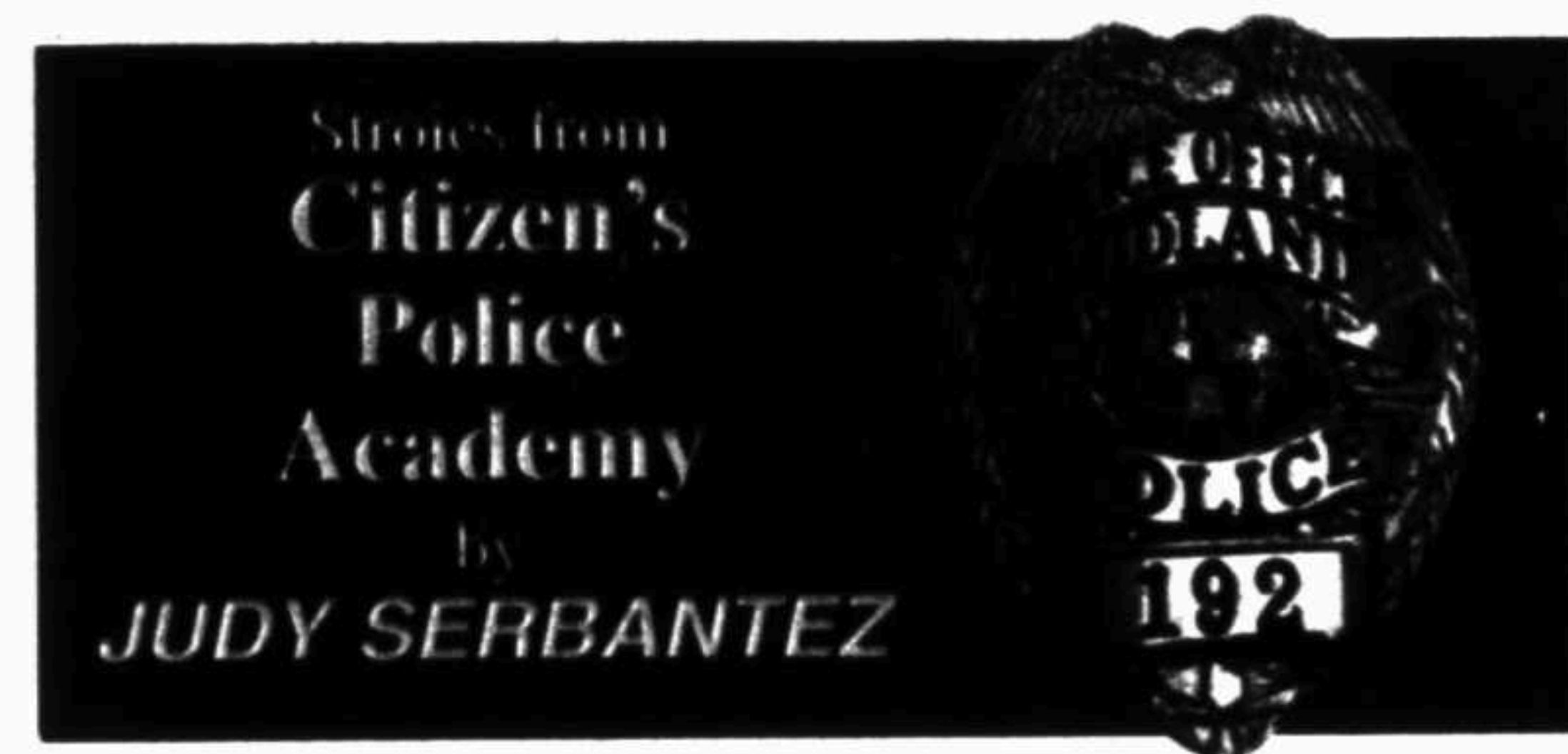
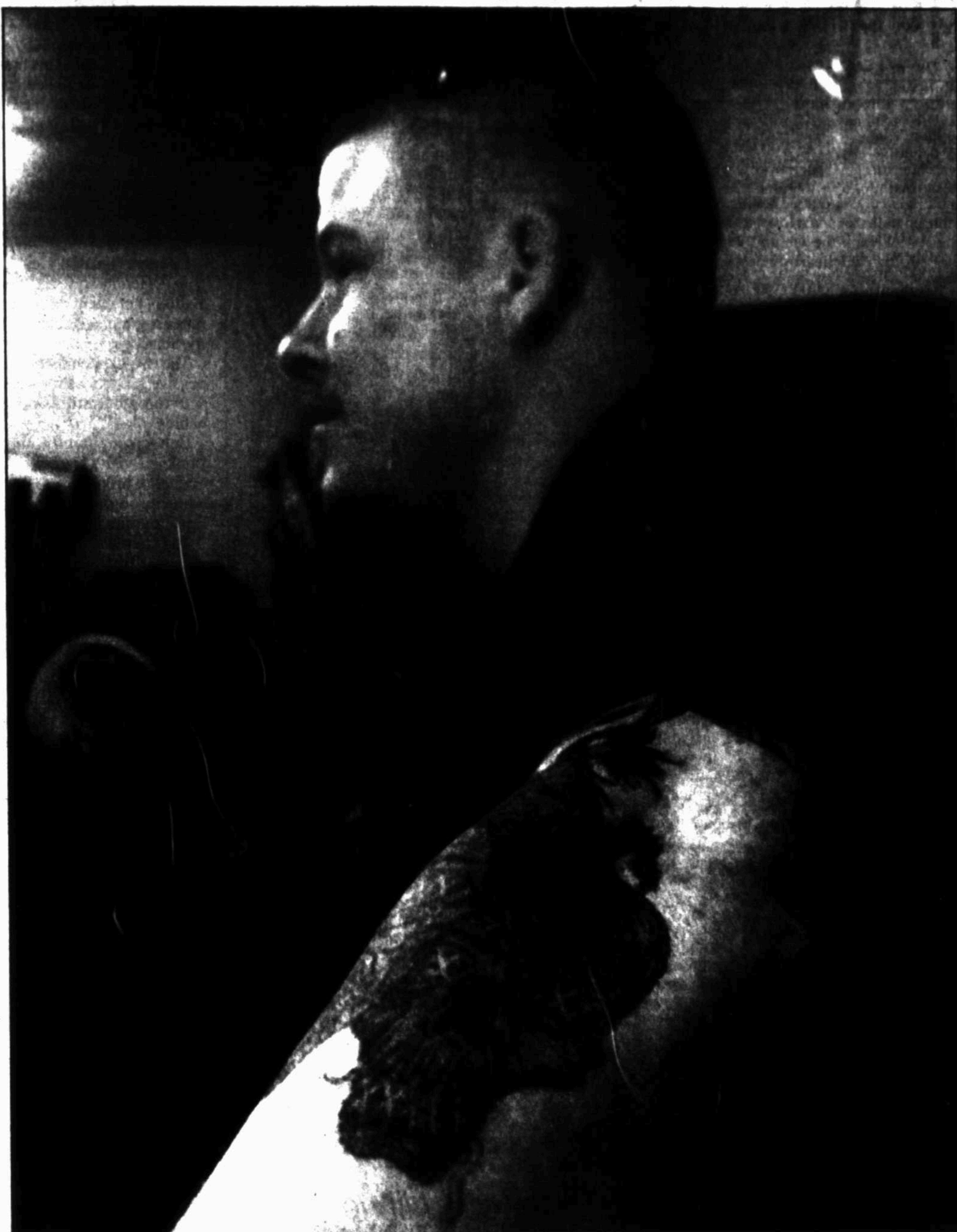
"About four or five years ago, I realized that I'd have a tough decision to make someday. I don't know if the time is now," Aikman said. "I'm not ready to say anything is inevitable. My primary concern is to get ready for Cincinnati."

Aikman said he will do as he does every year when evaluating his future. He said any decision will be based on if he wants to



Life inside the Midland County Detention Center is about passing the time. Whether waiting to go before the judge (above) or waiting for the washing machine to stop (right).

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Reporter-Telegram



HARD TIME

Hispanic Citizens Police Academy class takes a look at life behind bars

The Hispanic Citizens Police Academy takes a tour of the Midland County Jail, and leaves with a better understanding of the criminal justice system.

Midland County deputy Mike Lopez was the tour guide for the group.

Carrying a number of keys he explained the steps criminals go through before being locked up.

Going through the doors of the Midland County Jail the group convened for a number of minutes inside the lobby.

Through a glass window a clerk sits at a desk handling all incoming calls and performs various clerical duties while countless security camera's take notice of everyone going in and out of the building.

Looking over the large class and counting each one Lopez unlocks a steel blue door and the class makes its way to the laundry room.

"Anyone getting booked for jail gets a number of items," Lopez said. "They receive blankets, cups, shavers, and sheets."

Just down the hall from the laundry is the "intoxilizer room."

Lopez said that anyone arrested for DWI (driving while intoxicated) is taken to the room where they undergo a breathalyzer test and a drug test.

Inside the room a large orange square is marked at the end of the room. Pointing to the large orange square Lopez explains that a person going through the tests stands on that square until all tests are completed by the police. A camera captures all of the procedures on film.

"If a person ends up going to court and tries to deny they were ever under the influence this footage can be used in a court of law as evidence," Lopez said.

Going through another winding hallway leading up to the booking room, Lopez points to the files and the camera that takes the arrested person's photo. Lifting up a number of cards, he talks about the fingerprinting procedure and the paper work that must be filled out before a person can be locked up.

Around the corner, Lopez takes the group to the rooms set up as single cells.

"People off the street who are drunk or high and can't be controlled are placed in here," Lopez said. "They aren't allowed to have any clothes on. It's sometimes called the single cell or the violent cell."

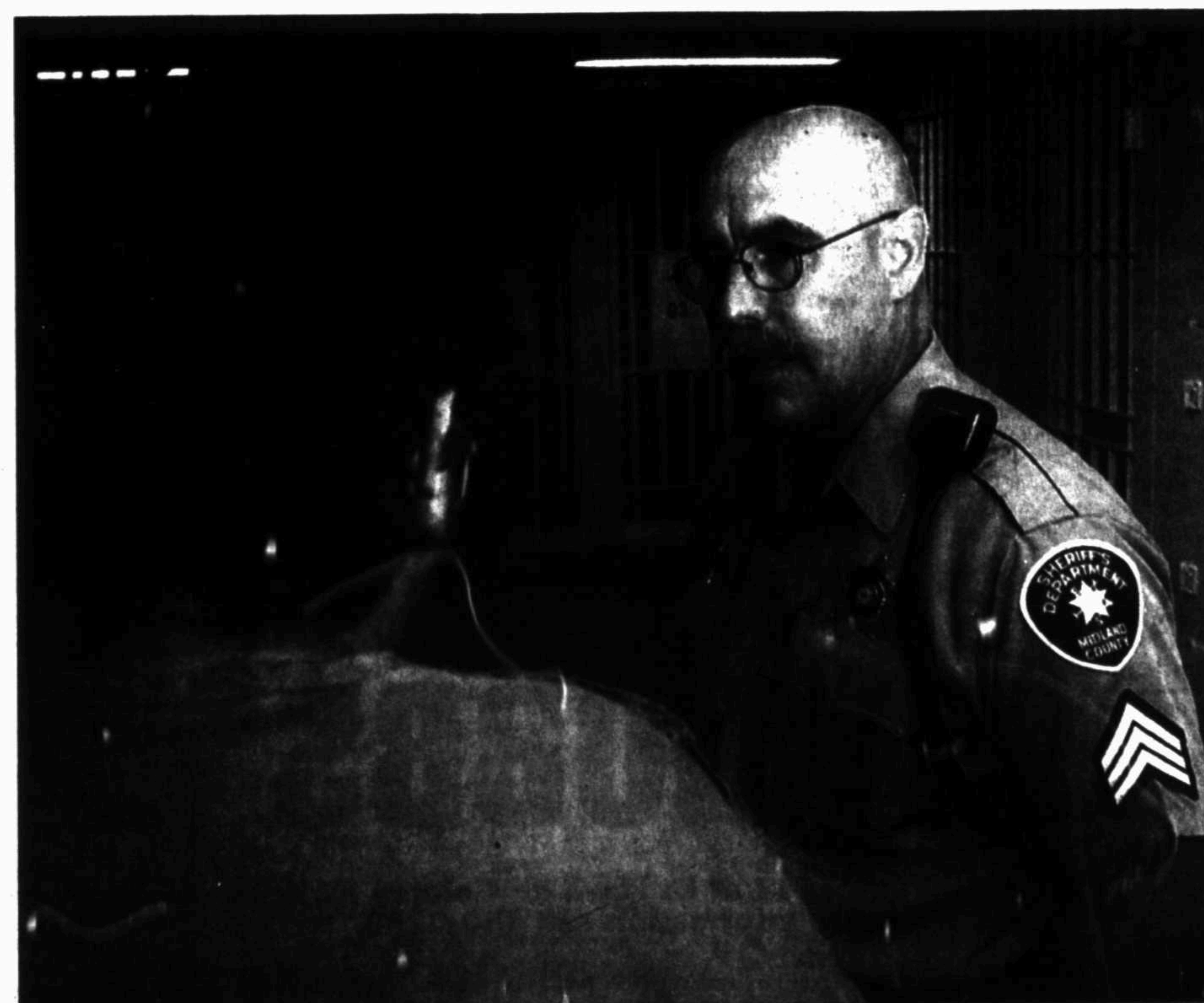
The gray, padded, single cell room was completely empty. The only evidence anyone ever was there are the bite marks along the rubber padded step inside the room.

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While counting the days inmates are very limited in their activities. Some try to sleep the days away (right), others chew the fat with the guards.

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Manuel runs away with AL Manager of the Year award

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jerry Manuel had just been voted American League Manager of the Year, and to listen to him speak, he had nothing to do with it.

"I try to do is make sure I remove myself and put the team first in all aspects," the Chicago White Sox manager said Wednesday after winning the award in a runaway.

In a race that was no cliffhanger, Manuel received 25 first-place ballots and three seconds for 134 points in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Oakland's Art Howe, whose team won the AL West title, was second for the second straight season, getting 74 points with two firsts, 20 seconds and four thirds.

Seattle's Lou Piniella was third with 28 points, receiving one first, three seconds and 14 thirds.

"You don't have to necessarily like me," Manuel said, recalling his spring-training speech to the team. "I'm not going to be a player's manager or whatever they want to call it. I just want you to do what's best for the team and respect the office of manager more than anything else. Hopefully that has worked here for the White Sox."

Manuel, who in his third season as manager led Chicago to its first postseason appearance since 1993, became the fourth White Sox manager to win the award,

joining Tony La Russa (1983), Jeff Torborg (1990) and Gene Lamont (1993).

"Our team came together in a stretch of about 11 days in spring training," Manuel said. "We had a lot of split squads, and there were 11 straight days where we won a game."

Manuel's White Sox, who finished 95-67, wound up five games in front of the Indians and were the talk of baseball for much of the season. They did it with a payroll of just \$37 million, which ranked 21st.

"It probably will be very difficult to repeat 95 wins, and also probably difficult getting into the postseason," Manuel said. "My message is to get to the postseason: 85 or 86 or 87 wins, it doesn't matter. I think postseason is more of a goal than wins."

Going in, most fans predicted Cleveland would win its sixth straight AL Central title. But Chicago won 17 of 25 games in April, taking the division lead on April 19. By June 2, the White Sox had the best record in the league, and the White Sox went 7-0 on a June road trip to Cleveland and New York.

"We caught some people not at a good time and we were playing good baseball," Manuel said. "That bred some confidence in a very young team."

Voting took place before the start of the postseason, so Seattle's sweep of Chicago in the first

round of the playoffs wasn't a factor.

"I think what happened in the Seattle series was obviously a painful lesson for us," he said. "We felt we played good baseball, they played better baseball."

"The lesson that's learned is hopefully that empty feeling we had we'll remember going into spring training. We'll use that as our rallying cry throughout the season."

The National League Manager of the Year is announced Thursday, and San Francisco's Dusty Baker is expected to win. Both Manuel and Baker are from Sacramento, Calif.

"I was on the other side of the American River," Manuel said. "We didn't basically cross paths until professional baseball."

Since then, Baker has been a friend.

"My first year, when I got the job, my first call was from Dusty Baker in my home in West Palm Beach," Manuel recalled. "He just simplified it. He said, 'Be yourself. You can do it. Never waver with your confidence. You're a very confident man, never waver that despite what you're going through.'"

After the White Sox began slowly, Baker called him again.

"It showed me he was still looking out for me," Manuel said, "even though I was in the Midwest while he was having his problems on the West Coast."

World Golf Championships is missing some top players

Associated Press

SOTOGRADE, Spain — Don't expect to hear any cries of "Yankee, Go Home" this week at the World Golf Championships.

Most of them are already there.

The idea was to bring together the best players in the world, and the sight of Tiger Woods at Valderrama Golf Club certainly gives the season-ending American Express Championship the one thing a \$5 million purse couldn't — credibility.

"It's still a world-class field because we have the world's best player here," Scotland's Colin Montgomerie said. "And that's very important."

Otherwise, this event is missing a big chunk of the world.

Twelve of the 29 Americans who qualified for the tournament — eight ranked in the top 20 in the world — decided not to come.

They had no chance of winning the PGA Tour money title, since Woods wrapped that up nearly three months ago, and no desire to cross the Atlantic for one tournament at the end of a long year, even one with such a large purse.

"The thing is, \$1 million to them is not a huge amount of money," Darren Clarke said of the first-place check. "If it was \$2 million, maybe then that would get them."

Maybe not.

Four players from the PGA Tour have cracked the \$3 million mark, at least a dozen will have surpassed \$2 million and a record 44 players made at least \$1 million.

In Europe, where the largest purse would be considered chump change in America, only Clarke and Westwood have gone over \$2 million.

The message this week is that money alone no longer promises prestige, especially when the World Golf Championships move around the world.

"It's a very difficult situation," Montgomerie said. "They're not majors. We have to accept that. People do turn up for majors."

At least Woods turned up at Valderrama, where he won last year in dramatic fashion.

Despite a triple bogey on the par-5 17th, he got into a playoff with Miguel Angel Jimenez and won on the first extra hole by making birdie under the floodlights as the Spanish Civil Guard lined the fair-

way. Woods is on a tour around the world, and never thought twice about coming back.

"I've always figured in order to be the world's best, you have to play around the world," Woods said. "You have to win in various countries and various conditions. To me, that's just part of the educational process of playing the game of golf."

Indeed, Woods has delivered a textbook performance.

Already this year, he has won nine of the 20 tournaments he has played worldwide, won three straight majors and completed the Grand Slam at the ripe age of 24.

And while he already has turned in one of the greatest years in golf, he still has two more targets at Valderrama — becoming the first player in 50 years to win at least 10 times on the PGA Tour, and becoming golf's first \$10 million man.

"It was one of my goals at the beginning of the year, a very good goal," he said.

Ultimately, money remains the biggest issue this week — on both sides of the Atlantic, on and off the course.

Woods will tee off Thursday embroiled in his first significant controversy.

He complained in a magazine interview that the PGA Tour is trying to take advantage of his financial impact, described as icy his relationship with commissioner Tim Finchem and said that he logically should be entitled to a cut of the tour's new television contract.

"In a perfect world, I would be," he told Golf World in its Nov. 10 issue. "Arnold (Palmer) would be. All the great ones would be. Arnold is the one who got it all started."

Woods declined interviews Wednesday, saying he already had fulfilled his media obligations earlier in the week — before the interview was published.

Europeans also arrived at Valderrama amid controversy when it was disclosed that 59 players signed a letter demanding an independent audit of the European tour's finances.

"We just want to know where the money is going and where it has been spent," said Jose Maria Olazabal.

Catchings likes awards, but she really wants NCAA title

Associated Press

Tennessee's Tamika Catchings has won all the honors a basketball player could want. This season, she's interested in something more.

"The awards are great, but they aren't all that I'm after in my career," Catchings said. "I want to win a national championship this year."

She'll have to wait five months to find out if that happens. In the meantime, more honors came Catchings' way Wednesday, when she became just the second player named to The Associated Press preseason All-America team three straight years.

Catchings, the national player of the year as a junior last season, was the top vote-getter on the team, which also had Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph of Connecticut, Kelly Miller of Georgia and Katie Douglas of Purdue.

Tennessee's Chamique Holdsclew was the first player chosen for the preseason team three times, in 1996-97-98.

Catchings and Holdsclew helped Tennessee win the national championship in 1998. The Lady Vols lost in the regional

finals in 1999 and were beaten by Connecticut in last season's title game. Those last two outcomes have fueled Catchings' determination for her senior season.

"I'm not holding back on anything," she said. "I find myself doing a lot more than I have. I want this year to be the best it can be."

Twice a first-team All-American in the postseason, Catchings received 40 of a possible 42 votes from a national media panel. She also was the top vote-getter on the preseason team last year.

Miller, who teamed with her twin, Coco, to lead Georgia to the West Regional final last season, was named on 29 ballots. Abrosimova also received 29 votes, Ralph had 25 and Douglas 23.

Douglas was the only member of the team who was not a first-team All-American at the end of last season.

Catchings, as tough as she is talented, led Tennessee in scoring (15.7), rebounding (7.9) and steals (2.5) last season and was third in assists (2.7). She twice scored 28 points in a game and grabbed 16 rebounds against Texas Tech in the Midwest Regional final despite playing most of the game on a

sprained right ankle.

"I think Tamika's competitive drive and ability to run the floor separate her from the rest of the pack," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "You can count on her not only to score points and rebound, but to make big plays on the defensive end."

Miller, a 5-10 senior, has shown a knack for doing whatever Georgia needs at the moment, whether it's scoring, rebounding, passing or defense.

She averaged 15.1 points last season, led the team in assists and, as a point guard, was the Lady Bulldogs' second-leading rebounder.

"Kelly is someone we depend on and look to for so many things — offense, defense, direction, stability, rebounding, the list goes on and on," Georgia coach Andy Landers said. "There really isn't anything we don't anticipate that she's going to give us."

Abrosimova and Ralph are the fourth pair of teammates to make the preseason team since it started in 1994, following Catchings and Semeka Randall last season, Catchings and Holdsclew in 1998 and Connecticut's Jennifer Rizzotti and Kara Wolters in 1995.

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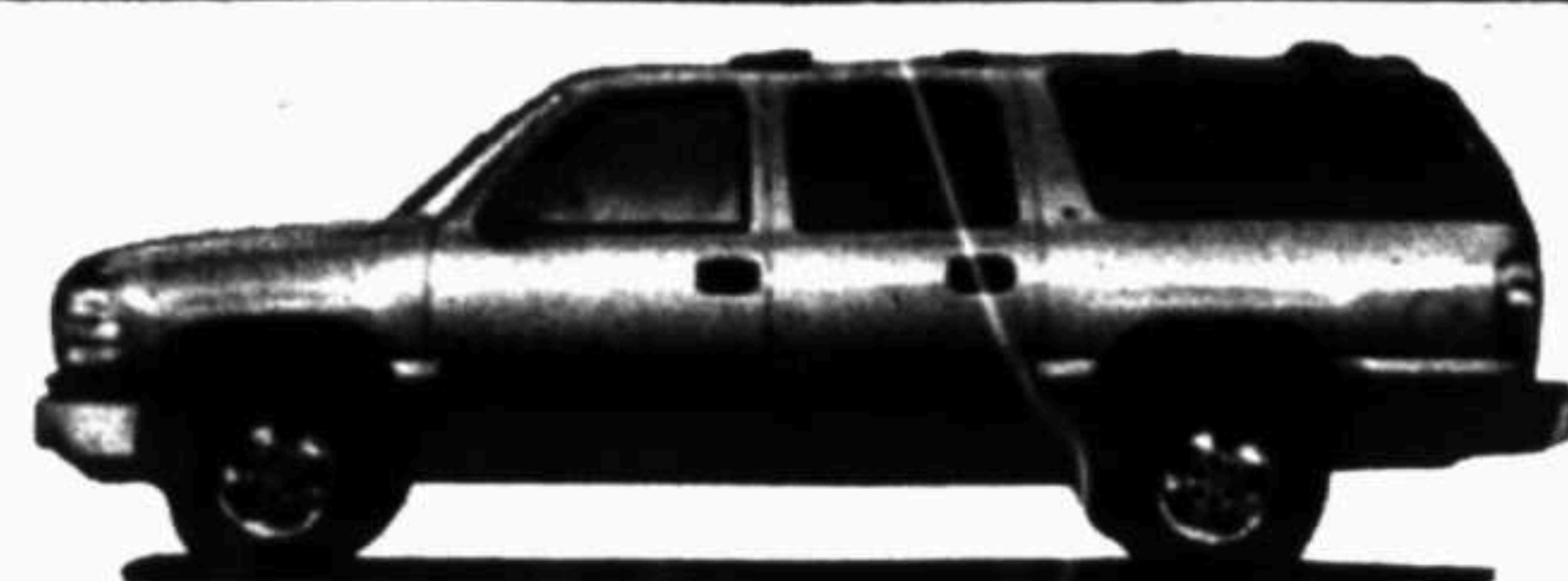
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