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Bush-Gore ballot fate in hands of court

By Stewart M. Powell
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Lawyers for Democrat Al Gore battled Republican George Bush's 930-vote lead in Florida Monday by nudging the Florida Supreme Court to order a statewide manual recount of nearly 6 million ballots — a recount that Gore hopes would give him a come-from-behind victory.

But lawyers for Bush countered forcefully by warning the state's high court of an immediate federal appeal if the court tried to reinterpret the rules for counting ballots after votes were already cast.

"Federal law will not allow this court or the Florida legislature to change the rules of the election after the election has taken place," attorney Michael Carvin argued.

The seven justices on the state's high court underscored their quest for a practical solution to the 13-day-old electoral stalemate that turns on the outcome in Florida, by peppering the candidates' lawyers with more than 150 detailed questions. Many of the queries explored possible solutions to the impasse.

Chief Justice Charles T. Wells, noting that the judges were "certainly

aware" that the case was "a matter of utmost and vital importance to our nation, our state and our world," said the panel was "attempting to arrive at a fair and just solution."

A speedy decision is expected. David Boies, representing the Gore campaign, reminded the court that Gore has vowed to abide by the results of a statewide ballot-by-ballot hand recount of nearly 6 million votes.

While Boies did not formally ask the high court to pursue a court-ordered statewide recount, he emphasized that the court could do that.

"Certainly that is something that we have indicated that we would accept and we believe that the court has the power to order that," adding: "It would be practical to do those recounts if the court felt it to be desirable."

Boies said such a court action would be autho-



FLORIDA'S Supreme Court

The seven justices of Florida's Supreme Court heard arguments Monday on whether hand recounts should be considered in Florida's official vote tally. All of them were appointed by Democratic governors. Under Florida law, justices are appointed by the governor, but they must be retained in their jobs by the voters in the first general election after their appointment, and then serve for six years. No justice has ever been voted out of office.



Justice	R. Fred Lewis	Leander J. Shaw Jr.	Harry Lee Anstead	Charles T. Wells	Barbara J. Pariente	Major B. Harding	Peggy A. Quince
Age	52	70	63	61	51	65	52
Appointment	1998 by the late Gov. Lawton Chiles	1983 by former Gov. Bob Graham	1994 by Chiles	1994 by Chiles	1997 by Chiles	1991 by Chiles	1998 by Chiles

ABOVE: Attorney Paul Hancock, representing the Florida State Attorney General's office is questioned by Chief Justice Charles Wells, center, during a hearing at the Florida State Supreme Court in Tallahassee, Fla., Monday, on the Florida Secretary of State's decision to certify the Florida vote without including the numbers from the hand recounting of ballots.

AP Photo

Local judges hope justices in Florida stay above politics

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Judicial integrity and political partisanship are under scrutiny this week as the Florida Supreme Court tries to untangle the Bush-Gore ballot fiasco.

Judges are famously solemn and assumed to be above the fray, but the nation is wary of signs of favoritism as the predominantly Democratic Florida high court hears the Bush-Gore arguments.

The Florida justices are to decide on the legality of including hand-counted recounted presidential ballots in Florida's overall vote to determine the president-elect.

Their judicial colleagues in Midland hope the members of the Florida bench will put political prejudice aside. "I don't have any idea what they are going to do, but they are going to do what they think is right," United States senior District Court Judge Lucius D. Bunton III said on Monday.

"And that's fine. I don't think that it (the ruling) will be based on whether they (the justices) were appointed by (former Florida Gov. Lawton) Chiles," a Democrat, or by "Gov. (Jeb) Bush," a Republican.

The ruling, to include or not include the hand recounts and to what extent, ultimate-



Hyde



Bunton



Culp

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Tech stocks, political woes drag down stock market

From Staff and Wire Reports

Stocks fell Monday, sending the Nasdaq Composite Index to its lowest close in almost 13 months, as Juniper Networks Inc. and other network equipment makers became the latest technology shares to plunge on concern that growth will slow.

Disappointing profits and sales have been dragging down groups of technology stocks. Fiber-optic equipment stocks plunged Oct. 25 after Nortel Networks Corp. reported slower-than-expected sales. Nortel dropped 29 percent in one day while JDS Uniphase Corp. lost 25 percent.

Oracle Corp. sank after the software maker lost its second top executive this year, sending the Nasdaq down 151.44, or 5 percent, to 2875.75, its lowest since Oct. 28, 1999. The index is now down 29 percent for the year and has fallen 43 percent from its March 10 record.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index declined 25.09, or 1.8 percent, to 1342.63. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 167.22, or 1.6 percent, to 10,462.65, led by Coca-Cola Co.

Almost two stocks fell for every one that rose on

the New York Stock Exchange. Some 948 million shares traded on the Big Board, 10 percent below the three-month daily average.

"The market is still stable," said local investment specialist Tim Bryson. "There is just a lot of cash sitting on the sidelines right now that will eventually go back in when things settle down."

Bryson said continued bad news, combined with the current woes over the presidential election, have caused investors to exercise extra caution. Bryson feels confident that after a president-elect is named, there will be moderate acceleration and predictable gyrations within the market, with the possible exception of some tech stocks, which Bryson viewed to be overvalued.

Anytime there is negative volatility in the market, over-valued stocks are the first ones to fall, according to Bryson, who feels that is likely what is happening now with regard to some of the bigger tech stocks.

"We're coming off of October, too, which is traditionally a bad time for the market," Bryson said, and added that many people have their money in short-term interests right now, which should change as the market regains its composure.

Health-maintenance organization shares also fell

after Prudential Securities Inc. analyst David Shove cut the industry to "accumulate" from "strong buy" and said the share prices are too high considering the risks from pending class-action lawsuits against the companies.

Wellpoint Health Networks Inc. fell \$8 to \$107.69. Cigna Corp. slid \$2.20 to \$126.07, and Humana Inc. declined \$2.63 to \$11.94 after Shove cut them to "hold" from "strong buy."

Kevin Blomkvist, senior vice-president of Dain Rauscher, agreed that the effect of the election is definitely influencing the market adversely. "The election is causing tremendous uncertainty," he said. "But in the long-term the market will be okay." Blomkvist said the election is acting as a "broad paintbrush" across the entirety of the market, and that until a president-elect is named, everything will likely continue to be hit, which is not an out of the ordinary dynamic, despite its seeming uniqueness.

More importantly, investors should recognize that the immediate performance of the market is in the hands of Alan Greenspan and the Federal Reserve, who ultimately hold the reins to the economy, said Blomkvist.



Sources: MSN MoneyCentral, CSI Inc. AP

Seasonal decline in home sales arrives early

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Local Realtors are closely watching a downward trend in housing sales that has seen sales drop from a peak of 166 in May to 101 homes sold in October.

"We're still ahead of last year by 3 percent," said Bill Scott, president of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors, adding, "The year-to-date average sales price is also up 3 percent."

Through October of this year, Realtors have sold 1,272 homes for an average \$99,570. This compares with the first 10 months of 1999, when Realtors sold 2,235 homes for an average \$96,119.

The final months of the year are traditionally slow for housing sales, Scott said, but "the seasonal trend started a little early this year."

Jennifer Cowley, assistant research scientist with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University pointed out that the drop in housing sales is a statewide trend.

"We have seen a decline," she said. "Of course, 1997 was our best year. Then 1998 was

our best year, and then 1999 was our best year. We're dropping to 1998 levels, which are very good but not 1999 levels."

She said that the area's housing market survived the severe decline in oil prices that occurred in 1997-1998, noting that "it could have been worse, and has been worse."

In June, she said, the Midland-Odessa area had an eight month inventory of homes on the market, compared with a state average of 4.5 months.

But, she explained, "Smaller metropolitan areas have a larger inventory while the high-growth areas have lower inventories."

High growth areas like Dallas have a four-month inventory and Austin a 2.7 month inventory, she said.

But, she said, the area has seen a 15 percent increase in permits for single-family residences, also following a statewide trend.

The city of Midland issued seven permits in October and has issued 139 during the first 10 months of 2000 up 30 percent from the 107 issued during the same timeframe of 2000.

Mark Payne, president of the Permian Basin Homebuilders Association, agreed that local builders have done better than 1999.

"But we're still below 1998 levels, and 1999 was a particularly bad year. We tend to lag behind, we're still so dependent on the oil industry. People in the industry are more optimistic, but that hasn't trickled down yet."

He said he wasn't sure if housing starts in 2001 would rebound to 1998 levels, but he believes it will be a good year because of stronger oil prices and more confident residents. Payne also said "as the majors moved out, a lot of houses came on the resale market. Those houses were fairly new and that's our competition. Part of the reason I feel 2001 will be better is that those houses are about flushed out of the market."

Already, Scott said, local Realtors are working with Marathon Oil employees relocating to Midland from Tyler, and he said officials with mortgage, title and appraisal companies indicated to him that business is picking up, meaning there are some sales about to be finalized.

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Partly cloudy with high in mid-50s. Weather on 2A.

Gary Ott

Edison invention eventually drove all parents up the wall. Local 1B

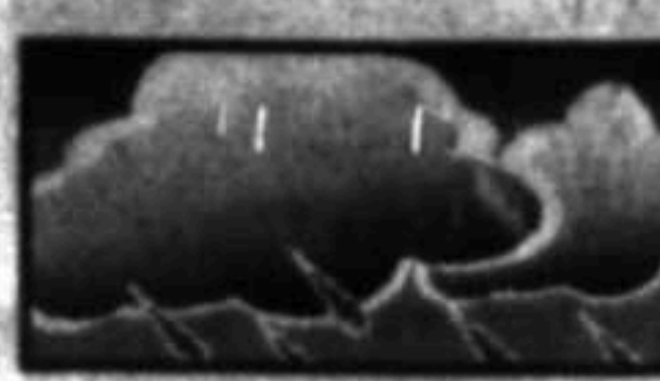
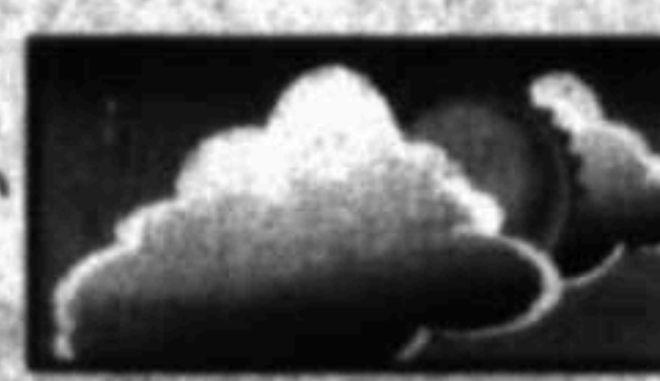
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 57
Low 30

Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 59
Low 36

Thursday
Showers
High 63
Low 37

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies. The high will be 57 with a south wind of 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low near 30.

Wednesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with highs in the upper 50s.

Wednesday night should be cloudy with a low in the mid 30s.

Thursday's forecast should be cloudy with a chance of rain. The low will be in the mid 30s and the high will be in the mid 60s.

After a low of 29, Monday's high was 59, compared to the record high of 90 in 1996. The record low of 22 was set in 1988.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Monday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.86 in.
Total for year 9.30 in.
Normal total (year to date) 14.20 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High 59
Low 29
Normal high 64
Normal low 37

Sunrise ... 7:23 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:46 p.m.

Gore ally backtracks on military overseas ballots

By Richard Perez-Pena
N.Y. Times News Service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Retreating under fire from Republicans, Florida's attorney general, a top ally of Vice President Al Gore, said local officials should count absentee ballots from overseas military voters that were thrown out because they lacked postmarks.

But the statement by Attorney General Robert Butterworth, Gore's state campaign chairman, may have less to do with votes than with cutting Democrats' losses in what they concede has been a losing public relations war. Republicans have accused Democrats of mounting a concerted effort to throw out as many military ballots as possible, because most of those votes were presumed to be for Gov. George W. Bush, not Gore.

County election officials who tabulated overseas ballots on Friday and Saturday rejected hundreds of military ballots for a variety of reasons. Republican criticism, though, focused particularly on what election officials said was the most common problem, failure to have a postmark. That seemed particularly galling to critics, since military mail can be sent without a postmark.

But county election officials and people of both parties who observed the counting said Monday that Butterworth's advice would add fewer votes, despite the postmark controversy. They say that while the lack of a postmark was the most common reason for rejecting overseas ballots, few military ballots were thrown out purely for that reason. Most of the ballots without postmarks, these people said, had other disqualifying flaws, like the lack of a signa-

ture, a witness signature or date. In addition, many counties included ballots without postmarks at the time of last week's count, despite Democrats' arguments that they should be excluded.

Applying widely varying standards from one county to the next, election officials threw out 1,420 ballots, according to an unofficial tally by the Associated Press, or 39 percent of the total, and the remaining ballots produced a net gain of 630 votes for Gov. Bush. Democrats said military ballots were fewer than half of those discarded statewide, while Republicans said they were more than half.

Interviews with county officials indicated that scores of those ballots, not hundreds, were rejected strictly for lack of a postmark. Democrats have complained that where the ballots were rejected, it was simply a matter of county-level canvassing boards applying the law as it had always been applied, but that Republicans had turned that into a potent weapon in the fight for public opinion. The Democratic backpedaling began on Sunday, when Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Gore's running mate, said that if it were up to him, excluded military ballots would be counted.

Monday, Butterworth sent a letter to county elections officials around the state, urging them "to immediately revisit this issue and amend their reported vote totals, if appropriate."

Ari Fleischer, spokesman for the Bush campaign, dismissed Butterworth's letter as "a belated attempt at damage control after they've done the damage" to people in the armed services. "This has no legal impact, and it's really just a political press release."

Florida court hearings offer different type of daytime drama

By Peter Marks
N.Y. Times News Service

It was a big day for courtroom drama on television. So big, in fact, that one network was even compelled to pre-empt that ratings queen of justice in the afternoon, Judge Judy.

"The stakes do not get higher," Bob Schieffer advised on CBS, "unless it's a matter of life and death."

"The presidency of the United States likely hangs in the balance," Judy Woodruff said on CNN.

"Perhaps the most important oral arguments ever heard before a state Supreme Court," Gregg Jarrett declared on MSNBC.

Eight major networks, from the big three broadcast giants, ABC, NBC and CBS, to the news-oriented niche channels on cable like C-Span and Court TV, went live to Tallahassee, Fla., at 2 p.m. Monday and stayed with the proceedings from the Florida Supreme Court for the full two and a half hours. (In New York City, even New York 1, the all-news cable channel, carried them.)

Not since the impeachment hearings and trial on Capitol Hill have the networks given such full-scale State-of-the-Union treatment to a political event; last month's presidential debates, for instance, seemed to attract only grudging attention from the networks.

It was that rarity in television: a multichannel peek into the machinery of the law, with only minimal intrusion from the anchors and the talking heads. The commentators could, of course, still offer a bit of intermittent

exercise of judicial power," is how the ABC correspondent Terry Moran characterized the court's potential decision — but such come-ons did not seem wholly out of line. As Gerald Kogan, a former chief justice of the court, remarked on MSNBC before the chamber was called to order, "This is going to be an experience in American democracy."

Viewers who had grown accustomed over the past 13 days to an endless fight card of Democrats and Republicans duking it out over "undervotes," the composition of canvassing boards or whether "chad" is the plural for "chad" may have been caught off guard by the subdued tone and orderliness of the live hearing before the seven Florida justices. There were no theatrics by the batteries of lawyers for Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore, no selective murmuring by the packed audience, no tension-breaking instances of levity.

Just at the outset of the hearing was there any hint of a sense of occasion. It came from one of the day's supporting players, a court employee captured on C-Span as he brought the courtroom to order with a booming incantation that sounded as if it could have been written for an episode of "The West Wing": "God save the United States, the great state of Florida and this honorable court!" he bellowed.

The only interruptions tolerated came from the seven judges themselves, who seemed to have little patience for lawyers' speeches, preferring instead to pepper them with questions of their own. This impressed some legal analysts hired by the networks.

COURT: Networks aired proceedings

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rized by the "broad equitable power that this court has under the Constitution to assure that the election results really reflect who got the majority of the votes, or a plurality of the votes." Boies is the private attorney who was hired by the Justice Department to prosecute the landmark antitrust case against Microsoft Corp.

At issue was Gore's appeal of a ruling by Leon County Circuit Court Judge Terry Lewis last Friday that permitted Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Republican ally of Bush, to certify the results of the Nov. 7 election without including tallies from manual recounts of punch-card machine ballots in three heavily Democratic counties.

Bush leads Gore by 930 votes, based on the tally of absentee ballots from Floridians living overseas and the automatic statewide machine recount initiated immediately after the election

because the outcome was so close.

Gore wants the results of follow-up manual recounts underway in three of the state's 67 counties to be included in the total. According to the Associated Press, Gore has picked up 133 votes by late Monday. If counted by state officials, this would cut Bush's margin to 797.

The Florida Supreme Court blocked Harris late Friday from certifying Florida's election outcome as she had planned on Saturday — a politically charged declaration that would have rendered the ballot dispute largely moot and enabled Bush to claim the presidency.

Gore and Bush remain locked in an electoral standoff with neither candidate garnering the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency. The outcome of Florida's disputed popular vote will determine which candidate receives the state's 25 electoral votes — and wins the presidency.

Florida's high court prepared to deliberate the make-or-break case as election officials in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties continued wading through nearly 1.7 million punch-card machine ballots. Voters upset by an allegedly confusing butterfly ballot in Palm Beach County lost their bid in circuit court for a court-ordered revote.

Gore, who cancelled plans to take part in an annual conference in Tennessee focusing on family issues, referred to the ongoing stalemate in remarks that were delivered via satellite from the White House complex in Washington, D.C. Gore smiled wanly as he recalled shifting the timetable of the conference to late November "so we could be sure that it was well after the conclusion of the election." Gore added: "And you know, I just assumed that by November 20th, the election would be over with. But I guess not."

Lawsuit questions Cheney's Texas residency

By Mary McLachlin
Cox News Service

WEST PALM BEACH — A federal court battle over whether vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney is still legally an inhabitant of Texas — and thus ineligible to claim that state's 32 electoral votes — moved Monday from the Southern District of Florida to the Northern District of Texas.

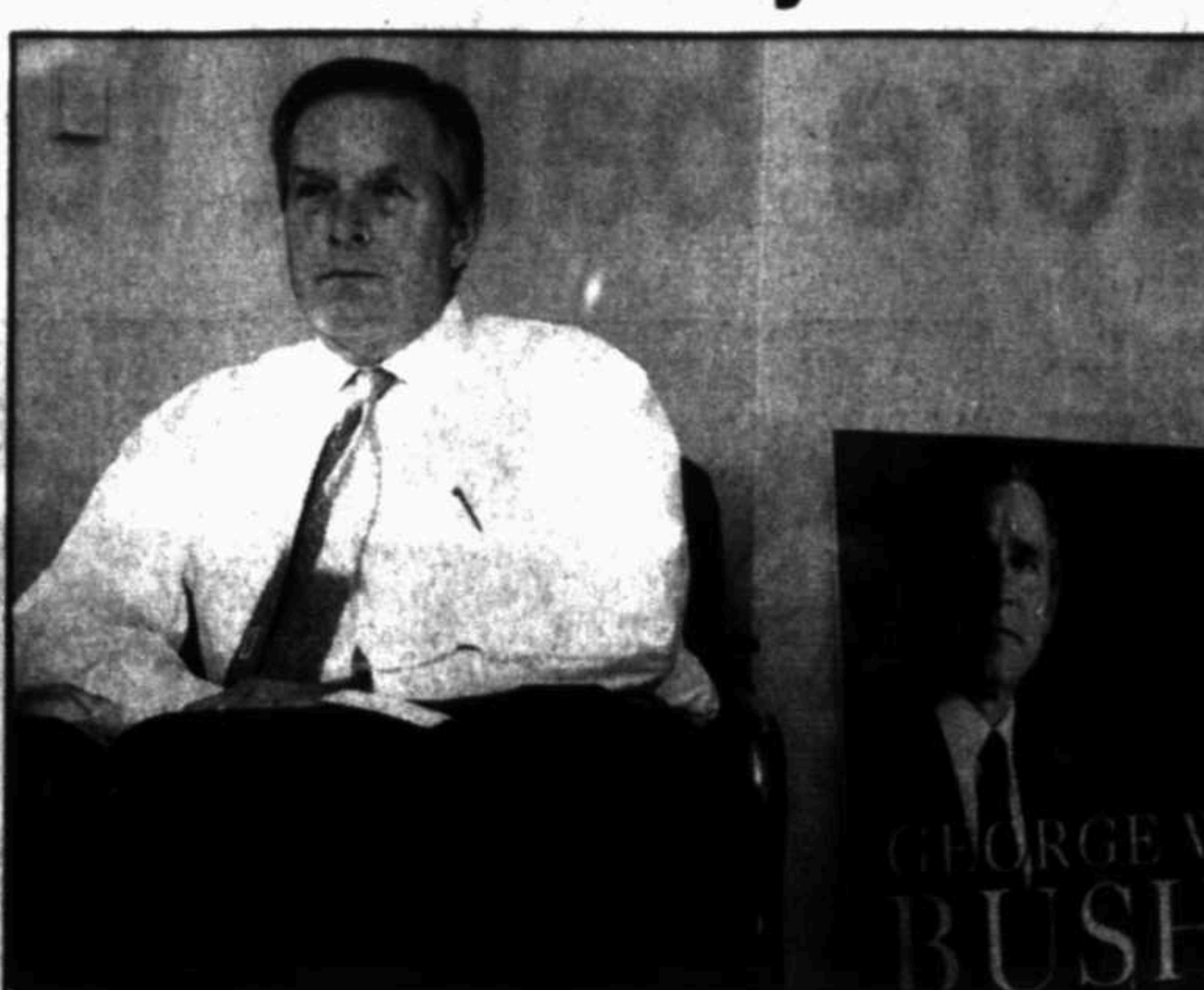
Hours after a federal judge dismissed the original suit filed by Boca Raton lawyer Lawrence Caplan in Miami, a Fort Worth attorney filed a similar action in Dallas on behalf of three Texas voters.

A Cheney spokeswoman called the suit "sheer nonsense."

Both Article II and the 12th Amendment to the Constitution forbid a state's electors from voting for both a presidential and vice presidential candidate from their own state.

U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore denied Caplan's motion to stop the Texas Secretary of State from certifying the electoral votes for the Bush-Cheney ticket, saying the case had to be filed in a district where one or more of the defendants live. Caplan had added Vice President Al Gore, the ultimate certifier of U.S. electoral votes, as a defendant to try to persuade Moore that any federal court had jurisdiction.

"While the court recognizes (Caplan's) belief that 'this action



AP Photo
Don Evans, chairman for the campaign of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, watches from Austin, Monday, the Florida Supreme Court hearing on the vote recounts.

involves a constitutional question of great import," Moore's ruling said, he would not allow Caplan to get around the venue issue by adding Gore.

Cheney flew to Wyoming in July and switched his voter registration and driver's license before Bush announced his choice as the vice presidential candidate. The lawsuits say that was merely a ruse to get around the Constitution and doesn't make him an "inhabitant" under either state or federal laws.

Cheney grew up in Wyoming, represented the state in Congress and still owns a vacation home in Jackson Hole. He has worked for a Dallas-based oil-drilling company and lived in Highland Park, a Dallas suburb, since 1995 in a home on which he and his wife, Lynne, claim homestead exemption.

According to the Texas voters' suit, Cheney listed the \$1.6 million home for sale Thursday, four days after Caplan's suit was filed and he had received a sum-

JUDGE: Bunton says it's not hard to rise above politics

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ly will determine who — Republican Gov. George W. Bush or Democratic Vice President Al Gore — wins Florida's 25 electoral votes and becomes president-elect. Either Bush or Gore would be assured a majority of the Electoral College's 538 votes.

Midland-based judges, both federal and state, upheld the nation-of-laws principle. "We continue to pride ourselves in being a nation of laws," 238th Texas District Court Judge John Hyde said. "Any judge that is confronting an issue considers, first, what the law is. If the law is uncertain, then there should be an effort to try to determine, as accurately as you can, what the law is."

In the Florida ballot-count dispute, "Nobody in all the controversy discounts that," Hyde said. "We want to continue to be a nation that is governed by the law as precisely as it can be identified — not by the whims of individuals."

"As frustrating as this process can be at times," Hyde said "that is a tribute to our democracy that we do resort to the law and let the determination of the law control our actions."

Judge Barbara Culver Clack, a retired Texas district-court judge and a former Texas Supreme Court justice, noted that "the ultimate question that is usually raised is, 'Is that law constitutional?'"

Judge Culver said for years there has been a "controversy about activist judges who want to, sort of, make laws the way they think they ought to be. And then there are the strict constructionist judges who say that 'If it is not within the bounds of the law and the constitution, then it can't be done.'"

Before the Florida Supreme Court, Judge Culver said, is "a question of whether the Democratic advocates can force upon the people of Florida and the United States something that is nowhere in the law."

Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris "has certain duties to perform and certain deadlines to meet," Judge Culver said.

"And she had done that," Judge Culver said. "She hasn't played partisan. She has gone by the law. She says it says, 'If there's a close race, we can order a recount' — the machine count." And a recount was ordered and certified. "She has done what she is required to do by law."

"The Supreme Court of Florida apparently is going to have to

decide if you can just go willy-nilly off and ignore the law do all this hand recount. There's no provision for a hand recount in the Florida law, I don't think, unless, maybe, the hurricane blows all of the ballots away."

The Democrats "want to keep counting until they get a win for Gore," Judge Culver said.

"If the Supreme Court says, 'Go ahead and hand count, and you have to consider them (hand-counted ballots),' I suspect Gore will win because they will keep counting and counting them and fooling with them until they (Democrats) get a win, I fear," Judge Culver said. "I could always be wrong."

"If they go with the law, Bush has already won," Judge Culver reasoned. "He has got the second recount and then the absentee ballots added to his slim margin. He should be declared the winner of the Florida electoral vote."

Judge Perry D. Pickett, who was presiding judge of the 142nd Texas District Court from 1954 to 1981, noted that judges "have to discipline" themselves "to ensure fairness" and to be guided by "the constitution and laws." "The element of fairness enters into it," said Pickett, who noted that "two very powerful and well-finance groups (Republicans and Democrats) are adversaries in the controversy. It's going to make the history books."

Vann Culp, senior Texas district-court judge who was presiding judge of 238th Texas District Court from 1977 to 1990, noted that the Florida justices presumably "have a lot of help from both sides of the issues — real topnotch lawyers plus the law clerks on the (Supreme Court) staff."

"It is something that will have to be decided sooner than most cases," Culp said. "I'm sure all the justices on the Florida Supreme Court are looking at it very seriously."

"And, of course," Culp said, "they (the seven justices) also know that somebody is going to be unhappy regardless of what they do" in their majority or unanimous ruling.

Bunton, a Democrat who was appointed to the federal bench in 1979 by U.S. President Jimmy Carter, said it is "not hard to rise above politics" in issues

embroiled in politics.

"If you've got the law and you've got the Constitution to go by, you just pick out what you think the law is and follow that regardless of whether it's one side or the other."

"That's the way I think they will do it in Florida," Bunton said. "I think judges should be and, for the most part, are apolitical."

Judges, whether Democratic or Republican by party affiliation, "are not supposed" rule based on their party politics.

"You can't reach the conclusion and then go back and figure out why," Bunton said. "You've got to study through and then reach the conclusions."

Bunton noted the Texas Supreme Court is made up of Republican justices but six of the seven justices on the Florida Supreme Court are Democrats and only one is a Republican.

"Certainly, the Republicans here would not think that our Texas Supreme Court would be affected by their political affiliations if something were being argued before them," Bunton said. "Our (Texas) Supreme Court is teetotally Republican." Texas' Supreme Court justices are elected by party affiliation.

"The shoe is just on the other foot" in Florida where the justices are appointed by the governor and then elected on a nonpartisan basis.

"Don't you think they would be just as fair to one side as they would to the other?" Bunton asked. "You would hope so. They didn't get elected to be partisan."

Bunton said he is "quite sure that there are some people sitting on the bench that are going to rule because of a certain party or certain group, but I don't think that's true for most of them. Most of them are fair."

Were judges and justices partisan, then "if you were a Democrat, you wouldn't argue before our (Texas) Republican Supreme Court," Bunton said. "And if you were a Republican, you wouldn't argue before the Florida Supreme Court" whose members are predominantly (six out of seven) Democrats.

"I would hope," Bunton said, "the people wouldn't think they (justices) would vote their political views as opposed to what

mons for it. Cheney's spokeswoman confirmed that the property was put on the market, but said it had nothing to do with the lawsuit.

"The Cheneys have been in the process of selling it since he accepted the vice presidential nomination and were always planning on putting it on the market after the election," Juleanna Glover-Weiss said. "I believe they're fielding offers privately."

"The suit is absolutely frivolous," she said. "It's sheer nonsense."

Fort Worth attorney William K. Berenson filed the action on behalf of Stephen E. Jones, Linda D. Lydia and Caroline Franco, identified as residents of Dallas County who voted in the Nov. 7 election.

The suit says Cheney had to establish legal residency in Wyoming by election day. But Texas Attorney General John Cornyn said Monday that Cheney has until Dec. 18, when the Electoral College meets, to establish where he lives.

"That's the relevant time," said Cornyn, whose office is defending Texas Secretary of State Elton Bomer. He predicted the suit would be thrown out and would have "zero impact on the Presidential election."

Caplan said he would not appeal or amend the Florida suit.

"I've done the heavy lifting and now it's up to the people of Texas," he said.

might be right and proper under the laws and Constitution."

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Abortion pill heads for clinics; private doctors still hesitant

By Lauren Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was hailed by pro-choice groups as a turning point in the abortion wars — a pill to increase access to abortions and let women get them privately from their own doctor instead of facing shouting protesters at clinics.

But with the first RU-486 abortions to begin this week, don't expect such sweeping change yet. Private doctors so far aren't rushing to embrace the abortion pill, now called mifepristone — and many of the thousands of women flooding hot lines seeking it are learning surgical abortion remains the option most appropriate for them.

"A woman might feel that all she has to do is take a pill and the pregnancy kind of magically disappears, and of course that's not true," said Dr. Maureen Paul of Boston's Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts.

Many clinics are about to offer mifepristone abortions using a method that means less hassle for patients than the Food and Drug Administration-approved method — swallowing fewer pills and making one less doctor visit.

Still, it takes several days and miscarriage-like cramping and

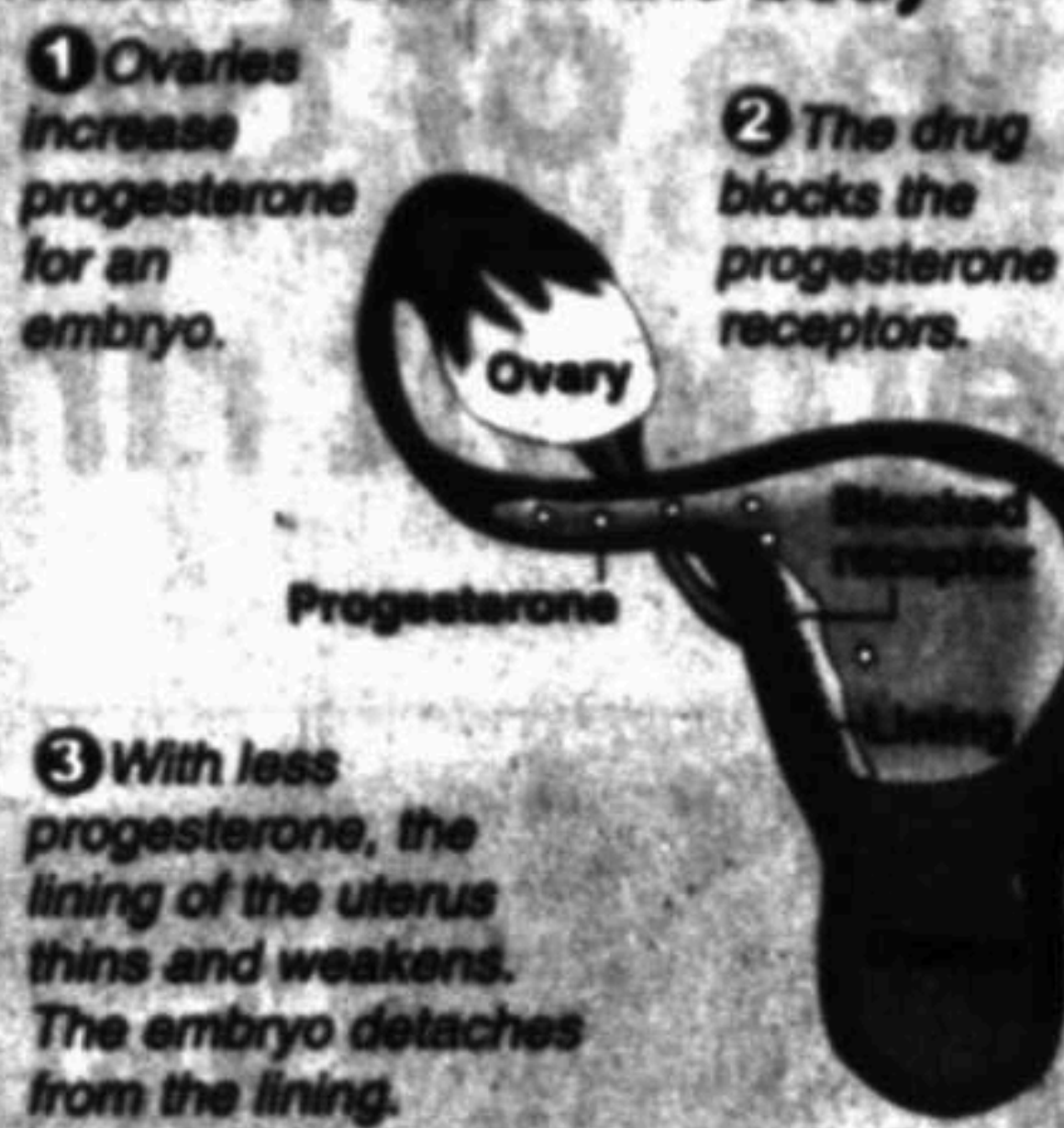
Debating the abortion pill

Approved by the Food and Drug Administration in September, the abortion pill mifepristone is due to arrive in clinics this week. Here is an illustration of how the drug works.

The process

1. In a doctor's office, the patient swallows a mifepristone pill during the first seven weeks of pregnancy.
2. The drug causes the embryo to detach from the uterus lining.
3. Two days later, the patient returns to the doctor's office to take a second drug, misoprostol, that causes contractions needed to expel the embryo.
4. Within two weeks, a third appointment is required to confirm the abortion is complete.

How it works in the body



Sources: National Abortion Federation; Food and Drug Administration; Journal of American Medical Women's Association

Emily Holmes/AP

bleeding before the pill-caused abortion is complete, while surgical abortions are finished within an hour. And the pill only works in early pregnancy — 49 days after the start of the last menstrual period — caveats abortion providers must ensure that women understand.

The FDA approved mifepristone in September, 12 years after European women began using it and after years of bitter opposi-

tion by anti-abortion groups.

On Monday, U.S. marketer Danco Laboratories shipped the first mifepristone supplies, mostly to abortion clinics affiliated with Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Federation. More than 300 such clinics are expected to offer the pills within a few weeks. Most say they'll cost the same as surgery — \$300 to \$700.

Women can get mifepristone,

known by the brand name Mifeprex, only directly from abortion providers who agree to follow certain FDA safety standards.

So far, many private doctors are wary. Some cite security concerns. One graphic Internet site is identifying doctors who offer mifepristone and other abortions, sometimes naming their children, too. It's a reincarnation of a mid-1990s site that some Internet providers shut down after doctors were attacked.

But there also are practical obstacles: Insurers are debating whether and how much to pay for mifepristone. Doctors must get mifepristone training. They must be able to date early pregnancy and uncover ectopic pregnancies that require special care. For the rare cases when mifepristone fails, they must either perform a surgical abortion or have a backup surgeon on call.

Some gynecologists and family practitioners in regions where abortion access is limited are showing interest. Forty attended mifepristone training at the Women's Health Center of Duluth, Minn., where women drive hundreds of miles from parts of Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin to get abortions. Nobody knows, however, how many of the physicians then ordered the drug.

Key may be how many patients ask their doctors for it, says Dr. Steven Tamarin, a New York City family practitioner who has never performed abortions because he's not a surgeon. Yet he has referred so many patients to abortion clinics that he plans to offer mifepristone next month — but only to his regular patients.

Regardless of where women get mifepristone, what can they expect? It depends on where they get the pill.

Mifepristone blocks the action of progesterone, vital for an embryo to develop. A second drug, misoprostol, causes contractions to expel the embryo. Studies show the combination causes abortion 95 percent of the time; serious bleeding is a very rare side effect.

The FDA instructs women to swallow three mifepristone

tablets, return to the doctor two days later to swallow two misoprostol tablets, and return again within two weeks for the doctor to check that the abortion worked.

But many abortion clinics plan to have women swallow one mifepristone tablet and carry misoprostol home where, two days later, they'll insert it vaginally. Then they'll make one return doctor visit to ensure the abortion worked. A study in the Journal of the American Medical Association found the second, "easier method worked" as well.

Only women in the first seven weeks of pregnancy are candidates. Most state abortion laws also apply to mifepristone, so timing the pill must take into account waiting periods and parental notification requirements.

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Workers at Royal Airline Laundry plants around the country, serving more than 150 airlines, are told to repack the items if they don't appear dirty, the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees said.

Royal, based in Inwood, N.Y., called the allegations "false and malicious," and threatened to sue the union for libel. "All of the items returned to the airlines are in a totally hygienic condition," the company said in a statement.

Stern conceded that the union had not identified any passengers who were sickened by unclean linen or headsets.

The union handed out copies of its study at 20 airports around the country. It said tests found linens and headsets contaminated with bacteria that included E. coli, which can cause meningitis and other ailments.

However, Dr. Russell Rayman, director of the Aerospace Medical Association, said infection is highly unlikely.

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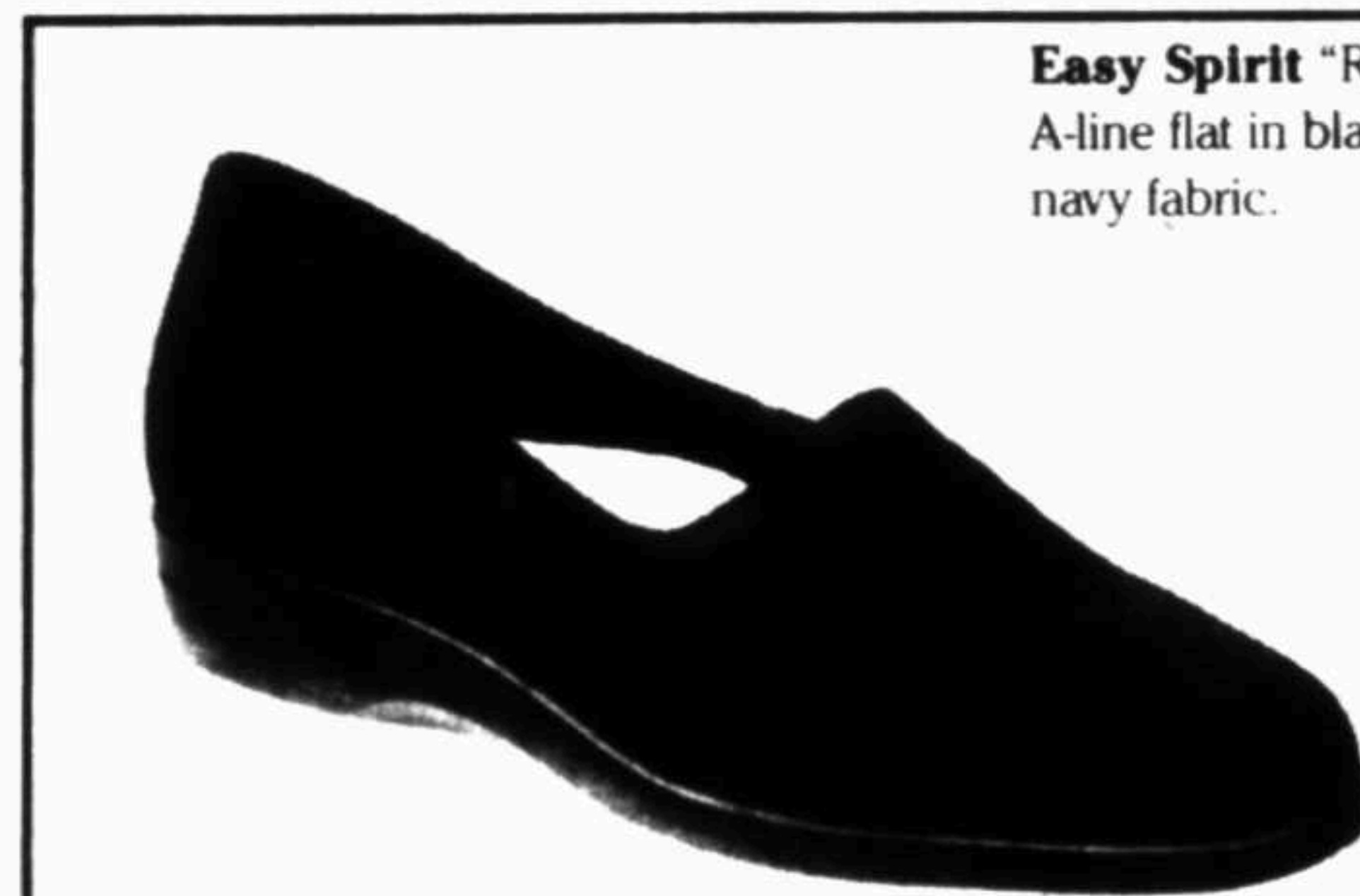
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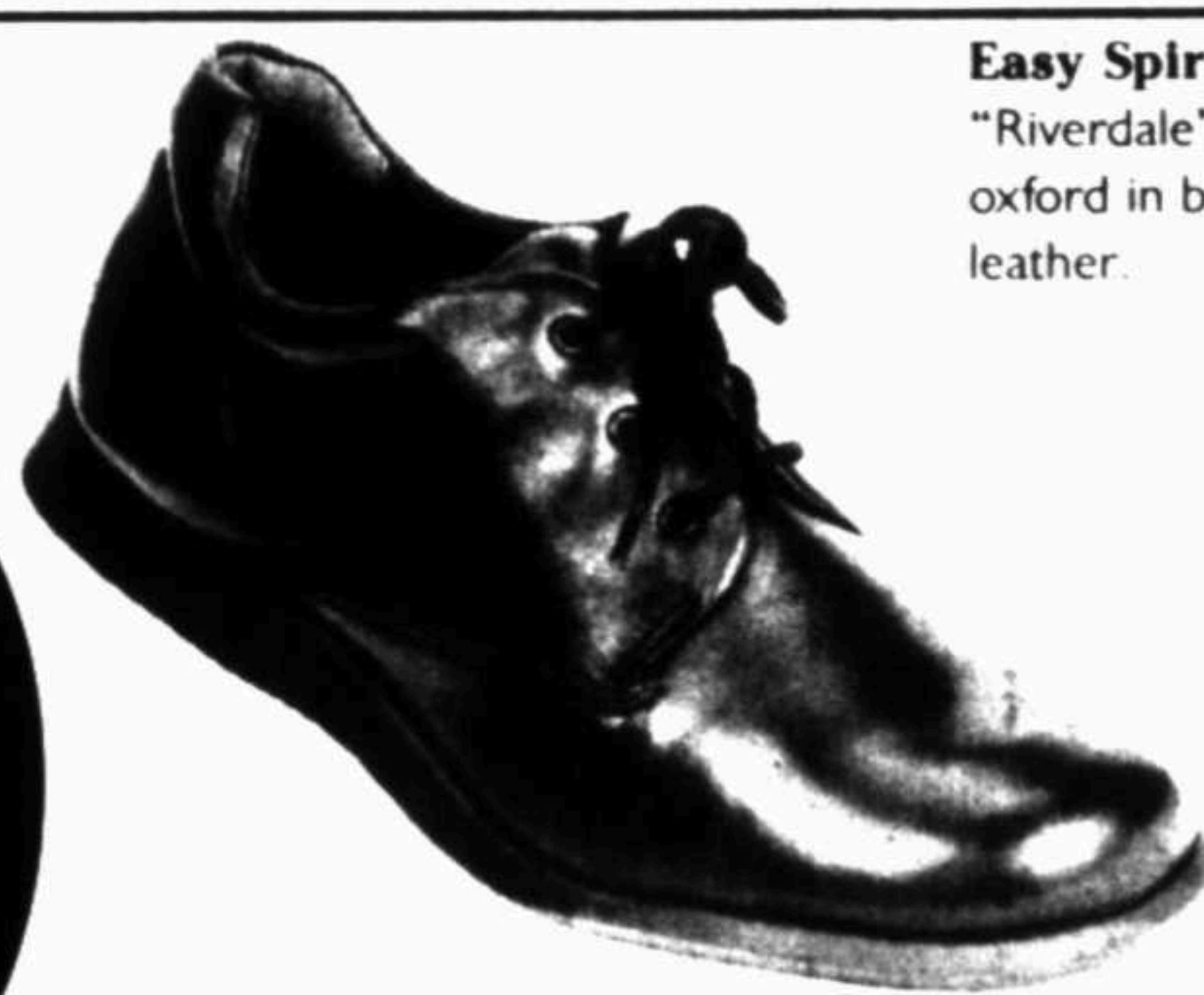
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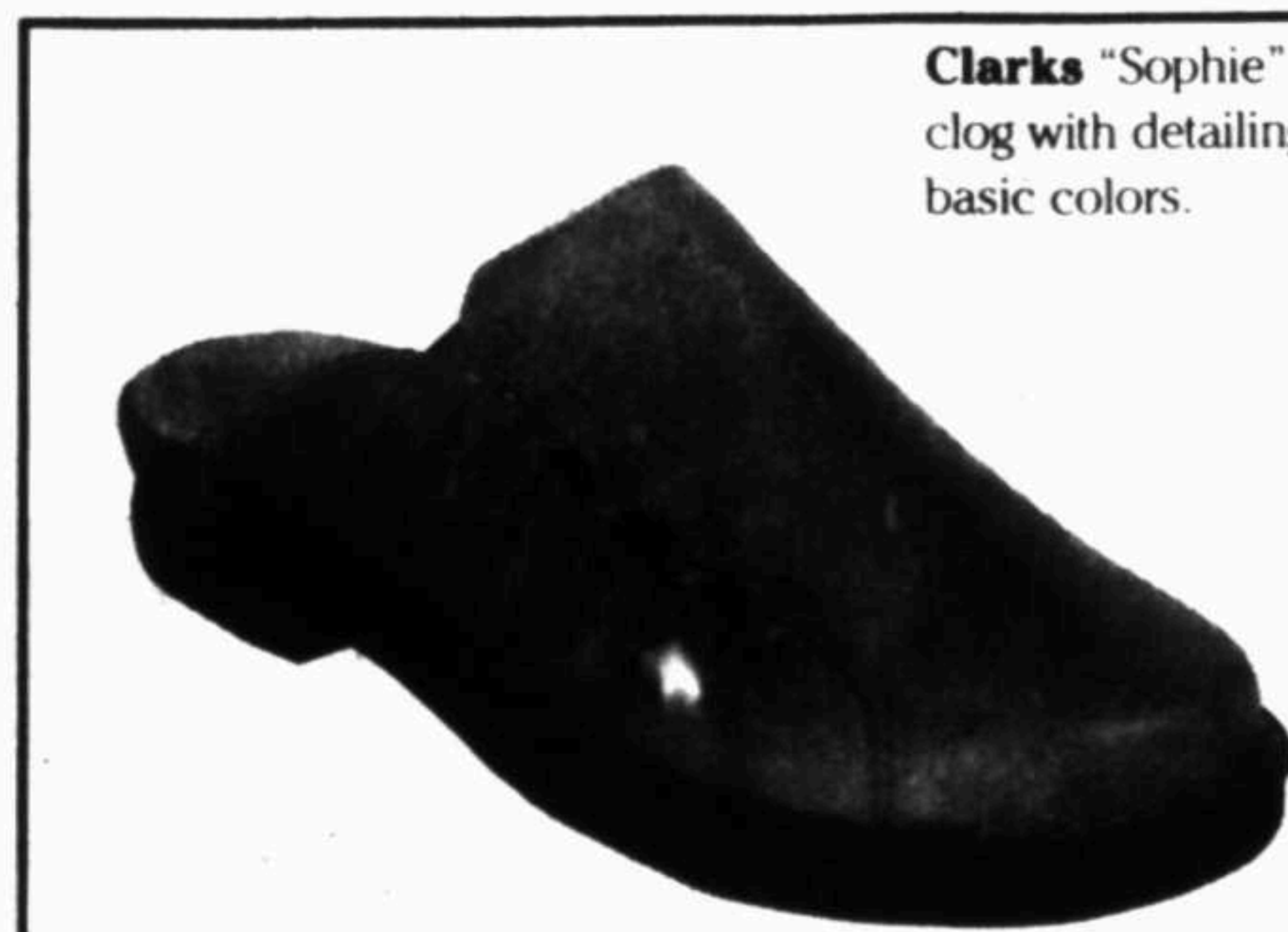


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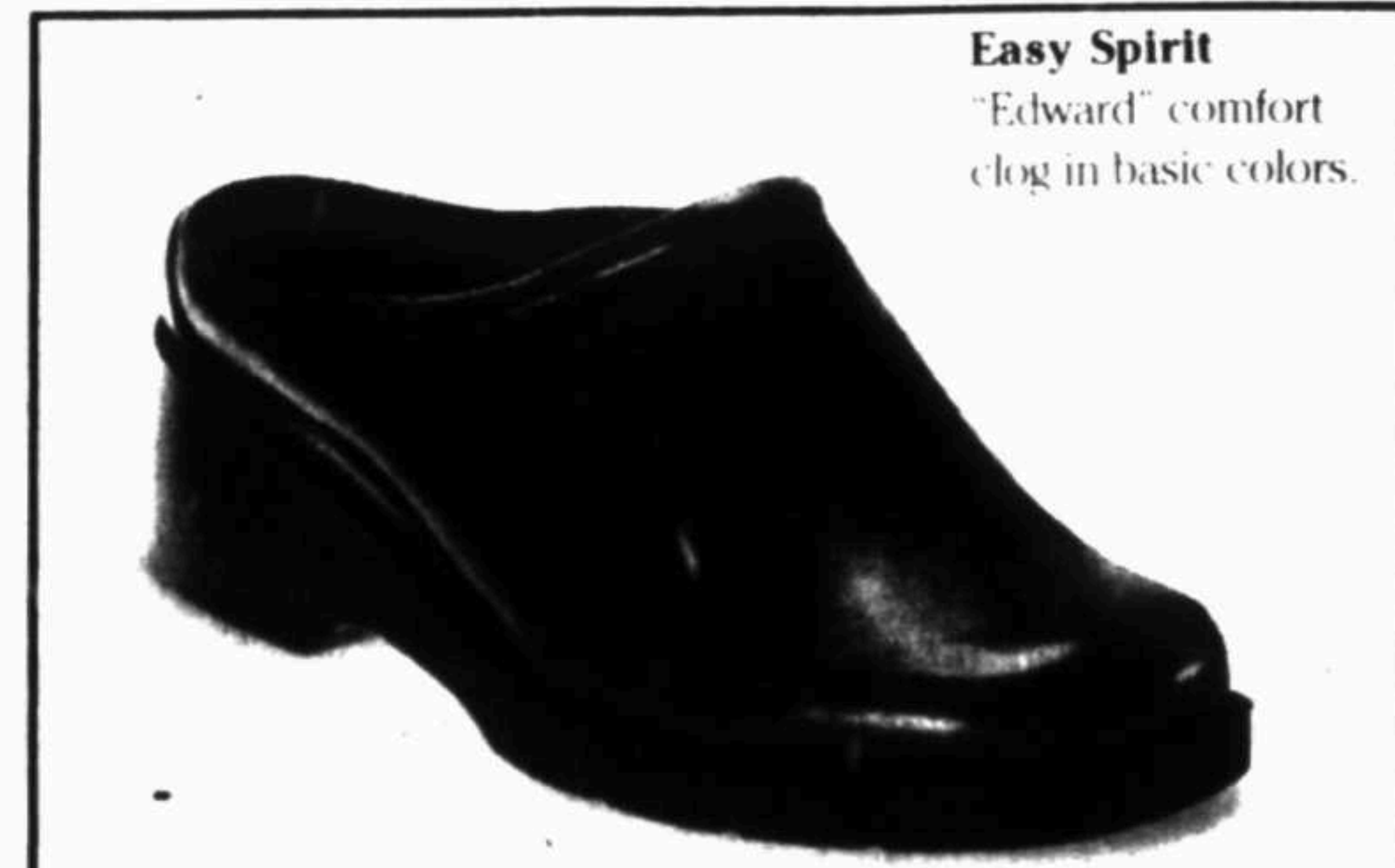


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1. Invest based on realistic returns.

Stock market returns in recent years have been unusually high compared with long-term historic averages. From 1995 through 1999 the stock market (as measured by the S&P Composite) posted annual total returns from 21.04 percent to 37.54 percent. (Past performance cannot guarantee future results.)

2. Patiently accept volatility.

The 11.1 percent market return is not a steady year-to-year number. During the past 80 years, the average variance of that average 11.1 percent return, called the standard deviation, was 20.65 percent for common stocks. Small-cap stocks, with an average annual return of 12.75 percent, have a standard deviation of 39.22 percent. This means a common stock could fluctuate in value up to twice as much as its average return and a small-cap stock up to three times.

3. Think long term.

Volatility is part of investing. The more you understand the market, historical returns and volatility, the better prepared you are to invest. For example, if you look at the 25-year period from 1975 to 1999, in any given year your gains in small-cap stocks could have been more than 70 percent and your losses nearly 20 percent. With large-caps, you could have had about half that volatility. But the longer you held, the less volatility you could have had because your investments have the potential to "level out". (Past performance does not guarantee future results.)

4. Stay in the market.

For investors who try to "time the market," consider: If you had invested \$10,000 on January 1, 1987 and missed the best 40 market days of an 11-year trading period attempting to time the market, you would have lost out on a lot of money. It's not market timing but time in the market that can bring about long-term success. This example is for illustrative purposes only and does not reflect the performance of any particular investment.

5. Diversify.

Big investing bets with just one or two companies, industries or classes of investments may produce big returns but at a high risk. A more prudent strategy may be to spread your dollars across different investments or "asset classes" (stocks, bonds, cash and their respective subclasses) that perform differently under various market conditions.

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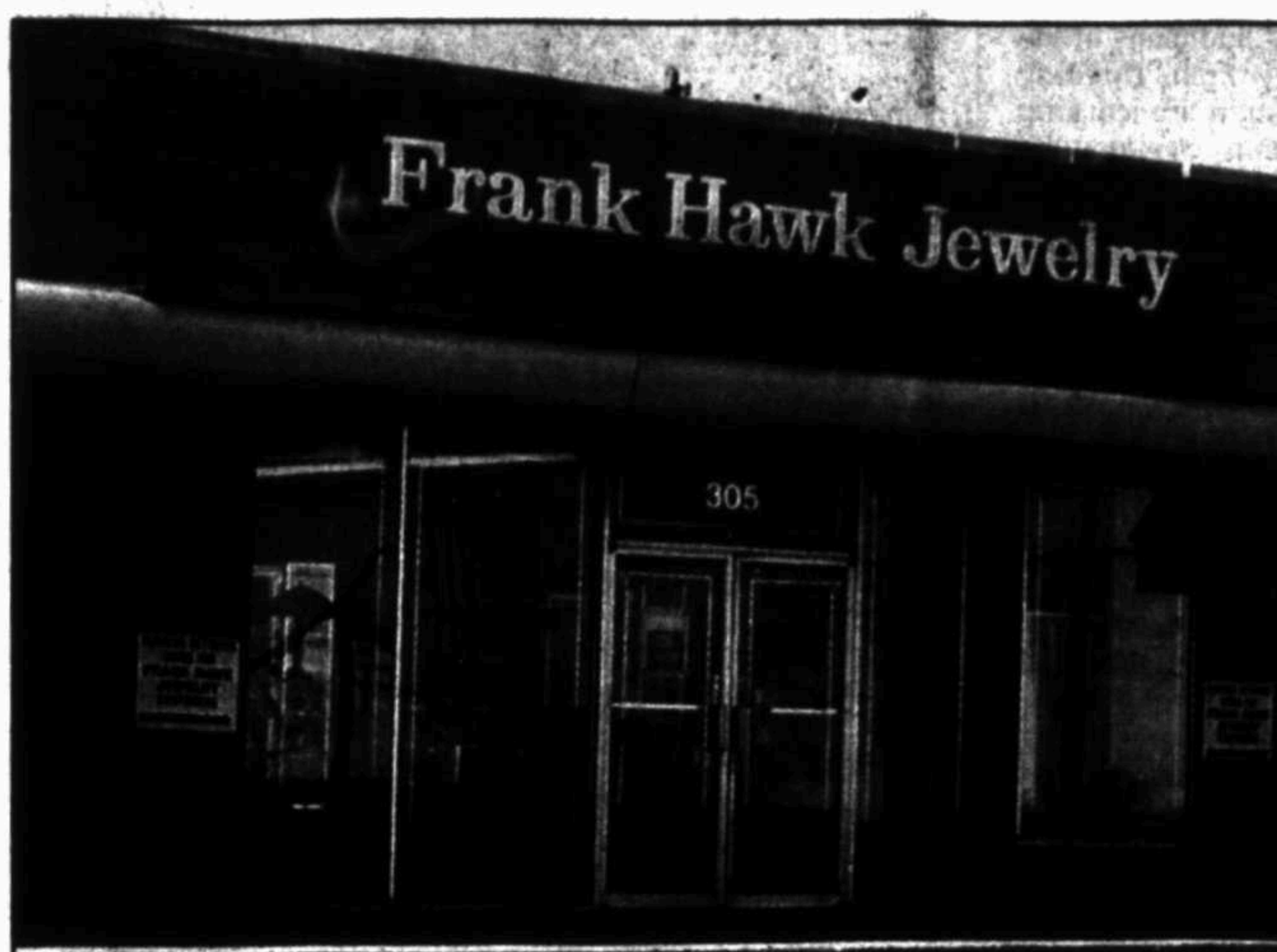
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The second concern is that in order to reach some dents on the roof and other places, it may be necessary to cut out some of the paneling—an act that may void the warranty on the structure as well.

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CAF ought to be applauded for name change vote

Some might groan that the Confederate Air Force is knuckling under to pressure to walk the line of political correctness with members voting this past weekend to change the name of the organization.

But the membership's decision simply makes good sense.

Roughly 81 percent of the 2,200 members of the Confederate Air Force voted this past week to change the name of the organization originally founded in 1957.

The CAF membership will vote on a new name for the organization in October.

As our nation continues to evolve, it is no secret that we are struggling with heightened sensitivities.

Just as sports teams identified with certain mascots and logos today considered offensive to Native Americans, the Confederate Air Force's moniker is doing more to bring back painful historic memories than it is serving as a true representation of what the organization is all about.

The Confederate Air Force is about aviation and preservation of vintage aircraft.

How many times to do you think visitors have flown into Midland International Airport and immediately suffered confusion, when they stop to consider that there were no aircraft during the time of the Civil War?

The real pressure to change the name of the Confederate Air Force has come from financial backers. The truth is that the outdated, somewhat offensive name has threatened the organization's cash flow.

The overwhelming decision by the organization comes as a relief.

Our community, like so many others, continues to try to overcome years of difficulties between the races. While many of us can look at items such as the Confederate flag and consider them historic memorabilia, for others the Confederate flag resurrects chapters of our history flecked with unpleasant images of night riders during Reconstruction or white leaders blocking admission to public buildings in the 1960s.

While Midland is fortunate to host the Confederate Air Force headquarters, the name has served as a part of a bygone era that our city has been trying to live down.

We applaud the membership of the Confederate Air Force for making the reasoned, rational decision to change its name.

The CAF, through its annual air show and its daily acts of historic preservation, does a great deal to make us proud. The organization doesn't need to be held back by an outdated name.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 21, the 326th day of 2000. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Nov. 21, 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

On this date:

In 1899, Vice President Garret A. Hobart, serving under President McKinley, died in Paterson, N.J., at age 55.

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate.

In 1942, the Alaska highway across Canada was formally opened.

In 1964, New York's Verrazano Narrows Bridge opened.

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1979, a mob attacked the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing two Americans.

In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas.

In 1980, an estimated 83 million TV viewers tuned in to the CBS prime-time soap opera "Dallas" to find out "who shot J.R." (It turned out to be Kristin Shepard, played by Mary Crosby.)

Ten years ago: President Bush arrived in Saudi Arabia, where he conferred with Saudi King Fahd and Kuwait's exiled emir. Junk-bond financier Michael R. Milken, who had pleaded guilty to six felony counts, was sentenced by a federal judge in New York to 10 years in prison (Milken served two).

Five years ago: Balkan leaders meeting in Dayton, Ohio, initiated a peace plan to end 3 1/2 years of ethnic fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina. France detonated a fourth underground nuclear blast at its test site in the South Pacific. The Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 5,000 mark for the first time.

One year ago: President Clinton, speaking at a conference in Florence, Italy, called on prosperous nations to spread global wealth by helping poor countries with Internet hookups, cell phones, debt relief and small loans. China completed its first unmanned test of a spacecraft meant to carry astronauts. Quentin Crisp, the eccentric writer, performer and raconteur best-known for his autobiography "The Naked Civil Servant," died in Manchester, England, at age 90.

JACK ANDERSON AND DOUGLAS COHN

The future depends upon an educated populace

WASHINGTON — In 1999, the United States Census Bureau found that the mean earnings for people over 18 years old who had not graduated from high school was \$16,053, whereas the mean salary of those who had graduated from high school was \$23,594. For those with some college education, the median salary was \$25,686, and for people with associate degrees the number rose to \$32,468. Those with bachelor's degrees earned an average of \$43,782; those with doctorate degrees earned an average of \$74,712; and those with master's degrees earned an average of \$52,794; professional degree holders averaged \$95,488.



Anderson

Among those seeking degrees, there is a growing trend within the nation's colleges and universities of women outnumbering men. Particularly in non-Ivy League universities, the gap between male and female students is growing. For example, the University of North Carolina in

Chapel Hill reports that the student population is over 60 percent female, the University of Virginia in Charlottesville has a student population that is 53 percent female, and Stanford University in California reports that 51 percent of its students are female.

Some experts attribute this trend to the fact that more men are opting to go straight into careers after high school. According to Claudia Goldin, an economic historian at Harvard University, "It's easier to go out and get a job now than to do the hard work and stay in college. For lots of people it's 'buy now, think later' — a mind-set that can have severe consequences. Male college graduates earn, on average, over \$23,000 a year more than men who have only high-school diplomas, and that income disparity is growing. Nevertheless, men are leading the charge into the workplace — they account for 57 percent of those ages 16 to 24 in the labor force who hold only a high-school diploma."

Shawn Vogt, a student at Hamline University's College of Liberal Arts in St. Paul, Minn., says, "I know a lot of guys from my hometown who quit college to run their own store or to have a Schwan's (food delivery) route, or to do some of these jobs where, for their age, they're getting paid

really well."

In recent years, however, with the phenomenal growth of the high-tech industry, more and more people are finding high-paying jobs that do not require college degrees. Many firms, such as Cisco Systems, are hiring students straight out of high school. These students can start out making relatively high wages with no college degree whatsoever.

Steven Trachtenberg, president of George Washington University in Washington, D.C., sees it this way: "If making money is your first goal, and if you are competent in high-paying skills, there's no reason to finish your degree. We shouldn't be surprised by that: It's demonstrated to us on a regular basis by people who sign up with the NBA or baseball players."

But what is the final verdict? The future depends upon an educated population. Money is only one consideration. Shouldn't scientific and artistic creativity mean more? Shouldn't advanced literacy mean more? In the final analysis, these are the things that will continue to fuel the economic engine that create national and personal wealth.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Arafat's primary weapon is propaganda

WASHINGTON — When the leader of the Hezbollah in Syrian-occupied Lebanon came up with a plan to kidnap three Israeli soldiers six weeks ago, his Iranian sponsors cautioned him to first get the approval of Bashar Assad, the new president of Syria.

That's because Israel was expected to retaliate against Hezbollah forces in areas controlled by Syrian troops. Ever since Israel's troops pulled out of its Lebanese buffer zone, Hezbollah's terrorism has been closely coordinated with Bashar in Damascus.

Usually reliable intelligence sources note that the inexperienced Bashar, eager to establish credentials in the Arab world as a militant enemy of Israel, gave his approval to the kidnapping plan. This despite the danger that the Hezbollah's capture of Israeli soldiers could lead to armed confrontation in Lebanon between Syrian and Israeli forces.

On or about Oct. 8, Hassan Nasrallah, secretary general of Hezbollah, reported directly to Bashar that the kidnapping had been carried out as planned. Bashar was heard to have congratulated him on its "smooth execution," goes the undercover account, and assured the terrorist leader full backing against anticipated mild U.N. reaction as well as a stronger response from Israel.

The risk accepted by Arab and Persian leaders in a daring provocation within what Israel considers its territory was evidence of what is emerging as Yasser Arafat's strategy.

From his turnaround that so surprised President Clinton at the Camp David fiasco, to his reluctance to speak out to restrain the rioting of Palestinians and sniping of his gunmen-police, his plan can be deduced:

First step is to transform the "peace process," which was in danger of succeeding in establishing a small Palestinian state, into a religious "war process" for control of Jerusalem and a state incorporating Jordan and Israel. What keeps Arafat in power is not the dubious economic promise of a struggling dictatorship but his militant followers' dream of driving the Jews out of the Middle East.



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Second step is to whip up support in world opinion by creating innocent victims of Israeli guns. Palestinian snipers draw fire into civilian crowds for the sole purpose of sacrificing innocents and spreading hatred. Every casualty is exploitable; every picture of a boy with a slingshot rather than a gun is a small victory; the gut-wrenching film of the boy dying in a crossfire was a propaganda triumph.

Though such a war process does not win military victory, it delivers results: In a much less well-armed form of intifada a few years ago, it led to Oslo and ultimately to Ehud Barak's stunning concessions. But to attain a goal of stimulating the defeat of Israel by Arab armies far stronger than his own, Arafat needs more than sustained low-level belligerency that wears down the Israeli will; he needs to provoke a new Middle East war.

That explains the campaign to sacrifice Palestinian women and children, opening the possibility for a stray Israeli shell to inflict horrific tragedy. Infuriated Muslims throughout the region then put pressure on shaky sheiks to support another such war.

That's why we see Arafat's allies in the Hezbollah enticing Syria's strongman into taking risks his dictator-father Hafez — having learned a bloody lesson that cost him the Golan — would have avoided. Arafat also knows that Iraq's Saddam Hussein, developing weaponry to counter Israel's nuclear deterrent, is spoiling to send his tanks and Scuds through Jordan into his enemy's homeland.

The possibility of such a Palestinian-sparked conflagration must be foremost in Barak's mind as he deals with the rioting and kidnapping. He must respond with seeming toughness, lest Israelis scorn him for being weak; yet he must not use too much firepower, lest he fall into Arafat's wider-war trap. Barak's demonstrated dovishness may force him to err on the side of using ever-greater force and thereby be drawn into Arafat's war process. The paradox is that the Israeli opposition leader Arik Sharon's longtime reputation for fierceness would enable the Likud leader to enforce separation, control military escalation and stop that war process.

America's mind is fixed on its own affairs, but thanks to Arafat, whoever wins the White House is sure to have a stressful first 100 days.

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CAL THOMAS

Reforms need to be in place long before next general election

While political campaigns are now year-around, few thought that elections might become nonstop. So, it's not too early to begin thinking about the next election in 2002 and the presidential race in 2004 and decide what the current electoral gridlock has taught us.

Many state legislatures vote electronically. Citizens might do so, too. Whether we use the Internet or phone in our votes using a Social Security or other number specifically assigned for the election, something better than the current patchwork quilt system is clearly needed. Making the way we vote more uniform and user-friendly might reduce the potential for fraud in places like Palm Beach County, Fla., where "chads" are on the floor and credibility is in the tank.

Something also needs to be done about the media. Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-La.) wants to hold hearings on why all the TV networks picked the wrong man — twice.

While Congress ought to be focusing on getting its own House (and Senate) in order before it tells the networks how to improve their indefensible performance, hearings might help focus some shame where it belongs. Because of the First Amendment, Congress should avoid any legislative remedies for network shortcomings, but shining a national spotlight on the Klieg light industry might help the media better focus.

The networks have all pledged to establish panels to look into their election night coverage and recommend how they can do better. That sounds like a good start until you realize that only CBS has an outsider on its panel — the respected Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. The rest are all using network insiders. This is like the Justice Department investigating itself, which is why we once had an Independent Counsel law.

The resurrection of the old National News Council, which the networks hated, but which served the public well, would be another good idea. The council, which ceased to exist in the '70s, served as an intermediary between the public and the media. It took seriously legitimate complaints about inaccuracies, bias and sensationalism. Properly staffed with credible people, a contemporary news council might pressure the media to do the type of professional job they used to do before ratings and other considerations supplanted good journalism.

One change the networks can make immediately is to stop hiring operatives from Republican and Democrat camps as "commentators," "analysts" and reporters, such as George Stephanopoulos, who repeatedly noted on ABC the "ties between (Florida Secretary of State Katherine) Harris and Gov. Bush." The network downplays Stephanopoulos' ties to Clinton-Gore. He's a "correspondent" now, you see, because ABC brass says so. His partisan-in-crime, Paul Begala, co-hosts CNBC's "Equal Time." There are fewer Republicans in the same category, but even if their number achieved parity with Democrats, the practice is still a bad idea.

Media labeling and commentary masquerading as questions should cease, though it probably won't. Reuters called Harris "a cultured heiress with a staunch Republican pedigree." CBS said she was "a child of privilege, born to one of the wealthiest families in Florida." NBC's David Bloom repeatedly called Harris "Florida's Republican Secretary of State." "Good Morning America" labeled Circuit Judge Terry Lewis a Baptist. Similar labeling was used on Kenneth Starr. None of it is meant to be complimentary.

Media culpability in this election goes beyond the bad network calls. The networks, especially, suffer from bias denial and falling credibility that ill-serves the public at a time when truth and accuracy were never more needed.

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Prosecutor: Nurse charged in vets' deaths hoped to impress boyfriend

By Jeff Donn
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A nurse murdered four patients at a veterans hospital because she liked the thrill of medical emergencies and wanted to impress her boyfriend, a prosecutor said in opening statements Monday in Massachusetts' first capital case since the 1980s.

Kristen Gilbert, 33, of Setauket, N.Y., is accused of murdering four patients at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northampton by injecting them with high levels of adrenaline. She is also accused of trying to kill three other patients.

Defense attorney David Hoose said that all the patients who died were suffering from serious illnesses that ultimately killed them.

"All life ends," he said. "For the four men who died here, life has simply come to an end."

Hoose said investigators made a scapegoat out of Gilbert, and suggested her colleagues turned against her because they sided with her husband in a divorce. Massachusetts banned the

death penalty in 1984. This is a federal case, brought by the government because the alleged crimes took place on federal property.

Prosecutor William Welch said Gilbert provoked medical emergencies so she could respond and attract the attention of peers and James Perrault, her boyfriend who worked as a hospital security guard.

In emergencies, Gilbert was seen flirting with Perrault and pressing her body suggestively against him, the prosecutor said. He said she once climbed atop a patient and straddled him, apparently to display a garter belt to Perrault.

The prosecutor displayed photographs of the patients on several oversized television monitors around the courtroom. He then showed the jury a vial of adrenaline and said Gilbert "transformed this drug from a drug of life into a drug of death, solely for her own personal, selfish pleasures."

Adrenaline is usually used to restore a normal beat to a stalled heart, but when used incorrectly can make the heart race.

Welch said that each man had a normally functioning heart when he entered the intensive care unit and that Gilbert tried to cover her tracks by falsifying medical reports.

He said Gilbert confessed to the attacks to Perrault and to her ex-husband. He quoted her as telling Perrault, "I did it! I did it! You wanted to know? I killed all those guys by injection."

Welch said it is practically impossible for so many patients with strong hearts to suffer cardiac arrests for no apparent reason. He said that is like "lightning striking not once, not twice, not three times, but multiple times ... in the same ward — and all following this defendant."

If the jurors convict Gilbert of murder, they must decide in a separate penalty phase whether she should get the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

Massachusetts last executed an inmate in 1947 and has not had capital punishment since the state's highest court struck down the death penalty in 1984 during an attempt by prosecutors to bring the death penalty against

three men accused of gunning down a state trooper.

"There's something deeply unsettling about seeing a federal capital trial in a state that has said 'no' to that," said Ann Lambert, a lawyer for the state branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU opposes the death penalty.

A 1994 poll of 603 Massachusetts residents by the Northeastern University College of Criminal Justice poll found 74 percent of respondents favored the death penalty for first-degree murder. But when asked to choose between the death penalty and life without parole, 38 percent preferred death, 54 percent preferred life without parole.

A 1997 Boston Herald poll of 305 voters showed that 74 percent of Massachusetts voters back a death penalty if the victim is a child. The poll was taken shortly after a 10-year-old boy was kidnapped and murdered by two men.

Gilbert was convicted earlier for phoning an anonymous bomb threat to the hospital during the investigation of the deaths. She served 15 months.



Kristen Gilbert, 32, a former nurse at a Veterans Administration Hospital in Northampton, Mass., is accused of four murders and three attempts inside the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in 1995 and 1996. As her trial began in federal court in Springfield, Mass., Monday, prosecutors said that Gilbert killed her patients by injecting them with dangerous doses of adrenaline.

AP File Photo

Turncoat mob boss gives a guided tour of the underworld

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Mob boss Ralph Natale used code names when he talked on the telephone. Whenever he discussed Mafia business at his apartment, he would crank up the TV or the radio. At his "office" — a restaurant at a racetrack — he would whisper or take associates for a walk down the hall.

Natale said he was "paranoid" about being bugged.

"And I was right, because I'm sitting here," he said earlier this month, eliciting chuckles from a standing-room-only crowd in the federal courtroom where he testified for the government in the corruption trial of Camden Mayor Milton Milan.

The former boss of the Philadelphia-South Jersey mob has become the highest-ranking American Mafia figure ever to turn government witness.

Natale began cooperating with prosecutors in 1999 after being charged with running a methamphetamine ring. Apparently, Natale wasn't paranoid enough: His telephone had been tapped, his kitchen, TV room and balcony were bugged, and, worst of all, a top associate had worn a wire and recorded hundreds of conversations with Natale and other mob figures.

Milan's trial is the first in which Natale testified. He is expected to take the stand in a series of trials that could put organized crime figures from Philadelphia to Boston behind bars.

During four days on the stand, Natale, 65, pleasantly explained the workings of the underworld to jurors and a gallery that included mob wives and girlfriends, FBI agents, and attorneys of former associates.

Natale was a mix of braggadocio and charm — full of hubris one moment, contrition the next — as he detailed his efforts to tuck the mayor of New Jersey's poorest city into his pocket.

A fit-looking figure with a shaved head, a gray goatee and

crisp, tailored suits, Natale sometimes bragged about his prestige and position, and told of how his underlings needed his approval before acting.

In a 1996 conversation recorded by the FBI at his apartment in Pennsauken, a city across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, Natale talked about beating up some guy "cause he answered me in a tone that he wasn't supposed to be doing."

Natale told of how friends and associates would keep their distance from him to avoid overhearing any conversations. "When I always talk to anyone, being the boss of the Mafia, they would never stand too close to me," he said. "They would always stand 5 or 6 feet away."

Natale detailed for jurors how, through an intermediary, he gave \$30,000 to \$50,000 to Milan to steer city contracts to mob-backed businesses. The bagman, Daniel Daidone, allegedly gave the money to Milan in \$100 bills in white envelopes.

Natale said he wanted Milan to be beholden to him. "I wanted him to feel he had to rely on me and nobody else," Natale said. "If he had a headache, I would send him an aspirin."

Under cross-examination by one of Milan's lawyers, Natale admitted involvement in nearly a dozen murders committed as retaliation, during battles for control or simply to save face.

Milan, 38, is accused of taking

payoffs from mob figures and others seeking contracts or favorable treatment, and laundering drug money.

Natale pleaded guilty in May to murder, attempted murder, extortion, gambling and drug trafficking. Prosecutors have said he would be spared the death penalty. He could get up to life in prison instead. He is expected to testify next year against his reputed hand-picked successor as mob boss, Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino, whose lawyer, Edwin Jacobs Jr., was unimpressed with Natale as a witness.

Jacobs gave the government credit for "cleaning up" Natale, but called his testimony "fiction."

Natale said it was the looks on

his family members' faces when he went to court on the methamphetamine charges a few years ago that made him decide to give up his life of crime.

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Israeli helicopters pound Gaza following deadly school bus bombing

By Laurie Copans
Associated Press

KFAR DAROM, Gaza Strip — Palestinians launched a bomb attack against a school bus Monday, killing two Israelis and wounding nine, and Israeli retaliated with its most punishing airstrike in nearly two months of fighting. Helicopters and boats barraged the offices of Palestinian security forces in Gaza City with dozens of rockets.

The bus bombing in the Gaza Strip and the Israeli response dashed hopes that Israelis and Palestinians might be moving toward a truce and a resumption of peace talks. The fighting has left some 240 people dead since Sept. 28, mostly Palestinians.

"We will continue to work with all our might to stop the violence, and make the Palestinian Authority understand that it will not achieve anything with violence," Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said Monday night.

He blamed the bus bombing — in which five of the nine wounded were children — on the Tanzim militia, which is connected to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's political movement, Fatah.

Palestinian officials said 62 people were injured in the Israeli bombardments, about half of them civilians.

Israeli helicopters unleashed an hour-long rocket barrage at nightfall, targeting Fatah and Palestinian security offices, including police headquarters and a building not far from the office where Arafat was working at the time.

The airstrike cut electricity, plunging Gaza City into darkness, and rockets hit several nearby



AP Photo
An Israeli soldier walks past a school bus damaged by a bomb blast as it was taking children and teachers from the Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom, in the Gaza Strip, to an elementary school in Gush Katif, Monday. Two adults were killed and nine passengers wounded, among them five children.

refugee camps, witnesses said. At least 22 of the wounded were from Shati camp, doctors said. Israel said missile boats off the Gaza coast in the Mediterranean joined the attack.

Many of the offices targeted were under the control of Mohammed Dahlan, head of the Preventive Security Service, who Israeli television said was suspected in the bus attack.

After the Israeli assault, Dahlan was defiant. He told Associated Press Television News the Palestinians will confront Israel until "Palestinian national rights are achieved."

Arafat's aides denounced the bus attack. "We had nothing to do with this incident. We reject any kind of violence," said Arafat adviser Nabil Aburdeneh.

The White House called for "clear and unambiguous" condemnations of the bus attack and urged the Palestinians to arrest the bombers.

"It's important that there be a clear condemnation of the attack," national security spokesman P.J. Crowley said. "As long as the violence continues, we have great concern that this could spiral out of control."

The school bus was hit shortly after it left the isolated Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom in the

heart of the Gaza Strip at around 7:30 a.m. Students and teachers were en route to elementary school in Gush Katif, a bloc of Jewish settlements in the southern Gaza Strip.

The bomb blast, from a 155 mm mortar shell attached to an explosive device, tore melon-sized holes in the red-and-white bus and shattered its windows.

The Israeli military said three Palestinians set off the bomb several dozen yards from the bus and fled on foot into Palestinian-controlled territory.

The words, "This is what we get for restraint," were spray-painted in Hebrew on the wrecked bus after the blast.

Three of the injured children were siblings. Orit Cohen, 12, lost her right foot, her younger brother Israel lost part of one leg and her younger sister Tehila suffered serious wounds to both legs.

"I never imagined that we would have to pay such a heavy price for safeguarding our homeland," said Noga Cohen, the children's mother.

About 6,500 Jewish settlers live among more than 1 million Palestinians in Gaza. The settlers in Gaza and the West Bank have been a frequent target for attack since the violence erupted.

Three groups — Palestinian Hezbollah, Al-Aqsa Martyrs and Omar Al-Mukhtar — claimed responsibility for the bus attack.

The first two have not been active before. The third, Damascus-based Omar Al-Mukhtar, is a splinter of a PLO faction.

The leader of Hamas, a militant group that has conducted past bombings, was evasive when asked whether his group was responsible. "What happened today is a natural outcome of the many deaths on the Palestinian side," Sheik Ahmed Yassin said. "Our targets are not children, but the military."

Last week, Arafat ordered Palestinians to stop shooting at Israelis from areas under Palestinian control. However, the ban did not refer to attacks in areas of the West Bank and Gaza that remain under Israeli control. The bus was traveling on a road that is Israeli controlled.

Palestinians cleared out of the security offices shortly before the raids began. In previous strikes, Israel gave the Palestinians advance notice to avoid casualties.

It was not clear if a warning was given this time.

Helicopters struck two offices in the Jabaliya camp, said Palestinian reporter Abdul Khader Hamad. "They shot more than 20 rockets into Jabaliya camp," he said. "We saw everything." There were no reports of injuries at the camp.

Israeli forces also closed a strip of Gaza territory from the border to the seacoast, preventing Palestinians from traveling from the northern half of Gaza to the southern half. Already in force were bans on import of fuel and most other products, except food and medicine.

"It is a new declaration of the aggressive war against the Palestinians," said Palestinian negotiator Hassan Asfour. "The killers ... will pay the price," he said, mentioning Barak, Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami and army chief Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz by name.

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Top honors...



LEFT: Meredith May, National Honor Society vice-president, lights one of the four candles for character, scholarship, leadership and service, the four core values needed for the National Honor Society. BELOW LEFT: Judge Dean Rucker gives the invocation speech Monday evening during the National Honor Society initiation ceremony at Midland High School.

Photos by
Tim Fischer

MHS students receive top honors for academics, good character

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

More than 150 Midland High School juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society Monday night. The students had to meet the national organizations requirements of a 4.5 grade point average, good character, leadership and community service.

Students are selected for NHS by first meeting the grade point average criteria. Then the names of the students who met this initial requirement are circulated among the faculty so teachers can make recommendations. From there, the names and recommendations are submitted to NHS.

"These kids take it real seriously because they're completing for college," said Midland High National Honor Society sponsor Donna Whiles. "NHS is a national recognized organization, anyone who sees it knows they were of a certain standard."

The students were honored with a traditional candle lighting ceremony. Each candle symbolized the NHS's core principals for scholarship, character, leadership and service. MHS principal David Adams issued the membership pledge to the inductees while local Judge Dean Rucker was the keynote speaker.

Student inductees are as follows:

New Members of the Midland High School Honor Society:

- John Michael Alcalá
- Christen Michele Alldredge
- Kimberly Nicole Anderson
- Mary Faye Anderson
- Roy Odes Anderson
- Gilbert Marquez Barela
- David Jacob Bargas
- Brittany Noel Barker
- Robert Alden Barron
- Bridgette Marie Batch
- Amanda Rachelle Beatty
- Amy Louise Bell
- Blake Winfield Braun
- Brandon Gene Bredimus
- Joshua James Brown
- Nicholas Jay Brown
- Ashley Erin Burns
- Magdalena Cristal Bustillos
- Lauren Nicole Butts
- Jonathon Arthur Carrasco
- Ciji Nicole Casbeer
- Mikel Grant Casey
- Sean Curtis Chapel
- Jeffrey Allen Clark
- Marta Lynette Clausen
- Sloan Alan Clayton

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Contest slowing student absences

■ Cash, car incentives boost attendance at Midland high schools.

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Where can students win a car and cash in Midland?

Offering prizes that make them sound like something fresh off of the Permian Basin's radio waves, area high schools in the Midland Independent School District are offering more than 4,000 of their high school students the chance to win a used car and \$100 in cash for perfect attendance.

The program is in its first year and so far both Midland and Lee High school principals David Adams and George Cooper said that it has been a success.

"I think it's a great deal," said Midland High School principal David Adams. "Kids will work toward a goal but sometimes to give them some focus on a goal by giving them an immediate reward helps."

So far, there are a few signs that the contest has helped increase regular attendance at most of the high schools. The major sign being that attendance at Lee, Midland and Coleman High all increased by a margin of +/- 1 percent.

This not only means more chances at winning money for the students, but more money for MISD from the state. Currently, MISD spends approximately \$5,600 per student every year. MISD received \$4,000 of those funds on an equalized basis from the state of Texas. That comes down to almost \$22 per day for the district for each student who attends class. For all four high schools, the average attendance was approximately 95.15 percent for this year, compared to 94.64 percent last year. Midland and Lee High's attendance averages tended to be more than 95 percent while Coleman and Excel High were between the mid and high 80 percentiles.

"The attendance rates aren't bad, but they aren't perfect," said MISD Volunteers and Partnerships specialist Susan Hannon. "Most attendance programs quit after the sixth grade. I wanted to move that to the secondary level."

All the figures are based on a comparison between this year's first six weeks of school number and last year's first six weeks. Excel High School was the only school that experienced a decrease in six week attendance figures. It was down .12 percent this year from approximately 90 percent attendance last year during the first six weeks.

Hannon said after receiving encouragement to have perfect attendance in elementary school the students have become used to being rewarded. Up until recently any acknowledgement of attendance in the secondary grades was nonexistent.

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Group spruces up cemetery dating back to 1885

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County's Fairview Cemetery, beheld as a "place of great reverence" by Edward Weyman, has undergone much sprucing-up since the Friends of Fairview was set into action a year ago.

"We had a very good year last year," said Weyman, who is president of the 220-member, all-volunteer Friends of Fairview.

Since its inception, the group has raised more of \$25,000, including funds for an endowment, toward maintaining the 1885-founded cemetery in concert with Midland County government.

"We have spent more than \$10,000 primarily in trimming the elm trees, removing

all the old stumps and dead trees, poisoning for Dutch Elm disease, straightening grave stones, poisoning for fire ants, weed eradication, and landscaping the office," Weyman said.

The office at the northeast corner of the cemetery is adorned by Hawthorn and Italian cypress trees.

"They have been called the 'cemetery tree,'" Weyman said of the Italian cypress, "because they get very tall and stately."

The cemetery, which is in east-central Midland off A Street, began as a 10-acre graveyard as a gift to the county in 1885 by the Midland Town Company.

Since then, it has expanded to 42.4 acres and has an estimated capacity of 16,500 graves, according to Richard Schwoppe, the

county's facilities management and planning director.

"We've got enough (acreage) to carry us for the next five to 10 years," he said. "Once it's full and there's no land available," Schwoppe noted that the costs would be "the yearly maintenance to keep up with it as best we can ... unless the county (Commissioners' Court) wants to pursue acquiring land adjacent to it somehow."

Schwoppe, who noted that he has viewed some county cemeteries "that are pretty much in shambles," said Fairview is "probably above average" in upkeep and appearance.

The county's \$23-million general-fund budget for Fiscal Year 2001 includes

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Ed Weyman explains the landscaping work that's been done on the grounds of the cemetery by the Friends of Fairview. The grounds are receiving a face-lift in an effort to keep the cemetery maintained well.

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Reporter-Telegram

GARY OTT

Edison invention eventually drove all parents up the wall

More rambling thoughts ...
— Carrie Fisher once said, "As you get older, the pickings get slimmer, but the people don't."

— Speaking of the aging process, you know you are getting old if you find yourself wanting to tell teen-agers to clean up their act when you overhear them using profanity in a public place.

— You also know you are getting old when a 9:30 p.m. start to a concert sounds unreasonably late.

— "Why, I can't go to that," you say to yourself. "It'll be MIDNIGHT before I get home. And on a week night!"

— Believe it or not, sometimes people who do good things for others, really do them for the right reasons.

— Of course, that's hard for us cynics to

acknowledge.

— And while we are on the subject of cynicism, it is always more attractive, and funnier, when it is ours rather than someone else's.

— Line from a country-western song: "I guess everything does change, except what you choose to recall."

— Think about it, now. That's a Merle Haggard line, so it's got some substance to it.

— Little-known fact: I was on this date way back in 1877 that Thomas Edison announced the invention of the phonograph.

— I wonder how much later it was before the first father screamed the words, "Turn that blankety-blank music down!"

— And for all of you Watergate junkies, and admit it, there are more than a few of you out there who cut classes in college to watch the proceedings on TV, it was also on this date that the attorney for Richard Nixon, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18 1/2 minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings.

— And you thought political shenanigans only took place in the current administration.

— Hey, it knows no political boundaries.

— There is always a fleeting moment of dread, it seems to me, that a person feels just before he punches the button that retrieves his telephones messages.

— Have you ever noticed that any book, no matter how poorly it is written, suddenly becomes immensely readable when you are on an airplane?

— Overheard: "This is America, where everyone is entitled to the wrong opinion."

— Happy birthday wishes to former baseball great, Stan "The Man" Musial, who turns 80 today.

— That was one of the all-time great nicknames in sports.

— In a perfect world, little children would never be subjected to pain ... either the physical or the emotional kind.

— Is there anything more gut-wrenching than hearing "Amazing Grace" played on the bagpipes?

— If it doesn't bring a tear to the eye, you're not human.

— For what's it worth: As a kid, I never

liked playing Army.

— Always remember these words of wisdom from the late Ella Wheeler Wilcox, who said, "Distrust that man who tells you to distrust."

— Just wondering: When was the last time you were involved, either as the giver or the receiver, of a really good practical joke ... you know, the kind that makes you laugh for days?

— Well, that's too long.

— One of the best things about not having children is that you never have to utter the words, "Gee, I wonder if I can get a babysitter on such short notice."

— If you could make a living at it, farming seems like a good way of life, especially late in the day after your work is done and you sit out on the porch in a rocking chair.

— And today's final quote comes from Herman Hesse, who once said, "If you hate a person, you hate something in him that is part of yourself. What isn't part of ourselves doesn't disturb us."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.



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Area briefs

Blood drive

The Clusters Team and United Blood Services will hold a blood drive at the clubroom of the Clusters Apartments, 4415 Northcrest Dr. All association members, vendors, property staff and friends are invited to participate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 12. For information contact 699-7941.

Today's Agenda

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

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

The 12 Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-C, 699-2005.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furr's Cafeteria.

Norman Read Chapter, No. 1010 OES, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.

Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 2982 Auxiliary, 8 p.m., VFW hall, 1306 E. Taylor.

Licensed Vocational Nurses Assoc., 7:30 a.m., Trinity Towers.

Ranchland Hills Ladies Association, 7 p.m., Couples Bridge, RHCC.

Toastmistress Club, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Christian Church.

45-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown

Lions building, 699-5202 or 694-1869.

Midland County Young Democrats, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 3802 Avondale Dr., 684-5548 or 694-4152.

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, #9215, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, Cherry Lane & Tyler St.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, Dot, 683-3775 and Kathy, 580-HELP.

Adult Children of Alcoholics, From Survival to Healing, 7:30 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Bellydancing classes, 7-8 p.m., Hawaiian/Tahitian classes 8-9 p.m., 520-4852 or 694-2250.

Study Club, 7:30 p.m., Unity Church of West Texas, 210 E. 12th St., Odessa, 332-5890.

Healthy Alternatives, ADD, 7 p.m., 711 W. Indiana Ave., 570-0272.

Downtown Bible Study, noon, 312 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 6, 682-6748.

Alcoholics Anonymous closed study, 8 p.m., 111 E. Michigan Ave., 684-9430 or 687-3427.

American Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., 501 Airport Rd. 682-5511.

Women's Luncheon, noon, **American Cancer Society**, 2304 W. Wadley Ave. For women with any type of cancer diagnosis. Free lunch served, 687-1949.

OBITUARIES



Goodrich Hejl

William Goodrich Hejl died at his residence Sunday, November 19, 2000.

He was born March 19, 1922 in Ranger, Texas, to W.F. and Lorena (Jones) Hejl, and moved to Midland in 1927. He began school as a young boy in Midland and graduated from Midland High School in 1939. During those years, he attended North A and Tennessee Church of Christ, was involved in Boy Scouts of America with his lifelong friend, Rocky Ford, and pursued his love of music by playing in the Midland High School Band. After graduation, he attended Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas, where he played in the Big Purple and White Band and the Orchestra. He served his country in the U.S. Army for four years during World War II.

Goodrich met Louise Lancaster of Belfast, Tennessee, while they were both enrolled at Abilene Christian College. They married on May 13, 1944 in Little Rock, Arkansas, while Goodrich was on leave from the Army. After his discharge, they settled in Midland, where they raised a family of one daughter and two sons.

Goodrich was a businessman in the Midland community for over 54 years. Upon returning from his service in World War II, he worked for his father at Broadway Motors selling Studebakers. He later became a Goodrich tire dealer and ran a business he named Goodrich Service Center. Other business endeavors included the opening of a franchise for Budget-Rent-A-Car, and becoming a realtor in the late 70s. At the time of his death, he was the owner and manager of A-Allright Mini Storage.

As a young man, Goodrich served as a deacon at North A and Tennessee Church of Christ. He became a charter member of the Fort Worth and Jax Street Church of Christ, where he also served as an elder there in 1965. When the congregation moved to the present location at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, he again became a charter member and served there as an elder until his death. Goodrich was known and loved for his practical wisdom and for his efforts to be a peacemaker and a peace keeper. Goodrich was involved in several organizations in the community: Jaycees, the Lions Club, and Toastmasters. He encouraged his two boys in Boy Scouting by his participation during their childhood years. He was a charter member of the Midland Association for Retarded Citizens and served as a board member of the Midland Christian School.

Goodrich is survived by his wife, Louise Hejl of the home; his daughter, Dorcas Hejl of Midland; his son, David Hejl and wife, Barbara of Abilene; his son, Charlie Hejl and wife, Janie of Austin; his brother, J.C. Hejl and wife, Betty

of Abilene; his sister-in-law, Shirley Hejl of Austin; his sister, Mary Jo Taylor and husband, Don of Arlington; his sister, Evelyn Browning and husband, Henry of Temple; grandchildren, Bradley Hejl, Brooke and Chris Parker, Brandye and Brian Benavides, Jeffrey and April Hejl, Luke Hejl, Bethany Hejl, Jackson Hejl, and Kelley Hejl; great-grandchildren, Hunter Parker and Kayla Parker; seven nephews, six nieces, and a host of special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.F. and Lorena Hejl; and his brother, Frank Eugene Hejl.

The pallbearers will be Bradley Hejl, Jeffrey Hejl, Luke Hejl, Jackson Hejl, Bill Taylor, and Jerry Hejl. The honorary pallbearers will be the ten elders of Fairmont Park Church of Christ, and longtime friends, Andy Anderson, Bill Beasley, Bill Crozier, and Rocky Ford.

The family visitation will be Monday, November 20, 2000, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 21, 2000, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 N. Midland Drive, with ministers, Steve Bailey, Ralph Gates, and Danny Holmes officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be directed to "In Search of the Lord's Way," P.O. Box 371, Edmond, Oklahoma 73083-9901; to Midland Association for Retarded Citizens, 2701 North A Street, Midland, Texas 79705; to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702; or to a favorite charity.

Abbie Harrison

Abbie E. Harrison was born September 3, 1902 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, to Martha and Aldon Rogers. She was a descendant of the Mississippi Choctaw Indians. She resided in Midland the last eight years, where she passed away Monday, November 20, 2000, at a local nursing home.

A visitation has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 21, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 22, at Ellis Funeral home Chapel with Reverend Bill Skaggs officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She worked during the depression years at house cleaning, ironing, or anything she could do for her family's good. She later worked for Everybody's Grocery Store in Odessa for a number of years. She and her husband moved to Washington state, where she picked apples. After Mr. Tilley passed away, she moved back to Odessa, keeping a nursery in her home until 1973, then she moved to Temple.

Abbie was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, R.W. Tilley, who passed away October 21, 1966; her second husband, J. Harrison, who died in 1972; her son, Sherman Tilley; 10 brothers and sisters; and a grandson, Leon Tilley. She is survived by one daughter, Betty Buchanan, of Midland; a granddaughter, Martha Harvey, of Midland; a grandson, Bobby Hulsey, of Carrollton; six great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, two great-great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Sidney Lanier

Services for Sidney Lanier are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 21, at Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 22, at the Sulphur Springs City Cemetery, Sulphur Springs, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Sid was born December 24, 1911 to W.P. and Mattie Lanier in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He moved to Midland in 1937. During World War II, Sid served in the European Theater. Sid returned to Midland in 1944 and resumed his profession in the oil business. He married Jerry Tindal in 1945. Sid owned and operated Basin Well Service until he retired in the late 1970s.

Sid passed away Monday, November 20, 2000, at his Midland residence.

Sid was preceded in death by his wife, Jerry; his son, Jack Landon Lanier; his brothers, Jimmy Lanier, Wayne Lanier, and Billy Lanier; and his parents, W.P. and Mattie Lanier.

He is survived by one daughter, Rose Mills and husband, Pete of Midland; five grandchildren, Lori Lanier, Bill Lanier and wife, Jana of Midland, Jeanne Lanier Benson and husband, Rick of Fort Worth, Tammy Watt and husband, Freddie of Big Spring, David Eberle of Midland; a daughter-in-law, Billie Lanier of Midland; six great-grandchildren, Landon Lanier, Hilary Lanier, Lacey Eberle, and Tyler Eberle, all of Midland, Andrea Benson of Fort Worth, and Brian Watt of Big Spring.

Memorials may be made to Seelin Home Health Care, 4500 W. Illinois St., Midland, Texas 79703.



Norine Goodwin

Norine Goodwin, 74, of Arlington, a homemaker, went to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday evening, November 19, 2000, in Arlington.

Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel, 3100 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, Texas, (817) 336-0584. Burial will be at Greenwood Memorial Park. Visitation will be 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Lela Norine Goodwin was born January 15, 1926 in Clara, Mo., to Byron and Helen Harmon. She was married to Troy Victor Goodwin for 40 years, who preceded her in death in 1987.

A special thanks to all who cared for her at Mariner Health of Arlington and to VITAS Hospice for all the loving care.

Norine was a loving wife and devoted mother, giving herself to her children and family. She

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always had a smile even through her struggles. Her fun loving sweet spirit was loved by everyone. She will always be loved and missed by her family and friends. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Willow Park.

Norine was also preceded in death by a sister, Lois Lovan of Willow Springs, Mo.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Edwards and husband, John, of Hurst, and Sue Spraggins and husband, Stewart, of Arlington; three grandchildren, Troy Edwards of Hurst, Amy Rhoades and husband, David, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Candace Jordan and husband, Michael, of Mansfield; five great-grandchildren, Timothy, Jonathan, and Mindi Rhoades of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Braden and Tatum Jordan of Mansfield; her twin sister, Maxine Gish of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.



Jane Viney

Myra Jane Shelton Viney was born October 22, 1926 in Paris, Texas to Dixon Bywaters Shelton and Myra DeWitt Shelton. She graduated from Paris High School. She received her degree in Art and Design from Texas State College for Women in 1947. She married Ralph H. Viney July 12, 1947 in Paris, Texas. She lived in Texas City, Houston, Patterson, New Jersey, and Fort Worth, before moving to Midland in 1961.

In addition to raising five children, she also worked for Bell Laboratories on the design team that developed the Princess Phone. In Midland, she worked as an Independent Oil and Gas Operator doing business as Rhonda Operating Company, which is named after her second daughter.

She loved being with her children and in her earlier years enjoyed golf, Play Reader's Club, and Writer's Guild. She has always enjoyed playing the piano, organ and flute. She loved needlework and was an avid reader.

Jane died Saturday, November 18, 2000, at a Midland hospital.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 21, 2000, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

She will be missed by her five children, her two sons, Shelton Viney and wife, Jo Ann of Midland, and Scott Viney and wife, Stacie of Midland; three daughters, Norma Viney Burke and husband, Bill of Midland, Rhonda Viney Henry and husband, Mark of Arlington, and Sidney Viney Lemon of Laredo, Texas; her sister, Myra Shelton Dyer of Paris, Texas; her friend, Billie Mason of Midland; eleven grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

NHS: Midland High School inductees

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■ Tandra Nichole Colvin
■ Melissa Michelle Conry
■ Nicholas Eric Corraze
■ Katherine Marie Cultreri
■ Amanda Jean Davis
■ Sarah Elizabeth Douglas
■ David Neale Drennon
■ Brittany Nicole Duncan
■ Meredith Lea Endris
■ Jalyn Nicole Fiske
■ Jessica Ann Fiske
■ Michael Dale Forrest
■ Leah Dae Fowler
■ Henry Fuentes
■ Miriam Berenise Garcia
■ Oved Alexander Garcia
■ Jessica Rhea Garza
■ Jeffrey Roger Gilbert
■ Jess Anthony Gilmour
■ Joseph Gonzalez
■ John James Gripp
■ Irene Acevedo Gutierrez
■ Marysol Gutierrez
■ Kathleen Nichole Hagen
■ Geoffrey Scott Hambrick
■ Randy Lewis Hamm
■ Ryan Austin Hayes
■ Don Adam Hedgpath
■ Jennifer Michelle Hendrix
■ Cheryl Marie Henkel
■ Brittany Beth Hill
■ Gary Patrick Hinterlong
■ William Harrison Hodge
■ Travis Jared Holland
■ Jessica Jo Hollums
■ Julie Rene Holzer
■ Stephanie Ann Horton
■ Tara D'Lyn Houk
■ Harrison Martin Hudson
■ Heather Ashley Hughes
■ Scott Carlton Jacobson
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■ Tracie Jean Jones
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■ Anthony Winslow Kent
■ Emily Suzanne Keys
■ Hilary Regan Knight
■ Matthew Clayton Knight
■ Vanessa Ann Krause
■ Jessica Elaine Kuykendall
■ Shannon Ilene Laufer
■ Christopher Anthony Lawler
■ Molly Beth Little
■ Sean Michael Lynch
■ Lindsey Marie Madden
■ Natalie Cherie Madden
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■ Paloma Yalitz Nevarez
■ Phillip Ross Newton
■ Katherine Leigh Noah
■ Cody Clayton Oldham
■ Casey Tim Owens
■ Israel Ybarra Patino
■ Aubrey Anna Pavlis
■ Traci LeDon Pequeno
■ Ryan Lockhart Pervier
■ Sarah Elizabeth Pilgrim
■ Dana Danielle Powers
■ William Scott Prude
■ Katherine Marie Ramsey
■ Kyle William Riggen
■ Sheryl Valerie Robeson
■ Katie Ann Rogers
■ Lindsey Christine Rose
■ Douglas Brandon Schmidt
■ Leslie Ann Scott
■ Stephanie Ann Seibert
■ Ashley Marie Shannon
■ James Livingston Shelton
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■ Frances Lee Smith
■ Stephanie Jane Smith
■ Sandee Snow
■ Rachel Ann Snyder
■ Sara Bess Snyder
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CAR: Program created to encourage secondary students

(From 1B)

Hannon said she believed providing students with an extra incentive to go to class was important since the schools often have to compete with the fact that the high schools are open campuses where many students could simply leave early or during lunch.

"Kids can leave for lunch and may not go back," Hannon said. "It's just a tremendous burden on the school district to keep tabs on these kids at all times."

She said the program is set up where the students have a sense of an opportunity cost — that every time they choose to not go to class they miss out on the chance of winning \$100 or a used car.

In most of the elementary schools, coupons for free food and small prizes are given away for

good attendance. Hannon argued that a simple coupon would not be enough to convince teenagers to go to class.

"A free pizza coupon isn't going to cut it for a junior or a senior," Hannon said.

Hannon said the program is set up to reward the "middle-group" of high school students. This group consists of average students that often miss out on the rewards and attention that are reserved for the honor's and at-risk students.

To qualify for the two attendance incentive programs students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average — that is a C grade average — and at least

six weeks of perfect attendance. For every six weeks of perfect attendance, coinciding with 2.0 or above grade point average, a student will have one ticket entered into the drawing for the \$100 and the used car.

The more six-week periods of perfect attendance a student has, the more tickets will be entered in both drawings for their name. A student can have as many as four tickets in the drawing if they meet the requirements.

Each high school campus conducts a six week drawing for the \$100 from students with perfect attendance for that period. In the final drawing for the grand prize students have a chance of winning

a used car, valued between \$5,500 and \$6,000. There will be a \$400 cash prize for second place and a \$200 cash prize for third.

The used car will be donated by the New Car Dealers Association in Midland. The cash prizes are being supplied out of general funds from each high school's budget. The contest is being managed by Community In Schools — a volunteer organization that has social workers in each of the high schools.

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DEAR ABBY

Daughter's self-mutilation is expression of internal pain

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Worried Mother, Chandler, Ariz.," whose daughter is self-mutilating. I had this problem in high school. What wasn't mentioned in her letter is that cutting, burning, etc., is an addictive behavior. You hit the nail on the head when you said cutting causes physical pain to



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express deep internal pain, and a mental health specialist is necessary.

In the meantime, instead of punishing her daughter by grounding her, the mother should try to be very understanding and treat this as an addiction. Anything her daughter could harm herself with should be confiscated — and the girl should be monitored to be sure the behavior is not ongoing. It's easy to hide.

Please inform the mother that even though her daughter is in a lot of pain, she might not be able to verbalize it. It's best not to prod or force her. Just be there and try to do the best she can. The healing has to come from the daughter.

A parent can only help along the way. — FORMER CUTTER IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR FORMER CUTTER: Thank you for the valuable input. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am almost 17 and have been cutting off and on since I was 13. When I began, I didn't realize how addictive the condition is. At one point, I cut at least once a day for several months — and experienced physical withdrawal if I didn't.

Sadly, my behavior is common for someone suffering from this addiction. Teen-age girls seem to be afflicted most often — especially the perfectionist, over-achiever types who are also prone

to depression and eating disorders.

I have read stories of severely addicted cutters who cut for 30 years or more. I will have scars on my arms, back and stomach for the rest of my life. As you said in your response, Abby, the daughter needs emotional support from her friends. I have been blessed with the most wonderful, caring group of friends who have helped me through my difficult times. I would encourage anyone who is a victim of self-mutilation to seek professional help immediately. — SELF-INJURER, STILL STRUGGLING

DEAR STRUGGLING: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have been a cutter for 15 years. People are only recently becoming aware of this problem. I received help when I was younger, and now, as a mother of three, I'm able to control my urges when life gets difficult.

Please inform "Worried Mother" not to punish her child for cutting. Cutters are in need of serious psychological help. They cut because they feel their pain is eating away at them, and cutting is the only way to let it out. Talking and listening to her troubled child is vital. She should not be criticized, and her problems should not be minimized. The smallest thing can feel like an end

to her world. — BEEN THERE IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR BEEN THERE — AND ALL OF THE FORMER CUTTERS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO WRITE: Most people do not understand the dynamics of this problem. Your taking the time to write and educate us is appreciated. According to other letters from former cutters, the problem may stem from clinical depression, bipolar disorder or sexual abuse. And I repeat: It is a cry for help — PROFESSIONAL help

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEATH NOTICES

Loreta McCain

Loreta Thelma McCain, 83, died Sunday, Nov. 19, at a local hospital.

Services will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will be 4 p.m. at the Atoka Cemetery in Novice under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 25, 1917 in Throckmorton.

She moved to Midland in 1951. She worked sales and clerical for Woolworth's Store until 1976.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Willie Shields.

Survivors include a sister, Juanita McCain of Midland; and two nephews.

Ruth Sloan

Ruth Hillman Sloan, 83, died Monday, Nov. 20, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Tommy Potter officiating under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 27, 1917 in

Clarendon.

She lived in the Levelland/Plainview area as a child. She moved to Midland in 1949. She worked for retail merchants, later joining Grammer-Murphy's; then was a Deputy Clerk for the Midland County Clerk.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Southwood Sloan in 1986; a daughter, Gaye Atkins; and a brother, Earl Hillman.

Survivors include a son, Kent Sloan of Midland; a brother, Royce Hillman of Plainview; two sisters, Evelyn Byrd of Petersburg and Gene Lambert of Tow; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

George Haynes

George Haynes, 87, died Monday, Nov. 20, at a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Trickham Union Church with the Revs. James Ford and James Haynes officiating. Burial will follow at the Trickham Cemetery under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna, 915-348-3131. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born May 5, 1913 in Trickham.

He was a member of the Trickham Union Church. He was a drilling superintendent for Amerada-Hess Petroleum Corporation, retiring after 35 years in 1970; then he owned and operated Haynes Soft Water Company and George & Goldie's E-Z Car Wash, both in Lovington, N.M.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Goldie Welch Haynes on Jan. 18, 1995; a daughter, Gloria June Haynes; four brothers, and one sister.

Survivors include five daughters, Wanda Titchen of Lovington, N.M., Connie Seals of Willis, Jeanelle Permenter of Ayden, N.C., Carol Faychak of Midland, and Janice Cinq-Mars of Lihue, Hawaii; two sons, James Haynes of Cypress; 17 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 13 step-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Trickham Cemetery Association, HCR 78, Box 18, Santa Anna, TX 76878.

Michael Douglass

BIG SPRING — Michael Douglass, 37, died Saturday, Nov. 18, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cotton officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 2, 1963 in Big Spring.

He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He worked in the oil field, and was a carpenter and plumber.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Douglass; and three brothers.

Survivors include his mother, Mildred Douglass of Big Spring; five children, two sisters, one brother, and several nieces and nephews.

Agnes Ayres

LAMESA — Agnes Irene Ayres, 84, mother of Midlander, died Monday, Nov. 20, at a Lubbock hospital.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at First

Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Don Stribling officiating. Burial will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Lamesa Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 12, 1916 in Jones County.

She came to Dawson County in 1918. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, and Presbyterian Women and Sunday School at First Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Art Ayres on July 30, 1989.

Survivors include a son, Bob Ayres of Midland; a daughter, Ann Adcock of Lamesa; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

Ely Clanton

HIGHLAND VILLAGE — Allan Ely Clanton, 53, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Nov. 17, at his home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Revs. Jay Clanton and Gene Lewis officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity

Memorial Park.

He was born June 24, 1947 in Big Spring.

He was an independent sign manufacturer until 1997. He lived in San Antonio before moving to Highland Village in November 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Karla Susan Wadsworth Clanton of Highland Village; a daughter, Ashley S.C. Anderson of San Antonio; three sons, Aaron E. Clanton, Joshua C. Clanton, and Jacob J. Clanton, all of Highland Village; his father, Auldon E. Clanton of Colorado City; his mother, Mary E. Jones of Big Spring; a sister, Beverly Johnson of Big Spring; and a grandson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the "Friends of Ely Trust Fund," c/o State National Bank, 901 Main, Big Spring, TX 79720. Visitation will be 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Phoebe Limon

BIG SPRING — Phoebe Limon, 57, died Monday, Nov. 20.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

GROUP: Historical Fairview Cemetery 'place of great reverence'

(From 1B)

\$132,798 for Fairview Cemetery's personnel and operating budgets. Its three paid workers are David Zarate, supervisor, and Steve Morgan and Pedro Bustillos whose jobs include opening and closing graves and landscaping. They are assisted by Midland Court Residential Treatment Center's probationers whose mandatory community-service work includes cemetery maintenance.

In the past year, the Friends of Fairview has been "a real benefit" to county government, Schwoppe said.

Commissioner Randy Prude said he was instrumental in organizing the group since county government is on a "limited budget" and unable to invest too heavily in the cemetery.

"It's an example of what citizens can do when they want to help and be part of the solution rather than part of the problem," Prude said. The volunteers "go above and beyond the call of duty."

Driver runs through doors at post office

By Brian Rogers
Staff Writer

Visitors to the Downtown Post Office this week may be surprised to find the first set of double doors missing from the front of the building.

According to the Midland Police Department, an elderly

Weyman noted that the Friends of Fairview is into its second-annual membership drive. Membership fee is \$20. The group's mailing address is P.O. Box 2143, Midland, Texas 79702-2143.

"Of course, we accept larger endowments if people are so inclined," said Weyman whose family roots in Midland date back to the 1800s. Weyman noted that his great-grandparents, grandparents, parents and many relative are buried in Fairview.

There is an effort afoot to petition the Austin-based Texas Historical Commission to designate Fairview as a "Texas historic cemetery," Weyman said.

Schwoppe noted that state funding for the cemetery would become available for Fairview once it is designated by the state agency as a historic cemetery.

Texas Historical Commission spokesman Ned Coleman noted that only about 130 cemeteries of Texas's 35,000 to 50,000 burial sites have been deemed historic by the agency. Criteria include their being at least 50 years old.

Coleman said. Midland County's Fairview Cemetery is 115 year old.

The agency's historic-cemetery program is relatively new, Coleman said. The burial grounds may range from single-burial sites on a ranch to a family cemetery to a community or county cemetery.

In a letter to Friends of Fairview members, Friends membership chairman Betty Whitmire Sumner noted that the group has "made considerable improvements to the cemetery, but the county budget for Fairview remains tight and there is still much to be done to make it the beautiful place it should be."

The efforts of Friends of Fairview are to help make the cemetery "a place of lasting

beauty and tranquility for our friends and relatives who are buried there," she said, "and for those who will be buried there in future."

Eileen Welch, who hails from a pioneer family, said the Friends of Fairview has latched onto a good project.

"We don't want our cemetery to become neglected," said Mrs. Welch whose parents, Troy and May Eiland, and husband, Charlie Welch, are buried there.

"People who have made Midland County what it is today are buried out there," she said. "A lot of the people that were the founders and the leaders as well as ordinary people are buried there. We don't want to forget about them."

Friends of Fairview objectives include:

■ Fostering "perpetual maintenance and beautification of Fairview through active oversight and initiatives."

■ Advising and assisting the County Commissioners' Court in Fairview-related matters "but not to supplant or diminish" the court's managerial or financial responsibilities.

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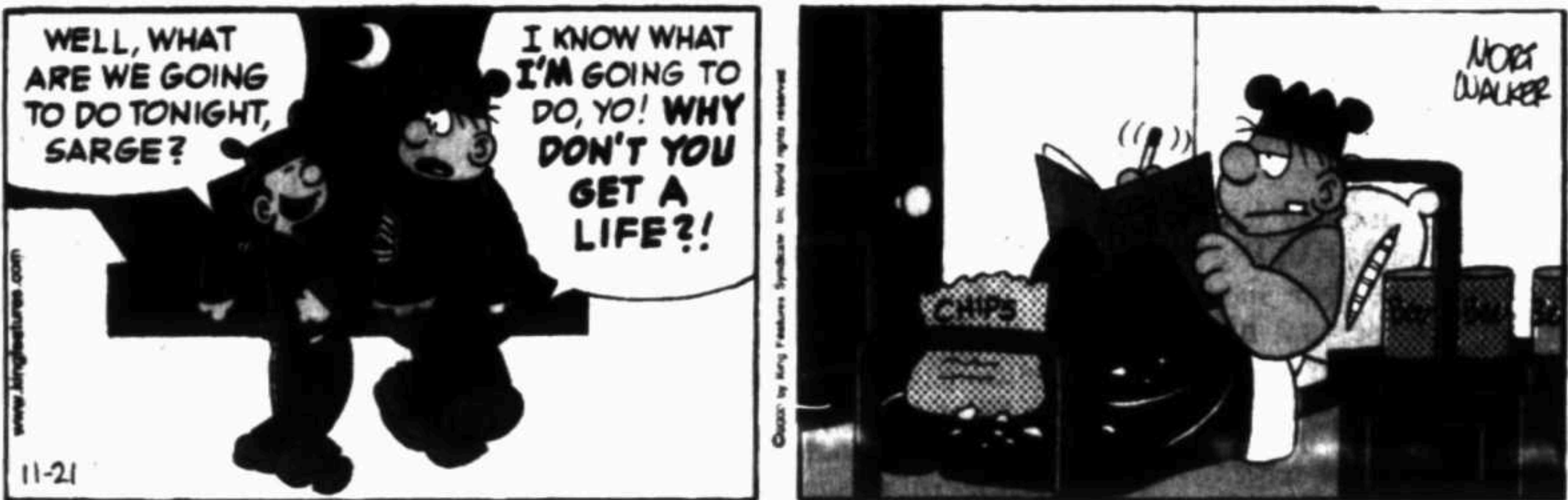
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Freddie Fender being evaluated to receive kidney transplant



Fender

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer Freddie Fender has hepatitis C and is being evaluated for a kidney transplant.

Fender, whose hits include "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights" and "Before the Next Teardrop Falls," is being treated in Corpus Christi, said his spokesman Kirt Webster.

"Freddie will continue to perform on weekends and select bookings," Webster said.

Fender, 63, is getting dialysis treatments. About 4 million people nationwide are infected with hepatitis C, a virus that attacks the liver and is spread through contact with an infected person's blood. It kills as many as 10,000 Americans each year, mostly by causing cirrhosis or liver cancer.

However, it may remain dormant for decades, and some people eventually lose all trace of the virus.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Danny Glover appealed to South Africans on Monday to join together to fight AIDS raging throughout the country.

"It's going to take all of us to fight this and deal with this. The need is enormous," the "Lethal Weapon" star said.

Glover, a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Development Program, spoke at a center for HIV-infected mothers and children. He wiped away tears as he received gifts from some of the children.

Roughly 4.2 million South Africans have the AIDS virus, the largest population of HIV-infected people in the world.



Rimes

DALLAS (AP) — LeAnn Rimes, whose powerful voice catapulted her to country music stardom as a child, says it's time she spoke for herself.

The Grammy-winning singer, now 18, filed a federal lawsuit last week seeking to void a contract with Curb Records Inc. of Nashville, Tenn. The deal had been struck by Rimes' parents on her behalf when she was 12.

"Her career has blossomed, something that couldn't be predicted when she was 12 years old," said her attorney, Tom Rhodus. "LeAnn simply wants to be her own person. She wants to speak for herself, and she wants to make her own deals."

Rimes also filed suit earlier this year asking for \$7 million in earnings allegedly siphoned off by her father and a former manager. Both men have denied the allegations.

Curb Records attorney John David said Rimes' contract was affirmed in 1995 by state courts in Tennessee and Texas.

"She has a valid and binding agreement," David said. "That is the law."

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Lauren Bacall did a double take when accepting her most recent award for lifetime achievement.

"I do have to pinch myself to make sure I'm not dead," said Bacall, 76. "Many think a lifetime achievement award means it's over, but I can assure you it's not over."

The movie star was honored Sunday at Stockholm's annual film festival.

The actress, who starred with Humphrey Bogart in such movies as "Key Largo" and "To Have and Have Not," was cited for "straightforwardness, intelligence and an ironic look that have given her portrayals their unique strength and weight."

ATLANTA (AP) — Sean "Puffy" Combs has taken up the torch of late civil rights leader Hosea Williams, feeding the homeless for the holidays.

Combs pledged on Sunday to pay for this year's charity Thanksgiving dinner, an annual tradition founded by Williams in 1970. Thirty-thousand are expected on Thursday.

"It's a crazy thing to have your stomach growling and not knowing you're about to eat," Combs said. "I feed the hungry in New York every year for the holidays and I've seen hands-on what this does for the people, and it's something we need to all come out and support, even if it's just a dollar."

Williams, a top adviser to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1960s, died last week of kidney cancer complications. He was 74.

Combs declined to disclose how much he expected the dinner to cost.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Papa Roach probably owes much of its success to the band's humble beginnings in Vacaville, Calif. Living in Vacaville "is what made us hard workers," lead singer Cobey Dick said. "We came from a little small town where nothing was going on. We had to fight our way into the scene."

The rock-and-roll band's music uses common themes such as despair to connect with fans, Dick said. But the singer does not aspire to prophet status.

"When people relate to our songs, they sometimes think that I can give them an answer to their problems when I can't," he said. "That's not what I do."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

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FAMILIES TODAY Choosing holiday toys

By T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.
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As the holidays approach, parents are often bombarded with advertisements for new toys, magazines' lists of the "best" toys and urgent requests from their children for "hot" toys. Deciding which ones to put on the list can be difficult. One thing that can make it easier is understanding why a child plays and how toys can help.



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Play is a child's work, and toys are the tools. Through play, children learn about themselves and the world around them.

Different kinds of play can foster different skills, such as language, gross and fine motor movements and imagination. One thing is clear: Good toys don't need to be fancy or expensive. In fact, the best play often happens with toys that are imagined or made by the child himself.

As a child fantasizes about growing up and conquering the world, he plays it out with toys. One day he may want to retreat to being a baby—or try out being a parent. He can use dolls and a doll house to create a family where he can assign the roles, though a stuffed animal and a blanket might suffice to play the baby. Moments later, he may appoint the stuffed animal to be his trusted co-pilot as he blasts off on a mission to Mars. He can act this out with a spaceship model or make one out of Legos—or simply rely on his imagination to turn the living room couch into his own spacecraft.

Children the same age learn so much from each other's play, and toys can facilitate this. Watch a pair of 4-year-olds with a shared toy. One will make it perform in one way; the other may take it over and imitate the first. Then, she'll add a new twist to the way it's used. The first child will brighten and take it back. She'll model on what she's just seen and will have learned a new way of playing with the same toy. Learning to share the toy and learning to participate in each other's imaginary play are the rewards.

A parent and child can use toys together to build on each other's fantasies—especially toys which give the child an opportunity to demonstrate his dreams, concerns or wishful thinking to an observing adult. Good examples are dolls, houses, art kits and construction sets that can be put together in many ways—all of which leave room for the child's efforts and imagination. Leftover shoe boxes, egg cartons and other soft-edged nontoxic recyclables can serve the same purpose.

For this to be most successful, however, a parent must let the child lead. It's so tempting to take over or to teach, but an adult should simply watch for cues from the child, then quietly build on these.

Many parents today feel pressure to stimulate their children's brain development and to prepare them to compete in a complex world. Some are playing Mozart tapes to infants and using flash cards with toddlers in often misguided attempts to enhance learning. While toys should offer opportunities to learn, toys which teach can easily squelch a child's imagination and experimentation.

To make such toys more effective, parents should look beyond the suggested learning goals to the toys' potential to promote learning about people and emotions, to encourage interactive play and shared joy.

A child who can try out his independence and feel powerful in his play is likely to be better prepared for any world than one who has felt merely instructed. I know this from experience. When I was a young child, I already knew that I wanted to take care of people. But any play with dolls—which would have allowed me to explore this interest by acting it out—was absolutely forbidden to the boys in my family. So my younger brother and I resorted to using bottles as dolls. A tall, skinny bottle became the father, a shorter, rounder one the mother. The rest were children, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

The bottles would nurture, comfort, fight and yell, as we modeled our play on the adults with whom we were identifying. We played out endless stories, acting out our immature understanding of grown-up feelings and our wishes to give and nurture, which made us feel more adult. No one knew what we were doing with these bottles, but our play—and these homemade toys—were important to our growing up.

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Sofia Rodriguez gets a scooter ride from Manor Park resident Roy Harris (top) while Art Ray smiles with day care children (right). Ivan Ramos asks Julia Mills to read to him (bottom).



Bridging the generation gap

By Lana Cunningham

The tiny hands, skin smooth and unblemished, are enveloped in the large hands that have seen many decades of life. The children, not many years out of the womb and still looking at the world with fresh eyes, are greeted and hugged by those on the other end of the age spectrum—people whose next step will be over the threshold of life into eternity.

It's a daily event at Manor Park, this bridging of generations by the very young and the very old. The opening of Midland College Child Care Center at Manor Park on Sept. 5 brought the sights and sounds of young children to a retirement community—an event to which some residents objected and now applaud.

"The idea originated at Manor Park because of the Eden program here. It's a way of bringing life into a nursing home," said Lucy Woodside, director of development at Manor Park. "We have brought in the cats and the puppy dogs and fish and plants. We were wondering how to complete the concept. It came to us that what we were missing were the children. We'd had groups come in and visit and then leave. We decided that what we needed was a child care center. These people need children in their lives."

About a year ago, Manor Park began collaborating with Midland College to open a branch of its child care center for the retirement community's employees. The employees would feel better about putting their children in day care, and the center would complete the Eden concept. Rita Stotts, program director of child development for MC, was excited about the idea. She had completed an intergenerational program at Texas Tech, but "there was nowhere to do anything with it. They (Manor Park) have the visits by school classes and scout troops here, but then they leave."

Not only would it offer a chance to work on the intergenerational program, but Midland College students would have a laboratory site for child development students.

More than two months after the center opened its doors, Ms. Woodside and Ms. Stotts are seeing children and senior residents bridging the intergenerational gap, even though it may be nine decades wide. Parents are seeing differences in their children's behavior, seniors are adding a trip to the center to their daily schedule, and residents and employees smile broadly as the children make their daily rounds through the hallways.

"Excuse us," said Ms. Stotts as she commandeered some children around an employee and his cart one morning. "Oh no," the man replied with a big smile. "It's always a pleasure to see y'all." Meanwhile, seniors in wheelchairs and walkers were reaching out to touch the youngsters.

"We live in a mobile society and grandparents are not always around" for these young children, noted Ms. Stotts. By the same token, grandchildren and great-grandchildren often live hundreds of miles from these family patriarchs and have little knowledge of them. The center's opening elicited some trepidation on the parts of both organizers. Ms. Woodside had heard from some Manor Park residents that the community was no place for young children. Ms. Stotts had no experience on which to base the success of a child care center housed in a retirement community.

It didn't take long for the residents' feelings toward the center to change. One of Manor Park's objectors found herself at a party where the children came in. Soon a little boy went up to her and climbed into the woman's lap. "She latched on to him," laughed Ms. Woodside.

"The residents had to realize the kids weren't going to be running wild around here. The mood went from being skeptical about having kids on campus to being anxious to see them," she said.

"This is a child care/pre-school and they have a schedule of activities and lesson plans," added Ms. Stotts. Seeing older people in wheelchairs and on walkers was a situation the center talked about with the children. "We brought in wheelchairs, walkers, scooters and bandages so the children could understand them," said Ms. Stotts. "They played with them and got accustomed to seeing them."

The bridge over the generation gap gains strength every day. One recent morning found Coordinator Tracy Roome singing a song about the days of the week while the children, ranging in age from 2 to 4 years, repeated the words. This was followed by letters of the alphabet. Watching were two seniors: Cora Moore, 96, who had rolled her wheelchair in with the help of her assistant, and Ethel Cavitt, a Grand Pal. Grand Pals are seniors who volunteer to be "pals" to the children. Smiles lit up the faces of young and old alike.

"I very much enjoy the kids," said Mrs. Moore, whose great-grandchildren do not live nearby. Mrs. Cavitt, 84, has great-grandchildren in Midland, but she enjoys being able to go down a hallway and help at the center. "I like little children. I have 14, almost 15, great-grandchildren and I can't be with them." As the young mother of three, she had worked with children in scout troops. "I always loved to be with children. My motive now is to come down here and be with these children."

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The children reflect that love from the seniors. One youngster's mother, Dana Sowell, has seen son Landon make a 180-degree turn in his behavior. "I'd had severe behavior problems with my son. He's a very smart child, but he was biting a lot. He is a completely different child now," she said. His language skills have improved. He's speaking in full sentences and singing songs. He asks me to come to



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school and play with his friends, Miss Tracy and Miss Ethel. I love this intergenerational program with the children."

"Miss Tracy," as they call her, had operated a child care center for 20 years in Fort Stockton with her mother. In a larger facility, the children are separated by their ages. At the Manor Park center, all children are together. "It's been a good thing to have the older and younger kids in here together. It's more like it would be at home with siblings or cousins," she said. While some activities are done as a group, there is a time when the youngsters are divided into small groups to work on projects according to their development level. Adding seniors to the mix is a new concept to Mrs. Roome. "I'm learning, too, about this intergenerational thing. You can see the faces of the Grand Pals light up. Children can bring a smile to anyone's face. Some of these seniors will look lost, then you'll see a spark in their eyes when they see the children. The sound the children make also brings out these seniors."

"We don't try to be quiet when walking through the halls. It would defeat the purpose of why we're here. As long as the kids are under control, I let the natural things happen. "I feel like the longer we're here, the more the kids will get to know the people and we'll see some more positive things," she added. "Everything that is happening here is so amazing."

In the beginning, the Garden of Eden was a bridge from heaven to earth. Today, Manor Park is that Eden with a bridge from generation to generation and from earth to heaven.

The Midland College Child Care Center at Manor Park is open from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 697-4581.

Give thanks for the things that really count

By Katie Boden

The truth is—I never liked turkey. In fact, growing up, my family never cooked turkey on Thanksgiving. Our dinner plates were brimming over with unconventional foods like stuffed grape leaves (Mom's ethnic contribution) and tamales (Dad's favorite).

But still, Thanksgiving in my house was as good as any Norman Rockwell Thanksgiving. We had the important things.

Fighting over the white meat or dark meat never happened in my home. Arguments were more likely to sound like this: "Look at you! You eat like a bird! Wassa matter? You no like the way I cook? Eat! Eat!" We all knew that the more we were forced, the more we were loved.

Then there were the relatives. They came over to our house—all of them—every year. They were as much a beloved tradition as the stuffed grape leaves.

Whereas most normal families might gather around the TV set after the Thanksgiving meal, my family occupied themselves with other activities. For example, Uncle Joe drank scotch as an appetizer and smoked a cigar for dessert. After dinner, it was not uncommon to find him asleep in a chair with a lit cigar in his hand.

Auntie Stella, on the other hand, was our very own "Dear Abby" (whether or not we wanted her to be.) I didn't dare mention school, boys, complexion problems, or anything else for fear Auntie would start one of her "This is what you should do..." dialogues.

While the rest of America was sitting around the hearth with full stomachs politely speaking, one at a time, on civil subjects, my family engaged in multi-subject, boisterous, politically incorrect debates. Oh...and it wasn't unusual to have three different languages going at the same time.

Dish washing was also a time-honored tradition in our house on Thanksgiving day. There was a certain way it had to be done—no deviations or substitutions.

No food, absolutely none, was to be thrown away. Even the food left on somebody's plate could be put to good use. The family pet or the compost pile benefited from the scraps. The rest of the "good" food was doled out to the guests. Each person had to take their share home or they would be blamed with more of the "Wassa matter, you no like the way I cook?" guilt thing again. Empty Cool Whip containers were packed tight with all leftovers and set by the front door so no one would "forget" to take them when they left. After the dishes were cleared, they were wiped off, rinsed, washed, then stacked in the dishwasher to be washed again. The floors were swept, the counter tops scrubbed, and the garbage (what little there was) taken out so "the ants don't come." The kitchen was spotless—ready for the preparation of the next meal.

I still remember looking around our crowded home, listening to the lively talk, hearing the clattering of dishes, smelling the rich aroma of good food and cigar smoke and thinking there could be absolutely nothing better in the whole world than being in that place at that time with those people.

As a parent, I feel a little sad that my own children have not had the opportunity to experience family holidays the way I did. We are members of the mobile generation, having moved away from "home." My children hardly know their aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents anymore. What a lost treasure!

This Thanksgiving, I join everyone in giving thanks to God for our homes, the food we have, our health and most of all our families—however our families are defined. No matter what's on the menu or what language is spoken, let's give thanks to the things that really count.

Katie Boden is an MRT Correspondent.

World Golf Hall of Fame inducts Rankin

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Paying tribute to pioneers, teachers and parents, Juli Inkster and former PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman were among eight players and administrators inducted Monday night into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Inkster, who juggled being a soccer mom and one of the most competitive players in golf, and Beth Daniel were the only active players among this year's induction class, the largest since eight were inducted in 1975.

Daniel qualified in 1999 but postponed her induction to the year her parents and the LPGA Tour celebrated their 50th anniversaries. Monday also happened to be her brother's 50th birthday.

Joining the inductees was Midland's Judy Rankin, a 26-time winner and longtime ABC Sports golf analyst

who was voted in through the Veteran's Category.

The World Golf Foundation selected five others — former Masters and PGA champion Jack Burke Jr. through the Veteran's Category, Beman, Sir Michael Bonallack, British teaching pro John Jacobs and Neil Coles for Lifetime Achievement.

Their induction brings membership in the Hall of Fame to 84.

"They have gotten to the Hall of Fame through very different paths," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said on a cold, clear night at the World Golf Village. "Each has left their indelible marks."

Each paid tribute to those who have paved the way for them, particularly the women.

The LPGA Tour celebrated its 50th anniversary of when 13 founders ran a circuit that blossomed into 40 tournaments with prize money pushing \$40 million.

"Because of these women, I have been able to live

my dream," Daniel said.

Daniel and Inkster qualified when the LPGA Tour early last year changed its requirements from the most stringent of any Hall of Fame to one based on points.

"It's unbelievable that my name will go alongside some of the greatest men and women to ever play the game of golf," said Daniel, who has won 32 times and one major.

Inkster thought the Hall of Fame was out of reach, especially after going through a five-year winless drought during which she devoted her attention to her two daughters.

"I thought those guys were my Hall of Fame," she said.

When the requirements were changed, the three-time U.S. Amateur champion blazed into the shrine by winning five times last year, including the prized U.S. Open

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Lee-Franklin Playoff Tickets

Tickets for Friday's 7:30 p.m. Class 5A Big School area football playoff between El Paso Franklin and Midland Lee at Memorial Stadium will go on sale to the general public at 8 a.m. today.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and will be sold at the MISD Athletic Director's office (northeast corner of Memorial Stadium).

Tickets will be sold until 5 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday only due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Tickets may also be purchased Friday night at the gate, but all tickets will cost \$7 at the gate.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

MHS dogs Fort Stockton

Lady Dawgs have easy time, winning at the Chap by 59

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

In a trip back home to fill the gas tank and maybe do some laundry, the Midland High girls basketball team perhaps found that playing might have been the easiest thing to do Monday night.

Scheduled between the end of one tournament and the beginning of another, the game against Fort Stockton at Chaparral Center might have been easy for the Lady Dawgs to take lightly. But MHS showed no signs of road fatigue in its fourth straight win, routing the Lady Panthers 95-38 to improve to 4-1 on the season.

Incentive for the Lady Dawgs might not have been high entering the game, considering that Fort Stockton is a 3A school and Midland High was coming off a 50-47 victory over Class 5A No. 7 Lubbock Monterey to win the Pizza Inn-vitational in Big Spring Saturday. That win came four days after MHS opened its season by losing to Monterey, 62-56, at the Chap Center.

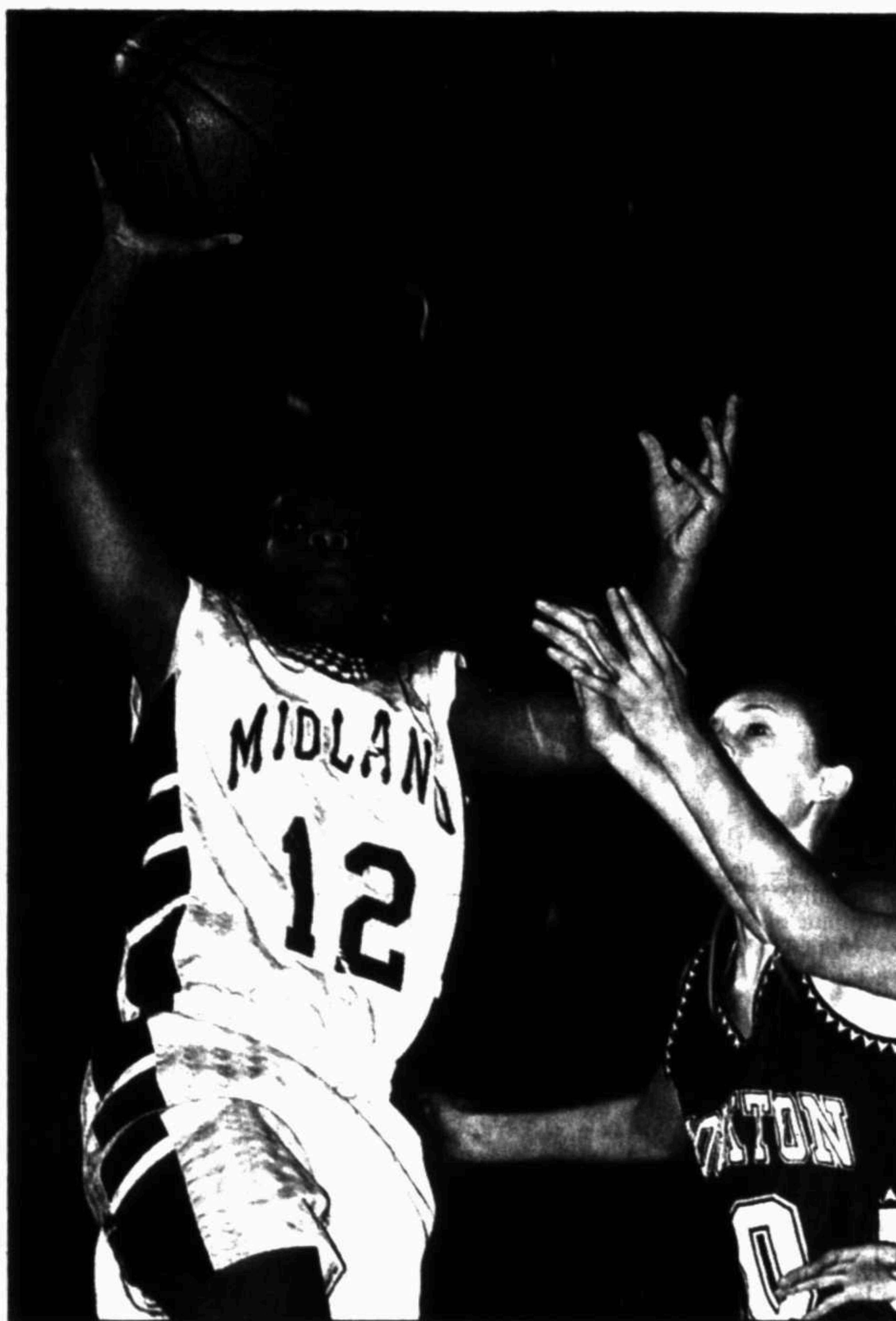
On top of that, the Lady Dawgs are scheduled to ride on a bus all day today to open the Lovelady Thanksgiving Classic Wednesday night.

"We needed a home game to give us an opportunity to stay sharp between tournaments," said Midland High coach Terry Gray. "One of the things that we especially stressed was that after we won a big game, we had to get up and play 48 hours later. Now we've got to be ready for another game in another 48 hours from now."

This hectic and ambitious early scheduling is a reflection of the expectations being placed on the MHS girls, who didn't lose a single player who finished last season with the team.

An indication of how strong the Lady Dawgs were was that they put six players in double figures, and not one of them was four-year varsity letterwinner and leading scorer Edrea Rogers. And the only reason Rogers (who scored nine points) did-

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Midland High's LaQuori Harris (12) keeps her eyes on the basket as she drives past Fort Stockton's Bianca Olivas (10) Monday in high school girls basketball action at Chaparral Center. Midland High won the non-district game.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Chap men take out frustrations on LCU squad

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Lubbock Christian junior varsity picked the wrong time to take on No. 4 Midland College at Chaparral Center.

The Chaparrals were coming off a disappointing 63-61 loss to Cisco Junior College Saturday night and wanted to have a big game Monday to make up for it. Unfortunately for the Lubbock Christian JV, Midland College had its big game in a 109-60 trouncing.

"We were trying to get our identity back after the loss to Cisco," said MC sophomore guard Macklin Thornton. "A win like that boosted our confidence."

It was all Midland College (6-1) from the get-go as the Chaps scored the first 23 points of the game before LCU finally responded with 12:28 to go before the half with a 3-pointer by Brian Morris.

There was nothing really to complain about Midland College's performance Monday night other than maybe a few sloppy offensive series. It was total domination from start to finish as every available Chap was used by Midland College head coach Junsie Cotten, and every one of them scored. Five Chaps were in double figures as Armon Tillman led the way with 15 points, Jeremiah Coleman had 14, Thornton 13, Hamilton Rucker had 13 and Jason Williams added 12.

"Any time we can come back and get a victory after a heart-breaking loss can build confidence, and that's what we need right now," Cotten said. "The last two games, we haven't played with a lot of effort and I take full responsibility for that. But I'm confident in the next 10 days we will work the wrinkles out."

This was a great team effort by the Chaps as they raced out to a 61-25 lead at the half. Even though the Chaps always kept a huge lead, they never dropped their intensity. Cotten cited reserves Allen, Coleman, C.J. Young and Drew Oswald for playing with a lot of heart against LCU.

"Coach (Cotten) told us it was all about energy," said Coleman of his team not losing its intensity. "He said we had to have energy, intensity and play hard on the both the defensive and offensive ends."

"We basically came out to play hard," Thornton said. "We can't take any game lightly. Every game, you've got to come out and play your best. We came out and did everything we had to do. One of our goals tonight was keep them under 20 or 50 points, but that was one of our goals we didn't really accomplish."

Even with the dominating victory, Cotten still feels his team has a lot of improvement to do before conference play starts in mid January.

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Hale finishes ninth in world

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland's Blaine Hale has completed his first full season of racing in the National Hot Rod Association's Winston Pro Stock Bike division and the results turned out to be good.

Hale's Hired Gun Racing team finished ranked No. 9 in the world after racing 15 times on the NHRA circuit.

"I was at the World Finals two weekends ago in Pomona, California," Hale said. "I qualified 11th (16 make the cut for Sunday's final day of competition) and I scored well enough to hang onto the No. 9 ranking."

Hale didn't win a race on the NHRA tour,

but did gain the semifinals in Maple Grove, Pa., during the season. Hale has been a pro since 1997, but this was his first full season.

"Our class has been dominated by Suzuki for the last 15 years," Hale says. "I'm the only nationally ranked Kawasaki on the circuit, so making a top 10 on a Kawasaki is a big deal."

Hale is also up against some big money in his fight to climb the professional motorcycle racing list. He does have major sponsorship money from Wells Fargo Trailers and Bucks County Kawasaki, and some secondary sponsors from Midland with Saturn of the Permian Basin, Kwik Kar of Midland and Advance Auto Parts.

"We spent around \$250,000 this season, but we're dealing with some heavy hitters in this sport who spend three or four million a year to race," Hale said. "It's an expensive sport. An engine alone is \$35,000 and we've been through four this year."

And if it is an expensive sport, it is also a fast one.

"From a dead stop to 100 miles an hour takes two seconds," Hale said. "Over our 1/4-mile run, the front wheel never touches the ground for the first 1/8-mile. Matt Hines, a legend in the sport, has the world record in 7.13 seconds, an average of 192 miles per hour. To give you a clue how fast that is, my best time this year was 7.30 seconds, aver-

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Midland's Blaine Hale has a successful year in the National Hot Rod Association's Winston Pro Stock Bike division.

Courtesy Photo

STEWART DOREEN

Lee QB Hand responds when Rebels need him most

Every time Midland Lee quarterback Nick Hand walks to the line of scrimmage he is reminded of one thing — nobody thinks he can beat them.

Armed with eight man fronts or nine players in the box, teams are willing to overlook this 5-foot-9, 160-pound junior and turn their attention to a more decorated player — running back Cedric Benson.

This is for good reason. Hand knows this, but is doing what he can to change it.

"If I don't throw well, they will stack people on the line," Hand said. "If I am not making plays, we will have only one option."

The good news here is, if you are going to be a "one option" team, there is no better option in the state than Benson, but Hand is smart enough to know that two options are better than one. His coach John Parchman knows too.

The ability to throw transformed Lee from a perennial third round loser to a two-time defending state champion.

Again, it wasn't necessarily the passing yards put up by Jon



Doreen

Rogers, but the threat.

"That is the difference," former Odessa Permian coach Randy Mayes said of Lee's ability to throw the football. "If you look at all the great Lee teams from 1983-1994, they really are outstanding teams, but they could not throw the football."

And through the first nine games of this season, this Lee team could not throw the ball, either. Hand was still without a 100-yard passing game and after a loss to Odessa High to start district, nobody was sure whether he would get another chance. Over a three-game span during district, Hand threw for 22 yards while Lee's all-American running back put the Rebels on his shoulders and ran them into the playoffs.

Hand fulfilled his limited role during this time. He handed the ball off to Benson, and helped No. 32 with some needed ground support.

But just when you thought the forward pass was again extinct at Lee, a rebirth of sorts started during the Midland High game. Lee came out throwing. Hand tossed the pigskin nine times, completing three for 50 yards. He had another three or four dropped. He almost looked Rogers-esue.

"He (Hand) has to contribute 100 yards (total) throwing or running," Parchman said. "That is the kind of balance we need going

into the playoffs."

Last Friday, Parchman got a bonus. Hand was better than he has been all season. He threw nine times, completing five for 120 yards and one touchdown. He also had another potential touchdown pass dropped. Hand had almost a third of his season total in yards in one half.

"It makes it more fun to throw. When you run the ball, you get hit more," said Hand, talking like a true 160-pounder. "Not that I mind getting hit," he quickly adds.

Hand, Lee's second leading ball carrier with 308 yards and two scores, has taken his fair share of hits this year on and off the field. Following Rogers, whoever lined up under center was going to be compared to the only District 4-5A quarterback in almost half a century to lead his team to back-to-back state titles. Hand, who guided the junior varsity to an undefeated record last year, just happened to be the guy.

"I have heard a few people whispering, 'They need to get a new quarterback,'" Hand said. "I am proving to them I can throw."

Stewart Doreen is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram

Smith signing saga concludes in Detroit

By Gerald Miller
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — Joe Smith, declared a free agent for signing an illegal secret contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves, accepted a one-year contract Monday from the Detroit Pistons.

Smith agreed to a \$2.25 million deal with Detroit for the rest of the season. Had he re-signed with the Timberwolves, he would have been able to make a maximum of \$611,000.

"We are very excited to have Joe Smith choose the Pistons," general manager Joe Dumars said in a statement. "We are committed to building this team the right way, and to have Smith select Detroit as his home is an endorsement of that."

Signing Smith, who has averaged a career 14.5 points per game, is a step toward rebuilding the team after Grant Hill's departure as a free agent to Orlando. Last season with the Timberwolves, Smith averaged 9.9 points per game.

Detroit was 4-7 after a loss to Charlotte Sunday night.

"We are very happy to be able to add another versatile player to our team," Pistons coach George Irvine said. "I can see him playing with a big lineup, I can see him playing forward and a great deal of the time, and on some occasions I can see him playing center."

Smith was expected to join the team later this week, but it wasn't known when he would be seen on the court. Smith was unavailable for comment, with the Pistons expected to call a news conference later in the week to introduce their new star.

"He hasn't been playing," Irvine said. "I certainly don't want to put him out there if he is not in game condition."

Minnesota signed Smith to a free-agent contract in 1999, with the secret promise of \$86 million over seven years after that, a salary cap violation.

The NBA punished the Timberwolves by taking away their next five first-round draft picks and fining them \$3.5 million, a league record.

NBA commissioner David Stern also voided Smith's contract for this season and the previous two seasons, taking away the so-called Larry Bird rights that would have allowed the Wolves to sign Smith to a multimillion-dollar contract next season.

With the absence of Hill, Jerry Stackhouse has been the focal point in the team's defense. Now, Stackhouse will have some support.

"I think it's a great choice," Stackhouse said. "He's going to be a great addition to our team. In no way are we trying to put it on him to be the savior, but we feel we are on the right path."

The addition of Smith will certainly help the Pistons' chances of reaching the playoffs. His ability to score could give Stackhouse more room on offense.

"We're going to try to use him to initiate offense, and I think that's going to be a plus for him, and for myself," Stackhouse said.

Texas A&M gets by UNT

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — North Texas' Chris Davis missed a 3-pointer with two seconds remaining, and Texas A&M held on for a 77-74 victory Monday night.

Texas A&M (1-1) could have sealed the game with 17 seconds left, but Jamaal Gilchrist made only one of his two free throws

for a 77-74 lead. That left the Eagles a chance at the game-winning basket.

Bernard King led the Aggies with 17 points. Carlton Brown had 14 points, Gilchrist had 12 and Nick Anderson added 11.

Davis lead the Eagles (0-2) in scoring with 23 points, followed by Bryan Lucas with 18.



Midland College's Hamilton Rucker, 52, drives to the basket past Lubbock Christian's Trapper Eldridge, 13, Monday night.

MC: Chaps rebound

(From 1C)

"We're a team under construction," Cotten said. "And that's fine. We know we have a lot of things to improve on, and we want to be playing our best basketball in February and March."

Chap Notes: Sophomore post Jerome Beasley and freshman guard Danny Gomez didn't take part in the rout as both sat out of Monday's contest. Gomez was out with the flu, while Beasley sat out with a wrist injury. Beasley fractured a wrist in Friday's 70-68 win at Weatherford. Cotten said Beasley has been getting

treatment and should be back in action for the next home game, which is on Nov. 30 against Wayland Baptist JV.

No. 4 Midland College 108, Lubbock Christian JV 60
Lubbock Christian JV: Jaime Anya 3-7 2-10, Brian Morris 3-3 1-2 10, Trapper Eldridge 1-8 1-1 3, Austin Gray 1-3 0-0 3, Steven Roberts 0-1 0-0 0, Jason Busch 0-4 0-0 0, Shane Shutsworth 0-6 0-0 0, Larsoe Holum 2-15 1-5, Russ Brenning 2-5 0-0 4, Blain Mountain 0-1 0-0 0, Nathan Long 1-4 1-2 4, Jasmin Perkins 0-15 0-6 0, Allen 1. Total Fouls: LCU 14, MC 17. Fouled Out: None. Turnovers: MC 11, LCU 15.

TCU beats Alabama State by 46

FORT WORTH (AP) — Ryan Carroll scored 22 points to help Texas Christian defeat Alabama State 104-58 Monday night.

Carroll also had five assists and five steals as TCU (2-0) broke the century mark for the second time this season. Carroll was 4-of-9 from 3-point range.

LOCAL SPORTS

McCright honored

ADA, Okla. — Former Midland High football standout Erik McCright, a junior at East Central University, has been selected as a second team Lone Star all-conference defensive lineman.

McCright, 6-2, 265 pounds, had 41 unassisted tackles and 32 assisted tackles and 16 tackles for a loss with 3.5 sacks. He blocked two extra points and caused three fumbles.

East Central University finished tied for second place in the Lone Star Conference standings.

Rebels win hockey test

The Midland Lee Rebels' ice hockey team defeated the Odessa High Broncos on Sunday, 8-0. Leading the Rebels were Chris Rubio with four goals and Misha Antipov with two. Scotty Lovett and Tyler Brookshire had one goal each.

The Rebels tied their first game of the season against Midland High, 3-3.

Andrews downs Pecos by 11

ANDREWS — Despite the fact that Class 4A Andrews is putting together a patch work team while waiting for the football team to finish business, the Mustangs still own a 2-0 basketball record after a 74-63 win over Class 3A Denver City Monday night.

Nick Rowe and Jason Glasson each scored 15 points while Greg Leach had 11 and Sidney Hooper 10 in a four-pronged attack.

The Mustangs didn't play a junior varsity game since much of the basketball program is still on the football field. Andrews won't sit idle, however, since they travel to Pecos for a 7:30 p.m. game today.

Andrews 74, Pecos 63
Denver City (0-2): Lozano 0-1 2-1, Griffin 4-6 8-16, Prather 4-6 6-14, Hanson 2-5 6-9, Williams 1-0 0-2, Bayer 1-4 4-6, Ocheskey 6-3 7-15. Totals: 18 25-33 63.
Andrews (2-0): Sidney Hooper 2-4 10-10, Jordan Willis 1-2 4-4, Greg Leach 5-12 11-11, Homer Valles 0-0 4-4, Nick Rowe 6-3 3-15, Scott Griffin 3-0 5-5, Jeremy Thorpe 3-1 4-7. Totals: 27 48-74.
Denver City 14 24 13 12 — 63
Andrews 20 19 18 17 — 74
Three-Point Goals: DC 2 (Griffin), Andrews 6 (Hooper 2, Brazzel, Glasson, Willis, Griffin). Total Fouls: DC 21, Andrews 25. Fouled Out: Leach.

MCHS stuns Permian

The Midland Christian Lady Mustangs remained undefeated Monday night with a stunning 70-59 win over the Class 5A Odessa Permian Lady Panthers of District 4-5A.

The Lady Mustangs, a Class 4A TAPPS team, held a 20-point lead in the third quarter, but Permian rallied to cut the deficit to

six points, but MCHS was able to put the game away.

Hayley Whiteside led the way with 19 points, but she had plenty of help as Amy Lowery had 14, Sasha Hollar dumped in 12 and Paige West added 10 points.

The Lady Mustangs play again today at 7 p.m. in Fort Stockton.

Midland Christian 70, Permian 59
Odessa Permian: Esparza 0-0 0-0, Johnson 1-6 15-11, Little 0-0 0-0, Grayson 0-2 2-2, Thomas 1-0 1-2, Duckworth 1-0 0-2, Lockheart 3-2 4-12, Bolen 2-0 0-5, Tyler 0-6 14-8, Camfield 3-5 8-11, Mosse 2-4 8-8, Totals 18 28-62 59.
Midland Christian (6-0): Sasha Hollar 5-2 4-12, Marice Deffenbaugh 3-0 2-7, Kristin Stallings 0-0 0-0, Kelly Philbeck 0-2 4-2, Hayley Whiteside 7-5 19-18, Lauren Lary 1-2 4-4, Paige West 2-6 9-10, Amy Lowery 7-0 14-14, Summer Steiner 0-0 0-0, Carlie Kahler 0-0 0-0, Crystal Cooper 1-0 2-2. Totals 26 17-36 70.
Odessa Permian 16 8 10 25 — 59
Midland Christian 17 19 18 — 70
Three-Point Goals: PHS (Bolen) 1, MCS (Deffenbaugh) 1. Total Fouls: PHS, MCS 32, PHS 22. Fouled Out: Stallings.

Rangers beat Yellowjackets

KERMIT — The Greenwood Rangers were outscored 72-12 by the Kermit Yellowjackets here Monday night, but still hung on to take a 74-67 win in a non-conference basketball game.

Justin Pinkerton hit 14 of 16 free throw attempts for the Rangers for all of his 14 points. Justin Hallums added 10 points and Will Womack had 12.

Kermit had three players foul out in the fourth quarter. The Rangers play again today at 8 p.m. in Coahoma.

Greenwood 74, Kermit 67
Greenwood (2-1): Chris Haley, 1-3 4-6, Justin Hallums 4-0 1-0, Chance O'Donnell 3-3 4-9, Jerrod Crawford 3-0 0-8, Will Womack 3-4 4-12, Justin Pinkerton, 0-14-18 14, Casey Rowoldt, 0-2-2, Justin Graham, 1-3 4-5, Jeff Adams, 2-4-8. Totals: 18 33-63 74.
Kermit (1-3): Combs 2-0 0-4, Simmons, 1-2-2, Alvarado, 3-3 4-10, Myers, 5-5 8-16, Gonzales, 3-2 3-8, Bryan, 0-0 0-0, 5-5 11-11, Bostick, 1-1 1-1. Totals: 22 19-58 67.
Greenwood 16 20 12 26 — 74
Kermit 5 14 27 21 — 67
Three-Point Goals: GW 7 (Haley, Hallums, Crawford 2, Womack 2), Kermit 4 (Simmons, Alvarado, Myers, Sims). Total Fouls: GW 18, Kermit 20. Fouled Out: Graham (GW), Myers, Gonzales, Sims (K).

Basketball

All numbers for individuals are points scored unless otherwise noted.

Seventh Grade Boys
Abell Maroon 59, Alamo Gray 46. For Maroon (3-1): Josh Goates, 19, Ted Chambers, 17, Brad Lawie, 19. For Gray: Trent Hines, 13, Stephen Bagwell, 12.
Abell White 37, Alamo Red 28. For White (3-1): Jared Cartmill, 15. For Red (1-3): Baker Johnson, 12, 16 rebounds. For Alamo: Adam Eby 12, Austin Dover 10.
Goddard Purple 74, San Jacinto Green 18. For Purple: Charles Roseberry 22, Justin Whiteberg 21, Chris Hawkins 11.
Goddard Red 48, San Jacinto Purple 44. For Red (4-0): Brian Leonard, 12. For Purple: Fealer, 20, Robinson, 12.
Midland Christian 37, O'Donnell 9. For MCS (2-1): Evan Froch, 21.

Eighth Grade Boys
Goddard Black 65, Alamo Gray 59. For Gray: Brandon Long 21, Mike Cast, 12, 14 rebounds. Alamo Maroon 74, Goddard White 67. For Maroon: Jamal Dunson, 14, Courtney Greer, 20, Joe Bob Rattiff, 12.

Abell Blue 58, San Jacinto White 50. For Blue (3-1): Jamie McCoy, 13, 6 steals, Jeremiah Holt, 21, 20 rebounds. For White (1-3): Jeremy Suggs, 13.

Midland Christian 34, O'Donnell 29. For MCS (3-0): Jordan Froch, 24, 14 rebounds.

Eighth Grade Girls
Midland Christian 28, O'Donnell 24. For MCS (3-0): Stacey Fikes, 8.

Odessa Royals 47, Midland Classical Academy 44. For MCA (1-2): Zach Gill, 15, Trey Bosworth, 10.

Greenwood 72, Kermit 38. For Greenwood (2-0): Ty Smith, 18, Brian Zachery, 16, Ryan Reel, 13.

Junior Varsity Girls
Midland Christian 37, Odessa Permian 41. For MCS (4-1): Colleen Cooner, 12, Gaylen Glasscock, 11, Korynne Hill, 10. For PHS: Gladys, 13.

Stars destroy Lightning

DALLAS (AP) — Brad Lukowich and Roman Lyashenko each scored their first goals of the season during a five-goal flurry in the second period Monday night as the Dallas Stars beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 6-2.

Mike Modano had a goal and two assists in the second period and Brett Hull added his 622nd career goal late in the period.

Lukowich had given the Stars a 1-0 lead at 6:41 of the second.

Pavel Kubina tied it at 1-1 for the Lightning 47 seconds later while Tampa Bay held a two-man advantage.

Lyashenko broke the 1-1 tie at 12:21 of the second period from the slot on a setup by Darryl Sydor.

Mike Keane got his fifth of the season on a centering pass by Kirk Muller at 13:55 of the second period and Modano scored a minute and 18 seconds later.

Mavericks topple Jazz in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Michael Finley scored 29 points, and Steve Nash had 17 points and a career-high 17 assists as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Utah Jazz 107-98 Monday night.

Former Jazz guard Howard Easley, who signed as a free agent with Dallas, made two free throws with 50.5 seconds remaining and Nash added two more

with 32.8 seconds left to preserve the victory.

The Mavericks had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to win their last two games, at Seattle and Vancouver, but this time they maintained a double-digit lead for much of the second half.

Dirk Nowitzki added 20 points for the Mavericks.

Lady Longhorns top No. 16 UVA

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Texas scored four of the first five points in double overtime and beat No. 16 Virginia 56-55 in a Preseason WNIT consolation game Monday.

Texas led 56-53, when Schuyne LaRue's pulled Virginia within a point. The Cavaliers (2-2) got the ball back with 14 seconds left, but Telisha Quarles' 3-point attempt failed at the buzzer.

The Longhorns (3-1) shot just 25 percent from the floor while Virginia (2-2) finished at 30 percent. The two teams combined for 135 attempts.

Tracy Cook led Texas with 12

Women's Hoops

points and Lindsey Ryan scored 11. LaRue finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Chalois Lias added 14 points for Virginia.

Texas shot 5-of-29 from the floor in the first half and trailed 24-16 with a little more than three minutes left. But six straight free throws and Lindsey Ryan's 3-point pull pulled the Longhorns to 26-25 at halftime.

Texas took a 32-27 lead early in the second half, but Virginia came back to tie the score at 42. Dai Dillard gave the Longhorns a 44-42 lead.

The Cavaliers had three

attempts at the basket in the final minute of regulation and eventually tied it on LaRue's layup with 2.2 seconds left.

Virginia trailed 52-47, but scored the next five points to end the first overtime at 52-52.

No. 13 Texas Tech 78, Texas-Arlington 40

LUBBOCK — Dionne Brown scored 15 points to lead five players in double figures as No. 13 Texas Tech opened its season with a 78-40 victory over Texas-Arlington on Monday.

Amber Tarr added 14 points, including four 3-pointers, Katrina O'Neal and Jia Perkins scored 12 each, and Casey Jackson 10 as the Lady Raiders improved to 7-1

against Texas-Arlington.

Texas Tech led by 20 at halftime and opened up a 35-point lead with 10 minutes to play.

Texas-Arlington (0-2) did manage to hold Texas Tech scoreless for more than six minutes in the second half.

O'Neal broke the dry spell with two free throws with 4:08 to go. Tech then scored seven baskets in a row.

The Lady Mavericks were led by Tasha Campbell with 10 points. No other Texas-Arlington players reached double figures as the team shot 28.6 percent from the field for the game.

The Lady Raiders shot 48.5 percent.

GOLF: Midlander adds another notch to belt

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and becoming only the second woman to complete the modern Grand Slam.

It was the third induction ceremony at the new Hall of Fame, a vision of Beman during the final years of his highly successful, 20-year tenure as PGA Tour commissioner.

Along with creating The Players Championship, Beman developed the Senior Tour and Buy.com Tour and conceived the idea of stadium golf, leading to over 30 TPC courses.

Asked for his most important contribution, Beman cited none of the above.

"In an era of big-time money sports, we in golf are the only game that has kept sportsmanship alive," Beman said.

Burke, who created Champions Golf Club in Houston and is one of the most popular teachers in America, was in the previous Hall of Fame at Pinehurst, N.C., but was not ushered in when the shrine moved to Florida.

Rankin makes hall

Qualification: LPGA Veteran's Category.

Notable: A 26-time winner on the LPGA Tour and the first woman to earn over \$100,000 in one season in 1976. Still holds LPGA record for 25 top-10 finishes in 1973. Winning Solheim Cup captain in 1996 and 1998, analyst for ABC Sports.

Quotable: "For most of my adult life, I never thought this would be possible. It's been a long road to get here." — Rankin.

He staged the greatest comeback in Masters history, a 71 in the final round that brought him from eight strokes behind in 1956. He later won the PGA Championship. Burke honored former teachers such as Jack

Grout, Pete Cooper, Claude Harmon, Johnny Revolta and Paul Runyan.

"Without these great teachers, none of us would be in here," Burke said. "Those fellows are probably not going to get in the Hall of Fame, but I want to say to you tonight, 'You're coming in with me.' I'm bringing the teachers in."

One teacher who made it on his own was Jacobs, one of the most respected instructors in Europe who worked with Coles to help develop the European tour, uniting continental Europe with the United Kingdom.

Coles, who does not fly, was the only inductee not present.

Bonallack was secretary of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club for 16 years until retiring in 1999. He also was considered one of the greatest amateurs from the British Isles, a five-time British Amateur and English Amateur champion.

MHS: Lady Dawgs move to 4-1

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n't join the double figures parade was that she sat on the bench for two full quarters.

"It was an opportunity to play everyone and the chance to especially give the freshmen some varsity minutes," said Gray. "We already know what our returning players can do and this gave us a chance to work on some situations without a lot of pressure."

The Lady Dawgs scored 12 straight points to race out to a 16-2 lead in the first quarter, and the Lady Panthers never threatened. Perhaps the best sign that it was going to be Midland High's night came at the end of the first quarter with the clock winding down, as LaQuori Harris launched a bomb from midcourt which found nothing but net and gave Midland High a 26-8 lead. That

began a 12-0 run after which Fort Stockton never got closer than 26 points.

Rogers was the only MHS player who didn't get off the bench during that run, and by the fourth quarter, she and fellow starters Harris, Laura Koch and Valerie Wootan were through for the night.

"We travel all day to East Texas on a bus, and to be in the finals of that tournament, we have to play five games and wanted to give our starters a chance to save their legs," said Gray. "We're definitely going to have to use our depth to win the tournament."

Jenny Jones led Midland High with 17 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter. Page Price added 12, Harris and Lauren Lucas had 11 apiece and Koch and Tracy Jones scored 10 each.

Arcie Primera led Fort Stock-

ton with eight points.

NOTES: Harris sat out the entire second half after hitting the floor diving for a loose ball and loosening a tooth... After the victory, MHS players presented Gray with a ball commemorating his 100th win as a high school coach, which came last Thursday against Andrews...

Midland High 95, Fort Stockton 38
Fort Stockton: Arcie Primera 4-0 8-8, Zoraida Galindo 1-0 0-2, Heather Gonzales 0-0 0-0, Melissa Quintero 3-0 0-7, Felicia Aguilar 2-0 0-4, Bianca Olivas 2-1 2-5, Rachelle Riquelme 0-0 0-0, Erika Munoz 0-0 0-0, Iselle Gonzalez 2-1 2-5, Abby Leyva 3-0 0-7. Totals 17 24-38.
Midland High (4-1): Page Price 4-7 12, LaQuori Harris 4-2 4-11, Laura Koch 5-0 10, Edna Rogers 4-0 0-9, Valerie Wootan 2-1 2-5, Trace Jones 3-4 5-10, Jenny Jones 4-8 8-17, Amy Schantz 0-0 0-0, Jessica Perkins 1-0 0-2, Lauren Lucas 4-3 4-11, Toshia Olivo 1-0 0-2, Lindsey Moore 3-0 0-6. Totals 35 52-39 95.
Fort Stockton 8 6 10 14 — 38
Midland High 28 23 20 24 — 95
Three-point goals: FS 2 (Quintero, 1, Leyva). MHS 3 (Harris 1, Rogers 1, Jones 1). Rebounds: FS 20 (Gonzales 6), MHS 25 (J. Jones 5). Turnovers: FS 31, MHS 13. Total Fouls: FS 18 MHS 10. Fouled Out: Primera, Gonzales, Tech. Technical Fouls: None.

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SPORTS

Lee, MHS Football Statistics

4-5A Standings

Team	Season Standings	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Midland Lee	9	2	396	146	818	
Abilene Cooper	8	3	335	146	727	
Abilene High	7	4	220	179	636	
Odessa Permian	5	6	150	222	500	
Midland High	4	6	138	176	400	
Odessa High	4	6	115	190	400	

Class 5A Small School Bi-District: Abilene Cooper 26, Amarillo High 17.

Class 5A Big School Bi-District: Midland Lee 38, San Angelo Central 0.

Class 5A Small School Bi-District: Lubbock Monterey 24, Abilene High 17.

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Midland Lee	4	1	170	77	800
Abilene Cooper	4	1	122	107	750
Abilene High	2	3	74	111	400
Odessa Permian	2	3	69	103	400
Odessa High	2	3	60	103	400
Midland High	1	4	66	100	200

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Class 5A Big School Area: El Paso Franklin vs. Midland Lee, Memorial Stadium, Midland, 7:30 p.m.

Class 5A Small School Area: Abilene Cooper vs. El Paso Del Valle, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa, 7:30 p.m.

Lee Statistics

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Cedric Benson	240	2123	8.9	31
Nick Hand	9	108	12.0	2
Jermard Lee	36	297	8.3	2
Shawn Murphy	50	265	5.3	2
Jacoby Kendrick	35	227	6.5	0
Freddie Jones	32	176	5.5	0
Fletcher Pendergrass	9	21	2.3	0
Eric Gutierrez	2	11	5.5	0
Cody Gramick	2	3	1.5	0
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STATE FOOTBALL PAIRINGS



Greenwood's Cody Hollums stands up Monahans running back Chris Vasquez in action from earlier this year. Greenwood is one of many area teams still alive in the football playoffs. The Rangers play Sanford-Fritch this weekend.

Class 5A

DIVISION I
Region I
Bi-District
EP Franklin 31, EP Montwood 13
Midland Lee 36, San Angelo Central 0
Lewisville 42, Haltom City 8
Duncanville 23, Mansfield 0
Area
EP Franklin (7-4) vs. Midland Lee (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Midland Lee
Lewisville (10-1) vs. Duncanville (10-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region II
Bi-District
North Mesquite 28, Plano East 0
Tyler Lee 49, Dallas Skyline 6
The Woodlands 20, Bryan 10
Copperas Cove 41, Round Rock 0
Area
North Mesquite (8-3) vs. Tyler Lee (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Waco ISD Stadium
The Woodlands (8-2) vs. Copperas Cove (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday at San Antonio's Alamogordo Stadium

Region III
Bi-District
Houston Lamar 13, Houston Milby 13
Arling Heights 35, Rosenberg Terry 7
Acme Eisenhower 27, Humble Kingwood 0
Pearland 35, Deer Park 13
Area
Houston Lamar (8-3) vs. Arling Heights (9-2), 8 p.m. Saturday at AstroDome
Aldine Eisenhower (11-0) vs. Pearland (8-3), 1 p.m. Friday, AstroDome

Region IV
Bi-District
SA Holmes 27, Victoria Memorial 0
Austin Westlake 35, Converse Junction 6
CC Carroll 21, Laredo United South 6
Donna 49, Brownsville Hanna 0
Area
SA Holmes (11-0) vs. Austin Westlake (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos
CC Carroll (9-2) vs. Donna (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Buccaneer Stadium, Corpus Christi

DIVISION II
Region I
Bi-District
EP Andrews 57, EP Americas 6
Lubbock Monterey 27, Abilene 17
Coppell 35, McKinney 30
Del Sol 48, South Grand Prairie 21
EP Del Valle 38, EP Coronado 36
Abilene Cooper 26, Amarillo 0
Keller Fossil Ridge 28, Carrollton Turner 24
Arling Lamar 21, Trinity 14
Area
EP Andrews (9-2) vs. Lubbock Monterey (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Fri. at Lowery Field, Lubbock
Keller Fossil Ridge (8-3) vs. Arling Lamar (7-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome

Region II
Bi-District
EP Del Valle (11-0) vs. Abilene Cooper (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bobcat Stadium, Odessa
Coppell (6-5) vs. De Soto (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region III
Bi-District
Tyler John Tyler 48, Carter 18
Lufkin 14, Kimball 0
Piano 35, North Central 28
Hou. Langham Creek def. Klein Allen 21, Garland 20
Cypress-Falls 28, Spring Westfield 21
Waco 14, Phrugerville 13 (OT)
Round Rock 9, Killeen 7
Area
Tyler John Tyler (8-3) vs. Plano (9-2), 1 p.m. Friday at Waco ISD Stadium
Houston Langham Creek (8-3) vs. Round Rock (7-4), Saturday at Texas A&M's Kyle Field

Region IV
Bi-District
Lufkin (8-3) vs. Allen (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Waco ISD Stadium
Cypress Falls (8-3) vs. Waco (8-5), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

Region III
Bi-District
Houston Madison 38, Houston Yates 0
Katy 45, FB Hightower 7
Aldine 13, Humble 10
Baytown Lee 29, Clear Creek 0
Houston Washington 38, Houston Westbury 29
Arling Elak 27, FB Willowridge 17
Hou. Nimritz 23, Pasadena Dobie 0
Galena Park North Shore 21, La Porte 6
Area
Houston Madison (10-1) vs. Katy (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome
Aldine (9-2) vs. Baytown Lee (8-5), 4:30 p.m. Friday, AstroDome
Houston Washington (9-2) vs. Arling Elak (7-4), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome

Region IV
Bi-District
Aldine Nimritz (5-6) vs. Galena Park North Shore (10-1), 8 p.m. Friday, AstroDome
SA Harlandale 35, SA Jay 14
SA Churchill 17, Hays Consolidated 13
San Antonio MacArthur 42, Austin 14
SA Marshall 46, SA Southwest 19
Laredo Nixon 24, CC Ray 14
Hedding 19, Laredo Alexander 18
McAllen 21, Brownsville Pace 20

Class 4A

DIVISION I
Region I
Bi-District
EP Ysleta 27, EP Mountain View 23
Wofford Frenship 43, Herford 36
WF Rider 21, Grapevine 19
FW Wyatt 28, Big Spring 14
Area
EP Ysleta (6-5) vs. Frenship (8-2), 1 p.m. Friday in Monahans
WF Rider (8-5) vs. FW Wyatt (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
FW Wyatt (8-2) vs. Dallas White (8-3), 2 p.m. Friday at Lewisville's Max Goldsmith Stadium
Greenville (9-2) vs. Corsicana (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Texas Stadium in Irving

Region II
Bi-District
Denton Ryan 34, Waxahachie 23
Dallas White 28, Dallas Spruce 20
Greenville 24, Highland Park 14
Corsicana 10, Hallsville 9
Area
Denton Ryan (9-2) vs. Dallas White (8-3), 2 p.m. Friday at Lewisville's Max Goldsmith Stadium
Greenville (9-2) vs. Corsicana (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Texas Stadium in Irving

Region III
Bi-District
Belton 38, Huntsville 14
Nederland 21, Vidor 9
Houston Forest Brook 33, Houston Davis 7
Bay City 19, Texas City 14
Area
Belton (5-6) vs. Nederland (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rice Stadium
Houston Forest Brook (11-0) vs. Bay City (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena

Region IV
Bi-District
Smithson Valley 45, SA McCollum 12
SA Roosevelt 42, Gregory-Portland 25
Alice 35, Los Fresnos 10
San Marcos 28, Austin Anderson 12
Area
Smithson Valley (10-1) vs. San Marcos (11-0), 1 p.m. Friday, North East Stadium
SA Roosevelt (8-3) vs. Alice (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, North East Stadium, San Antonio

DIVISION II
Region I
Bi-District
EP Riverside 54, Fabens 20
Big Spring 35, Canyon 14
Wichita Falls 28, Justin Northwest 12
Brownwood 30, FW Dunbar 22
EP Parkland 31, Pecos 23
Andrews 10, Borger 3
Southlake Carroll 16, Burnham 6
Stephenville 45, FW Western Hills 43
Area
EP Riverside (8-3) vs. Big Spring (7-4), 3 p.m. Saturday, Essie, N.M.
Wichita Falls (11-0) vs. Brownwood (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Gerald J. Ford Stadium, Dallas
EP Parkland (8-3) vs. Andrews (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday in Andrews
Southlake Carroll (7-4) vs. Stephenville (9-2), 4 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

Region II
Bi-District
Waco University (5-6) vs. Dallas Lincoln (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Waxahachie's Lumpkin Stadium
Mesquite Poteet (10-1) vs. Jacksonville (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mesquite Memorial Stadium
Ennis (9-2) vs. South Oak Cliff (6-5), 1 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium
Lancaster 34, Mount Pleasant 31
Terrell 41, Henderson 14
Area
Waco University (5-6) vs. Dallas Lincoln (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday at Waxahachie's Lumpkin Stadium
Mesquite Poteet (10-1) vs. Jacksonville (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mesquite Memorial Stadium
Ennis (9-2) vs. South Oak Cliff (6-5), 1 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium
Lancaster 34, Mount Pleasant 31
Terrell 41, Henderson 14

Region III
Bi-District
Magnolia 17, Lampasas 7
Harker Heights 34, Brenham 14
Beaumont Center 28, PA Jefferson 19
Wills 25, Houston Jones 6
La Marque 29, Columbia 21
West Orange-Stark 23, Jasper 0
Dayton 12, Houston Sterling 0
Friendwood 41, Brazosport 30
Area
Harker Heights (9-2) vs. Beaumont Center (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bowers Stadium, Huntsville
Wills (7-4) vs. La Marque (8-3), 2 p.m. Friday, Thorne Stadium, Aldine
Magnolia (5-6) vs. West Orange-Stark (11-0), 10 a.m. Saturday at AstroDome
Dayton (7-4) vs. Friendwood (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena Memorial

Region IV
Bi-District
Floresville 41, SA Lanier 21
CC Calallen 35, PSJA 20

Class 3A

DIVISION I
Region I
Bi-District
Littlefield 40, Perryton 6
Lamesa 55, Monahans 20
Abilene Wylie 31, Vernon 6
Aledo 20, Alvarado 12
Area
Littlefield (7-4) vs. Lamesa (10-1), 6 p.m. Saturday at Lowery Field, Lubbock
Abilene Wylie (11-0) vs. Aledo (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bi-District Stadium, Haltom
Region II
Bi-District
Everman 51, Lake Dallas 7
Kaufman def. Quinlan Ford
Lundale 35, Pittsburg 7
Dangierfield 13, Tex. Pless Grove 0
Area
Everman (10-1) vs. Kaufman (8-3), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Bi-District ISD FAAC, Haltom City
Lundale (10-1) vs. Dangierfield (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday at Garland's Homer B. Johnson Stadium

Region III
Bi-District
Waco Robinson 21, Center 19
Bridge City 35, Hardin-Jefferson 6
Cleveland 16, Wharton 12
Gatesville 42, Elgin 0
Area
Waco Robinson (6-4) vs. Gatesville (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday at Killeen HS
Bridge City (9-2) vs. Cleveland (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Katy HS

Region IV
Bi-District
Sinton 14, Cuero 7
Raymondville 47, Zapata 7
Bandera 34, Devine 7
Belville 27, Burnet 20
Area
Bandera (9-2) vs. Belville (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Segun
Sinton (10-1) vs. Raymondville (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo

DIVISION II
Region I
Bi-District
Sanford-Fritch 20, Shallowater 6
Greenwood 28, Kermit 20
Sweetwater 38, Bridgeport 27
Lake Worth 24, Hillsboro 3
Muleshoe 37, Dalhart 0
Denver City 7, Crane 0
Ballinger 30, Graham 27
Ferris 27, Glen Rose 21
Area
Sanford-Fritch (9-2) vs. Greenwood (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lowery Field, Lubbock
Sweetwater (8-3) vs. Lake Worth (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Denver City (8-3), 2 p.m. Friday in Levelland
Ballinger (8-3) vs. Ferris (8-3), 1:30 p.m. Friday at Bridgeville Stadium, Haltom

Region II
Bi-District
Gainesville 44, Dallas Pinkston 25
Commerce 17, Wills Point 7
Brownsville 31, Mount Vernon 28
Spring Hill 13, Queen City 7
Waller-Hughes 26, Pottsboro 20
Forsyth 33, Crandall 0
Gladewater 42, Winnboro 29
Tatum 30, Atlanta 14
Area
Gainesville (9-2) vs. Commerce (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Carrollton's Standridge Stadium
Brownsville (7-4) vs. Spring Hill (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday at Nacogdoches's Homer Bryce Stadium
Waller-Hughes (6-5) vs. Forsyth (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bedford's Pennington Field
Gladewater (8-3) vs. Tatum (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Nacogdoches's Homer Bryce Stadium

Region III
Bi-District
Marlin 40, Crockett 6
Newton 42, Liberty 0
Rice Consolidated 29, Madisonville 21
Barbers Hill 50, Orangefield 0
Sweeny 40, Splendora 0
China Spring 35, Gliddings 9
Cameron 6, Lufkin 2
Mexico 45, Diboll 0
Area
Marlin (8-3) vs. China Spring (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Leo Buckley Stadium, Killeen
Newton (7-4) vs. Rice Consolidated (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Newton
Cameron 6 (8-2) vs. Mexico (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Leo Buckley Stadium, Killeen
Barbers Hill (11-0) vs. Sweeny (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium, Pasadena

Region IV
Bi-District
Yoakum 28, CC West 0
Falfurrias 42, Port Isabel 9

Class 2A

DIVISION I
Region I
Bi-District
Sonora 41, Reagan County 6
Idalou 35, Colorado City 0
Frona 55, West Texas High 14
Olney 28, Holdiday 7
Area
Sonora (11-0) vs. Idalou (10-1), TBA
Frona (10-1) vs. Olney (11-0), TBA
Region II
Bi-District
Comanche 21, Coleman 3
Pilot Point 19, Jacksboro 6
Farmersville 20, Howe 17
Godley 14, Clifton 13
Area
Comanche (11-0) vs. Pilot Point (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Weatherford's Kangaroo Stadium
Farmersville (11-0) vs. Godley, 6 p.m. Friday at Grand Prairie's Gopher Bowl

Region III
Bi-District
DeKalb def. Elysian Fields
Arlap 24, Big Sandy 0
Centerville 14, Trinity 7
San Augustine def. Hardin
Area
DeKalb (8-3) vs. Arlap (11-0), TBA
Centerville (8-3) vs. San Augustine (5-4), TBA

Region IV
Bi-District
Poth 46, Universal Randolph 19
Kames City 30, Freer 7
Blanco 34, Hutto 7
Brookshire Royal 32, Van Vleet 20
Area
Blanco (7-4) vs. Brookshire Royal (7-4), 6:30 p.m. Friday or Saturday, Wimbey
Poth (11-0) vs. Kames City (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

DIVISION II
Region I
Bi-District
Ozona 13, Mason 12
Stanton 27, Sundown 6
Spearman 27, Abilene 6
Hamlin 27, Quanah 6
Eldorado 31, McCamey 6
New Deal 29, Cosham 6
Canadian 44, Lockney 14
Albany 35, Memphis 8
Area
Ozona (8-3) vs. Stanton (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo
Spearman (9-2) vs. Hamlin (8-3), TBA
Eldorado (8-3) vs. New Deal (10-1), TBA
Canadian (9-2) vs. Albany (9-2), TBA

Region II
Bi-District
Hico 14, Dalgo 0
Henrietta 23, Aubrey 8
Whitewright 47, Honey Grove 15
Grandview 26, Hubbard 21
Goddard 21, Winters 7
Celina 38, Boyd 0
Cooper 30, Gunter 7
Rio Vista 17, Italy 0
Area
Hico (6-5) vs. Henrietta (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mineral Wells
Whitewright (10-1) vs. Grandview (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Birdville Fine Arts Complex
Goddard (9-2) vs. Celina (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Weatherford's Kangaroo Stadium
Cooper (9-2) vs. Rio Vista (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Garland's Homer B. Johnson Stadium

Region III
Bi-District
Omaha Paul Pettit 33, New Dena 14
Lone Oak 28, Alto 25
Marf 59, New Waverly 0
Hemphill 32, Huff-Dalsetta 15
West Run 26, Parland 7
Troup 15, Como Pickett 14
Corrigan-Camden 14, Jewett Leon 7
Garrison 32, East Chambers 19
Area
Omaha Paul Pettit (6-5) vs. Lone Oak (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Gladewater
Marf (11-0) vs. Hemphill (9-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Buddy Moorhead Stadium, Corpus
West Run (9-2) vs. Troup (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Troup
Corrigan-Camden (9-2) vs. Garrison (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin

Region IV
Bi-District
Refugio 58, Slidmore-Tyrann 0
Three Rivers 14, Navarro 0
Brazos 28, Yorktown 7
Rogers 48, Comfort 30
Brazos 30, Louise 14
Jarrell 41, Johnson City 6
Nixon Smiley 33, Brackett 6
Ganado 7, East Bernard 0
Area
Refugio (10-1) vs. Jarrell (10-1), 20

Class A

Region I
Bi-District
Refugio (11-0) vs. Nixon Smiley (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria
Rogers (10-1) vs. Ganado (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buddy Moorhead Stadium, Corpus
Three Rivers (8-3) vs. Banquete (9-2), TBA
Area
Wheeler (7-4) vs. Springlake-Earth (8-2), TBA
Petersburg (10-1) vs. Iraan (8-2), TBA
Stratford (11-0) vs. Sudan (5-5), TBA
Paducah 40, Crosbyton 19
Region II
Bi-District
Wheeler (7-4) vs. Springlake-Earth (8-2), TBA
Petersburg (10-1) vs. Iraan (8-2), TBA
Stratford (11-0) vs. Sudan (5-5), TBA
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Stratford (11-0) vs. Sudan (5-5), TBA
Paducah 40, Crosbyton 19

Region III
Bi-District
Itasca 29, Bosqueville 19
Midred 14, Meridian 9
Area
Karnack (8-2) vs. Beckville (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Marshall
Itasca (9-2) vs. Meridian (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Leo Buckley Stadium, Killeen
Simms Bowie (6-4) vs. Mount Enterprise (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, White Oak
Midred (10-1) vs. Wortham (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lumpkin Stadium, Waxahachie

Region IV
Bi-District
Falls City 46, Medina 18
Shiner 14, Cropper 0
Area
Burkeville (6-4) vs. Bartlett (6-4), TBA
Falls City (9-2) vs. Agua Dulce (5-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, White Oak
Midred (10-1) vs. Wortham (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lumpkin Stadium, Waxahachie

Region I and II
Bi-District
Follett 46, Valley 26
Whitharal 56, Jewell 14
Wellman-Union 36, Ira 30
Grandlake-Royalty 54, Balmoreas 23
Groom 40, Miami 26
Lazbuddie 64, Patton Springs 63
Highland 54, Ropes 8
Sanderson 44, Ackery Sands 34
Abbott 55, Fruittville 64
Area
Follett (10-1) vs. Whitharal (9-1), 6 p.m. Friday at Turkey's Valley High School
Wellman-Union (9-2) vs. Grandlake-Royalty (9-2), Friday, site TBA
Groom (11-0) vs. Lazbuddie (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Silverton
Highland (11-0) vs. Sanderson (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Merzon

Region III and IV
Bi-District
Strawn 53, Chulcliffe 8
Woodson 53, Guthrie 8
Trent 58, Cherokee 22
Gustine 76, Iredell 26
Aquila 62, Coolidge 16
Pantier Creek 50, Blackwell 12
Blanket 40, Blum 33
Abbott 55, Fruittville 64
Area
Woodson (9-1) vs. Trent (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Haskell
Gustine (8-3) vs. Aquila (9-2), TBA
Strawn (9-2) vs. Panther Creek (11-0), TBA
Blanket (8-3) vs. Abbott (10-1), TBA

Seminole
Class 5A
TCA-Addison 14, Beaumont Kelly 6
Dallas Bishop Lynch 16, SA Central Catholic 14
Class 4A
Midland Christian 31, Houston Second Baptist 13
FW Christian 20, Austin Hyde Park 12
Class 3A
Galv. O'Connell 20, Art Grace 16
Katy Fair West 30, Trinity 0
Class 2A
Rockwall Christian 47, Waco Parkview 18
Hallettsville Sacred Heart 28, Munster Sacred Heart 0
Class 1A
EP Jesus Chapel 58, Austin Regents 12
Greenville Christian (8-3) vs. Bryan Brazos, TBA
Metropolitan Christian 49, Bryan St. Joseph 0
Abilene Chr. 41, W. Columbia Chr. 0

TAPPS Playoffs
Seminole
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More Football/1D

Nadeau claims first Winston Cup race; Waltrip finishes last

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

HAMPTON, Ga. — Jerry Nadeau introduced himself to the racing world on the same day Darrell Waltrip said goodbye.

Nadeau won his first NASCAR Winston Cup race Monday at the rain-delayed NAPA 500, pulling off a great restart with seven laps to go and cruising to a 1.338-second victory over Dale Earnhardt.

He averaged 141.295 mph in finally winning in his 103rd Winston Cup start.

Waltrip was seven laps behind in the rain-delayed season finale at Atlanta Motor Speedway, the last race in his 29-year driving career.

"No one will ever be able to fill Darrell Waltrip's shoes," Nadeau said. "But to win my first race in his last race is pretty neat."

The 53-year-old Waltrip dubbed his final season "Victory Tour 2000" but never came close to the winner's circle. He finished 34th Monday after starting last in the 43-car field.

Still, Waltrip ended his 29-year racing career with 84 victories — tied with Bobby Allison for the third-highest in Winston Cup history — and three championships. He also will be remembered as one of the sport's most colorful and controversial figures.

"I'm just glad to get here," Waltrip said before climbing into his No. 66 car. "I've been anguishing about this, and not just this year. I've been anguishing about this for several years, wondering when the day would finally come."

Nadeau, a 30-year-old native of Danbury, Conn., lived in a motor home while trying to break into racing, and bounced among three teams before landing with powerful Hendrick Motorsports this season.

"Sometimes it's good to wait to get a good deal," Nadeau said. "Every team I've been with before basically went bankrupt or broke or just downhill."

Ward Burton had a sizable lead when the yellow flag came out on lap 312, the result of Scott Pruett spinning in the backstretch. But Nadeau got a great jump on the restart and Burton couldn't hold off the challenge, winding up third in the 325-lap race.

Burton lamented the final yellow.

"We were good on the long runs," he said. "It was our race to lose or win at that point."

Nadeau nosed his Chevrolet Monte Carlo inside of Burton's

back bumper on the restart, then grabbed the lead between Turns 1 and 2. Burton questioned the tactic, but NASCAR officials took no action.

"He outran me," Burton said. "I'm not whining about it."

Nadeau said he didn't have a choice when Burton slowed, trying to block the other cars from getting a jump.

"It was poor start, nothing against Ward Burton," Nadeau said. "The green flag waving. Everyone could clearly see it. He was just trying to hold us up."

Nadeau became the fourth first-time winner this season, tying the modern-era record set in 1988 — and following Matt Kenseth, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park in victory lane.

Also, Nadeau was the 14th different winner in the 34-race season, equalling the record set three times, most recently in 1991.

"I knew I had the car to win the race," said Nadeau, who celebrated by scorching his tires in front of the main grandstand. "It was a perfect, perfect day. The car wasn't hard to drive at all."

Nadeau's best previous finish was fourth. With the victory, he made the biggest jump in the standings, moving up to 20th and earning the last invitation to the season-ending banquet in New York next month.

Pole-sitter Jeff Gordon was fourth and Bobby Labonte, who already had clinched the Winston Cup championship, held on for fifth.

The race began with an emotional send-off to Waltrip, who retired after a 29-year career and needed a provisional just to get into the field.

Waltrip's daughters, Jessica and Sarah, commanded over the public address system. "Daddy, start your engine." Then, of D.W. was allowed to take a ceremonial lap at the front of the field before sliding into line at the back of the pack.

The same honor was given Richard Petty when he drove into retirement at the same track in 1992.

Waltrip, whose last victory came in 1992, will move to the TV booth with Fox in 2001.

"What's going to happen to me next February," he asked, "when I show up at Daytona and I walk in that garage area for the first time in 40 years without any place to go?"

Earnhardt, a seven-time series champion, moved up to second in the point standings, his best showing since 1995. Jeff Burton slipped to third after placing 12th in the final race.

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Crude holds

NEW YORK — Crude and products futures held their gains at the New York Mercantile Exchange Monday after an early rally prompted by a cold snap and fresh Mideast tensions.

Crude oil futures met resistance at \$35.94 a barrel and lost most of the day's gains, with light sweet crude for January delivery gaining just 19 cents to \$35.22 a barrel.

Analysts said Monday they expect crude and products prices to drift higher in a wide range ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday, with thin volumes adding to trading volatility.

After opening higher on forecasts of a cold snap, futures prices bounced on morning reports that Israeli officials had OK'd military action in retaliation for a bomb attack on a school bus that killed two and injured nine.

Futures hit intraday highs before noon on news of Israeli rocket attacks on a police station and on a headquarters building of Arafat's Fatah Movement in Gaza City.

Forecasts of cold weather have largely driven heating oil futures up about 22 percent, near a 20-year high, in the last two weeks, as traders price in the prospect of higher demand from an early winter creating a supply crunch for heating oil.

In other news, traders were continuing to keep an eye on Iraq after U.N. officials said Monday they wouldn't approve below-market oil prices for Iraq to create room for buyers of Iraqi crude to pay a surcharge that the country can spend at will.

Customers have said Iraq could suspend its oil exports after its recent demand that a 50-cents-a-barrel premium be paid into an account outside U.N. control was largely rebuffed by lifters.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson has said major oil producers could make up for any shortages caused by a disruption of Iraqi exports.

Dollar high

NEW YORK — The dollar hit a nine-month high against the yen Monday, propelled by concerns that Japan's parliament would support a no-confidence motion on Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori.

The U.S. currency slipped against other major currencies.

At its intraday high, reached during the day's deliberations, the dollar was worth 110.35 yen. The motion was later defeated, and the dollar slipped back to 109.92 yen in late New York trading, up from 108.84 yen on Friday.

Meanwhile, the euro was quoted at 84.92 cents, up from 84.84 cents late Friday, as traders continued to tread carefully with the outcome of the U.S. presidential election still in doubt.

The European Central Bank has engineered four interventions in money markets in the past two weeks to keep the embattled euro above 85 cents.

Traders believe a George W. Bush administration is less likely to support combined interventions in money markets to support the euro, though Monday's legal wranglings shed no further light on whether he or Vice President Al Gore will win the presidency.

Based on Friday's euro rate, the dollar was worth 2.3030 German marks, down from 2.3049; 7.7240 French francs, down from 7.7303; and 2,279.98 Italian lire, down from 2,281.86.

Time Warner strikes deal with Earthlink

By Kalpana Srinivasan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Time Warner, striking a deal vital to its proposed merger with America Online, agreed Monday to carry AOL's chief Internet service rival, EarthLink, on its high-speed cable systems.

Time Warner's arrangement with EarthLink could satisfy antitrust regulators reviewing the merger, who had demanded that Time Warner offer an Internet provider besides AOL before the merger can close.

The Federal Trade Commission now will consider the EarthLink deal in its ongoing merger review, extending the deadline for its decision to mid-December. The merger also awaits evaluation at the Federal Communications Commission.

"This is probably the single best news for the companies' merger outlook in the last few months," said Scott Cleland, an analyst with The Precursor Group. "If

EarthLink is happy with its access, the FTC is very likely to be happy with the agreement."

The deal means that subscribers to Time Warner's high-speed Web service delivered over cable lines will have two choices — EarthLink and AOL — for their online provider. EarthLink is the nation's No. 2 Internet provider.

The EarthLink arrangement won't take effect until the AOL Time Warner merger closes, which the companies now expect to happen late this year or early next year. Time Warner also must complete its negotiations to restructure an exclusive contract it currently has with Internet provider Road Runner before it can offer any other service.

But the agreement with EarthLink addresses a key government concern about the merger shutting out competition.

Time Warner delivers high-speed access over its cable lines that potentially could serve about 20 million U.S. homes, and AOL is the nation's largest

Internet provider with 25 million customers.

The FTC wants assurances that other Internet providers, like EarthLink or Microsoft's MSN service, also can strike fair deals to be offered on Time Warner's cable systems.

The goal is to give consumers several options for choosing an Internet provider in the high-speed world — a choice they already enjoy with traditional telephone-line connections.

EarthLink had previously complained about the condition and prices set by Time Warner. Experts said that regulatory pressure helped Time Warner offer EarthLink an acceptable deal, although the companies would not disclose specifics of their arrangement Monday.

"Time Warner had 99 percent of the clout in that negotiation without government involvement," Cleland said.

EarthLink officials said Monday they were pleased with the Time Warner agreement, which ensures their service

will be marketed and sold the same as AOL's service. EarthLink will be offered at the same time, or before, any other Internet provider including AOL.

"We really think that this agreement addresses the issues that are of concern to the FTC," said Dave Baker, vice president of law and public policy for EarthLink, which has 4.6 million subscribers.

Time Warner said the EarthLink deal could pave the way for relationships with other Internet providers. The company already is in talks with Juno Online Services, the nation's third largest Internet provider.

"We believe it will serve as a model for future broadband agreements between (Internet service providers) and cable companies across the country," said Glenn A. Britt, president of Time Warner Cable.

Gene Kimmelman of Consumer Union called the deal a good first step. But, he warned, "we still don't know how this will be more broadly applied to other Internet service providers."

CAR RECALL REDUX



AP File Photo
A model stands in front of a brand new Brazilian built Celta subcompact at the Sao Paulo International Auto Show in Sao Paulo, Brazil in this photo. General Motor's Brazilian subsidiary said Monday it would recall the first 14,665 units of its new Celta subcompact, because of problems with the suspension system.

Air fares for business travelers increase on major airlines

By Mary Lee Grant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — With US Airways finally joining its competitors, the nation's major airlines completed their sixth price increase of the year, boosting walk-up fares for business travelers by \$200 for trips of more than 1,500 miles.

"This year has shown the largest increase in airfares in history," said Tom Parsons, president of Dallas-based Best-fares.com. "The latest hike means the business traveler will pay \$370 more today to fly across the country than Jan. 1."

The round of increases began late last week when United Airlines, plagued by labor disputes that sent third-quarter earnings into a tailspin, raised unrestricted business fares more than 10 percent.

"This is a hefty charge for business travelers when airlines are offering cross-country fares for leisure travelers with no fuel surcharges for as little as \$79," Parsons said.

All other major U.S. carriers followed Chicago-based United's lead, which meant the price increases likely will stick, Parsons said.

"Most business travelers are going to be caught by surprise because they are off the skyways Thanksgiving week," Parsons said. "The election and the stock market are going to be on the front page. When they get back in the air next week, they are going to be in ticket shock."

Houston-based Continental Airlines matched the boost Friday, followed by increases from AMR Corp.'s American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Northwest Airlines and Trans World Airlines. US Airways Group Inc., of Arlington, Va., late Sunday was the last to match the increase.

Airlines also raised fares by \$100 for unrestricted round trips of 1,500 miles or less each way. Routes where low-fare carriers provide competition were excluded, along with some transcontinental routes.

Business travelers wishing to beat high fares should fly routes shared by low-cost carriers like Southwest Airlines and American TransAir, Parsons said, where larger airlines are forced to offer lower rates to remain competitive. Neither Southwest nor TransAir participated in the rate increases.

As an example, he pointed out the cost of a business trip from Washington, D.C.,

to San Diego could be cut from \$2,388 to \$630 by departing from Baltimore, a route made more competitive by budget airlines.

"I don't care if you live one block from Dulles Airport," Parsons said. "With the money you save, you can fly three associates with you and have enough left over for a limo."

A trip from Dallas to Seattle on Continental Airlines can be cut \$2,138 to \$554 by detouring to Houston. Flights from Houston to Seattle are more competitive because Southwest also flies the route, Parsons said.

Airline officials have cited rising costs for fuel and labor as among the reasons for this year's fare increases.

United last summer canceled about 25,000 flights because of disputes with pilots. A new contract in October gave pilots raises of 23 percent but United now is negotiating with more than 45,000 workers represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Last Tuesday, United, which in October posted a \$116 million third-quarter loss, canceled 83 flights for maintenance problems, about four times more than usual.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Uncertain election result has impact on stocks

By Eric Tyson

Q: I voted for George W. Bush for president, and I'm unhappy that Al Gore and the Democrats won't concede. I really support Bush's economic and tax-cut plans and his plan to privatize Social Security. My stocks have been falling in value because of all this turmoil. What do you think is going to happen? Should I sell my stocks until the situation is clearer?



Tyson

A: You can't infer cause and effect when trying to determine what's moving stock prices. The stock market was having a down year before Election Day, with technology stocks especially taking a pounding.

Remember that the stock market has had so many great years in a row that a down year like this was overdue. As I've discussed in prior columns, by valuation measures such as the price-earnings ratio, U.S. stocks (especially technology stocks) have been expensive by historic standards, and a correction was inevitable.

In addition to disliking negative news (e.g., lower corporate profits, rising interest rates), the financial markets don't like uncertainty such as the closeness of the presidential vote and the uncertainty over who will actually win. With uncertainty comes the possibility of something ultimately negative happening. One scenario, which I think is highly, highly unlikely, is a protracted legal battle that takes months to play out.

You might be interested in knowing that historically, stocks and bonds have performed better when we've had split leadership (balance of power) in Washington. By that I mean the presidency, Senate and House aren't all controlled by just one of the two major parties. We've

had a divided government most recently since 1994, and as has generally happened historically, the financial markets have done well.

Interestingly, no matter who wins now, I think we're going to have the equivalent of a split or divided government. If Bush prevails in the presidential election, the Republicans still aren't going to be able to railroad through their plan in the Republican-controlled Congress. If he squeaks out a win, Bush certainly can't claim a mandate. Also remember that the Democrats can and probably would filibuster if major legislation were proposed by the Republicans that the Democrats disagree with.

The most likely scenario is that it will take no more than a few weeks to sort out a winner. Clearly, the vote was very close in Florida, and no one should be making victory claims and discussing transition teams until it's clear who won.

While I'm no legal expert, those who are and who don't have a political ax to grind agree that the ballot used in Palm Beach County, Fla., was not only high-

ly confusing but also siphoned off votes from Gore. Even conservative presidential candidate Pat Buchanan said on NBC right after the election that he believes he got many votes in Palm Beach County that were intended for Gore. If necessary, the Democrats have the right to ask the courts for their opinion on the matter. I don't think doing so will up set the financial markets long term nor translate into a multimonth legal battle.

I think the good news in this confusing presidential contest is that no matter who ends up prevailing, you won't see major legislative changes, certainly for at least the next two years. Once the confusion over the presidential contest ends, I think the financial markets won't be affected by what now seems so messy and unclear. You're in stocks for the long term, so you shouldn't be making reactive changes based on the presidential election — or other news, for that matter.

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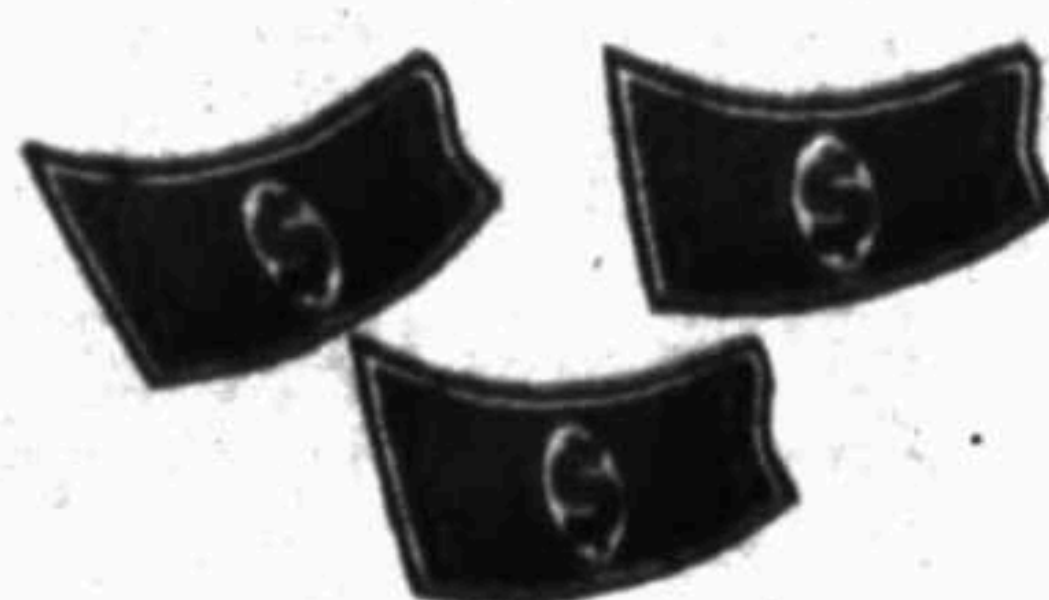
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Longhorns start the trash talking before A&M game

By Jim Vertuno
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — It took Texas linebacker D.D. Lewis all of five minutes to provide Texas A&M players with the rivalry's first bulletin board quote of the week. Asked Monday about the Aggies' 270-pound running back Jamar Toombs, Lewis offered little respect.

"All you got to do," Lewis said, "is hit him in the mouth and he'll fold."

That's big talk about a running back who last year smashed through the Texas defense for 126 yards and two touchdowns in A&M's 20-16 victory.

But big talk is what rivalries are all about. And Lewis' questionable quote is just an indication that the state's biggest rivalry is back on solid ground.

In a rivalry that dates back to 1894, this year marks only the eighth time both schools will be ranked when the game is played. Texas (8-2, 6-1 Big 12) moved up two spots after their bye week to No. 12 while the Aggies (7-3, 5-2) fell one spot to No. 22.

For the last two years, be it history in the making or a tragedy that cast a dark shadow over the game, the rivalry was marked by niceties between the two schools.

In 1998, Texas' Ricky Williams was on the verge of breaking the NCAA I-A career rushing record. Aggies players and coaches heaped praise on Williams and even said they hoped he would set the record, which he did.

Last year, the game was played under the emotional strain of A&M's collapsed bonfire tragedy, which killed 12 people and injured 27. In deference to the tragedy, the Longhorns turned their annual

"hex" rally into a unity rally and the team helped organize a blood drive for the victims.

This year, the game should be just that: a day-after-Thanksgiving slugfest where the emotions stay on the field and the teams can get back to the business of earning state bragging rights.

Texas cornerback Quentin Jammer seems to be on the right track.

"I don't hate their team. I just want to kill them," Jammer said.

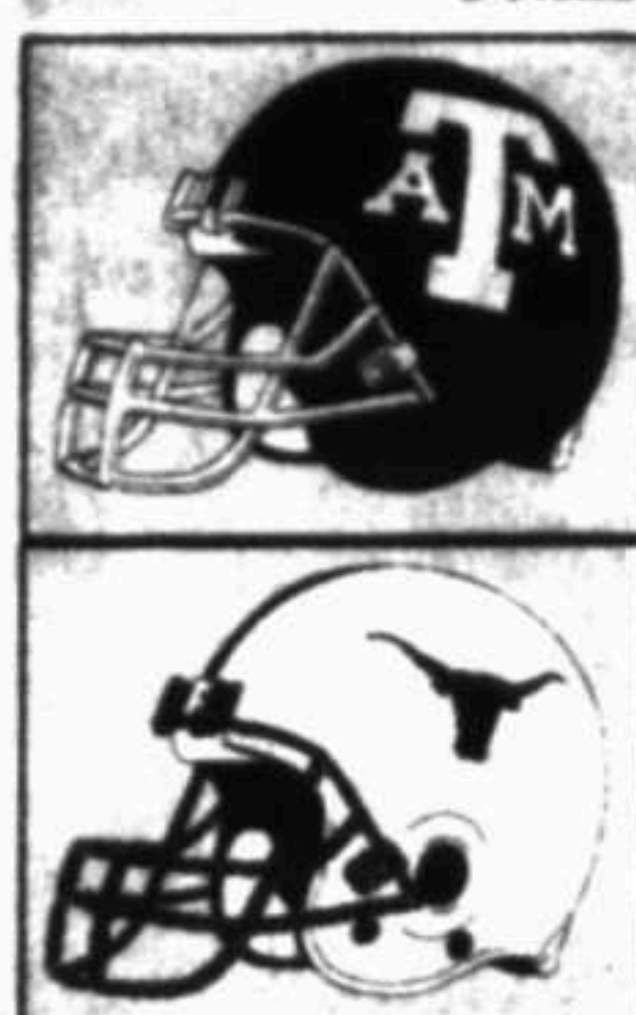
Some have questioned if the Texas-Texas A&M rivalry still holds its honored status on the schedule. The startup of the Big 12 had created a new Texas-Nebraska rivalry and considering Texas' shocking 63-14 loss to Oklahoma, next year's rematch with the Sooners will no doubt be THE GAME on the Longhorns' 2001 schedule.

Texas coach Mack Brown says he thinks the A&M rivalry will always be important to Longhorns and Aggies fans.

"Our fans live with A&M fans every day," Brown said. "They pick at each other every day and make fun of each other every day. I get people in the spring come up and say 'Unless you beat A&M, my life's miserable.' And I say, 'Well, what about mine? My life's a whole lot better if we beat A&M, too.'"

Friday's game will be nationally televised on ABC and will be Texas' first game against a ranked opponent since the devastating loss to Oklahoma back on Oct. 7. The Longhorns lost two of their three previously nationally broadcast games this season.

"It's a huge audience," Brown said. "It gives our kids a chance to regain some of the national respect that we lost earlier in the year."



Seminoles look like a national title contender in new BCS standings

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

Florida State jumped ahead of Miami into second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings, moving the Seminoles a giant step closer to playing in a national title game in the Orange Bowl.

The Seminoles (11-1), who completed their season with a 30-7 victory over then-No. 4 Florida on Saturday night, have a .51-point lead over Miami (9-1) but were well behind first-place Oklahoma in the standings released Monday.

The Hurricanes (9-1), who beat Florida State earlier this season, also won convincingly, defeating unranked Syracuse 26-0. But the eight computer rankings used in the standings to determine who plays in a title game were more impressed with the Seminoles' win.

"This is the way it is. I either make it or I don't," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said.

For three weeks, Oklahoma, Miami and Florida State have been ranked 1-2-3 in The Associated Press media poll and USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll.

If Miami fails to get into the BCS title game, the Hurricanes

can still become national champions in the AP media poll, in which sports writers and broadcasters vote independently of the BCS. The coaches' poll would automatically crown the winner of the Orange Bowl.

Though he'd be disappointed if the Hurricanes didn't play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3, Miami coach Butch Davis said: "We beat the No. 1 and No. 2 teams (at the time) and two or three others who are bowl eligible. If we end up going 11-1, we'll have beaten someone very good in a BCS game. And you never know how they (writers) can vote."

If Oklahoma (10-0) wins its final two games, against Oklahoma State on Saturday and Kansas State in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 2, Miami would have little chance to overtake Florida State in the final BCS standings Dec. 3. Miami closes its season on Saturday against Boston College.

"On its own, it doesn't look like there's anything Miami can do to pass Florida State, maybe," said Jerry Palm of Chicago, who operates a Web site that closely monitors the BCS standings. "Miami's best chance is to either have Oklahoma lose, or have Oklahoma do well enough to

regain some No. 1's it lost to Florida State in the computer this week."

Asked if there was a certain score by which Miami could beat Boston College to pass Florida State, Palm said: "There's no answer to how much is enough. They could win by 80 and that possibly wouldn't be enough."

The BCS standings are based on a formula that incorporates the AP poll plus the coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, scheduled strength and number of losses.

Oklahoma totaled 2.95 points this week — 1 point for poll average, 1.43 for computer-rank average, 0.52 for strength-of-schedule and zero for losses. The Sooners beat Texas Tech 27-13 on Saturday.

Florida State had 5.55 points — 3 for poll average, 1.43 for computer-rank average, 0.12 for strength-of-schedule and 1 for losses.

Miami had 6.06 points — 2 for poll average, 2.86 for computer-rank average, 0.20 for strength-of-schedule and 1 for losses. If Miami beats Boston College and doesn't play in the Orange Bowl, the Hurricanes could end up in the Fiesta Bowl in a possible matchup against Notre Dame.

Stoops embraces thought of Big 12 championship contest

By David Scott
Associated Press Writer

When UCLA lost to Miami in 1998 — a game that ended while Kansas State led Texas A&M in the Big 12 championship game — the undefeated but No. 3 ranked Wildcats got their shot at a national title.

One comeback, two overtimes and a 36-33 Aggie upset win later, Kansas State had lost the league's title game, and as a consequence, that chance to play for a national championship.

So it should follow that Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, whose top-ranked Sooners figure to still be undefeated when they play in this year's title game, would join a chorus of Big 12 coaches who'd like to see the game scrapped.

Instead, he's one of the few who thinks playing the game is a good idea.

"I've said all along I think it's great," Stoops said Monday. "I think it's special. We sort of embrace it and like being in it."

That's about all Stoops would say about the title game, because Oklahoma still has a regular season game against rival Oklahoma State before the Dec. 2 title game in Kansas City against, ironically, Kansas State.

"If they end up losing the game, then they are not in the national championship bowl and neither is Kansas State, and we don't have a representative from our conference," said Nebraska coach Frank Solich. "It can work that way."

Several of the coaches speaking on the Big 12's weekly teleconference Monday didn't want to com-

ment, many of them noting they've never been close enough to a berth.

But Solich said almost all the coaches don't like the game, a sentiment confirmed by Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg. The best chance to win a national title, Solich said, requires the right kind of schedule, convenient off weeks, and not playing in a title game.

"That's not easy either, but it's the easiest," Solich said.

In addition to losing a chance to play for the national title, Kansas State was also passed over by the Cotton and Holiday Bowls in 1998 after losing in the title game. The Wildcats went on to lose to unranked Purdue in the Alamo Bowl.

Weiberg said that shouldn't happen again. The league's current agreement with its bowl partners require the Cotton and Holiday — the top non-BCS bowls — to take the loser of the championship game. But that requirement ends if the loser falls out of the top 10 in the BCS standings.

The title game does have significant financial rewards for the conference's 12 member schools — a share of what's expected to be \$8 million this year. That's enough to offset the loss of sending two teams to a BCS bowl, since the second bowl's payout is worth between \$4 million and \$6 million.

The title game is part of the league's television contract with ABC, which runs through 2007. Weiberg said it's possible to rework that contract to removed a promise of a championship game — but it would cost the league and its schools money they currently depend on.

Washington upends St. Louis

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Daniel Snyder finally got what he paid for.

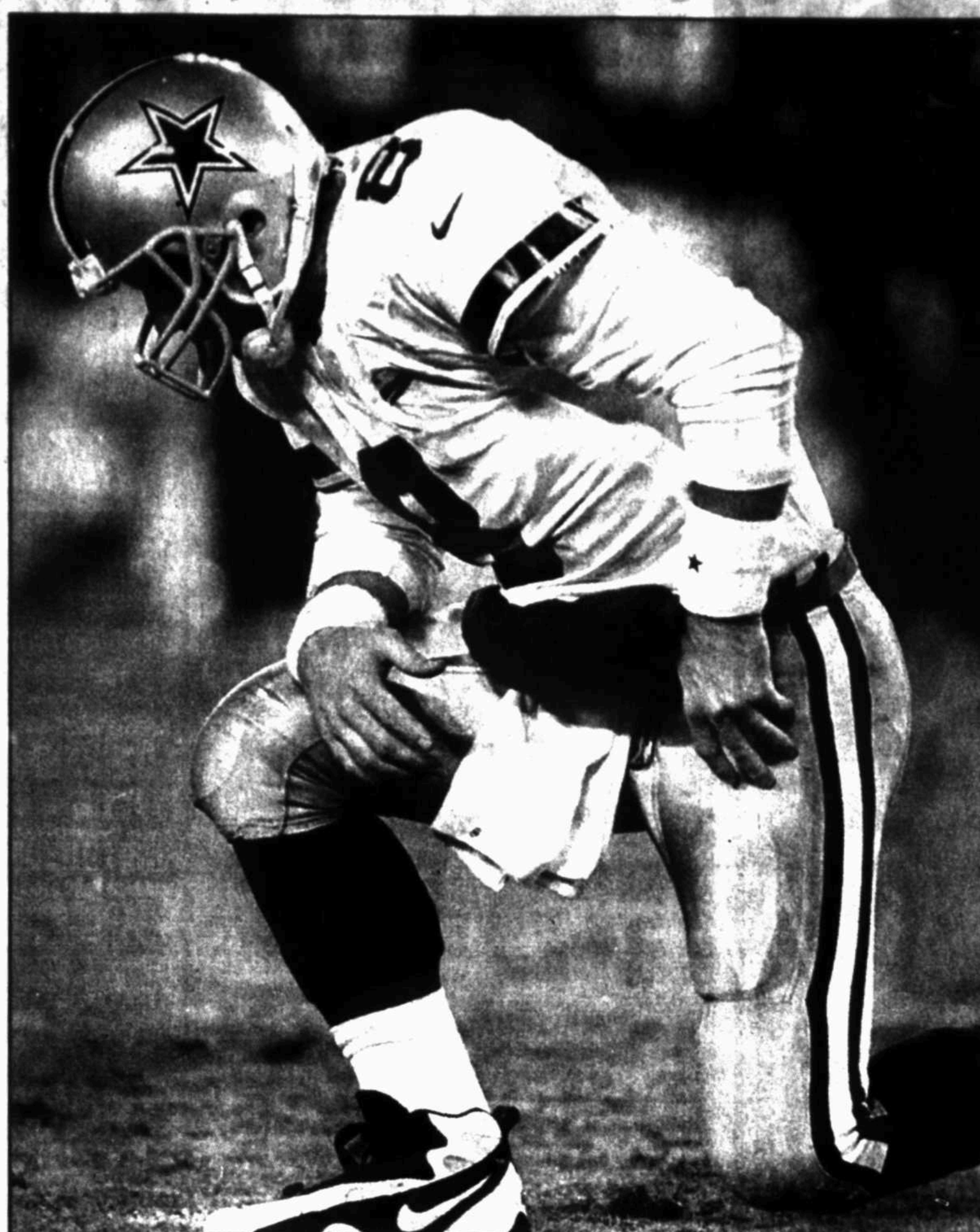
Jeff George, one of Snyder's high priced offseason acquisitions, threw three touchdown passes as the Washington Redskins upset the St. Louis Rams 33-20 Monday night and put themselves back in prime playoff position.

George, filling in for the injured Brad Johnson, had plenty of help from a defense that sacked Trent Green five times and the special teams, which recovered an onside kick and a fumble. Those two plays came during a stretch late in the third quarter and early in the fourth in which the Redskins got 12 points without the St. Louis offense getting the ball.

Bruce Smith, the 16-year vet-

eran who was another offseason signee, had three sacks, including one in the end zone with 3:44 left.

And 44-year-old Eddie Murray, signed during Washington's bye week as the team's fourth place-kicker of the season, added field goals of 37, 47, 41 and 39 yards as the Redskins (7-4) moved into a tie with the New York Giants for second place in the NFC East, a half-game behind Philadelphia.



Dallas Cowboy quarterback Troy Aikman struggles back to his feet after a hard hit from Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis in the first quarter in Baltimore, Sunday. Aikman passed for only 138 yards as the Ravens shut out the banged-up Cowboys, 27-0.

Depleted depth chart takes toll on struggling Cowboys

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys' miserable season took another turn for the worse Monday with center Mark Stepnoski being ruled out with a knee injury and safety Darren Woodson likely to miss at least one game with a broken arm.

Stepnoski is the seventh starter Dallas (4-7) has likely lost for the season.

A depleted depth chart is the last thing the Cowboys need considering their next five opponents are likely playoff teams. Next up is Minnesota on Thanksgiving.

"We've had injuries in previous years that have been somewhat crippling, but I don't think we've had the sheer number of starters go down," said quarterback Troy Aikman, who has missed three games and been knocked out in the first quarter of two more. "It's been unbelievable."

Stepnoski sprained a ligament in his left knee in the third quarter of Dallas' 27-0 loss Sunday to Baltimore. Coach Dave Campo said Stepnoski will need at least six weeks to heal.

Woodson fractured his forearm in the second quarter Sunday while tackling Ravens running back Jamal Lewis. Although Woodson played in the second half, Campo indicated the quick turnaround between games will keep him out.

"He's doubtful for this game Thursday and I would say probably a little longer than that,"

Campo said. "I don't know how much longer because there's the possibility he can play relatively quickly with a cast."

Woodson has missed just three games in nine seasons. His replacement would be Greg Myers, who signed last week after George Teague, Dallas' other starting safety, suffered a season-ending injury.

A four-time All-Pro, Woodson has been among the Cowboys' best defenders this season and is an emotional leader for the defense. Myers started for Cincinnati in 1997 and '98, lost his job in '99 and left the Bengals with an injury settlement in August. He was out of the NFL until Dallas called.

Izell Reese has replaced Teague at the other safety spot. Campo said Charlie Williams, who has played safety and cornerback, would be the third safety.

Campo said veteran corner Phillip Sparks could be used at safety, but doing so would compromise two positions. Rookie cornerback Dwayne Goodrich has been moved to safety, but Campo said he isn't likely to play there Thursday.

Whatever the combination, the Cowboys will have their hands full trying to stop the Vikings' high-scoring offense. Receivers Cris Carter and Randy Moss are both coming off 100-yard games and running back Robert Smith also is a big-play threat. Two Thanksgiving games ago, Minnesota took advantage of an injury-

depleted Dallas secondary in a 46-36 victory.

"We're not at a point where we can make errors and overcome them," said cornerback Ryan McNeil.

The Cowboys' offense also is in bad shape — in their health and their performance.

Already missing starting receivers Joey Galloway and Raghbir Ismail, Dallas is coming off its first shutout in 152 games. Now the offensive line must adjust to life without Stepnoski.

So will Aikman, who joked that he'll have to stretch his legs back a little more to take snaps from Ben Fricke because he is two inches shorter than Stepnoski.

Aikman also will have to be more wary of blitzes up the middle as Fricke has played a mere six games in his two-year career while Stepnoski is in his 12th year.

"He's been with the team throughout the season and he knows the offense," Aikman said. "But obviously we're going to miss Step. He's a great player."

The other injured starters out for the year are defensive tackles Chad Hennings and Leon Lett. Punter Micah Knorr is out for several weeks, too.

"Injuries are going to happen in the NFL," said receiver James McKnight, who missed last season with a knee injury, then became a starter when Galloway went down in the opener. "But for it to happen to us in the midst of what we're going through record-wise, that's what I call misery."

Maybe the top team in the AFC resides in Baltimore

Associated Press

When the Baltimore Ravens went without a touchdown for five straight games from Sept. 25 to Nov. 5, they were dismissed as a contender.

Now, with a revived Trent Dilfer at quarterback, they are among the favorites to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl.

At 8-4, they're probably a long shot to catch Tennessee (9-2) for first in the AFC Central. But the remaining schedule (Cleveland, San Diego and the Jets at home, and at Arizona) is likely to make them no worse than the first wild-card, with a home game the first week of the postseason.

The Ravens are a throwback. They run rookie Jamal Lewis behind a massive offensive line that's one of the NFL's best and they play smothering defense. The 27-0 win over Dallas Sunday was their fourth shutout of the season.

That's one short of the record set in 1976 by the Pittsburgh Steelers — those "Steel Curtain" guys. And that was in the days when the rules favored defense, and before free agency forced good teams to divest themselves of expensive players they'd prefer to keep.

"If we want to be one of the best in the league, then I guess we get two more shutouts. We'll be in that elite category," said safety Rod Woodson, himself a former Steeler, although of later vintage.

So, while Bryan Billick, the offensive-minded coach, doesn't want his players talking playoffs, let alone Super Bowl, he's also installing the kind of

killer instinct that the best teams have. Leading Dallas 17-0 at halftime, he urged his players to run it up.

"Let's show them how relentless we can be," Billick told his players. "That's what champions are made of."

IT'S BETTER THAN A BUNCH OF .500s: Nine teams that played Sunday have four losses — the Eagles and Ravens at 8-4 and seven others at 7-4. Washington entered Monday night's game in St. Louis at 6-4.

That may be an indication that the parity that's beset the NFL since the salary cap began taking effect has abated a bit. Or that parity is now over .500.

Three of those 7-4 teams — the Colts, Jets and Bills — are in the AFC East, along with the Dolphins, who are 8-3. Next week, the Dolphins are at the Colts; the following week, the Colts are at the Jets and Miami is at Buffalo.

It's unlikely all four teams will make the playoffs.

Oakland and Tennessee are just about in and so, given their schedule and the way they are playing, are the Ravens.

That leaves three spots among five teams — the AFC East four plus Denver, another of the 7-4s. "I don't feel like we saved the season, but we saved a chance to win the division," New York quarterback Vinny Testaverde said after the Jets ended a three-game losing streak with a 20-3 win in Miami Sunday. "I think it'll come down to the last

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