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Monahans in mourning

'I never would've thought something like this would happen.'
— Ramone Valdez, neighbor



Above: Crime scene tape still surrounds the mobile home at 209 W. CR 46 in Monahans Monday. Top: Ramone Valdez, next door neighbor, talks Monday about what he has heard about the stabbing.

Monahans residents mourn loss

By Timothy V. Kreitz
MRT Correspondent

MONAHANS — Citizens and city officials on Monday were struggling to come to terms with the death of one of Monahans' most experienced and respected deputy sheriffs.

It all started at 4:19 p.m. on Sunday. Less than an hour later — at about

5 p.m. — Ward County Deputy Lee Russ was dead.

He had been dispatched to a rural mobile home about one mile south of the Monahans city limits in response to a 911 domestic disturbance call. According to the Ward County Sheriff's Department, an altercation was under way between a female identified

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Lawmen: deputy died hero's death

By Timothy V. Kreitz
MRT Correspondent

MONAHANS — Ward County Deputy Lee Russ died a hero, sacrificing himself in an attempt to save a woman who was being stabbed to death inside a rural mobile home outside of Monahans Sunday night, according to his fellow lawmen and those who knew him best.

Russ had been dispatched to the residence, about one mile south of the Monahans city limits, in response to a 911 domestic disturbance call.

"Deputy Russ called for back-up before entering the residence. He could hear the female crying faintly as he approached, but then she began screaming loudly," Ward County Attorney Kevin Acker said. "He knew he was in serious danger, but he went in anyway."

Inside the residence, it is now believed that resident alien Jose Ignacio Galindo had begun fatally stabbing the woman, Norma Sepulveda Esparza, according to Texas Ranger Jerry Villalobos.

"Preliminary evidence seems to

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— Kevin Acker
Ward County Attorney

'He was a good father, an expert peace officer, and wonderful friend to many here. We are all trying to cope with the loss.'

Action in Iraq may send oil prices to \$40

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Energy experts say oil prices could soar past \$40 per barrel by the end of the week if Iraq follows through on threats to withdraw 2.4 million barrels per day of production from the world market.

Iraq's envoy to the U.N. on Monday called U.S. dollars the "currency of the enemy," and said unless the U.N. agrees to price Iraq's oil production in euros instead of dollars, it will begin taking contracts in euros as early as tomorrow.

U.N. officials, however, said the complexity of such a currency switch would cause trading in Iraqi crude to effectively cease, creating a supply crunch. The United Nations Sanctions Committee has administered the sale of Iraqi crude since 1991, under sanction terms imposed after the defeat of Iraq in Desert Storm.

"If they follow through, oil prices will soar past \$40, perhaps to \$50, before reporters will even have time to report it," Fadel Gheit, a leading energy analyst, told the Reporter-Telegram in a telephone interview.

Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said he was not surprised by Saddam's threat to withdraw production because the Iraqi ruler knows how tight world supplies are. Burns said there were only about two million barrels per day of excess capacity in the market, and withdrawal of 2.4 million barrels would stretch world supplies too thin. Gheit said it would be too much for other OPEC producers to make up. Iraq produces about 3 percent of the world's oil.

Gheit said Saddam Hussein may be posturing and may not withdraw the production at all. "He could be rattling the U.S. cage during the final week of the election. He is clever and he is a master of the bluff."

Said Burns: "He is definitely trying to influence the U.S. national election and get sanctions removed. Many predicted that he would pull something like this."

Burns said high energy prices in the last week of the election would probably hurt Gore. "I think high prices would be the nail in Gore's coffin," said Gheit, senior analyst for Fehnestock, and a two time All Star winner

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How would Gore, Bush make up their Cabinet?

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While the rest of the country waits to see who will be the next president, in this city — where politics is both vocation and avocation — a lot of the speculation is about who will be in the next Cabinet.

The top economic post? For treasury secretary, George W. Bush could pick former Federal Reserve member Lawrence Lindsey, who has been traveling on some of Bush's campaign trips. Or someone from Wall Street. Al Gore might well keep the incumbent secretary, Lawrence Summers, in hopes of keeping the economy thriving.

If Bush wins, Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson or the school superintendent from Houston back home in Texas could wind up in his Cabinet — along with a handful of people who served in his father's administration.

If Gore wins, newcomers could include the mayor of Detroit or the governor of Maryland, or North Carolina, or Delaware — but with many positions going to familiar faces from the Clinton administration. And whichever man wins, the

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Who are Bush's possible choices?

■ **Defense:** Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle and Richard Armitage

■ **Treasury:** Lawrence Lindsey, Donald Marron and John Cogan

■ **Justice:** Frank Keating, Judd Gregg and John Ashcroft

■ **Education:** Rod Paige, Tommy Thompson and Tom Ridge

■ **Energy:** Marc Racicot, Tom Kuhn and Kenneth Lay

Candidates Forum to be open to public; early voting continues

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The 10 Midland candidates campaigning for state and county political offices in the Nov. 7 General Election are to take their stances and outline their platforms in a Candidates Forum at 7:30 p.m. today.

Open to the public and moderated by the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Midland, the forum is to be held in the Midland Community Center, formerly the Northeast YMCA, at 2300 Butternut Lane near Scharbauer Drive in far east-central Midland. It is sponsored by the Midland Reporter-

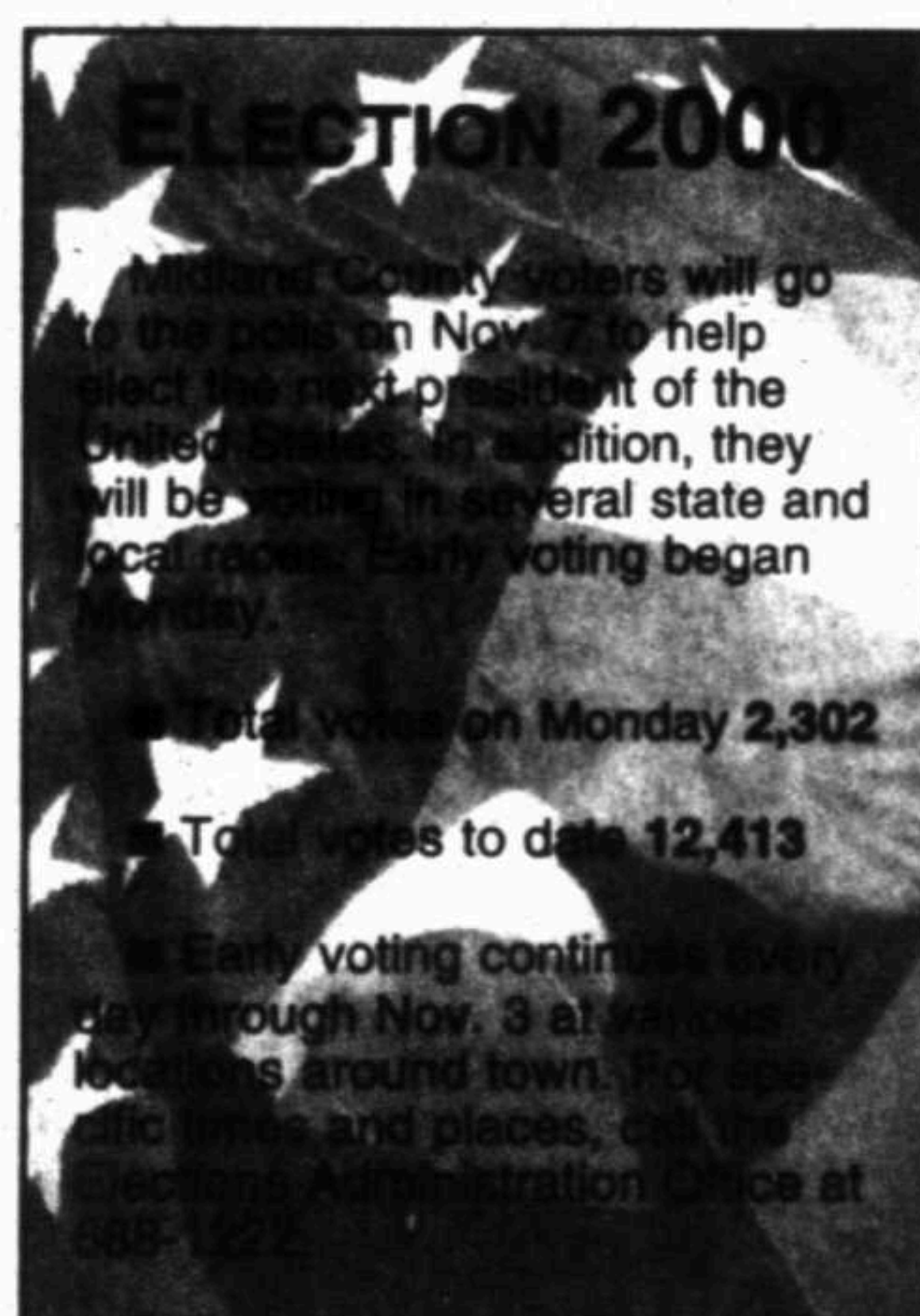
Telegram.

"The basic goal of the League of Women Voters," said LWV-Midland-President Pat Stanley, "is to encourage active and informed participation of citizens in government. The public forum is the perfect way to accomplish that."

Invited political candidates in the forum by contested races are:

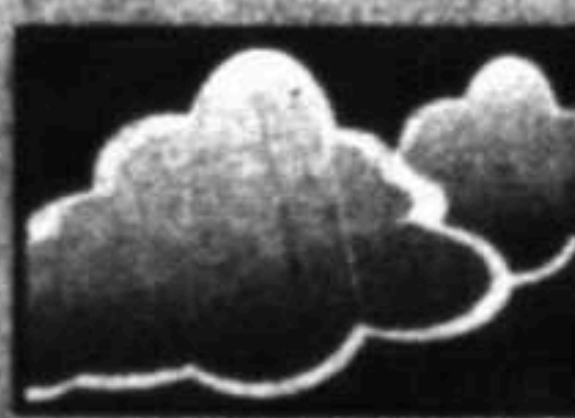
■ Texas State Representative for District 82: Republican Tom Craddick, who, at 57, has served in the Texas Legislature since 1969 and who is a sales representative for Mustang Mud, Inc., and Democrat Gilberto M. Gar-

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TODAY
Mostly cloudy
with high of 68.
Weather on 2A.

Gary Ott

Excuse me, I seem to have a rabbit in my throat./Local 1B



Off the wire

■ Flagstaff, Ariz., has seen three teen-suicides in two weeks./7A
■ U.S. presence in Aden drops with USS Cole's departure./5B

Census may impact MISD districts

Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

On a map they appear to be simply lines — and they are imaginary lines at that. These lines can't be seen when walking around Midland and they cannot be viewed by flying in the air. But they do exist. And they yield great political power.

The lines in question are the ones that will be redrawn after the U.S. Census 2000 data is received by Midland officials. These lines directly affect the future of the Midland Independent School District's school board.

On one hand, the change could be insignificant. MISD's district would remain the same and elections would go



Fuller says he will seek re-election in 2001.



Ms. Oekerman is choosing not to run for re-election.

1 and District 7 will be up for re-election in 2001 — if major redistricting is needed after the Census 2000 data is released this spring, winners of these contests would be looking forward to a second race for reelection in one year.

"That means those two people will have

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



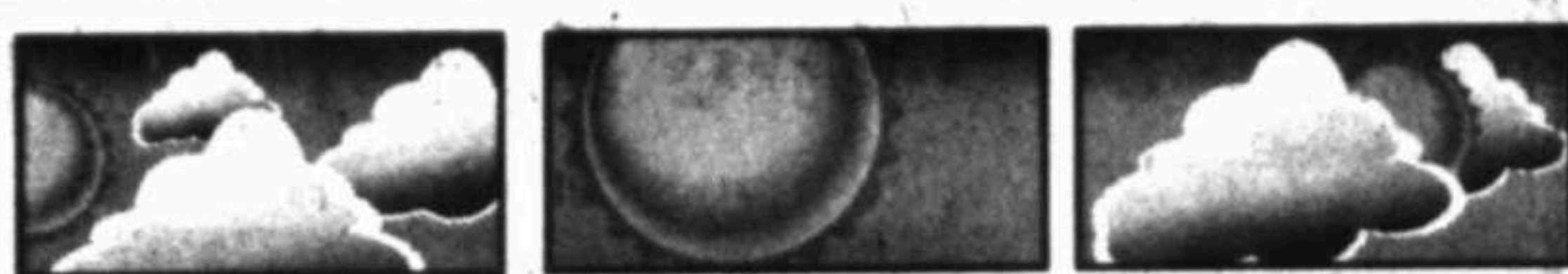
Tonight is Halloween! Please remember to watch for children as

they take to the streets. Today's Parents page offers safety tips, information on where to trick-or-treat and alternatives to trick-or-treating./Page 8B

WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 68	High 66	High 68
Low 59	Low 50	Low 39

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. A few storms may be severe. High will be in the lower 70s. A southerly wind at 15-25 mph and gusty is expected, becoming southwesterly at 15-25 mph and gusty during the afternoon. The chance of rain is 50 percent.

Tonight's forecast calls for decreasing cloudiness with a slight chance of evening showers. Low in the mid 40s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday calls for mostly sunny skies and cooler. High in the mid 60s.

Wednesday night calls for partly cloudy skies and a low in the mid 40s.

Thursday calls for increasing cloudiness and a high in the mid 70s. Friday through Monday should be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower to mid 50s. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s.

After an overnight low of 46, Sunday's high reached 70, compared to the record high of 88 set in 1987. The record low of 24 was set in 1993.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	2.39 in.
Total for year	8.44 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.60 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	75
Low	47
Normal high	72
Normal low	45

Sunrise ... 7:05 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:00 p.m.

HERO: Seven shell casings retrieved from Russ' weapon

(From 1A)

indicate that upon hearing Esparza's terrified screams, Deputy Russ immediately began storming the home in an effort to assist her," Villalobos said.

Details are still sketchy, but in the melee that ensued, it is believed that Galindo stabbed Russ in the heart, severing a vital blood vessel, causing him to die. Before succumbing to his wounds, however, Russ is believed to have shot Galindo with his service pistol, fatally wounding him. Ms. Esparza also died of stab wounds believed to have been administered by Galindo.

"We recovered seven shell casings from Deputy Russ' service pistol," Villalobos said. "But it is likely that Deputy Russ was not aware of the blade, because evidence indicates he may have at first engaged Galindo without drawing his pistol."

Villalobos added that Galindo had been hit with more than one round from Russ' pistol. He also said Russ had been stabbed more

than once, but until completion of the autopsies, he could not give an exact account of the injuries.

Justice of the Peace Ronald Ray pronounced Russ, as well as Ms. Esparza and Galindo, dead at the scene Sunday night and ordered autopsies on all three. The bodies were then transferred to Travis County where they are awaiting examination.

At the crime scene, no less than 20 empty beer bottles could be seen in the driveway. Several coolers were also in plain view, as well as aluminum beer cans.

"They had been partying all day long," said next door neighbor Ramone Valdez. "There were several guests over there earlier in the day. They had a barbecue and drank a lot of beer." Valdez said he didn't know either Galindo or Ms. Esparza very well because they had only moved in a few months ago. "They were quiet people," Valdez said. "I never would've thought something like this would happen."

DEPUTY: Russ had 20 years experience in Ward County

(From 1A)

as Norma Sepulveda Esparza of Monahans and a male assailant who has been identified as Jose Ignacio Galindo.

In the moments that followed Deputy Russ' arrival at the residence, he was stabbed to death by Galindo. Russ, before succumbing to his wounds, is believed to have shot Galindo with his service pistol, fatally wounding him. Ms. Esparza was also stabbed to death by Galindo.

Justice of the Peace Ronald Ray was called to the scene and pronounced all three dead: Ray ordered that autopsies be performed, and the bodies were subsequently transferred to Travis County for examination.

Ward County Attorney Kevin Acker said the entire city has been affected by the incident.

"Lee was an intelligent, fun-loving man who was highly respected by the citizens of Monahans, as well as local law enforcement personnel," Acker said. "He was a good father, an expert peace officer, and wonderful friend to many here. We are all trying to cope with the loss."

Monahans resident Chris Jordan agreed, calling Russ "one of the good ones," and said the small West Texas town has been "turned upside down" by the tragedy. "I own a lot of rent property here," Jordan said. "If

I ever had problems with a tenant and needed assistance from the Sheriff's Department, I always asked for Lee Russ. He knew how to deal with people calmly and effectively. Our community isn't going to be the same without him."

At Linda's Restaurant, a Monahans diner Russ often frequented, the wait staff expressed sadness at his death. "He was such a happy, amusing person," said Yolanda Juarez, who works at the restaurant. "He would always arrive in the morning and ask me to make him a cheeseburger for breakfast. I would always tease him, but he would reply with something like, 'Yolanda, don't you know cheeseburgers are the best breakfast there is!' He was a real hoot. It's not right that he had to die the way he did."

Kinisha Walker, who also works at Linda's Restaurant, said everyone in town is shocked by what happened, and that she will miss Russ' presence in the restaurant.

"Everything was going really well in Deputy Russ' life," Acker said. "He was in great spirits on the day of the incident, and had a smile for everyone he saw."

Deputy Russ was 48 years old and had more than 20 years experience in law enforcement. He had been with the Ward County Sheriff's Department since 1989.

CABINET: Stenholm may run Agriculture

(From 1A)

job running the Department of Agriculture could go to the same person — veteran Texas Rep. Charles Stenholm, who is in danger of losing his seat to redistricting.

Richard Holbrooke, with a foreign policy resume stretching back to Vietnam and Lyndon Johnson, is the frequently heard choice for secretary of state in a Gore administration. And everyone — even Bush, it seems — expects Colin Powell to get that job in a Bush administration.

On the campaign trail, Bush introduces the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as "a man who used to be in government, and if all goes well, well..."

Holbrooke, who is ambassador to the United Nations, isn't a sure thing for a Gore Cabinet. Speculation also includes former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and former Indiana Rep. Lee Hamilton, who was chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

For the most part, the presidential candidates are keeping their own counsel on their likely Cabinet members. They may be the only people who are. From sources in and out of government, these are some possible choices:

FOREIGN POLICY:

In addition to Holbrooke, Mitchell or Hamilton at State, conventional wisdom has Gore's foreign policy adviser, Leon Fuerth, as a shoo-in for national security adviser.

Joining Powell at the top of foreign policy under Bush would be Stanford University scholar Condoleezza Rice as national security adviser. She served in President Bush's White House.

DEFENSE:

Frequently mentioned for the Pentagon in a Bush administration: Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle and Richard Armitage. Of the three, Armitage has been the most active in the Bush campaign, traveling with the candidate on trips when the candidate touches on defense policy.

Who are Gore's possible choices?

■ **Defense:** Sam Nunn and Richard Danzig

■ **Treasury:** Lawrence Summers, William Daley and Jim Johnson

■ **Justice:** Charles Burson, Eric Holder and Dennis Archer

■ **Education:** Jim Hunt, Tom Carper and Bruce Reed

■ **Energy:** Richard Bryan, Tom Grumbly and T.J. Glautier

Wolfowitz, dean of international studies at Johns Hopkins University, was undersecretary of defense for policy when Dick Cheney, Bush's running mate, was defense secretary. Perle, defense braintrust at the American Enterprise Institute, was assistant defense secretary during the Reagan administration. Armitage was ambassador to the newly independent Soviet states and he served at State and Defense under President Bush.

A possible Gore Pentagon chief, former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., was chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig, who served in Jimmy Carter's Pentagon, is another possibility.

TREASURY:

Should Gore win, Summers could stay on. Other names being floated: William Daley, secretary of commerce in the Clinton administration and head of Gore's campaign, former Fannie Mae chairman Jim Johnson and Steve Rattner, a Democratic contributor who is a partner in a private equity firm, Quadrangle Group.

Bush's most prominent economic adviser has been Lindsey, who was appointed to the Federal Reserve Board by Bush's father. Lindsey has been on many recent Bush campaign trips.

A name heard on Wall Street is Donald Marron, who runs the PaineWebber brokerage house. John Cogan, a Stanford University economist and policy adviser to

Presidents Reagan and Bush, also is said to be in the running. Cogan also has accompanied the Texas governor on campaign swings.

JUSTICE:

If Gore wins, some former Justice Department officials think the next attorney general could be Charles Burson, former Tennessee attorney general and the vice president's current chief of staff.

Other contenders are Eric Holder, the current deputy attorney general, and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, a former Supreme Court justice in Michigan.

Still other names are Gore's brother-in-law Frank Hunger, formerly an assistant attorney general; former deputy attorney general Jamie Gorelick, now vice chairman at Fannie Mae, and Walter Dellinger, former solicitor general.

Often mentioned for Bush is Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, who was No. 3 at Justice during Bush's father's administration; Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who helped Bush prepare for his debates, and Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., should he lose his re-election bid.

EDUCATION:

A Bush possibility is Rod Paige, superintendent of the Houston Independent School District who has appeared with Bush to talk about education in Texas. Another is Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, chairman of the National Education Goals Panel. (His experience with welfare

reform could make him a pick for secretary of health and human services as well.)

Other Bush possibilities: Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, Colorado Gov. Bill Owens and Lisa Graham Keegan, Arizona's superintendent of public instruction, a staunch supporter of charter schools and vouchers. Also, a possible Democrat in Bush's cabinet: former Dallas Democratic Party chairman Sandy Kress, who has been an informal adviser.

Figuring in the Gore speculation are North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt, who is seen as a conciliator respected in both parties, Delaware Gov. Tom Carper and White House domestic policy adviser Bruce Reed.

AGRICULTURE:

Rep. Stenholm, a conservative Democrat who could lose his seat when Texas is redistricted, is being mentioned in both political camps.

Other Bush possibilities include Ann Veneman, former agricultural commissioner in California and a senior Agriculture Department official in the Bush administration; Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., and Charles Kruse, a Missouri farmer and former state agriculture commissioner.

Other names on the Gore side: Rep. Cal Dooley, D-Calif.; Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., and two Agriculture Department undersecretaries, August Schumacher Jr. and Jill Long Thompson.

ENERGY:

If Gorton gets Interior, Racicot might end up at Energy. Other possible Bush picks include Tom Kuhn, a buddy from Yale and head of the Edison Electric Institute, and 1996 GOP convention chairman Kenneth Lay, chairman of the giant gas and energy company, Enron.

For Gore, one name mentioned is Bryan, the Democratic senator from Nevada. There are longer odds for two others, Tom Grumbly, who formerly headed a nuclear weapons cleanup effort at Energy, and Deputy Energy Secretary T.J. Glautier.

IRAQ: Some believe Saddam may be bluffing

(From 1A)

for energy analysts.

Gheit also noted that Saddam Hussein, by insisting on a switch from dollars to euros, could be trying to drive a wedge between the U.S. and its European allies.

Some evidence of that wedge was seen Monday in comments by Ernst Welteke, a council member of the European Central Bank. Welteke said he welcomed Iraq's decision to price oil in euros and urged other nations to follow

suit. Welteke, in an interview with Bloomberg Television, said such a move by Iraq "would be extraordinarily favorable for the long-term development of the euro."

Gheit said most European countries, with the exception of the United Kingdom, are in favor of lifting the sanctions. Because after almost 11 years of sanctions, it has only resulted in suffering by the Iraqi people.

Gheit said the Middle East is as volatile as before, and Saddam has only used the sanc-

tions to raise the temperature in a "power keg" region that could explode at anytime.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said the whole problem of soaring oil prices was indicative of a larger problem — the lack of an energy policy. "We need an energy policy, and a strong domestic oil industry to help reduce the radical swings caused by foreign producers."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

FORUM: Event to be held tonight

(From 1A)

cia, the 52-year-old instructional service director for Midland's Viola M. Coleman High School. The representative's salary is \$7,200 per year. Representative District 82 includes Midland, Glasscock, and Reagan counties.

■ Midland County Sheriff: Republican Gary Painter, 53, sheriff since 1985, and Independent candidate Joe D. Lozano Sr., a 44-year-old Midland businessman and former sheriff's informant. The sheriff's base salary is \$52,000.

■ Midland County Commissioner for Precinct 1: Republican Jimmy Smith, a 53-year-old commercial real-estate broker, and Democrat Michael B. Trost, a 62-year-old Midland businessman and former Midland mayor candidate. The victor is to succeed 79-year-old ailing and retiring Republican Commissioner Henry Goulet. He will have served eight years in office when his last four-year term expires at

the end of 2000. The commissioner's salary is about \$31,000.

■ Midland County Commissioner for Precinct 3: Republican Lynn Yarbrough, a 56-year-old Midland businessman, and Democrat Josie Ramirez, the 58-year-old assistant librarian at Midland's DeZavala Elementary School. The winner is to succeed 68-year-old retiring Democratic Commissioner Louisa Valencia, who is rounding out her third four-year term in office. The commissioner's pay is about \$31,000.

■ Midland County Constable for Precinct 3: Republican Johnney W. Holt, a former 51-year-old constable, and the incumbent, Democratic Constable Angel Hernandez, 40. The constable's post pay is \$24,000.

While Election Day is only a week away in this presidential-election year, heavy voting is under way in the Midland County Elections Administrator's Office and in three other locations.

Since early voting began Oct. 23, all told 12,413 Midlanders have cast ballots, including 2,302 at four locations on Monday. Registered voters in Midland and throughout Midland County total 71,500, including about 11,000 on the voter-suspension list, according to Pat Eastup, elections administrator. Active voters total about 60,500.

The early-voting places in Midland and their times and locations are:

■ 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today through Friday, Nov. 3, in the Midland County Elections Administrator's Office at Washington Avenue and Front Street (709 W. Washington Ave.).

■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today through Friday at the Health and Family Services in Kingsway Mall at 3303 W. Illinois Ave., Ike's Rent-to-Buy at 1100 N. Lamesa Road, and at the west end of Midland Park Mall at 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

MISD: Oekerman will focus on career

(From 1A)

to run again in barely a year's time," said School Board Vice President Dale Strauss.

Strauss, the District 3 representative, is not scheduled for re-election until 2003, but also has some concern about how a sudden redistricting will affect his fellow board members as well as the voters who make up his district.

"There will probably have to be some redistricting," Strauss said. "The city has grown in some directions since 1990. My guess is that it will affect some districts."

District 1 representative James Fuller plans to run for re-election in his district this spring and will run again if there are back-to-back elections in his district. He expressed some concern over the prospect of running two consecutive campaigns for his board seat.

"That's an expense to the taxpayers," Fuller said. "I would hope that that wouldn't be the case, but we don't know that."

MISD Executive Director of Business Services Art Martin said the chance of back-to-back elections for District 1 and 7 are major possibilities, but taxpayer

funds would not be an issue.

"We have one (election) every year anyway," Martin said. "It's not like it's an election we wouldn't normally have. We usually have two or three board members that are up every year."

According to Martin, the school district typically sets aside \$5,000 of taxpayer money a year for board elections. Most of the debts attributed to elections are shared with the city. Often the school district and the city will hold elections around the same time. Therefore both entities will go into the election funding together.

The taxpayer's money typically goes toward things like paying the salaries of employees hired to handle the polling places and the printing of new ballots, said Fuller.

While Fuller was concerned about the double election duty, District 7 representative Rebecca Oekerman was not. She does not plan on running for her district again, therefore it is her successor who will be looking at the possibility of running for the same office twice in less than a year.

Ms. Oekerman has decided not to run again because she wants to focus more energy on her teach-

ing career at University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

MISD communications specialist Chip McCarver said boundary redrawing is considered to be a long process that must go through a series of approvals. Even the Census data itself may not arrive in Midland officials' hands until the summer of 2001, due to possible litigation.

McCarver anticipates that if the district numbers change by more or less than 5 percent the voting precincts will be redrawn. It is the duty of the county commissioners to determine these precincts.

If this redistricting is done and approved by the Justice Department, the entire school board would be up for re-election in May 2002. The filing period would occur about the third Monday in February and the election would take place on the first Saturday of May.

McCarver said after the elections the board members would draw for the length of their terms which range between one and three years.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
14-18-20-24-38

CAMPAIGN 2000 IN BRIEF

■ Bush travels west for electoral votes

Launching the last week of his presidential campaign, George W. Bush said Monday he would unite Americans in a way Al Gore can't because the vice president's "vision of reform is to build a better bureaucrat." Bush told about 2,000 people in a rally at the Albuquerque, N.M., airport that Gore "is surrounded and supported by interest groups that exist to oppose reform. He seems guided by polls and focus groups that drain politics of its courage." Bush: "If my opponent is elected, the era of big government being over is over, and this could spell an end to our current prosperity." Gore responded in Michigan that Bush would be "a rubber stamp for the powerful interests." After New Mexico, Bush was bound for California, and he predicted a win in both states.

■ Gore in Midwest, begins heading west

Al Gore reminded voters in pivotal Great Lakes states Monday that economic good times returned to America under Democratic leadership, and said that changing course could "drive our economy into the ditch." He said that George W. Bush's tax-cut and Social Security plans would drain the budget surplus. Gore, in Muskegon, Mich., promised to "extend our prosperity and make sure it is shared by all and not just a few." Bush, he said, would "squander your surplus on tax cuts for the wealthiest of the wealthy. They're the ones financing his campaign for the most part." Standing on the shore of Lake Michigan, Gore said he planned a major environmental speech later this week and accused Bush of protecting big polluters. Gore then went on to pitch his education and health care proposals in Green Bay, Wis. He was going to Portland, Ore., early today for a West Coast swing.

■ Lieberman presses attack against Bush

Joe Lieberman leveled more criticism Monday at the tests Texas uses to measure student learning and judge schools,

while saying good testing is an important part of education reform. "Accountability has to be genuine; it can't develop into a system that is geared toward helping students pass a test," Lieberman said. A day earlier, Lieberman emphasized that "George Bush is not ready to be president of the United States." He said that was based on Bush's record, experience "and particularly his proposals in this campaign." Bush's response today: "I never expected to get his vote anyway."

■ Cheney emphasizes values, convictions

Dick Cheney emphasized character and values Monday at a Catholic high school in Rochester, Minn., noting that Pope John Paul II was designating St. Thomas More the patron saint of politicians. The English statesman put "principle in front of politics. Today our world needs more Thomas Mores," Cheney said. Sir Thomas More was beheaded after refusing to accept King Henry VIII as his supreme religious leader. More was an astute politician who believed that a political state should have a moral base, but also knew the risks to anyone who enters politics with idealism as his chief strength. Although extraordinarily pious, More nonetheless showed no tolerance for heretics when he served the king.

■ More states up for grabs this election

The endgame of the presidential campaign was supposed to work like this: Al Gore and George W. Bush were supposed to spend nearly every waking hour in a few "battleground" states where the race was closest, angling for the vote of the ever-shrinking pool of undecided voters. But with the two major party candidates as close as ever in the polls, and Green Party nominee Ralph Nader pulling enough support to swing the outcome in numerous states, the battlefield has unexpectedly widened to almost every region and 21 states — three to four

times the number typically in play at this stage. A state-by-state ABC News analysis shows 15 states, representing 158 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House, still up for grabs.

■ Bush winning in likability department

After all this back and forth on taxes, education and the environment, the election of 2000 may well hinge on a word not even found in some dictionaries: "likability." Voters seem to know it when they see it, as shown in an overnight survey after the third debate between Al Gore and George W. Bush. When asked "Who won the debate?" respondents in a Gallup poll gave Gore a slight edge, 46-44 percent. When asked "Who was more likable?" Bush won hands down, 60-31 percent. "If Gore should lose the election, I think history will point to these debates," said John Aldrich, a political science professor at Duke University. "He's blown his chance on the personality question."

■ Bush calls on Schwarzkopf

In a final-week blitz of television advertising, automated telephone calls and mass mailings, George W. Bush has enlisted the help of retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, his father's top field commander in the Persian Gulf War. Schwarzkopf made some appearances with Bush earlier in the campaign, but now he's on the phone, telling voters in recorded messages to disregard all those disparaging remarks Al Gore has been making about the governor's plans for Social Security. "You trusted me with the lives of your sons and daughters," Schwarzkopf says in the call, "so trust me on this. I can promise you that George W. Bush will never do anything to hurt seniors or threaten Social Security. Don't be fooled by the scare tactics."

■ Bush campaign exudes confidence

ABC News reports that there is an unmistakable sense of confidence in the George W. Bush camp: "They walk, talk, laugh and smile as if they believe Nov. 7 is only a formality on the way to a much more important date: Jan. 20, Inauguration Day." To a large extent, the confidence all starts from the top. Bush, who struts across airport tarmacs with an exaggerated gait that might be described as a forward moonwalk, seems to have the word "confident" stamped on his forehead. From the minute he officially entered the race in June 1999, he was convinced he absolutely would win.

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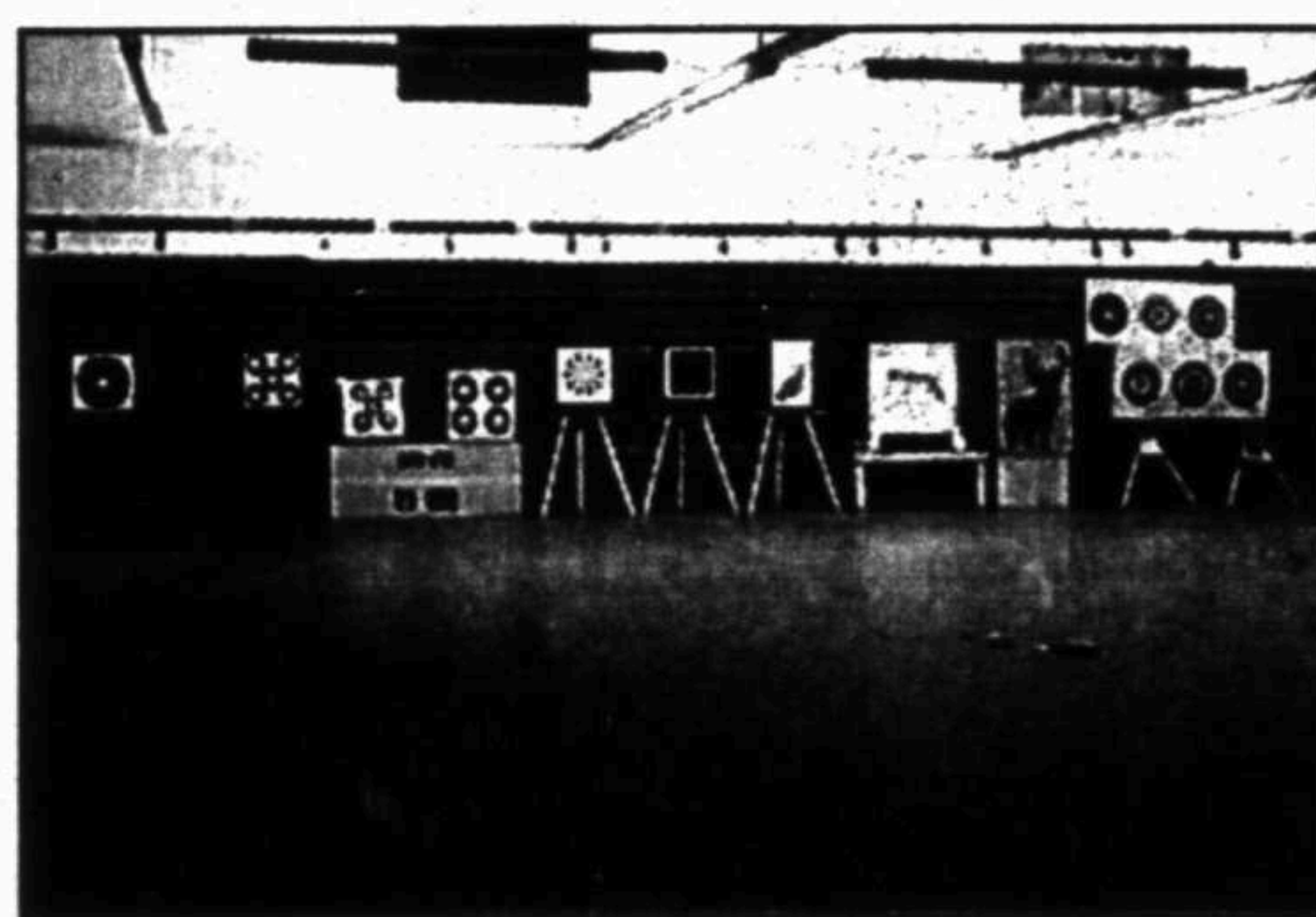
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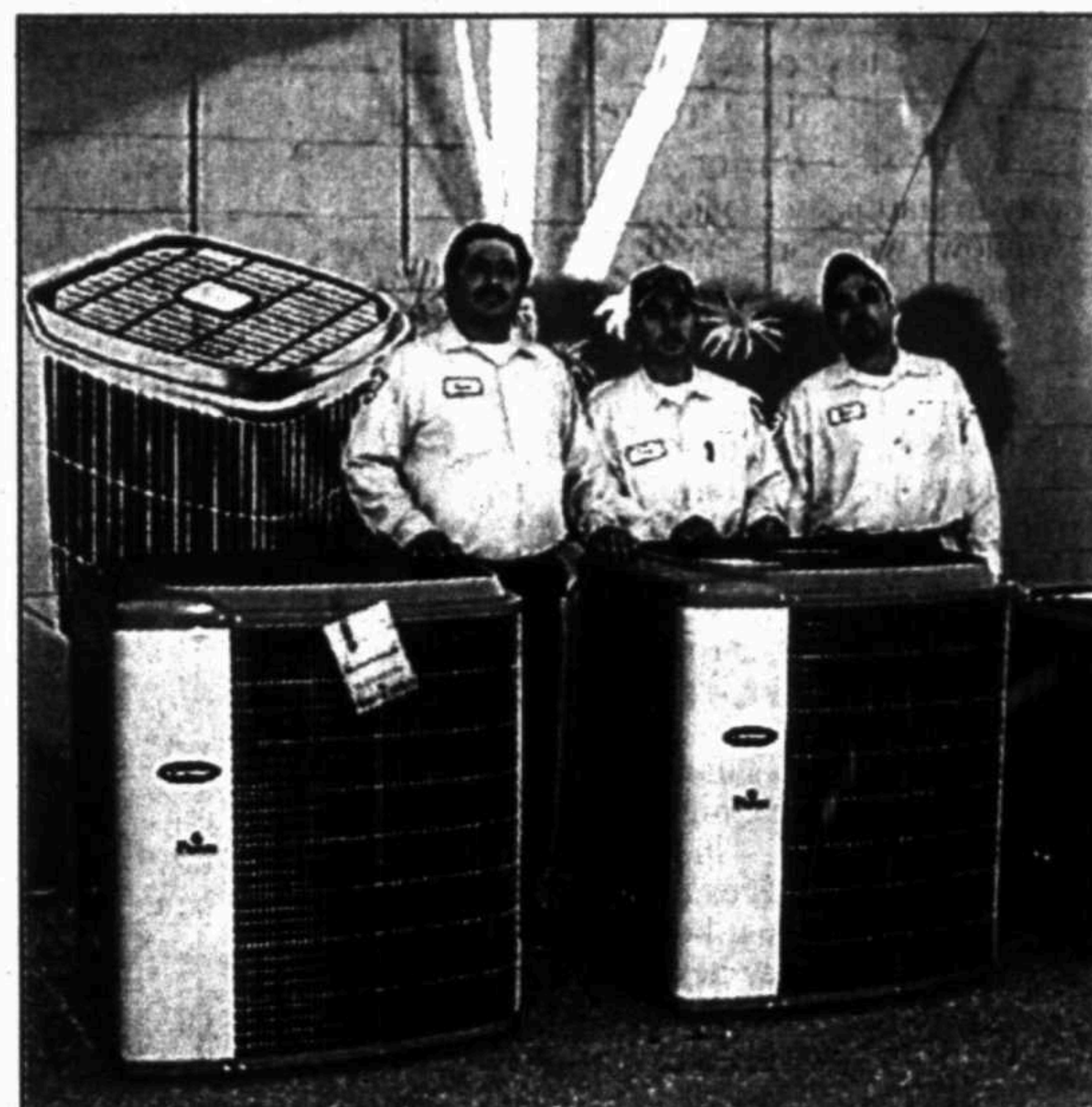
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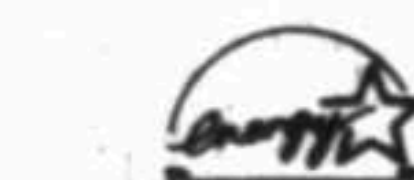
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One week from today, Americans will head to the polls to select our next president. How does one describe this race?

Statistical dead heat. Too close to call. Neck and neck. Down to the wire.

The media has pulled out every catch phrase as we count down the few remaining precious days left in the campaign.

Unfortunately, this is the stage of the campaign that could turn nastiest as the candidates try to claw their way to victory.

Several "swing" states could very well hold the key to victory. Those states include Florida, Michigan, Missouri and Pennsylvania.

The two major party candidates are stepping up their advertising schedules in those states as well as their time spent there on the stump.

It could be said that Vice President Al Gore has been dealt a tough hand in these final remaining days of the race. For instance, Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader, a longtime consumer advocate, has refused to bow to steep pressure from Democratic leaders and bail out of the race. And President Bill Clinton has proven an embarrassment — again — for the long-suffering Gore, this time by making outrageous statements to Esquire magazine. Clinton, who carried on with a young intern in the Oval Office and then lied about it to the nation, made the absurd comment to an Esquire reporter that the Republicans owe the country an apology over the impeachment episode.

But to declare that Gore is simply "unlucky" wouldn't be accurate. Gore hasn't done a sound job of solidifying his base and therefore the Nader candidacy remains a thorn in Gore's side. And the vice president's simultaneous distancing-himself-from-yet-still-embracing Bill Clinton routine hasn't worked. These problems are of Gore's own making.

On the other hand, George W. Bush has worked hard to win over former supporters of Sen. John McCain and hasn't let ultra-conservative Pat Buchanan make a sizable impact. Bush didn't force Buchanan from the campaign, he simply didn't let Buchanan gain a foothold on the issues. It's called smart politics.

Gore has relied on the polls and the political wind to define him. Bush has stayed on message throughout the campaign.

These final days will be crucial as the last of the undecided voters across the country make up their minds.

The airwaves, no doubt, will be filled with negative messages.

Texans have a healthy respect for Gov. Bush and the job he has done here. As Midlanders we have a special fondness for Bush and, of course, his wife, Laura.

We hope that Bush's positive message and common sense approach will win over the electorate on Nov. 7.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 31, the 305th day of 2000. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.

Today's highlight in history:

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

On this date:

In 1795, English poet John Keats was born in London.

In 1864, Nevada became the 36th state.

In 1926, magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix.

In 1941, the U.S. Navy destroyer Reuben James was torpedoed by a German U-boat off Iceland with the loss of 115 lives, even though the United States had not yet entered World War II.

In 1959, a former U.S. Marine from Fort Worth announced in Moscow that he would never return to the United States. His name: Lee Harvey Oswald.

In 1968, President Johnson ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations.

In 1980, Reza Pahlavi, eldest son of the late shah, proclaimed himself the rightful successor to the Peacock Throne.

In 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh security guards.

In 1994, a Chicago-bound American Eagle ATR-72 crashed in northern Indiana, killing all 68 people aboard.

Ten years ago: During a campaign swing in suburban Washington, President Bush said "I have had it" with the way Iraq was treating American diplomats and hostages, but added he had no timetable for deciding on a possible military strike.

JACK ANDERSON

E-hate: Spreading ugly message via the Net

WASHINGTON — While the Internet has been considered a medium through which people can connect, work and make money, there is an increasing worry among some that it also serves as a way for hate groups to disseminate their message and reach out to new members. Gone are the days when these groups were isolated within small rural communities. With professional Web pages that cost very little to design and maintain, many hate groups have opened sites on the Internet hoping to attract new members.

One of the first of these sites to appear is operated by Don Black, a former Grand Dragon for the Alabama chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. In a 1995 New York Times interview, Black explained that the "Internet has had a pretty profound influence on a movement whose resources are limited. The access is anonymous and there is unlimited ability to communicate with others of a like mind."

The group advertises the site, which came into being in 1995, as a "resource for those courageous men and women fighting to preserve their White Western Culture, ideals and freedom of speech and association — a forum for planning strategies and forming political and social groups to ensure victory."

It is so easy to put up a Web page that even Black's 11-year-old son, Derek, has one catering to children. This site allows visitors to link to an unofficial version of the computer game Doom

in which players are encouraged to kill black characters. In a message posted on the site, Derek states that, he thinks that "now is the time that all of the white people across the globe should rise above the lies and be proud of who we are. To take back our freedom and win for all to see our heritage in its greatest glory."

Other groups with Web sites include the National Alliance, Aryan Nations and Jew Watch. The latter claims that it is a "not-for-profit library for private study, scholarship, or research (that keeps) a close watch on Jewish Communities and organizations worldwide." The site offers information on such topics as "Jewish Atrocities," "Jewish World Conspiracies," "Jewish Hate Groups," as well as "Jewish Mind Control Mechanisms" and "Jewish Banking and Financial Manipulations."

While most Internet Service Providers refuse to host these sites, some hate groups are starting to provide their own Web hosting services. Companies have even sprouted up to cater to the rising numbers of hate sites. Candidus Productions advertises that they "provide various Web applications for pro-white people online including, but not limited to, Web design, Graphic Arts, CGI Programming, Java Programming, and many other things for the World Wide Web."

According to Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, "The lunatic fringe might be on the fringes, but they understand the power of the Internet as well as anyone in society." The center estimates that there are more than 2,300 "problematic" Web sites, including some 500 extremist sites operated by Europeans but hosted by American servers. HateWatch is another organization that seeks to monitor the growth

and evolution of hate groups. They specialize in groups that have sites on the Internet. According to their figures, there are some 500 sites dedicated to the dissemination of racist propaganda.

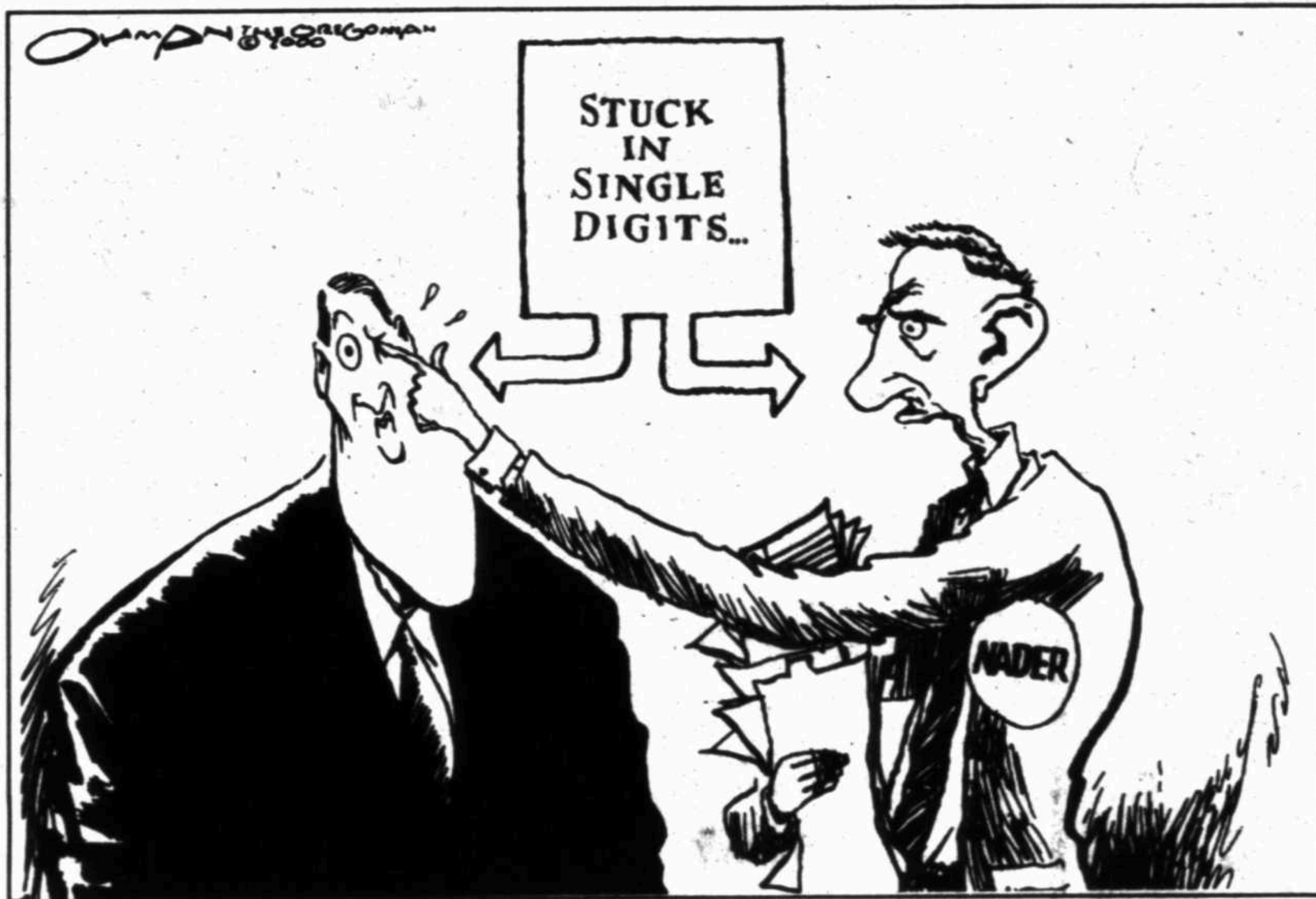
One group, the Southern Poverty Law Center, is actively engaged in stopping the advance of hate groups. Their mission is to bankrupt these organizations through court proceedings. Morris Dees, one of its co-founders, remarks that, "These are not tobacco-chewing, pot-bellied Klansmen from the Deep South. You're talking about college-educated, clever people."

Mark Potok, also from the Southern Poverty Law Center, said that, "A few years ago, a Klansman needed (to put forth) substantial effort and money to produce and distribute a shoddy pamphlet that might reach a few hundred people. Today, with a \$500 computer and negligible costs, that same Klansman can put up a slickly produced Web site with a potential audience in the millions."

Hate groups are also starting e-commerce sites that peddle music, clothing, jewelry and literature. Moreover, Nazi paraphernalia, such as daggers, uniforms and photographs, have appeared on online auction sites like eBay and Yahoo.

Many people want to ban such sites altogether. In fact, many European countries have laws that prohibit such groups from disseminating their information. In the United States, however, the First Amendment that protects every individual's right to free speech does not allow similar laws to be passed. The Constitution only prohibits speech that is a direct threat to a specific target or that directly incites illegal action.

Jack Anderson's and Doug Cohn's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



WILLIAM SAFIRE

Nader offers healthy outlet for outrage

WASHINGTON — The Desperation Index, a reliable election indicator, shows the Gore campaign rocketing up the charts.

On Sunday, Joe Lieberman — after renewing his offer of respect to America's most virulent anti-Semite — found nothing wrong with a TV spot paid for by the NAACP that associates George W. Bush with dragging a black man to death. While Republicans condemn such below-the-belt ads by extremist supporters, desperate Democrats accept all the racist or senior-scaring help they can get.

Nowhere is Democratic desperation more evident than in the liberals' savaging of Ralph Nader. The same crowd that stood on principle for Pat Buchanan's right to draw votes from Bush now frantically accuses Nader of hypocrisy, egomania and unforgivable spoilerism for daring to offer voters a chance to voice their protest.

Certainly the enthusiasm for Nader in "safe" Democratic states has given disaffected liberals a place to go other than to Bush. But look at the conventional wisdom as expressed by Minnesota's Democratic chairman, Mike Erlundson: "I don't think there are a lot of Bush votes hiding in the Nader vote."

That's based on what happened in 1968, when George Wallace's support "came home" to Hubert Humphrey in the final weeks. But though the message of "not a dime's worth of difference" in major parties is central to Nader's campaign, the nature of the protest vote has changed.

I think the legion of liberal Nader-bashers is mistaken. I suspect that at least one in three of those in the electorate now leaning toward Nader would otherwise be voting for Bush.

Who are these right-wing protest voters? Among them are hard-hat union types, frustrated at the support of NAFTA by both Bush and Gore and the fecklessness of the AFL-CIO. With the Reform Party split and the collapse of Buchanan's campaign, they have gravitated to Nader; the more the liberals attack him, the more conservatives are willing to overlook his far-out greenishness.

Another segment of Nader's Republican support

comes from small-business owners and employees. They see both Republican and Democratic leaders acquiescing in the most competition-crushing mergers of corporate giants. Years ago, the GOP was the champion of trust-busting and the protector of diversity in the marketplace, but now smaller entrepreneurs, mom-and-pop businesses and farmers have no political home. Nader is their way of sending fat cats a message.

Others on the right feel that their personal privacy is under attack and neither major party gives a hoot.

They — on this particular subject, make that "we" — don't like being crowded by ever-increasing government surveillance or stalked by a growing army of Internet commercial snoops. Libertarian conservatives worry about financial and academic records, as well as medical records and pharmacy bills, being passed around by conglomerated banks, insurance companies and HMOs. Personal freedom is diminished when the most intimate secrets can be monitored by employers and merchants.

Nader declares "the use and sale of Social Security numbers by private firms and most government agencies should be banned." Gore says so, too, but Clinton has waffled. Bush's Senate ally, New Hampshire's Judd Gregg, is pushing a bill to exempt commercial snooping firms from state laws that would protect citizens from the sale of SSNs. Privacy advocates were stunned at how easily Republican leaders were manipulated by credit-agency lobbyists.

Protest movements grow when people doing a slow burn on specific issues have no place else to go. Nader offers a healthy outlet for outrage.

Contrary to his claim that he's running against Tweedledum and Tweedledee, Bush and Gore do differ on plenty — taxation, education reform, missile defense — but where they fail to compete, the consumer advocate offers millions a way out of apathy.

Nader, 66, drives desperate liberals up the wall by draining more of "their" votes; tomorrow he may wipe the smirk off conservative faces as he siphons off more votes Republicans presume to be "ours."

But the votes he gets are not any party's votes. Each one is a voter's protest vote that says to major-party pols: "Don't take me for granted."

William Safire's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.

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DAVE MCNEELY

Power-sharing can be important part of political survival

Whether Gov. George W. Bush wins or loses the presidential race next week, some Capitol watchers are already predicting a state Legislature with a more partisan bite. But open partisan warfare would be a departure from recent Texas history.

Throughout Bush's national campaign, a group of Democratic lawmakers, calling itself the "Texas Truth Squad," has flown across the country at the expense of the Democratic National Committee to spread the news about Bush.

At the same time, a band of conservative House Republicans has skirmished with the Democratic leadership during the past few sessions on a quest to take control.

But as the late Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock showed, power-sharing can be an integral part of survival.

When the Legislature was all Democratic, it was essentially a no-party operation and was organized on the basis of personal leadership, with conservative Democrats usually outnumbering liberals and populists.

But as Republican numbers grew in the early 1960s, it made sense for them to throw in with the conservative Democrats. A new coalition was formed, one that led to at least three House speakerships.

Back in the 1970s, Republicans tipped the balance for conservative Democrat Billy Clayton to become speaker, and he returned the favor by naming some of them to committee chairmanships.

Clayton's successor, conservative Democrat Gib Lewis of Fort Worth, used the House Republicans as his initial base to secure his own victory. And he, too, made Republicans an integral part of his leadership team.

Same for Pete Laney, who succeeded Lewis and is the current speaker of the House.

Former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, the Democrat who presided over the Senate from 1973 to 1991 also appointed Republican chairmen.

His successor, Bullock, left Republicans out of the leadership during his first legislative session in 1991 but quickly saw the light as Republican numbers grew and began appointing Republicans to chairmanships in proportion to their numbers.

Bullock, a House member in the one-party Texas of the 1950s, valued personal loyalty, not partisanship.

His close personal and working relationship with Bush led him to endorse Bush not only for re-election as governor in 1998, over Bullock's former political sidekick Gary Mauro, but also for president in 2000.

Democrats now have a narrow 78-72 majority in the Texas House and a 16-15 deficit in the state Senate.

Bullock and Laney thought partisanship should stay outside the Capitol.

State Rep. Jim Dunning, D-Waco, is one of several in both parties who predict that if elections after redistricting next year give either party a margin of 10 or more votes, the House will organize along party lines.

Partisan organization is less likely in the Senate because of its tradition of needing a two-thirds vote to bring up a bill. Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, also has appointed Democrats to chairmanships.

But if a lieutenant governor in the future belongs to one party and the senators are a significant majority of the other, the senators may seize power from the lieutenant governor and organize along party lines.

Dave McNeely's column is distributed by the Austin American-Statesman.

Town confronts teen suicides

By Jacques Billeaud
Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — A 14-year-old girl stood in the path of a train and was killed in what may have been Flagstaff's third teen suicide in two weeks. She was the second teen-ager killed on the railroad tracks.

Some parents and officials worry that the deaths could prompt others to take their lives in this city of 60,000.

"We are kind of walking on eggshells in not knowing what to say and how to say it," said Mayor Joe Donaldson.

Investigators haven't confirmed that the girl's death last Thursday was a suicide, though she had told a counselor she had tried to kill herself with a drug overdose. Both previous deaths were ruled suicides.

Even though the three deaths occurred close together and two involved trains, investigators do not suspect a link. Police are not sure whether the teen-agers knew one another.

At the schools the dead teen-agers attended, Sinagua and Flagstaff, students have seen

classmates crying in the hallways.

On Oct. 15, a man found his 17-year-old son dead in his bedroom of a self-inflicted rifle wound. Authorities have not released the contents of a suicide note found in his room.

Later that day, another boy lay down on a railroad tracks, put his hands in his pockets and waited for one of the more than 80 trains that run through the city daily. It was his 17th birthday.

The boy also had briefly lain on the tracks two weeks earlier, and had talked to a friend about suicide, police said.

Eleven days later, a few miles away, the 14-year-old girl stepped from behind a parked boxcar and stood facing a train approaching at about 55 mph.

According to police reports, she had told a school counselor that she had tried to kill herself the night before with an overdose of a prescribed antidepressant. She was not treated for the overdose.

The counselor called the girl's mother, who took her daughter home and called the girl's psychologist. But the girl ran away and was later found on the tracks.

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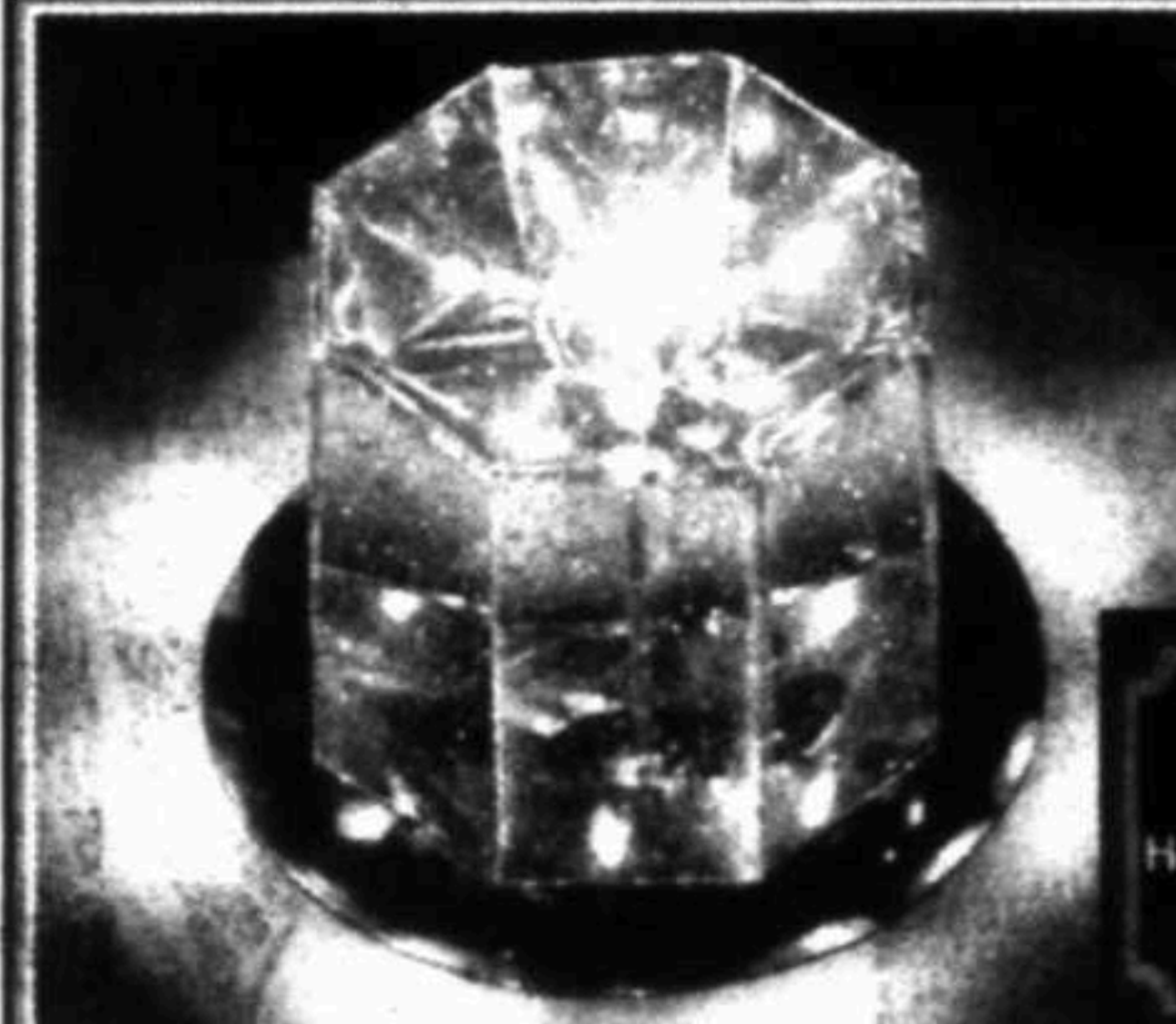
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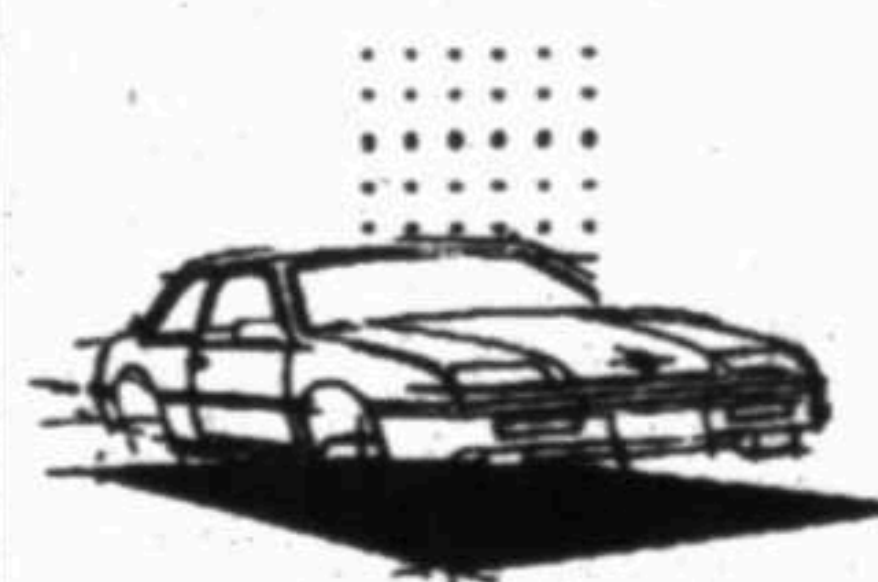
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Court asks government view on Klan suit against Missouri

By Laurie Asseo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is coming to grips with a dispute over whether states can keep the Ku Klux Klan out of their Adopt-A-Highway cleanup programs.

Almost every state has such a program, and at least 10 have rejected Klan requests to join. Missouri wants the high court to hear its argument that it should be allowed to bar the Klan from adopting a stretch of highway because the organization violates anti-discrimination laws.

Missouri says the state cannot be forced to post signs "suggesting that the state approves of, and is grateful for, the Klan's participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program."

But the Klan's lawyer from the American Civil Liberties Union, Robert Herman, said Monday, "If nothing else the First Amendment stands for the proposition that the government has no right to exclude you or treat you in a different manner because of the viewpoints that you express."

A federal appeals court ruled last spring that the state uncon-

stitutionally kept the Klan out of the program because of its views. The court said, "The First Amendment protects everyone, even those with viewpoints as thoroughly obnoxious as those of the Klan, from viewpoint-based discrimination by the state."

On Monday, the Supreme Court asked the Clinton administration to give its views on the case. The justices are not expected to decide whether they will hear arguments in the dispute until after the Justice Department files its brief. The government supported the state in the appeals court.

After Missouri lost before a lower court, signs went up last November designating a one-mile stretch of Interstate 55 south of St. Louis as having been adopted by the Klan. A man was fined \$100 last February for sawing down one of the signs.

As in almost every state, Mis-

souri's program allows groups to "adopt" a stretch of highway and do cleanup work on it. The state saves money, and the groups' efforts are acknowledged on signs posted along the highway. One state that does not have an Adopt-A-Highway program is Vermont.

Each state has its own standards for its program. Missouri's rules — written after the Klan applied to join the program — ban groups that violate federal and state non-discrimination laws or have a history of violent or criminal behavior.

Under Virginia's program, a group's application may be rejected if it raises safety concerns or could harm the program's image. Statewide Adopt-A-Highway coordinator Colin Ceperich said that, for example, an erotic dance club or a company with a lewd name might be rejected. The Klan issue has not come up in Vir-

ginia, he added.

Missouri's lawyers said nine other states have rejected Klan requests to join their Adopt-A-Highway programs: West Virginia, Texas, Ohio, Maryland, Kansas, Georgia, California, Arkansas and Alabama.

Twenty-seven states have filed a friend-of-the-court brief supporting Missouri's appeal.

The states argue that having to put up such signs would violate

their right to control their speech.

Herman, the Klan's lawyer, says the organization's own speech is at stake. The Constitution protects the organization "against those who would misuse government power to suppress political dissidents," the group's lawyer said.

The Klan asked to join the Missouri program in 1994. The state denied the application, saying the Klan violated federal and

state anti-discrimination laws and citing the Klan's "history of unlawful violence."

The Klan sued, and lower courts ruled for the organization. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals noted that Missouri's Adopt-A-Highway program has accepted other groups with discriminatory membership criteria, including the Knights of Columbus, which limits its membership to Catholic men.

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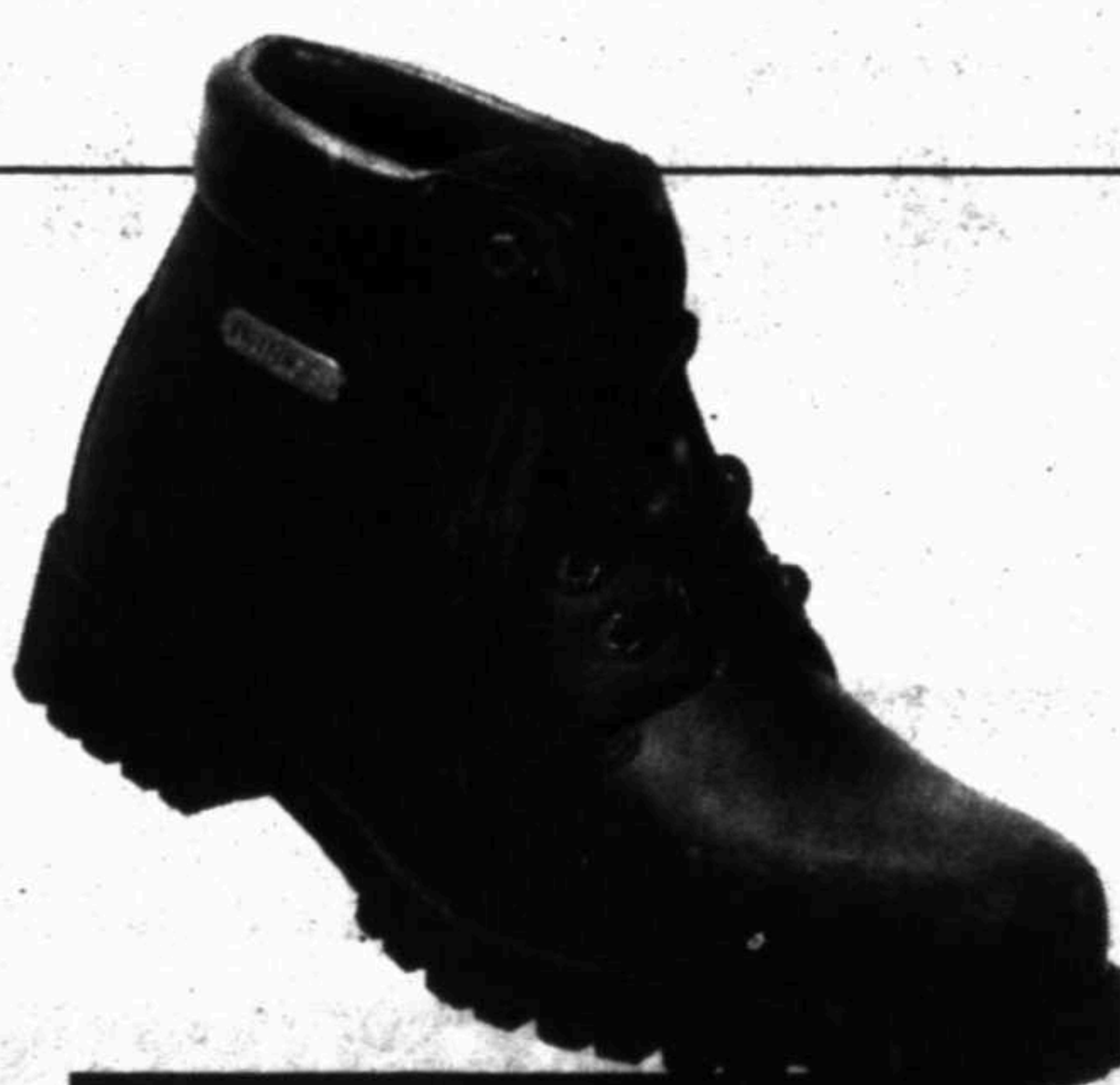
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County residents send in tax payments

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

The revenue flow of property-tax dollars that fuel the six taxing entities in Midland County traditionally accelerates a month after tax statements are mailed out in October.

"It starts out slow," noted Ron Stegall, chief appraiser of the Midland Central Appraisal District (MCAD), and then accelerates.

Of 2000's estimated \$114.5 million tax levy for the six taxing entities, Stegall collects about \$99.9 million collectively for the Midland Independent School District, the city of Midland, the Midland County Hospital District

(Memorial Hospital) and Midland College. Midland County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Reeves collects about \$14.6 million for Midland County and the Greenwood ISD.

Some taxpayers pay sooner than others, Ms. Reeves noted.

"There is a certain group of people, when they get a bill, they want to pay it immediately," Ms. Reeves said. "And then there will be those individuals that procrastinate until the last day of January (just before taxes become delinquent on Feb. 1). And all the mortgages companies will pay (homeowners' property taxes) the last day of December."

After 3 percent to 5 percent of the revenue starts coming in October, the

month of billing, and is forwarded to the taxing entities, the revenue stream picks up speed and volume.

In November, 10 percent to 15 percent of the revenue comes in and accelerates to 40 percent to 45 percent in December toward the end of the federal-income tax period, Stegall said.

And in the month of January, the pace slows down to 25 percent to 30 percent, Stegall noted. Penalty and interest fees on delinquent taxes start to accumulate on Feb. 1.

By the end of January, 89 percent to 91 percent of the revenue is in. Most of the tax revenue is paid by mid-year.

Midland County Auditor Carole Wayland said a taxing entity's "cash outflows

are pretty constant" while "the revenue stream is erratic."

And for that and other reasons, taxing entities, such as Midland County, maintain reserve funds to pay bills while revenue is still being generated.

"You get that big peak (in revenue) in December and January," Mrs. Wayland said. The revenue stream is fullest in December "because a lot of people want to go ahead and pay it to take that deduction on their personal income tax in that particular tax year."

Meanwhile, "We (in Midland County) get a monthly distribution in sales-tax revenue," she said of the county's revenue stream. The city of Midland also gets sales-tax revenue. "We do have that

money coming in as well as any other fees and fines. We also kind of fall back on those reserve funds."

Tax rates of three of the six taxing entities in Midland County are unchanged from last year: Midland County at 25.7 cents per \$100 valuation; Midland College at 16.33 cents and Greenwood ISD at \$1.50.

The city of Midland's tax rate was reduced slightly to 65.1 cents from 65.2 cents, according to MCAD records.

The hospital district's tax rate was increased to 15.71 cents from 15.44 cents.

And the MISD tax rate was hiked to \$1.639 from \$1.5687.

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Lee band takes top honors at competition

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

The Lee High School band took first place honors at this past weekend's UIL Area A Band Competition.

The competition, which took place at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, included

16 class 5A bands from West Texas. In addition to Lee finishing first, Midland High School's band came in fourth.

Lee High band director Randy Storie described the win as fantastic and said the students couldn't have given more than their best. Storie, who has been the band director at Lee High for 21 years, said this is the band's 13th trip to the state competition since its inception in 1980.

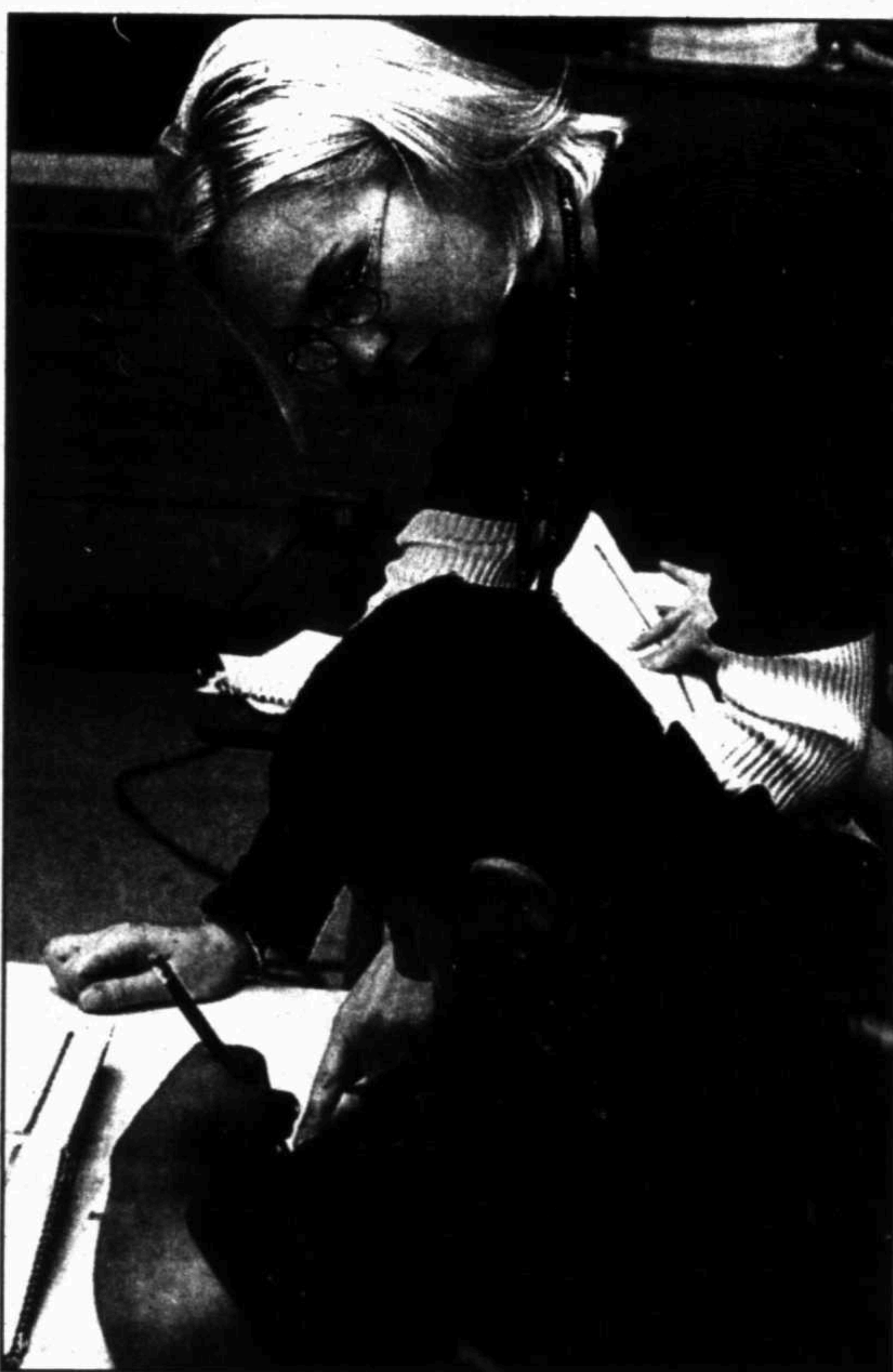
"They're just climbing the walls," Storie said about his students. "They're excited to death. I'm just very proud and feel very honored to get to be their band director."

The Lee High band will advance to the state competition which will take place on Monday, Nov. 6, at the Baylor Stadium in Waco. Because Midland High placed fourth it will serve as an alternate in the competition. This is the second major win of the year for Lee High. The band also placed first in the Texas Tech marching festival in Lubbock on Oct. 12. They also received a first division rating by the state for the 31st consecutive year.

Top 10 bands

1. Lee High School, Midland
2. El Paso Coronado High School, El Paso
3. Permian High School, Odessa
4. Midland High School, Midland
5. Bel Air High School, El Paso
6. Amarillo High School, Amarillo
7. Franklin High School, El Paso
8. Hanks High School, El Paso
9. Lubbock High School, Lubbock
10. Americas High School, El Paso

Gearing up...



ABOVE AND LEFT: Chali Tarpley, a seventh-grade English teacher at San Jacinto Junior High School, works with her students Monday afternoon in the Gear Up program.

Story by
Danielle Belton

Photos by
Tim Fischer

Grant helps students 'Gear Up' for college

Local junior high school students will be "gearing up" for college soon.

Last month Midland College and Midland Independent School District received a grant for \$1.6 million to help San Jacinto Junior High School students prepare for high school and college. The grant is part of the fed-

eral "Gear Up" program.

The program, which starts this year, is headed by Judy Merritt. Ms. Merritt, who is also program director for the Upward Bound program, said the schools received the grant on September 15 of this year.

"It starts with the seventh grade class," Ms. Merritt said. "It's done

somewhat as a pilot. They include the entire school class so they can see how it affects the larger group rather than singling out students."

According to Midland College public relations director Elise Coombes, Gear Up was founded in

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Stroud pleads 'not guilty' as trial begins

By Brian Rogers
Staff Writer

The murder trial of 43-year-old William Timothy Stroud, accused of shooting Robert Keith Osburn, 30, with a sawed-off shotgun on Christmas day last year, began Monday.

The prosecution alleges that Stroud was staying with Sam Allen, his wife Vivian Allen and their three children beginning last autumn. In his opening remarks, Assistant District Attorney Eric Kalenak said Stroud threatened to kill members of the Allen family if the police ever found out that he was staying there. Kalenak alleges that Stroud kept at least one member of the family in the house at all times for that purpose.

While selecting the jury, defense attorney Rusty Wall said Osburn was wanted for parole violation. "Osburn has served time in the penitentiary twice before," Wall said.

Wall also brought up the possibility of a connection to the Aryan Brotherhood, and labeled the organization as, "a hate group."

As the trial opened, Stroud pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder. In his opening remarks, Wall said the evidence would show that Stroud may have been in fear for his life when he allegedly fired at Osburn.

According to testimony, on the night of the killing, Stroud was alone in the Allen house on State Highway 349.

The Allens were visiting Osburn and,

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Students and community to come to aid of burn victims with fundraiser

By Isela Agundis
MRT Correspondent

Lee High School and United Blood Services are teaming up to help the three students burned in a chemistry lab accident on Oct. 10. The fundraiser/blood drive will take place from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Lee High School cafeteria.

Hospital bills for Teran Nix, David Dutchover and Brooke Bagley are expected to be steep. Because of this, United Blood Services decided to help the students with a fundraiser/blood drive.

"We heard they didn't have a way to pay medical bills and we offered our help as a way to raise funds and blood donations at the same time," said Lee

Patrick, associate executive director for UBS. "We wanted to help with the astronomical medical bills."

UBS has a mechanism in place to assist with fund raisers. For each pint of blood donated, a monetary donation will be made to funds set up to help pay for the injured students' medical bills. UBS hope to get a great response from the community.

"We're hoping for a good turnout," Ms. Patrick said. "We haven't had a

blood drive at Lee in many years and we're very excited about it."

Cynthia Savage, student council sponsor, said she believes the event will be successful. Staff members at Lee are ready to join students in showing their support even if it means going under the needle.

"I think if there is any hesitation by some students it will be overcome because it's a good cause," Ms. Savage said. "We're really quite pleased with the \$10 donation per donor from Unit-

ed Blood Service."

Donor requirements are:

- must be at least 17 years old
 - must weigh at least 110 pounds
 - must be in good health
 - must have a valid ID required (driver's license, school or work ID, social security card)
- All donors must go through a "mini physical" before giving blood. The physical consist of checking blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron level.



Nix



Dutchover



Bagley

GARY OTT

Uh, excuse me, I seem to have a rabbit in my throat

More rambling thoughts ... I've always loved the phrase "lunatic fringe," especially when I can use it to describe a political group with whom I disagree.

It just makes me sound so smart; at least it does in my eyes ... and that's all that really matters.

Hard to believe, but true: News anchor Dan Rather, whom I still remember as the newsman who asked the toughest questions of President Nixon during the Watergate scandal — turns 69 today.

German proverb: "An old error is always more popular than a new truth."

Before one can excel, it seems to me, one must learn to appreciate excellence.



Ott

Cyril Connolly, a British journalist who died in 1974, once offered up these eerie words of wisdom: "Whom the gods wish to destroy they first call promising."

Young people with great potential should remember that.

Why do we get a frog in our throat as opposed to a squirrel or even a rabbit?

I can't help but be amused, in a smug sort of way, that the recently concluded Subway Series, featuring the Big Apple's Yankees and Mets, had the smallest TV viewership of any World Series in history.

Take that, New York.

Don't tell anyone, but I watched parts of every game ... and loved them all. I think it had something to do with being a Yankee fanatic as a child and being unable to correct that flaw as an adult.

One other thing about New York City and the people who live there: They definitely have

the best ticker-tape parades in the world.

Ralph Nader is beginning to get on my nerves.

It is always a bit deflating when you think someone has a crush on you and then you find out that the person doesn't.

At least, that's what I have been told. I wouldn't know.

Little-known fact: The word "gobbledygook" was first coined by a politician, U.S. Rep. Maury Maverick, who made it up spontaneously while giving a speech during World War II.

Trust me on that. It's true.

It was 50 years ago this week that two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into the Blair House in Washington to assassinate President Truman. The attempt failed, and one of the pair was killed.

Hmm, sounds like they were part of the lunatic fringe.

Ooh, I sound so smart.

Overheard: "Good taste was the worst vice ever invented."

I don't think I agree with that.

Also overheard: "A conclusion is the place where you get tired of thinking."

I do agree with that.

Line from a country-western song: "The two of us are one of a kind."

Do junior high students still shoot spit wads through a straw? Or is that considered too tame by today's standards?

One man's opinion: Raymond Burr was the all-time best TV lawyer.

When was the last time you said "oo-la-la?"

Well, that's too long.

And today's final quote comes from Benjamin Franklin, who once said, "He is not well-bred that cannot bear ill-breeding in others."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Area briefs

Flu shot clinic

Midland Memorial Hospital will hold a flu shot clinic on Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m. in the Urgent Care Center. Due to overwhelming demand for the flu vaccine, this clinic will be limited to high-risk patients — those 65 and older or patients suffering from health problems such as cardiac or respiratory problems. Future clinics will be offered when new shipments of the flu vaccine arrive.

Local event

The Permian Basin Restaurant Association and Odessa Chamber of Commerce will present the 17th annual "Taste of the Permian Basin" on Nov. 7 at the Ector County Coliseum from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be more than 45 booths this year, including Cap Rock Winery out of Lubbock, and seating for more than 1,000 persons. Big screen televisions will be provided so diners can watch the election returns, and

entertainment will be by the Satin Strings and Strict Lee Strings. Proceeds benefit the PBRA and the Odessa Chamber. Tickets are \$20 and are available in Midland at Golden Corral, Rosa's Cafe, Cheddar's and Gerardo's Casita.

Quilt show

STANTON — The annual Stanton Quilt Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday in "historic downtown" Stanton, according to Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) Agent Kathryn Burch.

"There will be quilts in all the businesses downtown," she said. "Some are old, and some are new — just a wide variety." The estimated 50 quilts on display include hand-quilted and machine-quilted quilts.

Mrs. Burch is the TAEX family-and-consumer sciences agent for Martin County. For additional information on the show, call 756-3316.

New Mexico woman killed, Arkansas man injured in 500-foot fall

PECOS (AP) — One person was killed and another critically injured when they fell almost 500 feet as they were being hoisted to the top of a radio tower on which they were making repairs.

Carla Valencia, 39, of Los Lunas, N.M., died at Reeves County Hospital in Pecos on Sunday.

Grant Rutledge, 42, of Fort Smith, Ark., was taken by ambulance to the Pecos hospital, then airlifted to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, where hospital spokeswoman Debbie Kent said on Monday that he was listed in serious but stable condition.

The accident occurred shortly after 11 a.m. Sunday.

Rutledge and Valencia, employed by Tower Network Services, were working on a radio tower about 20 miles east-northeast of Pecos on the Wilson Ranch, just north of Interstate 20 between Barstow and Pyote in Ward County.

The two were working on the antenna for Pecos radio station KKLY-FM, which last December began rebroadcasting the signal of a sister station, KKJW-FM.

Dick Baze, general manager of the station, told the Pecos Enterprise that the tower was hit by lightning about two weeks ago. The power divider and six bays were burned out, Baze said, and the station had been off the air, waiting for Valencia and Rutledge to make the repairs.

The Ward County sheriff's department said Valencia and Rutledge were being hoisted up

the tower by a pulley connected to the axle of a small pickup truck, and operated by a foreman for Tower Network Services.

The two were connected to the rope by one harness holding when the rope slipped and they fell, sheriff's deputy Fred Wilder told the Monahans News.

The foreman, who was not identified, suffered severe rope burns to his hands while trying to hold onto the rope and was taken by ambulance to Ward Memorial Hospital in Monahans for treatment.

Baze said Valencia and Rutledge had been on the premises for about a week, waiting for parts to arrive. They had already been up and down the tower several times replacing lights, he said.

According to information filed with the Federal Communications Commission, KKLY-FM's tower on the Wilson Ranch allows the station to reach listeners in Pecos, Monahans, Fort Stockton, Kermit and surrounding areas.

KKLY's sister station, KKJW, operates on the 105.9 FM frequency and serves the eastern part of the Permian Basin from its antenna tower near Stanton.

KKLY does not own the tower, but leases it from another company, Baze said.

"Until the people who actually own the tower decide what to do next, we won't be back on," Baze said.

He said a part that Valencia and Rutledge had with them was broken in their fall and will also have to be replaced.

FBI seizes furniture from Odessa club

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — The FBI on Monday seized furniture and electronic equipment from Odessa's Flamingo Nightclub located at 8th and Grandview.

According to William S. Vanderland, supervisory senior resident agent for the FBI, the equipment and furniture is allegedly connected to a drug organization

currently being investigated by the FBI. No one was arrested in the seizure. According to the FBI's press release, items purchased with proceeds traceable to the sale of a controlled substance are subject to seizure and forfeiture. The FBI is currently looking for Eddie Salgado, one of the nightclub's partners who has been deemed a fugitive.

TAX: Revenue stream seems 'erratic'

(From 1B)

After Jan. 31 of each year, unpaid taxes become delinquent, Stegall noted, and immediately in February take on a 7 percent penalty-and-interest fee which escalates. By July, for example, the late fee increases to 18 percent. In addition to that is a 15 percent fee charged by the delinquent-tax attorney for collection charges.

All told, the 2000 tax levy is projected to generate \$114.5 million in revenue as opposed to

the \$109.89 million generated by the 1999 tax levy.

Funds to be generated by the six taxing entities in Fiscal Year 2001 vs. FY 2000 funds are: city of Midland, \$21.07 million vs. \$20.9 million; MISD, \$64 million vs. \$60.327 million; Midland College, \$7.412 million vs. \$7.289 million; Midland County Hospital District, \$7.416 million vs. \$7.148 million; Midland County, \$12.019 million vs. \$11.791 million, and Greenwood ISD, \$2.646 million vs. \$2.436 million.

OBITUARIES



Amparo Domingo

Amparo Domingo was born October 30, 1918 in Zamboanga City, Philippines to Ko Teng Kian and Marca (Carpio) Ko. On October 31, 1945, she married Teofilo Domingo. She had an M.A. in Psychology, and was a professor at the state university in Zamboanga. She immigrated to the United States in 1972 and did postgraduate studies at Fordham University. She became the director of a child care center in Brooklyn, New York until 1977. Following that, she was employed at the medical office of her son, Ramon Domingo, until 1997. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Ms. Domingo died at her residence on Monday, October 30, 2000.

A wake service will be held on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 1, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Brighdes and Father Pestin officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Amparo was preceded in death by her father, Ko Teng Kian; her

mother, Marco Ko; and her husband, Teofilo Domingo. She is survived by her three sons, Ramon Domingo and his wife, Minda, of Midland, Colvin Domingo of Midland, and Jose Domingo and his wife, Ogie, of Rivervale, N.J.; her brother, Amado Ko of Zamboanga City, Philippines; her two sisters, Belen Ang and Librada Ko, both of Zamboanga City, Philippines; her six grandchildren, Christina, Raymond, Robert, Catherine, Daniel, and Joseph; and many nieces and nephews.



Ferrol Voliva

Nellie Ethel Ferrol Ficke Voliva passed away on Saturday, October 28th, 2000. She was born on October 4, 1919 in Wheeler, Texas to Elizabeth McBee and John Henry Ficke. She attended school in Braymer, Mo. and Wheeler, moving to Midland in 1937. She later lived in California for a couple of years during the war. Upon her return to Midland, she waited at the Ranch House and Agnes' Cafe. She married E.A. "Speck" Voliva in Lovington, N.M., returning to Midland as housewife and homemaker.

Mr. Voliva preceded her in death on April 28, 1993. Also pre-

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

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

Florine Smith

Florine E. Smith was born October 20, 1918 in Yoakum, Texas to Lee and Sophia Ward. On April 19, 1935, she married Thomas N. Smith in Gonzales, Texas. She was a member of West Kentucky Baptist Church.

Ms. Smith died in a local hospital Sunday, October 29, 2000.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. October 31, 2000, in Resthaven Memorial Park with Reverend Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Florine was preceded in death by her father, Lee Ward; her mother, Sophia Ward; her husband, Thomas Smith, Sr.; and her grandson, Christopher Kail. Survivors include her son, Thomas N. Smith and his wife, Judy, of Corpus Christi, Texas; her two daughters, Ina Smith and her husband, William F., of Cuero, Texas and Geneva Kail and her husband, Gene, of Midland; her sixteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and many friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons, Shane Kail, Minor Smith, Steven Smith, Craig Kerr, Roger Heard, and Danny Young. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Gregory Bartha, M.D., and Charles Younger, M.D.

ceding her in death was her brother, John Ficke; sisters, Leona Hall Linebarger, Silva Dillard, Fay Gwyn, and Marguerite Philpott. She is survived by her son, J.R. (Ron) Johnson; and sisters, Lois Poe and Bessie Mae Clark, along with numerous nephews and nieces.

For many years she operated Ferrol's Blank China for her many talented artist friends. She was a member and past president of Midland Porcelain Art Club and the Permian Basin Porcelain Art Club. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Visitation with the family will be Tuesday, October 31, 2000, from 6-8 p.m. in Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 1, 2000, in First United Methodist Church with Reverend C. Lane Boyd officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Mike Payne, Owen Johnson, Jim Johnson, Larry Baesa, Melvin Meissner, and James Furman.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Silva Dillard Educational Fund at First United Methodist Church in Midland or to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, Texas.

DEATH NOTICES

Connie Haskins

EL PASO — Connie O. Haskins, 96, father of a Midland man, died Monday, Oct. 30, at a local care center.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Necessity Cemetery in Breckenridge with Bill Looney officiating under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale

Funeral Home. Visitation will be 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

He moved from Andrews to Snyder in 1957, to El Paso in 1998, and had lived in Breckenridge and had a cabin on Lake Hubbard for many years. He was a mechanic for Humble/Exxon for 40 years before retiring.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Estelle Amanda McIn-

tosh Haskins on Feb. 22, 1984.

Survivors include two sons, B.W. Haskins of Midland and Arnold Haskins of San Angelo; a daughter, Lavoyne Newman of El Paso; a sister, Jewell Langford of Breckenridge; a brother, Raymond J. Haskins of Overton; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Scurry County Senior Center, 2603 Avenue M, Snyder; or to a hospice of your choice.

Louise Garay

Louise Garay died Monday, Oct. 30, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

GRANT: Program will benefit all students

(From 1B)

1998. It is a federal program that targets junior high students with the goal to get them actively thinking and preparing for college. A relatively new program, Gear Up goes into effect immediately for San Jacinto Junior High. Currently, Midland College is looking to hire a program coordinator and has started setting up the tutoring program.

"The idea is to give the students just whatever they need," Ms. Coombes said. "It gives them extra support."

The program will provide San Jacinto students with counselors and mentors. It will also offer scholarship opportunities for the students after they reach high school. The money from the program will follow San Jacinto seventh graders all the way through high school.

According to Ms. Coombes and Ms. Merritt, the idea behind the program is to benefit all San Jacinto seventh graders, not just a few.

"That's the point of piloting studies like this. It's going to include persons from all sorts of

groups," Ms. Merritt said. "You can't say, 'you just picked the best kids.' You get to see what benefits there are for the whole class."

Gear Up partners junior high schools with other educational entities, businesses and industries. Currently, it serves more than 450,000 students nationwide. More than 1,000 organizations are Gear Up partners, including the YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs and Wal-Mart.

Ms. Coombes believes this grant will benefit Midland College as well in the long run.

"Ultimately, this grant is going to provide scholarships to go to college and we hope that students will remember working with Midland College and will want to go to school here," Ms. Coombes said.

She added that with past partnerships — as with the Abell-Hanger scholarship — Midland College receives many students who want to attend the college. Ms. Coombes said, "As a community college, it's part of our mission."

TRIAL: Stroud could face life in prison if found guilty

(From 1B)

according to testimony from Mrs. Allen, they believed Stroud was angry.

Mrs. Allen said her husband had given Stroud a sawed-off shotgun and he tended to stay inside on the couch with the shotgun in his hands.

That Christmas Day, at about 9 p.m. Osburn, Sam Allen and Sam Allen's brother, Toby, went

to the Allen home to pick up diapers for the Allen's three children.

Although Allen did go inside the home, he went outside after a few minutes. According to Kalenak, Osburn and Stroud had a disagreement. When Stroud allegedly pointed the shotgun at Osburn, Osburn said, "If you're going to shoot me, shoot me," and Stroud allegedly did, the prosecutions claims.

For the defense, Wall said Osburn had a knife in his sleeve, and Stroud was in fear for his life.

Sheriff's deputy Paul Hallmark testified that Osburn did have a hunting knife in his sleeve.

Sheriff's deputies also testified that, after fleeing the scene, Stroud was found crawling out from underneath a trailer near the property of the shooting.

Kalenak said the maximum penalty would be life in prison.

The sawed-off shotgun was also found near the property where the shooting took place.

Stroud has remained in the Midland County Detention Center in lieu of a \$50,000 bond since his arrest.

Study: More tobacco settlement money should be spent on tobacco programs

AUSTIN (AP) — A survey of 900 Texans shows that two-thirds of them would like to see more of the state's \$17.3 billion settlement with tobacco companies spent on tobacco prevention programs.

The study, released Monday, was conducted in October by the University of Texas at Houston. It found that about half of those surveyed favored using the funds to build schools and provide health insurance for children. Less than one-third supported using the money for roads and tax relief.

Angela Meschack, project director for the study, said the results showed a gap between how the state spends the money and what people actually would like to see funded.

She recommended that the Legislature follow public opinion when drafting the budget during the next session that begins in January.

The study was sponsored by a grant from the National Institute

of Health and had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent.

The state received about \$1.8 billion for the current two-year budget period that ends Aug. 31, 2001. About \$20 million was set aside for anti-tobacco programs, Meschack said.

According to Meschack, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta suggest that between \$100 million and \$200 million be spent on tobacco control.

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CORPUS CHRISTI — A severe blow to the Baptist Convention drawing \$5 million from the grounds that is becoming to

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DEAR ABBY

Siblings' plans for matrimony suffer from parents' parsimony

DEAR ABBY: Early this year, my brother and I both announced our engagements and agreed that our wedding dates would be within six months of each other. We're both in our early 20s, still living at home, and our parents are well-to-do.

Immediately after the announcements, our parents told us they could only give me (the bride) \$7,000, and my brother would get half that amount. Considering the cost of weddings these days, this would hardly cover 25 percent of the expenses, but there was nothing we could do, so we went along with it. Our parents explained that they were in a tight financial situation at the moment, and this was all they were willing to put out for our weddings.



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Exactly one month later, our parents purchased another home! Our family home is already large, but they consider the second house an "investment property." Both my brother and I are extremely hurt by this — after being told that our parents were in a "financial bind," they were somehow able to scrape up the money for a new house.

Neither of us is planning a very large wedding — only 150 guests or so — but some of the money would have to cover our parents' guests, as well as ours. Our parents don't seem to understand this and are standing their ground, saying they have supported us all our lives, but they are not responsible for paying for our weddings.

They have also asked that since we both work, my brother and I start paying them rent until our wedding dates. We feel we should be saving our money at this time, but once again, our parents don't see it that way. I am a 4.0 college graduate, have worked and gone to school at the same time, and have always tried to be the model daughter, Abby.

are my brother and I wrong to think that our parents are being selfish? — SINGING THE WEDDING BELL BLUES

DEAR SINGING: Yes, you are wrong. Please change your tune. A wedding — or money toward a wedding — is a GIFT. It is not an entitlement. Your parents have told you what they feel they can comfortably afford. Please accept it like the mature, about-to-marry adults you are.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and dating a 25-year-old married man. Three months ago he left his wife and moved closer to me. We were spending 24/7 together — and it was wonderful.

A few weeks ago, he decided that for the sake of his three chil-

dren he would give his marriage another chance. Now he is back living with his family and seeing me on the side. I'm heartbroken. We were just getting somewhere, and now I'm back at "square one" — alone most of the time.

I've tried staying away from him, but I can't. I know in my

heart that he will leave his wife soon, and we'll be 24/7 again. Abby, what if he comes back to me, and then changes his mind again? — HURT AND CONFUSED

DEAR HURT: What IF? If you think this romance is going anywhere, you're dreaming. Stop

wasting your time. Your lover made his choice when he returned to his family. Trust me, the time has come to accept reality and go on with your life.

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

Texas Baptists approve partial break with their denomination

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Texas' 2.7 million Baptists dealt a severe blow to the Southern Baptist Convention on Monday, withdrawing \$5 million in funding on the grounds that the denomination is becoming too conservative.

After a brief, civil debate, the 6,000 representatives of the Texas Baptists approved the move as a sizable majority held up voting cards.

The vote is considered a watershed by both sides in the doctrinal conflict that has long roiled the nation's largest Protestant denomination, which has 15.8 million members.

Texas accounts for 17 percent of the members and 13 percent of the money that supports Southern Baptist Convention programs.

Texas Baptists spokesman, Kenneth Camp, said the group was at a crossroads and called the meeting "the decisive turning point for the next century."

In recent years, the Southern Baptists have barred female pastors, declared that wives should "submit graciously" to their husbands, boycotted Disney and issued resolutions condemning homosexuality.

Earlier this month, former President Carter severed ties to the

Southern Baptist Convention because of its "increasingly rigid" creed.

On Monday, the Texans voted to cut the amount of money they give to several Southern Baptist seminaries by about 80 percent next year and send the \$4 million instead to three moderate campuses in Texas.

Also, the Texans virtually cut off support for the denomination's headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., and its social-issues agency — a cut amounting to \$1 million. The Texans will still send some \$19 million to the denomination, mostly for missionary work in the United States and abroad.

"I am distressed because of the impact this is going to have on the churches of Texas" who "are going to have to make decisions they don't want to make," said the Rev. Claude Thomas of Euless, Texas, who chairs the national body's executive committee.

The Rev. Bill Merrell, a spokesman at Southern Baptist headquarters, said the vote "signals the beginning of the end game anti-Southern Baptists have longed for, planned for and worked for."

"This thrusts upon Southern Baptist lay people and pastors the

necessity of deciding whether they will follow those who would lead them to weaken their involvement with the greatest missionary enterprise of our time," Merrell said.

At issue has been how strictly to interpret the Bible.

Leaders of the national denomination insist on the Bible's "inerrancy," or literal accuracy, interpreting Scripture in conservative terms.

"Jesus took his stand against religious authoritarianism, moral judgmentalism and dogmatic fundamentalism," said the Rev. Charles Wade said, executive director of the Texas convention.

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3 killed in car bombing in Madrid; Basque separatists blamed

By Adam Brown
Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — A car bomb exploded in a residential area of the capital Monday, killing a Supreme Court judge, his bodyguard and driver in the deadliest attack blamed on the Basque separatist group ETA since it ended a 14-month cease-fire in December. Thirty-five people were injured in the Madrid bombing, which tore holes in cars, shattered windows for blocks and left a haze of white smoke and burning debris scattered through the neighborhood.

The slain judge, 69-year-old Jose Francisco Querol, worked for a military section of the court. He held the rank of general and was due to retire next month, said the General Council of the Judiciary, a judicial oversight body. Also killed were his driver, Armando Medina Sanchez, and Jesus Escudero Garcia, a member of the national police force.

Although no group claimed responsibility for the blast, Spanish politicians and news media immediately blamed ETA. The group has repeatedly used car bombs as part of its 32-year-old campaign for an independent Basque homeland in an area straddling northern Spain and southwest France.

"This looks every bit like an ETA attack," Interior Ministry spokesman Fernando Delgado said.

"This morning we were again invaded by the pain of blind terrorism. ETA has caused a terrible attack in Madrid," King Juan Carlos said. "To the assassins goes our firm condemnation and the certainty that they will pay for their crimes sooner or later."

Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar urged Spaniards not to despair over ETA's continuing violence and vowed to stand firm in his policy of combatting the group through police measures rather than talks.

"It is clear that no one will achieve any kind of objective through the force of violence, and that no one will make Spaniards yield to threats of guns, whoever

may be holding them," said Aznar, who survived an ETA assassination attempt in 1995.

There was no word from ETA after Monday's attack. The group usually takes weeks to claim responsibility, and often does so in communiques sent to a pro-independence Basque newspaper.

The attack came at 9:15 a.m. as people were going to work and children to school in the Arturo Soria area of northeastern Madrid.

As the judge drove past an intersection, another car parked at the spot and rigged with a bomb was detonated by remote control, police said. Querol lived in the area, and his wife and daughter heard the blast from their home.

A city bus waiting to turn into the intersection was severely damaged, its front section gutted by flames and windows blown out. The driver suffered serious injuries, said emergency medical services spokesman Emilio Benito. There were few passengers aboard, and none was seriously injured, he said.

The explosion left smoldering cars and broken glass littering the street. It filled the air with thick, white smoke from burning garbage from six large trash bins on the corner where the bomb went off.

It shattered windows in apartment buildings for three blocks and knocked tiles off bathroom walls. Afterward, stunned residents and pedestrians cried, hugged each other and held hands.

"I was just waking up when I heard a tremendous explosion. It blew out my windows and I put my arms over my head," said 24-year-old Ricardo Villaverde, who lives in an apartment just above where the bomb exploded.

"The glass cut my face," he said. "I looked out the window and people were crazy and panicking in street."

The explosion took place 50 yards from a school. There were no immediate reports of children

being injured. Police cordoned off the area for fear that another bomb may have been planted.

ETA has been blamed for some 800 killings since 1968, including 19 since it ended a 14-month cease-fire last December. The last attack blamed on ETA was Oct. 22, when a prison officer was killed by a bomb attached to his car in the

Basque city of Vitoria.

The death toll in Monday's blast was the highest of any of the attacks since the cease-fire ended. Twice — on February 22 and Aug. 20 — two people died in car bombings blamed on ETA.

As evening fell, hundreds of people opposed to ETA violence gathered in downtown Madrid to

protest the attack. The rally began with five minutes of silence, interrupted when a man shouted in favor of Basque independence. Others punched him and struck him with placards; police intervened to protect him.

Similar demonstrations were held in the Basque cities of Vitoria, Bilbao and San Sebastian. A

larger demonstration was planned for Tuesday in Madrid. A funeral ceremony for Monday's victims was to be held Tuesday at the Supreme Court.

U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher denounced those responsible for the car bombing, calling it a "cowardly and brutal attack."



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ADEN, Yemen (AP) — With the departure of the USS Cole, the U.S. presence in Aden dropped Monday as more members of a crisis response team left this port city.

U.S. Ambassador Barbara Bodine was expected to return to the Yemeni capital San'a later Monday, leaving behind a small American contingent supporting the FBI investigation of the Oct. 12 attack on the destroyer.

The U.S. team has moved to a hotel outside the city center because security arrangements around their headquarters at a downtown hotel had disrupted traffic. FBI investigators moved to a Navy ship last week and were expected to visit Aden on an as-needed basis.

The crippled Cole was towed out of Aden port on Sunday, leaving the harbor where 17 sailors died and 39 were injured in what officials believe was a suicide attack by bombers in a small boat packed with explosives.

The Cole was to be loaded onto a Norwegian heavy-lift ship, the Blue Marlin, well out of sight from the shore. The process was expected to take between 24 hours and 36 hours, but Navy officials of the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet refused to comment on it Monday. They referred inquiries to The Associated Press to the Navy Web site, which had not updated its information.

Most of the crew of about 300 remained aboard the Cole following the attack. A small number were to stay on the destroyer for the trip back to the United States, expected to take five weeks; the rest were to be flown home.

The Navy has said it intends to repair the Cole and return it to service, although it has not yet said where the work will be done. The Navy has told U.S. Congress it may take \$150 million to repair the Cole, which cost \$1 billion to build.

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Barak wins continued political survival

By Mark Lavie
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak won a temporary reprieve in parliament Monday and warned Palestinians there would "be no reward for violence." Nearby, one Israeli was killed in Jerusalem, a second was found dead on the city's outskirts and clashes in Palestinian areas persisted.

Israeli combat helicopters fired missiles at offices and posts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip belonging to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, witnesses and media reports said.

The attacks set off fires, but the Israelis fired warnings shots, Israeli television said, and there were no immediate reports of injuries.

"I don't know what the Israelis are trying to achieve through this language," Palestinian spokesman Saeb Erekat told army radio. "Barak said that violence will not be rewarded or achieve anything. The prime minister needs to listen to himself."

Earlier, Barak opened parliament's winter session as the leader of a minority government. Most of his coalition partners pulled out over concessions he offered the Palestinians, and he now has only 30 of the 120 parliament members in his coalition.

Nonetheless, his small coalition appeared to be safe from collapse for at least the next few weeks. The ultra-Orthodox Shas party, Israel's third-largest, said it would support him for the next month, and Ariel Sharon, a hawkish leader of the opposition Likud party, told parliament he still hadn't given up on the idea of joining an emergency coalition with Barak's government.

In the Knesset, Israel's parliament, Barak pledged to continue to work for peace but charged that the Palestinians have failed to keep agreements to stop the violence.

He said the Palestinians missed an opportunity at the July summit with President Clinton, when Clinton made "far-reaching proposals" to solve the conflict. Arafat "failed the test," Barak said, choosing violence instead of making difficult decisions for peace.

Barak warned Arafat that he "would gain nothing through violence."

"Neither will you," shouted Issam Mahoul, one of 10 Arab law-

makers in the legislature, all of them angry over the deaths of Israeli Arabs during recent riots. Mahoul and other Arab legislators heckled Barak and Sharon during their speeches.

Just hours before parliament convened, an assailant, apparently a Palestinian, opened fire at point-blank range on two Israeli guards at the National Insurance Institute office in the predominantly Arab section of east Jerusalem. One was killed and the other critically wounded. It was the first time an Israeli had been killed in the city since the violence began more than a month ago.

The shooting followed another grisly slaying on Jerusalem's southern fringe.

Palestinians found the body of an Israeli who had been missing for two days from Gilo, a Jewish neighborhood that has come under frequent gunfire from the nearby Palestinian town of Beit Jalla. Israeli authorities identified the victim as Amos Makhlef, 30. Police said he was stabbed to death after he was tied up. The Arabic words "Allahu Akbar" — God is great — were carved into his back with a knife, Israeli television reported.

Elsewhere, Israeli forces and Palestinians fought in several locations in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, with more than 45 Palestinians wounded. Two Palestinian brothers — Bilal and Hilal Abu Salah, 20 and 19 years old — were buried side-by-side in an emotional funeral a day after they were shot and killed within hours of each other outside the West Bank city of Jenin.

Late Monday, the Israeli helicopter assault began. The helicopters fired missiles on Fatah headquarters in the West bank town of Ramallah and on offices in Nablus, touching off a fire, residents said. In Gaza, helicopters fired at Fatah offices in Khan Yunis and Rafah, near the border with Egypt, witnesses and the Voice of Palestine radio reported.

The Israeli army confirmed the attacks, but did not provide details. Israeli television said the attacks were retaliation for the Israeli deaths.

In 33 days of violence, 143 people, most of them Palestinians, have been killed, and thousands have been wounded.

Arafat gave no sign of ordering an end to the violence. In Gaza, he declared: "Until Jerusalem, until

Jerusalem, until Jerusalem, the capital of our independent Palestinian state."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami will meet with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Washington on Wednesday.

Clinton talked to Barak for 35 minutes Sunday night, said White House spokesman Jake Siewert. Clinton also spoke with Arafat on Sunday.

Barak aide Gilead Sher said a time-out in the peace talks declared by Barak because of the riots is almost over, and decisions on the next step will be made public soon.

Sher said Clinton's proposals could still be "viable ideas" if the Palestinians accept them as a basis for further talks. However, the Likud party rejects the Camp David ideas and refuses to join Barak's government unless he renounces them.

Barak did not mention a unity government in his speech, but he has continued contacts with

Sharon, who said Israel is in the midst of a national emergency.

"There are threats everywhere, and Israeli appears weak though it is strong," said Sharon.

Many Palestinians say Sharon's Sept. 28 visit to a disputed holy shrine in Jerusalem was the spark for the violence, though Israeli authorities say the Palestinians used it as a pretext for launching an uprising.

In July, Barak reportedly offered the Palestinians the Gaza Strip, more than 90 percent of the West Bank and control over parts of east Jerusalem for a Palestinian state. Sharon said Monday it is urgent for Israelis to agree on how they would respond if the Palestinians unilaterally declared statehood.

Arafat has hinted a declaration could come Nov. 15, the anniversary of an earlier symbolic declaration of independence. However, he said the decision would be made by the Palestinian National Council.

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"Halloween is a type of holiday that is foreign to our traditions, which have tremendous value and must endure," Milan Archbishop Carlo Maria Martini wrote in a catechism tract handed out to young people Monday.

In the Roman Catholic Church, Nov. 1 is All Saints' Day and Nov. 2 is All Souls' Day. Many Italian Catholics decorate the graves of their relatives on Nov. 1, which is a day off for many, and Martini urged youngsters to observe that tradition.

Honoring the dead "is a part of our history," Martini wrote. "It is the moment which opens the hope of eternity — the moment when the Lord makes us understand that life is more than that of earth."

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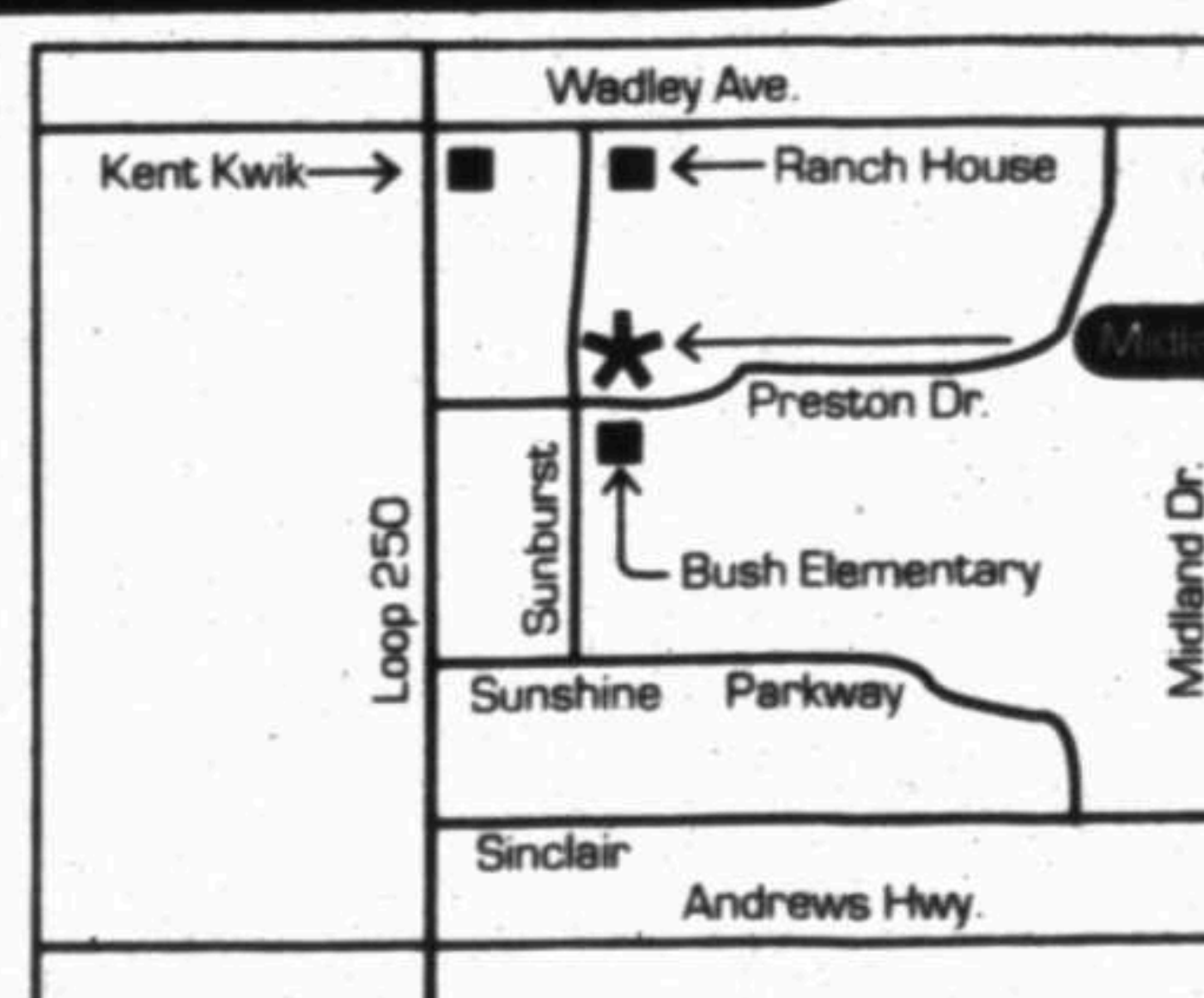
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PARENTS

FAMILIES TODAY Learning styles can be different

By T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.
New York Times Special Features

Now that the frenzy of the first back-to-school days is past, children are feeling the full weight of the year ahead. Parents are sometimes just as anxious as the students, wondering, "Will my child succeed?"

Studies have shown that when parents are involved in the school and know what their children are learning about, the kids have a better chance at success. It's also clear that parents who understand how their children learn - and what they need in order to learn - can more easily help them reach their full potential.

Learning starts well before a child enters school. In fact, children are born learners. A newborn quickly learns how to keep herself alert and pay attention to important cues around her while shutting out unimportant information. For example, she learns to single out her mother's voice from all others.

By 6 to 8 weeks of age, infants have already learned different responses for mothers and fathers. An 8-week-old will play gently with her mother but will reach out to her father with a "pounce" look on her face in anticipation of a typically bouncy, play interaction. This can be seen as the first evidence of her cognitive development: She has learned to expect different interactions with each parent and is learning to integrate her responses to her world.

A child's first and most important learning happens in the area of emotions. "Emotional learning" in the early years is a relatively new concept described by psychologist Daniel Goleman in his 1995 book "Emotional Intelligence."

Infants learn about emotions early. They discover how to recognize feelings (their own and those of others), what sets them off - and how to handle them. The development of this emotional intelligence is necessary in order to enter into relationships, where much important learning is accomplished.

We now know that children's brains grow more in the first three years of life than at any other time. This means there are plenty of opportunities for stimulation and learning, but it also means that babies are most vulnerable to negative influences.

Learning requires enough self-confidence to be able to face whatever one doesn't yet know or understand. Every time a parent mirrors a baby's smiles or gurgles, the baby learns a crucial lesson: "I'm important!" Self-esteem established in the early years will motivate her to learn from her environment as she goes through life. Infants deprived of such reinforcement can catch up later - but at a significant cost.

Professor Howard Gardner of Harvard University believes there are actually several kinds of intelligence. In addition to emotional, or what he calls interpersonal intelligence, Gardner believes there are intelligences for language, music, logic and math, as well as understanding space and movement. Although most of us have the capacity to process information in more than one of these areas, we may each be especially suited to taking in one or two kinds of information. A separate but related concept is that of "learning style." Some children find it easier to take in and remember what they see, others what they hear. Still others learn more easily when they can move around while they work.

To discover a child's learning style, watch her as she works. Does she fidget, constantly repositioning herself in her chair? She may be telling you that she needs something to hold in her hands to help her focus, or that she needs to get up and move around during frequently scheduled breaks in class. Does she need you to repeat spoken instructions but understand written ones the first time, or the other way around? She may be telling you whether she is an auditory or a visual learner. When teacher and parents understand this, they can present the same material in different ways, adapted to each child's learning style.

For example, by about fourth grade, some math will require a kind of reasoning which involves logic and spatial relations. But some children's minds simply don't function as effectively in those ways. These children can succeed if they learn to apply words, sentences or recipe-like lists of instructions to the math problems.

When a child is having difficulty learning, parents naturally want to help. Although it may take psychological testing to clarify the kind of difficulty a child is having, a parent should suspect a mismatch between the child's learning style and the way she is being taught if she avoids her work or gives up before she starts.

Does she do better if you start her off, breaking down the problem into smaller pieces? Look for the areas of learning that come more easily to her and compare these with those she dreads. Often there will be a pattern that suggests her learning style.

Remember, you know your child best, and you can have a big impact on how well she learns.



Brazelton

Tricks for keeping your Halloween a treat

By Katie Boden

The story goes that long ago relatives of the deceased felt the necessity to protect themselves from the wandering ghosts of the unhappy dead.

These lost spirits took flight every Oct. 31, the last day of the year, seeking living bodies to house their tortured souls.

To protect themselves, the living dressed in disguises resembling ghoulish creatures whose bodies were too ugly to be possessed. In this way, they reasoned, the spirits would take one look at them, then quickly head off to find something a bit more acceptable.

Traditions have a way of evolving over time. Somehow, it's hard to imagine Tweety Bird or Barbie frightening away a scavenging spirit.

Some Halloween traditions still with us probably should evolve to reflect today's safety concerns that were not regarded only a few decades ago.

No longer is it wise, or safe, to cut a couple of holes in Ma's old bed sheet, run around town like a participant in an endurance race, and haul in enough booty from strangers' front porches to feed a sugar rush until Christmas.

Crime Prevention Officer Darin Clements of the Midland Police Department gives the following suggestions to protect the health and safety of your little Halloween goblin:

- Make sure children's costumes are reflective. Use reflective tape and take a flashlight so children can see and be seen.

- Inspect all candy before eating. Tell your children not to eat any candy until they come home and show you what they have collected.

- Don't use masks that impede vision or

breathing. Face paint is safer than masks.

- Travel in groups of four or five. Have an adult follow along.

- Only go to houses with lights on at the front door. Stay outside the door. Never enter a house for candy.

- Don't stay out past 9 p.m.

The American Red Cross suggests these tips for street and costume safety on Halloween night:

- Look both ways before crossing the street, and cross only at corners.

- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.

- Be cautious of animals and strangers. Visit houses of neighbors or people you know.

- Keep away from open flames, such as candles in jack-o-lanterns. Costumes can be extremely flammable.

Westwood Medical is offering free X-rays of candy on Halloween night between 7 and 9 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult willing to sign a waiver.

Memorial Hospital is also offering free candy X-rays on Halloween night from 6 to 10 p.m. at the radiology department.

Several churches and community businesses are offering alternatives to trick-or-treating tonight.

However you choose to celebrate Halloween tonight, be prepared, stay safe, and have a wickedly wonderful time.



Francisco Izaguirre checks out the wide variety of masks at a local Halloween store. Include reflective tape and flashlights in your Halloween purchases.

Trick-or-treating alternatives for Halloween night

The following activities provided by Midland area churches and businesses offer a safe alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating.

Midland Park Mall Trick-or-Treats from participating merchants from 5:30 to 7 p.m. while supplies last. Carnival in Penny's Court from 5 to 9 p.m. benefiting the Special Olympics and the Simon Youth Foundation. Pumpkin Patch Express train in food court.

Christian Church of Midland 2608 Nealy, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Harvest Festival, games, prizes, hayride, chili cook off, hot dog supper. No scary costumes. Admission is one bag of candy per family.

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church 2900 Princeton, 6 to 8 p.m. Games, prizes and a short presentation by St. Nicholas' youth group. Free admission.

First Baptist Church 611 N. Garfield 6 to 8 p.m. Carnival booths, clown shows, face painting, balloon animals, prizes and candy. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite Bible character or other non-scary costumes. Admission is \$1 per child, adults are free.

St. Paul's CME Church, 409 S. Lee, fellowship hall, east of the church. Games, prizes and costumes.

Hector Izaguirre holds up a spooky mask for approval. Make sure masks allow good visibility and ventilation.



Photos courtesy
Katie Boden

Loosen your grip on children's sports activities

Staff Report

According to a University of Michigan survey, kids spend 50 percent more time playing organized sports than they did 20 years ago. The reason is simple: say Barbara Stahl and Laurel Phillips, co-authors of "Parenting, Sports Mom Style." Youth sports are America's new neighborhood—a place where moms know their kids can gather, be supervised, and be safe.

However, when parents organize their children's sports activities to the extent that many kids have little or no time to define their own experiences,

that's a problem. The authors offer the following tips to help.

Here are six tips to "loosen your grip" on your child's sports experience.

1. Take a good, hard look at your child's schedule. If he wanted to play a neighborhood pickup game, would he even have time?

2. Give your child more control. Let your child have a say in what his activities will be — even if he doesn't choose to take part in sports.

3. Don't insist that every moment be "teachable."

time-strapped parents want to make every moment

count, but if every moment spent together is a lesson, he'll start avoiding you.

4. Allow down time. Every minute in his life does not need to be jam-packed with purposeful activity.

5. Back off a little. Your child needs and wants you to be involved in his life, but don't go there when it's not necessary. And don't hover.

6. Develop some perspective. Organized youth sports are not the end-all and be-all some adults think they are, nor are they the measure of your child's worth and success.

A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE: LANA CUNNINGHAM

Dressing up the little monster for Halloween

By Lana Cunningham

"Mommy, when is Halloween?" This has been the burning question in my house for more than a month.

Last week when I told Christopher it was just seven days away, he hopped up and down and clapped his hands. "Oh, that makes me so happy," he said excitedly.

I remember. Halloween as a child and it, too, was a time for dressing in costumes and having fun. There was nothing sinister about it. As a trick-or-treater, it was always fun to see which family really got into decorating their house. Some even turned their homes into spook houses which we toured before we could get our candy. Even today, there are some neighbors who obviously get a joy out of turning their house into a make-believe place.

Make believe.

That's what Halloween means to young children. It's a time when Winnie-the-Pooh really walks through the

Hundred Acre Wood, when Rugrats characters rub shoulders with tiny ghosts and super heroes. And that might be why it has become so attractive to adults. It's a time to turn off the cell phones, leave the office problems behind closed doors, and enter a world where only fun can be found.

To Christopher, Halloween is almost as good an event as Christmas. It means dressing up in a costume, getting candy tossed into his pumpkin-faced container and, most importantly in his mind, handing out candy to other kids who ring the doorbell.

When he was an infant and toddler, it was fun to come up with a costume for him to wear. The first Halloween, he was almost 9 months old and I made him a cow costume that had a hat with little ears. I put him in the stroller and rolled him around the neighborhood, giving many of the adults a good laugh when they saw him.

The next two years, he wore a tiger costume, complete with tiger hat and tail.

Last year, Christopher made the decision about his costume — he would be a fireman. That wasn't hard. I found a

yellow vinyl jacket and combined it with one of the red plastic hats he'd been given by firemen who visited his Mother's Day Out class.

This year, he wants the same costume. And, he wants me to dress up as a Mommy fireman.

As an infant, he certainly didn't understand why people put candy into a plastic pumpkin basket. Nor did he grasp the idea the following year. But at 2 1/2 years, it hit him in the face.

He had watched a few kids come to the house that evening dressed in costumes. Then he fought me when I put the tiger outfit on him (he was 2; he fought me over everything that year). I dragged my little tiger out of our house and to the one next door.

I rang the doorbell, raised his arm holding the basket in the air, and made him wait until someone put candy in it.

We walked a few steps away from the door, then Christopher had to stop and peer into the basket at his candy. I dragged him to the next house and the process was repeated.

Then the next. By the fourth house, I no longer was dragging him, but had to

run to keep up with him. One trip down and up our long street yielded an overflowing basket, and home we went.

My husband had been inundated with trick-or-treaters while we were gone. Christopher and I took over the chore only to Christopher this was the most fun he'd had in his short life. He would give each child a handful of candy and yell "Happy How-ween."

We were on the verge of running out of candy when Christopher disappeared for a few minutes. He came back carrying his pumpkin and emptied its contents into the big candy bowl. Eating candy wasn't on his agenda that night; giving it away to make other kids happy was his goal. Last year, he enjoyed even more the act of dressing up and visiting houses in the neighborhood, discovering a few more where make-believe takes over that one night in the fall.

And this year? Like I said, Christopher has been asking about Halloween for weeks.

It's my job to help him understand this is only make-believe...as I'm walking out the door with him in my Mommy fireman costume.



Cunningham

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Lady Bulldogs open playoffs vs. Coronado

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

Midland High hasn't had much luck in the playoffs against teams from up north during Terri McColloch's tenure as head coach.

In her first six years at Midland High, the Lady Bulldogs have made the playoffs four times, and all four times they lost in bi-district to a team from District 3-5A.

They'll get another shot at 3-5A today, as Midland High opens the playoffs against Lubbock Coronado at 7 p.m. at Lamesa Middle School. And this may be the year to end that 3-5A bi-district losing streak.

"I think this team I have this year has as good a chance to beat them as I could hope for, and we're a little confident since we've played this year already," McColloch said, referring to a 15-8, 15-11 win over Coronado on Sept. 2 in the Seminole tournament.

Midland High has lots of wins: 29 of them, and only four losses. The Lady Bulldogs are co-champions of District 4-5A, and they have the district's No. 2 spot in the playoffs only because of a loss to Abilene High in a seeding match on Saturday. Coronado, 20-11 overall, finished third in District 3-5A at 5-3.

"It's certainly going to help that we're playing the third-place team and not the second-place team," McColloch said. "I don't think the fact that they come from District 3-5A will affect us mentally. I think this is good year to do that."

It's been a good year, certainly, even better than McColloch thought on Saturday immediately after the loss to Abilene High. It was thought at the time that the match was not only for seeding purposes but to decide the district championship, too. Later Saturday evening, though, McColloch found out from Tim Whalen, the athletic director for Midland Independent School District, that there had been a rule change, and the Lady Bulldogs were co-champions with Abilene High.

And that rule wasn't just enacted conveniently on Saturday. It was passed at a district meeting on Feb. 23 of this year, Whalen said, and put into effect immediately. That means that the three-way tie 4-5A

experienced in baseball last season left Midland High, Midland Lee and Abilene Cooper as tri-champions, and the district mini-tournament that Midland High won was for UIL playoff seeding purposes only.

So the Lady Bulldogs enter the playoffs as district champs — MHS' first in volleyball since 1982 — at least in title if not in bracket seeding. To be bi-district champs, the Lady Bulldogs will have to beat a Coronado team that surely has improved since losing to MHS on Sept. 2.

"Looking at film from when we played them back in September, the thing I noticed most was that they mixed their attacks up," McColloch said. "They hit them hard, but they also hit a lot of roll shots and off-speed stuff. We have to be ready to move our feet if they're still doing that."

"We blocked them well, and we might have scored a few aces," McColloch said. "We'll see if we can serve tough and see if they don't make a few mistakes in service receive."

McColloch has had to rely on the coaches' grapevine for information.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Starting out on top

Lady Chaps begin season atop rankings

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Respect for the Midland College women's basketball team has been a long time coming.



A few years removed from not even being mentioned in the pre-season junior college basketball poll, the Lady Chaparrals enter the 2000-01 season at No. 1. That's no surprise for seventh year head coach Ron Jones, who has long campaigned for his team to get respect.

"I think the No. 1 ranking is really good for the program," Jones said. "I think it shows nationally that we're a respected program and that feels good. But we're the same as always. We're just trying to work and get better every day and try to do the best we can."

The Lady Chaps are coming off a year in which they went 27-6, won the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title for the fourth straight year, and made their third straight Region V tournament championship game appearance. The return of four experienced sophomores and the program's best freshman recruiting class ever helped influence that prestigious ranking.

Even though the Lady Chaps enter the season as the queens of the court, pressure of being a ranked team is nothing new for a program which has compiled a record of 161 wins against 38 losses.

"For me, I don't feel like there's any pressure," Jones said. "Nothing has



(clockwise from left) Heidi Lange, Kanedria Wilson, Chanovia Rhodes and Loren Mostacilla are the four returning sophomores who will make sure the Lady Chaps defend their preseason No. 1 ranking this season.

changed. I just try to go out and win every night."

Thus far, Jones has liked what he's seen from this group.

"I think it's a great group of kids," Jones said. "They're working hard, the attitude is good and we're looking for a big year."

Guards

One of the returners for the Lady Chaps is 5-foot-5 sophomore Kanedria Wilson at point guard. Wilson averaged 7.5 points and 2.4 assists per game last season. Also at the point is 5-5 Lindzi

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Aikman still sore; Cunningham could play

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas — With Troy Aikman's back still sore Monday from his latest hard hit, the Dallas Cowboys will have to wait a few days to see whether he'll be available Sunday against Philadelphia.

Aikman took himself out in the first quarter of Sunday's 23-17 overtime loss to Jacksonville because of back spasms triggered by a thumping from Tony Brackens on the opening drive.

Aikman went to the locker room for

treatment and eventually returned to the sideline, but not the game. He visited with trainers and doctors Monday and decided to take a wait-and-see approach this week.



"We'd like to know," coach Dave Campo said. "Hopefully we'll know in the next couple of days."

Aikman's new problem isn't linked directly to the herniated disk that was treated last week with six pain-killing shots. But the pre-

existing condition makes the overall recovery more difficult.

Then again, it might not be such a bad idea if Aikman gets the week off. Consider:

— The last time the Eagles faced Aikman, they blitzed like rabid dogs until knocking him out midway through the first quarter with a concussion that sidelined him for two games. Knowing that this time Aikman would be landing on the rock-hard turf of Veterans Stadium is another reason to take precautions.

— If Aikman doesn't go, that would

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4-5A's brightest stars came out last Friday

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

What will the rest of the District 4-5A season bring? It is too tough to call, but if Friday night was any indication, you might go to the nearest colorizer, because it will

4-5A Report

depend on 4-5A

Friday night, Midland Lee, Abilene Cooper and Abilene recorded big wins to move into a tie with Odessa High at 2-1 in District 4-5A.

And in all cases, their stars delivered.

In Lee's victory over Odessa Permian, the Rebels (6-2, 2-1) rode the back of the district's brightest star — Cedric Benson. He rushed for 313 yards and three scores as Lee won, 19-0. It was the second straight win for Lee after being upset by Odessa High in its district opener. In both wins, Benson rushed for more than 300 yards.

At Abilene High, Steve Warren's two

biggest stars returned to form this past week after looking like they had burned out. Quarterback Kevin Goodman threw for a career-high 303 yards against Odessa High in the Eagles' 27-7 rout.

Goodman also threw four touchdowns, two of which went to Robert Spells. For Spells, it was a return to the end zone after being shut out the past two weeks. Spells also had 118 yards receiving.

"If you consider yourself a star, you can take team, put them on your back and say let's go," Warren said. "Our guys stepped up on offense Friday night and did that."

For Cooper, there were two. The first was a player who has become very dependable as of late. Quarterback Jordan Neal threw for 204 yards and touchdowns to four different receivers in the Cougars' 37-30 win over Midland High. He has 23 touchdowns passes this season.

The second was a player that many

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With the World Series trophy by his side, Yankees manager Joe Torre speaks during a rally at New York's City Hall after his team was honored with a ticker tape parade through the Canyon of Heroes lined by thousands of fans.

Fans cheer 3-time champs

By Timothy Williams
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Thousands of fans lined the Canyon of Heroes for the Yankees' third straight ticker-tape parade

Monday as manager Joe Torre hailed his players as "maybe the best team of all time."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani gave each Yankee a key to the city and gushed that:

"The relationship between the people of the city of New York and the New York Yankees is a love affair that goes back a very, very long time."

"Has there ever been a team better than this one?" Giuliani shouted. "The best!"

Reams of shredded paper hurled from

office windows created a virtual blizzard as parade-goers — many of them skipping work or school — helped the Yankees celebrate their fourth World Series championship in five years.

"We called the school from here and they know who the hooky mothers are," said Donna Toscano of Wyckoff, N.J., with her friend Lori Cooke and their four young children. "It doesn't matter because our principal is a Yankee fan."

Police officials declined to estimate the size of the crowd, although a police spokeswoman said it was larger than in 1999 when former Police Commissioner Howard Safir put the total at 3.6 million.

Blustery winds and piles of paper created a scary scene toward the end of the parade when at least four fires erupted

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STEWART DOREEN

Trio needed back from injuries to help MHS' playoff chances

If nothing else, the guys at Midland High are a bunch of banged up puppies.

Like everyone else in the league, MHS has the normal bumps, bruises and such. In terms of sheer numbers, the actual number of guys who are not feeling so good might be behind a few other schools in 4-5A. Even the one they are playing this week — Odessa Permian.

But the numbers aren't the reason David Browning's staff is feeling a bit down this days, unless you look at the guys on their injured list as Nos. 50, 19 and 20.

Because MHS is not missing the quantity as much as the quality.

Michael Glasscock (50) is an iron man lineman, playing both ways, and an all-district candidate at whatever side Browning wants to nominate him for.

Michael Forrest (19) is the surprise of the league when it comes to defense. Even if he doesn't play another game, it is hard to think that anyone can beat his 15 tackles for a loss he has this season.

But if he is gone, the Bulldogs are missing a major run stopper (see the Cooper game).

Colter Lange (20) has been out and the Bulldogs have won without Lange, but missing potential all-district players is worse when they are in threes. For those who don't remember, Lange led 4-5A in picks and was a first-teamer last year. So yes, we think MHS needs him too.

For those curious, coaches says that Glasscock has got one of those knee injuries that makes a player miss the rest of the game after playing nine plays.

As for Forrest, we know the injury, but it might be better if he tells you. We just don't want him to be the butt of the joke.

Colter has broken a non-weight bearing leg bone. In all three cases, the injuries are bad enough that you and I would be out for the season. Being the athletic types they are, they just might need some of that magic from Doc Williamson.

So will they play? They might, but then again, they might not. How is that for investigative journalism? Finding this information out of Camp Browning might be a bit difficult, since all three could be a game-time decision. Sorry, coach (T.J.) Mills, no help for you!



Doreen

Seriously, Browning needs one, two or all three of them. The playoffs start Friday night if the Bulldogs, 1-2 in district with two games to play, expect to play any bonus ball this year. We know that 1-4 or 2-3 will not cut it.

It is a tough deal, because Midland High has to beat Permian for the Midland Lee game to be as meaningful as it should be. And beating Permian would be much easier with the three playing a little defense.

But Browning also needs the three as fresh as possible when they face Lee. Time to step up second teamers.

So he is damned if he does and damned if he doesn't. What would I do? It doesn't matter what I would do.

Either way, the Bulldogs should, no we mean will, beat Permian in the "Concrete Playhouse."

Best Ever Note: This Sunday, the Reporter-Telegram will unveil its Best Ever football, an all-star team from a century of Midland football.

There is no need to send any more nominations.

Stewart Doreen is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

REPORT: Lee posts its first shutout since 1998

(From 1C)

Abilene High's defense, not Goodman or Spells, held Odessa to next to nothing all game long before losing the shutout on OHS' last offensive play.

The coaches' will tell you that stars don't make the teams, and that is true. Lee's defense, not Benson, posted its first shutout since the state title game in 1998. The Rebels also held Permian to 127 yards in total offense.

Abilene High's defense, not Goodman or Spells, held Odessa to next to nothing all game long before losing the shutout on OHS' last offensive play.

And the Cooper offense as a whole did its job in beating Midland High.

However, stars make big plays, and that was difference this past weekend. Permian had no big plays, OHS didn't either, and while MHS did have the big plays, Cooper had more.

In the marquee game of this week, Midland Lee (6-2 and 2-1) battles Abilene High (7-1, 3-1) in a game which features arguably the two best teams around.

A playoff berth will most likely be earned here, and it should be a free-for-all. Last year, Lee beat Abilene High, 40-26.

As far as ratings go, this one earns a three stars. Benson is the best running back in District 4-5A history. He is 140 yards away from being No. 9 in state history. Benson, the all-time Class 5A leader, has 7,121 and currently ranks 11th on the state's all-time list.

Goodman has quietly moved into the upper echelon of all-time 4-5A quarterbacks. He is third all-time in completions (275), attempts (483), yards (4,048) and touchdowns (44). Spells,

Goodman's favorite target, has 11 touchdown catches.

In Abilene, Odessa High (4-4) and Cooper (5-3) will also take the field with 2-1 records in 4-5A, and therefore, the winner has a huge advantage when it comes to the playoffs and the hunt for the district title.

Cooper has been an offensive machine the last two weeks, but is playing poorly on defense.

Odessa High still holds its playoff destiny in its hands, but its offense struggled to produce points this past Friday. Sure, OHS coach Jim Carson knows his team will be a favorite next week versus Permian, but he also has to hope his team takes care of business this week.

While Permian (3-5, 0-3) is out of the playoff hunt, Midland High (4-4, 1-2) can still make the UIL's big dance, but must win out to do so.

Midland High had standout games offensively — Chris Howard threw for 293 yards, and sophomore Troy Barber had 177 yards in total offense. The defense, however, has been bit by the injury bug and had its worst game of the season.

Permian is looking for a win, and wouldn't mind spoiling MHS' season in the process.

4-5A Quiz: Which 4-5A team has the longest current winning streak over another?

4-5A Notes: Midland High's Chris Howard's 293 passing yards was the second best passing day in MHS history. The best came in 1983 when James Welborn passed for 331 yards versus Andrews... Howard also became the seventh Bulldog to pass for 1,000 yards. He has 1,215 yards, which is third all-time at MHS... Goodman's four touchdowns tied a career high... Jordan Neal is 213 yards away from the 2,000 season passing yards. Nine 4-5A

District A-list

Rushing
(100 Yards or Multiple Touchdowns)
Cedric Benson, Lee 313 yards, 3 TDs on 27 carries
Tremaine Diles, Cooper 152 yards, 1 TD on 21 carries
Jonathan Johnson, AHS 105 yards on 12 carries

Passing
(200 yards or Multiple Touchdowns)
Chris Howard, MHS 293 yards, three TDs on 14-of-26 passing
Jordan Neal, Cooper 204 yards, four TDs on 15-of-22 passing
Kevin Goodman, AHS 303 yards, four TDs on 16-of-23 passing

Receiving
(100 Yards or Multiple Touchdowns)
Troy Barber, MHS Four catches for 102 yards, one TD
Robert Spells, AHS Six catches for 116 yards, two TDs

City Standouts
Midland Lee

Offense
Cedric Benson, sr., RB: For the second time in his career, Benson rushed for 300 yards in consecutive games. Benson racked up 313 yards and three touchdowns. For the season, he has 1,569 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Defense
Robert Rogers, sr., LB: Rogers graded out the highest on the Lee defense, totaling 14 tackles (nine solo) and two sacks against Odessa Permian. For the game, he was one of many Lee standouts to have success. The Rebels held Permian to 127 yards and recorded their first shutout since the 1998 state title game.

Midland High

Offense
Troy Barber, soph., RB: In his first District 4-5A start, Barber accumulated 177 total yards, including 102 receiving yards. He showed the ability to make the big play with 65-yard touchdown reception. He also ran the ball well in the second half.

Defense
Matt Bose, sr., LB: MHS' middle linebacker had another Bose-like game with 13 tackles (one for a loss) against Cooper. Bose, a leading candidate for 4-5A's top defensive player, is second in the district with 112 tackles (six for a loss).

Abilene High

Offense
Chris Howard, sr., QB: Howard's 293 yards passing was the second best passing day in MHS history. The best came in 1983 when James Welborn passed for 331 yards versus Andrews... Howard also became the seventh Bulldog to pass for 1,000 yards. He has 1,215 yards, which is third all-time at MHS... Goodman's four touchdowns tied a career high... Jordan Neal is 213 yards away from the 2,000 season passing yards. Nine 4-5A

quarterbacks have reached that standard... Cedric Benson has rushed for 300 yards six times during his career (a state record). He has done so against three 4-5A teams — Cooper, Abilene High and Permian (twice). The other two came against San Angelo Central and El Paso

Franklin in last year's playoffs... Benson has also scored 103 touchdowns...

4-5A Answer: Lee has defeated Abilene High 13 straight times. The last AHS win came in 1986. Since that season, Lee has outscored AHS by an average score of 40-9...

LOCAL SPORTS

Chargers set playoff game

Midland Trinity's first voyage into the TAPPS 3A state playoffs has good news right off the bat.

The Chargers will host Watauga Harvest in a bi-district game at 7 p.m. Friday at Coombes Field at Trinity.

Watauga (6-4, 3-1) is much like the Chargers since it too is making the move from six-man to the 11-man game for the first time.

Watauga was the TAPPS 6-man state runnerup in 1999. Trinity was the 6-man TCAL state champion.

Trinity (7-2, 3-0) is the champion of TAPPS District 1-3A while Watauga is the runnerup in TAPPS 2-3A.

Not much change in Texas football polls

Associated Press

Another week with no changes at the top in the Texas Associated Press high school football poll.

The order remains the same among at least the top four spots in all five classes of the poll. All five top-ranked teams posted easy victories over the weekend, then easily stayed in their positions on top Monday.

Austin Westlake, the No. 1 team in Class 5A, was a 43-9 winner over Seguin. The top team in 4A, Wichita Falls, beat Azle 52-7, while 3A Aledo beat Eastland 66-6; 2A Mart won 54-0 over Buffalo and 1A Shiner was a 37-0 winner over Charlotte.

All of the No. 1 teams are undefeated, Aledo being 9-0 and the rest having eight victories each.

Following Westlake is the 5A poll are Katy, Aldine Eisenhower and Converse Judson — all 8-0. The rest of the poll was adjusted because of losses by Lewisville (35-25 to McKinney) and Tyler John Tyler (31-21 to Lufkin).

Garland moved up a spot to take over the No. 5 spot that had been held by Lewisville, and was followed by San Antonio Marshall, which is up two spots because of the vacancy created by John Tyler's drop out of the poll from 7th.

Duncanville and Midland Lee are followed by poll newcomers

Copperas Cove (8-0) and The Woodlands (6-2).

Stephenville, San Marcos and Hereford follow Wichita Falls in the 4A poll, which also has its first change in the fifth spot. Highland Park, which knocked Mesquite Poteet out of the poll with a 12-7 victory, moved up one spot to fifth.

Nederland dropped three spots from No. 5 to No. 8 in 4A, after a 21-10 loss to West Orange-Stark, which moved up two spots to No. 6. Houston Forest Brook is sandwiched between those two teams. Wolfford Frenship remained ninth, followed by poll newcomer Ennis.

The 3A poll had no changes after the ranked teams won by an average margin of 27 points.

2A Mart was the closest to being an unanimous No. 1 team, getting 18-of-20 first-place votes and being listed second on the other two ballots. The top half of that poll remained the same.

The second half of the 2A poll was altered, but had no new teams. Rogers (7-1) dropped four spots to 10th after a 21-14 overtime loss to Jarrell. Lone Oak, Arp, Pilot Point and Comfort — in the sixth through ninth spots — were all up one spot as a result of the Rogers drop.

All of the Class A ranked teams were winners last week, and the only poll change was Beckville and Nazareth trading spots in the bottom two spots.

Cyclones experience breakthrough season

Associated Press

DALLAS — This has already been a breakthrough season for Iowa State.

The Cyclones are assured their first winning regular season since 1989 after a 39-20 victory over Missouri. And that sixth victory made them bowl eligible, giving them a chance for their first postseason game in 22 years.

Yet, coach Dan McCarney says Iowa State (6-2, 3-2 Big 12) hasn't reached all of its goals.

"We sat down and set a lot of goals before the season started. We are on track to accomplish many of them, if not all of them," McCarney said. "We've accomplished some. Some important ones lay ahead in the next few weeks."

Monday, during the Big 12 coaches teleconference, McCarney refused to disclose the additional goals.

"Those are confidential to our football family," he said, conceding only that. "We have a lot of room for improvement and are on track to have, hopefully by the end of this season, a season to remember."

Privately, McCarney probably realizes that this already is a season to remember for Iowa State, which plays at No. 19 Kansas State (7-2, 3-2) on Saturday.

The Cyclones were coming off an 0-10-1 record when McCarney was hired after the 1994 season to do a job that "98 percent of the people out there" told him couldn't be done.

"I knew it would take a lot of work. I didn't jump in blind," he said. "This job has been tough obviously, especially in the most competitive conference in college football."

There have been five losing seasons since, including a 1-10 record in 1997, but Iowa State made gradual improvement by winning three games in 1998 and four last season.

"Another major hurdle and part of the legacy of the team and senior class, they've always been winners, but they are now mathematically wearing the label of winner, we will have more wins than losses," McCarney said.

Take solace suffering Baylor fans. Second-year coach Kevin Steele is only at the beginning stage of what he hopes can be an Iowa State-type turnaround. The Bears were 1-10 in Steele's debut season.

Baylor (2-6, 0-4) has lost 18 straight Big 12 games, including an October in which it was shut out three straight games. The Bears are now preparing to play a No. 1 team for the second time in three weeks.

"Not many teams play No. 1 teams twice in 15 days. It's a monstrous challenge for any program. But when you are rebuilding, it really is," Steele said.

The Bears lost 59-0 at Nebraska on Oct. 21. This week, they are at home to play Oklahoma (7-0, 4-0), the nation's new No. 1 after its 31-14 victory over the Cornhuskers this past weekend. Baylor lost to Texas 48-14.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Colorado coach Gary Barnett on the lingering effects of a killer non-conference schedule, and a league opener against Kansas State, that resulted in an 0-4 start: "The biggest thing was confidence and not being able to win any of those tough games. That affected us. It's progression, when you go through those first four and you don't win one of those, it does all sort of things, especially to a young football team."

EXTRA POINTS: Sixth-year Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons insists he's not worried about his shaky job status. "No, no. My concern right now is this football team, and that is where my complete focus will remain."

PLAYOFFS: MHS has beaten Coronado

(From 1C)

mation on how Coronado has evolved in the last two months.

"I've been told that they have a real balanced attack," she said. "They don't set the middle a lot but they set to the right and left side equally. It looks like (MHS middle blockers) Page (Price) and Aja (Brooks) may be moved around in the middle."

McColloch also heard that Coronado has "a little trouble blocking and digging quick (attacks). We'll have (MHS setter) Becky (Valdez) move the ball around and see if we can't surprise them that way."

Coronado should be pumped emotionally tonight. Coach Patty Jones told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that she is retiring after the season. And her nine seniors probably won't want her to go out too quickly.

McColloch remembers getting down early in the first game of the first meeting with Coronado, something like 7-0, she said,

Rangerettes face Monahans

Greenwood will open the Class 3A volleyball playoffs against Monahans at 7:30 tonight in Monahans.

The Rangerettes (9-18) finished third in the four-team District 3-3A with a 2-4 mark. Monahans was second in District 4-3A at 7-3 and 16-13.

Last year, Greenwood advanced to the regional quarterfinals before falling to Denver City. Greenwood defeated Amarillo River Road in the second round after a first-round bye. The Rangerettes finished 21-14 last season.

before coming back to win. But in the playoffs, most teams can't afford to get behind like that early.

"They're in a district where they've played tough opponents the entire district season, so they're used to playing at a high level from start to finish," McColloch said. "We'll have to start out stronger than the way we did Saturday (against Abilene High) and stronger than we did in Seminole (against Coronado)."

PLAYOFF NOTES: The winner of tonight's match will next play El Paso Franklin (32-

5), the champion of District 1-5A... Midland High could earn its 30th win of the season tonight. That would be MHS' first 30-win season in McColloch's seven years. It has been done at least once before; MHS won 31 in 1975... At least MHS isn't playing a school from Amarillo, since that volleyball hotbed is where MHS' previous four playoff opponents have been from: Amarillo High in 1996, Palo Duro in '95 and Tascosa twice, in '94 and '98... All of District 4-5A had trouble against 3-5A in the 1990s. Abilene Cooper defeated Coronado in bi-district last year, but

before that, the last time a 4-5A team beat a 3-5A team in the playoffs was 1991... 4-5A is still having trouble against 3-5A: on Monday night at Lubbock Cooper High School, Amarillo High defeated Abilene Cooper, 15-8, 15-5...

Volleyball Playoff Pairings
Class 5A Region I
Bi-district
El Paso Coronado (R1, 23-12) vs. El Paso Montwood (T2, 25-9), 7 p.m. tonight, El Paso Hawks HS.
Abilene High (W4, 22-6), bye.
Amarillo High (R3, 27-6) def. Abilene Cooper (T4, 18-17), 15-8, 15-5.
El Paso Eastwood (W2, 28-5), bye.
Coppell (R5, 23-9) vs. Carrollton Turner (T6, 22-10), 7 p.m. tonight, Hebron HS.
Arlington Martin (W8, 34-4), bye.
Arlington Lamar (T8, 26-8) def. South Grand Prairie (R7, 15-17), 15-4, 15-11.
Flower Mound Marcus (W6, 23-10), bye.
El Paso Andrews (T1, 17-13) vs. El Paso Hawks (R2, 18-7), 6 p.m. tonight, El Paso Hawks HS.
Amarillo Tascosa (W3, 29-4), bye.
Lubbock Coronado (T3, 20-11) vs. Midland High (R4, 29-4), 7 p.m. tonight, Lamesa Middle School.
El Paso Franklin (W1, 32-5), bye.
Richard (T5, 21-15) vs. The Colony (R6, 23-7), 7 p.m. tonight, Fossil Ridge HS.
Duncanville (W7, 20-16), bye.
Euless Trinity (T7, 25-10) vs. Arlington High (R8, 32-6), 6:30 p.m. tonight, Grand Prairie HS.
Keller (W5, 29-6), bye.
Area (partial)
Arlington Lamar (T8, 26-8) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (W6, 23-10), 7 p.m. Thursday, Hurst L.D. Bell HS.

Texas Tech offense game of deja vu for Texas

By Jim Vertuno
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — If Texas Tech's offense scares Texas a little, it should. The Longhorns have already seen the Red Raiders' attack in their worst nightmare.

Texas Tech runs the same offense as top-ranked Oklahoma, which rolled up 534 total yards and beat the Longhorns 63-14 earlier this month.

And while no one's saying Tech is as good as Oklahoma, they're certainly good enough to cause serious concerns for Texas Saturday night in Lubbock.

First-year coach Mike Leach, the Sooners' offensive coordinator in 1999, installed the same wide-open passing attack when he got to Lubbock, even though he has had varying results with the Red Raiders.

"The two offenses are the same offense. I'm not smart enough to put in two different ones, not that close together," Leach said. "No question it has taken time to adjust to it here."

Tech quarterback Cliff Kingsbury is sec-

ond in the Big 12 with 289 passing yards per game and the Red Raiders (6-3, 2-3 Big 12) have already matched last season's win total.

However, Tech ranks in bottom third of the Big 12 in total offense and got drilled 56-3 at home by Nebraska.

And while the Red Raiders have thrown the ball all over the place, they have been strictly one dimensional. Tech averages a league-worst 67.4 yards rushing.

Texas (6-2, 4-1) roughed up Tech in Austin last year 58-7 thanks in large part to a dominating pass rush. The Longhorns knocked starting quarterback Rob Peters out of the game early and chased Kingsbury the rest of the night.

Texas must do that again to win, said defensive end Cory Redding, who has 4 1/2 sacks. When the Longhorns played Oklahoma, Redding and his teammates never got close to Sooners quarterback Josh Heupel.

"When we left Dallas, we grew up and we learned a lot," Redding said. "We've got to get to the quarterback more. Obviously we

didn't get to Heupel."

Texas has the top-rated defense in the Big 12, a stat coach Mack Brown said matters little in a game against an offense like this.

"I don't think we were considered the best pass defense that day in Dallas," Brown said, referring to that Oct. 7 game against the now No. 5 Huskers.

Pass defense starts with the rush. Getting to Kingsbury can shake up the Red Raiders' entire attack, said defensive tackle Casey Hampton.

"I think he's a good quarterback but we got after him (last year) and rattled him," Hampton said. "That's what the game plan will be again — to get to him early."

Redding wasn't on the team during that game. But he's heard the stories of Tech fans who yell at opposing teams getting off the bus and throw frozen tortillas during the game.

"Everybody in the city of Austin talks about that game," Redding said. "As soon as you get across Lubbock city limits, it's wild."

one day this week. The Rams play at home against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday night.

"He's had a problem with his knee all year long and it's really affected his play," coach Mike

Martz joked. "This didn't all of a sudden get painful now, he's played and not said a word about it all year long."

Faulk separated his shoulder last week against the Kansas

City Chiefs, but that injury is not a concern.

In other injury news, cornerback Todd Lyght (Achilles tendon, hamstring) probably will be out this week.

Faulk needs offseason surgery but won't miss games

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Rams running back Marshall Faulk probably won't miss any games but will need offseason surgery for a bruised right knee he has played with most of the season.

Faulk scored a career-high four touchdowns, two rushing and two receiving, in the Rams' 34-24 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday. Tests Monday showed loose cartilage, a slightly enlarged bruise inside the joint and torn scar tissue from a knee injury suffered while with the Indianapolis Colts earlier in his career. Faulk, who leads the NFL with 1,326 yards from scrimmage, probably will practice

one day this week. The Rams play at home against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday night.

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Heidi Lange	5-7	so.	Midland
Kenedria Wilson	5-5	so.	Louisville, Ky.
Chanovia Rhodes	6-3	so.	Fort Worth
Lindzi Martin	5-5	fr.	Shallowater
Delfiah Gray	5-10	fr.	Paterson, N.J.
Amisha Carter	6-3	fr.	Oakland, Calif.
Courtney Feagler	5-6	fr.	Garrett, Ind.
Veronique Aless'e	6-2	so.	Ivory Coast, Africa
Chemaiah Carter	6-3	fr.	Oakland, Calif.
Sylvia Butler	6-2	fr.	Miami
Chanie Sutherland	5-8	fr.	Odessa

Head Coach: Ron Jones

Assistant Coach: John Loftin

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 2	at Scottsdale C.C.	7 p.m. (MST)
Nov. 3	at Mesa C.C.	7 p.m. (MST)
Nov. 9	at Temple J.C.	8 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Barton County, Kan.	6 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Cochise, Ariz.	6 p.m.
Nov. 16	Lady Chap Classic	8 p.m.
Nov. 17	Lady Chap Classic	8 p.m.
Nov. 18	Lady Chap Classic	4 p.m.
Nov. 27	at Wayland Baptist JV	5 p.m.
Dec. 1	Trinity Valley C.C.	8 p.m.
Dec. 2	Tyler C.C.	8 p.m.
Dec. 7	at Panola College	6 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Angelina Classic	TBA
Dec. 9	at Angelina Classic	TBA
Jan. 9	at Lon Morris College	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Jacksonville C.C.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	*Frank Phillips	6 p.m.
Jan. 18	*at Howard	6 p.m.
Jan. 22	*Odessa	6 p.m.
Jan. 25	*at Clarendon	6 p.m.
Jan. 29	*South Plains	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	Lon Morris	6 p.m.
Feb. 5	*New Mexico J.C.	8 p.m.
Feb. 8	*at Frank Phillips	8 p.m.
Feb. 12	*Howard	8 p.m.
Feb. 15	*at Odessa	8 p.m.
Feb. 19	*Clarendon	8 p.m.
Feb. 22	*at South Plains	8 p.m.
March 1	*at New Mexico J.C.	8 p.m. (MST)
March 8-11	Region V Tournament (at Lubbock)	
March 20-24	NJCAA National Tournament (at Salina, Kan.)	
at M-C Classic		
at Jacksonville		

HOOPS: Team looks to be more post-oriented

(From 1C)

Martin out of Shallowater. Jones said that Martin has been doing a good job in practice and should develop into a "very good point guard at Midland College."

At the shooting guard spot, Midland High product Heidi Lange returns. Last season, the 5-7 Lange averaged 8.2 points and also shot 34 percent from 3-point range.

Also at the two-guard position is 5-6 freshman Courtney Feagler and former Odessa High standout Chanie Sutherland (5-8), who can play both guard positions.

Forwards/Posts

Returning at the forward position is 5-10 sophomore Loren Mostacilla, who averaged 7.6 points and 6.7 rebounds per contest in 1999-2000 and should be one of the most dangerous scorers on the team this season.

Some of the freshman who should contribute at the small/power forward positions are 5-10 Delfiah Gray, 6-3 Amisha Carter and 6-2 Sylvia Butler.

At the post is returning sophomore Chanovia Rhodes. The 6-3 post should be one of the WJCAC's best as she averaged 9.5 points and 7.7 boards per contest last year.

Chemaiah Carter, Amisha's twin sister, is also a talented post player who should see some time along with 6-2 sophomore Veronique Aless'e, who transferred from Southwest Oklahoma State.

"I do think we're going to be better than we've ever been at the post area," Jones said. "We're still going to try and get up and down the floor like we always have. I just think we're going to be a little more post-oriented than we have in the past."

Non-conference schedule

The Lady Chaps start their non-conference portion of their schedule with a road trip through Arizona.

Midland College kicks off the 2000-01 season on Thursday at Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College, then face Mesa (Ariz.) on Friday and then Phoenix C.C. on Saturday.

"I haven't opened on the road as a coach in 11 years," Jones said. "I expect it to be challenging to be playing on the road. All three of those teams are ranked teams in Division II."

Looming ahead for the Lady Chaps is a visit from No. 2-ranked Utah Valley State for the Lady Chap Classic Nov. 18. The Lady Chaps will also play host to Trinity Valley, the 1999 national champion, on Dec. 1, and the defending national champions Tyler Junior College the following night on Dec. 2.

Early peek at the WJCAC

Since they're ranked No. 1 in the preseason junior college poll, it should only be a given that the Lady Chaps are the preseason picks to win the WJCAC again. And again, the conference should come down to the regular contenders in Howard, South Plains College, New Mexico Junior College and even a resurgent Odessa College squad along with the Lady Chaps.

"I think the teams that should be fighting for the top spots should be the same," Jones said. Western Texas won't be on the schedule this year because the college decided to drop the program along with all other sports except rodeo. With the loss of Western Texas, the WJCAC is left with seven teams.

"I think (the loss of Western Texas) hurts the conference," said Jones, the one-time head coach at Western Texas. "I like the extra conference games but conference games now will obviously be a lot more exciting because they'll have a lot more meaning. I hate to see them drop their program. They've had a good program at times, but that's just the way it is."

Fittipaldi wins race, de Ferran takes points title

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — In a champ car racing version of "Survivor," Christian Fittipaldi and Gil de Ferran were still going at the finish and earned \$1 million each.

Fittipaldi won the rain-delayed Marlboro 500 on Monday, and de Ferran finished third to capture the closest points race in CART history.

The two were among only six drivers still running at the end, after blown engines and other mechanical attrition decimated the field of 23 cars that took the green flag.

"It was a tough day for reliability for a lot of people. Even on

Friday, we knew challenge No. 1 would be to make it to the finish," said de Ferran, who remained in his car for several minutes, sobbing with relief and joy, after crossing the finish line.

Three cars — driven by Oriol Servia, Helio Castroneves and Alex Tagliani — slammed into the wall at different times. Servia and Castroneves apparently were not seriously hurt, but doctors said Tagliani may have a fractured vertebrae.

"I had several close calls, especially with Michael Andretti and Oriol Servia," said de Ferran, who was running near those two when they bumped on the 88th lap.

AIKMAN: Cunningham to take reps in practice

(From 1C)

mean letting Randall Cunningham start in his return to the city where he played his first 11 seasons, possibly creating the kind of spark the fading Cowboys sorely need.

Cunningham's stormy career in Philadelphia ended after the 1995 season when he was so frustrated that he retired. He returned in '97 with Minnesota, but has yet to go back to the Vet.

"We're certainly going to give Randall quite a few reps this week," Campo said. "We're going to be damn sure we have two quarterbacks ready to play."

Dallas had only two available on Sunday, which is why Aikman went back to the bench. Had Cunningham been hurt, the Cowboys' options would've been Aikman or running back Emmitt Smith.

"That was uncomfortable," Campo said. "I don't think you'll see that the rest of the way."

That's good news for one of Dallas' two practice-squad quarterbacks. Clint Stoerner has the edge over Anthony Wright 'because Stoerner has played this season.

Preparing for Aikman and Cunningham means double work for the Cowboys because their styles are different. Cunningham is more mobile, while Aikman is more accurate. It's a great change-up to throw at defenses, but the downside is forcing the rest of the offense to adjust.

Aikman led Dallas to a touchdown on the opening drive. The Cowboys didn't score again until their last possession.

The loss was especially deflating because it was to a team that had lost five straight. Jacksonville also came in leading the league in turnovers and sacks allowed, yet the Cowboys got none.

So the second half of the season begins with Dallas at 3-5 for the first time since 1990. The Cowboys have three losses at midseason for the first time since 1997, the last year they missed the playoffs.

"I don't know if we're at a crossroads, but I'm desperate for a win," running back Emmitt Smith said.

Dallas is in a three-way tie for ninth in the race for six playoff spots. Moving up would take a big winning streak and Sunday will make 22 straight games without as much as consecutive victories.

"These guys know what's at stake," cornerback Ryan McNeil said.

In case anyone wasn't sure, team owner Jerry Jones reminded them with what McNeil described as "a clearly understood pep talk."

"The commands he made were crystal clear," McNeil said. "It was easily understood by everyone, from the 17-year veteran to the first-year rookie."

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman stretches his back after being hit in the first quarter Sunday in Irving by Jacksonville Jaguars' Tony Brackens.

Titans Rolle to 27-21 victory over 'Skins

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Had Samari Rolle returned the interception 80 yards, it wouldn't have meant a thing.

Instead, Rolle stumbled his weary body across the goal line for that final yard on the last play of the first half, and the Tennessee Titans were well on their way to their seventh consecutive victory.

Rolle's score was one of two touchdowns on returns for the Titans as they beat Washington 27-21 Monday night, ending the Redskins' five-game winning streak.

Derrick Mason returned a punt 69 yards, and former Washington tight end Frank Wycheck caught an 18-yard TD pass as the Titans (7-1) maintained a two-game lead over Pittsburgh in the AFC Central. The loss knocked the Redskins (6-3) out of first place in the NFC East, one-half game behind the New York Giants.

Rolle's interception was as dramatic as they come. The Red-

skins, trailing 13-7, had the ball on the Titans 34 with 10 seconds remaining in the half.

Rolle stepped in front of Irving Fryar and caught the ball at the 19. Then, knowing that he had to run it all the way back because time had expired, Rolle went from sideline to sideline, reading his blocks all the way to the end zone.

Rolle was then buried under a pile of teammates in the end zone and couldn't make it off the field without an injury timeout.

Rolle also had another interception at the Redskins 33 with 1:59 to play, ending Washington's last real chance to drive the ball downfield.

The Titans used Eddie George on seven consecutive plays to set up their only offensive touchdown, scored by Wycheck in the fourth quarter. George sprained his right knee early in last week's 14-6 victory over Baltimore and was not confirmed to start until shortly before kickoff. Showing no obvious effects from the

injury, he carried 22 times for 71 yards.

The Titans defense had held every offense it faced this season to three plays and a punt on its opening series. The Redskins ended that streak emphatically with a 16-play, 84-yard drive that took 8:19 and included four third-down conversions.

The most dynamic third-down play came when Brad Johnson, hardly the most mobile of quarterbacks, escaped a sack by spinning away from Jevon Kearse and scrambling 13 yards before taking a stiff hit from Denard Walker. A pass interference call on Rolle gave the Redskins first-and-goal, and Johnson hit fullback Mike Sellers two plays later with a 5-yard pass to make it 7-0.

The Titans responded with a more chaotic, 11-play drive that included three scrambles by quarterback Steve McNair. Al Del Greco capped it with a 46-yard field goal that barely cleared the crossbar.

Less than two minutes later, a flying block by Keith Bulluck sprang Mason for a 69-yard punt return to put the Titans ahead 10-7. Mason darted left and juke punter Tommy Barnhardt for his second career punt return touchdown.

Late in the half, a bad snap by Joe Zelenka forced Barnhardt to abort a punt attempt. After the play, Bulluck pushed Barnhardt's helmet off. Barnhardt retaliated and was flagged for a personal foul, giving the Titans good field position to set up a 21-yard field goal by Del Greco.

Rolle's touchdown then made it 20-7 at the half. The Redskins closed to 20-14 late in the third quarter with a 13-play, 66-yard drive, relying heavily on Stephen Davis. Davis' seventh touch of the drive was a 1-yard TD run.

But the Titans scored the insurance touchdown as George's runs and a roughing the passer penalty on Kenard Lang led to Wycheck's score.

PARADE: New Yorkers act a little unruly

(From 1C)

and quickly spread; the cause was not immediately known. Firefighters doused the flames, and there were no reports of injuries.

Police reported two stabbings near the parade route on lower Broadway. Neither victim was considered to be in danger of death, and it was unclear whether

the violence was related to the parade.

A police officer on the mayor's float was struck on the bridge of his nose by a flying phone book; he was not seriously hurt.

The autumn chill did not deter the fans who started gathering hours before the parade's noon kickoff.

"I got here at 6 a.m. and I'm not

crazy," said Robert Schaeffer, of the Bronx. "It's a little cold but it's worth it."

Grand Marshal Yogi Berra waved from a 1952 Chrysler convertible while a grinning Giuliani joined Torre on the "trophy float."

The Yankees' 4-1 victory over the Mets was the first Subway Series since 1956 and it gave the team its record 26th World Series

title.

At the City Hall ceremony that followed the parade, John Fogarty played his hit "Centerfield" on a bat-shaped guitar and Jeter wore sunglasses despite cloudy weather.

"You fans should enjoy watching this team because you're not going to see many like it," the Series MVP said.

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OIL PRICES	
Monday	\$32.81
Previous	\$32.74
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Monday	\$29.75
Previous	\$29.75

NATURAL GAS

Monday	\$4.485
Previous	\$4.652

Crude falls

NEW YORK — Crude oil trimmed most of its gains and products futures fell sharply at the New York Mercantile Exchange Monday, as OPEC announced a 500,000-barrel-a-day production increase beginning Tuesday.

Traders locked in profits from crude futures near the close of trading.

December crude was up 7 cents to \$32.81 per barrel, while November heating oil fell 1.09 cent to 96.33 cents a gallon and natural gas for December delivery dropped 16.7 cents to \$4.485 per 1,000 cubic feet.

November's unleaded gasoline was down .66 cent at 95.36 cents a gallon.

Oil market players had earlier shrugged off the production increase by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, indicating it would only legitimize current cheating and increase production slightly.

Space in tankers, ships and barges was near 20-year lows Friday, and will likely keep more barrels from moving out of the Persian Gulf.

Concerns over tight inventories of U.S. distillate fuel, which includes heating oil, cold weather in the U.S. Northeast, and continued violence in the Middle East also underpinned prices.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak won a reprieve for his minority government Monday on a last-minute promise by a religious party not to vote him down during a national emergency.

Violence persisted as scores of Palestinians were wounded by army fire and a non-Arab Israeli died in Jerusalem.

About 143 people have been killed in 33 days of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

Israel's peace negotiator, Gilead Sher, meanwhile, suggested Monday that peace talks could resume in the near future.

Monday, an Iraqi official said Iraq will accept dollars for payment for crude oil loadings until Nov. 6, easing its Nov. 1 deadline.

Dollar mixed

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar was down against most major currencies in European trading Monday.

The euro was quoted at 84.36 cents in late European trading, up from 84.12 cents. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 84.29.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday, included 108.91 Japanese yen, up from 108.65; 1.8033 Swiss francs, down from 1.8075; 1.5276 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5296.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4512, down from \$1.4545.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 108.96 yen and the pound was worth \$1.4530.

Based on euro rates, the dollar is worth 2.3182 German marks, down from 2.3237; 7.7748 French francs, down from 7.7932; 2.6120 Dutch guilders, down from 2.6182; 2.294.97 Italian lire, down from 2.300.43.

Gold down

Gold dealers in London closed trading at a recommended price of \$264.50 bid per troy ounce, down from \$264.65. In Zurich, the bid price was \$264.35, down from \$264.65. Gold rose 10 cents in Hong Kong to close at \$264.85.

Income, spending post big increases

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans' incomes, boosted by huge federal farm payments, increased by the largest amount in 13 months in September while consumer spending rose at the fastest pace since February.

The Commerce Department said Monday that personal incomes rose by a strong 1.1 percent last month while spending, propelled by heavy demand for durable goods such as autos, was up 0.8 percent.

Economists said the new report showed that while the overall economy slowed sharply in the summer, the all-important consumer sector still had plenty of strength, led by big gains in income that are helping consumers continue to buy with abandon despite rising debt burdens and a weakening stock market.

"Consumers have a ton of money to spend and that is exactly what they did," said Joel Naroff, head of a Holland, Pa., economic consulting firm.

The 1.1 percent rise in incomes was the largest since a 1.3 percent jump in October of 1999.

Both months, however, were strongly influenced by federal subsidy payments to farmers who are struggling to cope with weak farm prices.

Without an increase in the federal payments, the personal income gain would have been a more moderate 0.4 percent in September.

Both the income increase and spending gain were well above expectations and some analysts said they would translate into an upward revision in the gross domestic product, the economy's total output, for the third quarter. Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity.

On Friday, the government had reported that the overall economy, as measured by the GDP, slowed to a growth rate of just 2.7 percent in the July-September quarter, less than half the torrid 5.6 percent April-June pace.

This dramatic slowdown had cheered financial markets, who believed it

showed that the Federal Reserve is close to achieving its desired soft landing in which growth slows enough to keep inflation in check but not enough to bring on a recession.

Economists said they still expected Fed policy-makers to keep interest rates unchanged at the next meeting on Nov. 15. But they also said Monday's report on incomes and spending showed that economic growth will likely rebound in the final quarter, keeping the Fed on high alert for further rate increases either at the December meeting or early next year.

"Consumer spending is still unsustainably strong," said Gordon Richards, an economist with the National Association of Manufacturers. "Household balance sheets have to be viewed as fragile. Debt loads are high and the savings rate is slightly negative."

The new report showed that disposable incomes, the amount left after paying taxes, rose by 1.1 percent in September, slightly outpacing the 0.8 percent rise in spending.

That allowed the savings rate — savings as a percent of disposable income — to move slightly off the record monthly low of minus 0.4 percent set in August. For September, the savings rate registered a minus 0.1 percent.

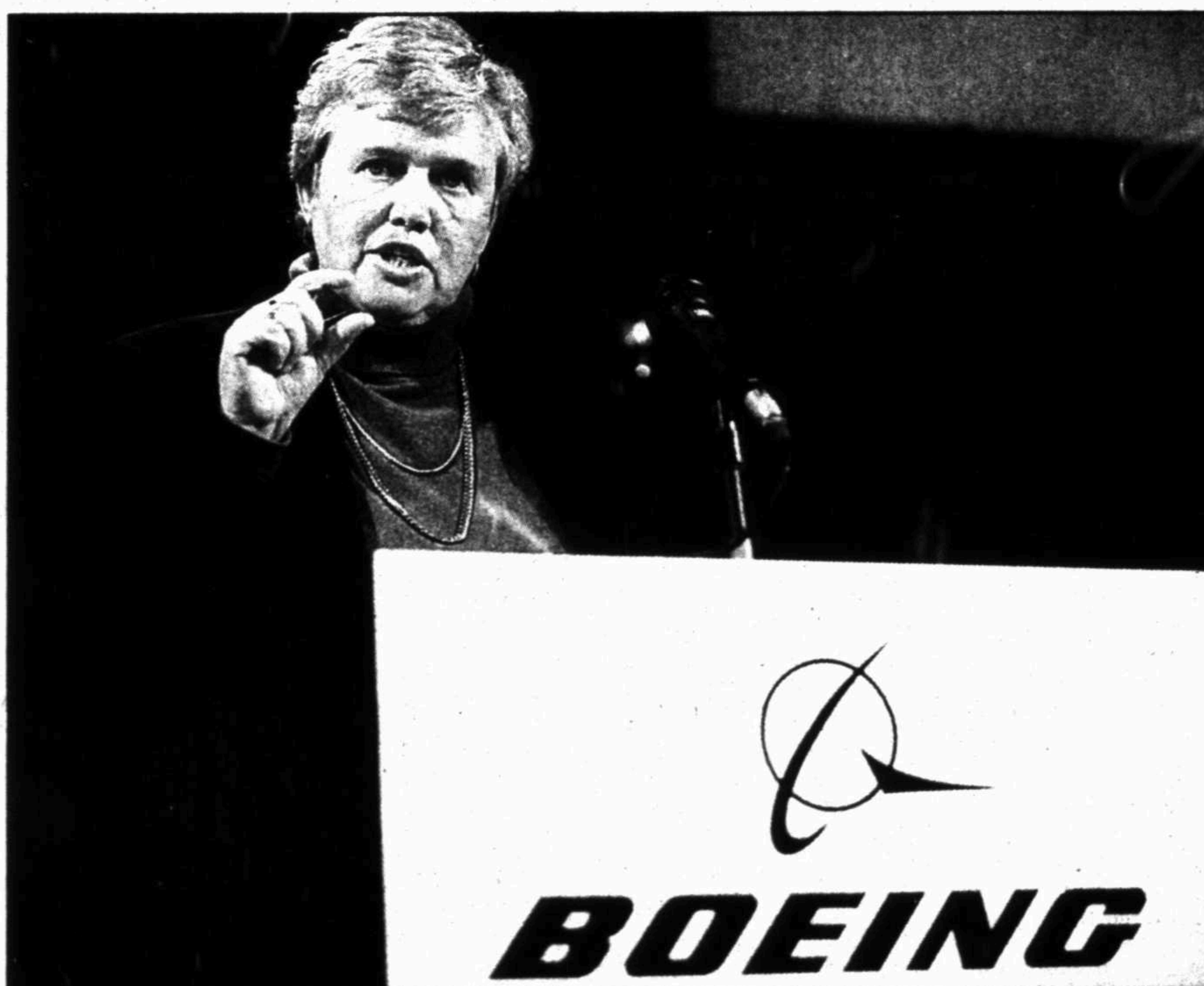
The overall economic slowdown in the third quarter occurred primarily because of big cutbacks in government spending and a slowdown in business inventory building that more than offset a pickup in consumer spending in the summer.

The 0.8 percent rise in consumer spending in September was the biggest gain since a 1.2 percent rise in February.

It was led by a 1.4 percent jump in spending on durable goods, items expected to last three or more years. Analysts had been expecting a strong number for September, reflecting heavy demand for autos.

Sales of nondurable goods were up 0.9 percent, reflecting in part rising energy prices, while sales of services, the category which includes apartment rents, was up 0.7 percent.

Clear skies ahead



Liz Otis, vice president of the Commercial Air Group at Boeing, speaks at a news conference about The Federal Aviation Administration special audit report Monday. The FAA announced Monday the results of a three-month audit of Boeing Co. procedures following a string of problems at the aircraft manufacturer last year.

FAA finds 'systemic' Boeing problems only

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration found "systemic" problems with design and production processes at seven Boeing Co. aircraft engineering and manufacturing facilities but concluded that passenger safety was not compromised.

The FAA conducted the audit from December to February after what it called a "series of high-visibility production breakdowns" at Boeing last fall. It found 107 problems — 87 in production and 20 in engineering.

The FAA studied everything from aircraft engineering to parts receiving and the manufacturing process at Boeing plants in Seattle, Everett, Renton, Auburn, Fredrickson and Spokane, Wash., and Portland, Ore.

Boeing posted a statement on its Web site prior to the FAA's news conference in which it said it is taking steps to address the issues in the audit.

Among the incidents that prompted the FAA review:

■ An airline told Boeing that two of 16 bolts holding the vertical stabilizer onto the tail of a 767 were not sufficiently tightened.

■ An adhesive was improperly applied to a condensation barrier that keeps moisture from dripping onto cockpit electronics. The drip shields also did not meet flammability standards, prompting Boeing to briefly halt delivery of 50 airplanes while the part was replaced.

The FAA audit found that some Boeing manufacturing processes are not complete or are overly complex; that these processes are not always followed; that workers sometimes are given inadequate instructions; and that there are inadequate inspections to ensure that product results match their design.

The government, mostly through the FAA, must approve an airplane's design, manufacture, inspections, testing and certification, along with its materials and parts and the way they are used.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Wrap accounts impose relatively heavy fees

By Eric Tyson

Q: Merrill Lynch manages my current portfolio of \$600,000 in equities. It is divided among lower-risk mutual funds, and I rarely have any account activity. My concern is that Merrill Lynch takes a large commission (\$10,000 to \$15,000 per year) for their services and appears to be disinterested in my account. I need a brokerage that will actively manage my account. What do you recommend?



Tyson

A: It sounds as if you have one of those so-called wrap accounts where you're paying a relatively high fee percentage to have your money managed. If the explicit fees you're being charged are on top of the mutual fund's fees, you could be paying around 3 percent per

year for this money management. To put such high fees in perspective, remember that in the long term, a diversified stock portfolio could be expected to return an average of about 10 percent per year. Thus, you're giving away about 30 percent of your expected returns in fees!

I do, however, also have to question your assertion that "I need a brokerage that will actively manage my account." Such a statement suggests that you believe that someone must continually tinker with your portfolio to benefit from market fluctuations and changes in what are the hottest industry sectors and companies to invest in.

Over the long haul, being in the markets and holding a diversified portfolio is what will produce healthy stock-market returns. Trading actually increases your chances of underperforming the broad stock-market averages. You might be sitting on cash when the market goes up, and you might be in the wrong industry sectors and companies at the wrong time.

A boring old index fund, such as Vanguard's Total Stock Market Index, will

give you exposure to the entire U.S. stock market for the fee of 0.2 percent. Should the overall U.S. stock market produce 10 percent annualized returns, you would net about 9.8 percent from a fund like this versus about 7 percent with your current approach.

Q: Why is the Domini Social Equity fund lagging behind other socially responsible funds this year after posting years of good returns? I've been buying in at two-month intervals since January 1999, but stopped this past April because of concerns with its lack of progress. If the current performance levels continue, I wonder if it would be wise to consider investing in a different socially responsible fund.

A: The Domini Social Equity fund focuses on larger-company stocks and tends to hold more growth-oriented stocks. This fund has held an above-average portion of technology stocks, which has helped the fund's performance in prior years but has caused the fund to severely lag its peers this year while

tech stocks have been clobbered. The fund has a reasonable expense ratio of just under 1 percent per year.

I believe this fund is a fine one for you to continue to hold on to. And, as long as the rest of your portfolio is appropriately diversified, I think you can continue to invest some new money into the fund.

Making regular investments into a mutual fund (or individual securities, for that matter) is a process called dollar cost averaging (DCA); ceasing contributions when the going gets rough defeats part of the value of DCA. You won't benefit from buying shares when prices are down and will have purchased more relatively high-priced shares.

Should you desire to also invest in another socially responsible stock fund, you could select one to complement Domini. That would ideally mean a fund that invests more in smaller and mid-size companies and one which has less technology stock exposure.

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Balanced n20	61.15	+15
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InteGA	21.33	-14
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Valu p	43.64	+44
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CapDvB1	20.69	+02
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ConstB1	40.10	-47
DntTrB1	14.53	-36
GIAGB1	24.09	-45

GIGrB1	23.07	-50
Gf1cmB1	26.65	-1.9
Hyd1B1	6.03	-0.9
IntEgB1	20.55	-14
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ValuB1	41.91	+42
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AIM Funds C:		
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Aetna CI E:
Grwinc 13.95 +.11

Alger Funds B:
CapPr1 12.40 - .26
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BonaAp	11.96	+0.28
GrnCp	4.01	+1.11
GthFp	51.21	+8.01
MCAp	10.88	
NAGvAp	7.41	+0.11
PGthAp	32.19	+1.01
TechAp	117.28	-2.91

Alliance Cap B:

CpBBp	11.97	+0.28
GwthB	38.58	+4.46
GrnCpB	3.95	+1.01
NAGBp	7.44	+0.11
PGthB	30.29	+1.01
QuasBp	24.24	-3.31
TechB	110.30	-2.71

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Select1 n 51.22 +46

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Ultra	40.24	-.37
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BiChip	11.81	+.12
Bond	4.88	-.01
DEI	8.93	+.27
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Fedl	4.89	-.01
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Miami Heat

Last season: 50-32. Knocked out by the Knicks in the playoffs three straight years.

Additions: G Eddie Jones, F Anthony Mason, G Ricky Davis, F Dale Ellis, F Brian Grant, G Rick Brunson, F Todd Fuller, F Don MacLean, G Eddie House.

Losses: F P.J. Brown, F Jamal Mashburn, F Otis Thorpe, F Clarence Weatherspoon.

Losing Alonzo Mourning for the season to a kidney disorder may be one of the cruelest blows in Pat Riley's career. His first victory will be the 1,000th of his coaching career, and he has much to be optimistic about after remaking the Heat. Questions remain: Can Grant play center in a not-so-rugged East and can Tim Hardaway's aching knees last beyond an 82-game grind? Somehow, some way, Riley will get them to the finals.

Philadelphia 76ers

Last season: 49-33. Slipped to Pacers in the second round the past two years.

Additions: G Speedy Claxton.

Losses: G Kevin Ollie, G Speedy Claxton.

Beyond all the combustible possibilities between the rap artist/point guard Allen Iverson and the old-school coach/new-school baby sister Larry Brown, the 76ers have one of the league's more experienced, stable teams. But Claxton, the rookie point guard from Hofstra, is gone with a season-ending knee injury. Still, Toni Kukoc is only going to get more comfortable with his teammates, and a front line featuring Theo Ratliff and Matt Geiger qualifies as loaded in the East. Iverson's crossover is still the most deadly weapon in the conference, lethal enough to combat his off-court distractions. He could lead the 76ers to the finals. Of course, he could also be traded before the season opener.

New York Knicks

Last season: 50-32. Two straight conference final appearances.

Additions: F Glen Rice, C Travis Knight, C Luc Longley, G Erick Strickland, C Felton Spencer, F Lavar Postell, F Pete Mickel.

Losses: C Patrick Ewing, C Chris Dudley, F John Wallace.

After Jerry Sloan, Rudy Tomjanovich and Pat Riley, what coach has the most longevity with one team? Jeff Van Gundy, the original survivor. Now, he has to get Glen Rice to play the good soldier as sixth man, make his big men occasionally bring the ball upcourt and deliver another dramatic playoff run in the post-Patrick era. Rice and Allan Houston are two of the best jump shooters in the league. Longley is not Patrick Ewing, but once he is healthy, New Yorkers will discover passing skills they never knew he had. Marcus Camby has made it clear he is not a center. The bigger issue is, can he be a healthy forward?

Orlando Magic

Last season: 41-41. Hasn't made it to the second round since Shaq left.

Additions: F Grant Hill, G Tracy McGrady, F Andrew DeClercq, F Mike Miller, G Dee Brown, G Troy Hudson, C Don Reid.

Losses: F Ben Wallace, G Chucky Atkins, G Corey Maggette, F Derek Strong, G Ron Mercer, G Matt Harpring.

Landing Grant Hill and Tracy McGrady is a nice catch, but the big fish stayed in San Antonio. Without Tim Duncan, the Magic is another high-octane East team and little else. Neither Hill nor McGrady has the personality to implode, so chemistry between the two stars shouldn't be a problem. But of all Orlando's losses, Chucky Atkins may hurt the most. When Darrell Armstrong was out, Atkins made that team go.

New Jersey Nets

Last season: 31-51. Nets are on their fourth coach in four years.

Additions: F Kenyon Martin, F Soumaila Samake, F Aaron Williams.

Losses: F Jayson Williams, F Scott Brell.

Offering Kendall Gill enough money to spurn an offer from the Lakers may have been one of their best off-season moves. With Kerry Kittles' health a major concern and Keith Van Horn missing perhaps the first six weeks with a broken leg, Gill emerges as one of the few players who can keep the ship afloat before January. Stephon Marbury should finally have an All-Star moment. If Byron Scott is patient, the Nets could return to the postseason for the first time since 1997.

Boston Celtics

Last season: 35-47. It's Year 5 of Rick Pitino's refurbishing plan.

Additions: G Robert Pack, F Jerome Moiso, G Randy Brown, G Chris Carr.

Losses: F Danny Fortson, G Dana Barros, Antoine Walker, Paul Pierce and Kenny Anderson qualify as a solid nucleus, but Pitino has yet to find a cast of role players to push the Celtics into the playoffs. One brutal statistic emerges: He is 180-198 as an NBA coach, and if the winning percentage doesn't rise soon Pitino has said he will not coach

the Celtics beyond this season. Pierce, still recovering from a nightclub stabbing over the summer, has All-Star potential.

Washington Wizards

Last season: 29-53. Franchise has not won a playoff game in 12 years.

Additions: G Felipe Lopez, F Cherokee Parks, F Obinna Ekezie, F Popeye Jones, F Mike Smith.

Losses: G Tracy Murray, C Ike Austin, F Aaron Williams, C Don Reid.

Juan Howard, Mitch Richmond and Rod Strickland have a huge burden. Because of their salaries, the Wizards are almost unable to trade them or put a nice assortment of complementary players around them. The reality is, Howard has played three playoff games since signing a \$105 million contract in 1996; it doesn't appear he will play another in Washington anytime soon.

CENTRAL DIVISION

Toronto Raptors

Last season: 45-37. Since Charles Oakley has been there, they've won.

Additions: G Mark Jackson, F Corliss Williamson, G Morris Peterson.

Losses: G Tracy McGrady, G Dee Brown, G Doug Christie.

With Mark Jackson now at the point setting up the breathtaking Vince Carter and Lenny Wilkens, the game's winningest coach, on the sideline, Toronto looks strong. Throw in a big-man stable of Antonio Davis, Corliss Williamson, Charles Oakley and Kevin Willis, and this is a team capable of advancing to the finals. Losing Tracy McGrady to Orlando hurt, but not enough to prevent the Raptors from at least getting out of the first round.

Milwaukee Bucks

Last season: 42-40. Came within a defensive rebound of upsetting Pacers in first round.

Additions: F Jason Caffey, C Joel Przybilla, G Lindsey Hunter.

Losses: F Billy Owens, F Danny Manning, G Vinny Del Negro, F Robert Taylor. Ray Allen is on the cusp of becoming one of the game's top five players. Glenn Robinson still has trouble guarding anyone and Sam Cassell's herky-jerky game has been constrained by minor injuries the past two years. But Jason Caffey was a nice pickup, along with the rookie Joel Przybilla. The Bucks play defense almost as hard as New York. If they don't tune George Karl out, they could win the conference.

Charlotte Hornets

Last season: 49-33. Charlotte has gone 71-46 with Paul Silas in charge.

Additions: F P.J. Brown, F Jamal Mashburn, F Tim James, F Otis Thorpe, G Hersey Hawkins, F Jamaal Magloire, F Lee Nailon.

Losses: G Eddie Jones, F Anthony Mason, F Dale Ellis, G Ricky Davis.

P.J. Brown and Derrick Coleman will reprise a front line from their Nets days, and Jamal Mashburn may play more shooting guard than small forward. If Hersey Hawkins has enough left in his jumper and Eddie Robinson and Baron Davis keep maturing, Charlotte will make it out of the first round.

Indiana Pacers

Last season: 56-26. Three straight conference finals appearances.

Additions: C Jermaine O'Neal, C Terry Mills, G Rex Walters.

Losses: C Rik Smits, F Dale Davis, G Mark Jackson, F Chris Mullin.

Don't discount the drive and passion of Reggie Miller, who at 35 still wants the ball with the season in the balance. Whether someone can deliver it to him as timely as Mark Jackson is another story. Miller, Jalen Rose and Austin Croshere are solid veterans, but after that Indiana pins its hopes on a kiddie corps: Jermaine O'Neal, Jonathan Bender and Al Harrington. Rik Smits is retired and Dale Davis is in Portland. Luckily, Consecro Fieldhouse is already sold out for the season.

Detroit Pistons

Last season: 42-40. Swept in the first round by Miami.

Additions: F Ben Wallace, G Chucky Atkins, F Cedric Ceballos, F John Wallace, F Billy Owens, G Mateen Cleaves.

Losses: F Grant Hill, F Christian Laettner, C Terry Mills, G Lindsey Hunter, G John Crotty.

Jerry Stackhouse is now a permanent go-to guy. Although Hill went to Orlando and Christian Laettner moved to Dallas, Chucky Atkins, Cedric Ceballos and John Wallace give Detroit a more up-tempo, seat-of-the-pants look. Like most teams in the East, the Pistons don't need a bona fide All-Star center to win. If they only played defense, they could make a playoff push.

Atlanta Hawks

Last season: 28-54. Getting rid of Steve Smith made no sense.

Additions: G DerMarr Johnson, G Anthony Johnson, F Hanno Mottola.

Losses: F LaPhonso Ellis, G Bimbo Coles.

Most coaches didn't want this job. Lon Kruger takes over a tough situation. Unless the Hawks surprise early, Dikembe Mutombo is essentially trade bait, the missing link for

a playoff team. Atlanta is not reloading; it is clearly reconstructing.

Chicago Bulls

Last season: 17-65. Since Michael Jordan hit his shot in Utah, the Bulls are 30-102.

Additions: G Ron Mercer, C Brad Miller, G Bryce Drew, F Marcus Fizer, G Jamal Crawford, F Dragan Tarlac, G A.J. Guyton, C Jake Voskuhl.

Losses: C Chris Anstey, G Hersey Hawkins, G Matt Maloney, G Randy Brown, C Will Perdue.

Elton Brand has help. Ron Mercer, a late free-agent acquisition after every big-name player told Jerry Krause no, should blossom.

The rookies Marcus Fizer and Jamal Crawford can play. They have salary-cap money for next summer. The bad news? This is the year the heretofore patient fans revolt, and the United Center becomes vacant.

Cleveland Cavaliers

Last season: 32-50. Zydrunas Ilgauskas has played only five games in two years.

Additions: F Clarence Weatherspoon, F Chris Gatling, F J.R. Reid, F Robert Traylor, C Chris Mihm, G Bimbo Coles, F Matt Harpring.

Losses: F Shawn Kemp, C Andrew DeClercq, G Bob Sura, F Danny Ferry.

They finally got rid of Shawn Kemp and his inflated contract, but they hardly got equal value. Randy Wittman has another tough assignment. If Ilgauskas, the 7-foot-3-inch Lithuanian center, can have an injury-free year, Cleveland could be in decent shape. But the Cavaliers are not good enough to escape the lottery.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST DIVISION

San Antonio Spurs

Last season: 53-29. The first defending champion to be knocked out in the first round since the 1984 76ers.

Additions: G Derek Anderson, F Danny Ferry.

Losses: G Mario Elie, C Felton Spencer, F Jerome Kersey.

Tim Duncan is slowly returning to full strength after knee surgery. David Robinson has at least two good years left. Coaxing Derek Anderson to play for a pittance was a coup. But who knows how well Sean Elliott will hold up over 82 games? The Spurs have the depth to get back to the conference finals, but don't have the backcourt to overcome the Lakers.

Utah Jazz

Last season: 55-27. The Jazz is 637-296 in 13 years under Jerry Sloan.

Additions: F Donyell Marshall, G John Starks, F Danny Manning, G DeShawn Stevenson, G John Crotty.

Losses: G Jeff Hornacek, G Howard Eisley, F Adam Keefe, F Armen Gilliam.

John Starks and Jerry Sloan are both capable of detonating at any time. But from the occasional explosion should emerge a veteran team with genuine desire left. Karl Malone and John Stockton are a young 37 and 38, respectively, poised to make one last run. Bryon Russell will have to shoulder more of the scoring, with Howard Eisley in Dallas and Jeff Hornacek retired. Utah can find a way into the conference finals after a two-year hiatus. Can it win the West? No.

Minnesota Timberwolves

Last season: 50-32. Will the Joe Smith contract debacle kill their playoff hopes?

Additions: G Chauncey Billups.

Losses: G Malik Sealy, G Bobby Jackson.

After Commissioner David Stern last week took away draft picks, levied fines and voided the secret deal between Joe Smith and the team, the Timberwolves' future looks bleak. What's more, one of their best role players, Malik Sealy, was killed in a car accident. Somehow, Kevin Garnett wills them into the playoffs.

Dallas Mavericks

Last season: 40-42. In his fourth season with Mavericks, Don Nelson is 75-123.

Additions: F Christian Laettner, F Loy Vaught, G Howard Eisley, G Courtney Alexander, F Etan Thomas, F Donnell Harvey, F Eduardo Najera.

Losses: G Robert Pack, F Cedric Ceballos, G Erick Stickland.

The Mavericks made a nice run at the end of last season and should be improved with Laettner in the frontcourt and Eisley at the point. Enthusiasm abounds for a once-moribund franchise. But they don't have enough All-Stars to make the playoffs.

Houston Rockets

Last season: 34-48. Hakeem Olajuwon will be 38 in January.

Additions: F Maurice Taylor, C Jason Collier.

Losses: F Charles Barkley, F Tony Massenburg, G Bryce Drew.

In his second year, Steve Francis will remind a lot of people of Allen Iverson: unrelenting moves, boundless energy, a 6-foot player carrying a team almost by himself. Cuttino Mobley and Shandon Anderson are nice complementary players, but Olajuwon's last season does not appear to be headed beyond 82 games.

Denver Nuggets

Last season: 35-47. Haven't been to the playoffs since Dikembe Mutombo left.

Additions: G Robert Pack, G Calbert Cheaney, F Mark Strickland, G Voshon Lenard, G Tracy Murray, C Mamadou N'Diaye.

Losses: G Bryant Stith, G Chris Herren, F Popeye Jones, F Chris Gatling.

Antonio McDyess has All-Star potential. Raef LaFrentz and Nick Van Exel give Denver two proven scorers, but coach Dan Issel has too many question marks on the bench for the Nuggets to make a genuine run. Denver could sneak into the playoffs.

Vancouver Grizzlies

Last season: 22-60. New owner, new management, same results.

Additions: F Stromile Swift, F Tony Massenburg, C Ike Austin, G Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, G Damon Jones.

Losses: G Felipe Lopez, G Dennis Scott, F Obinna Ekezie, F Cherokee Parks, F Antoine Carr.

Michael Dickerson and Othella Harrington give Shaqef Abdur-Rahim help. And Abdul-Rauf's return to the NBA should be good theater. But coach Sidney Lowe would need an N.C. State-type miracle to pull the Grizzlies from the cellar.

PACIFIC DIVISION

Los Angeles Lakers

Last season: 67-15. Shaq and Kobe's combined average: 51.9 points a game.

Additions: F Horace Grant, C Greg Foster, G Emanuel Davis, G Isaiah Rider, F Mark Madson.

Losses: F Glen Rice, F A.C. Green, Shaquille O'Neal lobbied long and hard

to land a power forward to help him defend the redwoods in Portland and San Antonio's twin towers. Now he's reunited with Horace Grant, and the Lakers look as strong as ever. Kobe Bryant and Isaiah Rider will have some issues to work out on the perimeter. But chemistry should not be a problem, especially after coach Phil Jackson dumped his biggest problem (Glen Rice) in Jeff Van Gundy's lap. L.A. seems poised to repeat.

Portland Trail Blazers

Last season: 59-23. Two straight conference finals appearances.

Additions: F Shawn Kemp, F Dale Davis, C Will Perdue, G Erick Barkley.

Losses: F Detlef Schrempf, F Brian Grant, C Jermaine O'Neal.

In Kemp, Davis and Perdue they have three big bodies to try and push Shaq off the blocks and more depth than any roster. But for all their talent and experience, they still have major questions. Can Arvydas Sabonis hold up? Will Rasheed Wallace blow a fuse? Can Damon Stoudamire and Greg Anthony direct the Blazers to a title? The parts still don't fit perfectly.

Seattle SuperSonics

Last season: 45-37. Sonics have two No. 1 draft picks on the roster (Patrick Ewing, 1985, and Pervis Ellison, 1989).

Additions: C Patrick Ewing, F Desmond Mason, C Pervis Ellison, G Randy Livingston, F Dickey Simpkins.

Losses: F Horace Grant, F Chuck Person, G Emanuel Davis, C Greg Foster.

Gary Payton and Vin Baker knew they needed a presence in the middle to contend. Whether rickety, 38-year-old Ewing was what they had in mind remains to be seen. But the Sonics have two young backcourt players, Rashard Lewis and Shammond Williams, who can blow by anyone.

Phoenix Suns

Last season: 53-29. Penny Hardaway hasn't been to the second round since 1995.

Additions: C Iakovos Tsakalidis, C Chris Dudley, G Tony Delk, G Mario Elie, G Paul McPherson.

Losses: C Luc Longley, G Kevin Johnson, G Toby Bailey, F Don MacLean, G Todd Day, C Oliver Miller.

Jason Kidd and Penny Hardaway are one of the best 1-2 combinations in the league.

With Tom Gugliotta due back in December and players like Shawn Marion and Mario Elie providing intangibles, the Suns will run, gun and have fun. But without a bona fide center, they won't go beyond the first round.

Sacramento Kings

Last season: 44-38. Will Chris Webber's free-agent status cause a distraction?

Additions: G Doug Christie, G Bobby Jackson.

Losses: F Corliss Williamson, G Tony Delk, F Tyrone Corbin.

No one will make the all-defensive team, but Webber, Jason Williams, Vlade Divac and crew will again be one of the league's top draws. Throwing an acrobatic Doug Christie into the mix should make for even better highlight material. But losing the steady role players Corliss Williamson and Tony Delk hurt. With Williams missing the first five games because he didn't show up for his counseling sessions after testing positive for marijuana, you wonder about the Kings.

Golden State Warriors

Last season: 19-63. The Warriors last appeared in the playoffs in 1994.

Additions: F Danny Fortson, F Adam Keefe, G Bob Sura, G Vinny Del Negro, F Chris Porter, F Chris Mullin.

Losses: F Jason Caffey, F Donyell Marshall, F Bill Curley.

Larry Hughes and a healthy Antwan Jamison should at least hold the Bay Area's interest until January. The truth: Coach Dave Cowens has a rough season ahead.

Los Angeles Clippers

Last season: 15-67. The Clippers have a national TV appearance on Dec. 20.

Additions: F Darius Miles, G Keyon Dooling, G Quentin Richardson, F Derek Strong, G Corey Maggette, C Sean Rooks, G Earl Boykins, C Zondon Hamilton.

Losses: G Derek Anderson, F Maurice Taylor, F Pete Chilcutt.

If Alvin Gentry's patience was tested in Detroit, you wonder how much it will be tested with this franchise. Half the roster is under 22. Led by 19-year-old Darius Miles, the Clippers could be one of two things: One of the league's most exciting young teams or a maddening bunch of knuckleheads still trying to learn the game.

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NBA's first black player doesn't want Robinson comparisons

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Earl Lloyd is the first to admit he was no Jackie Robinson.

Fifty years ago in Rochester, Lloyd became the first black to play in an NBA game. He says all similarities end there when it comes to comparing himself to Robinson, who broke major league baseball's racial barrier.

"Let's get real," said Lloyd, who will toss up the ceremonial opening tip Tuesday night in the season-opener at Madison Square Garden between the Philadelphia 76ers and the New York Knicks. The 72-year-old Lloyd often hears the comparison between himself and Robinson, and he points out that he broke the NBA's color barrier only because of a scheduling quirk.

Lloyd's team, the Washington Capitals, played their opener on Oct. 31 at a high school gym in Rochester. Most NBA teams began their seasons the following night.

Two other black players joined

the NBA that season. The Knicks purchased Sweetwater Clifton's contract from the Harlem Globetrotters, and the Boston Celtics drafted Chuck Cooper.

Lloyd described his first game as "uneventful," perhaps because it was played in a city that already had an integrated school system. The moment drew little national attention, not even drawing a mention in The New York Times. It was nothing, Lloyd said, like the scrutiny Robinson faced when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

"How can you compare one of three black players going into the NBA to what happened to Jackie Robinson? Anybody who makes that comparison is crazy," Lloyd said Monday by telephone from his home in Fairfield Glade, Tenn.

"Pro basketball in 1950 was fledgling. I'm not saying it was totally ho hum, but it was hard to generate interest. The notoriety factor just didn't exist at that time."

"Baseball was a national pastime. And Jackie Robinson broke

some virgin ground to the chagrin of a lot of people, including his teammates, and excelled to the point where he made the Hall of Fame in what was unquestionably his worst sport. He was an All-American halfback at UCLA, he led the Pacific Coast League in scoring in basketball and he was a world-class track athlete. To compare him to me is a knee-slapper."

Lloyd's rookie season lasted just seven games before he left for a two-year Army commitment. He returned to the NBA for the 1952-53 season and spent the next eight seasons with Syracuse and Detroit, averaging 8.4 points and 6.4 rebounds.

He said what made his transition from college (West Virginia State) to the NBA easier was the acceptance of his teammates during his first training camp. All he had to do was show them he could play at their level.

"For me, I was born and raised in segregation in Alexandria, Va. And because you've been treated inferior all your life, it's easy to believe that you are inferior."

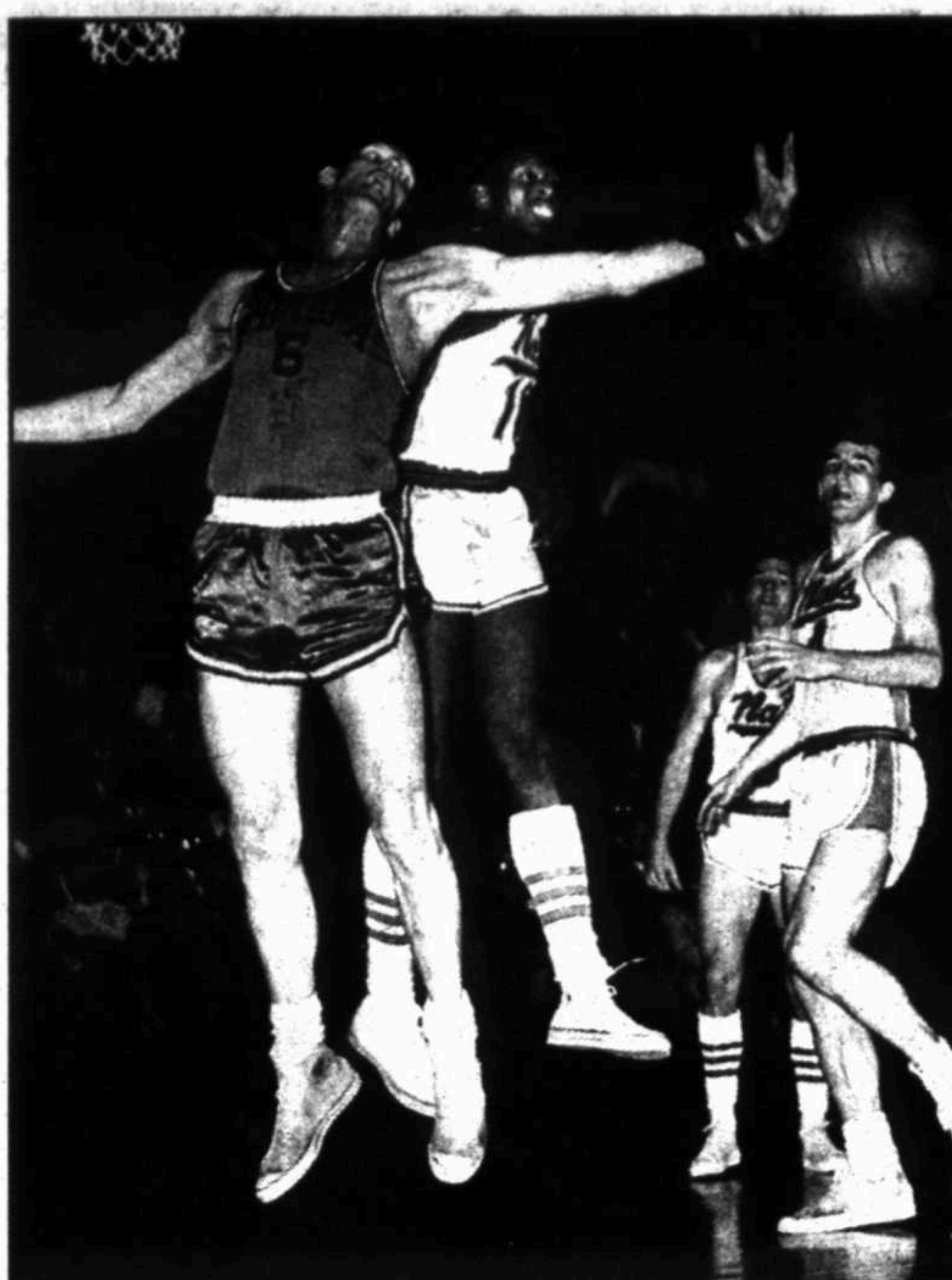
"So you get to training camp with these guys from Southern Cal and Ohio State and UCLA and Georgetown and N.C. State, you kind of ask yourself: Do I belong?"

"For a young black man from Virginia to compete at that level and learn that he belongs there, it was a true defining moment."

The NBA is commemorating the 50th anniversary of blacks joining the league with a series of special events during the season. Lloyd will be joined in pregame introductions Tuesday night by Clifton's daughter, Anita Brown; Cooper's wife, Irva, and son, Chuck Jr.; and 78-year-old Hank DeZonie, a former member of the New York Rens barnstorming league who played five games in 1950 for the Tri-Cities Blackhawks.

DeZonie also played 18 games in 1948-49 for the Dayton Rens of the National Basketball League, which merged with the Basketball Association of America in 1949 to form the NBA.

Cooper died in 1984. Clifton died in 1990.



AP Photo
Syracuse Nationals Earl Lloyd, second from left, blocks a shot by Philadelphia Warriors Neil Johnson (6) during first quarter action in Syracuse, N.Y., in this March 28, 1950 photo. Nationals George King, second from right, and Dolph Schayes (4) are in background.

NBA teams make final cuts on eve of regular season openers

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — A player who took the long road from high school to the pros will begin the season as a starter in New Jersey. Another player who went from Lubbock, Texas, to Puerto Rico to Varese, Italy, will begin the season in Phoenix.

Stephen Jackson of the New Jersey Nets and Daniel Santiago of the Suns were two of the success stories Monday as all 29 NBA teams pared their active rosters down to 12 players for the start of the season Tuesday night.

There are 13 games scheduled, including national telecasts of Philadelphia at New York (8 p.m. EST, TBS) and the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers at Portland (10:30 p.m. EST, TBS). The league released the 12-man rosters Monday night, and there were a few other surprises besides Jackson and Santiago.

The Chicago Bulls will begin the season as the youngest team in league history with an average age of just under 23. They have five rookies on the roster — Jamal Crawford, Khalid El-Amin, Marcus Fizer, A.J. Guyton and Dragan Tarlac — and two more rookies, Dalibor Bagaric and Jake Voskuhl, on the injured

list.

— Joe Smith appears on no one's roster. Commissioner David Stern made the Timberwolves forward a free agent last week, although Smith's status will remain on hold until an arbitration hearing is held Thursday on whether Stern overstepped his authority in voiding Smith's previous two contracts in Minnesota.

— Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf and Tyus Edney have returned to the league. Abdul-Rauf as the backup point guard in Vancouver and Edney with the same job in Indiana.

— There's a new Marc Jackson in the league, a rookie forward from Temple who spent the past three years in Turkey and Spain. He and Adam Keefe will back up starter Danny Fortson in Golden State. The other Mark Jackson — that's Mark with a 'k' — has relocated from Indiana to Toronto and led the league in assists during the preseason.

— There is no next Michael Jordan. A rookie by that name from Penn was cut by the Boston Celtics during training camp.

Stephen Jackson took a not-so-direct route from high school to the pros with no college in between. A high school All-American in 1996, he didn't

have the grades to attend Arizona after signing a letter of intent. He enrolled for the spring semester at a community college in Kansas but did not play, then declared for the draft in 1997 and was a second-round choice of the Suns.

He was cut during training camp, then made professional stops in Venezuela and the Dominican Republic before being cut a year ago by the Vancouver Grizzlies.

The Nets gave him a tryout and coach Byron Scott had no idea who he was on the first day of training camp. But he was the team's leading scorer for much of the preseason and will begin the season as a starter in place of the injured Keith Van Horn.

"This is unexpected, very unexpected," Jackson said. "I have high expectations for myself, but I'm surprised, very surprised."

Santiago, a 7-foot-1 center who played in Italy the past two seasons and also was a member of the Puerto Rican national team, will begin the season as the backup center to Chris Dudley.

"What we're going to get is someone who will be more reliable to us than Oliver Miller was last year," Suns general manager Bryan Colangelo said.

With healthier Elliott, Spurs say they can play with NBA's elite

By Mark Rosner
Cox News Service

SAN ANTONIO — Sean Elliott could see the future, and it looked dismal for the San Antonio Spurs.

This was during early May, after the Spurs had been eliminated from the NBA playoffs in the first round. Their star, Tim Duncan, would soon join another team — Elliott was sure of that — and there was nowhere for San Antonio to go but tumbling toward the bottom of the league standings.

"I thought, 'This was it,'" Elliott said. "I didn't want to play my last year like that."

But a funny thing happened on the way to the draft lottery. Duncan elected to stay in San Antonio. Talented free agent Derek Anderson decided to join him. David Robinson took up yoga to loosen his stiff lower back, showing up at training camp looking flexible instead of like he might break in half. Elliott didn't want to miss out playing with those guys, figuring that maybe the Spurs are again what they once were — a contender for the NBA championship.

The Spurs never really had a chance to defend their 1999 NBA title. Only a few days after the championship, Elliott learned he needed a kidney transplant. He missed all but the last 19 games of the regular season. Other misfortune soon followed — mostly by way of knee injuries. By the end, the Spurs were facing Phoenix without Duncan, who was on the bench with torn cartilage in his left knee. The Spurs lost to Phoenix in the first round, and the Los Angeles Lakers replaced them as champions.

Most Spurs don't want to give the impression that they feel cheated out of an honest defense

of the title.

"We can't really say that," Elliott said. "We have to give credit to the Lakers. Give them a lot of respect. But we'd like a shot to go to the playoffs with a healthy team. That's all we can ask for. If we don't win it, then we don't. But we'd like that chance."

As the season begins today, the Spurs are widely considered among the top three teams in the league along with the Lakers and Portland Trail Blazers, although L.A.'s Shaquille O'Neal said San Antonio should be contending elsewhere: the WNBA.

The Spurs just shrug that off as part of Shaq's pro wrestling act. "We don't need ammunition," Duncan said. "We don't need a reason to try to win."

Among those taking a more serious approach than Shaq, Dallas Coach Don Nelson said, "I don't think (the Spurs) will be as good as the most powerful teams, but they'll be right behind them."

But Miami Coach Pat Riley said, "If they're healthy, and they have Sean back at full speed, and a quick, healthy Derek ... I see them competing with anybody."

Duncan appears healed, and he has regained his confidence and timing. Anderson, who suffered a serious knee injury in 1997 during a college game, missed more than 20 games because of that during his first two years in the NBA. Last season he missed 18 games, but they were for less critical ailments, according to his former team, the L.A. Clippers. Robinson said his back feels better than it has in several years.

Elliott and Anderson are supposed to help alleviate those problems. In Elliott's case, is that asking too much?

"Sean is kind of like a normal guy," Popovich said. "He's doing everything he was doing during the championship season. We

don't pay a lot of attention to him as far as his past problems. We're treating him like everyone else now."

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A-Rod, 32 others file for free agency

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez, expected by many to get a record-setting contract, was among 33 players who filed for free agency Monday.

Rodriguez had said for more than a year that he didn't want to talk money with the Seattle Mariners until after he became a free agent.

"He just wants a club that is going to consistently committed to making the team competitive every year," said the 25-year-old shortstop's agent, Scott Boras.

"He's been to the playoffs three times as a Mariner. But the fact is he just wants to be in a position where the club is really, really committed, where he has a chance to go to spring training every year and know his club has to win it all. He wants to have repeat opportunities to win the world championship."

The Atlanta Braves, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets are thought to be interested in Rodriguez.

Some have said the Yankees also may be interested in him, even though World Series MVP Derek Jeter is their shortstop. Following two down years by Scott Brosius, the Yankees might be interested in an upgrade at third base.

"Hasn't Brian Cashman said Alex Rodriguez is the best player in the game?" Boras said. "I would say you wouldn't move the best player in the game, if that is what he is."

Before the World Series, Toronto signed Carlos Delgado to a \$68 million, four-year contract, a deal with a record average of \$17 million. Some have speculated Rodriguez, who hit .316 with 41 homers and 132, could command an average of \$20 million a year or more.

"Alex and I spent a good week together last week," Boras said. "We've kind of identified what his goals are. I don't think we're going to be visiting that many cities. We're going to be visiting some."

"Free agency has a lot of blind

curves. The one place he knows and is very comfortable with is Seattle, and they're going to be a major part of the process."

Boras will go to the general managers' meetings this weekend in Amelia Island, Fla.

"I'm going to begin the process of talking to clubs there," he said.

Also filing Monday were Chicago Cubs first baseman Mark Grace, Atlanta first baseman Andres Galarraga, Chicago White Sox shortstop Jose Valentin, Cleveland first baseman David Segui, Toronto shortstop Alex Gonzalez, San Francisco outfielder Ellis Burks and Los Angeles right-handers Darren Dreifort and Ismael Valdes.

While the New York Yankees were given a parade up Broadway, two players on their 40-man roster filed: outfielders Luis Polonia and Roberto Kelly, who spent most of the season on the disabled list.

St. Louis, beaten by the Mets in the NL championship series, declined a \$6 million option on right-hander Pat Hentgen, elect-

ing to pay a \$600,000 buyout to the former AL Cy Young Award winner.

St. Louis also declined a \$1.3 million option on 43-year-old left-hander Jesse Orosco and a \$2.5 million option on left-hander 32-year-old left-hander Scott Radinsky, who gets a \$500,000 buyout. The Cardinals exercised an \$850,000 option on catcher Mike Matheny, who missed the playoffs after accidentally cutting two tendons in his right ring finger with a hunting knife.

Infielder Luis Lopez agreed to a \$1.4 million, two-year contract with the Milwaukee Brewers, who also exercised a \$1.6 million option on pitcher Curtis Leskanic.

Leskanic finished 39 games this year. If he had finished one more, the salary of the option year would have increased to \$2.2 million.

Among the 155 players potentially eligible for free agency, 43 have filed since the end of the World Series. The deadline to file is Nov. 10.

Mariners give Piniella permission to talk to Reds

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners granted free-agent manager Lou Piniella permission to talk to Cincinnati about the Reds' vacant managerial job.

Last week, the Mariners offered a new contract to Piniella, their manager for the past eight seasons. Team officials hope he will accept it within the next few days.

Lee Pelekoudas, vice president of baseball administration for the Mariners, disputed a

statement by Alan Nero, Piniella's agent, that the Mariners had refused to give Piniella permission to talk to other teams.

"What he says is inaccurate," Pelekoudas said Monday.

Pelekoudas said Nero called the Mariners on Friday and talked to general manager Pat Gillick. At that time, Gillick told Nero that Piniella could talk to Reds general manager Jim Bowden.

Pelekoudas said faxes were sent to Nero's Chicago office, Bowden's office and to com-

missioner Bud Selig.

Pelekoudas hopes the Mariners could get Piniella signed before the general managers' meeting begins in Florida on Sunday.

"I'm not saying it's going to happen, but we hope it will happen," he said. "I think for all parties concerned, the sooner the better. There are a lot of issues on the table. There are free agents to sign. You can do that without a manager, but it's better to have a manager."

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Tennis and Midland High Baseball Booster clubs are selling barbecue tickets for the Lee-MHS game, which is Nov. 10. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$7.50 for adults. Brisket tickets are being sold for \$25. Tickets are available from any Lee tennis player or MHS baseball player, or call 689-1663. Tickets will also be sold at all home games at Memorial Stadium. The dinner will run from 4:30 p.m. to kickoff on Nov. 10, between Sam Houston Elementary and the south end of the stadium.

The Midland High Girls Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A at Midland High School. For further information please contact David Askew at 686-7025 or 664-0212.

The Midland High Football Booster Club will meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in the Koinonia Room.

The Lee High Softball Booster Club is meeting the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lee cafeteria. For more information, call Tommy Thompson at 694-5432 or Tommy Kuykendall at 694-6215.

Texas Tech football luncheons will be held weekly at the Outback Steakhouse on Loop 250. Luncheons will be on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. preceding a Tech home game and at the same time on Wednesdays preceding a road game.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in Conference Room A at Midland High School. Anyone interested in supporting the girls or boys programs at Midland High at invited to attend. For more information, call Curt Perrier at 684-0993.

The Lee Basketball Booster Club is hosting Meet the Rebels Day to introduce the 2000-01 version of the Runnin' Rebels and Lady Rebels on Nov. 4 at the Lee High School gym. Scrimmages will be held all day highlighting the junior high boys along with the freshman, sophomore, junior varsity and varsity boys and girls. Barbecue will be served from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for \$5 per person. All Rebel fans are welcome to attend.

The Lee High Boys and Girls Basketball Booster Club will meet the first and third Mondays of each month in the Lee cafeteria at 7 p.m. All Runnin' Rebel and Lady Rebel basketball supporters are urged to attend.

Needs games...

Trinity is looking for basketball games for junior varsity and varsity girls (Nov. 13-14, Nov. 17-18 and Dec. 5); seventh and eighth grade boys and girls (Nov. 27, Nov. 30, Jan. 22, Jan. 25, Jan. 29); eighth grade boys and girls (Jan. 11); and seventh and eighth grade boys (Jan. 20).

Basketball...

The YMCA girls junior high

basketball registration is underway for girls in the seventh and eighth grades. The cost is \$25 for members and \$38 for non-members. Contact the Central YMCA for more information at 682-2551.

Crestview Baptist Church will host **Upward Basketball**, beginning Jan. 13. Early registration runs through Nov. 6. Deadline is Nov. 15. Cost for early registration is \$43 and after Nov. 6, cost is \$53. There will be equal playing time for all players. For more information call 694-7722.

YMCA Youth Basketball registration is underway. The league is for boys and girls in grades K-6. League play begins Jan. 3. Registration deadline is Dec. 6. Program fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. Call 682-2551 for more information.

2000 Girls & Boys Basketball Program is for grades 3-6. Registration is through Nov. 1 and games start Dec. 1. Games are 6-7-8 p.m. during the week and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at 1321 South Goode. Cost is \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call David Jones at 683-0050 or 683-0051 for more information.

Baseball...

Lone Star Baseball/Softball is conducting an **evaluation camp** for baseball and softball players in Brenham Dec. 16-17. Each athlete will be evaluated and will be tutored on how to approach college coaches and be seen. Camps are open to all high school athletes. For more information, call Frank Dornier at (281) 469-6721.

Softball...

ASA Bill Williams Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament is Nov. 4-5 at Bill Williams Softball Complex for 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U. Entry fee is \$175 and there is a four-game guarantee. Any questions please call MSA at 683-8741 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508.

Midland JAG, a competitive 12-under girls softball team will conduct tryouts this fall for the spring season. Any girl born in 1988 or 1989 is eligible to play. Call Shannon White at 699-1948 or David Wright at 699-5238 for information.

The **First Mens Softball Tournament to benefit Special Olympics** is Nov. 11 at the Bill Williams Softball Complex. Entry fee is \$110 per team and make check payable to Midland Softball Association. Call 915-685-1657 to enter your team. Tournament will be limited to first 16 teams.

End of Year Men's Softball Tournament is Nov. 4-5 at Hogan Park. Entry fee is \$110 and entry deadline is Nov. 2, 9 p.m. ASA rules and official umpires. Call 570-8840 or 520-5133.

The **University of Oregon Duck Softball Camp** comes to Midland for 12-Under on Dec. 16 and for 13-up on Dec. 17.

Oregon softball coach Rick Gamez and his staff will run the camp. There is a \$50 fee. Call Freddie Ezell at 694-5508 for more information.

Tennis...

Tournaments offered by the **Midland Tennis Club** are Club Championship Doubles, Nov. 4-5; Club Championship Mixed Doubles, Nov. 11-12.

The **USTA League Tennis Tournament** for 50-plus mixed doubles (3.5, 4.0, 4.5) is Dec. 2-3 Call Juanell Fort at 686-0277 for more information.

Running...

The **Permian Basin Road Runners Club** is a non-profit organization for runners living in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The club, which promotes distance running as a helpful exercise and a competitive sport, is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and the Athletics Congress. Membership is open to all runners regardless of experience. For information, call Greg Hubbard at 520-0953 or Penny Wasem at 697-6391. Web site is www.pbrrc.com.

Two Family Fun Runs/Walks are scheduled. The second is Nov. 19 at Windlands Park in Midland with a 2 p.m. start. Entry fee is a \$5 donation to the Athletes Helping Athletes Foundation. Call Penny Wasem at 697-6391 for more information.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabec Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabec Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Cost is \$45 per month, \$65 for a couple. For information, call Rita Simmons at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

The **COM Masters Swimming** is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-6 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$40 per month and includes stroke instruction and cardiovascular training. Call 684-7755 for more information.

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range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Lessons are offered at various times. For information, call 684-7755.

The Midland YMCA offers **year-round 30-minute swim lessons** for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. For more information, call Leaf Falter at 682-2551.

Midland YMCA is offering **water aerobics classes**, including Hydro-fit and Deep Water aerobics. Classes are available both morning and evening. Call Leaf Falter or Deborah Posson at 682-2551 for more information.

Baseball...

Red Raider Holiday Camps for baseball players from age six up through high school seniors are scheduled for December at Texas Tech. A session for players 6-13 is scheduled for Dec. 16 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m. at the athletic training center. Sessions for players 14 and up are scheduled for Dec. 29-30. A pitchers and catchers camp will be the 29th and a hitters camp will be the 30th. For more information, call Greg Evans at (806) 742-3355.

Cycling...

The **Permian Basin Bicycle Association** meets monthly at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602. Rides are held weekly, including Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m., fast/hard ride from corner of Loop 338 and State Highway 191 in Odessa; Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's Bikes in Midland (beginner's ride); Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from Peyton's (medium and fast paced groups); Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from Loop 338 & Highway 191 in Odessa; Sunday at 7:30 a.m., breakfast ride from Golden Corral in Odessa; Sunday at 2 p.m., Flag Ranch Ride Mountain Bike Ride. Upcoming rides in October are Oct. 27-29, Hills of Leakey ride. Membership dues are \$25 or \$30 for a family. Call Peyton's Bikes at 699-1718 for more information.

Indoor Soccer...

Sticks and Kicks is holding sign-ups for the **Winter Indoor Soccer League** for ages 4 and up. Deadline for registration is Nov. 20. Signups are Monday through Wednesday from 5:30-9 p.m. at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 N. Wall. For more information, call 520-6633.

Fishing...

The **Permian Fly Fishing Club** will meet on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at 902 W. Dengar in Midland. Billy Trimble of the Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited will speak on the special trout waters along the Guadalupe River between Canyon Dam and New Braunfels.

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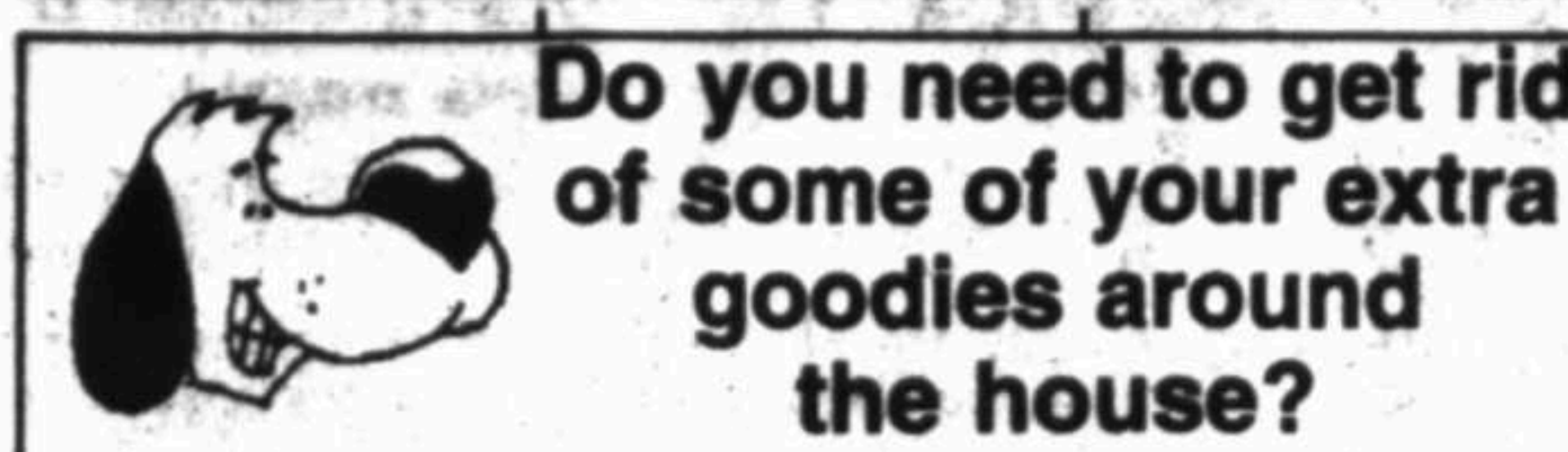
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700 Mobile Homes

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RUIDOSO Cabin's, Houses, Condos for rent nightly. Some with hot tubs. Don Harmon, Four Seasons Real Estate. 800-822-7854.

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DAY BIRD Hunting for lease on approximately 10,000 acres. Call Lawayne Fagan, 915-574-9116.

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2 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath townhome in the Arbor Park. Fireplace, ceramic tile, stainless steel appliances, carpet upstairs, covered parking. 2415 Idlewild. Call 694-5183.

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770 Resort Property

DAVIS MOUNTAINS - 6,000 feet high. Nice one bedroom, one bath, large living dining area. Decks surround house for great view. Quiet and private on 13 acres with creek dividing property. Fridge, stove, great wood stove and good well. Call 915-426-3188.

780 Business Property

FORECLOSED PROPERTY Commercial property on 2.69 acres in Big Spring, Texas. Nicely appointed offices with large, enclosed, attached garage. Two fully enclosed out buildings. Lots of fenced, outside storage! Paved building located in Big Spring. Good location, close to courthouse. Residential lot in a well developed, nice area. Must sell. Contact First Bank of West Texas, (915)737-2211.

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BY OWNER 5 duplexes with income of \$4,725 monthly. Some owner financing available. Nice tax shelter. 687-0876.

655 Mobile Home

NOW AVAILABLE, 2/3 bedroom mobile homes, all appliances, fenced yards, extra clean! Deposit required. No vicious dogs. 687-6324.

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THREE BEDROOM, two bath, Greenwood, available. 4000 NCR 1130, Space 30. 620-0427.

3415 COTTONFLAT ROAD Space A-1. Two bedroom, one bath, fenced yard, \$250 monthly, \$100 deposit. Call 682-1608 leave message.

SPACE D - 3415 Cottonflat Rd. 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, fenced yard. \$300 monthly, \$100 deposit. 682-1608 leave message.

GREENWOOD Schools - Free cable TV, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$325 monthly. Also 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$275. Deposit \$100. 915-352-8026.

680 Mobile Home Space for Rent

MOBILE HOME and/or RV spaces. Large shade trees, laundry room, convenient location. 332-4976.

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SMALL 3 room office suite and one large executive suite. 3108 N. Big Spring (1 block from Clay/Delta). Contact Larry at 683-4619.

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124 BAYVIEW - 2 1/2 Acres. Last lot in Mission Ridge. \$42,000.

600 PARKWAY - Make an offer. 3BR. 2BA. Pool. \$120,000.

2219 SOUTHWEST - Pool. 5BR. 3BA. 2 1/2 A. 3 car garage. \$165,000.

5410 CROWLEY - Pool. 5BR. 2 1/2 A. 2 1/2 A. 3 car garage. \$145,500.

208 S. WINDHOLM - 10,000 sq. ft. Commercial Bldg. Downtown. \$175,000.

1815 WINDHOLM - NEW 3BR. 2BA. 1 1/2 car garage. \$179,900.

117 WINDHOLM - NEW 3BR. 2BA. 2 1/2 A. 3 car garage. \$225,000.

Call Steve, Broker Associate Office Location: 4400 N. Big Spring Ave. - Midland, TX. 79705 - Fax 915-970-6434

720 Homes for Sale

BY OWNER, 3904 Hadden Drive, Mission. Dorado Area. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, on oversized lot, large modern island kitchen, 2 fireplaces (gas or wood burning), 3 living areas, formal dining, oversized covered patio, 2 car garage, lots of extras, beautiful maintained, large storage inside and outside, automatic sprinkler system, landscaped back yard, jacuzzi pad, custom drapes, decorative wall covering, ceramic tile, ceiling fans throughout, water softener hook ups and more! \$155,900. Call for appointment. 561-5447.

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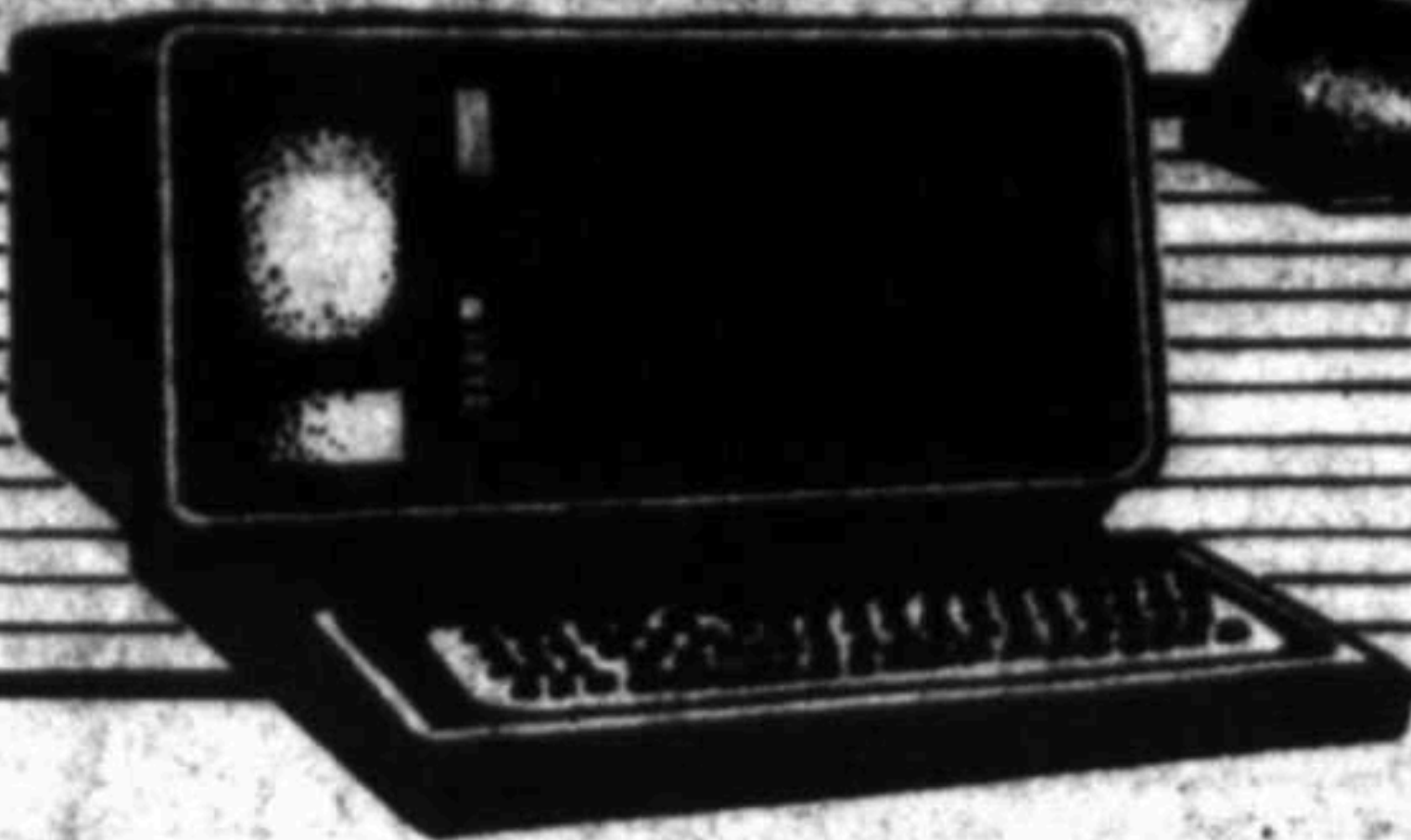
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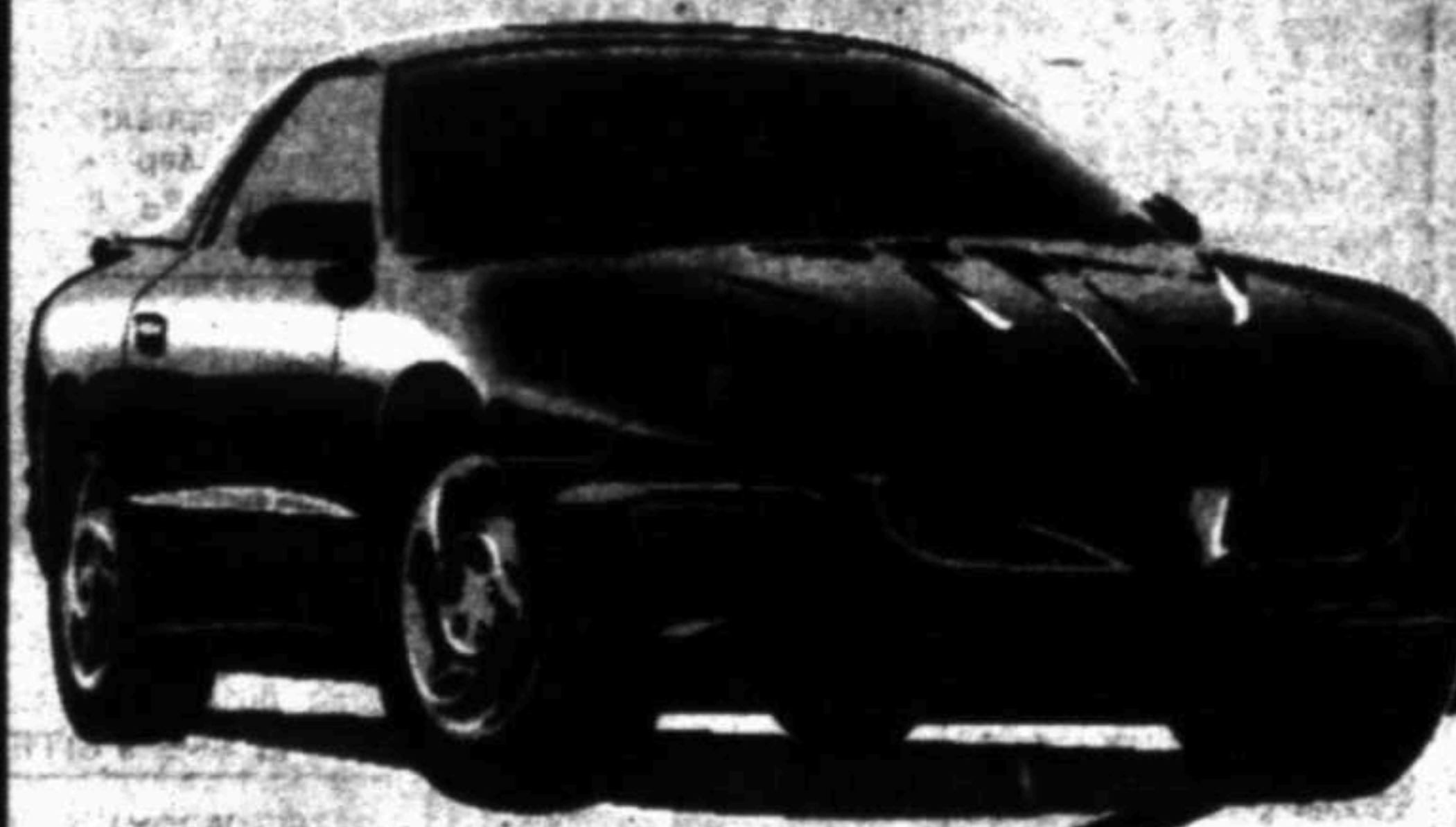


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