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Dewhurst: Partisan politics will resurface

David Dewhurst speaks to the Midland County Republican Women during a luncheon Wednesday afternoon. Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram



By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

In an address to the Midland County Republican Women, Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst didn't mince words. "The next election is really important."

He was reminding the club about the 2002 statewide elections facing Texas, something that has been lost amid the talk of terrorism, war and homeland security following the Sept. 11 attacks on America.

In fact, partisan politics has pretty much been put on the back burner, but Dewhurst's comments to a packed house Wednesday gave an indication that politics are coming back to the forefront.

Dewhurst is running for lieutenant governor, arguably the most important statewide elected office. The Republican's challenge is expected to come in the gen-

eral election against Democrat John Sharp, a former Texas comptroller who is considered the front runner for the Democratic nomination.

"In a lot of people's minds, including mine, we were focusing appropriately on the nation's response to the Sept. 11 tragedy," Dewhurst said. "With the primary just a little more than three months away and my opponent traveling all over the state, I will have to spend more time on my campaign."

Fund-raising, always a key in statewide races, is no different. Although Sept. 11 has kept many politicians' pocketbooks a little emptier than usual, candidates are starting to get out and fill their campaign coffers.

"I think almost all the statewide candidates have found a drop in their fund-raising since the Sept. 11 tragedy," Dewhurst said. "That means we have to work twice

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Ruling means Combest would be lone Midland County representative

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

All of Midland County will almost certainly be in the same congressional district with Ector County, and U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) will be its lone representative.

After a three-judge federal district

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Combest

Local businesses upbeat as nation's retail sales climb

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

Following the terrorist attacks, sales across the nation tumbled as consumers stayed at home assessing the damage in front of the television.

Not until late September and early October did those sales numbers begin to rebound. Predictably, October retail sales figures show a sharp increase compared to September.

Jerry Jones, president of the Midland Business Center, said members of the public were shocked at the initial outset of the Sept. 11 attacks, uncertain if more were to come.

"I think people were glued to their newspapers and television," Jones said. "To some degree, that resulted in decreased spending. In October, we became accommodated with the fact that we were going to have to live with this."

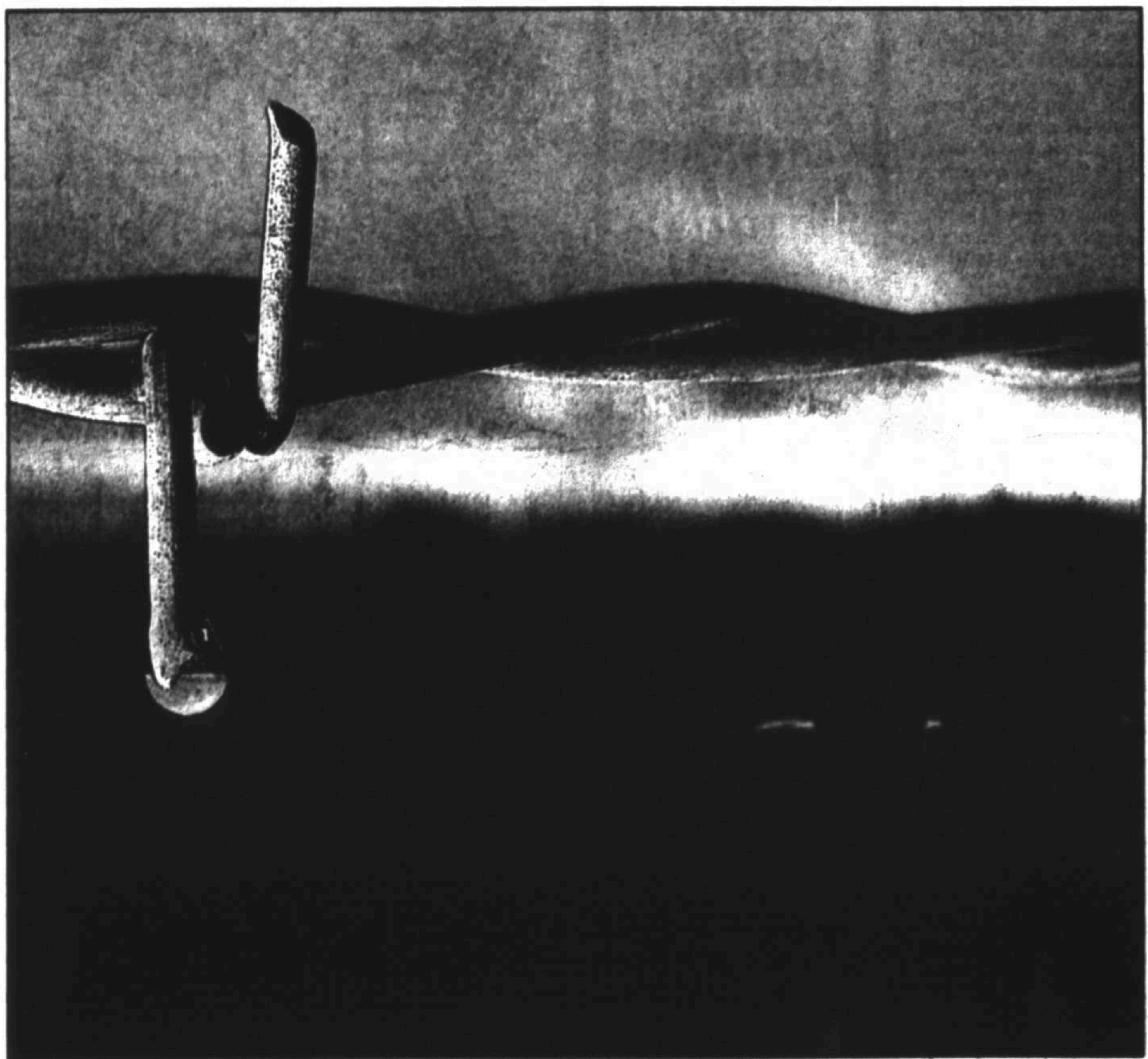
While much of America felt decreased sales in the immediate aftermath of the attacks, many store managers in Midland said they did not have a noticeable drop. Wal-Mart Support Manager Hilario Esparzo said they were having to increase staffing with the influx of customers.

"It's been going pretty good," Esparzo said. "We've had to put on more cashiers than usual. I know we've been having sales increases."

Automobile sales are showing a dramatic increase, as well.

With special programs and offers, including 0 percent financing, Midland dealerships are seeing rising sales. Jack Sherman, owner of Jack Sherman Chevrolet, said the dealership was experiencing increased sales thanks to the incentive programs from General Motors.

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A drop of rain hangs on the tip of a barb wire spur Wednesday afternoon as more clouds move into the area. Clouds and a chance of rain continue today and into the weekend. Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Eight foreign aid workers held by Taliban airlifted to freedom by U.S. helicopters

By George Geddes
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eight foreign aid workers, including two Americans, held captive in Afghanistan for three months for preaching Christianity were airlifted to freedom Wednesday by U.S. military helicopters.

The Taliban militia had agreed to release the aid workers but left them behind as they fled from northern alliance rebels, paving the way for their dramatic rescue, senior Bush administration officials said.

Three U.S. special forces helicopters picked up the aid workers in a field near Ghazni, about 50 miles southwest of Kabul, about 3:40 p.m. CST, Pentagon officials said.

The aid workers were flown to Pakistan, where some were to be reunited with family, and appeared to be in good health, officials said.

"They're on their way here. I'm happy and I want to get ready to go where they come in," Nancy Cassell, the mother of U.S. aid worker Dayna Curry, said before dawn today local time in Islamabad.

President Bush hailed the turn of events.

"I'm thankful they're safe, and I'm pleased with our military for conducting this operation," Bush said at his ranch in Crawford. Bush had rejected several attempts by the Taliban to use the aid workers as bargaining chips.

Two senior administration officials said the Taliban had agreed to turn over the aid workers through the International Committee of the Red Cross, which was going to get them in the hands of U.S. troops. But before the exchange could

occur, the anti-Taliban northern alliance overran Ghazni, prompting the Taliban and the workers' guards to flee.

Bush said only that the International Red Cross and other "people on the ground facilitated" U.S. troops' ability to rescue the aid workers.

The ruling militia were driven out of Kabul on Tuesday by U.S.-backed rebel forces. The Taliban headed south, taking the aid workers with them. They had been held in cells in a detention center in the

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Red Cross: 100 percent of funds will go to Sept. 11 fund

By Emily Baker
MRT Correspondent

In further attempts to soothe America's donors, the Red Cross has announced 100 percent of the millions of dollars donated in the wake of Sept. 11 will wind up in the hands of victims of the terrorist attacks.

Red Cross officials originally said part of the money would be set aside and kept for use if the United States is attacked again. Then as national media reports surfaced indicating victims have been slow to receive Red Cross assistance, the organization said it would offer refunds to donors who wanted their money back.

"I'm real excited about it," said Greg Stephen, executive director of the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas. "It is a move we need to make. I'm real excited that the national people were listening to the American people like we were in the Permian Basin. I'm glad that they are going to do what the donors want with the money."



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— Greg Stephen, executive director of the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas

The Red Cross has raised \$543 million in the wake of Sept. 11 through its Liberty Fund and to date roughly \$137 million has been spent on victim relief.

In the Permian Basin, \$220,000 has been raised for Red Cross relief for victims of the Sept. 11 attack.

Stephen said the local Red Cross chapter has not received a single refund request as of early Wednesday afternoon.

Midland College's Students in Philanthropy raised \$1,080.11 for the fund, and faculty coordinator Laura Walker said the students would "absolutely not" consider asking for a refund. No concerns have been raised at the club's weekly meetings.

"We have faith in the Red Cross," she said. "They are in a good position to direct those funds."

Interim CEO of Red Cross

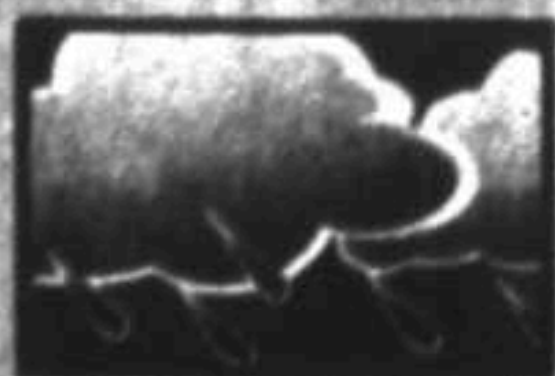
Dr. Bernadine Healy announced Oct. 26 she will step down as head of the Red Cross at the end of the year.

"Dr. Healy has been gone for about two weeks. I don't want to look back," Red Cross Interim CEO Harold Decker said during a Wednesday teleconference with the national media. "We are here to look forward. We are taking the actions that we feel we need to take now. There was a communication failure between the American people and the American Red Cross. We feel bad about that."

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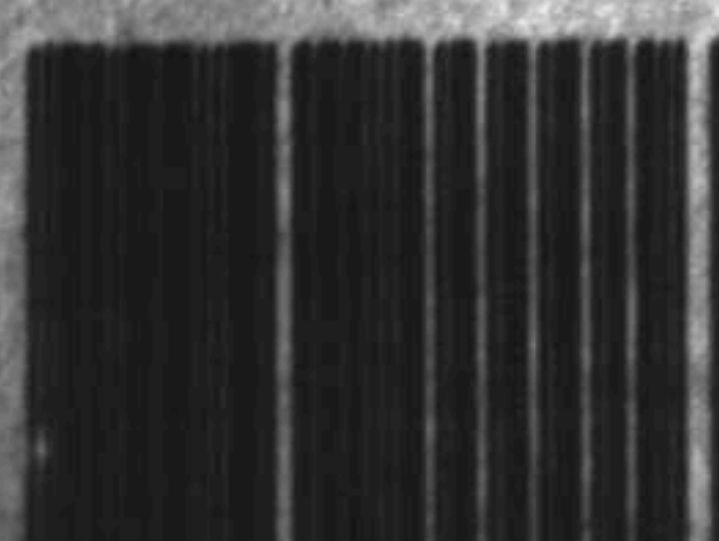
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Investigators raise possibility turbulence from jumbo jet led to Flight 587 crash

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investigators raised the possibility Wednesday that turbulence from the wake of a 747 led to the crash of American Flight 587, saying the doomed plane took off less than the standard two minutes after the jumbo jet.

"We do not know whether this contributed in any way to the actual accident, but we are looking at this very closely," said Marion Blakey, chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Wake turbulence, the swirl of air behind a plane, can endanger planes flying too close behind or below. The phenomenon has been blamed for at least one deadly crash in the past.

Investigators want to know whether it caused Flight 587 to break apart three minutes after takeoff from Kennedy Airport on Monday, killing all 260 people aboard and as many as five on the ground. The plane's tail assembly sheared away and its twin engines fell off as the jet went down.

Standard protocol says there should be at least two minutes between takeoffs. However, Blakey said it appeared there was less than that between Flight 587, an Airbus A300, and a Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 that left ahead of it from the same runway.

"We believe that in fact it was 1 minute and 45 seconds," Blakey said.

She said it appears air traffic controllers followed proper procedure, and that tower clearances for the two takeoffs came 2 minutes and 20 seconds apart.

But investigators believe there was a delay from the time Japan Air Lines got clearance to take off and the time it actually did so, NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said.

Pointing to a map of the two planes' flight paths, Blakey noted that although the jumbo jet's path was 800 feet above Flight 587's, the winds probably pushed the turbulence lower.

The cockpit voice recorder from Flight 587's final minutes revealed two rattling noises and indicated the pilots complained about the wake of another plane before their aircraft went down.

Walter Sheriff, a retired American Airlines captain who studies the phenomenon, said the wake turbulence from the four-engine 747 could have struck the Airbus with "tornado-like lateral force."

The Federal Aviation Administration has set minimum distances for planes flying near each other, based on aircraft size. After a 1992 crash in Billings, Mont., that killed eight people, federal investigators found that the pilot failed to follow the established "vortex avoidance procedure" and flew too close to a jet.

Blakey, at a news conference, also said that Flight 587's other black box — its flight data recorder — was repaired by the manufacturer, allowing investigators to extract data on the last minutes of the doomed flight. The recorder had been scorched and banged up in the crash.

Both of the plane's engines have been recovered and taken to a hangar at Kennedy.

Authorities have not ruled out sabotage or other causes but have said all signs point to a mechanical failure.

"That does not mean we have concluded there was no crime. We simply have no evidence to date of a crime of terrorism," Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

The flight data recorder monitors nearly 200 separate functions in the European-made A300, including rudder movements.

"We'll be looking very care-



AP Photo
The charred casing of the flight voice recorder recovered from the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 is displayed at the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, Wednesday. NTSB's Chief of Vehicle Recorder Division James Cash holds the tape assembly of the unit manufactured by Fairchild Aviation Recorders. The voice recorder was found at the crash site in the New York City borough of Queens.

fully at how the tail failed," the NTSB's George Black Jr. said.

An FAA expert was headed to the site Wednesday to study the plane's tail assembly, an analysis that could lead to corrective measures or inspections. Blakey said American Airlines has also volunteered to do a sample inspection of its Airbus A300 fleet to ensure there are no problems with tail assemblies.

The tail fin was largely intact when it was fished out of Jamaica Bay, a short distance from the crash site; the rudder, in pieces, was found nearby. The rudder, which is supported by the tail fin, controls turns from side to side.

The 27-foot tail fin was ripped off the fuselage cleanly, as if it had been sliced by a knife. David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, said he and several pilots he spoke to were struck by the sight.

"It's as if you had a model of an airplane and you just snapped the stabilizer off," he said. "It's really shocking and surprising."

Safety records show the same plane was severely shaken when it hit air turbulence at cruising altitude seven years ago in an episode that injured 47 people. Aviation consultant Jim McKenna said the plane could have been weakened by the earlier encounter.

"I would expect that the air-

plane underwent inspection after the turbulence encounter to verify that it hadn't been damaged and any damage that was incurred was fixed," McKenna said.

NTSB investigators are reviewing records, interviewing maintenance employees and asking questions about the 1994 incident.

"This would be the most catastrophic inflight disaster we've ever had. We've never had a modern civilian jetliner come

apart in flight. It is so unbelievably catastrophic what happened," former Transportation Department inspector general Mary Schiavo said.

Investigators said both engines were relatively intact, which seemed to discount early speculation that one of them blew apart and propelled pieces into the body of the plane. Investigators also cast doubt on the theory that birds had been sucked into the engines and brought the plane down.

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India's largest bank pays \$7.5 million in fines to United States

WASHINGTON (AP) — India's largest commercial bank has agreed to pay U.S. authorities \$7.5 million in fines for allegedly engaging in unsafe and unsound banking practices, U.S. banking regulators said Wednesday.

The Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the New York State Banking Department jointly announced the action by the State Bank of India, which is based in Mumbai, India and has operations in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

One half of the \$7.5 million will be paid to the U.S. Treasury and the other half to the state of New York, regulators said.

By entering into the agreement, the State Bank of India, which is owned by the state, did not admit to any wrongdoing.

U.S. banking regulators said the fines resulted from apparent violations of U.S. banking laws by the State Bank of India's U.S. operations.

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High 63
Low 47

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a 60 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and highs near 60 with southeasterly winds at 10 to 20 mph. For tonight, expect cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms with lows near 50. For Friday, expect cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and highs in the mid-60s. On Saturday, expect cloudy skies with a chance of showers or thunderstorms and lows from 45 to 50 with highs from 60 to 65. The high on Wednesday reached 64, while the low dropped to 52. The record high for Nov. 14 is 85 set in 1933. The record low is 13 set in 1976.

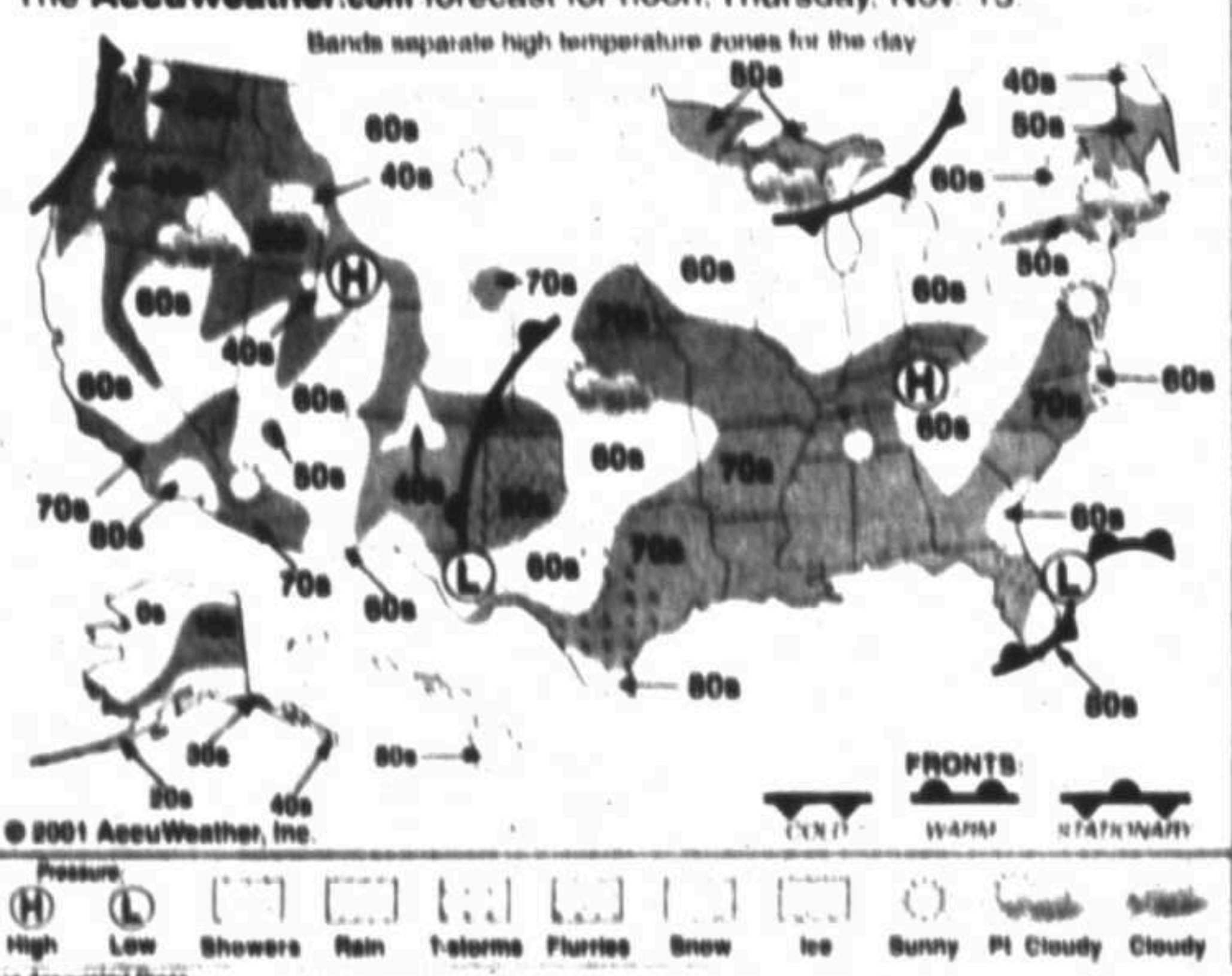
Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Tuesday ... 0.00 in.
Rainfall ... 0.22 in.
Total for month ... 0.27 in.
Total for year ... 8.55 in.
Normal total
(year to date) ... 14.08 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High ... 64
Low ... 52
Normal high ... 66
Normal low ... 39
Sunrise ... 7:17 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:49 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Thursday, Nov. 15



AP Photo
Keith Helton, left, Lexia Campbell, center, and Anne Marie Lake, celebrate the release of Heather Mercer and Dayna Curr, at the Antioch Community Church in Waco, Wednesday. Mercer and Curry, and six other foreign aid workers, had been held captive by the Taliban in Afghanistan on charges of preaching Christianity.

FREED: Workers employed by Shelter Now Organization

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Afghan capital. The president said he had been worried that the Taliban might put the aid workers in a house that might be bombed accidentally, and said the U.S. military had been working on plans for a secret rescue if needed.

"We thought of different ways to extricate them from the prison they were in," Bush said without elaborating.

Bush said the rescue of the aid workers ended one chapter in the five-week-old U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan, but the mission remained to topple the Taliban — already run out of the north by rebels — and rooting out Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network.

"We still want al-Qaida and want to make sure Afghanistan is no longer a safe haven for terrorist activity," Bush said. "This could take a while and I'm patient and ... our military and our troops on the ground are on the hunt until we can accomplish our objectives."

At nearby Waco, at the Antioch Community Church, several people gathered in front of a television to listen to the news about the two Americans, Heather Mercer and Dayna Curr, who are members.

Senior pastor Jimmy Seibert thrust his arms into the air when news aired that the aid workers had been released.

"Thank you, Lord," he shouted. "It is more exciting than we could have imagined. The great thing I learned is that prayer works."

In Nashville, Tenn., Curry's stepmother, Sue Fuller, told a reporter she was elated at her stepdaughter's release.

"I'm so excited that we're going to see her soon and that she's safe," Fuller said. "I just think you know she trusted that God would take care of her and get her out of there safely, and it's happened."

The eight workers — four Germans, two Americans and two Australians — are employees of the German-based Christian organization Shelter Now International. They have been held since Aug. 3 on charges of trying to convert Muslims, which was a serious offense under the Taliban's harsh Islamic rule.

Taliban Supreme Court judges had indefinitely postponed their trial, saying they feared their anger at the United States over the airstrikes could hamper their ability to make a fair ruling in the case. Earlier Wednesday, the son of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi said he was confident the eight would be released soon.

Self-el-Islam Gadhafi, chairman of the Gadhafi Foundation for Charitable Organizations, told The Associated Press that his nongovernmental organization has been in touch with the Taliban for about two months in efforts to win their freedom.

Although the United States accuses Libya of sponsoring terrorism, and recently extended sanctions against foreign companies suspected of doing business with the North African nation, Washington suspended sanctions against Libya itself in 1999.

The suspension came after Libya handed over two officials for trial on charges of planting the bomb that downed Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988. The attack killed 270 people, including 179 Americans.

Gadhafi's son said his foundation made contact with the Taliban "with the aim of finding a solution for these people through third-party mediation," and that the effort was bearing fruit "because of the good standing the foundation enjoys in this area."

POLITICS: Attacks cause shift in focus

(From 1A)

as hard and bring new people into our campaigns who are willing to work and support us."

It should be noted that Dewhurst is one candidate who would actually benefit should fewer fund-raising dollars become available across the board. It has been noted that the wealthy Houstonian could bankroll just about any statewide election, spending tens of millions of his own money. Another candidate in a similar position is Tony Sanchez (D-Laredo), who is seeking his party's nomination for governor.

Within the last months, two Republicans — Gov. Rick Perry and land commissioner candidate Kenn George — have held fund-raisers in Midland.

"I think it (the Sept. 11 attacks) has slowed everything down and distracted people, but I think it is now moving at a pretty good rate," Midland's Ernest Angelo said.

Midland's Chad Weaver, a member of the State Republican Executive Committee, reiterated that the attacks have moved campaign news off the front page as there has been a greater focus on a unified nation. However, Weaver says the elections

will get the people talking politics and get party members financially backing their candidates. "Long term, people will continue to focus," Weaver said. "Even though partisan politics has been put on the back burner, those issues are always there, and the differences in ideology and differences in priority between the two parties are always there whether it is being discussed or not."

REPUBLICAN WOMEN NOTE: For the fourth straight year, Dewhurst was on hand to swear in the Midland County Republican Women officers. The 2002

officers are Teresa Clingman (president), Christy Lacy (first vice president), Cindy Wilson (second vice president), Barbara Slaton (treasurer) and Deanna Kriebel (secretary) ... Wednesday's appearance by Dewhurst was his second Midland appearance in as many days. Tuesday, he was at the University Land's Board For Lease 100th Oil and Gas Lease Sale, which raised \$7.3 million for in leasing 40,900 acres in university land oil and gas exploration. He is the chairman of the Board For Lease ...

Dewhurst: No evidence of targeted terrorist attacks in Texas

By Stewart Doreen
Staff Writer

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst — the governor-appointed chairman of the task force on homeland security — said Wednesday Texas is "further along than any other state I can find" when it comes to homeland security.

"There is no evidence of a targeted terrorist attack, no evidence of any use by any terrorist groups of infectious diseases and we have a preparedness plan for every community," Dewhurst said Wednesday after speaking to the Midland County Republican Women.

Dewhurst then added, "However, we have a long way to go. We have never anticipated this type of attack using weapons of mass destruction."

Like other states, Texas found itself looking inward after Sept. 11. According to Dewhurst, that meant trying to get a grasp on the magnitude of critical infrastructure, the

appropriate law enforcement responses and bolstering of the state's emergency response capability.

Formed were three groups dealing with health and bio-terrorism, critical infrastructure and public safety.

The governor also asked the task force to accomplish three things.

The first was to make sure the state was coordinated with federal agencies, neighboring states and Mexico.

The second was to provide an assessment of the state's current ability to detect and deter acts of terrorism, and if the task force recommended enhancements, to put a price tag on that.

Finally, the task force was to provide an assessment for the state's current abilities to respond to terrorists attacks, and if the task force recommended enhancements, to put a price tag on that.

This past Thursday, the task force presented its first recommendations. They included:

- expanding the area the national guards

protected in airports;

- having the governor move \$12 million into the Texas Department of Health to build centers for epidemiology and bolster the state's ability to fight bio-terrorism;

- having the governor work with the Texas Medical Association and the Texas Department of Health to increase communication and facilitate the report of infectious diseases to the department of health;

- the formation of a second civilian support team for Texas, that would help detect an incident of chemical or biological attack;

- requesting hazardous materials are not being moved through neighborhoods and highly populated areas;

- making additional efforts and spending funds in law enforcement and intelligence to prevent attacks before they happen;

- allowing for additional training or primary responders.

"Right now, we are further along than any other state I can find, but we have a long way to go," Dewhurst said.

LONE: Combust inherits large portion of area

(From 1A)

panel issued an order Wednesday adopting new congressional districts for Texas, the changes many expected have come true.

According to Combust, there is a "99 percent chance it will stick." Only the Supreme Court could change the judges' redistricting plan, and the odds are very slim the court would change districts in this area of the state. The new district will be the 19th Congressional District of Texas.

"I am thrilled to death to have them both," Combust said.

For Midland County, it means losing two representatives. For the decade of the 1990s, Combust shared representation of the county with Henry Bonilla (R-San Antonio) and Lamar Smith (R-San Antonio).

"In some respects, having three you can contact that actually do represent your area is convenient. It gives you many avenues of access," said Midland's Chad Weaver, a member of the State Republican Executive Committee, "but I really think having one is probably the better position to have. I think if you have one dedicated to this

area exclusively, they will probably be more focused and you can probably establish better dialogue with them over time."

In addition to Midland and Ector counties, Combust also inherits Howard, Martin, Crane, Ward, Winkler, Loving and Andrews — a healthy portion of the Permian Basin.

"I have always had a strong interest in the concerns of the people in the Permian Basin. It has just expanded now," Combust said.

For Midland County, having its representation cut by two may appear to be a negative on the surface, but Combust offers a potentially powerful voice. The third representative of the 19th district has served since 1985, winning Congressional elections nine times. During his most recent victory in 2000, he collected 93 percent of the vote.

Currently, Combust serves as the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. He also is a senior member of the House Small Business Committee.

"Having Larry Combust represent us is great," said Odessa's Bob Barnes. "He can make things happen."

Another aspect many around Midland and Odessa pushed

for is seeing the two largest Permian Basin communities unified in one district.

They got their wish in July when the Legislative Redistricting Board put Midland and Odessa in the same state senatorial district. Wednesday, the judges gave Barnes another reason to be thankful.

With more Permian Basin counties added, the district is almost equal in its representation from the Permian Basin and the Lubbock area.

"Nobody is favored," Barnes said. "The playing field is just kept even to where we in Midland and Odessa can win a seat whether it be the Texas Senate or U.S. Congress. Whether we win or not or run or not, whoever represents us will definitely give us equal attention."

Weaver added that Combust's strength as a popular and effective incumbent makes the likelihood of a Permian Basin congressman unlikely for now.

"In the short term we will not see candidates eager to take on that kind of incumbent over time," Weaver said. "The next time there is an opportunity with the two communities combined it gives someone the opportunity to run from this part of the district."

Counties (and their populations) of the new congressional district Midland County is expected to be in.

Midland (116,009), Ector (121,123), Martin (4,746), Crane (3,996), Ward (10,909), Winkler (7,173), Loving (67), Andrews (13,004), Gaines (14,467), Lynn (6,550), Terry (12,761), Yoakum (7,322), Cochran (3,730), Hockley (22,716), Lubbock (242,628), Lamb (14,709), Bailey (6,594) and Parmer (10,016).

*Indicates that most of Bailey County will be represented in new congressional district.

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SALES: Evans says numbers encouraging

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"Our business has picked up, because 0 percent finance for 36 months has increased our sales," Sherman said. "We're optimistic. We feel people are in the car-buying mood."

While sales are going up due to incentive offers, Sherman said that is bringing in many previously owned vehicles, forcing them to offer deals on used cars as well. Steve James, president of the Midland New Car Dealership Association, said the higher stock of used cars may present problems with an overabundance of supply.

"I think they are going to get hit hard," James said.

James, who also is the sales manager at Toyota of Midland, said he is not worried about a drop in sales because of the terrorist attacks.

"I'm very optimistic. At this point, it's not going to adversely affect us," James said. "Our increases are pretty much the way they've been all year." James said some dealers have noted sales increases of up to 70 percent over October of 2000.

Other stores have noticed different departments making better sales compared to others. Dana Sparrow, operations manager at Sears in Midland Park Mall, said their apparel sales have slipped.

"We have several areas in our store that are doing exceptionally well," Ms. Sparrow said. "Big purchases are really going great. I believe (the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks) had a little impact on sales but nothing drastic."

An ongoing theme reverberates with most of

the Midland store managers, who said they attribute the minor effects from the terrorist attacks to the steady oil prices. Midland Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Manager Dennis Clayton said Midland's economy has benefited nicely from the status of oil.

"With stable oil and gas prices, our economy has been able to grow," Clayton said. "Our economy has been in a stable, strong 24-month recovery."

Meanwhile, some are still pessimistic over the general economy's upturn. In an effort to prevent the economy from sinking further into recession, the Federal Reserve has cut interest rates 10 times this year. Congress also is working on a plan to stimulate the economy through new tax cuts and increased government spending.

Commerce Secretary Don Evans said October's retail sales reports were encouraging.

"It is a sign people are going to malls, shopping and participating in this economy," Evans said. "But we still have a long way to go."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer also remained skeptical.

"Those particular numbers — a big part of that was a result of auto sales that were tied to 0 percent interest rates," Fleischer said. "So I think it's too soon to draw any conclusions from it."

Jones agreed, and said he too was a bit worried about the economy's future in Midland.

"I think the recession and the movement in that direction is very significant right now," Jones said. "Certainly, we're not at a point that would indicate a turning point."

FUNDS: Midland College students raise more than \$1,000 for victims

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but we are looking forward."

Decker said the Red Cross is confident the American people will respond with donations if another attack were to occur.

Decker said the Red Cross has served 10 million meals to rescue personnel, Bender said citing some of the ways the Liberty Fund money has been

spent. Other expenditures have included mental health and spiritual counseling for 144,000 individuals and direct aid to families averaging \$25,000 per family.

"While we have controversy, hopefully the decisions today have put that behind us," Bender said. "Our future is to help those who really need the Red Cross."

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 18-24-36-42-44-53
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By Sally Buz
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is pursuing Osama bin Laden and Taliban fighters in Afghanistan, but still does not have a strategy to control the war's primary target, special operations forces are questioning Taliban and prisoners, lions in reward for a commu-

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Wildfires mountain in Tennessee others the

KNOXVILLE — Firefighters were day to protect huts and vacation mountain wildfire one house and others.

The blaze burned area near the foot of Pigeon Mountain in Pigeon Forge, Womack, a spot state Department. The small resort about 30 miles from the Smoky Mountains National Park.

"It's a major emergency management for Sevier County the some 700 rentals, on the actually threatened.

"But we feel containment line. Unless it jumps lines they should at all," he said evening.

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Dry weather has have fueled the fire South. In the past 70,000 acres have Kentucky, North nessee, West Virginia and Georgia. For no chance of rain.

Tracking bin Laden after Taliban flee cities: Still a lot of caves to hide in

By Sally Buzbee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is pursuing Osama bin Laden and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, believed to be on the move in the shrinking but still difficult parts of Afghanistan that their forces control.

Sharpening the focus on the war's primary targets, American special operations troops are questioning Taliban defectors and prisoners, dangling millions in reward money and hoping for a communications slip-up. Warplanes focus more bombing on mountain hide-outs and caves where Omar or bin Laden might try to disappear.

The two men, both expert in guerrilla warfare, have plenty of those remote caves and mountain tunnels — and enough friends and supplies along the Pakistani border — to make the chase difficult.

"We still have a ways to go" in tracking them, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld cautioned Wednesday.

U.S. intelligence officials believe bin Laden and Omar are still in the region of Afghanistan not under northern alliance control, said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Each is moving around, but they aren't believed to be together.

It isn't thought likely bin Laden will try to leave the country, because such movements could expose him to capture.

A Taliban official said Wednesday Omar and his "guest" bin Laden were "safe and well." Omar claimed in a radio address Tuesday he was in the Taliban's southern stronghold of Kandahar, the site Wednesday of sporadic fighting between Taliban and rebel Pashtun leaders.

Wildfires destroy mountain home in Tennessee; 30 others threatened

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Firefighters were trying Wednesday to protect hundreds of homes and vacation cabins from a mountain wildfire that destroyed one house and damaged several others.

The blaze burned in a steep area near the foot of Bluff Mountain in Pigeon Forge, said Tom Womack, a spokesman for the state Department of Agriculture. The small resort community is about 30 miles from Knoxville in the Smoky Mountains.

"It's a major fire," John Fox, emergency management director for Sevier County. About 30 of the some 700 homes, mostly rentals, on the mountain were actually threatened.

"But we feel we have a good containment line around them. Unless it jumps some major lines they shouldn't be affected at all," he said Wednesday evening.

Firefighters and residents doused houses to protect them, while National Guard helicopters dumped water on the burning brush. About 120 firefighters from nine departments were fighting the fire. It broke containment lines and flared up Tuesday, Womack said.

Womack said no injuries were reported, but three people were evacuated from the area.

Some 520 fires have scorched more than 29,000 acres since Oct. 31.

"We're holding our own, but the situation is really dangerous," said Dwight Barnett, a state forestry spokesman.

"We couldn't possibly control anything if it got real windy," he said.

The majority of the fires were caused by arson, assistant state forester Jere Jeter said.

"The good news is that eight persons have been arrested and more arrests are expected," he said. "The bad news is that this does not restore the acreage, the home or certainly most importantly, the life of our fallen comrade."

Forestry firefighter Harold Strode, 46, was killed Saturday while fighting a blaze in Overton County.

In Kentucky, forest fires charred another 2,100 acres in the mountains Wednesday. Wildfires have burned 150,000 acres of woodlands in Kentucky this year.

Dry weather and fallen leaves have fueled the recent fires in the South. In the past week, nearly 70,000 acres have burned in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia and Georgia. Forecasters predict no chance of rain until next week.

The United States is bombing areas in the south and in the east, especially around Jalalabad, where bin Laden is known to have hide-outs. "Bunker-buster" bombs can dig under the surface and explode in a tunnel. Fuel-air explosives can produce tremendous heat and suck out a cave or tunnel's oxygen.

Defectors and prisoners are probably the best hope for information on where bin Laden is now, said a former senior U.S. intelligence official with experience in South Asia. Even rumors or hints — about something such as a recent supply run to a cave, for example — could prove a breakthrough.

In addition, "It may very well be that money will talk at some point," Rumsfeld said, referring to the millions in reward money the United States has offered.

Or, Taliban troops and commanders on the run might take fewer precautions with radios and phones, allowing U.S. eavesdropping aircraft to pick up communications and thus get hints to bin Laden's location.

U.S. special forces also have been watching roads in southern Afghanistan to see who passes by, Rumsfeld said, and "to stop people that they think ought to be stopped."

Bin Laden is believed to move from cave to cave — some a three days' walk into the mountains — with only a group of highly trusted aides.

The amount of support he can

still muster among thousands of past supporters is key.

The Taliban may fracture, with some commanders deciding to become guerrilla fighters in mountainous southern Afghanistan, and others making peace with the Pashtun leaders now taking power, said another U.S. official.

Afghan fighters have a history of retreating from cities but then waging effective guerrilla warfare in mountains for years afterward, essentially thwarting an enemy's larger goals, said Charles Fairbanks, a central Asia expert at Johns Hopkins University.

"Particularly if they fled to the east, that's a very difficult situation," Fairbanks said. "They have so many sympathizers in Pakistan, and Pakistan really has no control of the situation there."

Such supporters could keep bin Laden and Omar supplied with food, guns and hiding places, said Andrew Hess, an expert on Pakistan and Afghanistan at Tufts University.

In addition, the former guerrilla leader who took control of Jalalabad from the Taliban, Mullah Yunus Khalis, has long-standing ties with bin Laden's Arab followers. Bin Laden is believed to have camps in the mountains near there.

Most U.S. officials and outside experts do not think Omar would ever give bin Laden up, despite what Rumsfeld called

signs of strain between the two.

In his most recent interview, bin Laden said he was "ready to die." Chillingly, he predicted the war against America would continue even if he were gone.

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Weekend Leonids meteor shower probably best 'in our lifetimes,' astronomers say

By Joseph B. Verrongia
Associated Press

Brew some coffee. Unpack the lawn chairs. Astronomers predict this year's Leonids meteor display, expected to appear before dawn Sunday, will be a dazzler worth missing a little sleep.

"It's now or never," said Robert Naeye of the Astronomy Society of the Pacific. "Astronomers don't think we'll see another storm like this one until the year 2099. We will probably never see a better meteor shower in our lifetimes."

Every year scientists fly to places like the Gobi Desert or Canary Islands to watch the heavens rain fire for a few minutes in November. This year, Earth's alignment suggests that North America will be squarely beneath some of the most vigorous shooting stars. Pacific Islands and the Far East may see natural fireworks, too.

The most optimistic celestial forecasts call for a steady storm of 4,000 meteors per hour, or about 70 per minute around 5 a.m. EST Sunday. With clear skies, luck and the bonus of a nearly moonless night, people in some locations could see twice that.

The Leonids are dust particles shed by Comet Tempel-Tuttle. Like a truck barreling down a dirt road, the comet trails a cloud of dust as it orbits the sun once every 33 years.

The meteors are called Leonids because they appear to radiate from the constellation Leo, the

Lion. A really big meteor is equal to a grain of rice.

Earth usually crosses a thin section of the Leonids trail; perhaps 10 meteors per hour streak across the night sky.

When the comet sweeps close to the sun, the sun's heat causes it to shed more debris like a truck hitting a mud puddle. Earth gets splattered when it plows through the thick wake. It occurs every November for a few years until the particles dissipate.

In 1966, observers couldn't count the shooting stars fast enough. Estimates ranged as high as 150,000 per hour.

Comet Tempel-Tuttle most recently passed close to the sun in February 1998, and since then, in the words of forecaster Joe Rao, the Leonids have "gone berserk."

Predicting the Leonids' vigor has become an annual competition. Previously educated guesswork meteor predictions are now the products of sophisticated computer models, enabling scientists to nail the storm peaks within a few minutes. This year, the Earth will pass through multiple debris trails shed

by the comet as long ago as 1699.

"The comet is almost 4 years behind us now," said Rao, who handicaps the Leonids for Sky & Telescope magazine and the American Museum of Natural History in New York. "The predictions are all over the place."

Tom Van Flandern of Meta Research in Chevy Chase, Md., a non-profit astronomy group, predicts "no fewer than five streams will pass close to the Earth, so that weak (meteor) storms may persist for several hours before the predicted strong one arrives."

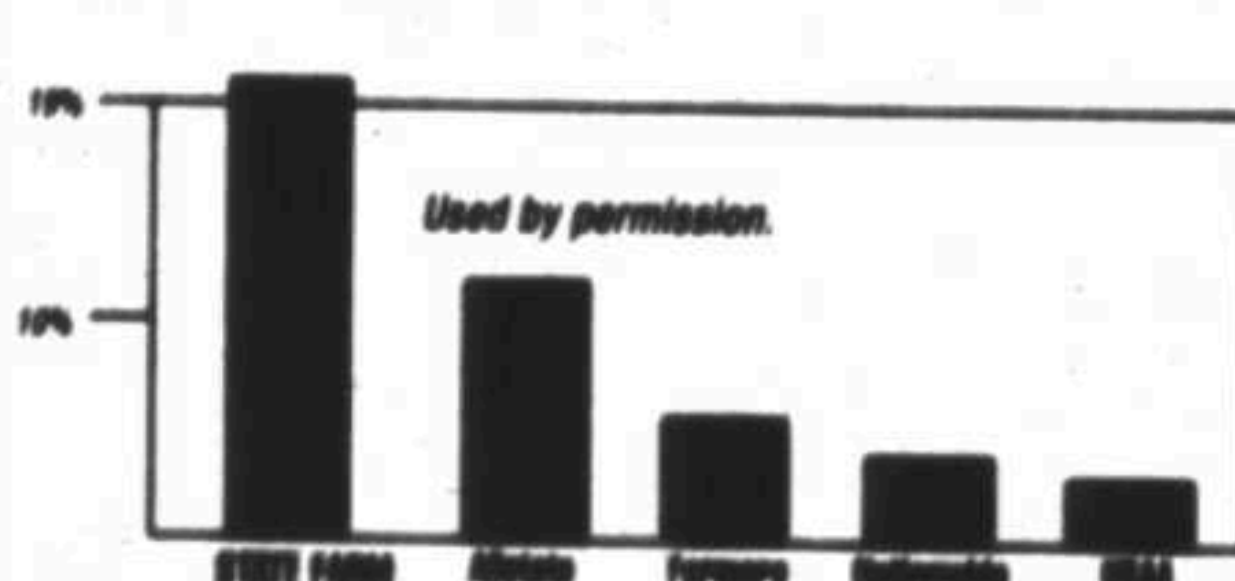
How strong? Jenniskens is the most optimistic forecaster. He predicts the Leonids will peak at 4,200 per hour at 5:09 a.m. Sunday over the East Coast, 2:09 a.m. over the West Coast. Others predict a peak of 1,300 to 2,000 per hour.

Predictions elsewhere vary as widely. One group expects a bigger storm eight hours later over the Far East; William Cooke of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center predicts no more than 800 meteors per hour over the Far East.

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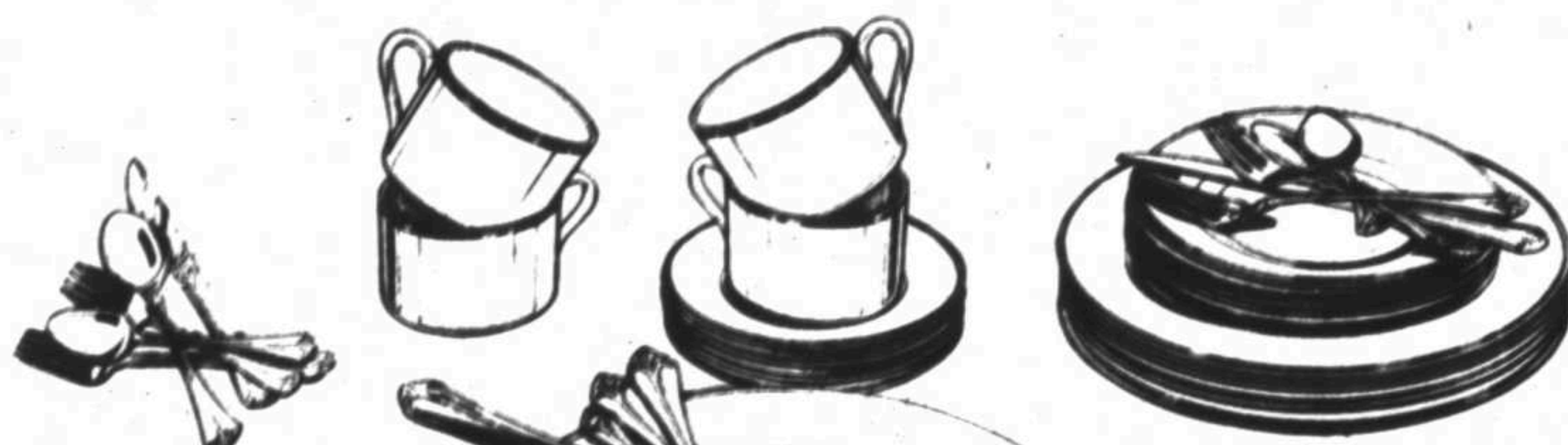
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U.S. warplanes target retreating Taliban

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The rout of the Taliban accelerated Wednesday with the Islamic militia losing control of Jalalabad in the east, once-loyal Pashtun tribesmen joining in the revolt in the south and many of their fighters fleeing into the mountains to evade U.S. airstrikes.

The Taliban is "in retreat virtually all over the country," Vice President Dick Cheney said in Washington.

A day after seizing the capital, Kabul, elements of the northern alliance consolidated their power by taking over the defense and interior ministries — temporary measures, the alliance insisted, until a U.N.-supervised political settlement representing all ethnic groups.

In the south, there were reports — although impossible to confirm — of fighting in the streets of Kandahar, the Taliban's birthplace.

Many of Afghanistan's 23 or more Pashtun groups appeared to have risen up against the Taliban, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said. "Whether or not they're working in concert, we don't know," he told reporters in Washington.

The tribal leaders were Pashtuns — members of Afghanistan's largest ethnic group, which served as the backbone of the Taliban's harsh five-year regime.

"It is time for the rest of Afghanistan — particularly the ethnic groups in the south — to join the uprising against the Taliban and throw off their oppressive rule," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said in London. "The sooner they act, the greater the benefit for all the people of Afghanistan."

Cheney said the Taliban's retreat was "a very good beginning to what's likely to be a long struggle" which will end only with the capture of Osama bin Laden and the destruction of his al-Qaida terrorist network.

President Bush launched airstrikes against Afghanistan on Oct. 7 after the Taliban refused to surrender bin Laden, sought in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Taliban officials insisted the Islamic movement remained intact in its southern strongholds despite



AP Photo
Northern alliance fighters sit atop tanks and military vehicles as they cross the Kokcha river heading to Kabul near Qalai Dasht, in Takhar province, northern alliance, Wednesday.

its losses. A Taliban official, Mullah Abdullah, told the Afghan Islamic Press the movement's supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and his "guest," bin Laden, were "safe and well."

But by other accounts, the news was not good for the Taliban.

A U.S. official in Washington — speaking on condition of anonymity — said there was fighting in the streets of Kandahar between Pashtun tribesmen and the Taliban. The official asserted that the city would fall to anti-Taliban forces within days if not hours.

Many Taliban fighters in southern Afghanistan were fleeing to rural, mountainous province of Helmand southwest of Kandahar, the official said.

Yunus Khalis, a Pashtun mullah in Jalalabad, between Kabul and the Pakistan border, negotiated a deal under which the Taliban left the city in return for safe passage with their weapons, according to sources there.

Khalis, who is anti-Western, deeply conservative and a friend to Arab militants, declared himself independent of both the Taliban and the northern alliance.

Witnesses said Khalis' followers also took control of the Torkham border station to the east of the city and were preventing anyone — including Afghans — from entering Pakistan or leaving Afghanistan.

U.S. jets reportedly pounded targets south of Jalalabad early Wednesday. The area is suspected to contain al-Qaida hideouts.

Khalis' return to power fit into the larger trend: Afghanistan

seemed to be reverting to the patchwork quilt of fiefdoms that controlled the country before the Taliban ascended in 1996. Already, warlords who previously ruled Mazar-e-Sharif and Herat have taken control of those cities.

Afghan sources in Pakistan, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the airport outside of Kandahar was held by about 200 fighters loyal to Arif Khan, a Pashtun tribal leader. The Taliban denied it, and officials in Washington said the situation was unclear.

There were other advances. Tribal elders took control

Wednesday of the town of Gardez, in Paktia province about 60 miles south of Kabul. And an alliance official in Kabul said there were reports of anti-Taliban uprisings in the southern provinces of Ghazni and Wardak.

Reporters were unable to travel south of the Afghan capital, and the reports could not be confirmed independently.

Haron Amin, a U.S.-based envoy for the northern alliance, said some Pashtuns in southern Afghanistan were working with the alliance. He described Mullah Naqib near Kandahar and Qari Baba in Ghazni province as alliance supporters.

"People have revolted against the Taliban," said Saeed Hussain Anwari, a Shiite Muslim commander.

U.S. special forces were watching key roads in southern Afghanistan, hunting for Taliban leaders, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said. "They have been intercepting the main roads that connect the north to the south to see what's going on and to stop people that they think ought to be stopped," he said.

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American public still apprehensive about air travel

In the wake of the deadly crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in New York and on the eve of the Thanksgiving holiday travel season, Americans would appear to be apprehensive about air travel.

We already see armed National Guard personnel stationed throughout our airports. We have received countless assurances of the safety of air travel from the White House and airline executives.

The National Transportation Safety Board is leading a vigorous investigation into Monday's tragic crash, with early evidence pointing to mechanical failure. However, investigators have not ruled out sabotage.

"All indications are it's an accident," National Transportation Safety Board Chairwoman Marion Blakey said.

Still, many Americans remain nervous about climbing aboard an airliner.

Why are they concerned? They remain concerned about airport security. Realistically, we know the Guardsmen add a surface level of security, but we are more concerned about the men and women responsible for screening passengers and cargo. While the Senate unanimously agreed on legislation that would stiffen security for air travel, the House of Representatives has failed to act, instead fumbling about in uncertainty. Our nation needs leadership on this issue.

How many of us have at least momentarily theorized of a bomb being placed in luggage taken aboard American Airlines Flight 587?

While many hard-core business travelers have returned to flying, who would question the wisdom of parents who choose not to board a plane with their children in the current, uncertain environment?

While many of us nod in agreement when we hear travel experts reassure us we're more likely to be killed in our automobiles en route to the airport than we are by flying on an airplane, the recurring images replayed over and over again on 24-hour, panic television only serve to refuel our apprehensions.

None of us wants to see the terrorists win. We don't want to see the airline industry or institutions like the U.S. Postal Service brought to their knees.

We are keenly aware Midland International Airport is an integral part of our local economic health, and we are troubled by the steep drop in enplanements since Sept. 11.

We would echo the words of President George W. Bush who continues to urge Americans to use common sense in making these important decisions about their daily lives.

And at the same time we pray for those who have already suffered so much in New York.

It is important to continue to have faith in our nation, support our leadership and support each other.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 15th, the 319th day of 2001. There are 46 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

Seventy-five years ago, on Nov. 15th, 1926, the National Broadcasting Co. debuted with a radio network of 24 stations.

On this date:

In 1777, the Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, a precursor to the Constitution of the United States.

In 1806, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountain now known as "Pikes Peak."

In 1889, Brazil's monarchy was overthrown.

In 1939, President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C.

In 1940, the first 75,000 men were called to armed forces duty under peacetime conscription.

In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic.

In 1969, 250,000 protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.

In 1982, funeral services were held in Moscow's Red Square for the late Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

In 1985, Britain and Ireland signed an accord giving Dublin an official consultative role in governing Northern Ireland.

In 1998, Kwame Ture, the civil rights activist formerly known as Stokely Carmichael, died in Guinea at age 57.

Ten years ago: A federal appeals panel threw out former National Security Adviser John M. Poindexter's felony convictions in the Iran-Contra affair, saying his immunized testimony to Congress was improperly used against him.

GEORGE WILL

Video games, books compete for children's money

WASHINGTON — The richest woman in the United Kingdom is Queen Elizabeth, who certainly looks the part when dolled up in her finest threads. She has lots of land, some palatial homes and the Tower of London is one of her jewelry boxes.

Evidently the queen's richest female subject is a single mother who not long ago was on welfare, spending hours in an Edinburgh coffee shop where, while her daughter slept in her stroller, she wrote a novel about an 11-year-old orphan boy who is a wizard. Her rapid rise to riches, propelled by the sale, so far, of 116 million copies of her four Harry Potter novels, tells us something interesting about our society: children spend, or cause to be spent, huge sums.

At one point, J.K. Rowling's first three Harry Potter novels occupied the top three spots on the New York Times hardback fiction best-seller list. This caused such heartburn among the literati that a best-seller list of children's books was created so Rowling's books could be banished to it, making the old list safe for adult fare such as Danielle Steel novels. Never mind that Rowling's British publisher brought out an edition of one Potter novel with a sober black-and-white cover so adults could read the books in public places, like trains, without embarrassment.

Now comes the first Harry Potter movie, opening on 7,000 screens, a record. It may have cost

\$150 million to make and market, but Coca-Cola has reportedly paid \$100 million for the right to use images from the movie in ads for its products, and the \$300 million profit the movie may make will be part of the \$2 billion or so that all the Potter movies may make.

Potter merchandise is everywhere, stealing the march on a rival merchandising blitz that will accompany the December release of the first of three movies based on J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy "The Lord of the Rings." There may be more than a dollop of wretched excess in all this, but Rowling deserves every penny she gets, and the gratitude of adults, because she probably has done more than anyone in the last half-century to turn children into readers.

The Wall Street Journal reports that the research firm Leisure Trends says a quarter of people under 25 say reading is their favorite pastime, up 10 percent over last year. Surely this is, in part, a Rowling ripple.

But the forces of darkness are counterattacking. This week Microsoft joined Nintendo and Sony in the multibillion-dollar battle to get children to put down their books and play video games. Microsoft's new \$299 Xbox console will compete with Nintendo's new \$199 GameCube, and with Sony's \$299 PlayStation 2 for the \$20 billion games market. Microsoft, which hopes to sell 4 million to 6 million Xboxes worldwide by June, will lose an estimated \$125 on every one it sells, but expects to break even in 2004 and eventually make whopping profits on the software the console plays.

Microsoft, whose stock is one of America's most heavily traded, is wagering billions — half a billion just to market Xbox — not only on the

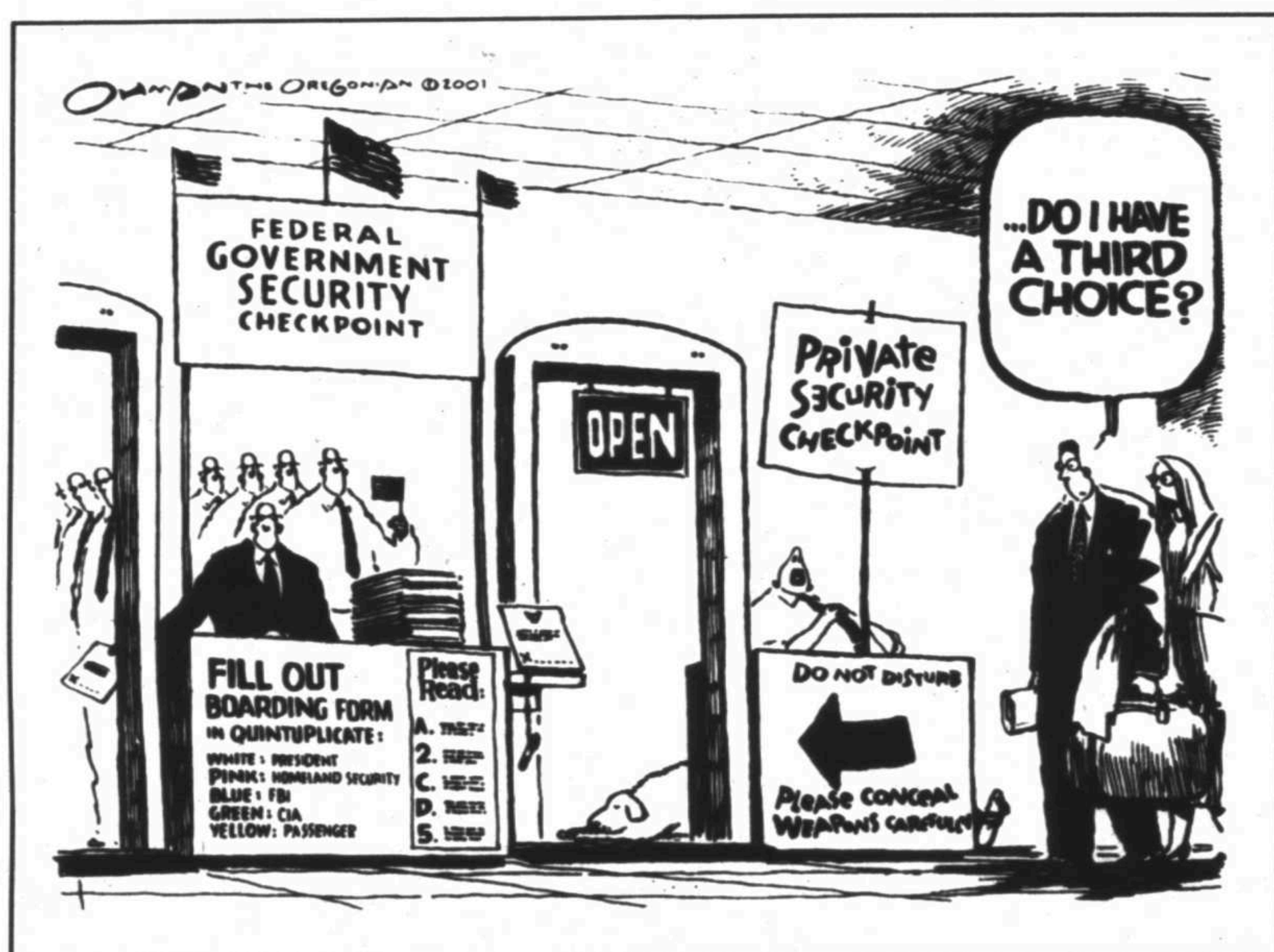
billions that boys have burning holes in their pockets, but also on the childishness that is increasing in society. Last week a Wall Street Journal story on the video game competition began with this arresting paragraph:

"Lee Godfrey has never even played the Xbox, but the eighth-grader says he will beat the Christmas rush and plunk down \$299 after Microsoft's new video-game console goes on sale next week. 'I heard that it has good graphics and it has a DVD player. Some of the games it has are cool,' says the 13-year-old from San Lorenzo, Calif."

Young Godfrey, with his rootin'-tootin' American disdain for the deferral of gratification, is supposedly typical of the target market for video games — adolescent boys. But there are millions of post-adolescent — indeed middle-aged — boys out there. Time magazine's Josh Quittner, who reviews devices such as the Xbox, says that although Microsoft offers "a few child-friendly" games, its strength may be "adult-oriented fare." Such as? Such as "a surfing simulator, Transworld Surf." Adulthood isn't what it used to be.

But, then, you know that just from looking at how grown-ups dress down. Time was, children enjoyed dressing up like adults. Now adults increasingly dress like children. In airport concourses you see them, men wearing jeans and T-shirts and running shoes, holding the hands of small boys dressed similarly. Small wonder they play similar games.

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WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY

Mechanical failure more likely than terrorism

It is instructive to catch the emotions on the fly. They do not always yield self-esteem. You furtively hope the bullet will hit the other guy, not you. The airplane crashes, and instinctively you hope it wasn't a terrorist who did it. But a moment later, you start thinking about statistics. Maybe it would be better if it were a terrorist strike. Fleeting thoughts go down memory lane.

How many casualties have come to us through terrorism in the last 20 years of flying? The civilian victims of Sept. 11 can't be counted because, like nuclear bombs, they overwhelm the picture. So you ask, how many planes have met death on account of terrorist activity? The four spectacular planes of Sept. 11. Then you need to go back to the Egyptian plane whose copilot decided to commit suicide and took everyone down to the sea. On the other hand, that wasn't exactly terrorism, was it? But of course the big one was Lockerbie, 270 dead from terrorist action on a Pan American flight headed for the U.S. And one Air India plane off Ireland in 1985.

The thought materializes: If Monday's New York accident comes in as a terrorist episode, that's bad, but less bad than if it is a maintenance act. Because in the world of data, the chances of losing your life in flight on account of terrorist activity are lower than on account of mechanical failures. These are very low, and tend to diminish every year. At last year's rate, you could fly, say, 1 million flights before finding yourself on the plane with the marginal vulnerability. But (the statistics are raging through the mind), you could fly 20 million flights before you'd find yourself on a plane struck down by terrorists.

Besides, you say to yourself, there is a full-blown war going on against terrorist activity. At the level of mechanical safety, it can be said that there is constant concern to avoid critical problems in the air, but that is a steady kind of thing, not to be compared with the explosion of concern triggered by Sept. 11. One commentator on the Jim Lehrer show was asked whether it was easy for a skilled mechanic so to disrupt a jet

engine of the type carried by the fatal Airbus to make it fall off. Yes, he said. For a skilled mechanic, very easy. However, he said: It was flatly inconceivable that it should happen, given airplane security procedures. It is one thing to let somebody slip by who is carrying a knife in his briefcase, another to permit someone four hours in an airplane engine with a dozen screwdrivers and filaments of explosive.

So — the thinking is, as of Tuesday — the problem was mechanical. The implications of mechanical imperfections work their way into the thinking of the irrefutable. Back at school when, teaching basic economics, professors tried to impress on us the importance of the marginal consumer, they'd say something on the order of: If the Ford Motor Co. produces 2 million automobiles in a year, they lose a lot of money. If they produce 2 million and one automobiles, they'll make a billion dollars.

The model is exaggerated, but the point survives. The airlines are doing about 25 percent less business than before Sept. 11 and are losing their shirts. The marginal passenger on an airplane costs (virtually) nothing; his absence costs economic survival. The Los Angeles Times writes of Eugene and Nikey Key of Palm Desert, Calif., scheduled to fly on Delta Flight 136 Monday morning from LAX to New York. They've been around the world by plane and ship six times. They canceled. "His wife said she was simply afraid."

So we read of futuristic devices. Take that useful prefix going the rounds — "bio" — and stick it up before "metrics." Biometrics! Consider this possibility: Arriving at New York's La Guardia Airport, an American Airlines passenger proceeds to the nearest kiosk. After swiping her smart card through a machine, she presses her index finger on the pad attached to the device in order to confirm that she's the authorized holder of the card and her boarding pass is printed. At the gate, she puts her finger on another reading device to reconfirm her identity, then steps onto the plane.

Yes, and with biometrics we make progress on security of the kind they worried about on Monday. But that doesn't bring us security against mechanical failures. For that, you need counter-gravitational devices, and they are out of this world.

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ART BUCHWALD

Check is in the mail, just don't open envelope

The U.S. Postal Service is asking for \$5 billion over its present budget because people are using the mail 10 percent less than before the postal scare.

Even the Laughlan family has become unnerved. Mark Laughlan came home from work and spied the mail on the hall table. His wife, Karen, took the mail into the kitchen. She picked up a letter and Mark shouted, "Don't open it!"

"It's a birthday card from Grandma for Buzzie."

"Why would she send a birthday card?"

"For one reason, it's Buzzie's birthday, and she always puts \$5 in with the card."

"How do we know it's from Grandma?"

Karen said, "I know her handwriting."

"Suppose someone stole Grandma's birthday card from a mailbox and sprinkled it with you-know-what?"

Buzzie, their 13-year-old, came into the kitchen and said, "Is that birthday card for me?"

Karen said, "We don't know because your father won't let me open it."

Buzzie said, "She always sends me \$5. Can't I get the money without the card?"

Mark answered, "It has to be unsealed, and I'm not doing that."

Buzzie said, "Uncle Jerry said he sent me a present. Where is it?"

"It was tied with string so I threw it in the trash dump."

"But it could be a baseball glove," Buzzie cried.

"Or a terrorist bomb."

Karen asked, "Mark, does this mean we can't open any mail?"

Mark replied, "You can still open junk mail."

"Why?"

"Terrorists don't stuff anything in junk mail because they know a lot of people throw it away without reading it."

"Suppose grandma calls and asks me if I liked my birthday card?" Buzzie asked.

Mark replied, "Tell her you can't open it because you have to be vigilant."

Karen said, "I don't think she'll buy that. Why do we get any mail if we can't open it?"

"Because whoever is stuffing you-know-what in letters would want us to be afraid."

Buzzie complained, "I knew I wouldn't have a birthday."

The mail is now piling up in the Laughlan kitchen. The only good that has come of the mail scare is that Mark keeps writing to the gas company that "the check is in the mail."

He figures they have to believe it whether they want to or not.

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Overn inside

By Steven Gutkin
 Associated Press

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For some, the dep-Taliban means a whole Sufi Mohammed Kalakoni said he worked for the northern alliance serving in the Taliban the past six years. Now he commands 50 fighters and feels because his double.

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"I don't know if peace," said Fauzia, an old mother of two who was destroyed during bombing. "We will show if they have gone she said of the new."

Music blared Wednesday the city's center until this week frequently by the their foreign "guests," Arabs, Pakistanis, Chinese.

Overnight, Afghan capital turned inside out in instant power shift

By Steven Gutkin
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Women read the evening news on the radio. Kabul's central prison has been emptied. The zoo is running out of money to feed the animals. And the mullah of the main mosque has fled, leaving no one to lead the prayers.

A dizzying shift in power has turned the Afghan capital inside out. What was taboo a day ago is suddenly acceptable. The enemies of yesterday's regime are the rulers of today. Men wonder if they still have jobs. Women wonder if they'll be able to get them.

The collapse of Taliban rule in Kabul is bringing anxiety and jubilation, uncertainty and opportunity.

"It's a celebration," said Said Ahmad Maleknur, who smashed through the gates of Kabul's central prison along with thousands of other inmates Tuesday. "It's like a wedding party to me."

There's apprehension too. Nilofar Parian, 40, said she would wait a few days before discarding her all-enveloping burqa, one of the many requirements of the Taliban's extraordinarily strict version of Islam.

In Taliban times women could not work or go to school. Parian recalled how male religious zealots threw acid at the faces of uncovered women in Kabul.

"We're afraid there might still be some Taliban around and the policies of the new government aren't clear yet," she said after inviting a male foreign reporter into her home — itself a gesture that would have been unthinkable a day ago.

Gone are the whip-wielding Taliban religious police herding men into mosques, lashing women for showing their faces and arresting men for trimming their beards. Instead, there are policemen in gray uniforms patrolling the city and troops of the northern alliance traveling in jeeps with photographs of their slain leader, Ahmed Shah Massoud.

The Taliban abandoned Kabul on Tuesday after four days of stunning military defeats that left the northern alliance — the former opposition — in charge of much of Afghanistan.

The prison where men were detained for violating religious mandates freed its inmates two weeks ago amid heavy U.S. bombardment of the capital. After the Taliban fled, former prisoners ransacked the prison, smashing windows and tearing up floor cushions.

"They held me here," 18-year-old Saeed Boqer said as he entered a dank cell with a cupid's heart drawn on the wall. He said he was arrested because his beard was too short but "I can shave it now."

Across the street, barely surviving in the wreckage from decades of warfare and bombardments, is a zoo. It has five monkeys, a bear with a bloodied nose, two wolves, three jackals, two foxes and a lion whose face was disfigured in a grenade attack.

The municipal government stopped providing money for food on Monday, said zookeeper Shir Agha. "We can last two more days," he said.

For some, the departure of the Taliban means a whole new life.

Sufi Mohammed Naim Kalakoni said he worked as a spy for the northern alliance while serving in the Taliban's army for the past six years. Now, he said, he commands 50 northern alliance fighters and feels liberated because his double life is over.

The Taliban's Radio Shariat — the Arabic word for Islamic law — has been renamed Radio Afghanistan.

Its new director, Mohammed Alam Ezdiedar, said the network has hired three women as news anchors and is broadcasting music, also prohibited under Taliban rule. The radio's first message assured civil servants that they can keep their jobs.

TV Afghanistan, defunct under the Taliban, is being re-established and expects to begin broadcasting soon even though the transmission tower was destroyed by recent U.S. bombs, said Daoud Naimi, the new acting head, whose office is decorated with a poster of Massoud.

Some Kabul residents are concerned about the northern alliance's unsavory history, when its leaders were in power five years ago, they ruined much of the capital in factional infighting.

"I don't know if there will be peace," said Fauzia Jon, a 38-year-old mother of two whose house was destroyed during the U.S. bombing. "We will see. Time will show if they have good behavior," she said of the new rulers.

Music blared Wednesday outside the city's central mosque, which until this week had been frequented by the Taliban and their foreign "guests" — the Arabs, Pakistanis, Chechens and



AP Photo
A man carries a VCR from a shop selling televisions and other electronics, in Kabul, northern Afghanistan, Wednesday. Under the Taliban regime, television and radio were banned.

others who defended the old regime.

The prayer leader, or mullah, was a Taliban supporter who fled with the militia to southern Afghanistan. In charge now is

Qari Eid Mohammed, the muezzin who calls the faithful to prayer.

"We badly need a new mullah because this is the biggest mosque in the city," he said.

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WTO delegates agree on launching new round of negotiations for further opening markets to trade

By Paul Geltner
Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — They went down to the wire and then some, but delegates at the World Trade Organization conference formally agreed Wednesday on starting a new round of negotiations to further lower barriers to trade.

It will be a years-long process aimed primarily at reducing tariffs on goods and services as well as opening markets and setting trade rules for rich and poor countries alike.

Those areas were especially important to developing nations, which argue previous trade deals have favored the interests of industrial countries.

Two years after an attempt at the same task collapsed amid riots and tear gas in Seattle, diplomats were jubilant at successfully completing this session, which also included approval of membership for China and Taiwan.

"This has been a historic time," said the WTO's director-general, Mike Moore. "In a world often divided, we have done something important."

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said the WTO had sent a powerful signal "of growth, development and prosperity throughout the world."

"We've removed the stain of Seattle," he said.

Beyond the achievement of launching talks, delegates also hope their agreement will "inject optimism" into a gloomy global economy and send a message of unity and determination to a world shaken by the terror attacks on the United States.

The Sept. 11 attacks "encouraged us all to look beyond our narrow horizons and to think about the bigger picture," the European Union's trade commissioner, Pascal Lamy, said.

Suspects utilized videos to recruit Islamic militants, authorities state

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Police on Wednesday displayed hunting rifles, swords and videos seized from 11 suspects who allegedly used their homes in Spain as recruiting centers for Osama bin Laden.

In London, meanwhile, police acting on a request from the FBI arrested a 30-year-old man Wednesday whom they believe may be linked to the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, according to an official with Scotland Yard.

A British government dossier released on Wednesday revealed that in the months before the attacks, "propaganda videos were distributed throughout the Middle East and Muslim world by al-Qaida in which Osama bin Laden and others were shown encouraging Muslims to attack American and Jewish targets."

One grainy video seized in a Spanish apartment and shown to reporters included footage of what Spain's National Police Chief Juan Cotino said were preparations for a land mine attack by Muslim rebels against a Russian army truck in Chechnya.

Dozens of people visited those apartments but it is not known if any joined up, Cotino said.

Ten suspects were arrested in Madrid and one in the southern Spanish city of Granada on Tuesday and all 11 are scheduled to appear before a judge on Friday.

It was Spain's second big sweep against suspected Islamic extremists since the Sept. 11 suicide attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Six Algerians believed to belong to an armed group financed by Bin Laden and directed by his al-Qaida network to carry out attacks against U.S. interests were arrested on Sept. 26.

One of those six, Yassin Seddiki, will be tried in Madrid on charges stemming from a 1997 incident in which he tried to fly from Madrid to New York using a fake Italian passport, a judicial official told The Associated Press.

After six days and nights of bargaining — one more than planned — officials from 142 WTO members adopted what Zoellick called a "constructive agenda" for the new talks that focuses on lowering tariffs on a wide range of industrial and agricultural goods and services.

Separate statements focus on the needs of developing countries, which Moore admitted were "not listened to enough" in Seattle, contributing to the failure there.

"We now have a 'Doha Development Agenda' ... with something for everyone," Moore said.

One declaration clarifying rules on when and how poor countries facing public health crises can override patents for expensive Western drugs was welcomed even by some of the aid groups that protested in Seattle.

"Countries can ensure access to medicines without fear of being dragged into a legal battle," said Ellen 't Hoen of the humanitarian group Medecins Sans Frontieres.

Pharmaceutical industry groups were more cautious about the agreement, but said it should not threaten investment in developing

new drugs.

Another declaration promises action on what poor nations see as slow implementation of promises made to them in the last round of trade talks, which ended in 1994.

Early concessions from Washington and a late one from the European Union helped bring the developing countries on board, officials said.

The United States agreed to a review of rules that allow the imposition of penalty duties on goods that are "dumped" on a market at below cost. America is one of the biggest users of "anti-dumping" duties, usually against steel or textiles from developing countries.

Zoellick, however, won assurance that rules on subsidies behind low-cost goods also will be scrutinized and tightened.

An equally crucial compromise was reached Wednesday after all-night talks with the EU on farm export subsidies, which almost everyone except the Europeans wants to eliminate.

In the final text, the words "phasing out" remain, but are preceded by "without prejudging the outcome of the negotiations."

In return, other countries accepted EU demands that the new talks take into account some environmental issues.

For example, the EU wants to clarify how agreements like the Kyoto accord on greenhouse gas emissions relate to the WTO and whose rules take precedence in case of conflict.

India initially refused to go along with that. But then it agreed not to block consensus on starting a new round of trade talks in exchange for a delay of at least two years in negotiations on new rules to protect investment, make government procurement more open and other such issues.

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Campus crime: MISD police, MPD share roles

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

The Midland Police Department and officers with the Midland Independent School District have well-defined roles when it comes to dealing with campus crime.

While concern for school crime had diminished somewhat in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, attention has returned to Midland schools after a student was recently arrested for carrying a gun on a junior high campus.

On Nov. 7, a 14-year-old student was caught with three weapons at Abell Junior High School after a tip from an informant led police to the boy's locker. In a backpack — concealed in the boy's locker — was an inoperable, unloaded .25 caliber automatic pistol commonly referred to as a "Saturday night special." Also found in the locker was a small pocket knife and a carbon dioxide powered pellet gun.

Midland Independent School District Chief of Police Dan Walkenshaw said the information was given to the principal at the school.

"This came as a Crime Stoppers tip to the principal by someone who had heard this person say he had a weapon on campus," Walkenshaw said. "We're getting most of our marijuana arrests and most of our weapons arrests (from Crime Stoppers) ... and also our



MISD security guard John Marquez walks the grounds at Goddard Junior High Tuesday.

notification of an upcoming fight and so forth. It's kind of through a network that the schools have set up."

While the information reaped an arrest for a third degree felony possession of a weapon,

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Nation's schools still coming to terms with zero-tolerance issues

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

As school leaders and legal experts were debating the merits of a policy that demands swift and uniform justice in all cases of drugs or weapons violations in public schools in Midland, other districts around the country were grappling with security issues of their own.

In some cases, they were deadly issues.

A 17-year-old student entered his alternative high school in Caro, Mich. Monday with a .22 caliber rifle, a 20 gauge shotgun and a package of gunpowder. He shot at the school's principal, and took a teacher and another student hostage. Later, he released the hostages and shot himself in another classroom as police were about to enter the building.

The Caro authorities say they don't know how the student obtained the weapons or how he smuggled them onto campus. The school does not conduct random searches or have metal detectors.

But the school system in Lordsburg, N.M. does.

That school district, located "on the marijuana superhighway," randomly searches students with drug sniffing dogs, who are led on a leash up and down rows of students, seated at their desks. The Supreme Court recently agreed to hear the case, and will decide if school districts that historically do not have problems with drug or alcohol abuse can use such procedures.

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GIS Day showcases new technology

By Hillary S. Condon
Staff Writer

It can help the city of Midland conduct just about any kind of study, from how many homes are within a certain radius of a fire hydrant, to how many people live outside of town, yet own property in the city.

Geographic Information Systems technology was even amplified with local demographic information and used for the redistricting process for Midland's taxing entities.

"These computer databases are used by banks, to decide where they will place their ATM machines," said Cliff Sikes, who works in water and wastewater management for the City of Midland. "Now, people are using them for cell phone towers, too, issues about not just the population of the area, but their height, whether there's an airport nearby."

Wednesday was GIS Day 2001 across the country, in a wide effort sponsored by the National Geographic Association, the Association of American Geographers, the University Consortium for Geographical Information Science, the U.S. Geological Survey and the Library of Congress.

Locally, employees of the City of Midland were on hand at the Advanced Technology Center to show off the capabilities of the technology.

"The GIS ties into what we're teaching here at the

ATC, at both the college and the high school levels ... the informational systems, graphing, drafting," said ATC Director Rebecca Bell. "It lets students see what different areas they can go into."

Sikes said the information has been graphed into the systems since about 1987 by production workers in the City of Midland, but it's quite easy to use once all of the information is present. He showed an example mapped by a sixth-grade student, which, in one day, as the child shadowed a city worker, mapped a 1,000-foot radius on a map around his school. Sikes said that information can be used by schools and police to implement and enforce the school area traffic and drug-free zones.

The ATC classroom was decorated with dozens of maps, showing the capabilities of the software — including the ability to link it to other sources of information and make easy-to-understand graphs. That was exemplified in a graphic the city compiled to find out the size of the city's manholes. The size information was plotted on a map, corresponding to the location of all of the manholes, making the information easier to find, and easier to read.

"This map could be just a map, with the tabular data separate," Sikes said. "It joins the map data with the tabular data, and it makes it more useful. The graphics, and having it all in one place, makes it easier for people to understand."



RIGHT: Todd Smith, GIS administrator for the city of Midland, demonstrates the program to Vanessa Baker, a Midland College instructor, and Topographic Land Surveyors. LEFT: Derek Gasch, a drafting student at the ATC, asks questions of the new program to Steve Baker, with engineering services for the city of Midland.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



Sgt. Dale Seago talks about work procedures during a Citizens on Patrol training class held at the Midland Police Station recently.

Tongku Bahar
Reporter-Telegram



C.O.P.s provide extra eyes, ears for police

By D. Lance Lunsford
Staff Writer

The perceptive and far-reaching hands of Midland Police officers are constantly searching for criminals and those doing wrong, but the almost 100 uniformed patrolling officials can't be everywhere at once.

Extra eyes and ears help the officers in Midland, and that is where Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.s) come in. Because police are incapable of foreseeing and witnessing every criminal act, volunteer C.O.P.s provide the extra support law enforcement needs.

Some of the volunteers already in the program have been compelled to volunteer their time to help the community through law enforcement support.

Gloria Youngblood joined the C.O.P.s program about one year ago after becoming frustrated with constant crime. "We've just had crime touch us in different ways. Crime

always had a way of finding us," Ms. Youngblood said. "It just seems like it always comes to me, and I decided it was just time to give something back to the community."

Ms. Youngblood's compelling experience is coupled with her daughter's, who also witnessed a series of criminal activities. After witnessing a theft at Wal-Mart, having a vehicle stolen and witnessing a beer run theft, the two decided it was time to do something.

"We saw someone that we knew real well, and they had one of the C.O.P.s' uniforms with the badge," Ms. Youngblood said. "So, we decided to check into it further. We got the information about an upcoming C.O.P.s class, and initially, we went through that."

The same C.O.P.s' training program churned out another class of interested volunteers in late October, at the Midland Police Station. Approximately 10 people were

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Ed TODD

On life: Finding the right gathering place to converse (and gab)

Lord, never let it be cried, "I have no place to go." Well, I suppose that every generation has its own gathering place, which just sort of happens.

It's kind of like meeting the love of your life. She or he just sort of falls into place.

"It's a God thing," some folks would say.

Like birds on a high-line wire, blackbirds yalping, or geese in cross-country flight, people naturally gather especially when they have something to talk about or, maybe, nothing in particular.

But there's always something brewing when people have something in common to talk about: opinions — some considered, some just cropping up.

"Have you heard?" such and such or "Let me

tell you one more thing."

Well, I just noticed, thanks to my Editor's hawk-eye, that five of the world's 5,200 or so Dairy Queens, the social centers of many a small town in the old USA, are shutting down. Those are in communities in Northwest Texas and into the Texas Panhandle: Quanah, Hale Center, Dimmit, Tulla, and Pampa. That's what the Associated Press says.

It's the same old, sad story about a business belying up: declining sales and rising costs.

Well, as a fellow who started growing up in East Texas and who is continuing the adventure in West Texas, there will always be gathering places wherever there is hospitality.

Fact is, there are eateries right here in Midland, and in just about any town you could name where folks are welcome to settle down and jaw, chatter, gab or even debate, sermonize and lecture. Mostly, though, it is to shoot the breeze (or the bull).

But, of course, you've got to spend a nickel or a dime many times over if your host is to keep

the doors open. And, of course, you are expected to behave.

From my memory bank, the first gathering place was, naturally enough, the kitchen and the peacemaker: the supper table and all the fixings that went on it and the love surrounding it.

From there, it was the living room for the domino game, 42, and onto the porch, that grand old stage where story-tellers told tales and down-home musicians played their sentimental tunes. They, of course, were kinfolk and, especially, God's gifts to his children: those wonderful grandparents and parents and a hodgepodge of aunts and uncles.

Then, across the way, there was Jay Gentry's old weathered-plank country store with the wood-burning stove with pot-belly.

Depending on the season, we would sit on the porch and while away the time or go inside and sit on feed sacks and wooden soft-drink cases and drink those nickel "soft drinks" with the cork-lined caps and eat bologna sandwiches.

Back then, as now, it was a real treat to be

with friends and family and break bread.

For years and years, that's pretty much how it was. Breakfast, dinner and supper were at home. I remember eating some school-cafeteria food but not much. But we lived close to school and got to get Mother's cooking at home.

We were not a cafe-going family. Eating out was a rarity, so rare that I don't recall the Todd and Williams families (Mother was a Williams) ever "going out" to eat.

When we visited kinfolk, food was soon on the table and fellowship and good times were all around.

As best as I can remember, those serious family discussions, which showed up every now, were not at the supper table. As a result, I associate food, especially that down-home beans-and-cornbread cooking with an array of garden pickings, with good times.

'Tis pleasant to eat among friends and kin. There's nothing better. Nothing.

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POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Violation of probation:

Frank Arroy, 33, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Taylor County Jail on three counts of violation of probation and a single count of failure to register as a sex offender. No bond.

Theft:

Jose Lozoya, 28, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 11:15 p.m. Tuesday in the 2900 block of Delano Street on a charge of theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000. No bond.

Violation of parole:

Darrell Lucas, 27, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Midland County Parole Office on a charge of violation of parole. No bond.

Manufacture, delivery of controlled substance:

Cesar Perez, 21, of Midland was arrested by Midland County

Sheriff's deputies at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Erath County Jail on a charge of manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance. No bond.

Arson:

Kirby Shaw, 18, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Roach Boot Camp on a charge of arson. No bond.

Criminal nonsupport of a child:

Robert Swann, 30, of Addison was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Taylor County Jail on a charge of criminal nonsupport of a child. No bond.

Theft:

Gracela Terrazas, 37, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police officers at 3:39 p.m. Tuesday in the 2300 block of North Big Spring Street on a charge of theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000. No bond.

OBITUARIES



Glen Durham

Glen Wayne Durham, 70, passed away Tuesday, November 13, in a Big Spring hospital. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 16, at Colorado City Cemetery in Colorado City, with the Reverend Jim Law officiating. A family visitation will be today from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Pipkin Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Glen was born in Colorado City April 9, 1931 to Lester and Willie Lindsey Durham. He was a self-employed welder and worked for J&J Steel Company in Odessa, Sewell Ford, A&A Welders and also was the owner of Industrial Weed and Chemical. He served in the United States Navy in the 1950's.

Glen was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Loretta Wilcox, and one brother, Charles Rayburn.

Glen is survived by Carma Lee Durham of Midland; a special best friend, Wanda Durham; two sons, Mark Durham of Midland and Ricky Harvey of Greenville, Texas; six daughters, Pat Conner of Odessa, Pam Mays of Mahomet, Illinois, Stacey Larsen of Riverton, Wyoming, Pam Mercer of Midland, Teresa Moore of Midland, and Debbie Lacey of Odessa; thirteen grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be, Charlie Garrett, Phil Stroud, Wayne Coon, Mike Denney and Bobby Howard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital.

We watched him suffer
And we watched him fade away.

Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.
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ing
His hard working hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us?

He only takes the best.



Nancy Emily 'Dollie' Coffman Floyd

Nancy Emily (Dollie) Coffman Floyd (Mrs. L.B. Floyd) departed life on November 14, 2001 to join her Heavenly Father in the mansion reserved for her with her loved ones that preceded her in death, Lonnie B. Floyd, her husband, Lonnie Ellis Floyd, her son; and Charles Mark Floyd, her oldest grandson; also four brothers and two sisters, and her parents. She died peacefully in her sleep while with her family in Midland, Texas. Nancy was born in Pittsburg, Texas on February 11, 1912, to James R. and Ella Coffman. She was reared and educated in East Texas. She married Lonnie Bell Floyd on April 30, 1932. They lived in East Texas, Louisiana and Illinois before moving to Fort Worth in 1940. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother who loved her God, her church and her family. She was a long-time member of Berchman Ave. Baptist Church and a member of the BYKOTA (Be Ye Kind One To Another) Sunday School Class. Her favorite pastimes (or hobbies) were crocheting and fishing. She also loved to bake and play dominoes with the seniors at Travis Avenue Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Jimmy Charles Floyd and his wife, Ginger, of Midland; one daughter-in-law, Betsy Floyd

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.

of Fort Worth; six grandchildren, Theresa Renee Rogers, Stephen Lane Floyd, and Jay Alan Floyd, all of Midland, and Angela Kaye Hawkins of Charlotte, N.C. and their spouses. Also Lonnie E. Floyd, Jr. and Emily Claire Floyd of Fort Worth, nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. The family request that memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701.

A visitation has been set for Thursday, November 15, 2001 from 7-9 p.m. at Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth, Texas. Services have been scheduled for 3:30 p.m., Friday, November 16, 2001 at Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth with Reverend Alan Hawkins and Reverend Bo Baker officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery.



Wanda J. Hawkins

Wanda J. Hawkins died in a local hospital on Monday, November 12, 2001.

A visitation has been set for Thursday, November 15, 2001 from 6-8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, November 16, 2001 in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment

will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Wanda J. Hawkins was born March 21, 1928 in Temple, Texas to William Russell and Eunice Hill. On October 12, 1946 she married Franklin Hawkins in Temple. Wanda has been a resident of Midland since 1952.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents; and her sons, Kenneth Wayne Hawkins and Robert George Hawkins.

She is survived by her husband, Franklin Hawkins, of Midland; her son, Franklin Hawkins, Jr. and his wife, Rosey, of Midland; her granddaughter, Nikki Posey; and her great-grandchildren, Paige, Garrett and Gavin.

Jacob Xavier Brito

Jacob Xavier Brito, age 5, passed away at his home on Tuesday, November 13, 2001.

Jacob was a student at Sam Houston Elementary.

Services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Fr. Gilbert Rodriguez officiating. A rosary will be said on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his parents, Endira Brito of Odessa and Daniel Rodriguez of Midland; step-father, Christopher Roger Galindo of Odessa; brother, Jonathan Galindo of Odessa; sister, Brenda Roque of Odessa; half-brothers, Lorenzo, Anthony and Nathaniel Rodriguez of Midland; half-sister, Alazaya Rodriguez of Midland; grandparents, Leticia and Romero Brito of Odessa, Ramona Trevinio of Midland, Andy Rodriguez of Midland, Olivia Muro of Odessa, and Tony Galindo of Odessa; great-grandparents Dora H. Brito of Odessa and Julia Trevinio of Midland; and numerous Aunts and Uncles and Cousins.

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TODD: Atmosphere made coffee desirable

(From 1B)

I remember my introduction to cafe coffee at a nickel a cup at Iowa Park after we moved there from East Texas in the early 1950s.

Other than the bitterness of the brew, I recall the brightness of the cafe talk and the humor early in the morning. More than the flavor of the coffee, which was not that tasty or pleasing palatable on first taste, the cheerful atmosphere of the coffee shop made coffee a desirable drink.

Now, 45 or so years later, it has become an addiction similar to what tobacco-smoking and beer-drinking were once in my life for quite a spell.

In my military years out of state and out of country, fellowship was in the post beer halls and in the taverns in the market places from Verdun to

Paris, well into Europe, and across the English Channel.

Those were good old days even in the barracks and over at the U.S. Army's Signal Corps depot where smoking and coffee-drinking were allowed. It was a peacetime camaraderie, on duty and off duty, that I remember fondly.

Across the sea back home, there was work to do, an education to get, and, as it turned out, an extraordinary woman to marry and much, much learning to do on how to live life and how to treat others.

Therein, my friends, in the real higher education that is on a pretty high, though attainable, plateau.

Over and over in many regards, I am wont to recall Sir Winston Churchill's most supremely Churchillian advice in 1941 during a world at war:

"Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never, — in nothing, great or small, large or petty — never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense."

That pithy bit of wisdom applies to all areas of life and includes life's grave matters. And, on the lighter side, it is most applicable to picking a hospitable gathering place to be with friends and, if your lucky, kinfolk. Therein is one of life's joys.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.



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DEATH NOTICES

Bryan Meyer

BIG SPRING — Bryan Robert Meyer, 42, died on Monday, Nov. 12 in a Lubbock hospital.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today, Nov. 15, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at noon Friday, Nov. 16, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on April 16, 1959 in DeBake, Iowa. He moved to Cleburne in 1996 where he met Bonnie Sue Guynes. They were married in Fort Worth, Texas on July 1, 1999. He had moved to Big Spring in April of this year. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Meyer of Big Spring; five daughters, Janice Halbert of Alvarado, Jessica Bailey, Randee Guynes and Echo Meyer, all of Big Spring, and Madonna DePriest of Joshua; one son, Carl Storey of Big Spring; four grandchildren; four sisters, Donita Meyer and Tina Dendlinger of Wisconsin, Lynn Mulert of Naples, Fla. and Roberta Schroeder of Texarkana; and two brothers, Bruce Meyer and Brad Meyer, both of DeBake, Iowa.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

lene; as well as four grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Hazel Reed

BIG SPRING — Mrs. Noel "Hazel" Reed, 81, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, in a local nursing home.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dennis Teeters officiating.

She was born on Oct. 11, 1920 in Runge and married Noel E. Reed on Nov. 8, 1940 in Robstown. He preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 1988.

Mrs. Reed came to Big Spring in 1963 from Corpus Christi and had worked as a teacher's aide and a library aide for Big Spring ISD for a number of years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Debbie Zygmuntowicz of Corvallis, Ore.; one son, Noel F. Reed of Austin; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church Music Department, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Alta Teel

STANTON — Alta Belle Teel, 93, died Tuesday, Nov. 13, in a Stanton nursing home.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 16, in Roby with the Rev. Milford Thomason officiating.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1908 and married J.L. Teel in Anson. He preceded her in death in 1974.

She moved to Midland in the 1940s and to Sweetwater in the 1950s. She later returned to the Midland area. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by one daughter, Jacquelyn McMurray of Midland; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Latain Bankhead of Midland; and three brothers, Bill Evans of Midland, B.J. Evans of Houston and T.L. Evans of Stinett.

Arrangements are under the direction of Glibreath Funeral Home.

Gladys McMillan

LaJolla, Calif. — Former Midlander Gladys Smith McMillan died Saturday, Nov. 10, in LaJolla, Calif.

A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 12, at St. James by the Sea Church in LaJolla. Burial will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.

She was born March 11, 1914 in Houston. She married Murray McMillan in 1934 and they moved to Midland in 1951 where they lived until 1975. She was a former member of Episcopal Church of Holy Trinity in Midland.

She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Dee Ground of LaJolla; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Jack McMillan of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Eladio Alvarado

Eladio Alvarado died Wednesday, Nov. 14, at a local hospital. Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Ignacio Cano Sr.

FORREST CITY, Ark. — Ignacio Cano Sr., 42, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 8.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Anita Hernandez

Anita Olgin Hernandez, 88, died Sunday, Nov. 11.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. today, Nov. 15, at First United Pentecostal Church with the Revs. Audice and Mary Wallace officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Services are the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

She was born to Francisco Olgin & Concepcion Ramon on July 23, 1913 in Roswell, N.M. She was raised and educated in the Stanton & Midland areas. She married Alfredo G. Hernandez on May 15, 1934 in Big Spring. They lived in Midland most of their lives. She was a cook until she retired in 1991. Mrs. Hernandez was a member of The First United Pentecostal Church.

Her husband, daughter Mickey Hernandez, three brothers Edward "Lalo", Esteban R. and Francisco Olgin Jr., and three sisters, Gaviola O. Salgado, Jessie O. Subia and Librada O. Montes preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Alfredo Hernandez and Louie Hernandez both of Midland; two daughters, Angelita Ruiz and Janie Perkins, both of Midland; three brothers, Fernando Olgin of Midland, Candelario Olgin of Lamont, Calif. and Cruz Olgin of San Francisco, Calif.; three sisters, Celia Garcia of Midland, Antonia O. Gutierrez of Lamont, Calif. and Lupe O. Maltos of Bakersfield, Calif.; 26 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ella Sisco

ODESSA — Services for Mrs. Ella M. Sisco, 44, have been set for 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 16, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dewey Blevins officiating.

Mrs. Sisco died Monday, Nov. 12, in Odessa.

She was born in San Angelo on Oct. 17, 1957. She was a cook.

She is survived by her daughters, Leslie Covington and Jamie Burns, both of Odessa; her mother, Ella Mae Harville of Abilene; her brothers, Johnny Lee Sisco, Clyde Sisco and Doyle Sisco, all of Abilene; as well as four grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dennis Teeters officiating.

She was born on Oct. 11, 1920 in Runge and married Noel E. Reed on Nov. 8, 1940 in Robstown. He preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 1988.

Mrs. Reed came to Big Spring in 1963 from Corpus Christi and had worked as a teacher's aide and a library aide for Big Spring ISD for a number of years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Debbie Zygmuntowicz of Corvallis, Ore.; one son, Noel F. Reed of Austin; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church Music Department, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, in Roby with the Rev. Milford Thomason officiating.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1908 and married J.L. Teel in Anson. He preceded her in death in 1974.

She moved to Midland in the 1940s and to Sweetwater in the 1950s. She later returned to the Midland area. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by one daughter, Jacquelyn McMurray of Midland; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Latain Bankhead of Midland; and three brothers, Bill Evans of Midland, B.J. Evans of Houston and T.L. Evans of Stinett.

Arrangements are under the direction of Glibreath Funeral Home.

A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 12, at St. James by the Sea Church in LaJolla. Burial will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in Houston.

She was born March 11, 1914 in Houston. She married Murray McMillan in 1934 and they moved to Midland in 1951 where they lived until 1975. She was a former member of Episcopal Church of Holy Trinity in Midland.

She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Dee Ground of LaJolla; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Jack McMillan of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Eladio Alvarado died Wednesday, Nov. 14, at a local hospital. Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Ignacio Cano Sr. — Ignacio Cano Sr., 42, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 8.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Wanda J. Hawkins died in a local hospital on Monday, November 12, 2001.

A visitation has been set for Thursday, November 15, 2001 from 6-8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, November 16, 2001 in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment

will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Wanda J. Hawkins was born March 21, 1928 in Temple, Texas to William Russell and Eunice Hill. On October 12, 1946 she married Franklin Hawkins in Temple. Wanda has been a resident of Midland since 1952.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents; and her sons, Kenneth Wayne Hawkins and Robert George Hawkins.

She is survived by her husband, Franklin Hawkins, of Midland; her son, Franklin Hawkins, Jr. and his wife, Rosey, of Midland; her granddaughter, Nikki Posey; and her great-grandchildren, Paige, Garrett and Gavin.

Services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Fr. Gilbert Rodriguez officiating. A rosary will be said on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his parents, Endira Brito of Odessa and Daniel Rodriguez of Midland; step-father, Christopher Roger Galindo of Odessa; brother, Jonathan Galindo of Odessa; sister, Brenda Roque of Odessa; half-brothers, Lorenzo, Anthony and Nathaniel Rodriguez of Midland; half-sister, Alazaya Rodriguez of Midland; grandparents, Leticia and Romero Brito of Odessa, Ramona Trevinio of Midland, Andy Rodriguez of Midland, Olivia Muro of Odessa, and Tony Galindo of Odessa; great-grandparents Dora H. Brito of Odessa and Julia Trevinio of Midland; and numerous Aunts and Uncles and Cousins.

Services entrusted to Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Jacob Xavier Brito, age 5, passed away at his home on Tuesday, November 13, 2001.

Jacob was a student at Sam Houston Elementary.

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PATROL: Urby says volunteers a 'great asset'

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enrolled in the training, and Sgt. Dale Seago headed the program to acquaint potential C.O.P.s' volunteers with basic duties.

"We're going over just basic reporting procedures," Seago said.

After the C.O.P.s completed the two training sessions, they were allowed to spend a total of eight hours on patrol with an actual officer to complete their training. After that, they are free to go on patrol as a C.O.P.

Seago said the training revolves around situations volunteers might encounter while on the streets such as theft, auto theft and illegal dumping.

"We're trying to narrow it down to some of the crimes they might see," Seago said.

And they do see crime. On Saturday, Oct. 20, volunteers were able to help officers apprehend two suspects they witnessed stealing cars. After complaints of

auto theft came from Hollywood Theaters on Loop 250, C.O.P.s volunteers staked out the parking lot waiting for criminals to penetrate the area looking for cars to steal.

That night, two struck, stealing a vehicle each. The C.O.P.s followed the cars and alerted police who responded, subsequently making two arrests for theft of a vehicle.

City of Midland Chief of Police John Urby said he believes the volunteers are a great asset to the community.

"They do provide us a great service," Urby said. "They're a tremendous benefit for us. To me, it's one of the greatest ways someone can volunteer their time. We've asked them for some help in reference to littering" on-going in some problem areas.

Urby said their service is a great way to act as extra eyes and ears for the police when suspicious activity is in progress.

To alert police, the volunteers are given police radios with access to all channels, Seago said.

"They have direct contact with officers and with dispatch, so that's one of the reasons they can be so efficient," Seago said.

That efficiency comes with limited capabilities to cut down on the liability of the department. While C.O.P.s can follow suspects, they are not allowed to get out of their vehicles or carry weapons. Seago said some of the volunteers have been "fired" for carrying weapons.

But, that limitation may be what makes the program so successful.

"Being in a plain vehicle is definitely a plus," Seago said.

Don Lemmon, a four-year veteran and C.O.P.s volunteer, said the inconspicuous nature of their organization is what often leads to the capture of many criminals.

"People don't look for us, because we're in unmarked vehi-

cles," Lemmon said. "We can get a lot closer to the scene, because no one pays attention to us."

Continuing on regular patrol as a C.O.P., Ms. Youngblood continues her regular volunteer duties twice a week, often contributing up to 80 hours per month.

"We do patrol neighborhoods," Ms. Youngblood said. "We try to look for suspicious activity; things that might be out of the ordinary. We hopefully try to catch the beer runners. We can follow, and that is a lot of what we do. We follow and report. We might report for a while until the officers get there to check it out. That's part of your training."

COPE: Expert says mandatory parts of law 'right on target'

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Legal experts like Texas Federation of Teachers Legislative Director Eric Hartman said this is why the zero-tolerance policy was enacted in the Texas Legislature. Critics like Midland lawyer Brian Carney said exceptions to the rule damage the policy's reputation.

"This is not a system that is designed to harass," Carney said at a public forum Monday night to discuss the policy. "There are exceptions, and they are few, but just like in the criminal justice system... those exceptions are worth worrying about."

Hartman said the mandatory parts of the law, like expelling students for violent offenses, are right on target.

"Expulsion for an aggravated assault? That sounds about right to me," he said. "I think teachers are content with that aspect of the law."

Under the zero-tolerance for the Midland Independent School District, admittedly the most stringent policy in West Texas, any student found in possession of a weapon, drugs or alcohol is expelled from all district schools for one calen-

dar year, and placed in an alternative education facility.

A 14-year-old was found in possession of an unloaded handgun, a pellet gun and a pocket knife at Abell Junior High last Wednesday, and will not be allowed to return to any MISD school for one calendar year from that date. He is currently attending the alternative education facility in Midland, at Culver Youth Home, and his criminal proceedings are still pending.

Unfortunately, this issue will not be resolved any time soon. There are countless claims of students being unfairly punished and schools unfairly targeted through the policy, but lobby groups from teachers' organizations to school safety groups have vowed to oppose any changes to the state and federal laws.

In the meantime, while the individual cases cannot be judged individually, the appeals of such cases are being considered by courts at all levels of the justice system.

Carney said everyone would agree a policy is needed to keep guns and drugs out of school — but when it comes to your child, emotions run high.

"Everyone wants to be treated the same, except for you, of course — you want to be treated better," he said. "The question is, do you want the consequence to equal the severity of the offense, if there even is one?"

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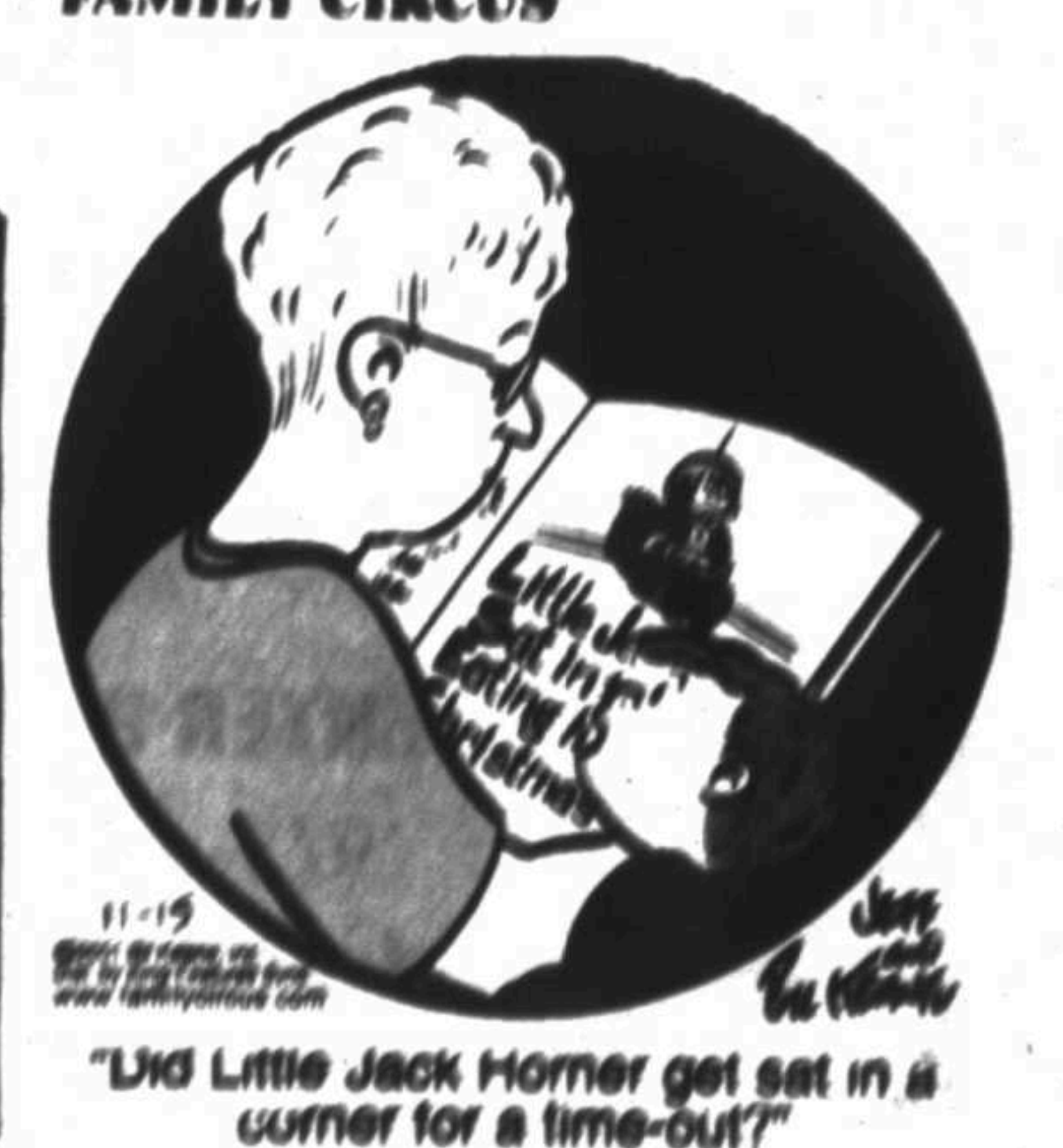
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Connie Chung presents Dan Rather with award set to music

NEW YORK — Connie Chung and Dan Rather, together again. Chung, who was paired with Rather in an ill-fated co-anchor experiment on the "CBS Evening News" from 1993-95, was the surprise presenter of an award to Rather Tuesday night in New York. The ABC newswoman sang an off-key rendition of "Love and Marriage" with special words for the two of them.

"Dan and Connie, Chung and Rather, time to put aside the past and gather," she sang. "Glad that I came back, Dan. What's done is done. You're No. 1."

Rather received the Silver Circle Gala Award from the New York chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. Chung said she's run into Rather at social occasions since their on-air breakup and they've always been friendly, but they've never discussed what went wrong.

LOS ANGELES — Kirk Douglas and his son, Michael, plan to appear in their first movie together, a comedy called "Smack in the Puss" that is to begin filming in February. Michael Douglas' 23-year-old son Cameron, an aspiring actor, also is expected to appear in the movie, Variety reported Tuesday.

"It's a black comedy about three generations of a dysfunctional family living in New York and their attempt to reconcile," Michael Douglas said.

The Oscar-winning "Wall Street" star said he wanted to share the screen with his father and son now after the Sept. 11 terror attacks caused him to place a higher priority on family.

"If you have a rare opportunity to work with people you know in an appropriate project, you take it," he said. "Dad and I could never decide on one to do together before, though we came close a couple of times. He's pretty picky, and so am I."

The 84-year-old Kirk Douglas, who suffered a stroke in 1995, last appeared on-screen in the 1999 comedy "Diamonds."

Michael Douglas, 57, most recently starred in the thriller "Don't Say a Word."

S ANGELES — Gwyneth Paltrow swears she's no "Shallow Hal" when it comes to falling in love.

The central joke of the new Farrelly brothers' film, now in theaters, is that Hal (played by Jack Black) is a looks-obsessed bachelor who becomes hypnotized to only see people's inner beauty.

When he meets Paltrow's character, Rosemary, she appears as the real-life, slim and trim actress. The other characters see her in the elaborate latex makeup and body suit that added nearly 200 pounds to her frame.

The 29-year-old actress says looks aren't everything.

"I once fell in love with someone who was not, you know, leading-man-type of guy who was overweight and had sort of messed-up teeth," she told reporters recently.

"I couldn't actually ever be with him 'cause he was with somebody else but I fell madly in love with him and it had nothing to do with what he looked like. It just had to do with who he was and how he understood me."

NEW YORK — These days, you're more likely to spot Renee Zellweger at the 24-hour Home Depot than at a trendy night spot.

"I just love Home Depot," the 32-year-old actress told W magazine for its December issue. "I'm a junkie for that place. Believe me, when I'm not working, I'm not afraid to pick up a paintbrush. I'm always redoing my places."

"During 'Jerry Maguire,' I lived in this tiny little apartment ... which I referred to as 'the crack apartment.' It was so gross the carpet pad had turned to dust. So I got in there with a shovel and a mask and redid the whole place while we were making the movie. When I told Tom Cruise about it, he went out and bought me a stereo!"

The star of "Bridget Jones's Diary" also has been spending a lot of time in recent months with George Clooney, whom she describes as "a very good friend of mine."

"I talk about him all the time. He's a wonderful man, the nicest person, you have no idea. He's so kind, so kind," she said. "And you'd be shocked at how smart he is. Or maybe not. I think it comes across. He's a wonderful person, and he's one of my best friends. And as good-looking as he is, he's 50 times nicer than that."

LAS VEGAS — Rick Springfield has agreed to extend his starring role in the "EPX Alive" show at the MGM Grand hotel-casino for one more year.

"I'm very proud of the show and what we've done with it so far and I look forward to going further," Springfield told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I signed for another year, but eventually I want to get back on the road."

The 52-year-old singer and former "General Hospital" star said staying in Las Vegas also gives him time to write his next album, which he hopes to finish and release early next year.

The Grammy and American Music Award-winning headliner debuted in the \$75 million production on Jan. 30 and originally was contracted for one year.

In "EPX Alive," Springfield leads the audience on a journey exploring the worlds of the wizard Merlin, the showman P.T. Barnum, illusionist Harry Houdini and science-fiction author H.G. Wells.

He replaced Broadway star Tommy Tune in the production that has also featured David Cassidy and Michael Crawford since it opened in March 1995.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

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ROLES: Two agencies assist each other

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tips to Crime Stoppers are not occasional occurrences. Sgt. Bill Anderson, of the Midland County Sheriff's office, said while students can give tips to administrators at each school, Crime Stoppers fields many calls from students.

"It's umbrellaed under our program," Anderson said. "Basically, the stuff that they get in schools is gonna deal with things like school violations. Theft is probably one of the biggest (violations) followed up by some drugs. We get calls on some illegal drugs, and kids trying to sell prescription drugs."

Anderson said campus programs operate independently where students can notify security officers or principals. However, Anderson said his office fields many of the calls, and they push the information to the schools.

"We do get quite a few calls, and sometimes it varies," Anderson said. "The principals and

security officers are given the information. They can call us ... and we have other ones where we can contact the security officers or the principals."

Anderson said MISD Police officers are more likely to handle violations and criminal acts on campus for specific reasons.

"The biggest thing is that they are on campus knowing how to deal with it a lot quicker," Anderson said.

Walkenshaw said they did handle all of the misdemeanor acts on campuses, including vehicle accidents. However, Walkenshaw said they do dispatch the Midland Police Department in certain situations.

"If we have any kind of a sexual thing like a sexual assault, we immediately get in touch with the 'persons crime unit' with the Midland P.D.," Walkenshaw said. City of Midland Chief of Police John Urby said the two agencies assist each other when appropriate.

"We support them with any

resource for any request that may be asked for," Urby said. "If there is any kind of violence, any kind of serious violence or any kind of tactical situation or any kind of response where they would require a crime investigator or I.D. specialists, then they would request us. There's really not a line drawn as far as we will or we won't (assist)."

Urby said officers with the MISD police are comparable to those of the MPD.

"For the most part, in the last several years, they've been very independent. They take care of their business. They have all of the skills and training just like our officers do. We try to provide them with logistical support that may be needed."

While Walkenshaw said they do primarily handle the misdemeanors, he said they also handle felonies like the arrest last week at Abell Junior High School.

"We do handle some felonies, so it's not broken down into misdemeanors and felonies," Walkenshaw said.

shaw said. "If it's something that should require some kind of laboratory where we would need a crime lab get involved, then we'll involve them."

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Summit goes casual in shift to Texas

By Sandra Sobler
Associated Press

CRAWFORD — From long talks to long walks, from cutting nuclear arsenals to chopping cedar, from limousines to "Gators" — the U.S.-Russia summit goes casual and gets personal as it moves to President Bush's ranch.

"The best diplomacy starts with getting to know each other," Bush said before Russian President Vladimir Putin and wife Lyudmila were due to arrive Wednesday afternoon.

"I can't wait for him to get to see Texas. ... I want him to know my values, and I want to know his values."

And so the president and first lady Laura Bush were treating the Putins to an intimate visit, giving them the guest quarters adjacent to their own ranch home and treating them to quiet time on the 1,600 acres of canyons, creeks and overgrown cedar that Bush loves to tend for hours at a time.

Bush flew to his home state Tuesday, directly from several hours of summitry with Putin at the White House.

Bush said he would use his time here with Putin to "continue the

dialogue" on missile defense (about which the two presidents still disagree) and White House officials said there was still business to be conducted on economic issues, Iraqi sanctions and NATO expansion.

But Bush primarily wanted this second part of Putin's three-day visit to the United States to be relaxed.

Mrs. Bush ducked down to Texas last week to oversee final preparations for the centerpiece of Putin's visit to the ranch, dinner on the lawn Wednesday evening.

Back at the White House, people in the West Wing had dubbed the dinner "the hoo-down" because it will feature a chuck-wagon, bar-

becuing cowboy cooks (courtesy of a catering friend in Buffalo Gap) and a five-member swing band to compete with the howling coyotes Mrs. Bush says she hears at night.

If Putin hoped to get some horseback riding in, he'll be disappointed.

Bush, who does not keep horses on his property, said he'll be showing Putin around the ranch's seven canyons, newly cut nature trails and a favorite waterfall from the comfort of a four-wheel-drive John Deere "Gator," a sort of rugged golf cart.

"They're a little more compassionate than some horses," Bush said.

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Lady Chaparral signs letter of intent with Louisiana Tech

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

A lot of athletes get interest from a lot of colleges, but when the Big Boys come calling, athletes really listen.

And when one of the biggest of the big offers a scholarship, it makes an athlete's decision that much easier.

That's the way it was with Midland College basketball player Amisha Carter. Plenty of colleges showed interest in her, but long-time power Louisiana Tech stood out from the crowd. On Wednesday, she signed a letter of intent to become a Lady Techster next season.

"It was a dominating program," Carter

said of her decision. "It was easy."

Louisiana Tech has been to the Final Four of the Women's NCAA Tournament 10 times in the 20-year history of the tournament, including 1999 and 1998. The Lady Techsters won NCAA titles in 1988 and 1982, and in 1981 they won the tournament put on by the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, the forerunner of the NCAA in the sport.

So Louisiana Tech has been a power from the formative years of NCAA women's basketball and remains so today. But it wasn't just that that lured Carter.

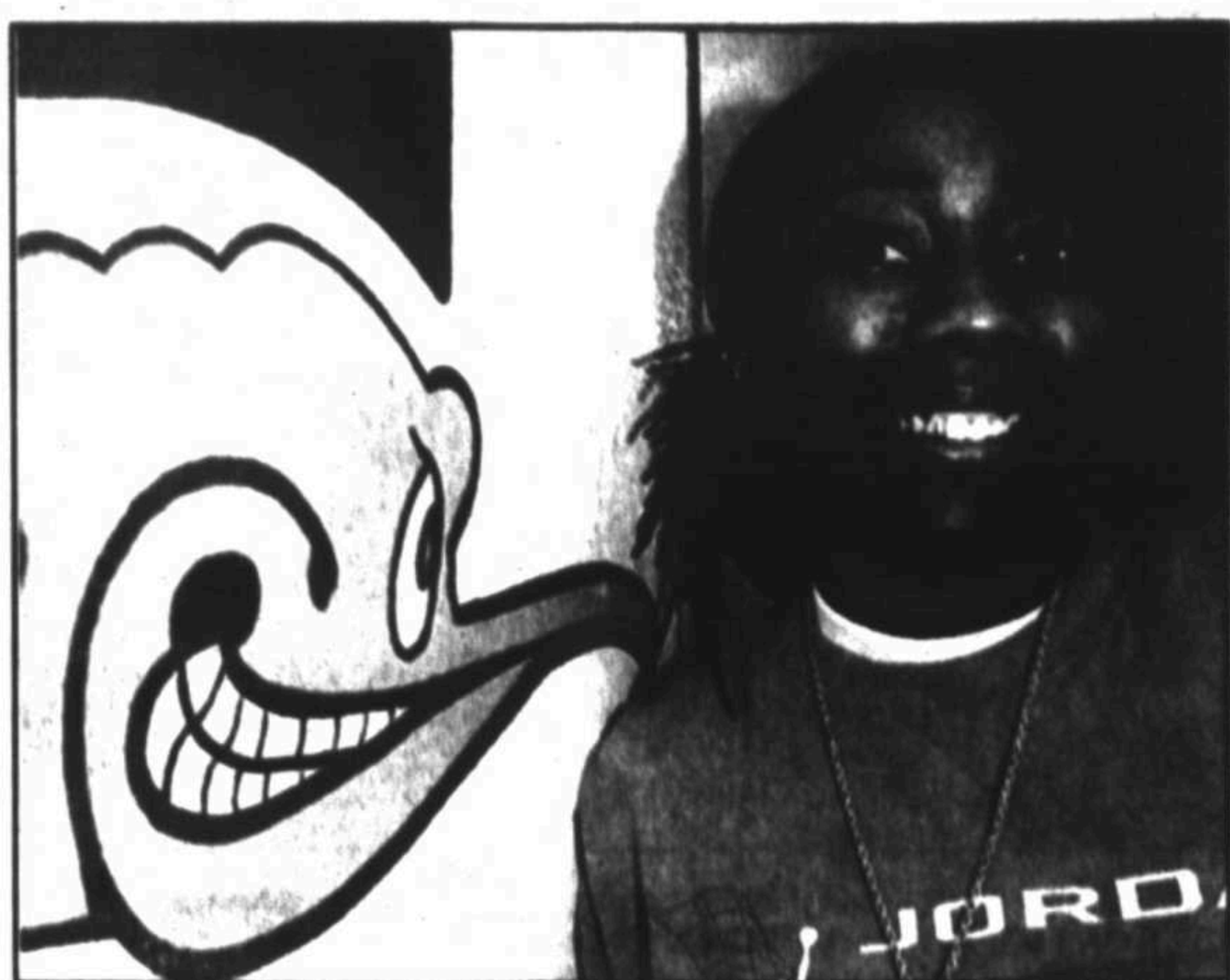
"I think I'll fit in," she said. "I liked

that they were interested in the player as an individual."

Carter is a 6-foot-3 sophomore from Oakland, Calif. As a senior at McClymonds High School, she led the Oakland Athletic League in scoring.

Last season, she averaged 12.9 points and 7.7 rebounds per game for the Lady Chaps, who went 35-2 and lost in the National Junior College Athletic Association championship game. She finished the season with an impressive list of Alls — All-Western Junior College Athletic Association, All-NJCAA Region V, All-NJCAA Tournament — and began this season as a preseason NJCAA All-Amer-

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Midland College's Amisha Carter signed a letter of intent Wednesday to continue her basketball career at Louisiana Tech.

MIDLAND LEE

Jack of all trades

Midland Lee's Norman found all over the field on game day

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

A fan could get dizzy trying to watch Midland Lee's Tim Norman play football.

In fact, one would swear that the eyes were playing tricks from one week to the next. Norman is everywhere.

Let's count the ways: 1. Cornerback, 2. Defensive End, 3. Wingback, 4. Wide Receiver, 6. Weakside Linebacker, 5. Middle Linebacker, 6. Punt Returner, 7. Kickoff Returner.

Well, by now you get the picture. Wherever there was a need for Lee, Norman couldn't be far behind to plug a gap or pull off a miracle.

"Tim brings electricity with him wherever he goes," said Lee head coach John Parchman. "Those sparks sometimes rub off on people around him. His motor is going full speed all the time. Tim has simply grown up unbelievably the last couple of years."

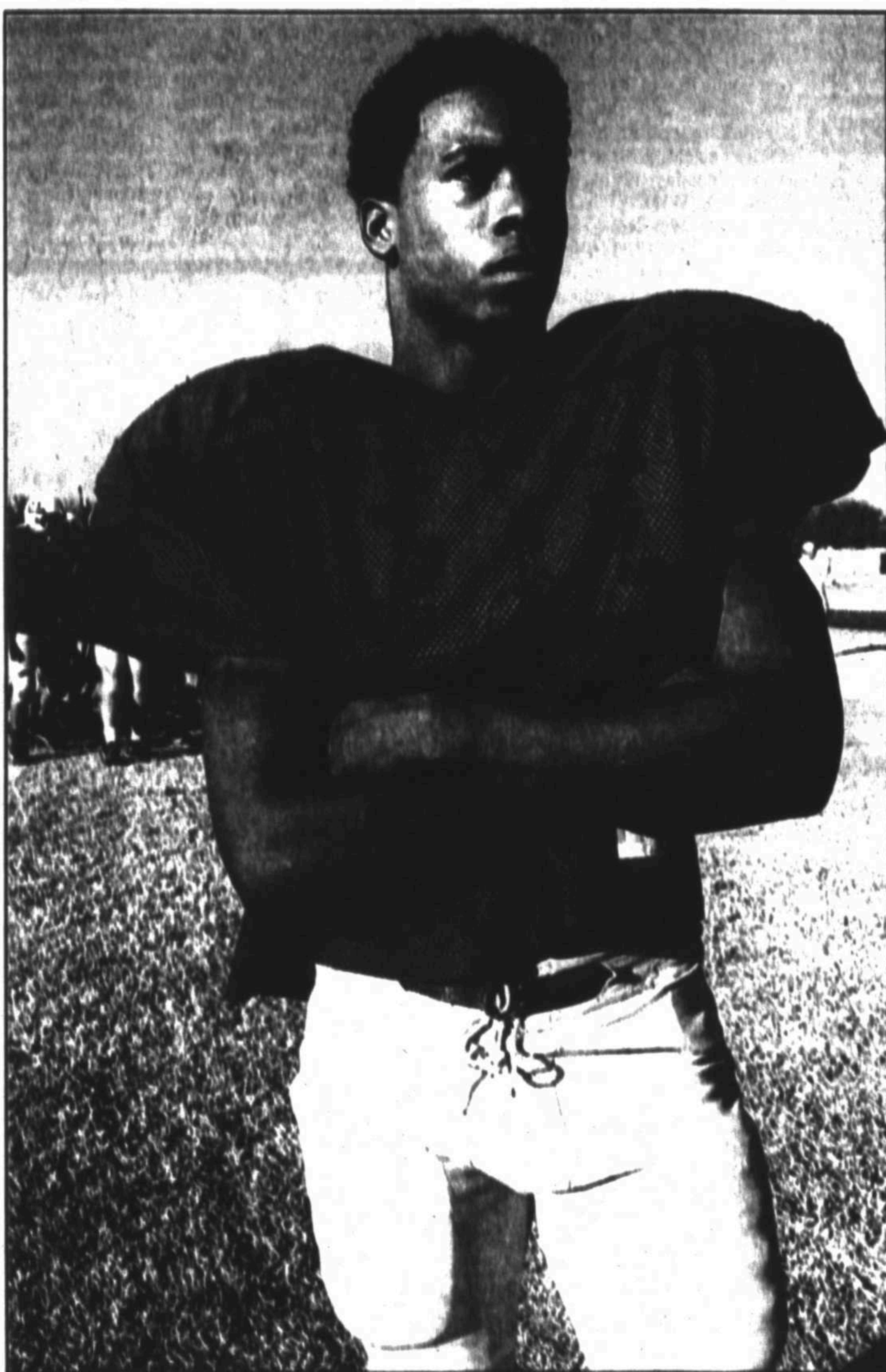
Norman probably will be best remembered for his 66-yard kickoff return against Odessa Permian to set up the winning drive in Lee's 17-16 come-from-behind win over Mojo. He had a 100-yard return against Midland High but was caught at the MHS five-yard line, and Lee got no points out of that drive since a penalty killed the opportunity.

Norman is the team's leading receiver with 256 yards on 12 catches for three TDs, another reception best for the Rebels. And he played on offense only in the first half of the season. He also has 75 yards rushing on 12 carries.

But the senior's forte this season has come on defense, where he finally settled in at middle linebacker. He leads the team in tackles with 75, sacks with 10 and tackles for losses with 11.

"We would use him more if he had more energy," is the way Parchman puts it. "He would be a 48-minute man if we would let him, but you have to be careful in 5A football on how much you use a player or it will turn out that he isn't good anywhere. But he'd play all the time if we would let him."

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Midland Lee's Tim Norman has been invaluable to the Rebels success this year as he has played seven positions for the three time state defending champions.

Cowboys reach midway point playing better than expected

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys reached the midway point of this season with the kind of record most people predicted. But despite being 2-6, they have been more competitive than expected.

Even while using four different quarterbacks, playing two games so far without Emmitt Smith and having a salary cap-strapped roster filled with young players, they have been blown out only once. Take out that 40-18 loss at Philadelphia, when the Cowboys had five turnovers and a blocked punt in the first half, and they have been outscored by an average margin of less than a touchdown.

"There were so many games that we were right there and we didn't get it done," said running back Troy Hambrick, himself a second-year player. "That comes with maturity."

The 53-man Cowboys roster includes 39 players with fewer than three full seasons in the NFL. There are 14 rookies among the group.

The Cowboys started 0-4, then won consecutive games for the first time since the start of the 1999 season. But they've followed home wins over Washington and Arizona with losses at the New York Giants (27-24 in overtime) and Atlanta (20-13) — blowing half-time leads in both games.

"A few plays here and there, we are a .500 team," said safety George Teague. "It's kind of easy for people to say we were going to be sorry. As we watch tape,

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Blue Jays' Stewart quits, blasts baseball on hiring practices

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

TORONTO — Dave Stewart insisted baseball owners use racist hiring policies in filling their top front-office jobs and he resigned Wednesday as Toronto's assistant general manager because the Blue Jays didn't promote him.

■ Managers of the year named/6C

Stewart, a four-time 20-game winner, had been an assistant GM with Toronto since November 1998. The Blue Jays hired J.P. Ricciardi, Oakland's former player personnel director, to replace general manager Gord Ash, who was fired during the final week of the season.

"They think the only people capable of doing these jobs are white people, not minorities," Stewart, who is black, said in a telephone interview from Ontario.

The only black general manager in the major leagues is Kenny Williams of the Chicago White Sox. After quitting Wednesday, Stewart agreed to become pitching coach of the Milwaukee Brewers, turning down a similar offer from the Texas Rangers.

Blue Jays president Paul Godfrey denied race was a factor in the decision to hire Ricciardi.

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Duke, Krzyzewski agree to long-term contract

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press Writer

DURHAM, N.C. — Mike Krzyzewski now has a whole lot of job security to go with his three national titles at Duke.

Coach K agreed to a contract on Wednesday

that will keep him with the Blue Devils through at least 2011, extending an extraordinary run that already has produced three NCAA championships, six ACC titles and 533 victories.

It covers the rest of his coaching career and beyond, taking the 54-year-old coach through the university retirement age of 65. Duke officials said

the contract is open-ended and could roll over for longer.

It also gives him the title of special assistant to the president, a position Krzyzewski said he intends to hold after he retires as basketball coach.

"There's no definitive time," Krzyzewski said

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Ex-champ Lewis believes he has upper hand in rematch with current champion Rahman

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS — Lennox Lewis thinks he's gotten under Hasim Rahman's skin. "I know he's upset because I got the penthouse," Lewis said.

Lewis, however, denied that Rahman has upset him, although he and Rahman wrestled on the floor during a television interview Aug. 30 after Rahman made insinuations about Lewis' sexuality.

"I don't really dislike him, but he's really motivated me," Lewis said Wednesday. "I want to thank him for that."

"I hope he is angry," said Rahman who won the IBF-WBC heavyweight titles on a fifth-round knockout of Lewis on April 22. "My objective is to get him angry. It might make a better fight."

The two fighters held group interviews

Wednesday at Mandalay Bay, where they are staying and where the pay-per-view rematch will be held Saturday night.

Any animosity between the two men, Lewis said, is because, "He's got an attitude. I've got an attitude. We're fighters."

Lewis was a 7-2 favorite.

"If I can't win this fight, why should I go on," the 36-year-old Lewis had said shortly after the rematch was announced in August. He had been a heavy favorite when he was knocked out by Rahman with a right to the jaw in South Africa.

"I'm going to be focused 100 percent on Rahman and the punches he can throw," Lewis said Wednesday. "I won't get hit like that again."

"Usually in a rematch the more talented fighter comes back, and Lewis is the more talented fighter," trainer Emanuel Stew-

ard said.

To underscore his point, Stewart noted the championship rematch victories of Floyd Patterson over Ingemar Johansson and Muhammad Ali over Leon Spinks in heavyweight bouts and middleweight Sugar Ray Robinson over Randy Turpin.

Twelve times beaten heavyweight champions have had a chance to regain the title from their conquerors. Only three times were they successful. The third time was when Evander Holyfield beat Riddick Bowe.

Lewis beat Oliver McCall in a rematch 29 months after he had lost the WBC title when he was stopped in the second round. Neither man, however, was champion for the second fight when Lewis won the vacant WBC title.

Please see FIGHT/2C



World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Hasim Rahman signs a boxing glove for a fan Wednesday during a break in an open workout session in Las Vegas. Rahman will defend his title on Saturday against Lennox Lewis.



The Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux (22) works on a first-period power play Wednesday against the New York Islanders' Michael Peca (27) in Pittsburgh. AP Photo

Kovalev scores hat trick in third period to rally Penguins for 3-3 tie

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Alexei Kovalev scored three goals in 5 1/2 minutes of the third period for his second hat trick in as many nights and the Pittsburgh Penguins, lethargic for two periods, rallied to tie the New York Islanders 3-3 Wednesday night.

Kovalev's remarkable burst — he also had three goals Tuesday in a 5-1 victory at New Jersey — rallied the Penguins from deficits of 2-0 and 3-1 after the Islanders, clearly the fresher team following a three-day layoff, dominated the first two periods.

Kovalev has six goals in two games after missing 13 for knee surgery. He was so eager to resume playing that he passed up a dinner Tuesday night in Washington with Russian president Vladimir Putin.

It was the second time in nine months Kovalev scored three goals in consecutive games, though not on consecutive nights. He did it last season on Feb. 7 against Philadelphia and Feb. 10 at New Jersey, with the Penguins winning both games.

Kovalev's big night overshadowed Brad Isbister's two goals for the Islanders, who have dominated Eastern Conference teams with a 10-2-1 record but are winless (0-2-1) in three games.

Rangers 4, Flyers 2
NEW YORK — Eric Lindros made up for some early jitters in his first game against his former

NHL Roundup

Philadelphia teammates, scoring the New York Rangers' first goal in a 4-2 victory Wednesday night.

"It was emotional for me," Lindros said. "I looked at it as one of 82, but it was a little bit special."

After spending nine seasons with the Flyers, Lindros was traded to the Rangers in August for three players and a draft pick. He sat out last season, partly because of a concussion and partly because of a dispute with general manager Bob Clarke.

Theo Fleury scored the go-ahead goal at 8:20 of the third, converting a perfect back pass from Mike York, and Petr Nedved made it 4-2 with 2:14 left.

The trade that brought Lindros to the Rangers produced a goal for each team and an assist for the Flyers.

Maple Leafs 3, Panthers 2
SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Tomas Kaberle made the most of his only shot on goal.

The Toronto defenseman scored a power-play goal with 7:47 left Wednesday night, lifting the Maple Leafs to a 3-2 victory over the Florida Panthers.

Kaberle's first goal of the season came just 10 seconds into the advantage. After a faceoff, Alexander Mogilny made a cross-ice pass to Kaberle, who scored through a screen past Roberto Luongo.

Standing in the way of a bigger margin of victory was Luongo, who stopped 31 Maple Leafs shots. But Luongo couldn't deny Kaberle's slap shot.

Corey Schwab, making his second start this season, stopped 15 shots in the third period and 26 overall.

Avalanche 1, Wild 0
DENVER — Patrick Roy stopped 26 shots in becoming the first goalie to win 200 games with two teams, and the Colorado Avalanche ended a six-game winless streak with a 1-0 victory Wednesday night over the Minnesota Wild.

Roy who was 289-175-66 with Montreal, is 200-110-45 since being acquired on Dec. 6, 1995. He went eight starts without a win before getting his second shutout of the year and 54th of his career.

Chris Drury scored the only goal in the first period, leading Colorado to its first win since Oct. 28. The Avalanche, 1-5-1 in the last seven games, snapped a goal drought at 133 minutes, 51 seconds.

Dwayne Roloson made 29 saves in losing for the first time in three starts. The Wild lost for the fourth time in six games.

Drury beat Roloson with a rebound shot 1:14 into the game. He was stopped from the slot by Roloson after carrying the pass over the blue line, regained the puck in front of the net and tapped it past the sprawled goalie for his first goal since Oct. 28.

Woods, Duval to defend World Cup Championship

Associated Press

GOTEMBA, Japan — At one time, the team of Tiger Woods and David Duval would have seemed unbeatable.

But now, with a strong field for the World Cup and questions about Woods' back injury, the pairing is no longer certain to retain the title.

"I think we're ranked pretty high," Woods said Wednesday after a practice round. "I know that I'm starting to play well. I was in China on Saturday and Sunday and hit the ball really well down there."

Play in the four-day tournament begins Thursday at the Tai-

heiyu Club course at the foot of Mount Fuji. Two-man teams from 24 nations will take part.

The tournament will feature two days of four-ball, followed by two days of foursomes.

Woods played a weekend exhibition in Shenzhen, China, and the World Cup will be his first formal competition abroad since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Last year, Woods and Duval gave the United States its 23rd victory in 46 World Cups, beating home favorites Angel Cabrera and Eduardo Romero by three strokes in Argentina.

Woods injured his lower right back two weeks ago on the eve

of the Tour Championship. He finished the final event of the tour's season six strokes behind winner Mike Weir.

"My back has felt really good lately," Woods said. "It has been just a touch sore but they said it is like having a bruise. I have a full range of motion and my joints are moving just fine."

Duval won last week's Dunlop Phoenix event in Miyazaki.

Other notables include Sergio Garcia and Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain, and Padraig Harrington and Paul McGinley of Ireland. Toshi Izawa and Shige-ki Maruyama of Japan will represent the host country.

'BOYS: Offense may open up this week

(From 1C)

we see the progress. We actually are a pretty decent team if we can eliminate a few of our mistakes that are killing us each and every game."

Said fourth-year defensive end Greg Ellis, "We need to just find a way to finish it. It's amazing. We're coming in and we're getting on teams pretty good. We just have got to find a way to sustain the momentum and finish the game off."

Dallas plays three of its next four games at home. But the Cowboys begin the second half of the season against Philadelphia, the same team that blew them out six games ago. And the Eagles (5-3) have won three of their last four, including a convincing 48-17 victory over Min-

nesota last weekend.

"We've made a lot of progress in a lot of areas, but we are not where we want to be for sure," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "We need to make a few more plays and get some more points."

The Cowboys hope to open up the offense a bit more this week-end in Ryan Leaf's second start, and throw the ball down the field more often. He was 14-of-22 passing for just 114 yards at Atlanta, but didn't throw much until after the Falcons had tied the game and taken the lead in the fourth quarter.

Leaf, the former No. 2 overall pick by San Diego, signed with the Cowboys last month after rookie starter Quincy Carter tore his left hamstring and right

before Anthony Wright had season-ending knee surgery. The first of Clint Stoerner's two starts was the win over Arizona.

"I'm chomping at the bit to get out there and throw the ball. That's what I do the best," Leaf said.

The Cowboys had planned to throw more at Atlanta, but with the early success of Hambrick and Michael Wiley running the ball in place of Smith changed the game plan. They had 191 yards rushing by halftime.

Smith has missed the last two games because of a sprained right knee, the first time in his 12-year career that he has missed consecutive games because of injury. Smith missed practice again Wednesday, and his status for Sunday remains in question.

KRZYZEWSKI: Coach has won three national championships with Blue Devils

(From 1C)

at a news conference where the contract was announced. "I don't feel like 54. I feel I can do this for a while."

Krzyzewski has a 533-164 record since he began coaching at Duke in 1981. He has back-to-back national titles in 1991 and 1992, and is defending the title the Blue Devils won last April.

In addition, The Associated Press preseason poll picked the Blue Devils to finish first this year even though they lost consensus national player of the year Shane Battier and fifth-year

senior Nate James.

University officials and Krzyzewski would not discuss details of the deal, but the coach said he felt "well-compensated."

Krzyzewski said he agreed to the contract because Duke is the perfect fit for him, adding that he grew weary several years ago of being asked whether he would jump to the NBA.

"I wish they'd start asking a pro coach, 'Are you going college?'" Krzyzewski said. "To me, I got the better job, at least for me."

Duke athletic director Joe Al-

eva said the contract "recognizes Mike's exceptional achievements both as our coach and as our ambassador of our university."

"We think he is the best coach in America and are delighted he is committing to remain at Duke until he decides to retire."

Duke officials and Krzyzewski said the title of special assistant formalizes work he already does. For example, he and his wife, Micki, co-chaired the \$32 million campaign for the McGovern-Davison Children's Health Center, which opened at Duke Medical Center last year.

FIGHT: Lewis fighting without Maloney

(From 1C)

Lewis, of Britain, has lost only twice against 38 wins and a draw, but the defeats by McCall and Rahman were the result of single right-hand punches.

"You can't walk in the rain without getting wet," Lewis said. A fighter, however, should carry the umbrella of good physical condition and mental focus when he fights. Lewis was without that umbrella in South Africa.

"To me, it was a wake-up call," Lewis said. "It reignited a flame in me to come back and get it right. I've been there before, and I know how to get there again."

In the first fight, Lewis was uncharacteristically loading up with his right hand as if he was concerned that his legs could carry him into the later rounds. He didn't arrive in South Africa until two weeks before the fight and he weighed a career-high 253 pounds.

"I just want to go out there and outbox him, show him I'm a superior boxer," said the 6-foot-5 Lewis, who has a three-inch high advantage over Rahman. "He knows the power of my jab."

On the other hand, Lewis, who has sometimes appeared too cautious in some previous fights, might decide he needs something more dramatic than a 12-round decision. He wants to be known as one of the best heavyweights ever, and two one-punch defeats have sullied his reputation.

"This fight is a test to see how everything turns out with Don King," said Lewis, adding he is not contracted with King for any more fights. "I remember saying a long time ago I'd never work for Don King and here I am working for him."

The HBO Pay-Per-View telecast will begin at 9 p.m. EST. The main event should start about midnight.

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W	L
New Jersey	5
Boston	5
Orlando	4
New York	3
Philadelphia	3
Miami	2
Washington	2

Central Division

W	L
Milwaukee	5
Detroit	4
Indiana	4
Toronto	4
Charlotte	3
Atlanta	2
Cleveland	2
Chicago	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L
Minnesota	6
Dallas	6
San Antonio	6
Houston	5
Denver	4
Utah	3
Memphis	0

Pacific Division

W	L
L.A. Lakers	6
Sacramento	6
Golden State	5
Phoenix	4
Portland	4
L.A. Clippers	3
Seattle	3

Wednesday's Games

Boston 101, Indiana 97
Dallas 107, Cleveland 107
Milwaukee 107, W. Philadelphia 100
Atlanta 111, Utah 98
Orlando 83, Phoenix 77
Chicago at L.A. Clippers
Toronto at Golden State

Thursday's Games

Miami at New York
Dallas at Detroit
Portland at Memphis
Orlando at Denver
L.A. Lakers at Houston

Friday's Games

Dallas 107, Houston 97
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1-15, Nash 5-0-0-1
0-0-22, Buckner 4-5-0-0
3-0-0-7, Marnett 0-1-0-0
2-4-0-4, Martin 0-1-0-0
0-1-2-1 Totals 46-83

CLEVELAND (M)

7-17, Mlin 1-6-3-4
3-17, Miller 3-8-1-1-7
9, Jones 9-12-0-0-20
15, Skinner 0-2-0-0-0
0, Langdon 1-0-0-0-0
2-2-2 Totals 34-77-22

Dallas 30, 26

Cleveland 22, 26
3-Point Goals: Dallas 1, Cleveland 2
Rebounds: Dallas 44, Cleveland 43 (Doleac)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

W	L
Philadelphia	5
N.Y. Giants	5
Washington	4
Arizona	2
Dallas	2

Central Division

W	L
Chicago	6
Green Bay	6
Tampa Bay	4
Minnesota	3
Detroit	0

West

W	L
St. Louis	7
San Francisco	2
Atlanta	4
New Orleans	4
Carolina	1

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Jets at Miami
Seattle at Buffalo
Atlanta at Green Bay
Philadelphia at Dallas
Cleveland at Baltimore
Tennessee at Cincinnati
San Francisco at Cal
Indianapolis at New England
San Diego at Oakland
Jacksonville at Pitt

Monday's Games

Detroit at Arizona
Washington at Denver
Chicago at Tampa Bay
St. Louis at New England
Open: Kansas City
Monday's Game
N.Y. Giants at Minn.

Injury Report

ATLANTA FALCONS: QB Matt Ryan (knee), RB Chris Chandler (rib), CB Ray Buchanan (knee), WR Rod Smith (knee), WR Donald Driver (knee), WR BUCCHANEER
CHICAGO BEARS: QB Matt Ryan (knee), RB Chris Chandler (rib), CB Ray Buchanan (knee), WR Rod Smith (knee), WR Donald Driver (knee), WR BUCCHANEER

PA BAY BUCCHANEER

Chicago Bears: Report
Atlanta Falcons: DOUBT
San Francisco: QUESTIONABLE: NT (quadricusps); T Chad Cullum (knee); WR Donald Driver (knee); WR BUCCHANEER
San Diego at Oakland
Jacksonville at Pitt

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Baltimore Ravens: QB Matt Ryan (knee), RB Chris Chandler (rib), CB Ray Buchanan (knee), WR Rod Smith (knee), WR Donald Driver (knee), WR BUCCHANEER
San Francisco: QUESTIONABLE: NT (quadricusps); T Chad Cullum (knee); WR Donald Driver (knee); WR BUCCHANEER

INDIANAPOLIS PATRIOTS

San Francisco: QUESTIONABLE: NT (quadricusps); T Chad Cullum (knee); WR Donald Driver (knee); WR BUCCHANEER
San Diego at Oakland
Jacksonville at Pitt

ARIZONA CARDINALS

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NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	5	2	1
Boston	5	2	1
Orlando	4	3	2
New York	3	3	3
Philadelphia	3	3	3
Miami	2	5	4
Washington	2	5	4

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	5	1	0
Detroit	4	2	1
Indiana	4	2	1
Toronto	4	2	1
Charlotte	3	4	2
Atlanta	2	5	3
Cleveland	2	5	3
Chicago	2	5	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	5	1	0
Dallas	4	2	1
San Antonio	3	3	2
Houston	3	3	2
Denver	3	3	2
Utah	3	3	2
Memphis	0	7	6

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	6	0	0
Sacramento	5	1	1
Golden State	4	2	2
Phoenix	4	2	2
Portland	4	2	2
L.A. Clippers	3	4	3
Seattle	3	4	3

Wednesday's Games

Boston 101, Indiana 94	Dallas 107, Washington 98
Philadelphia 100, Charlotte 96	Atlanta 111, Utah 79
Chicago 93, Phoenix 92	Chicago at L.A. Clippers, late
Toronto at Golden State, late	

Thursday's Games

Miami at New York, 6:30 p.m.	Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.	Orlando at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.	

Mavericks' 107, Cavaliers 94

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Bucks 107, Wizards 98

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Miami	6	2	0	0
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	0
New England	5	3	0	0
Indianapolis	4	4	0	0
Buffalo	4	4	0	0

West

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	0
Baltimore	6	2	0	0
Cincinnati	4	4	0	0
Cleveland	4	4	0	0
Jacksonville	3	5	0	0
Tennessee	3	5	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Philadelphia	5	3	0	0
N.Y. Giants	4	4	0	0
New England	4	4	0	0
Arizona	2	6	0	0
Dallas	2	6	0	0

West

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
St. Louis	7	1	0	0
San Francisco	2	7	0	0
Atlanta	4	4	0	0
New Orleans	4	4	0	0
Carolina	1	8	0	0

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Jets at Miami, noon	Seattle at Buffalo, noon
Atlanta at Green Bay, noon	Philadelphia at Dallas, noon
Cleveland at Baltimore, noon	Tennessee at Cincinnati, noon
San Francisco at Carolina, noon	Indianapolis at New Orleans, noon
San Diego at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.	Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 3:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Atlanta Falcons (4-4) at Atlanta Falcons (6-2)	Atlanta Falcons (6-2) at Atlanta Falcons (4-4)
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Thursday's Games

Atlanta Falcons (4-4) at Atlanta Falcons (6-2)	Atlanta Falcons (6-2) at Atlanta Falcons (4-4)
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Friday's Games

Atlanta Falcons (4-4) at Atlanta Falcons (6-2)	Atlanta Falcons (6-2) at Atlanta Falcons (4-4)
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Saturday's Games

Atlanta Falcons (4-4) at Atlanta Falcons (6-2)	Atlanta Falcons (6-2) at Atlanta Falcons (4-4)
Atlanta Falcons (6-2) at Atlanta Falcons (4-4)	Atlanta Falcons (4-4) at Atlanta Falcons (6-2)
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Atlanta Falcons (6-2) at Atlanta Falcons (4-4)	Atlanta Falcons (4-4) at Atlanta Falcons (6-2)

National Football League

American Conference

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Miami	6	2	0	0
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	0
New England	5	3	0	0
Indianapolis	4	4	0	0
Buffalo	4	4	0	0

West

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	0
Baltimore	6	2	0	0
Cincinnati	4	4	0	0
Cleveland	4	4	0	0
Jacksonville	3	5	0	0
Tennessee	3	5	0	0

National Football League

East

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Philadelphia	5	3	0	0
N.Y. Giants	4	4	0	0
New England	4	4	0	0
Arizona	2	6	0	0
Dallas	2	6	0	0

West

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
St. Louis	7	1	0	0
San Francisco	2	7	0	0
Atlanta	4	4	0	0
New Orleans	4	4	0	0
Carolina	1	8	0	0

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Jets at Miami, noon	Seattle at Buffalo, noon
Atlanta at Green Bay, noon	Philadelphia at Dallas, noon
Cleveland at Baltimore, noon	Tennessee at Cincinnati, noon
San Francisco at Carolina, noon	Indianapolis at New Orleans, noon
San Diego at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.	Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 3:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Atlanta Falcons (4-4) at Atlanta Falcons (6-2)	Atlanta Falcons (6-2) at Atlanta Falcons (4-4)
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NBA Results

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	5	2	1
Boston	5	2	1
Orlando	4	3	2
New York	3	3	3
Philadelphia	3	3	3
Miami	2	5	4
Washington	2	5	4

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	5	1	0
Detroit	4	2	1
Indiana	4	2	1
Toronto	4	2	1
Charlotte	3	4	2
Atlanta	2	5	3
Cleveland	2	5	3
Chicago	2	5	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	5	1	0
Dallas	4	2	1
San Antonio	3	3	2
Houston	3	3	2
Denver	3	3	2
Utah	3	3	2
Memphis	0	7	6

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	6	0	0
Sacramento	5	1	1
Golden State	4	2	2
Phoenix	4	2	2
Portland	4	2	2
L.A. Clippers	3	4	3
Seattle	3	4	3

Wednesday's Games

Boston 101, Indiana 94	Dallas 107, Washington 98
Philadelphia 100, Charlotte 96	Atlanta 111, Utah 79
Chicago 93, Phoenix 92	Chicago at L.A. Clippers, late
Toronto at Golden State, late	

Thursday's Games

Miami at New York, 6:30 p.m.	Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.	Orlando at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.	

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Miami	6	2	0	0
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	0
New England	5	3	0	0
Indianapolis	4	4	0	0
Buffalo	4	4	0	0

West

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	0
Baltimore	6	2	0	0
Cincinnati	4	4	0	0
Cleveland	4	4	0	0
Jacksonville	3	5	0	0
Tennessee	3	5	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	Pct	PP	PA
Philadelphia	5	3	0	0
N.Y. Giants	4	4	0	0
New England	4	4	0	0
Arizona	2	6	0	0
Dallas	2	6	0	0

West

Jacksonville Jaguars. DOUBTFUL. FS	ENG
Ainsley Battles (knee). QUESTION-	Louis
ABLE. TE Damon Jones (shoulder). RB	(wrist)
Fred Taylor (groin). PROBABLE. QB	(knee)
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Walker (elbow). G Zach Wiegert	(qua

LOCAL SPORTS

MHS graduates power Dallas

IRVING — A pair of Midland High graduates, Tiffany Barden and Ali McAllum, helped the University of Dallas women's soccer team to the United States Collegiate Association tournament championship recently.

Barden, a junior, was named to the all-tournament team. The second of the two goals she scored in the final game against Southern Virginia University sent the game into overtime, where Dallas prevailed.

For the season, Barden finished fifth in goals with four for the Crusaders. The forward also recorded six assists while starting 19 of the team's 20 games. With one more year of eligibility left, Barden is third on the school's all-time assist list with 18, and she is fourth all-time in goals (16) and points (50).

McAllum, also a junior, finished seventh on the team in both goals (3) and points (8). She led the Crusaders with a 21.4 shot percentage. Barden was second at 21.1.

The Crusaders finished 15-5, setting school records for wins and winning percentage. They also received their first-ever invitation to the NCAA Division III national tournament.

Greenwood puts 2 on team

GREENWOOD — Two members of the Greenwood volleyball team, Emma Alka and Stephanie Adams, were named to the all-district team for District 3-1A.

Alka is a 5-foot-11 senior middle hitter, and Adams is a 5-foot-7 junior outside hitter.

Sallye Cockrell of district champion Lamesa was named the Most Valuable Player. The all-district team consisted of 10 other players, with no first-team or second-team designations.

All-District 3-1A Volleyball Team
MVP: Sallye Cockrell, Lamesa
All-district: Chelsea Reeves, soph; middle hit; Lamesa; B.J. Williams, sr; middle hit; Seminoles; Stephanie Adams, jr; outside hit; Greenwood; Ashley Hunter, soph; outside hit; Lamesa; Crystal Morales, sr; defensive specialist; Lamesa; Bridget Roberts, jr; middle hit; Lamesa; Sarah Salcher, sr; setter; Lamesa; Kelli Hughes, jr; outside hit; Seminoles; Crystal Adams, sr; defensive specialist; Seminoles; Emma Alka, sr; middle hit; Greenwood.

MCHS divers, swimmers place

MONAHANS — Several Midland Christian athletes placed at the Monahans Invitational Swimming and Diving Meet held over the recent weekend.

Laura Puttinger captured third place by nailing the highest scoring dive of the session on her final attempt. She scored 114.60

and edged teammate Stacy Cunniff, who was fourth with 112.10 points.

Amanda Owens placed in two swimming events, taking seventh in the 200-meter individual medley with a personal best time of 2:44.44. She was 12th in the 100 backstroke at 1:16.18. Also, Kristi Edens was 11th in the 200 freestyle in 2:39.86.

Blast '87 wins Turkey Shootout

The Blast '87 girls soccer team won the under-15/16 division of the Midland Turkey Shootout over the weekend. It was the fifth straight year that the team has won its division in the Shootout.

The team defeated Blast '88 in the finals by the score of 8-3, after beating West Texas Heat, 6-1, in the semifinals. In bracket play, Blast beat Lubbock Mark, 6-0, and the Odessa Flames, 3-0.

The team also recently completed their fall season playing in the Lake Highlands Girls Classic League Division II in Dallas. Blast finished second with a record of 9-1-4.

Blast '87 team members: 1993: Kristi Edens, Sarah Salcher, Ashley Hunter, Chelsea Reeves, Emma Alka, Stacy Cunniff, Amanda Owens, Kristi Edens, Sarah Salcher, Ashley Hunter, Chelsea Reeves, Emma Alka, Stacy Cunniff, Amanda Owens.

Broncos release Kennison after retirement episode

Associated Press

DENVER — After four days of controversy and conflicting statements, the Denver Broncos released wide receiver Eddie Kennison on Wednesday.

Saying it was in the best interest of the team, coach Mike Shanahan reached the decision after meeting with his players and coaches earlier in the day.

On Saturday night, about 16 hours before kickoff against San Diego, Kennison told Shanahan he had his love of the game and was retiring.

The timing of the announcement — after Kennison took all of the snaps in practice as a starting receiver during the week — angered the Broncos and forced the coaches and backup receivers to make frantic adjustments for Sunday's game.

Shanahan ordered Kennison to leave the team hotel, and the receiver was inactive for the game.

In a subsequent statement, Kennison said he wasn't retiring, noting that the illness of his wife and father, and disappointment over his lack of productivity on the field led to his meet-

ing with Shanahan. Kennison contacted Shanahan on Monday and according to the coach, said he was "retiring."

Shanahan debated a decision on Kennison's fate until consulting with players and coaches.

Shanahan and Kennison agreed that family problems weren't part of his disengagement and that he was considering retirement during mini-camp last spring and training camp last summer.

The interest was not there to play football, Shanahan said Wednesday. "He had been thinking about it for a long time."

He was very adamant about it not being his family, not being his wife and father. He shared that with me and a few other people. Why he changed his story, I'm not going to speculate.

One thing I have a very strong opinion about: If anybody has a family problem, let me know because family comes first. But Eddie said this wasn't about family.

Kennison, 28, led New Orleans and Chicago in receiving in 1989 and 1990, respectively.

In his sixth NFL season and first with the Broncos, he was third in a starting role when he left after back surgery in the season opener but reappeared with only 13 catches for 160 yards and a touchdown.

Asked if the overruling even was Kennison's thing, Shanahan said, "I think relative to the team, it was."

As I told Eddie Saturday night, it was one thing if he came to me after the game and said he'd like to retire. But to take all the snaps during the week as if he was going to be the guy and let your team down the night before, I told him if something he couldn't be proud of and something the team couldn't understand.

Last spring, Kennison signed a three-year, \$6.6 million contract with the Broncos that included a \$200,000 signing bonus.

Shanahan and the Broncos will go to arbitration in an attempt to force part of the signing bonus.

Asked if he thought Kennison would play again in the league, Shanahan said, "I really don't know. I'm sure that (Kennison) will be a strong consideration for any team."

Report on Foster sent to NCAA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — UCLA submitted its report to the NCAA on Wednesday regarding the improper benefits DeShawn Foster received, perhaps keeping alive the slim chance Foster will be reinstated in time to play against Southern California.

The report was sent to the NCAA this afternoon, school spokesman Matt Bellini said. Now, we will wait for their response.

The NCAA will determine a punishment, which could range from Foster missing the upcoming game he's already missed to the remainder of the season.

Athletic director Peter D'Amico said earlier in the week he believes the NCAA will act quickly on the matter. D'Amico and coach Rich Rodriguez both said they weren't optimistic concerning the chances Foster will be reinstated for Saturday's game at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Foster, a senior who leads the Pac-10 in rushing and jump balling, was declared ineligible Nov. 7, and didn't play for the 20th-ranked Bruins in a 21-20 loss to No. 2 Oregon three days later.

It's been reported that Foster, who is averaging 138.6 yards to rank fifth in the country in rushing, drove a new sport utility vehicle being leased by athletic director Pat Lamonthe for several weeks as extra benefits.

UCLA is not allowing Foster to practice or attend team meetings until he is ruled eligible by the NCAA.

There is a 10-day grace period for the league to file a protest with the NCAA.

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CHAP: Carter averaging 18.6 points per game

(From 1C)

ian. She is averaging 18.6 points, 11 rebounds and 4 steals per game so far this season for the 6-1 Lady Chaps.

Carter didn't exactly grow up dreaming of playing at Louisiana Tech, but when piles of recruiting letters started showing up in her mailbox, she definitely noticed the one from Louisiana Tech.

"Last year I got a letter from them, and I was really excited," Carter said. "I was contacted by Old Dominion, UNLV, Rutgers,

Syracuse, Michigan State, Missouri, Baylor. There was a lot more."

She then looked seriously at Louisiana Tech, UNLV, Missouri, Michigan State and Oregon State.

"I narrowed it down (to her final choices) because Louisiana Tech was more dominating in basketball than the other schools that were looking at me," Carter said. "I've got a chance to go there and play there and hopefully make a difference on the team."

Midland College coach Ron

Jones attended the signing ceremony at Chaparral Center. He seemed proud to be sending another player to a Division I program.

"Louisiana Tech is one of the top programs in the country," Jones said. "Two out of the last three years, we've sent a player to a Final Four team."

He was referring also to former Lady Chap Fatima Ndoye, who signed with Rutgers two years ago.

"Carter will do well at Louisiana Tech," Jones said. "She's continued to improve while she's been here, and I think it's a great fit for her."

BLAST: Stewart resigns from Blue Jays

(From 1C)

"Why did I give it to somebody else other than the guy inside? Because J.R. Ricciardi had something no other candidate had — he had a game plan and a strategy both for the major league team and the minor league team," Godfrey said.

"I feel terrible about it because Dave was given serious consideration and was on the short list. This decision isn't personal. If I would have done it on personal friendship, I think Dave Stewart would have gotten the job."

Stewart is among several minority candidates bypassed for general manager jobs since the end of the season in favor of whites.

The Los Angeles Dodgers promoted Danny Evans, who had been in their front office, to GM. Texas hired GM John Hart, who left Cleveland, and the Indians promoted Hart's assistant, Mark Shapiro, as part of a transition planned last spring.

While other candidates for the Rangers' job were interviewed by team owner Tom Hicks, New York Mets senior assistant general manager Omar Minaya was interviewed only by a headhunter hired by the Rangers.

"I'm not just speaking for me. I'm speaking for a lot of minority candidates who have not been given the opportunity," Stewart said. "The system doesn't work. The playing field is never going to be equal. The man I work for here, Paul Godfrey, told me he would like me to take on his manager's job before he hired Buck Martinez."

"Why was it OK to hire me to manage his club but not OK for me to be his general manager? It's just little messages. I made it perfectly clear this is the direction I wanted to be in. It's just little signs that it's perfectly acceptable for me to be on the field but there's discomfort with me being in front-office management."

Stewart spoke Wednesday with baseball commissioner Bud Selig, who has told teams they must consider at least one minority for each major front-office and manager opening.

"I think Bud is doing most of the talking on trying to get things accomplished in a network that's not willing to open up their minds or open up their eyes," Stewart said.

Selig said during the World Series he was frustrated with baseball's lack of progress on

minority hiring, but he has not taken any new action. He did not immediately return a telephone call Wednesday seeking comment.

"The big difficulty in this type of situation," Godfrey said, "is surely we don't want to get to the stage of doing it by a percentage — that's reverse discrimination. What you hope is people will be equal opportunity employers. In every place I've been the CEO, I've been an equal opportunity employer for not only minorities and visible minorities, but for people for different orientations as well."

Stewart criticized the constant rotation of GMs in different

teams but praised Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf for hiring Williams.

"Reinsdorf is open enough to know there is quality and there is intelligence in any human being," Stewart said.

He praised the Blue Jays for giving him "an opportunity to do just about anything you wanted to do since I've been here, adviser to the general manager, assistant general manager, run development, director of player personnel."

But after Godfrey told Stewart on Tuesday night he wasn't getting the GM job, he decided to leave. "I didn't see any point in continuing on here," Stewart said.

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Nowitzki scores 32 points to lead Mavericks to victory

Boosters...

The Highland Lee Rebel football players will meet every Tuesday night during the football season. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the Lee High Youth Center. For more information, call 807-0141.

The Highland High Baseball Monarchs will meet on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room 'A' at the high school. For information, call Debbie Blanche at 684-1844.

The Adolescent Life Skills Workshop Ministerial Youth Meetings are underway for the 2001-02 season. All meetings are in the Lee County and start at 7 pm. The next date scheduled is Nov. 26 for more information, call 320-249-0000.

The Lee High School Student
Council will meet Dec. 1
from 2-4 p.m. in the Lee High
cafeteria. Please call first shop
head at 688-8026 with any ques-
tions.

Basketball...

Signups for the Boys and Girls Club Basketball League will continue through Dec. 12 for kids in grades K-6. Girls and boys will play in separate leagues. Cost is \$3 for memberships and \$10 for basketball. Also, if there is anyone interested in coaching, there are openings. For more info, you can call David Jones at 693-1041.

There is a Men's Basketball League being started at the Hock and Tyla Club at Hill and East is \$100 per team. The league will be at the Hock and Tyla Club and Tyla Club. There are 10 games plus a tournament game. For more information call David Jones at 464-1141.

Registration has started for the YKCA Winter League, which starts play on Jan. 19. The league is for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade. Fees are \$25 for YKCA members and \$38 for non-members. Registration ends Dec. 16. For more information, call the YKCA at 344-3441.

Softball...

Mr. Kohn, a girls' 14 and under competitive basketball coach, is looking for players for the 2001-02 season. If you were born in 1987 or 1988 and would be interested in playing, please call 421-8804, ext. 4141 or 467-1300.

Tennis...

After-school tennis programs are being conducted by Luis Valdez on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Kinder Care Gym and Tennis Club. The times for different ages and skill levels are as follows: third sixth grade beginners, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; third sixth grade intermediate and advanced players, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; seventh eighth grade intermediate and advanced players, 6:30-7:30 p.m. A session for elite players is also planned for Tuesdays. For more information, call 881-8929 or 471-6424.

Polishing tennis matches will be held on Saturday mornings for pupils of all skill levels at the Midland College Tennis Complex. Matches will be made at 9 A.M., but players can arrive earlier to sign up or warm up. Cost is \$1 for balls, plus \$2 credit for those who are not members of the Midland Tennis Club. Players don't have to call; they can just show up. But to get more information, call the Center at 677-4444 or Betty Lewis at 671-6411.

Midland Tennis Club is accepting membership dues. Members are allowed to participate in MTT tournaments and use the Midland College Tennis Center year round. MTT dues are as follows: adults \$30, juniors 18 or younger as of Jan. 1, 2001 \$15. Family \$125.

Soccer...

His clinics will be offered by the First United Church for children of all ages every Wednesday evening through November. The clinics will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Reyes Maschburg Park. Cost is \$15 per month. Players need release forms from their current coaches. For more information, call Shaun Harden at 699-0063 or in the First office at 887-0634.

Sticks and Kicks is holding sign ups for the Winter Hockey Street League for ages 4-17. There is a \$44 registration fee per player. Registration deadline is Nov. 25. Sign up Sunday through Wednesday between 7-6 p.m. at Sticks and Kicks, located at 3918 W. Wall St. Sign begins Dec. 1 and ends in February. For more information, call 3261.6634.

Running...

The Pecosan Basin Road Runners Club is a non-profit, educational organization for runners living in West Texas and southeastern 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, joggers or walkers, regardless of experience. The club sponsors monthly fun runs, specialized training, group runs and runs for charity. For information, call Penny Nisem at 607-6341. Web site: www.stormpages.com/phi.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mater aquatics 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 \$30 per month on a vent-and-back basis. For more information, call 684-7744.

UHM Aquatics is offering **inter-personal classes** Monday through Saturday at Maui Aquatic Center Maui, after 5:00 p.m. and evening classes are available. Swimming skills are required. All classes are open to the public. UHM provides all equipment. Cost is \$47.90 per month for single membership, in 1994. For more information, call Jim Wood at 684-7788.

CCYM Aquatics learn to swim year round lessons for all children (3 years of age and 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 684-7744 for more details.

The CCM Masters Swimming is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-8 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$40 per month and includes stroke instruction and cardiovascular training. Call 604-774-9 for more information.

COM diving offers a full range of diving instruction with 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
888-2233

The Midland YMCA offers year-round 30-minute swim lessons for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. For more information, call Lent Father at 682-2551.

Midland YMCA is offering swimming lessons for children and adults. Private lessons are available upon request. For more information, call Leaf Pether at 682-2551.

The Midland YMCA is offering water aerobic classes. Early morning, morning and evening classes are available. No swimming ability is necessary to participate in these classes. For more information please call Len Feller at 682-3441.

The central YMCA is offering arthritis water-exercise classes. Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at varying times during the day. For more information call Teal Faller at 682-2441.

The Midland YMCA, 800 North Big Spring, is offering swimming lessons for children and adults. All swimmers are grouped according to ages and ability. Private lessons are available upon request. Safety skills are taught to all swimmers at all levels. For more information, call Lent Fisher at 602-3441.

Cycling...

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets monthly at 8 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 802. Rides are held weekly, including Tuesday & Thursday at 8 p.m., inch-high road from corner of Loop 138 and State Highway 91 in Odessa; Tuesday at 8-14 m. from Peyton's Bikes in Midland (beginner's ride); Wednesday at 6-13 p.m. from Peyton's (medium and fast paced groups); Saturday at 7-10 m. from Loop 138 & Highway 91 in Odessa; Sunday at 7-10 m., breakfast ride from Coldwater in Odessa; Sunday at 8 p.m., Flag Ranch Ride Mountain Bike Ride. Membership dues are \$24 or \$30 for a family. Call Peyton's Bikes at 699-7178 for more information.

Walking...

Midland Walkabout AVA
club is a new club to Midland
it meets every fourth Monday
in the month at the Midland Pub
Library in the upstairs meet-
ing room at 7 p.m. AVA is the
American Volkspoint Associa-
tion and is a walking club for all
ages and levels of walking. The
club will have the opportunity to
be sanctioned walks all over
the state. Jack Rogers is the pres-
ent and can be contacted at
701-669-9

In November, the Midland Talkabout Club will meet at p.m. Nov. 19 at the Midland College tennis courts. A brisk walk will be followed by a meal at a nearby restaurant. For more information, call 687-2222.

Flag Football...

The Midland YMCA needs referees for YMCA Youth Flag Football. Call 682-2551 or come by the central YMCA for more information.

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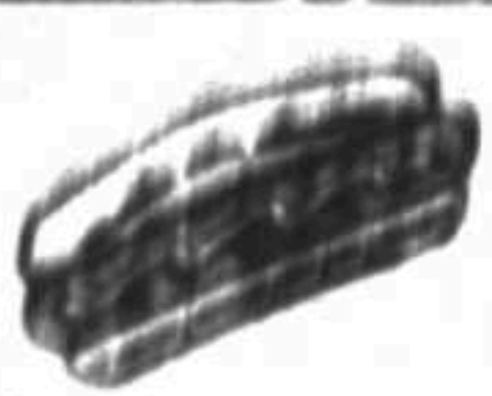
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Rangers hire Hershiser as Hart's associate GM

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Cy Young Award winner Orel Hershiser was hired Wednesday by the Texas Rangers as an assistant to new general manager John Hart.

Hershiser will work with Hart in a variety of areas in the club's baseball operation, including major league evaluation, player development, amateur scouting and on-field instruction. His official title is associate to the general manager. Details of the contract weren't released.

"He was a great student of the game during his long and successful career, and brings a vast knowledge of pitching to the organization," Hart said.

Hershiser, 43, had a 204-150 record and a 3.48 ERA in 510 career appearances with Los Angeles (1983-94), Cleveland (1995-97), San Francisco (1998), and the New York Mets (1999).

He won the NL Cy Young with Los Angeles in 1988, when he led the league with eight shutouts and tied for first with 23 wins and 15 complete games. Hershiser established a major league record by pitching 59 consecutive scoreless innings, then was MVP in both the NL Championship Series and World Series won by the Dodgers.

Hart, who spent the last 10 years as Cleveland's general

manager, signed Hershiser as a free agent in 1995. The right-hander went 45-21 in three seasons as the Indians won two American League pennants. He was the AL championship series MVP in 1995.

The Rangers also Wednesday signed Josh Lewin to a five-year contract as their play-by-play announcer for television broadcast.

Lewin, 33, will team with Tom Grieve to broadcast 140-145 Rangers games, and will continue to be involved with working regional games for the Fox Network on Saturdays. He replaces Bill Jones, whose contract wasn't renewed after five seasons.



Philadelphia Phillies manager Larry Bowa manages his team during the 2001 season. Larry Bowa was named National League manager of the year on Wednesday.

Baseball antitrust bill introduced

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Legislation was introduced in Congress on Wednesday to allow lawsuits against baseball when teams fold or relocate, and lawyers for players and owners agreed the union's grievance to save two teams will be heard next month.

Sen. Paul Wellstone, a Minnesota Democrat, and Rep. John Conyers, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, introduced the Fairness in Antitrust in National Sports Act, which would limit baseball's exemption from antitrust laws, created by a 1922 U.S. Supreme Court decision.

"Our country has tremendous urgent priorities — we have the war in Afghanistan, the war against terrorism, and our urgent need for economic stimulus legislation to keep our nation from plummeting even further into recession," Wellstone said.

"Unfortunately, however, major league baseball owners did not give us a choice on timing. They have picked a particularly inauspicious time to announce their unilateral, shortsighted and self-serving decision so we must respond."

Baseball owners voted last week to eliminate two teams by next season, and Montreal and Minnesota appear to be the most likely candidates. Wellstone and Conyers, who is from Michigan, attended a news conference along with several House members from Minnesota, hoping to exert pressure on baseball owners to reverse their decision.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said last week his sport no

longer can support financially struggling teams. Wellstone called baseball's decision to fold two teams "a way for owners to divvy up profits."

"If GM, Ford and Chrysler tried that in Detroit, we would have a lot of people outraged," Conyers said.

The bill would allow an "injured" party to sue for antitrust violations — ranging from a government entity to a stadium authority to a baseball player. Other parts of baseball's antitrust exemption — such as minor league baseball, marketing, sales and intellectual property rights — would remain intact.

"The Minnesota Twins on the northern prairie aren't just a baseball team. They're really a way of life," said Rep. Earl Pomeroy, a North Dakota Democrat. "It's what you listen to when you plant the crop in the spring. It's what kids talk about when they go to their sandlot ball."

Congress has traditionally been reluctant to tamper with baseball's antitrust exemption. In 1998, a law was passed eliminating the exemption only for labor relations involving the major leagues.

"It's a steep mountain to climb, but we absolutely have to make the effort," Wellstone said.

Union head Donald Fehr immediately backed the legislation.

"It is unfortunate that the owners' recent actions make consideration of this legislation necessary, but it is important to make certain that the antitrust laws apply to baseball owners in order to protect the interests of baseball fans, ballpark employees, cities

and, frankly, the game itself," he said.

"Some legal experts believe that ... major league baseball is already subject to the antitrust laws. I share that view. However, the commissioner and the other owners evidently continue to believe that they can operate free from scrutiny under the antitrust laws — that the laws which apply to other Americans do not apply to them. This bill would eliminate any remaining doubt that baseball must comply with the antitrust laws, just like the other professional sports, and nearly every other industry."

In New York, lawyers for the union and the owners spoke with arbitrator Shyam Das, who will hear the grievance filed by the union, which claims the decision to eliminate two teams violated its labor contract, which expired last week.

"We have a series on dates beginning in early December," union lawyer Michael Weiner said. "We will confer and get back to him shortly."

Weiner said it was likely the date for starting the hearing will be set Thursday or Friday.

In Minneapolis, a hearing is scheduled for Thursday before Hennepin County District Court Judge Harry Cruikshank on a lawsuit filed against the Twins by the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.

Judge Diana Eagon last week issued a temporary restraining order barring the Twins from being eliminated. The commission is seeking a permanent injunction to force the Twins to play in the Metrodome through the end of their lease in 2002.

Piniella, Bowa voted managers of the year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lou Piniella looked at Larry Bowa a year ago and saw a lot of himself in his third-base coach at Seattle. It turned out he was right — both wound up with Manager of the Year awards Wednesday.

Piniella won the American League honor for the second time for leading the Mariners to a record-setting season, and Bowa won the National League award for keeping the surprising Philadelphia Phillies in playoff contention until the final three days of the season.

"I recognized he knew baseball," Piniella said. "I recognized that he had leadership qualities. As the season progressed, I even told him, 'You should think about managing at the big-league level again and not be satisfied being a third-base coach.'"

Piniella, whose Mariners tied the major league record of 116 wins, received 22 first-place votes and six seconds for 128 points from a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association.

Bowa got 18 first-place votes, six seconds and five thirds in the separate NL voting, for 113 points.

Piniella, 58, and Bowa, 55, have

similar intense styles, but Piniella has calmed down during 15 years as a major league manager.

"I do have the intensity," said Bowa, whose contract was extended Wednesday for two years through 2004. "I think I've learned to bottle it up a little bit better than before. I'm still very intense. I'm not going to lie about that."

Bowa, fired by San Diego after compiling an 81-127 record in 1987-88, said Piniella warned him about his intensity.

"There was a time during the course of the year when I was very high," Bowa said, "and you have to sort of back off there."

Piniella said it was difficult for him to acquire patience.

"I came to realize a manager can't be more intense than his team," he said. "He has to find the level of intensity his team has and hover around it — in fact, better, hover slightly below it."

Oakland's Art Howe was second in the AL voting for the third consecutive season, getting five first-place votes and 77 points. Minnesota's Tom Kelly was third with 25 points.

Jim Williams, fired by Boston on Aug. 16 after keeping his team in contention for most of the season, finished fourth with

12 third-place votes and 12 points. He was the first manager fired during a season to receive any votes since the BBWAA began the manager awards in 1983.

At the time Williams was fired, Boston was 65-53, two games behind Oakland in the AL wild-card standings and five games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East.

Boston went 17-26 under Williams' successor, Joe Kerrigan, and finished 13 1/2 games behind the Yankees and 19 1/2 games in back of the Athletics.

Jim Tracy, the first-year manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, was second in the NL voting with 48 points, followed by Tony La Russa of St. Louis with 38 and Bob Brenly of Arizona with 33.

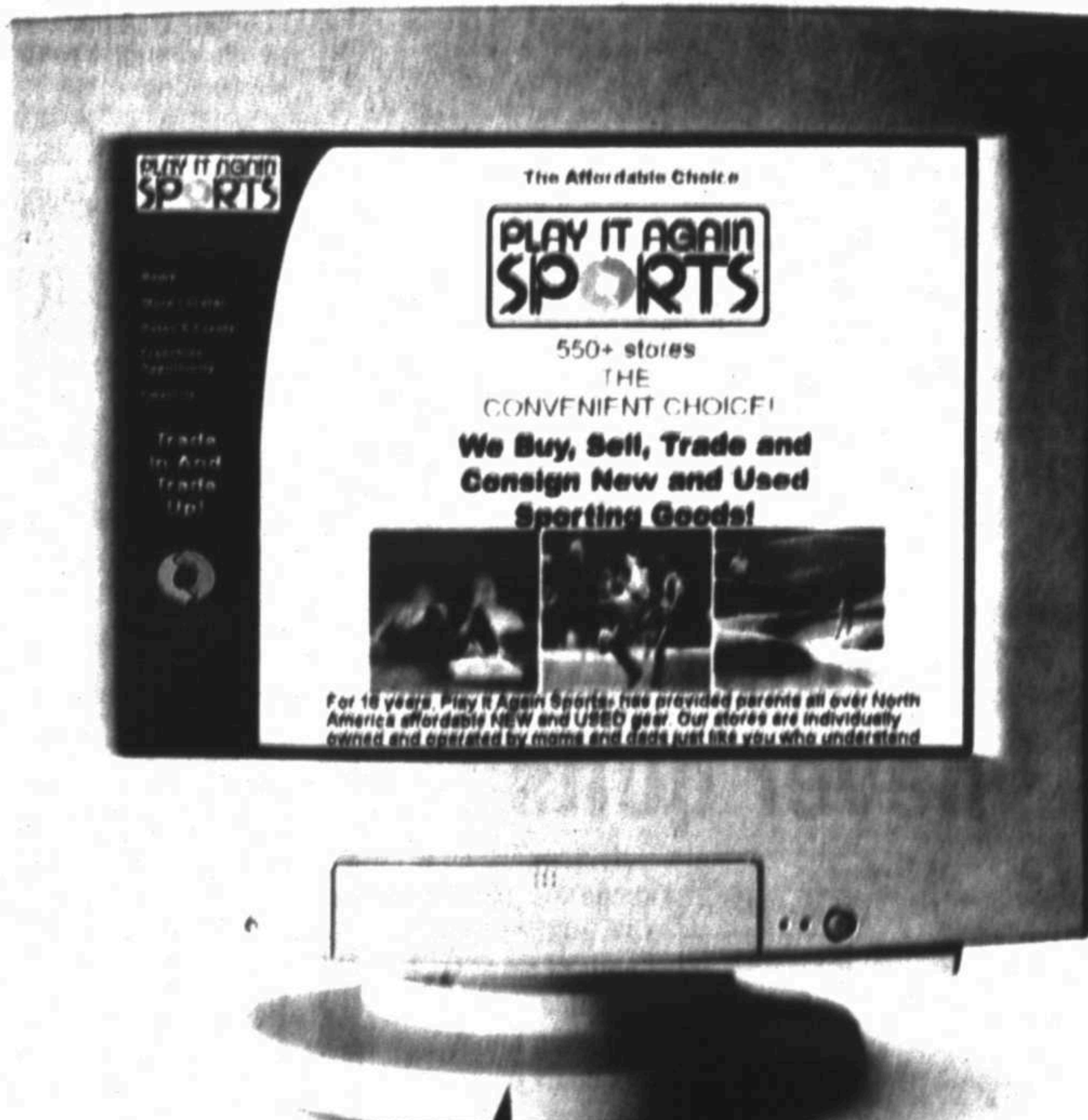
Piniella, who also won the award with Seattle in 1995, became the first manager to twice lead teams to first-place finishes after leading from opening day, first accomplishing the feat with the 1990 Cincinnati Reds.

"The only danger of opening up a big lead is if complacency sets in, you can go into a tailspin," Piniella said. "My coaching staff and my players did an outstanding job of making sure that didn't happen."

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Is the Three Gorges Dam warming Japan?

Not just the weather, but the climate. A new study, published in the journal *Science*, suggests that the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest, may be warming the air over the sea of Japan. The study, by a team of Chinese and American scientists, found that the dam's massive concrete structure, which is 191 meters high, is acting as a giant heat sink, absorbing heat from the sun and the air. The heat is then released into the atmosphere, warming the air over the sea of Japan. The study also found that the dam is causing a decrease in the amount of rain falling over the sea of Japan, which is causing a decrease in the amount of water flowing into the sea of Japan. This is causing a decrease in the amount of water flowing into the sea of Japan, which is causing a decrease in the amount of water flowing into the sea of Japan.



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Oil plummets

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures tumbled 8 percent to a 28-month low after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries delayed a widely expected production cut.

After a long and contentious meeting Wednesday, OPEC delegates announced a mystifying policy with conditions and circumstances that confounded analysts and traders.

OPEC agreed to cut its output by 1.5 million barrels a day, or 6 percent, from Jan. 1. But that's only if producing countries that are not part of the group weigh in with another cut of 500,000 barrels a day. The cuts can then take effect as soon as non-OPEC pledges its cuts.

As previous cohesion within producing countries was transformed into something one analyst described as a "playground brawl," December crude oil futures shed \$1.99 to \$19.74 a barrel at the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday.

Some analysts expect prices to pause at \$19, while others see them sliding to \$18 and \$16 a barrel without a tangible output policy that eases into existing oversupply.

Despite the pleas, veiled threats of a price war, and dire predictions of a battle for market share, Russia is the only major non-OPEC producer so far to publicly declare its willingness to cut — but by a symbolic 30,000 barrels a day, or 0.4 percent of its output.

December gasoline futures fell 4.64 cents to close at 53.37 cents a gallon, while December heating oil futures fell 4.51 cents to end at 56.12 cents a gallon.

In London, Brent crude from the North Sea was \$2.06 cents lower at \$18.75 a barrel. December natural gas futures fell 12.2 cents to \$2.676 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar mixed

LONDON — The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading Wednesday.

The euro was quoted at 66.29 cents in late European trading, up from 66.27 cents Tuesday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 66.28 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Tuesday, included 121.57 Japanese yen, up from 121.32; 1.6633 Swiss francs, down from 1.6639; and 1.5920 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5975.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4417, down from \$1.4446.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 121.66 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.4422.

Based on late European euro rates, the dollar was worth 2.2142 German marks, down from 2.2147; 7.4262 French francs, down from 7.4279; 2.4949 Dutch guilders, down from 2.4954; and 2,192.09 Italian lire, down from 2,192.56.

Gold closed in London at \$277.20 bid per troy ounce, up from \$277.00 on Tuesday. In Zurich the bid price was \$277.16, up from \$276.99. Gold fell 70 cents in Hong Kong to \$277.75.

Silver closed in London at \$4.16 bid per troy ounce, up from \$4.15.

Enron plans sale of money-losing assets

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. executives offered contrition for what they called some "bad investments" and said they plan to restore the once-mighty energy trader's financial stability by selling off money-losing assets before merging with rival Dynegy Inc.

Assets on the block, which include its high-speed Internet unit and power operations in India and Brazil, are valued at up to \$8 billion, officials said. Money raised by the sales will be used to pay off Enron's massive debt and support core businesses.

Those businesses "have performed far worse than we ever could have imagined when we made these investments," president and chief executive Ken Lay said during a conference call Wednesday for investors and analysts.

"In hindsight, we made some very bad investments in noncore businesses," Lay said.

Enron executives also said they expect the company's fourth quarter earnings to

be hurt by the ongoing financial problems. They said more information on that forecast would be given in two weeks.

Meanwhile, the company seeks to raise an additional \$500 million to \$1 billion in new private equity to shore up customer and market confidence, which was battered following disclosures that the company inflated profit figures and didn't reveal large amounts of debt to shareholders.

"Enron became overleveraged. We regret this has resulted in (a lack of) investor confidence," Lay said. "Our core (gas and power) businesses are still strong. We want to regain your support and trust in Enron."

Raymond James analyst Jon Kyle Cartwright said Enron — dealing with the aftermath of disclosures that the company understated its losses and kept large amounts of debt off its books using a string of partnerships now under federal investigation — is finally realizing that restoring credibility is the most important issue facing the company.

"When your credibility is an issue, everything you do is questioned in the

market," Cartwright said. "One week ago, the rumors suggested that Enron would file for bankruptcy. Today, we're more comfortable that they will maintain their investment grade status."

Investors have responded well to the proposed merger between the two Houston-based companies. In trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange, Enron shares closed at \$10, up 2 cents, while Dynegy shares closed at \$46.20, up 74 cents or 1.6 percent. Since Dynegy announced Friday it would buy the troubled energy marketer, Enron's stock price has risen almost 15 percent while Dynegy's stock has gone up 19 percent.

The merger, worth \$10.5 billion, is expected to go through by next summer. Dynegy will also assume \$13 billion of Enron debt.

Enron agreed to be bought by its smaller rival — for a fraction of what it was worth a year ago — after Enron's stock price plunged about 80 percent in the weeks after disclosing a \$1.2 billion reduction in shareholder equity related to partnerships run by company officers.

The arrangements allowed Enron to keep about half a billion dollars in debt off its books.

Those partnerships are now under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Chuck Watson, Dynegy chairman and chief executive, will retain those roles for the combined company. Lay will have no role in day-to-day management but has been offered a seat on the combined company's board.

Lay said Tuesday he would not accept a compensation package worth up to \$60.6 million that was triggered by the merger. He said nothing about that decision during Wednesday's conference call.

Neither Lay nor other top Enron executives would say how many of the company's 20,000 employees worldwide would lose jobs as businesses are sold.

Enron is the country's top buyer and seller of natural gas, and the No. 1 whole-sale power marketer. The company operates a 25,000-mile gas pipeline system, and markets and trades metals, paper, coal, chemicals, and fiber-optic bandwidth.

High-tech communication



Phillip Barnett, vice president of Teleportec, speaks into a device that projects his image on a glass screen in another location, as he conducts a video conference interview in his Dallas office, Wednesday. The recipient of the image sees Barnett projected on a glass screen, appearing as a three-dimensional image.

Electronic payments gaining on check use

By Jeanine Averas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans' use of credit cards, debit cards and other electronic payments is gaining fast on traditional checks.

Consumers and businesses write 49.1 billion checks a year, an increase of 53 percent from 32 billion of 1979, the Federal Reserve said in studies released Wednesday.

Over the same period, the number of transactions involving electronic payments, including credit cards and debit cards, rose from 5 billion to 30 billion, an increase of 500 percent, Federal Reserve officials said. A very small portion of the transactions involved payments over the Internet.

"We believe the results clearly paint a picture of a payments system in migration," said Fed Vice Chairman Roger Ferguson. "The data show strong growth in electronic payments since the early 1980s and lower than expected check volumes."

The big jump in electronic payments reflects the ever-increasing role of technology in the retail, financial and banking businesses, economists said.

"Businesses have adopted technologies that have made it more convenient for consumers to purchase goods," said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research Corp. "Rather than writing a check, which can require several forms of identification, a cumbersome five-minute process, consumers can swipe a card."

To some extent, Americans are feeling more comfortable about using certain electronic payment options, such as debit cards, Yamarone said.

Checks now account for roughly 60 percent of all payments in the United States that do not involve cash, compared with 85

percent in 1979. Electronic payments account for 40 percent of total noncash payments, compared with roughly 15 percent in 1979, officials said.

Fed officials pointed out that in 1979 debit cards did not exist, and a national network of electronic clearinghouses, called the Automated Clearing House, was in its infancy. That network is mostly used for moving income payments, such as preauthorized payroll checks, but also for debit payments, including mortgage payments.

Other findings from the Fed's studies:

■ Consumers write about 50 percent of all checks and businesses receive about half of all checks. About one-quarter of the checks are written to pay bills. The second biggest use — 19 percent — is for a purchase.

■ The average check value is \$965, compared with \$757 in 1979.

■ The 49.1 billion checks currently written are worth nearly \$48 trillion a year. That is up 32 billion checks valued at \$24 trillion in 1979.

■ The 30 billion electronic payment transactions in the United States have a value of more than \$7 trillion. Credit card transactions represented about half of those electronic payments — 15 billion — worth \$1.23 trillion. Debit cards came in second place with 8.3 billion transactions valued at \$348 billion.

Approximately 1,300 financial institutions, including banks, thrifts and credit unions, responded to the Fed's three commissioned surveys that examined methods and volumes of retail payments.

The Fed said the surveys were the most comprehensive look into the payments system since a 1979 study. The Fed plans additional studies on the topic every two to three years.

Stocks rise on HP earnings, record jump in retail sales

NEW YORK (AP) — A record jump in retail sales and better-than-expected earnings by Hewlett-Packard sent stocks higher Wednesday for the second straight session.

After weeks of rallying, the Dow Jones industrials are now halfway between the 9,605 level held before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and 10,000.

The Dow closed up 72.66, or 0.8 percent, at 9,823.61, adding to a 196-point gain Tuesday.

The market's broader indicators were also higher, after dipping occasionally into negative territory. The Nasdaq composite index advanced 11.08, or 0.6 percent, to 1,903.19, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 2.12, or 0.2 percent, to 1,141.21.

Investors were enthusiastic Wednesday about a 7.1 percent jump in retail sales in October, the biggest one-month gain ever and a sharp contrast to the 2.2 percent dip in September sales. The Commerce Department's report boosted hopes for an economic turnaround in 2002, because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economy.

Much of the strength in the October's retail sales came from a record 26.4 percent increase in car sales, which have been lifted by such incentives as zero percent financing. Automakers benefited Wednesday on Wall Street with General Motors gaining \$1.04 to \$46.03 and DaimlerChrysler advancing 92 cents to \$38.55.

A string of stronger-than-anticipated earnings from retailers also pulled up the market. Among those issues, Federated Department Stores climbed \$2.28 to \$37.11, Payless ShoeSource advanced \$1.61 to \$57.76 and Tiffany rose \$1.65 to \$28.35.

Investors also rewarded Internet retailer Amazon.com, which surged 30 percent, up \$2.20 to \$9.49.

Good news from Hewlett-Packard contributed to Wednesday's gains, as well. The Dow industrial soared 9 percent, up \$1.85 to \$22.08, after surpassing analysts' earnings forecasts by 11 cents a share.

HP chairwoman and chief executive Carly Fiorina said the company managed inventory aggressively and lowered expenses to deal with the economic slowdown.

But investors were wary about the ability of some tech issues to hold on to recent gains. IBM fell \$2.35 to \$114.35 ahead of its late-day meeting with analysts. At the meeting, IBM said there is a lot of potential in Internet-related business, but did not discuss earnings. IBM inched up 3 cents in extended-hours trading.

THE ECONOMIST

Two months later, the lifeblood of business remains unquenched

By M. Ray Perryman

On Sept. 11, a horrific psychic cloud cover billowed over the World Trade Center and Pentagon, blowing across all of the nation and the free world. A formidable front fueled by fears of bio-terrorism, the threat has gathered momentum from people living in disparate communities across the U.S. who, with or without good evidence, suspect (and report) the worst in otherwise unsuspecting circumstances. Each of us understands their apprehension. Today (Nov. 8, 2001) — a period of almost two months since the assaults, Americans find they are still feeling a need to ward off the inescapable, amorphous cloud of terrorism that continues to darken the doors of daily life; and this unwelcome visitor may be with us for a very long time.

Nevertheless (and here comes the good part), even as these unprecedented and seemingly personal attacks up heave portions of the economy, the lifeblood of business remains unquenched. New and continuing busi-

ness activity is as resilient and essential to the economy of the nation and state as is the American dream and the frontier spirit.

From the mundane to the exotic, from every U.S. hamlet to each Texas urban power center, myriad ideas, proposals, and dreams-in-the-making are showing signs of coming back to life. Activity borne of the fruits from the nation's and state's unequalled creativity and innovations cannot be squelched (thank goodness). Ongoing developments fall into the ubiquitous, amorphous category of "stimulus" because these products and services target a response from a select market.

If you are not convinced that such activity surrounds you, just consider your daily routine: you'll find pedagogies to ignite enthusiasm for learning, business incubators to boost new start-ups, and ubiquitous marketing strategies to leverage America's fascination with Internet savvy — for starters.

A common goal every successful business initiative shares is the intent to stimulate or generate a value-added activity or product in a specified market. That's it. That was the place to be in the pre-attack economy — and, no surprise, that's the place to be in the post-attack global economy. That's where it's always been. How reassuring that some things don't change. As noted in last week's column, the future of the U.S.

economy looks as if it will begin rebounding prior to mid 2002. When it comes to reacting to the post-attack economic uncertainty, some business concerns (and consumers) are choosing to batten the hatches and be conservative in areas such as business travel, capital expenditures, and new expansions. That is to be expected. A common and natural reaction to uncertainty is to do nothing. We are already seeing the effects of this course in the negative output growth and substantial job losses we are (temporarily) experiencing. Overall, however, most firms are choosing to stay the course (a fact I have chosen wholeheartedly). My advice (worth what you paid for it) is to keep doing what you were doing before September 11, and then some. These times create challenges, no doubt, but they also bring opportunities. Those who are innovative in meeting the new needs of the post-attack environment will reap the rewards of their efforts. The nice thing about markets is that, without any fanfare, they provide the incentives to make sure that evolving demands are met.

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High School Football Playoffs

Associated Press

Here are this week's high school football playoff pairings. All U.S. schools are playing bi-district games this week, while private schools are in the round indicated.

Class 5A

Division I

El Paso Franklin (9-0) vs. El Paso Har-
ker (5-3) 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sun
Bowl in El Paso.
Lubbock Concho (7-3) vs. Midland
Lee (6-4) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Sta-
dium in Midland.
Keller Fossil Ridge (8-2) vs. Lewisville
(9-1) 1 p.m. Saturday at Coppell.
Duncanville (6-4) vs. Arlington (8-2) 1
p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.

Division II

Plano East (8-2) vs. Mesquite (10-0)
6 p.m. Friday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Dallas Raynes (5-5) vs. Tyler (4-1) 7:30
p.m. Saturday at Forester Stadium in Dallas.
Copperas Cove (10-0) vs. Round Rock
McNeil (7-3) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Waco (HS)
Stadium.
The Woodlands (7-3) vs. Jersey Village
(7-3) 7 p.m. Friday at Ashokuma in Houston.

Division III

Houston Lamar (8-2) vs. Houston
Chavez (5-5) 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Mer-
cer Stadium in Sugar Land.
Alief Hastings (7-2) vs. Fort Bend
Kempner (10-0) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mer-
cer Stadium in Sugar Land.
Addicks Eastwood (9-1) vs. Humble
Kingwood (7-2) 1 p.m. Saturday at
Ashokuma in Houston.
Denton Park (8-4) vs. Pasadena (10-0) 2
p.m. Saturday at Pasadena Memorial
Stadium.

Division IV

Austin Bowie (8-2) vs. Converse Jui-
son (8-2) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Converse
Judson.
San Antonio Lath (7-3) vs. San Antonio
Southwest (7-3) 1 p.m. Saturday at Alamo
Stadium in San Antonio.
Corpus Christi Carroll (5-5) vs. Laredo
United South (4-8) 7:30 p.m. Friday at
Kramer Stadium in Laredo.
La Jara (8-2) vs. Brownsville Harris (8-2)
7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownsville.

Division V

El Paso Andrews (7-2) vs. El Paso
Mountain View (8-1) 7:30 p.m. Friday at
Socorro Stadium in Socorro.
Lubbock Moody (8-1) vs. Abilene
Cooke (9-1) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Shiloh
Stadium in Abilene.
Coppell (8-2) vs. Carrollton Turner (8-4)
7:30 p.m. Friday at Standridge Sta-
dium in Carrollton.
Dallas Trinity (9-1) vs. Arlington Barn
Henderson (7-3) 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Texas
Stadium in Irving.
El Paso Del Valle (8-1) vs. El Paso
Coronado (4-8) 7:30 p.m. Friday at El Paso
Del Valle.
Amarillo High (5-5) vs. Abilene High (7-3)
7:30 p.m. Friday at Cowboy Field in Abilene.
Carrollton Creekview (8-2) vs. Gal-
vestone Creekview (7-3) 7:30 p.m. Saturday
at Coppell.
Dallas (7-3) vs. Fort Worth (4-8) 4 p.m.
Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.

Division VI

Ames (8-2) vs. North Garland (5-5) 9
p.m. Friday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Dallas Randall (7-3) vs. Longview (6-4)
2 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in
Mesquite.
Waco (7-3) vs. Phlogerville (6-4) 2 p.m.
Saturday at Waco (HS) Stadium.
Spring Westland (9-1) vs. AAM Con-
solidated (8-4) 2 p.m. Saturday at AAM
Consolidated Stadium in Spring.
Plano (6-4) vs. North Mesquite (7-3)
7:30 p.m. Friday at Texas Stadium in Irving.
Dallas Carter (8-2) vs. Dallas (9-1) 2
p.m. Saturday at Sprague Stadium in Dal-
las.
Blossom (7-3) vs. Lander (8-2) 7:30

Region III

Houston Madison (10-0) vs. Houston
Valley (8-4) 5 p.m. Friday at Ashokuma in
Houston.
Katy (7-3) vs. Rosenberg Terry (7-3)
2 p.m. Saturday at Tully Stadium in Spring
Branch.
Addicks North Shore (10-0) vs. La
Porte (4-8) 7 p.m. Friday at Deer Park
Houston Worthing (8-2) vs. Houston
Washington (7-3) 8:30 p.m. Friday at
Ashokuma.
Alief Elak (5-5) vs. Fort Bend High
Lower (8-2) 4 p.m. Saturday at
Ashokuma.
Addicks (8-4) vs. Humble (7-2) 6 p.m.
Saturday at Thorne Stadium in Houston.
Baytown Lee (9-1) vs. Clear Creek (8-1)
1 p.m. Friday at Stahlworth Stadium in
Baytown.

Region IV

Austin Westlake (9-1) vs. San Antonio
East Central (8-2) 7:30 p.m. Friday at
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San Antonio Clark (9-1) vs. San
Antonio South Side (8-4) 7:30 p.m. Fri-
day at Gustafson Stadium in San Anto-
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Corpus Christi Miller (9-1) vs. Laredo
Alexander (8-4) 2 p.m. Saturday at
Alexander Stadium in Laredo.
Denton (9-1) vs. Edinburg (8-4) 7:30
p.m. Friday at Denton.
San Antonio Madison (8-2) vs. Austin
High (8-2) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Southtown
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San Antonio Marshall (8-2) 2 p.m. Sat-
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nio.
Harrisburg (6-4) vs. Laredo Nixon (9-1)
7:30 p.m. Friday at Laredo Stadium in
Corpus Christi.
McAllen Bowie (7-3) vs. Edinburg North
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LIFESTYLE

Meteorite hunters scour Southwest for space rocks

By Foster Klug
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The sunshine sparkling on his meteorite-encrusted wedding ring and Van Halen blaring from his car stereo, Bob Haag rolled into Portales, N.M., looking for space rocks.

He had heard the news less than 24 hours earlier: Rare iron-rich stone meteorites had landed near the eastern New Mexico town. Armed with a pocket full of \$100 bills and banking on another big score, the self-styled "long-haired hippy kid from Tucson" hit the road.

He was in town before the stones had time to cool.

This is the world of the meteorite hunter, where a handful of pros like Haag and legions of metal detector-toting amateurs comb the Southwest in search of celestial tidbits more valuable than gold.

"Without a doubt, I have the best job in the galaxy," Haag said. "But you don't have to be a rocket scientist. You do a little research, find where meteorites have fallen, and just go there and look. That's it. There's no magic."

In 25 years of hunting meteorites, Haag has followed "million-dollar falls," multiple meteorite drops that happen about every 1,000 days, to Egypt, Russia, Japan and more than 50 other countries.

He has built an extensive collection, which he said has been appraised at \$25 million.

"These are pieces of stars that have never been seen on Earth before," Haag said. "It's so 2001 Space Odyssey, so Buck Rogers spaceman, so Marvin the Martian. These are today's new treasures, and we don't even have to leave the planet to get them."

During his search in Portales in 1998, Haag started working the residents immediately, handing out pictures of the meteorite and posting "Wanted" posters at the town's barber shop and Wal-Mart promising a reward.

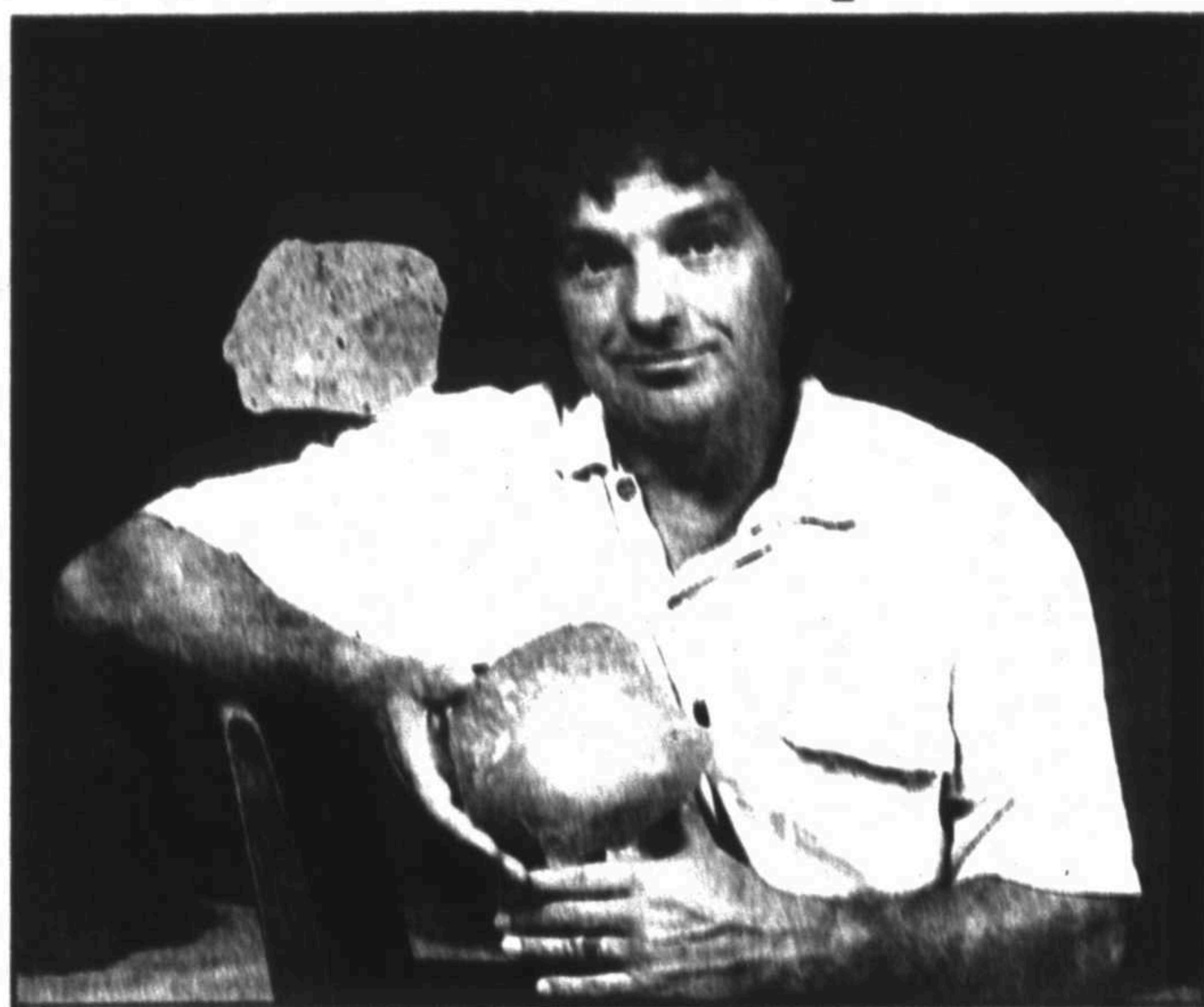
Soon, a crew of housewives, teen-agers and retired men were scouring the desert scrub behind their homes.

Haag shelled out about \$15,000 for three of the 60 meteorites that were eventually recovered — including \$5,000 to a child on a bike. He guesses that the three rocks are worth at least twice what he paid, though he hasn't sold them.

Most hunters agree there's more to the quest than money.

"The excitement with meteorites is that these samples are parts of planets that once existed somewhere in outer space," said David Kring, professor of planetary studies at the University of Arizona in Tucson. "Meteorites are a piece of a very old puzzle — a 1/2 billion years of the solar system's history that can be partially unraveled by studying the meteorite you hold in your hand."

The dry, wide-open spaces of the Sonora,



Meteorite hunter Bob Haag displays a meteorite he found in the Libyan desert, named the Libyan Desert Glass, at his home in Tucson, Ariz.

Chihuahua and Mohave deserts of the southwestern United States make for ideal meteorite hunting terrain. Would-be collectors just have to be able to recognize them.

About 800 baseball-sized or larger meteorites have fallen in Arizona alone in the past 300 years, but only about 40 have been recovered, Kring said.

He said he finds about one or two meteorites among the 600 rock samples brought to his office by amateur rock hunters each year.

Jim Krieger, a retired University of Arizona civil engineering professor, wasn't even looking for meteorites when he made his big find.

While hunting for gold in remote northwestern Arizona in 1995, Krieger stumbled across a strewn field, the scattered fragments of a huge rock that dropped out of its orbit between Jupiter and Mars about 15,000 years ago and exploded over the desert.

Over two years Krieger and his partners pulled more than 2,400 meteorite pieces from what would become the Gold Basin Strewn Field. One of only two strewn fields in Arizona, it is believed to be the oldest in the world outside of Antarctica, Kring said.

To date, more than 5,000 meteorite pieces have been recovered in the area.

"It evokes all sorts of mysterious thoughts," said Krieger's hunting partner, Twink Monrad. "There were woolly mammoths and prehistoric lions and tigers and small horses in the area, and it just makes you wonder what they saw when this space rock exploded. It's amazing."

Ms. Monrad was a homemaker before Krieger invited her to explore the strewn field. Now, she makes the seven-hour trip from her home near Tucson to Gold Basin a couple of times a month.

In 1999, she discovered a separate meteorite lying in the strewn field, called the Golden Rule Meteorite after a nearby mountain peak. She attributes her success to persistence.

"I firmly believe that if a person were to go over any square mile, time after time, anywhere in the world, they'd also eventually find meteorites," she said.

This strategy, employed by Ms. Monrad, Krieger and others who trek to Gold Basin, is the same method favored by professionals like Haag.

Haag said he makes his money by simply being able to recognize the rocks better than his competitors. He plucked his most valuable find, a rare moon rock, from a pile of low-priced meteorites a collector was displaying at a gem show.

DEAR ABBY

Woman still hears echoes of the man who got away

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Still Kicking Myself in Frazier Park, Calif.," who walked away from a possible romance, prompts my letter. Months after a love affair experience that began in church with the opening hymn and ended 45 minutes later, I, too, am still "kicking myself."

Last spring, I entered the cathedral where I regularly attend 10:30 Mass. Because I was late, the middle section where I usually sit was full. I quickly slid into an empty pew toward the front. As I did, I noticed an attractive dark-haired man seated behind me.

The organist played the first note. I opened my mouth to sing and then stopped to listen to the rich tenor directly behind me. Encouraged by the strength and beauty of his voice, I joined in, assuming his phrasing would cover my mistakes. Instead of being overshadowed, his voice complemented mine. We began to sing unscored harmony as though we had practiced together for years. Our voices flowed in concert with the organist. Time stopped for me while we sang together throughout the entire Mass. With each successive hymn and response, we were a team singing duets.

I turned to shake his hand during the traditional kiss of peace. He warmly held mine in both of his, and his shining hazel eyes looked directly into mine. Smiling back, I wanted to speak, but I was dumbfounded. What I felt was so unexpected and powerful that I suddenly became shy. What could I say? God had arranged a perfect setting, and I could only lower my eyes.

Aware of him behind me in the communion line, I resolved to say something — anything — to him before leaving church. At least I could comment on his remarkable voice. However, after Mass he

disappeared and has never returned. Perhaps he was in town on business, which makes another meeting unlikely. Or he may have been merely grateful for the opportunity to sing. Could there have been more to the day? My heart says yes — but there is no way to know. — WITH A SONG IN MY HEART IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR SONG IN MY HEART: Since there is no way to know whether or not there could have been more to the day, comfort yourself in the knowledge that for a few moments, you made beautiful music as one, and what you created together was your offering to God.

DEAR ABBY: During the past year, I have become good friends with a lady I'll call Ivy. I am a 36-year-old single woman; Ivy is 53 and divorced. We enjoy each other's company and she's been a wonderful friend.

Ivy is Jewish, I am Catholic. The difference in our faiths doesn't matter, because I believe that most religions are on the right path. However, I am unsure about how to handle our religious differences during the Christmas holidays.

Gift-giving is supposed to inspire feelings of warmth and happiness, and she has often said that when it comes to Christmas, she has lived the holiday vicariously through others. Naturally, I want to get her a gift, but is it the right thing to do? — GENTLE GENTLE

DEAR G.G.: By all means present your friend with a gift — for Hanukkah. Then invite her to share part of your Christmas celebration with you. Developing a close friendship with someone of a different faith can be enlightening for both of you.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

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Thursday,
November 15

To Participate in ArtWalk Midland

- Go downtown on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Walk around participating businesses and sample a variety of visual and performing arts.
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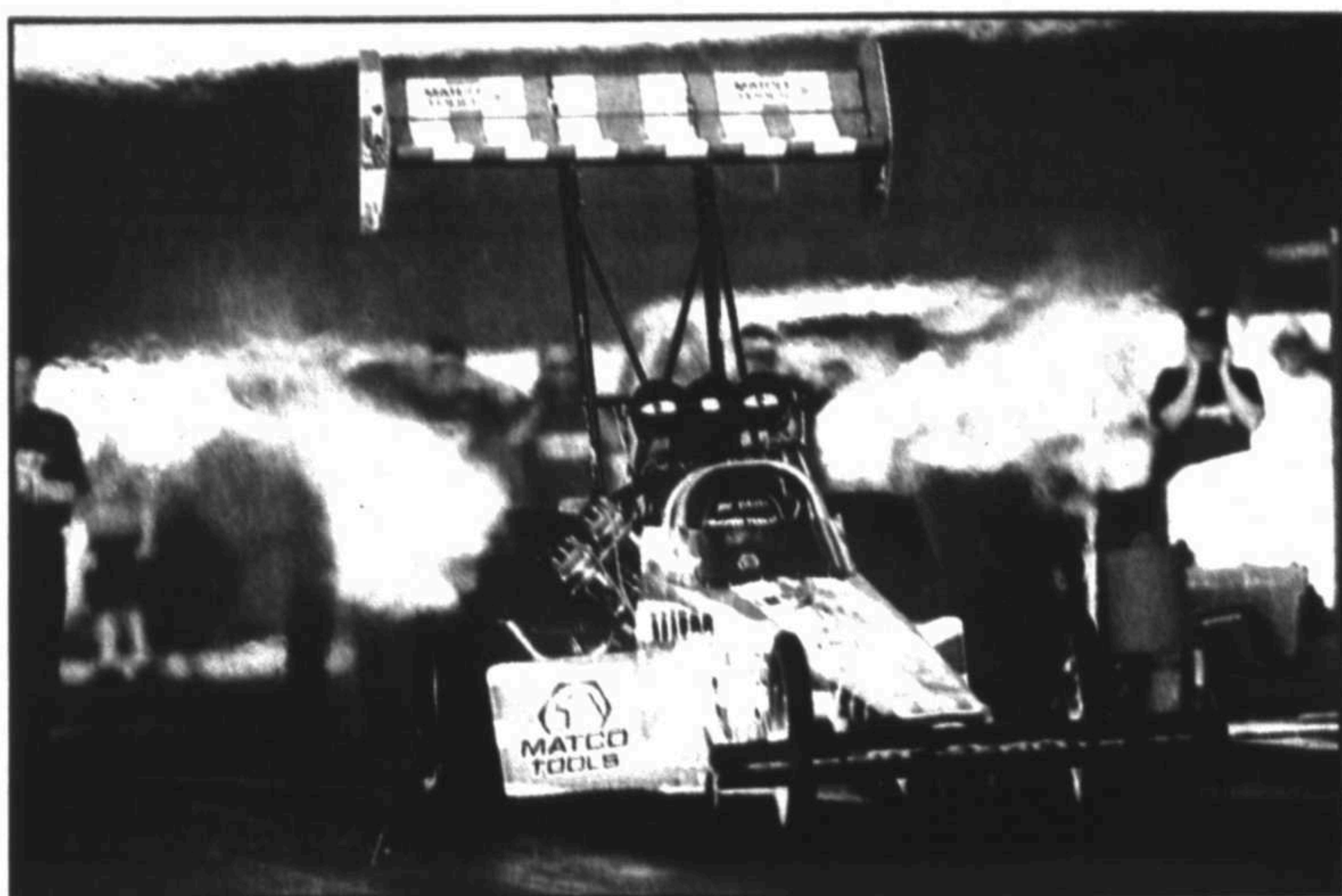
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Don Garlits drives a Gary Capshaw top fuel dragster during the 37th annual Auto Club NHRA Finals at Pomona Raceway in Pomona, Calif. AP Photo

Garlits chosen as No. 1 driver in NHRA history

Associated Press

Ultracompetitive John Force hates losing in anything, but even "The Brute" bows to "Big Daddy."

Don Garlits has been chosen as the No. 1 driver in the history of the National Hot Rod Association by a panel of drag racing writers and historians, beating out Force and Don "The Snake" Prudhomme.

"My uncle, Gene Beaver, raced Funny Cars for years," said Force, who finished second in the voting. "He helped me get to where I am today. When he spoke of the greatest driver, he spoke of Don Garlits, and my uncle knew the sport as good as anybody."

"If there hadn't been a Don Garlits, maybe there wouldn't have been an NHRA.... Don Garlits is the guy who got us here to this point."

Garlits won the first organized drag race he entered with the first car he built, in 1955.

Three years later, the garage and body-shop owner from Florida began racing the first of 34 versions of the car he would call the Swamp Rat. He continued racing until 1992 when eye trouble — the result of deceleration forces — pushed him into retirement at age 60.

In those years of competition, Garlits took on all comers, driving chassis he fabricated, powered by engines he built. He won 144 major open events and 17 national championships in the sport's three major hot rod associations.

"I just loved it," Garlits said. "I liked the idea of two cars lined up side by side, not bumping into one another. It was one person against one person, one machine against one machine. There was a winner and a loser. It was real simple."

He has been a leader in the sport for most of his career, becoming the first drag racer to record an official speed of 200

mph in August 1964. The next month, he drove Swamp Rat VI to his first of eight national titles.

In 1975, at the NHRA World Finals, Garlits made the first 250 mph pass. His elapsed time on the run was 5.63-seconds, a tenth and a half quicker than the record he set two years earlier. The speed was not beaten for almost seven years.

Bernie Partridge, the announcer at most NHRA events, first called Garlits "Big Daddy" at the 1962 U.S. Nationals. It stuck because Garlits was not only the top performer in the growing sport — he was one of its greatest innovators.

In 1970, a transmission explosion in Swamp Rat XIII, in the final round of an American Hot Rod Association national event in Long Beach, Calif., cut his car in half and sliced off a portion of Garlits' right foot.

Garlits, who had spent more than 10 years racing behind oil- and fire-spewing supercharged, nitro-burning engines at speeds of up to 240 mph, decided it was either find a better engine configuration or find another way to make a living.

A year later, he became the first to drive a Top Fuel rear-engine dragster to victory in an NHRA national event, piloting Swamp Rat XIV to a win in the Winternationals. Within two years, the front-engine dragster was extinct.

"I think that's my legacy. I really do," Garlits said. "When I built that rear-engine car I was hoping that it would be barely competitive where I could get out there and run with the guys and not have all that terrible fire and parts flying around."

Not everyone was happy with the idea.

"Everybody was against it," Big Daddy said. "Sponsors were against it, everybody at the track was against it."

When he showed up with the car at Long Beach, track owner C.J. Hart tried to talk him out of

driving it.

"He said every rear-engine that ever went down the track crashed and he didn't want Don Garlits getting killed at his race-track," Big Daddy said. "The racing association had so much power that they convinced him to let me run."

"At first I just ran singles because nobody would race against me. They were afraid, but they didn't realize that I had three months of testing and we pretty much had everything worked out. It just gives you an idea of what I was up against."

Even Garlits is amazed by what the cars are capable of now.

"It's mind-boggling that we can send that vehicle down the quarter-mile in four-and-a-half seconds over 330," he said. "Most people don't understand that. To them, it's just numbers. You have to actually come out to the track and see it, and even that is not the same as actually being in it."

After Kenny Bernstein beat him to the 300-mph plateau in 1992, Garlits retired. But he itched to return, if only to take one more shot at 300.

In September, just four months short of his 70th birthday, Garlits came back. As the big crowd at Indianapolis Raceway Park roared its approval, Garlits drove Gary Capshaw's dragster to career-best of 4.720-seconds and 303.37 mph.

"These cars are so different," Garlits said. "When I went to Indianapolis, I had to be retrained. It took me a couple of runs to get acclimated to how these cars run now. It's a totally different feeling."

At an age when most people are just sitting back, telling stories and enjoying their grandchildren, Garlits might still have some more racing in him, too.

"It's not something I want to do on a regular basis, but it is fun to do every once in a while," he said.

Houston tries to avoid first winless football season in school history

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dana Dimel still smiles and goes about business with spring in his walk.

As the coach, Dimel is trying to set a good example for his University of Houston football team that has lost 13 straight games and is two games away from the first winless season in school history.

He's tried to keep the mood light.

"We've been reflecting on why we are 0-8, I mean, 0-9. I know that we are the 0," Dimel said. "There's probably not a game that you look at and say Houston should have won."

"We were picked ninth in the (Conference-USA) conference. We just didn't win some games that we weren't supposed to win."

Dimel even punished himself with extra running and push-ups the week after he was flagged for running on the field Oct. 20 against Cincinnati.

"That didn't help, nor has anything so far in a season that was supposed to be a turnaround. The foreboding questions don't have pleasant answers."

How long has it been the Cougars won a game? Oct. 21, 2000, 33-30 over Memphis in overtime.

How many fourth-quarter leads have the Cougars had this season? One. Against Cincinnati.

Then they lost 29-28.

How many times in their history, starting in 1946, have the Cougars lost 13 straight games? Never. The previous longest was 11.

"It's been a challenge and in a lot of ways it's helped me to grow as a coach and experience some things I haven't had to this point," Dimel said. "If you are a winning type person, you have to look at this and say it's been a great challenge."

After three successful seasons at Wyoming, Dimel replaced Kim Helton, who led the Cougars to a 7-4 record in 1999, one of only two winning seasons in the last 11 years.

Houston was 3-8 in Dimel's first season in 2000. If they don't beat Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday or Georgia the following week, the Cougars will have hit bottom for a team with a storied past that included four championships in the old Southwest Conference.

"The lowest moment for me is not one specific moment but after every game on Saturday when you look up at the scoreboard and the Cougars haven't been able to get a 'W,' cornerback Bachie McGruder said. "Those are the lowest points."

The Cougars started the season with an outstanding cast of receivers and a baseball player turned quarterback, who hadn't played football since high

school.

Quarterback Kelly Robertson showed promise but broke a bone in his wrist and missed much of the season.

Houston's most glaring weaknesses have been on defense. The Cougars' defense ranks 111th among 116 NCAA Division I-A teams in scoring defense and 94th in total defense.

If there was one time lower than all the rest, it had to be the Cincinnati game when the Cougars held their only fourth quarter lead of the season with 11:24 to play and then lost their 10th in a row.

"Instead of gaining momentum from that, they got deflated and said: 'We were so close,'" Dimel said. "For the next couple of weeks there was some deflation or our program, but I think we've found a way to play again."

Despite a 34-10 loss to No. 25 Louisville last week, the Cougars feel they still have some fight left.

"You can't dwell on the past. Everything happens for a reason. Of course we don't know the reason being 0-9," receiver Orlando Iglesias said. "If anybody can go through this and prevail it's the University of Houston. We're a young team with a lot of talent. In the near future you'll see a great turnaround in this program."

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT
AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 8296A

APPLICATION: Tuboscope, A Division of Varco, L.P., 11919 County Road 128 West, Midland, Midland County, Texas, 79711, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 8296A which would authorize modifications to the production processes at the Tubular Coating Facility located at the above address. The following air contaminants will be evaluated for authorization: particulate matter (including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter), organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on September 5, 2001. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, the TNRCC Midland regional office, and the Midland County Library, 301 West Missouri, Midland, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING: You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING: You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[We] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST: In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION: Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Tuboscope, A Division of Varco, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Robert B. Ballard at (713) 799-5593.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Policy Advisory Committee for the Midland-Odessa Regional Transportation Study (MORTS) will meet in the offices of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission at 2910 LaForce Boulevard, Midland International Airport at 8:30 a.m. Friday, November 16, 2001, to conduct the following business:

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Consider the minutes of the previous meeting (July 20, 2001)
3. Discuss/Consider the recommendations of the Steering Committee regarding a revision to the MORTS Public Involvement Policy
4. Discuss/Consider the recommendations of the Steering Committee regarding revisions/ amendments to the Fiscal-Year 2002 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
5. Briefing on the Texas Department of Transportation Meeting outlining the Texas Transportation Institute recommendations on Project Selection and Funds Distribution in the Unified Transportation Program (UTP)
6. Discuss/Consider hosting a West Texas meeting of Metropolitan Planning Organizations to allow the Texas Department of Transportation Austin staff to provide details on the UTP changes
7. Consider a resolution in memorandum of Mayor Bill Hest
8. Report on Unified Transportation Program (UTP) Workshop
9. Report on Access Management Workshop
10. Update on State Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) applications
11. Hear status reports on significant and on-going projects
12. Note/ Discuss dates of future meetings
13. Consider old business
14. Consider new business
15. Adjourn

For additional information, interested persons should call Robert Cox at 915-563-1061 or Gary Law at 915-498-4712

JOEL CONTRERAS, INC. DBA VIVA VILLA BAR & GRILL; JOEL T. CONTRERAS; PRESIDENT; MICHAEL JAMES KILLMAN, VICE PRES.; SECT.; FRANK HOLLIS EATON, TREASURER; HAVE MADE APPLICATION TO THE T.A.B.C. FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT AT THE ADDRESS OF 4410 N. MIDKIFF STE. C-1, MIDLAND, MIDLAND, TEXAS.

NOTICE OF SALE

Alamo South Mini-Storage wishes to avail themselves of the Texas provision of Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. This sale is being held to satisfy a landlord's lien on the following unit(s) contents:

The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from sale.

Michelle Brown Unit #52

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Sale: December 07, 2001 @ 10:00 a.m.

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LESLIE WHITMER MOFFATT DBA MOFFATT'S SPIRITS, HAS MADE APPLICATION TO THE T.A.B.C. FOR A PACKAGE STORE PERMIT AT THE ADDRESS OF 3310 ILLINOIS, MIDLAND, MIDLAND, TEXAS.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on November 2, 2001 an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission seeking its consent to the assignment of license for AM Broadcast Station KJBC 1150 KHz, Midland, Texas from Queen of Peace Radio, Inc. to LaPromessa Foundation, Inc., a non-profit, non-stock corporation, its officers and directors are J. Christopher Williams, Peter Cagle, Raymond E. Mosewell, Richard Miller and Paul Danese. LaPromessa Foundation is a non-stock, non-profit corporation, its officers and directors are Leonard

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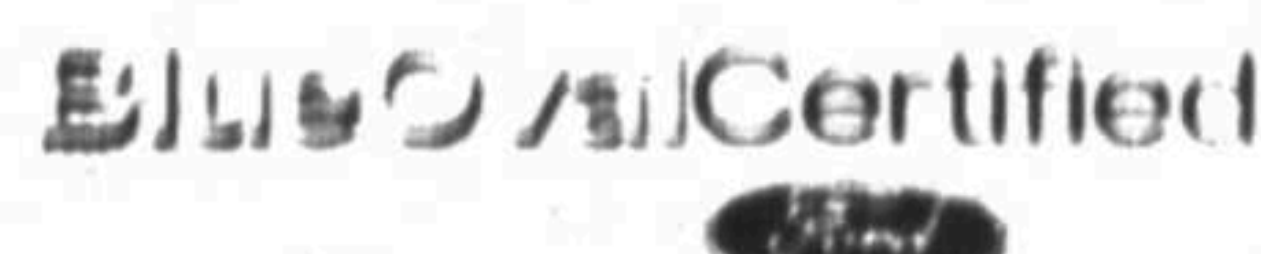
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