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NFL Minority Hiring Guidelines Outlined

The NFL issued additional guidelines to its year-old policy ensuring that at least one minority candidate be interviewed for each head coaching vacancy. In a year in which there could be a half-dozen vacancies or more, the memo eliminates the use of telephone interviews and mandates that team owners be involved in interviewing candidates.

Cuban Pianist Dies

Cuban pianist Ruben Gonzalez, who found new fame in the mid-1990s playing with Compay Segundo's Buena Vista Social Club band, has died. He was 84.

Oklahoma City Federal Building Re-Opens

A new Oklahoma City federal building with shatterproof glass, a steel-plated main entrance and concrete plugs outside opened on Monday, 8 1/2 years after the bombing that killed 168 people.

Tiger Woods Wins PGA Award; Again

A wild season in golf came to a familiar conclusion when Tiger Woods was voted PGA Tour player of the year for the fifth straight time. The Associated Press learned.

Bush Call for One China

President Bush said Tuesday after meeting with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao that he opposes the apparent interest of Taiwan's leaders in taking steps toward independence. Meeting with reporters in the Oval Office after a 40-minute meeting with Wen, Bush said he had told the premier, "The United States policy is one China."

Survey: Saddam Killed 61,000 in Baghdad

Saddam Hussein's government may have executed 61,000 Baghdad residents, a number significantly higher than previously believed, according to a survey obtained by The Associated Press. The bloodiest massacres of Saddam's 23-year presidency occurred in Iraq's Kurdish north and Shiite Muslim south, but the Gallup Baghdad Survey data indicates the brutality extended strongly into the capital as well.

Caribbean Santa Faints Near the Equator

A Caribbean Santa fainted under a blazing sun while distributing candy to a swarm of children on a stage in a remote mining town near the equator in Guyana.

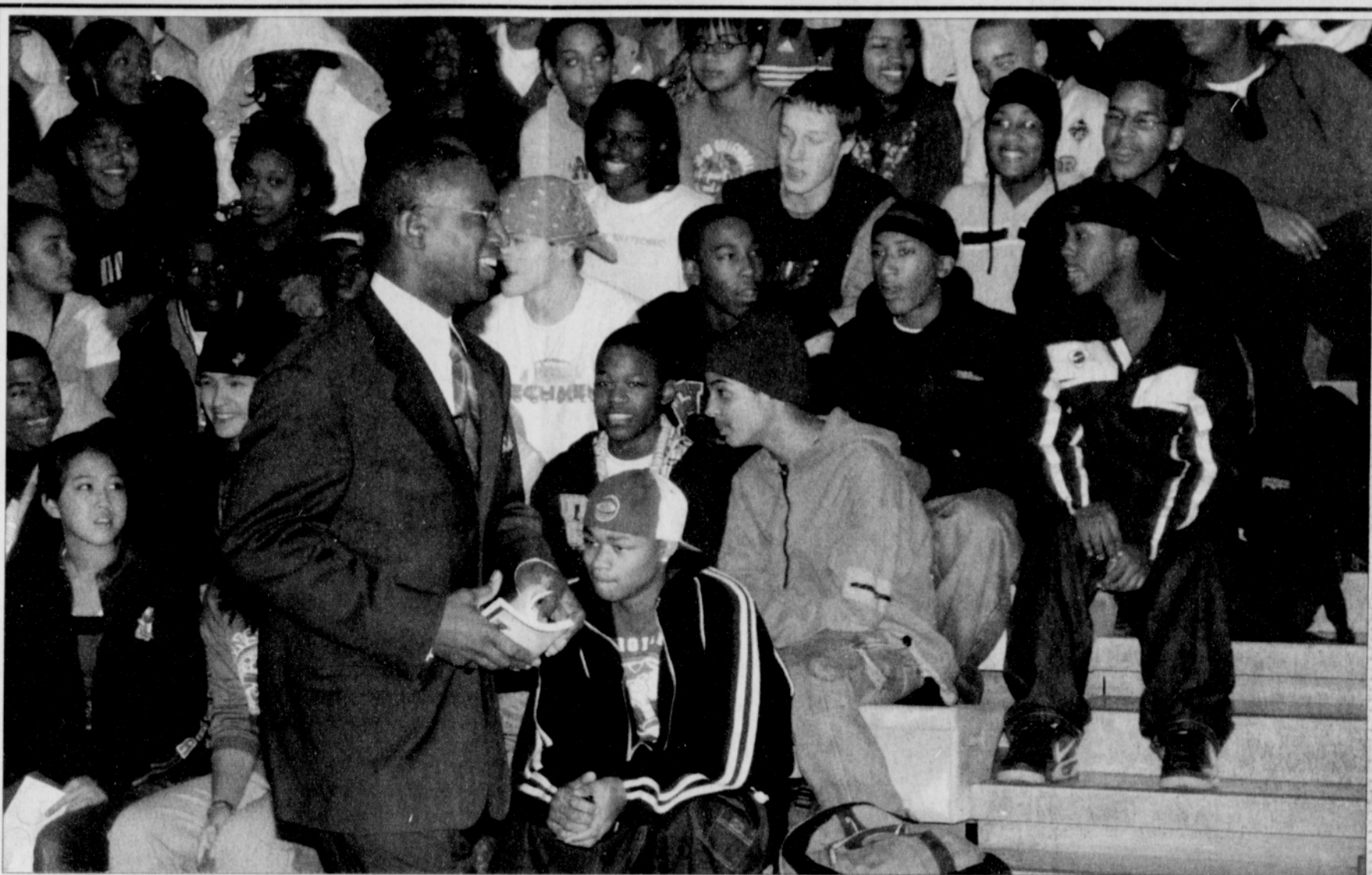


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INSPIRING HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS

Motivational author and speaker Howard "H" White inspires students to "Believe and Achieve" during a Thursday discussion at Benson High School in northeast Portland. An executive with Nike, White has worked in sports marketing with player greats ranging from Michael Jordan to Charles Barkley and Scottie Pippen. "I believe we are who we deeply believe we are," White said. "If we continually think good thoughts, then that's what radiates out into the world."

Dean Wins Gore Endorsement

Prestigious nod from 2000 popular vote winner

(AP)—Former Vice President Al Gore appeared at a rally in Harlem Tuesday to endorse Howard Dean for the Democratic presidential nomination, adding momentum and political prestige to Dean's front-running campaign.

Gore said Dean "really is the only candidate who has been able to inspire at the grass-roots level all over the country." He said the former Vermont governor also was the only Democratic candidate who made the correct judgment about the Iraq war.

"Our country has been weak-

ened in its ability to fight the war against terror because of the catastrophic mistake the Bush administration made in taking us into war in Iraq," Gore said.

Gore won the popular vote by half-a-million votes in 2000 but conceded to Republican George W. Bush after a tumultuous 36-day recount in Florida and a 5-4 Supreme Court vote against him. The election still rankles Democratic activists, many of whom are still loyal to Gore.

The approval of Bill Clinton's vice president bolsters Dean's case that he can carry the party's

mantle in November and represents more than an Internet-driven outsider relying on the support of largely white, upscale voters.

Jenny Backus, a Democratic strategist from Washington, said Gore will help Dean gain access to African-Americans, women and organized labor.

Gore is pre-eminent among the party's establishment, second only to former President Clinton and his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. Officials close to both Clintons said Monday that they would not endorse in the



Former Vice President Al Gore (from left) joins New York City Councilman Bill Perkins in Harlem Tuesday to endorse former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean (right) for President. (AP photo)

primary race. Gore announced Dec. 15, 2002, that he would not make another run for the White House, saying a rematch with Bush would force him to revisit the recount ordeal of

A Living Classroom

Storm water garden puts focus on the environment

Managing urban storm water to help the environment is part of learning for a diverse group of students in north Portland.

Peninsula Elementary School's new storm water garden is a reality thanks to local high schoolers who built and designed the outdoor laboratory.

"One of most incredible things about the project-based approach is how engaged students become in their education," said Tanya Barham, executive director of Environmentally Directed Group Education.

The garden project filters stormwater from Peninsula's roof for safe absorption into the ground, and provides a learning and recreational resource for the school.

According to the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, in a typical year, sewer overflows pour about 2.8 billion gallons of a mixture of storm water runoff and raw sewage into the Willamette River through 42 outfall pipes. Bacteria in the sewage is a threat to human health.

"Having this garden on site helps our children make a connection between the classroom and the real world," said Loran Starr, a teacher at Peninsula. "Touching the plants, chasing the butterflies and turning over rocks makes science fun for our students."



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Peninsula Elementary School teacher Loran Starr joins her 2nd Grade students in the north Portland school's storm water garden.

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