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High Noon

Protest promotes awareness of insurance squeeze of locally owned pharmacies

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The lights will be turned out for a few minutes at noon today at three local pharmacies in a symbolic protest.

All three Leonard's pharmacies are participating in the "High Noon for your Local Pharmacy," a campaign to raise public awareness of health insurance

companies who make it hard for locally-owned stores to stay in business.

Many insurance carriers allow their consumers only a small list of pharmacies where prescriptions can be filled and even encourage employees to use mail-order pharmacies.

Although there is no threat of any of the Leonard's pharmacies closing their doors, its pres-

ident Ed Carson, wanted to participate in the campaign.

"I see a trend of insurance companies more and more pursuing restrictions and regulations to make it difficult for an independent pharmacy to participate in third-party insurance programs," said Carson.

"Nearly 85 percent of those recently surveyed said they want the right to choose their

own pharmacy. We are able to honor most prescription cards offered to people employed in Big Spring because we accepted their contracts on a take-it-or-leave-it basis."

The Texas Pharmacy Association has cited several ways insurance companies are interfering with independent pharmacists' ability to deliver quality care. They include: closed or

restricted health provider networks that prevent patients from patronizing the pharmacy of their choice, exclusion of drugs based solely on cost rather than what is good for the patient, misleading explanation of plan benefits to patients and difficult filing procedure designed to discourage patients from submitting claims.

Carson said at least 40 phar-

macies close their doors every day across the country because of these type of practices by insurance companies.

He added the the protest is also designed to hopefully make people aware of these practices and to apply some consumer pressure on the companies and lawmakers to make some changes.

New rule slowing Settles funding

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A new rule passed by the Texas Rural Housing Association could mean bad news for the Hotel Settles project.

The rule states any community or group wanting to receive money from the state of Texas cannot receive more than \$32,000 per unit they want to build or renovate.

Before Aug. 24, the rule allowed someone to ask for \$50,000 per unit, but the association's board changed the rule without making it public.

Sally Loveland, a consultant with National Development Council, was in town Tuesday to update city officials. She said the Settles project needs \$80,000 per unit.

What this means is if the city is able to obtain the funding from the state, the city now needs to raise \$2 million through foundations to fund the project.

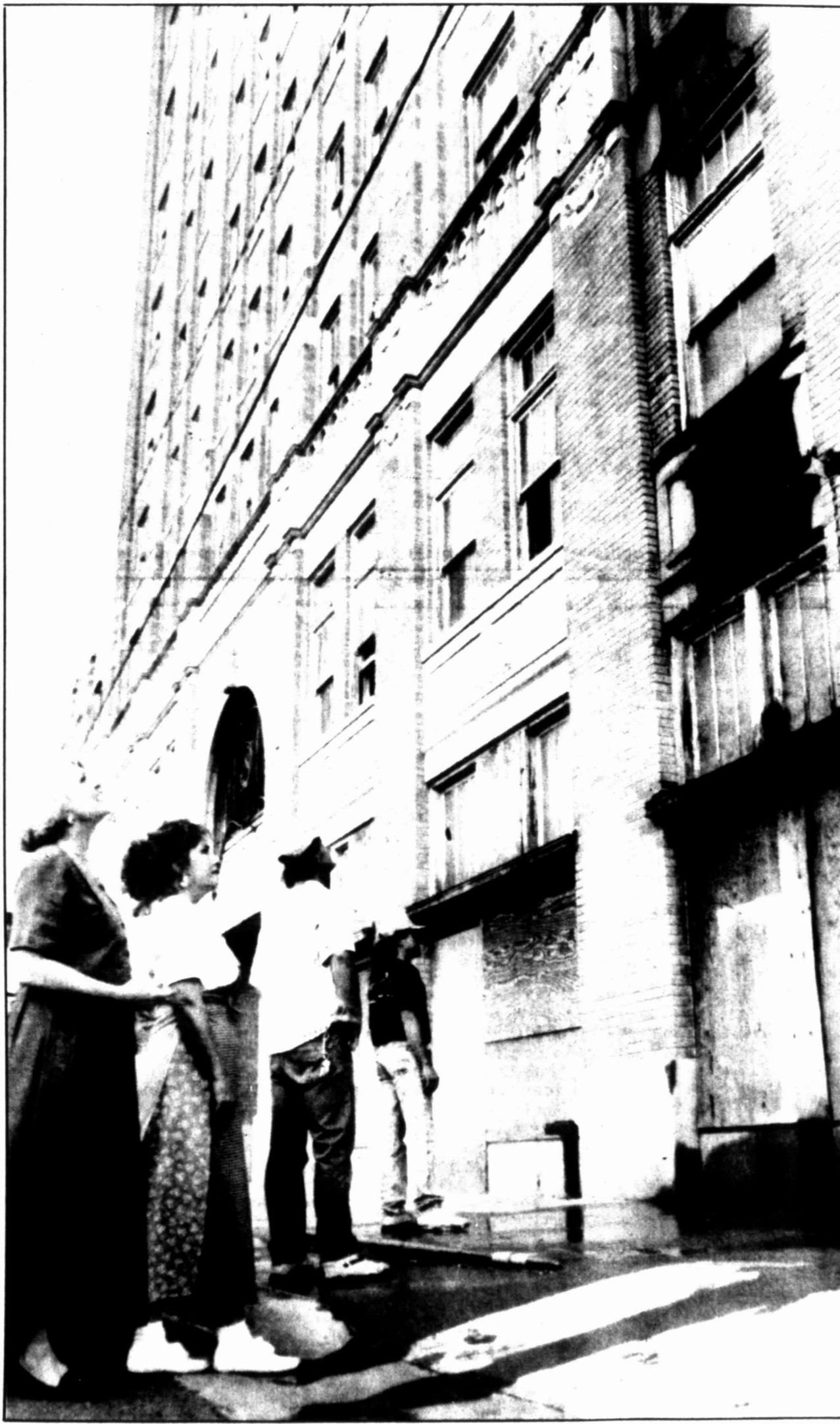
Along with that, Loveland said when a consultant is going to the foundations to ask for the money, the city needs to show they can match the grant at the price tag of about \$100,000. The city also needs a market study done to show prospective lenders and investors as well as writing lawmakers to push for changing the cap allowed by the state.

Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said she will approach the city council for their permission to hire someone to put the study together.

Loveland said Bill Woods is someone the city might consider hiring to approach the foundations for the money. He has an upfront fee of \$500 and then takes a 6 percent cut from the money he raises as an additional fee.

If the city needs the \$2 million, Woods would actually try to raise \$2,120,000 so he can receive his fee.

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Roxanne Spradlin, Pam Isom, David West and Brian Nikolai look at the outside of the Hotel Settles Friday afternoon. The group is investigating the possibility of renovating the building and is currently looking for backers of the project.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

County B-I-N-G-Os with payback from the state

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Local charitable organizations are finding bingo games quite beneficial to their causes.

Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Nora Linares says bingo is not only fun to play, but is proving to be very beneficial as a funding source for charitable organizations.

During the second quarter of 1995 bingo players in Howard County did their share of contributing to various local charities, all while collecting some nice prizes.

Charitable bingo players who frequented the seven licensed bingo charities in Howard County won \$349,343 in April, May and June of this year.

The \$349,343 won in Howard County is part of the \$107.2 million in prizes bingo charities paid to winners across the state. This includes \$84.9 million for regular bingo prizes and \$22.3 million in prizes for pull tab bingo games.

Players in Dallas County bingo halls won the most prize money at \$16.4 million during the second quarter, followed by

Tarrant County with \$13.5 million and Harris County with \$11.5 million.

Last week Howard County officials received \$12,299 in charitable bingo fees covering the second quarter of 1995.

The payments cover prize fees collected by charitable bingo players in Howard County for April, May and June.

Linares added cities and counties that imposed the gross receipts tax on a local-option basis receive quarterly payments of up to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by bingo players in their jurisdictions. The state also receives a 2.5 percent share of the prize fees.

The \$12,299 in prize fees to Howard County governmental units were part of \$2.7 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties.

Sixty-seven Texas county governments received \$1.4 million in prize fees, and 128 city governments received \$1.3 million.

The largest single allocation of prize fees for the second quarter was \$216,316 to Dallas County, followed by Tarrant County, \$182,577; Harris County, \$160,674; city of Dallas, \$137,179; and Bexar County, \$113,935.

Immigration bill decried as threat to family, civil liberties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Lamar Smith calls his immigration reform bill a good way to regain control of the nation's borders, preserve jobs for American citizens and curb legal and illegal immigration.

But some Democratic colleagues on the House Judiciary Committee are calling parts of it anti-family and a threat to civil liberties.

Some provisions are "horrible and strike a great deal of reservation in my heart," Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., said Tuesday as the committee began debating and offering amendments to the bill.

One section "treats many aliens and even permanent residents as if they have no constitutional rights, contrary to what the Supreme Court has said," he said.

"Shame on us for what we're doing today," said Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y.

At least one Democrat, Rep. John Bryant, D-Texas, backed the plan Tuesday, calling it "an evenhanded attempt to solve a whole range of problems."

Committee members were continuing to work on the plan today.

House members from both

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U.S. Trivia
What president was shot by anarchist Leon Czolgosz in Sept. 6, 1901?
William McKinley
When did he die?
Sept. 14, 1901

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Public Safety Bureau Chief in New Decision By Prof. N.Y. Times

INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY'S FUTURE

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Residents say Hilton Lewis Crawford had experienced the pain of failed ventures and financial setbacks. See page 4A.

Under fire again
Texas' ban on home equity loans is again under fire, this time from a freshman lawmaker whose amendment would give federal regulations priority over the state constitution. See page 3A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **66** ▲ Highs **53**
▲ Highs **53**
▼ Lows **66**

Cloudy

Tonight, mostly cloudy, low mid 60s, southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain, high mid 70s, south winds 5 to 10 mph, shifting to the north an d increasing to 15 to 25 mph and gusty in the afternoon, lake caution is advised.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain, high mid 70s.

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No power, no elevator going down

EL PASO (AP) — A power outage that gripped West Texas and southern New Mexico has proved to be more nuisance than threat, stalling elevators and throwing traffic into disarray but never causing any major problems.

Lights went out in thousands of homes and businesses from Van Horn, Texas, to Hatch, N.M. on Tuesday morning.

But "the vast majority of customers were turned back on" by early evening, said Alan Bunnell, spokesman for El Paso Electric Co.

El Paso Electric serves the afflicted region, which numbers about 263,000 customers in a roughly 10,000-square-mile area in Texas' Upper Rio Grande Valley, including El Paso, and southern New Mexico.

Officials on Tuesday could not say what caused the trouble. "We'll be working on this for a couple of days," said Bunnell.

For the most part, things were expected to be back to normal today.

"However, power may still be out in isolated areas throughout the city," the El Paso utility said in a prepared statement.

Police spokesman Sgt. Bill Pfeil said a few accidents had been reported after the blackout wreaked havoc on traffic signals. "People have actually been fairly considerate outside," said Pfeil.

He said the city's 911 system, police and ambulance stations and other emergency services continued to function well throughout the blackout.

Bunnell said it had been the



Francisco Wong climbs out of an elevator shaft at the Texas Commerce Bank in downtown El Paso Tuesday after being stuck in the elevator during a power outage. The outage, which hit just before noon, knocked out power in West Texas and parts of New Mexico.

utility's priority to ensure some of El Paso Electric's hospitals and other crucial customers got their power back quickly. "From the very beginning, our main concern was the safety of this community," Bunnell said.

At county-run Thomason General Hospital, the power was out for a few minutes and patients in critical care units had to be ventilated by hand when their

ventilators went out, said spokeswoman Anna Aleman.

"Those patients were immediately attended by respiratory therapists and nurses," she said, noting that no major problems were reported.

Aleman said emergency generators helped the hospital get through the outage, which she estimated lasted only a few minutes.

wheeler. The wreck occurred when the pickup apparently swerved into the tractor-trailer's path about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday on Texas 21, about 15 miles north of Lockhart, investigators said. Lockhart is about 35 miles southeast of Austin.

Those killed included the pickup's driver, Tim Kennedy, 34, and his wife, Georgia Lan-

ette Kennedy, 30, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Lauren Chermow.

Also killed were two of their daughters, Shirley, 6, and Amanda, 5; a son, Tim Jr., 3; and the couple's niece, Christine Michelle Rachal, 7.

The couple's 8-year-old daughter, Lottie, was taken to the Children's Hospital of Austin.

Banking bill criticized as attack on state's rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas' ban on home equity loans is again under fire, this time from a freshman lawmaker whose amendment would give federal regulations priority over the state constitution.

The House Banking Committee voted Tuesday for a provision to reinstate a 1994 appeals court ruling that federal savings and loan regulations supersede the Texas Constitution.

Opponents of Rep. Steve Stockman's measure Tuesday called it an attack on states' rights that would leave homeowners vulnerable to foreclosure.

Stockman, R-Friendswood, disagreed.

"This is a real victory for consumers — especially seniors," Stockman said. "This amendment allows seniors to enjoy the wealth they have acquired in the value of their house, by having access to some of that money without having to selling their home. In addition, people can now consolidate their debts

and deduct the interest in their federal income tax."

Texas law currently limits home equity loans — borrowings on the accumulated equity on home mortgages — for two purposes: to pay taxes and finance home repairs, according to Kim Pyle, Stockman's banking aide.

Under current law, it is thus illegal for a lender to foreclose on a home if it was used to secure a loan for any other reason.

Reps. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, and Ken Bentsen, D-Houston, criticized Stockman's amendment as an attack on states' rights.

"In the case of Texas, this amendment attempts to preempt the state constitution and the will of the people," Gonzalez said in a prepared statement.

"The Texas Constitution protects the homestead of each and every citizen from taking by creditors in certain situations," he said.

Gonzalez last year attached a

provision to an interstate banking bill that overturned the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision concerning the Texas homestead law.

The law had effectively left Texas as the only state in the nation in which homeowners couldn't get home equity loans.

Stockman's amendment was part of legislation passed by the House panel Tuesday that would convert federal savings and loans into national banks.

The measure, to be merged into a massive budget reconciliation bill, would also terminate affordable housing programs run by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and scale back the Community Reinvestment Act, a fair-lending law.

But President Clinton has threatened to veto the bill. It is uncertain whether home equity provisions would survive subsequent negotiations between the administration and the Republican majorities in the House and Senate.

Doctors search for clues to amoebic infection

DALLAS (AP) — Death certificates of encephalitis and meningitis victims could contain clues to a rare amoebic infection, state health officials say.

Doctors are reviewing autopsies and hospital records of deaths dating to 1985 to determine whether an organism called naegleria fowleri was the culprit in other deaths.

A 6-year-old girl who died last week after swimming in Possum Kingdom Lake has been confirmed as the fifth death in Texas this year from primary amoebic meningoencephalitis, or PAM. The disease is suspected in a sixth death, officials said Monday.

Naegleria fowleri is an amoeba that thrives on bacteria in warm, stagnant water.

Texas Department of Health epidemiologist Jim Schuermann said he will examine death certificates for deaths

attributed to various forms of encephalitis and meningitis.

Doctors said they had seen only one or two cases per year before this year. But they're unsure if the situation has worsened, or if the disease has been there all along and just gone undetected or unrecorded.

The Sept. 12 death of Karli Parks at Children's Medical Center in Dallas prompted health officials to order an inquiry into death certificates as far back as 1985.

Health officers are trying to determine if even more people may have died from a waterborne amoeba after swimming in lakes, ponds and rivers.

Schuermann suspects that some deaths in years past may have been wrongly attributed to other causes.

He said the bacteria that support the deadly naegleria fow-

leri usually come from animal or human waste.

However, health officials say they have been unable to explain why the organism attacks some people and not others who swim in the same water at the same time.

The children, in most cases, died several days after ingesting the microscopic amoeba. It travels through nasal passages to attack the brain.

The six children who died this year contracted the disease in different locations around the state.

Possum Kingdom Lake is near Graham, in north-central Texas. Other bodies of water involved were a pond in Galveston County, the San Antonio River in Bexar County, Wright Patman Lake in northeast Texas, Lake Belton in Central Texas and a pond in Montgomery County.

Six killed in head-on collision

LOCKHART (AP) — An 8-year-old girl was in critical condition after her parents, three siblings and a cousin were killed in a head-on collision between a pickup and an 18-

Homemade bomb found under city vehicle

GUN BARREL CITY (AP) — A makeshift explosive device placed under a city official's vehicle here Tuesday failed to blow up and authorities were examining it for clues to its origin.

City Administrator Allan Taylor said he found the device when he backed his van out of his driveway.

The fuse on the glass container, filled with gasoline and with nails taped to its exterior, burned to within an inch of ignition, authorities said.

"Anytime you start playing with gasoline and making homemade bombs, it's pretty serious," said Jerry Sinor, acting public safety director for the Henderson County community about 80 miles southeast of Dallas.

Sinor interpreted the discovery as a threat to Taylor's life.

Reports on television stations KDFW and WFAA said the bombing attempt was likely a result of a feud in city government that had resulted in Taylor's suspension by Mayor Joe Agnes last week.

A state district judge on Monday reinstated Taylor, who was placed under 24-hour guard after the bombing attempt, according to the reports.

They said Taylor, when reinstated, fired the police chief and hired four new public safety officers.

The Texas Rangers and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were asked to assist after the explosive device was found.

Sheriff's dispatchers Tuesday night said they had no information on the investigation.

"It's about power," said council member Al Perkins. "It's strictly about power and arrogance and egos."

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Peace in the balance as Croats, government squeeze Serbs

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Washington's push for peace in the Balkans hangs in the balance as government and Croatian forces seriously squeeze the Serbs for the first time.

The Serbs, meanwhile, have until this evening to pull back their heaviest guns from around Sarajevo under an agreement reached with U.S. envoy Richard C. Holbrooke last week.

Holbrooke, who has shuttled around the Balkans for days to keep his peace effort alive, said late Tuesday that he had encouraging news from Sarajevo, but refused to give details. He left for Washington late Tuesday night.

NATO airstrikes that crippled Serb communication systems were called off last Thursday to allow the Serbs time to meet demands to withdraw the guns

from around the city they have besieged for 3 years.

An initial deadline expired Sunday night, but was extended when the Serbs were deemed to have withdrawn enough guns to make the world believe they would eventually remove all the large-caliber weapons.

U.N. officials said a significant number of Serb weapons had left the 12.5-mile exclusion zone around Sarajevo on Tues-

day, but refused to give precise numbers.

The NATO airstrikes against rebel Serb targets apparently helped Muslim-led government forces and their Croatian allies to seize vast gains from the Bosnian Serbs in western Bosnia.

While the Serbs may meet U.N. demands around Sarajevo, Holbrooke appeared to have failed to win firm promises

from Bosnians and Croats that they would halt their offensive that has yielded stunning gains.

A statement from Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and Croatian President Franjo Tudjman reiterated that the two have an agreement to cooperate on the battlefield, and made no mention of a halt.

The Bosnian government commander in northwestern Bosnia, Gen. Atif Dudakovic,

told Associated Press reporter Jasmina Kuzmanovic on Tuesday that more fronts should be opened against the Serbs in coming days.

Croatian and Muslim-led Bosnian troops claim to have seized 2,400 square miles of western Bosnia in recent days, slicing rebel Serb holdings from two-thirds of Bosnia to about half.

One wounded by bomb near Chechen capital

MOSCOW (AP) — A powerful bomb exploded near the Chechen capital today, narrowly missing Boris Yeltsin's personal envoy but wounding at least one other official, news agencies reported.

In a separate incident, an explosion sparked a huge fire at the Grozny oil refinery, the Interfax news agency said. It was unclear whether the explosion was an accident and no other details were immediately available.

Oleg Lobov, secretary of Yeltsin's Security Council and the president's representative to Chechnya, was driving from the airport to central Grozny when the bomb went off, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Lobov was not injured, but another official in his party suffered minor injuries and his bodyguard was slightly wounded by bomb fragments, the agency said.

The bomb exploded on a bridge just as the first car in Lobov's motorcade started to cross. It appeared to have been detonated by remote control.

Hijacked plane to be returned

OVDA AIR FORCE BASE, Israel (AP) — Israel decided today to return the hijacked Iranian plane with its passengers and crew and five people seeking asylum to Tehran.

"Israel condemns the hijacking of planes and acts in accordance with international conventions regarding this matter," the Cabinet said in a statement.

The government had been under pressure from the family of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad to use the plane as a bargaining chip in an attempt to free Arad, believed held by Iran.

However, an increasingly irate Iran demanded the immediate return of the plane, with its more than 170 passengers and crew.

Iran warned Israel through a third party that it would consider it an act of war if its demands were ignored, said an Israeli security source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Israel stands by its strong opposition to air piracy and is releasing the plane and passengers despite the hostility of the Iranian regime toward Israel," the statement said.

The Cabinet announcement said the hijacker, a disgruntled flight attendant, would remain in Israel for questioning. Israeli officials said he would likely stand trial in Israel.

Iran had also demanded his extradition.

Israeli decided to send back to Iran five passengers who had sought political asylum in Israel, Israel army radio said.

The hijacked Boeing 707 was en route from Tehran to the Persian Gulf resort island of Kish, 650 miles southeast of the Iranian capital, when it was hijacked Tuesday morning.

It landed at Ovda, about 18 miles north of the Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat, late Tuesday morning. The hijacker surrendered less than an hour after the plane landed.

Nearly three hours later, the passengers walked off the plane, among them children and dozens of women in black robes and headscarves.

Many passengers seemed startled to find themselves in the Jewish state.

"I never thought that I might be in Israel sometime," said Mehdi Darayali, an English teacher from Tehran. "I'm very surprised to be here. I'm going to tell everyone I visited Israel."

The pilot initially sought permission to land in Saudi Arabia and Jordan, but was turned down.

He then headed for Israel, radioing that "We must land in Tel Aviv. We cannot proceed..."



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Package to stimulate economy approved

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's biggest economic stimulus package ever won Cabinet approval today, and government officials expressed confidence it will help jump-start the sluggish economy.

Approval of the \$136.7 billion package sends a message to Japanese and overseas markets that the government is determined to engineer an economic turnaround, Trade Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told reporters.

The impact of the package was heightened by earlier rumors that it would amount to little more than \$96 billion.

The news was such a surprise to New York exchange markets that the dollar reached a 15-month intraday high of 104.64 yen, not seen since June 7, 1994, when the dollar hit 105.33 yen.

In Tokyo at midday, the dollar was worth 104 yen, supported by expectations that the stimulus package will flood markets with yen.

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Study finds movies, kids' shows villains of TV violence

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Put the blame for TV violence where it belongs: the movies.

The bloodiest hours on television are those filled with action-adventure films transplanted from movie theaters, according to a study of the 1994-95 season by the University of California, Los Angeles.

Prime-time series television fared better under the scrutiny.

"We found relatively few issues of great concern within television series," said Jeffrey

Cole, director of the university's Center for Communications Policy. "The picture is not as hopeful with regard to theatrical films on television."

The UCLA Television Violence Monitoring Report released Tuesday found that of 121 TV series airing last season, 10 were frequently violent or used violence in questionable ways — graphically or heroically, for example, Cole said.

By contrast, of 118 films in the study, 50 — about 42 percent —

raised concerns about violence. In one, "Marked for Death," Cole said, "you can hear the spine crack and almost see an impalement."

Children's Saturday morning programming as well as promotional spots also took hits in the report.

In children's programming, the study particularly criticized shows that featured what Cole called "sinister combat violence" — unremitting fights between figures of good and

evil. Shows singled out include "X-Men" and "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

Cole stressed that the study did not simply tally violent acts in any program, but tried to look at violent scenes in contextual, such as whether scenes are particularly gory or whether viewers are made aware of the consequences of the violence depicted.

In that analysis, shows such as "NYPD Blue" and "Law & Order" were commended for

their restrained handling of violence.

The series that had the most questionable violence — 12 over the season — were "Walker, Texas Ranger," "Mantis" and "The X-Files."

Others noted were "Due South," "Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman," "Fortune Hunter," "Tales from the Crypt" and "America's Funniest Home Videos."

Still, the study said, violence on prime-time shows appears to

have diminished on all networks.

The \$500,000 study was financed by ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox Broadcasting Co., but Cole said the researchers were not under network control. He said the networks received copies of the study at the same time it was publicly released.

Although Cole welcomed the networks' decision to take part in the study, he noted it was largely the result of political pressure brought by Congress.

Poor man tax credit carved out of plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation carving \$38 billion from the budget deficit over seven years, much of it by reducing a tax subsidy to the working poor, is headed to the House floor next month.

The measure, approved Tuesday night by the Ways and Means Committee on a 21-15 party-line vote, reduces the earned income tax credit by \$28 billion over seven years.

More than 4 million childless workers would lose the credit. Fewer recipients of Social Security and other retirement income would qualify. And 9 million families with children and earning between \$1,620 and \$21,554 would get less.

Democrats contrasted the action with the separate GOP "Contract With America" tax bill offering a \$500-per-child credit to families earning as much as \$20,000.

"It is incomprehensible to me why families earning less than \$28,000 are singled out for a tax increase when virtually every other family in America will get a tax cut," said Rep. Barbara Kennelly, D-Conn.

Republicans said 85 percent of the amount spent on the credit was actually a subsidy to workers who pay no income taxes. And they complained the program was plagued by false claims at the Internal Revenue Service which adds the credit to tax refund checks.

"It is a bill with fraud and abuse," said Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

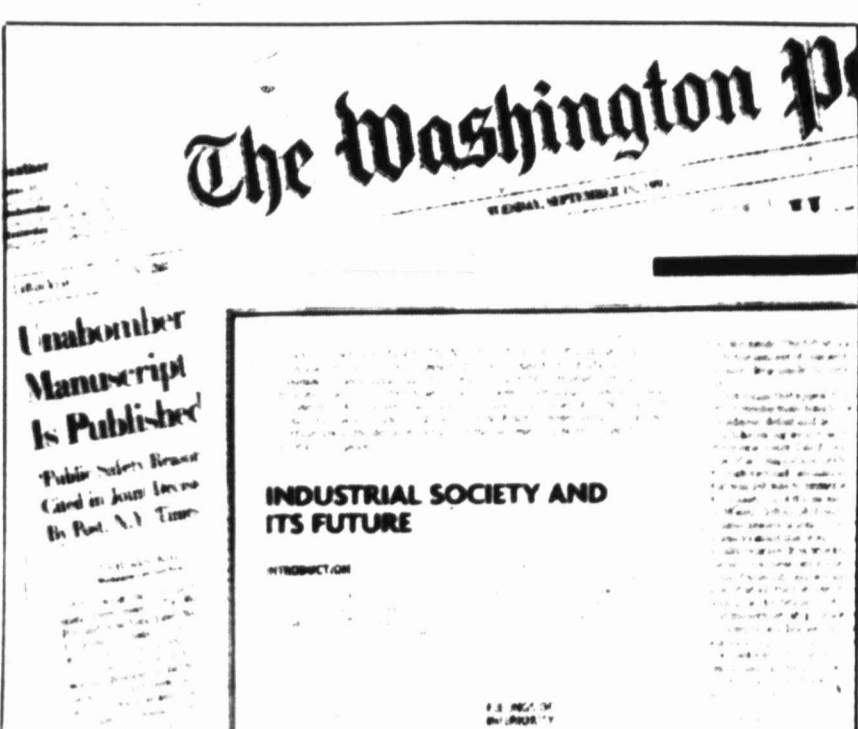
Another provision bitterly contested by Democrats would encourage companies to withdraw \$40 billion in excess assets from their pension funds over the next five years and use the money any way they want.

The practice has been prohibited since 1980 unless the money is used to maintain health benefits for retirees.

Archer said the new law would require corporations to leave at least a cushion of excess funds — 2 percent more than needed to meet their pension plan's current liability.

The bill has the same standard that the Clinton administration supported when Congress last year renewed the provision permitting withdrawal for retirees' health benefits.

Opponents warned that the 25 percent cushion could quickly disappear if the stock market crashed as it did in 1987.



The front page of the special section of The Washington Post containing the so-called Unabomber's 35,000-word manifesto, published Tuesday is shown with a portion of the Post's front page.

FBI hoping for tips from publication of manifesto

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Maybe an English teacher will recognize the style, or someone who lived in a collective with him will remember his political rants.

One way or the other, the FBI hopes the Unabomber's distinctive prose will give him away.

The Washington Post circulated the elusive bomber's 35,000-word document nationwide Tuesday, and investigators are waiting for someone, somewhere to get that glimmer of recognition that helps track him down.

Tim Freeman, head of the FBI in San Francisco and the 135-member Unabomber task force, said extreme cases require extreme measures.

"This case is really unparalleled in the course of law enforcement," he said of the Unabomber, who has killed three people and injured 23 since 1978. "This is a very singular case stretching over 17 years."

Freeman urged the public — especially in the Chicago, Salt Lake City and Northern California areas — to look for clues in the manuscript, which rails against the evils of industrialization.

"There has to be someone that relates to this philosophy," he said at a Tuesday news conference. "And that has investigative value for us."

The FBI Unabomber hot line is (800) 701-2662.

Man who poisoned family executed

CREST HILL, Ill. (AP) — A man was executed by injection early today for murdering his father and two other relatives with arsenic-laced foot to get inheritance and take over the family business.

Charles Albanese, 36, had no final words other than "Thank you" to the prison warden moments before being put to death.

Albanese issued a statement Tuesday maintaining his innocence. The justice system "covered up the facts of who

really killed the people I loved and who really gained from their deaths and my conviction," he said.

Albanese was convicted in 1987 of murdering his father, Michael, his mother-in-law, Marion Mueller, and his wife's grandmother, Mary Lambert. He also was convicted of attempted murder in the arsenic poisoning of his brother.

Lambert and Mueller died in August 1980 within days of having dinner with Albanese.

Popcorn icon Redenbacher dies at 88

CORONADO, Calif. (AP) — Orville Redenbacher's wholesome, Middle-American image and his cheerful, folksy commercials for gourmet popcorn turned him into an advertising icon.

Instantly recognizable by his natty bow tie and suspenders, and neatly parted white hair, Redenbacher delighted in his fame, once joking that he developed his promotional skills as a member of the Purdue University marching band: "That's where I learned to toot my own horn."

Redenbacher drowned Tuesday after suffering a heart attack in a whirlpool spa in his condominium. He was 88.

"Many people thought he was a media creation, but what people saw on television, that was him," said William E. Smith, executive director of The Popcorn Institute in Chicago and a friend of 43 years.

"He had the kind of total commitment and dedication to what he was doing that spells the difference between a wannabee and the real article," he said.

Redenbacher's image overshadowed his agricultural savvy, which he used to create and promote a fluffier, tastier popcorn with his friend Charles Bowman.

Born into an Indiana farming family, Redenbacher became a county agriculture agent after graduating from Purdue with a degree in agronomy.

In the early 1940s, while managing a 12,000-acre farm where he was growing popcorn, Redenbacher and Bowman used the fields to experiment with corn hybrids.

Several decades and 30,000 hybrids later, they introduced gourmet popcorn.

"We tried to sell the different processors on the idea that people would pay more for a better quality product, that this was a good marketing concept," he told The Associated Press in 1987. "They said we were crazy, and we tried to prove them wrong."

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Tuesday	Score
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New York 5, Toronto 3	
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3	
Seattle 5, Texas 4, 11 innings	

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Boston 5, Milwaukee 3
Cleveland 8, Chicago 2
Oakland 3, California 2, 10 innings

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Owners take aim at Jones

ATLANTA (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's voice rose in anger as he tried to explain the league's \$300 million suit against Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. "I'm not angry, I'm just a little bit frustrated when people don't seem to understand the big picture," Tagliabue said following a four-hour meeting of NFL owners Tuesday. At the meeting, Jones was allowed to present his case for the agreements he signed with non-league sponsors Nike and Pepsi. Tagliabue angrily suggested that the contracts negotiated by Jones outside the purview of NFL Properties, Inc., threatened the future stability of the game and the rich heritage of the league.

"The National Football League has very clear-cut ways of doing business which has distinguished it from all other leagues and made it as great as it is," Tagliabue said. "It's a philosophy and a commitment to do business in a certain way that's been very successful. That's what it's about. When you have a successful philosophy which has worked for 76 years, you hold it pretty sacred."

NFL Properties, the league's \$3 billion-per-year marketing arm, filed the suit in federal court in New York on Monday. Jones was served the court papers while he ate lunch at the airport area hotel where the meeting was held. "It made my clam chowder a little harder to digest," Jones quipped, adding that he was pleased with his reception from fellow owners. "I got a great hearing," he said. "I could tell by the look in their eyes that they were genuinely wanting to hear me out, and several of them that did make remarks, it was done in a very courteous way." Jones wants the league to change its revenue-sharing system under which all 30 teams divide licensing royalties evenly. It amounts to about 3.5 million per team each year. The Cowboys accounted for about one-fourth of the revenue last year and Jones believes his team deserves more than a 1-30th share. "This attack on NFL Properties is part of the pressure for teams to move, because if they're going to do their own marketing, then everyone is going to try to move to the best market," Tagliabue said.



Dallas owner Jerry Jones speaks to the media Tuesday following his meeting with other NFL team owners in Atlanta.

Lady Steers fall to Midland High

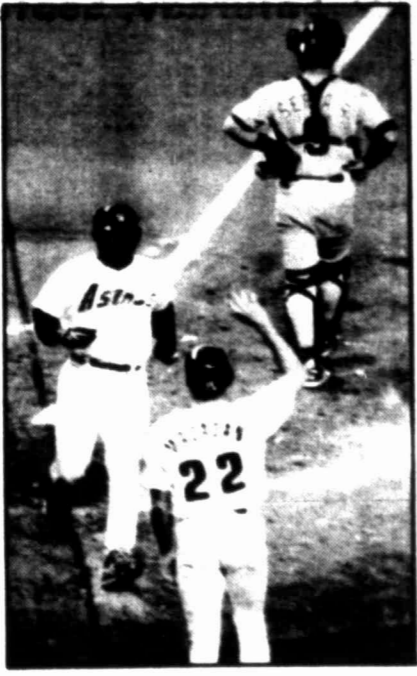
By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Watching the Big Spring Lady Steers, one gets the idea that they're not that far from being a competitive ball club. However, they still have to close that gap. The Lady Steers' stop-and-start season took another turn for the frustrating, as they dropped a 15-13, 15-3 decision to Midland High School at Steer Gym on Tuesday. Local fans were left wondering about their team. Was it the one that rallied from a 10-0 deficit to come within an eyelash of winning the first game? Or was it the one that couldn't get anything going offensively in the deciding game? The answer, maybe, is: both. "With the kids we have, it's tough to see the ability we have, and you can't put it together," Big Spring coach Traci Pierce said. "Maybe we're too 'me-me-me' oriented around here. Something is going to have to change." Of course, Midland also had a lot to do with Big Spring's case of the blues. In particular, front-line players Toya Zachery and Elesceeya King had fine games for the Lady Bulldogs (10-7). The duo each had five kills, while Christy Trautman

added three to lead Midland. Big Spring dug itself a hole almost immediately Tuesday night. With Sara Pritchett serving, Midland ripped off nine straight points to take a 10-0 lead early in the first game. Having put the Lady Steers on the ropes, however, Midland couldn't put them away. Big Spring reclaimed a couple of points on Molly Smith's serve, then substitute Dee Hill reeled off five more points to close within 11-7, and the game was suddenly on. Hill and fellow substitute Krissi McWherter, who had a block and a pair of kills, both fueled the Lady Steers' rally. The Lady Steers eventually tied the game at 12 all, but King and Zachery kills pushed Big Spring to game point, and the Lady Steers mishandled a King serve to give Midland the game. Having served the crowd a dose of high drama in the first game, the two teams passed out the Sominex in Game Two. Midland gained the lead on the very first serve, and slowly but surely pulled away, not allowing Big Spring any chance to get back into the game. The Lady Steers return to action Saturday at Steer Gym against Monahans. Freshman action starts at 2 p.m.

Rangers lose more ground; Cubs take one from Astros

SEATTLE (AP) — The Mariners won a big game they looked like they were going to lose. And they're waiting to find out if they are going to win an election many thought they'd lose, too. "It's just like our team," manager Lou Piniella said after an 11th-inning single by Ken Griffey Jr. beat the Texas Rangers 5-4 Tuesday night. "It's a come-from-behind situation." A sales-tax increase to help build a new, retractable-roof outdoor stadium held a razor-thin lead in King County voting returns. With votes counted in 99 percent of the precincts, the measure was leading 219,748 to 215,697. The race was still too close to call, however, because an estimated 50,000 absentee ballots remain to be counted. Pre-election polls said the measure would be a loser, just like the Mariners were in 16 of their first 18 seasons. Mariners ownership, which is losing \$30 million this season, has said it would sell the team if the vote failed, meaning the club had a good chance of winding up in northern Virginia. "It's good to see," Piniella said. "Let's hope it passes." "It would be a shame for a nice city and a nice state to lose major-league baseball because it does so much for this community," reliever Jeff Nelson said. "I'm from Baltimore, but I moved here and live here because I love it here."



Houston's Tony Eusebio, center, scores during the fourth inning against Chicago Tuesday.

out in the sixth inning allowed Servais to hit a three-run homer that helped the Cubs beat his former teammates 7-6. But Servais sidestepped any controversy. "The Cubs send me out there every day and they've shown confidence in me, it's really made the difference," Servais said. "I enjoyed my time in Houston and I like Chicago." Servais' homer cost Houston the victory but the Astros didn't lose any ground on the Los Angeles Dodgers in the race for the NL wild card playoff spot. The Astros remained one game behind the Dodgers, who lost the San Francisco 7-2. Servais was traded to the Cubs on June 28 along with outfielder Luis Gonzalez for catcher Rick Wilkins. In 28 games with the Astros, Servais hit .225 with one homer and 12 RBI. In his last 22 games with Chicago, Servais is hitting .361 with six home runs and 15 RBIs. Servais got his chance in the sixth inning when Shawn Dunston hit a grounder that bounced crazily at the edge of the turf and dirt at third base, causing the ball to pop out of Magadan's glove for an error. Dunston reached base and Sammy Sosa went to second. Ozzie Timmons, who hit a solo homer in the fourth for the Cubs' first run, followed with an RBI single, scoring Sosa. Servais then hit Mike Hampton's first pitch for his 12th homer and a 5-3 lead.



NASCAR driver Ernie Irvan answers questions Tuesday after announcing his return to racing at a news conference in Charlotte, N.C.

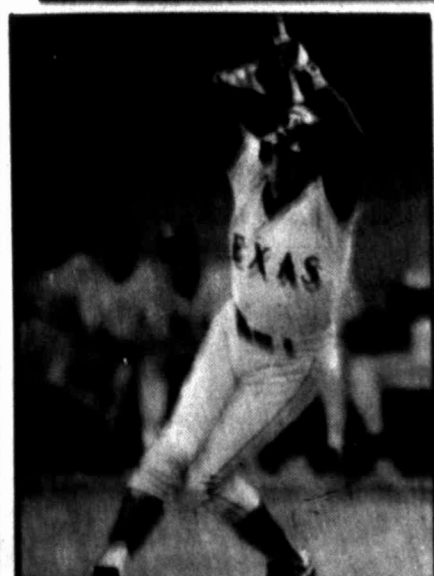
Irvan announces return to racing

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Robert Yates had been through this press conference routine before, usually in tragic circumstances. There was the one in the summer of 1993, after Yates' driver, Davey Allison, was killed in a helicopter crash, and Yates told the media his team would press on with Ernie Irvan as its driver. After Irvan was nearly killed in a practice wreck last summer, Yates again gathered reporters at his shop, this time to announce that Dale Jarrett

would take over behind the wheel of the team's Ford Thunderbirds. But on Tuesday morning, with cameras and microphones again positioned outside the shop and jets thundering overhead, Yates was anything but solemn as he announced the team's latest personnel news. Thirteen months and three days after his crash into a concrete wall prompted doctors to give him only a 10 percent chance of survival, Irvan will begin his comeback in NASCAR's new Super Truck

series. He is scheduled to race Saturday's 150-lap truck race in Martinsville, Va. On Sunday, Irvan plans to return to stock car racing's top series by competing in the 400-lap Winston Cup event at North Wilkesboro. It will mark what Irvan hopes will be a successful end to a journey that began on the morning of Aug. 20, 1994, when his Ford Thunderbird slammed into a retaining wall at Michigan International Speedway during a practice run.

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER



Shot of the Day
Don't the Ranger Hustle
Texas' Will Clark avoids a pitch by Seattle's Chris Bosio in the first inning of their game Tuesday in Seattle.

Texas
Coach arrested
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A Dallas middle school coach has been suspended with pay after he was arrested on kidnapping charges, a Dallas TV station has reported. WFAA-TV reported Tuesday that FBI officials arrested Joseph Daniels, athletic director at Holmes Middle School, and three other people in Arlington for allegedly kidnapping a distant relative who lives in California. The woman, who is believed to have Alzheimer's disease, was taken from her home in San Mateo, Calif., to Arlington, authorities said. Daniels and the others allegedly tried to blink the woman out of \$2 million in assets, authorities said. The coach denied the allegations. FBI officials were not immediately available to comment to The Associated Press.

NATION/WORLD
Phillips pleads no contest
LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska star tailback Lawrence Phillips pleaded no contest to two misdemeanor charges and a third charge was dropped. Phillips has been suspended from the No. 2 Cornhuskers since his arrest Sept. 10 for assaulting his ex-girlfriend. **Holmes wins by decision**
BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. (AP) — Larry Holmes scored a unanimous decision over Alabama policeman Eddie Donaldson in the latest return to the ring by the 45-year-old former heavyweight champion. Holmes was left with a puffy face and two swollen eyes after taking several solid shots from Donaldson in the 10-round bout at Casino Magic.

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Toronto at New York, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Texas at Seattle, 9:30 p.m., ESPN.

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Tuesday's Games

Detroit 7, Baltimore 4; Boston 5, Milwaukee 3; New York 5, Toronto 3; Cleveland 8, Chicago 2; Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3; Oakland 3, California 2, 10 innings; Seattle 5, Texas 4, 11 innings.

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Ericson 11-10) at Detroit (Sadowsky 2-0), 1:15 p.m.; California (Boskie 7-5) at Oakland (Stottmyre 13-6), 3:15 p.m.; Milwaukee (Karl 5-5) at Boston (Hanson 14-5), 7:05 p.m.; Toronto (Hentgen 10-11) at New York (Hitchcock 8-10), 7:35 p.m.

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Monday's Games

Atlanta 7, New York 1; St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 2; Cincinnati 7, Montreal 4; Houston 3, Chicago 1.

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Tuesday's Games

Montreal (Fassero 13-12) at Cincinnati (Porter 9-10), 12:35 p.m.; Florida (Burkett 13-12) at Philadelphia (Quattrone 11-9), 7:35 p.m.; St. Louis (Morgan 6-7) at Pittsburgh (White 1-1), 7:35 p.m.; New York (Iringhausen 7-2) at Atlanta (Smoltz 11-6), 7:40 p.m.; Chicago (Castillo 10-9) at Houston (Reynolds 9-11), 8:05 p.m.; San Francisco (Mullolland 5-10) at Los Angeles (Martinez 15-7), 10:35 p.m.; Colorado (Swift 7-2) at San Diego (Dishman 4-7), 10:35 p.m.

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Thursday's Games

San Diego (Valdez 3-4), 10:05 p.m. Only games scheduled.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Washington, Minnesota, New York, Denver, Houston, Kansas City, Arizona, Philadelphia, Green Bay.

Friday's Games

Philadelphia (Banks 2-5) at Philadelphia (Mims 8-6), 7:35 p.m.; New York (Teighader 1-1) at Atlanta (Madux 17-2), 7:40 p.m.; Pittsburgh (Neagle 12-7) at Chicago (Traschel 6-12), 8:05 p.m.; San Diego (Ashby 10-10) at Los Angeles (Candiotti 7-12), 10:05 p.m.; Colorado (Bailey 7-6) at San Francisco (Valdez 3-4), 10:05 p.m. Only games scheduled.

BALTIMORE ORICLES—Sent Kimera Barbee, outfielder, to the Minnesota Twins to complete the trade for Scott Erickson, pitcher. BOSTON RED SOX—Activated Reggie Jefferson, designated hitter, from the 15-day disabled list. NEW YORK YANKEES—Fired Bill Liveness, vice president for player development and scouting. Mitch Lukevics, director of minor league operations; and Kevin Effering, scouting coordinator. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Acquired Brian Williams, forward, from the Denver Nuggets for Elmore Spencer, center. Renounced their rights to Harold Ellis, guard, and Michael Smith, forward. MIAMI HEAT—Named Randy Plund executive vice president of player personnel.

NFL suit smacks of socialism

The NFL owners have filed suit on Jerry Jones for violating his agreement with NFL Properties regarding club trademarks and logos. They want to prevent Jones from signing additional deals, which they say undermine existing NFL sponsorship or licensing contracts.



Darrell Ericson Sportswriter

Currently, the understanding between the teams

and their owners is to share licensing revenue equally among teams. New York and Chicago will get the same as Green Bay and so on.

This suit deals mainly in properties Jones deals with Nike and Pepsi contradicts pre-existing contracts of the NFL properties. By agreeing to sell Pepsi at Texas Stadium (when Coke is the official soft drink of the NFL), Jones has clashed with the league.

Jones is a man who knows how to make money, and is doing so for his team. Whether this is a breach of contract remains to be seen.

The owners say Jones went outside the agreement. He says he was within his rights. Of course, they won't let us read the contract so we may never know the facts of the case.

The main problems that I have with the suit and agreement are the socialistic views in which the owners practice.

By practicing revenue sharing among the teams, they are cutting out capitalism and the practice of free trade. If they are saying that Jones was in the wrong, then they are saying that no NFL team is able to franchise itself without the consent of the association.

If it is mandatory to sign this so-called agreement to enter the NFL, why wouldn't it not be considered a monopoly?

Here is some food for thought for those of you who might think Jones is going to be the cleaners in the time it took to make the deal: don't you think that Jones is walking into this lawsuit with a stacked hand? Don't you know he has already had his regiment of lawyers research the case in his favor? Stay tuned.

NCAA eases Baylor penalty

WACO (AP) — Baylor, which replaced its entire coaching staff and imposed a ban on postseason play and TV appearances, went far enough in punishing its basketball program, according to the NCAA.

In rewarding Baylor's cooperation and aggressiveness, the NCAA's Committee on Infractions on Tuesday said it was reducing the university's original two-year probation on postseason play to one year.

The ban and an outlawing of television appearances was served last season.

"Baylor has served as a benchmark ... for fellow institutions when such a case arises," said Roy F. Kramer.

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Capt. Troy Anderson peers through the window of his craft as he flies through Hurricane Luis on Sept. 8 over the Atlantic Ocean. Each hurricane season, a group of Air Force Reserve hurricane hunters doggedly pursues the monster storms, flying through them to take measurements. The only way to know for sure what a hurricane is doing.

INTO THE EYE OF THE STORM

It's the only sure way to check hurricanes

By TOM WELLS
Associated Press Writer

IN THE EYE OF HURRICANE LUIS (AP) — There is only one way to know for sure what a hurricane is doing: Fly through its hundreds of miles of turbulent winds, penetrate the howling eyewall of thunderstorms that toss an airplane around like a toy, swoop down into the calm of the eye, take some measurements, climb back up and then bounce through more thunderstorms so thick with rain the tips of the wings can't be seen.

It's all in a day's work for the Air Force Reserve's hurricane hunters.

That day begins early, hours before dawn, when a six-man crew climbs aboard a Hercules C-130 at a South Florida military base.

Their mission: track Hurricane Luis, prowling the Atlantic 600 miles off the Eastern Seaboard. Total flying time: 11 hours 5 minutes, much of it boring, but some of it with all the excitement of being in a free-fall elevator.

They fly at 10,000 feet in the upper reaches of the hurricane. The ride is more scary the lower you fly, said Master Sgt. Billy Gates, of Ocean Springs, Miss.

"We were at 5,000 feet in Hurricane Allison over the Gulf of Mexico this year. It was night. We hit a downdraft and ... it took us down 3,000 feet in about 45 seconds. It's a bad thing at night. You can't see the water to reference yourself, and you wonder if you're going all the way down," Gates recalled.

"The pilot had a handful of throttle. The other pilot had hold of the yoke (controlling the plane's bank and pitch). They brought it out about 2,000 feet above the water."

The National Hurricane Center in Miami decides when a storm is serious enough and close enough to land to be monitored by the hurricane hunters during the June-to-November hurricane season.

Scientists at the center estimate hunters increase the center's accuracy in issuing hurricane warnings by 25 percent to

30 percent.

Since hurricane forecasters are in the midst of the busiest tropical weather season in decades, they've been keeping the hurricane hunters airborne.

The hunters, all Air Force reservists, are based at Kessler Air Force Base at Biloxi, Miss., and comprise the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. They cover tropical storms and hurricanes in the Atlantic, the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Central Pacific. The unit also flies winter storm missions off both coasts of the United States.

The information that the hunters report determines whether people should start putting up hurricane shutters. Or head inland to drop the kids off with their grandparents. Or pray.

Six reporters and two scientists along for the ride toward Hurricane Luis received headsets so they could listen to the crew.

Soon the four engines create so much noise it is impossible to hear anyone say anything.

Please see STORM, page 3B

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.
- Howard County Mental Health Center family education meeting 6 p.m., last Thursday of each month. Followed by Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 7 p.m. Call Shannon Nabors or Dixie Burcham, 263-0027.
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WEDNESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Survivors support group for survivors of sexual abuse, 10-11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church library. Call 264-0500.

THURSDAY

- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional

Fall brings thoughts of one's own mortality

Aug. 25 was the last day at the community swimming pool. There was a sign out front. "Goodbye, see you in '96." When I saw that sign the first thing that went through my mind was, "I could be dead by next summer." What possessed me to think such a thing, I have no idea.

Many times I've heard my mother make plans for a future event and then add "If I'm still living." I always thought that was such an odd thing to say. I didn't understand. Now I do. I have unwittingly turned a corner, attaining an age where I am very respectful

of the powers of fate. No doubt this sense of my own mortality is tied in with the feelings of melancholy I always experience at this time of year. I realize I bring this on myself. For some reason I can't let go of summer easily. I cling to it, kicking and screaming. For me, the first day of school is one of the most difficult days of the year.

It represents my children's collective birthday. On this day they all automatically become one year older. On Aug. 27, I watched them gather, waiting for the school bus. They had new clothes, new shoes, new book bags. Here and there an overlooked price tag was still attached.



Christina Ferchak
Columnist

Just three months ago, at the end of May, I had put the stereo speakers on the front porch. As the bus came down the road I pumped up the volume and played, "School's Out for Summer." Am I the coolest Mom on the block, or what? The kids cheered. They gave me the thumbs up and high-fived each other. It was such a happy moment. I plan to do it again at the end of next May ... if I'm still living.

On Aug. 27, I played no music. The children didn't share my sorrow, not really. For them, the new school year means a new adventure. It's time to move on and they're ready. I'm the one who balks.

Over the summer I watched them revert to their natural selves. They became, once again, individual square pegs. Over the next few weeks their edges will be softened. They, like their new shoes, will be broken in. Ready or not, they'll be jammed into the round holes of the educational system. They will adjust. This is the way it should be. It's part of the maturing process. The kids are fine with it. I'm the one with the problem.

I have just a few more collective birthdays to mourn. Then this stage of my life will pass, and be gone forever. First and last days of school will come and go but I won't make note of them.

From that time on the seasons and passage of time will follow the calendar and not the school year. Maybe then the end of summer won't be quite so painful. I'll just have to wait and see how I feel about it then. Assuming of course, that I'm still among the living.

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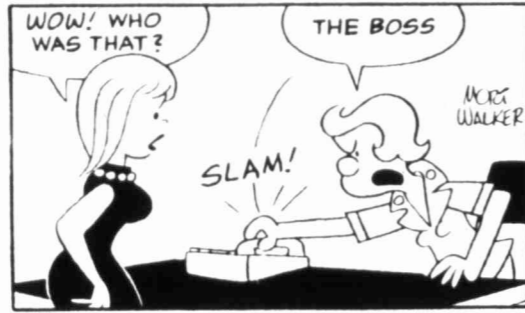
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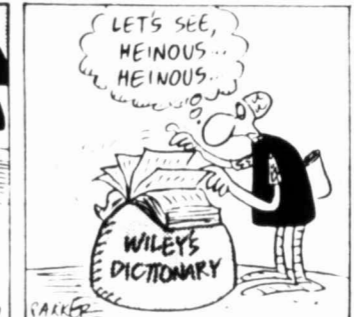
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 20, the 263rd day of 1995. There are 102 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 20, 1519, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan set out from Spain on a voyage to find a western passage to the Spice Islands in Indonesia.

In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding James A. Garfield, who had been assassinated. In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died. In 1958, civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. was seriously wounded during an appearance at a New York City department store when an apparently deranged black woman stabbed him in the chest.

tle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome. In 1979, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, self-styled head of the Central African Empire, was overthrown in a French-supported coup while on a visit to Libya. In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing a dozen people. Ten years ago: A second major earthquake struck the Mexico City area, one day after a devastating temblor. Five years ago: Demanding equal time, Iraq asked U.S. net-

works to broadcast a message by President Saddam Hussein in response to President Bush's videotaped address to the Iraqi people. Today's Birthdays: Boston Celtics President Red Auerbach is 78. Singer Gogi Grant is 71. Psychologist Joyce Brothers is 67. Actress-comedian Anne Mearns is 66. Actress Sophia Loren is 61. Former hockey player Guy LaFleur is 44. Thought for Today: "Men hate those to whom they have to lie." - Victor Hugo, French author (1802-1885). The Associated Press

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