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NEWS

in brief

CLINTON THREATENS SESSION ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is hoping his threat to call the Senate back for a special session if it fails to give a full airing to a campaign finance overhaul bill will prompt Republican leaders to get the job done on their own.

Clinton's threat, in the form of a letter to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., paved the way for Lott and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota to agree on a resolution to consider the bill by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., before this year's legislative session ends.

The letter was just one part of a three-part offensive launched by Clinton and his political team Tuesday to defend his fund-raising activities - already being investigated by the Justice Department and congressional committees.

That team suggested there was nothing illegal about money-raising calls from the White House and complained that undue pressure was being put on Attorney General Janet Reno to request an independent counsel to investigate Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

JAPAN WANTS SEAT ON SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - America's closest allies want Washington to pay its U.N. bills before they agree to reduce U.S. dues to the United Nations. And Japan would like a permanent Security Council seat in the bargain.

Germany is also expected to make its case for a permanent council seat when Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel addresses the General Assembly's annual debate today.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Friday that the Clinton administration and the United Nations were near a "grand bargain" under which Washington would pay its U.N. debts in return for a reduction in its U.N. dues - from the current 25 percent of the U.N. budget to 20 percent.

On Tuesday, however, officials from Europe and Japan told the General Assembly that they believed all U.N. members should pay their dues in full and on time before any change in the dues structure.

NASA TO DECIDE ABOUT MIR BASING

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - For now, astronaut David Wolf doesn't know whether he will spend the rest of the year on Earth or on Russia's decrepit space station Mir.

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin was expected to decide no later than Thursday morning whether Wolf will spend the next four months on the aging station. Either way, the space shuttle Atlantis likely will leave for Mir as planned Thursday night.

The agency is under increasing political and public pressure not to put another American aboard Mir. Even some of NASA's own people have questioned Mir's merit in recent weeks, making it one of the most agonizing debates in the history of the space program.

"The whole country was behind us in Apollo," said Christopher Kraft, retired director of the Johnson Space Center.

COLLEGE COSTS OUTPACE ANNUAL INFLATION RATE

WASHINGTON (AP) - College costs far outpaced inflation again this fall as the average yearly tuition at a state university or college pushed past \$3,000 and private tuition rose beyond \$13,000.

The College Board's annual survey found that undergraduate tuition and fees at four-year institutions increased an average 5 percent since last year, triple the current inflation rate.

That means families are paying \$136 to \$670 more than last year. Add room, board and other expenses, and a year at a public college costs more than \$10,000. Costs add up to more than \$21,400 on average at a private school.

Increases have run about 5 percent for the last five years after double-digit rises earlier in the decade. Average tuition has more than doubled since 1976, even when inflation is considered.

TEXAS DISTRICTS REMOVE BOOKS AFTER COMPLAINTS

AUSTIN (AP) - More than 70 books - including the classic "My Friend Flicka" - were removed from some school libraries after challenges mounted mostly by parents, the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas says.

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Injured in wreck

Hereford Emergency Services paramedics treat Johnny Moon, 27, who was injured Monday afternoon in a traffic accident at the intersection of South Main and New York. Moon and Vanessa Hubbard, 19, were treated and released at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Naval hero ordered enough port to float a battleship

AYLSHAM, England (AP) - Six weeks before he was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar, Adm. Horatio Nelson spent half his annual salary on 375 gallons of port - possibly for his mistress.

A receipt, due to be auctioned Friday, shows the British naval hero spent 304 pounds and two shillings - or \$13,600 at today's prices, on the drink.

The receipt and a letter confirming the order show the wine was delivered to Nelson's estate, Merton Place, in Surrey, west of London, on Sept. 7, 1805.

"It appears he must have been planning a monumental party to mark his victory," Andrew Bullock, spokesman for auctioneers GA Key, in Aylsham, 110 miles northeast of London.

The British fleet defeated Napoleon's forces at the Battle of Trafalgar, establishing British naval supremacy for the next century.

Nelson was wounded and died Oct. 21 aboard his flagship, HMS Victory, just as the battle ended.

Nelson had a reputation for sobriety, and the Nelson Society wants to keep it that way. The group of Nelson enthusiasts have suggested that his mistress, Lady Emma Hamilton, may have been behind the order.

"She was a notorious entertainer and loved giving parties," said Les Winter, a founder of the Nelson Society. "Nelson used to moan about her extravagance, but he was in awe of her and went along with anything she wanted."

"It is possible that Lady Hamilton might have bought it in his name and he might not have known anything about it until he got the bill," he said.

The receipt was found among old papers by a Norfolk antiques dealer who wants to remain anonymous, the auctioneers said.

HISD campuses are developing leadership improvement plans

Each campus within the Hereford Independent School District must design a leadership improvement plan to help the district meet state requirements, according to a district administrator.

Deputy Superintendent Nena Veazey on Monday told the HISD trustees the individual campus administrators have been directed to design the plans, which will be incorporated in the district's overall plan. The improvement plans are mandated by the state.

"We are aiming for a 90 percent mastery level in all grades and in all areas," said Veazey. "To do this, everyone within the district must stay focused on our goals."

Veazey said all campuses are showing steady progress, but communication must be kept open among instructors at all grade levels, parents and the community.

"We have a tremendous amount of community support, which can be seen in the number of people who attend sporting events," said Veazey. "But we really need to get more community involvement in the academic field."

District improvement plans include continuing staff

development, needs assessment, curriculum planning and hopefully a newcomer center within the next year.

The newcomer center will be designed to accommodate monolingual students, who speak neither English or Spanish. The center, when it gets started, will work at keeping students at an appropriate skill level while still learning English.

District improvement plans also continue to stress the necessity of attendance at all campuses.

"Our goal is have a consistent 94 percent attendance," Veazey said.

She said one campus is already showing signs of needing help in managing attendance.

In conjunction with the improvement plans, David Charrest, on behalf of the school board, presented Aikman Principal Charles Lyles with a letter of commendation for reaching the Texas Education Agency's status of recognized for the 1996-97 year.

Recognized status is the second-highest ranking from TEA, with exemplary being the highest.

In other business, the board voted to allow the district to apply for up to \$14.5 million in grants for school improvements.

Hospital directors OK bonds

By DONALD M. COOPER
The Brand

A new medical complex that will bring several offices now scattered around Hereford moved a step closer to reality Monday night when the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors agreed to a financing plan for the building and accepted a construction bid on the project.

The directors voted unanimously to issue \$1.65 million in revenue bonds to pay for the construction of the building.

Also, the directors voted unanimously to accept the bid of Satellite Shelters Inc. to construct the modular building on the west side of the Hereford Regional Medical Center property.

The directors also set the ad valorem tax rate for 1997-98 and adopted the budget for the year beginning Oct. 1.

The directors, citing the increase in property values within the district, voted to set the tax rate at 21.45 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, which is 4.2 percent lower than the 22.4-cent rate for the year ending Sept. 30.

In choosing the 21.45-cent rate, the directors selected the effective tax rate, which is the amount required to generate the same amount of tax revenue as was generated in the current year.

The tax base for the next fiscal year is about \$20 million, up from \$491.6 million for this year.

The operating budget approved by the directors projects the 1997-98 revenue to be \$11,003,320 and expenditures of \$10,677,100, with a surplus of \$326,220 anticipated at the end of the next budget year.

Vince Vialle of First Southwest Financial outlined the financing of the bond issue. Vialle said the bonds will be purchased by First Bank Southwest and Hereford State Bank.

Vialle said the district will realize a savings on the bond issue because it will not have to get the bonds rated. Also, the local banks have agreed to purchase the bonds at par value, which means the hospital district will receive the full \$1.65 million for the issue.

The interest rate will be 5.95 percent and the bonds will be mature in 20 years, although the district has the option to redeem them at any time without penalty.

Vialle said the annual cost of paying off the bonds will be about \$150,000.

Before accepting the bid for construction of the new medical office building, the directors had to reject two bids which failed to meet the specifications.

This was necessary because one proposal, from Space Master Buildings of Dallas was actually the lowest bid submitted. The other rejected bid was from CoMark Building Systems Inc., also of the Dallas area.

After rejecting the Space Master and CoMark bids, the directors had four bids to consider. They were:

- Satellite Shelters Inc. of Lewisville, \$1,062,300;
- MPA Modular LLC, \$1,199,886;
- RamTech Building Systems Inc., \$1,211,436; and
- Resun Leasing Inc., \$1,462,793.

Construction manager Shannon Wilburn recommended accepting the Satellite bid, which also was the low bid. The directors voted unanimously to accept the bid. Wilburn said an architectural rendering of the medical complex will be available soon for the board to review - and the public to view.

Board president Mal Manchee emphasized construction of the new building is necessary if the hospital is to be competitive and earn status as the hospital of choice for the area residents.

In other business, the directors:

- Appointed the Rev. Jeremy Grant to complete the unexpired term of Larry Watts, who resigned recently. Grant will serve until May 1998;
- Received a report from community organizer Pat Stone about efforts to improve the hospital's image and present more information to the area about what the hospital is doing and has to offer.

Stone showed a mockup of a brochure, which she said will be printed soon and distributed around Deaf Smith County;

- Accepted the bid from Plains Insurance of Hereford to provide umbrella coverage;
- Presented a plaque of appreciation to Watts for his service on the board; and
- Reviewed monthly departmental reports.

El Nino phenomenon effects will be felt across Panhandle

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

"The El Nino is making it's way up the coast of California and in its wake comes the much-needed precipitation."

That could be a common statement heard on recent weather forecasts.

However, one thing many meteorologists fail to explain is just what El Nino is.

Ed Andrade, lead forecaster for the National Weather Service in Amarillo, El Nino is a gradual warming of Pacific Ocean, beginning within 10 degrees of the equator.

As the water continues to warm, it spreads out and moves up the coast.

"This is the strongest El Nino experienced in the last 150 years," said Andrade. "It got started early in April and has continued to move outward."

Andrade said El Nino trends got that name because they normally begin in November or December and the predominantly Catholic, Spanish-speaking people of the countries where they originate associate them with the coming of the Christ child.

"This is a slow change in the weather patterns and it causes global conditions to temporarily change," said Andrade.

"This is a highly studied phenomenon, right now. Divers have found rare tropical fish, normally found only in equatorial regions far up the California coast and there have been reports of colder water fish dying

in the warmer water," he said.

The disruption of the jet stream movement will cause northern parts of the United States, which normally have wet fall and winter seasons to have much drier seasons, while the South and plains states, which normally have drier winter months, will see more precipitation this year.

Brent Bean, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Agent, said this unexpected rainfall is just what area producers needed.

"It will delay the corn harvest, but it shouldn't hurt it much," he said. "We had some really nice days during the first of September, built up some heat days and not even the cotton should be hurt to bad, unless it stays like this for an extended time."

Many sorghum fields were planted late and will be able to use the moisture to finish filling the heads.

Wheat, which has either just been planted or is waiting to be planted, definitely will benefit from the additional moisture.

This phenomenon which is normally recorded every three-five years is becoming more irregular and more unpredictable, said Andrade.

"Even though it may change the short-term climate," said Andrade. "There are no conclusive studies of changing the temperature."

Andrade said the Texas Panhandle should expect a wetter winter season, but not necessarily tremendous amounts of snow.

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Local Roundup

Mostly cloudy

Mostly cloudy today, becoming partly cloudy late with a high around 70. North wind 10-15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the lower 50s. Thursday, early morning low clouds, then becoming mostly sunny. High 75 to 80. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a low in the lower 50s. 3 to 5 day forecast, Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. High around 80. Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs 75 to 80.

Flu/pneumonia shots

Texas Department of Health will give flu and pneumonia shots from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. every Thursday, beginning tomorrow. Cost is \$7 for flu and \$15 for pneumonia or \$17 for both. Cost of these shots is covered by Medicare, so please bring your card. A doctor's prescription is needed for anyone under 18 years of age.

Jr. class supper

The junior class supper will be Friday, Sept. 26 at the Jr. High School Cafeteria from 5-7 p.m. The menu includes brisket, sauce, beans, cole slaw, drinks and cobbler. The cost is \$4 per person or \$4.50 for carryout. Everyone is invited.

News Digest

RED TIDE BLAMED FOR FISH KILL

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - Small dead fish found along a six-mile stretch along the Gulf of Mexico near Port Aransas were likely victims of the red tide algae that shut down most Texas oyster reefs last year, scientists say.

The fish were found along the beach of San Jose Island. State officials say they also suspect that red tide killed thousands of the small menhaden fish at Sargent Beach on the Matagorda Peninsula last week.

The red tide algae bloomed last week near Port O'Connor where a smaller fish kill was discovered near Pass Cavallo, state health department officials said Tuesday.

"We've got verification that we had red tide cells in the water (off San Jose Island), and some of the people out there were feeling discomfort with coughing," said Larry McEachron, science director for Coastal Fisheries Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

SCHOOL SCUTTLES "LYNCH MOB" TERM

DALLAS (AP) - The "Lynch Mob" of Bishop Lynch High School is no more.

School officials on Tuesday banned the term, calling it an insensitive term that some students find racially offensive.

The official name of the Catholic school's football team is the Bishop Lynch Friars, but since 1988 "the Lynch Mob" has informally referred to the school's football team and its supporters.

The term, sometimes accompanied by a drawing of a hooded Dominican friar with a noose, appeared on T-shirts and pep rally posters.

"Going back into the history of Dallas, the term 'lynch mob' has had racial connotations and some links with the Ku Klux Klan," principal Dale Kennedy said Tuesday. "Our fear is that it offended some students."

MAN ORDERED TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT

RICHMOND (AP) - A rural Fort Bend County man convicted of beating his neighbor with a shovel has been ordered to stay out of sight of his neighbor and his neighbor's family.

"That means while they are in their yard, you're not in yours," District Judge Brady G. Elliott told retired Coast Guard Lt. Joseph Sybille on Tuesday after sentencing him for the attack on Charles Van Wormer.

"You shall make it your duty to ensure there is no contact with Mr. and Mrs. Van Wormer," the judge said.

The attack on the day before Thanksgiving last year was caught on videotape and shown on some national television programs.

Sybille struck Van Wormer 11 times on the back and head.

UT FUND RAISER DISMISSED

AUSTIN (AP) - A nationally known fund-raiser brought in to lead a \$1 billion drive has been ousted because of philosophical differences with Peter Flawn, the interim president of the University of Texas.

Larry Lollar, who served as the university's vice president for development since he was lured to Austin from Stanford University three years ago, said Tuesday he was stunned when Flawn asked him to step down.

Lollar has been reassigned as a special assistant to Flawn and will be replaced by Johnnie Ray, who had been associate vice president for development.

"Dr. Flawn and I have some real differences about running the development office, but I didn't realize the extent until Thursday," when Flawn made the resignation request, Lollar said.

"There are a lot of people here who are very close to me, and it was quite a shock to everybody."

UP CREW MAY HAVE MISSED MESSAGE

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - A Union Pacific train crew involved in a fatal collision in Texas may not have heard a key radio transmission from a dispatcher before the accident, a company official told federal safety officials.

If the crew had heard the message, they likely would have questioned later instructions that led to the collision, said Steve Barkley, a Union Pacific assistant vice president.

Barkley was one of four U.P. employees who testified before the National Transportation Safety Board during a one-day deposition on the crash Tuesday at the railroad's headquarters and national dispatch center in Omaha.

Four people were killed and one seriously burned June 22 when two U.P. freight trains collided head-on on a single stretch of track in Devine, Texas, about 30 miles southwest of San Antonio.

Mike Martino, the lead NTSB investigator into the accident, said a cause has not yet been determined. He said a final report will be released by March.

SCHOOL MUST PAY SEMI-LITERATE EX-PUPIL

LONDON (AP) - A judge awarded \$73,000 in damages Tuesday to a young dyslexic woman who said public schools condemned her to a life of menial jobs by failing to diagnose her condition.

The case was the first of its type in Britain.

Pamela Phelps, 23, who has never learned to read and write properly, fell behind from the start at school. When she began high school in 1985, her reading age was 6.9 years.

An educational psychologist said she had emotional problems. Her dyslexia was only discovered when her family saw a TV program about the condition. She left school at 16 with no degree.

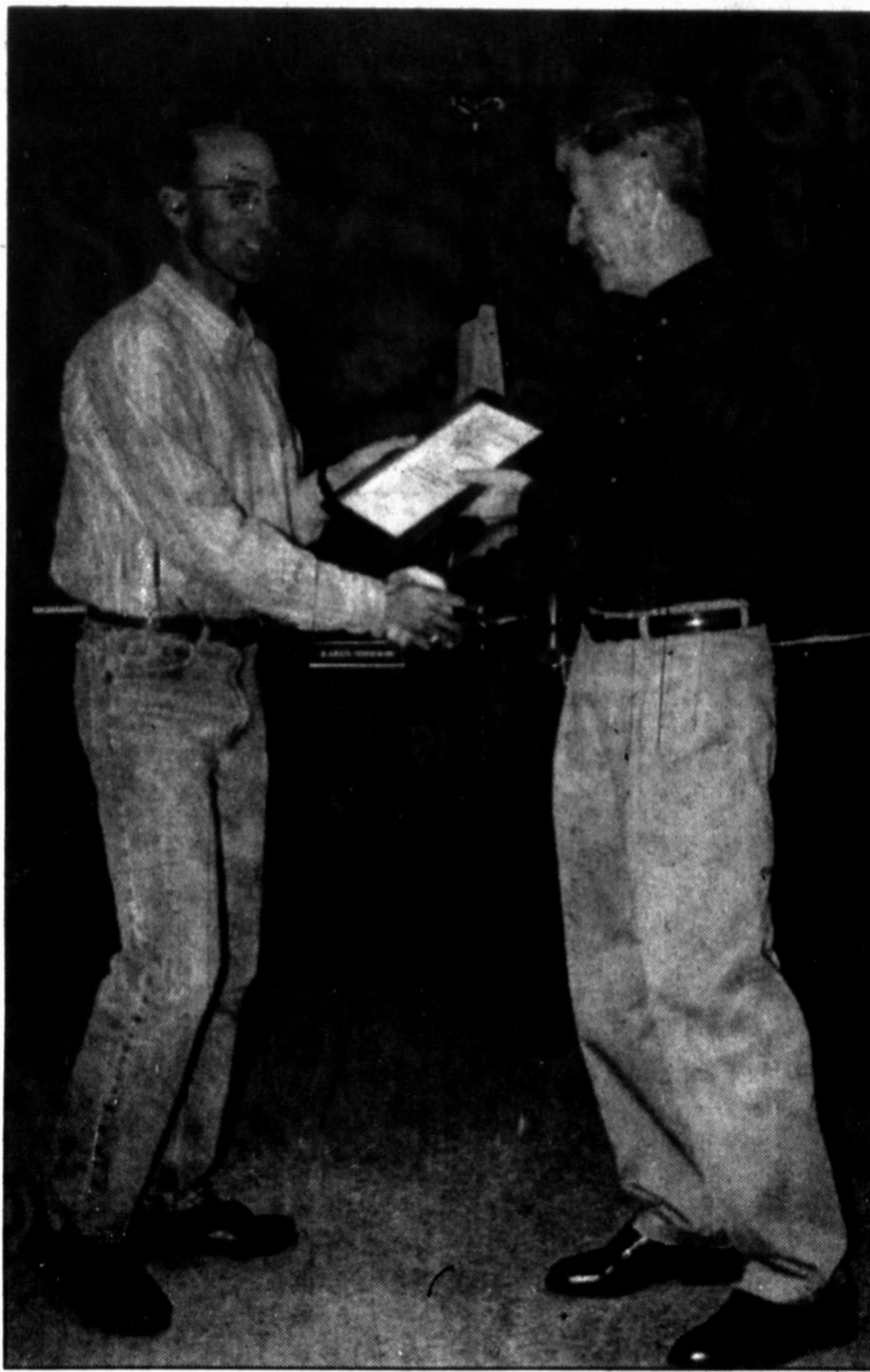
Cherie Booth, wife of Prime Minister Tony Blair, was Miss Phelps' lawyer at the High Court hearing in July. She said her client was of average intelligence and could have earned about \$32,000 a year if she had received a proper education.

Judge Patrick Garland awarded the damages against Hillingdon Borough Council. Miss Phelps will use the money for special studies and hopes to become a computer programmer, her lawyer said.

TEEN-AGE BROTHERS ACCUSED OF KILLING LAWYER
FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) - Two teen-age brothers were ordered held without bond, accused of killing two lawmen along a busy freeway hours after holding up a loan company in South Carolina and fleeing in a stolen car.

The brothers, ages 17 and 19, were captured after a 20-mile chase Tuesday that ended in a gunfight. They were charged with first-degree murder.

The lawmen were shot several times at close range by an assault rifle. Cumberland County Sheriff Earl Butler said.



Aikman recognized

School board president, David Charrest presents Aikman principle Charles Lyles, with a certificate of commendation from TEA. The commendation notes the recognized status achieved by Aikman during the 1996-97 school year.

Powell, Bush kick off "Texas Challenge"

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Gen. Colin Powell and Gov. George W. Bush used the Alamo, where volunteer soldiers gave their lives in pursuit of Texas' freedom, as a backdrop to call on Texans to give their money and their time to help young people.

Saying that children need mentors and safe places to go to avoid drugs, gangs and the temptation of sex before marriage, Bush and Powell on Tuesday kicked off the "Texas Challenge," a call to volunteerism.

The program is part of a national campaign to improve the lives of 2 million American children by the year 2000 by providing them mentoring, a safe place to learn, a healthy start, an effective education and a way to give back to the community.

"There are still Americans who are needy, who are not sharing in the wealth of this society," Powell said. "There are children who wonder if the American dream is still out there."

In April, Powell launched the national campaign, called "America's Promise," in Philadelphia.

At the invitation of Bush, Powell came to Texas to help generate support for the state's response to the national initiative.

A rally of about 3,000 - moved

from in front of the Alamo to a downtown auditorium featuring a huge painted Alamo because of the threat of bad weather - was a festive collection of music performed mostly by San Antonio children.

The symbol of the national program is a red wagon because "every child has used a red wagon to pull their most valued possessions, to pull around their dreams and aspirations," Powell said.

Powell presented Bush with a miniature red wagon and thanked Texas corporations, non-profit organizations and governmental leaders for pledging their time and money to help.

"Now the real work begins," Powell said. "It's nice to have a summit, but now it's time to take it to main street so that this effort becomes something every American can get involved in."

Powell said the immediate indicators of success will be increases in the number of people willing to help children in programs like Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

In 10 to 12 years, Powell said he hoped increased volunteerism would result in significant drops in juvenile crime, drug use and teen pregnancies.

"Every day in Texas we are seeing warning signs that our culture is

failing and threatening to destroy our families as we once knew them," Bush said. "Our children are paying the highest price."

"One child is abused or neglected every 10 seconds, is born to an unmarried mother every 24 seconds, is born into poverty every 34 seconds, is born to a teen-age mother every minute and is arrested for a violent crime every five minutes."

"We could choose to ignore these warning signs, but that's not the Texas way. The old boast is that everything in Texas is big, fortunately that includes our hearts."

Corporations have pledged money to help fund mentoring programs, rebuild libraries and beef up boys' and girls' clubs. Other cities are matching up businesses with schools to help donate money for computers.

Over the next several days, more than 1,100 communities in Texas will be receiving information on how to get involved with the Texas Challenge, Powell said.

Several leaders at the rally acknowledged the volunteer efforts of Mother Teresa and of Princess Diana and called on others to keep their legacies alive.

Mother Teresa had frequently asked people not to give from the surface, but "to give from a point that

hurts, from a point that's difficult."

Javel Mosley, a teen-ager from San Antonio who has received assistance from a mentoring program sponsored by Kelly Air Force Base, said his life has been improved.

"I am much stronger in math and reading because of the help I've gotten," Mosley said. "I'm learning that to volunteer is to change lives."

At a news conference after the rally, Powell was asked if he was reconsidering his decision to avoid seeking political office.

"We are not rethinking that decision," Powell said.

When the men were asked if they could be a "dream team ticket" for the White House in 2000, Bush responded, "I didn't know that General Powell was running for lieutenant governor of Texas."

"I'm very happy in my private life, and I intend to remain in private life," Powell said.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by Law enforcement include:

Police Department

--A theft was reported in the 200 block of south 25 Mile Avenue.

--A theft was reported in the 500 block of Irving.

--Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Avenue A.

--11 traffic tickets issued.

--One minor accident reported.

--One major accident reported with injuries.

Fire Department

--3:04 p.m. Fire fighters responded to the intersection of south Main and New York for a major accident.

Restrictions at Love to be eased

Start-up airline to begin service

DALLAS (AP) - Key congressional lawmakers say they have enough votes to ease flight restrictions at Dallas Love Field and enable a start-up airline to begin service there.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the chief Senate ally of fledgling Legend Airlines Inc., said he will seek during a House-Senate conference committee meeting Thursday to lift the Wright amendment's restrictions on flights from Love Field.

Shelby, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, inserted a provision in a \$42 billion transportation spending bill that would clarify that airplanes modified to have 56 seats or fewer can fly from Love Field to any destination. Legend wants to take conventional jetliners, such as a Boeing 737 or McDonnell Douglas DC-9, and remove enough seats to meet the 56-seat limit in the Wright amendment.

The Shelby provision would override a Transportation Department ruling banning long-haul flights on modified aircraft. Legend is also fighting the ruling before the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Shelby's earlier agreement to give the Dallas City Council veto authority over any changes in flight limits at Love Field is no longer expected to be in the final agreement, according to sources and House members close to the issue. The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Dropping veto authority for the city of Dallas would be a blow to Sen.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who added that provision to blunt Shelby's move. She has said she believes she had an agreement with Shelby that her provision would be in the final version of the bill.

"We had a deal," Ms. Hutchison said. "In every other instance, if you make an agreement with a senator, your word is good ... It's very disappointing."

When asked whether he intends to keep Ms. Hutchison's provision in the transportation bill, Shelby said, "No."

In the interview, Shelby repeated that he wants to eventually repeal the Wright amendment to boost the chances for more and cheaper commercial airline service to his home state.

He said he would try to add a provision during the conference committee to kill the Wright amendment's restriction on flights from Love Field to Texas and its four neighbors - Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

"We want at least some expansion of the perimeter and an overruling of the administration's ruling by the DOT," Shelby said.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport has been protected from competition by Love Field through the 18-year-old Wright amendment.

Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr said his city will not stand for any intervention by Congress on the issue.

He left open the possibility that the city would sue to stop Legend from offering long-haul service from Love Field or if Congress repeals the Wright Amendment.

Opponents of the law say limits at Love Field are unfair to competition and lead to higher airfares throughout the country.

Obituaries

A.B. 'Hap' Higgins
Sept. 22

A.B. 'Hap' Higgins, 86, of Hereford died Monday, at the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church of Hereford with Dr. Tom Fuller officiating. Interment will be at West Park Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mr. Higgins was a lifelong resident of Deaf Smith County, born January 20, 1911 to Bob Higgins and Ada Wood Higgins. He worked as a rancher his entire life.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Shrine.

He is survived by his wife Alberta Higgins of Hereford; two sons Robert and Mike Higgins, both of Hereford; two daughters, Lu Anne Block of Paducah and Janis Gordon of Apalachicola, Florida; six grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.



AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn:
12-14-32-35-37.
Number matching five of five:
one. Prize per winner: \$128,775.
AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-3-7

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Lifestyles



FCE Council has luncheon

Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Council and local FCE clubs held their annual fall luncheon at the county library Monday.

Following the luncheon, delegates to the state meeting in Wichita Falls, Jo Lee, Maudette Smith and Mariellen Homfeld gave their reports. Deaf Smith County was the recipient of an Honor Roll of Counties award for outstanding community service for contributing \$1,185 in material, \$1,000 in donations and 7,291 volunteer hours to the community in 1996.

Smith presided over the FCE Council meeting. Seven clubs were represented with three having 100 percent attendance.

Westway FCE Club had the opening exercises. Grace Covington read "Be Somebody" and pledges to the flags were recited.

Lee gave the TAFCE report which advised that membership dues would increase to \$6 a year. They are due by the Oct. 27 council meeting.

Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent/FCS, announced there will be a special interest meeting titled "From Outdoors to Indoors" at the Community Center on Sept. 29. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Visitors were Bonnie Duke, Dorma Kirby and Jewel Hargrave.

Cumpton is speaker for breakfast meeting

At a joint meeting of the Pilot Club of Hereford and Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR, Don Cumpton, executive vice president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, said, "The people of Hereford are what make this a great place to live."

Cumpton presented the program for the joint meeting which concluded Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23. The week is promoted annually by the Daughters of the American Revolution in recognition of the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. This year marked the 210th anniversary of the signing.

Cumpton commended both organizations for their contributions to the community, the city and the schools.

Glenda Thomas, Pilot Club vice president, conducted the meeting. Pilot Club activities included:

- A contribution of \$75 to Brownie

Scout Troop 167, accepted by leader Liz Agan.

- Report of the Anchor Club meeting by Dianna Kimmel, sponsor. There were 32 members at the first meeting.

- Reminder of the Anchor Club Bicycle Safety Clinic to be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the HISD Administration parking lot.

- Report by Betty Taylor that pecan sales, a club fund-raiser, have begun. Contact any Pilot Club member for prices or to purchase pecans.

Ruth Newsom, regent of Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR, gave a brief report of DAR and qualifications for membership.

Helen Rose, Constitution Week chairman, introduced the guest speaker.

The breakfast meeting, held at the Hereford Community Center, was catered by Darlene Richardson.

Special recognition

Family Community Education Clubs of Deaf Smith County were recognized at the recent state FCE meeting in Wichita Falls. Deaf Smith County was the recipient of an Honor Roll of Counties award for outstanding community service. Jo Lee, left, county FCE chairman, presents the certificate to Maudette Smith, chairman of the Deaf Smith County FCE Council.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This letter is for "J.B. in Rochester," who considered herself a "good Samaritan" for trying to help someone else's dog. She was upset because a vet refused to remove porcupine quills from the dog's face and back until she had paid the owner's previous bill.

A good Samaritan is one who does a generous deed and is willing to accept all the consequences, even if it means money out of his own pocket. In my opinion, J.B. is no good Samaritan. She is simply another person expecting free veterinary care on a Saturday night. -- Jeffrey R. Wieser, DVM, Brookfield, Ill.

Dear Dr. Wieser: Thanks for your comment. Keep reading for more:

From Mesquite, Texas: Most animal doctors went through at least eight years of college to get their degrees. They have college loans plus the expenses of running a veterinary practice. As far as I know, there is no Medicaid for pets. The only resources for indigent pet owners are humane societies and the SPCA. Doctors, dentists and restaurants refuse

services unless they are paid. Why shouldn't veterinarians?

Milford, N.J.: I have practiced veterinary medicine for 54 years and have never refused treatment in an emergency, regardless of the owner's ability to pay. Of course, I have been stuck several times. So what? I won't die any richer or poorer, so why not show a little kindness along the way? -- Dr. Harold M.S. Smith

Portland, Ore.: That vet who refused to remove the porcupine quills from the dog's face until he was paid is in the wrong profession. He should be a loan officer.

Hopewell Junction, N.Y.: When my dog was hit by a car, the vet said it would cost \$700 to repair the leg. He refused to reduce his fee. Then, he said, "Since you can't afford the \$700, I can amputate the leg for \$250." I'm still seething.

Mesa, Ariz.: I had a kitten with neurological problems from birth -- seizures, the whole bit. When the kitten was 9 months old, he had an attack that left him paralyzed. I prayed he would show some improvement, but he became worse.

I found the number of a vet in the phone book, called him at home at 8 p.m. and pleaded with him to come to my house and end the kitten's suffering. Dr. Kleban came over promptly, gave the kitten an injection that put him to sleep and ended his agony. Two days later, we received a sympathy card from Dr. Kleban, not a bill. I had to call to find out what I owed him.

Charlotte, N.C.: It's not the vet's fault. If you can't afford to cover your dog's medical emergencies, you can't afford to have a dog. Pets are a privilege, not a right.

Chicago: My cat had a bad reaction to a shot and almost died. The vet performed surgery, and the cat was hospitalized for 10 days. When I expressed anxiety over the bill, the vet said the cat's reaction to the shot was his responsibility. The bill? Zero.

Covington, La.: I am a veterinarian who has never turned down an injured or suffering animal for any reason. How many other health professionals must master surgery, internal medicine, anesthesia,

ophthalmology and dermatology to become successful? Becoming an animal doctor is a seven-day-a-week job often paid with a handshake and a thank-you. Watching a recovered patient walk out with a wagging tail is the best reward for most of us. -- Dr. Rusty Maher

Dear Dr. Maher: You certainly found the ideal occupation for someone with your kind heart and gentle spirit. Bless you. I hope the next letter was joking -- but I wouldn't bet on it!

Dear Ann Landers: A vet I know retired with a huge bundle of money and guess what he is doing now? Raising porcupines. -- No Name, No Address

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Breakfast speaker

Don Cumpton, executive vice president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, spoke at the Tuesday morning breakfast meeting held jointly by the Pilot Club of Hereford and Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR. The meeting was held as a conclusion to Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23.

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Barbara Bush story is reviewed for study club

Veleda Study Club heard a review of Barbara Bush's autobiography at its recent meeting in the home of Clovis Seago and Marie Stringer.

Ruby Stevenson presented the program, giving the history of Mrs. Bush from her childhood as the third child of a beautiful mother and brilliant father, to her marriage to George Bush on Jan. 6, 1945, through her years as a gracious First Lady who loved having her children and

grandchildren at the White House.

Frances Crume welcomed the guest speaker and led the club collect.

Roll call was answered with "If I were the First Lady, I would..."

The next meeting will be Oct. 13 in the home of Marcella Bradley. Those present were Juanita Brown, Mary Dziuk, Betty Gilbert, Theda Seiver, Norma Walden, Margaret Zinser, Bradly, Crume, Seago, Stringer and Stevenson.

Girl Scout Mobile Shop comes to Hereford Thurs.

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council will bring its Mobile Shop to Hereford Thursday to make it easier for Hereford and Vega Girl Scouts to obtain official Girl Scout items.

The Mobile Shop will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church at 501 N. Main. Items available include uniform components, handbooks, tee-shirts, camping equipment and accessories.

Girl Scouts may use their "Cookie Currency" they earned from selling cookies earlier this year to purchase items. "Cookie Currency," which is spent just like regular money, must be used by Nov. 26, 1997.

The council's Mobile Shop is a service providing Hereford and Vega Girl Scouts an opportunity to buy Girl Scout items without having to go to Amarillo. For more information, call Linda Cotter, council shop manager, at 1-800-687-4475.

EMT classes are set to begin

Basic emergency medical technician (EMT) classes will begin at 6 p.m. Sept. 29. Classes will be held in the EMS Building on Bradley St.

For additional information, contact Kenneth Cook at 364-8723.

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Senior Citizens

MENUS

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FRIDAY-Fish with tartar sauce, creamed potatoes, Normandy vegetables, red cabbage slaw, pears, French bread; or McRibb, hominy casserole.

MONDAY-Polish sausage, hashed brown potatoes, steamed cabbage, pickled beet salad, pears, peanut butter cookies, whole wheat bread; or smothered chicken, yellow squash.

TUESDAY-Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, green onions, sweet pickles, fruited cheese cake, Texas toast; or pork roast, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Ham and beef loaf, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, pickled beet salad, cornbread, peach cobbler; or fish nuggets, peaches.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Senior Crime Alert 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise call 10-10:45 a.m., decorative toll painting 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1-3 p.m.

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Sports

On the Sidelines

District 1-4A Football

Team	District	Season	PF	PA
Dumas	0-0	3-0	111	25
Caprock	0-0	3-0	76	19
Randall	0-0	2-1	58	66
Borger	0-0	1-2	125	58
Canyon	0-0	1-2	64	66
Pampa	0-0	1-2	24	40
Hereford	0-0	1-3	29	72

Last week's games

Friday
 Borger 67, Guyton, Okla. 24
 Amarillo Caprock 28, Amarillo River Road 16
 Dumas 34, Penitentiary 0
 Pampa 14, Plainview 7
 Lubbock Coronado 28, Hereford 2
 Lubbock High 35, Canyon 10
 Amarillo Tascosa 31, Canyon Randall 7

This week's games

Friday
 Amarillo Caprock at Canyon Randall, 7:30 p.m.;
 Borger at Hereford, 7:30 p.m.; Pampa at Dumas,
 7:30 p.m.; Canyon at Wolforth Friendship, 7:30 p.m.

American League

Texas 14, Oakland 6
 Milwaukee 7, Kansas City 4, 1st game
 Kansas City 6, Milwaukee 2, 2nd game
 Detroit 6, Boston 0
 Cleveland 10, N.Y. Yankees 9
 Baltimore 3, Toronto 2
 Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 3
 Seattle 4, Anaheim 3
Wednesday's Games
 Boston (Wakefield 11-15) at Detroit (Blair 16-7), 6:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 8-5) at Cleveland (Anderson 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (Kamieniecki 9-6) at Toronto (Daal 1-0), 6:35 p.m.
 Kansas City (Belcher 13-12) at Milwaukee (Mercedez 7-10), 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Rodriguez 2-6) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 12-14), 7:05 p.m.
 Anaheim (Hill 8-12) at Seattle (Moyer 17-4), 9:35 p.m.
 Texas (Oliver 12-12) at Oakland (Haynes 3-5), 9:35 p.m.

National League

Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 0
 Florida 6, Montreal 3
 Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Mets 4
 Houston 5, Chicago Cubs 3
 Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 6
 Colorado 7, San Francisco 6
 Los Angeles 6, San Diego 2
Wednesday's Games
 San Francisco (Rapp 5-8) at Colorado (Bailey 9-10), 2:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Byrd 4-3) at Philadelphia (Stephenson 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
 Florida (Leiter 10-9) at Montreal (Perez 12-12), 6:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Cooke 9-14) at N.Y. Mets (Milki 8-12), 6:40 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Burba 10-10) at St. Louis (Aybar 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Clark 13-7) at Houston (Holt 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Hamilton 10-7) at Los Angeles (Candiotti 10-6), 7:05 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Junior high wins

From staff reports
 The Hereford Junior High volleyball teams were all victorious in recent matches.

The eighth grade "A" team downed Valleyview, 15-13, 15-10. McKenzie Tabor had 10 service points and Ashley Gonzales added six.

The eighth grade "B" team defeated Valleyview's "B" squad, 15-11, 15-13. Danielle Pesina led Hereford with nine service points. Heather Brown had seven service points.

The seventh grade "A" team beat Westover, 16-14, 9-15, 15-6. Jenna Urbanczyk led the Hereford seventh graders with eight service points. Elizabeth Tarr added seven.

The seventh grade "B" team downed Westover's "B" team, 8-15, 15-6, 15-7.

Delilah Garcia led Hereford with 11 service points. Renae Alanin added five and Kerri Flood four.

Watts wins contest

Due to an error, Cori Watts is the winner in Week Four of the Hereford Brand Football Contest.

Watts missed four games and won on the tiebreaker, winning \$35.

Tracy Redwine was second, missing four games, and winning \$25. Raul Elizondo missed five games and earned third place on the tiebreaker, winning \$10.

The Hereford Brand regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience.

Sports calendar

Thursday
Football
 Hereford Junior Varsity Maroon at Borger, 7 p.m.
 Plainview Junior Varsity at Hereford Junior Varsity White, 7 p.m.
 Nazarene Christian Academy at San Jacinto, 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball
 Nazarene Christian Academy at San Jacinto, 5 p.m.

Houston lowers magic number to two

HOUSTON (AP) -- Finally, Houston is beginning to play like a first-place team -- just in time to move to the verge of its first division title in 11 years.

The Astros lowered their magic number for clinching the NL Central to two by beating the Chicago Cubs 5-3 Tuesday night. Second-place Pittsburgh remained 3 1/2 games back with a 5-4 victory at New York.

"The Pirates can't catch us if we don't lose," left fielder Luis

Gonzalez shouted above the din in the Astros clubhouse.

Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell homered as Houston overcame one-run deficits three times and stretched a winning streak to four for the first time since Aug. 9-12.

"I guess it's just going to take winning," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "The Pirates keep winning so we're just going to have to do it ourselves."

Biggio tied the score 3-all with a

sixth-inning homer, and Tony Eusebio singled in the go-ahead run in the sixth off Steve Trachsel (8-12). Bagwell hit his 43rd homer in the fourth before a small crowd of 19,380.

"I'm happy for the people who have come out," Bagwell said. "I did think it would be better tonight. I don't see how much more excitement you can get. But maybe more will come out toward the end of the week."

Darryl Kile (19-7), trying to become Houston's first 20-game winner since Mike Scott in 1989, allowed six hits in 8 1/3 innings, struck out six and walked two. Billy Wagner finished for his 22nd save.

"I felt great," Kile said. "My rhythm felt good before the game. The last couple of games my rhythm was better. Lance Johnson just did a great job of hitting some pitches. That's guy's paid to do a job too." Trachsel (8-12) gave up five runs

and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings. "It's really frustrating," Trachsel said. "I had good control and made good pitches. It was one of those nights when a lot of balls fell in. I thought I pitched pretty good. They just seemed to find some holes."

Mark Grace hit an RBI groundout in the first, but Derek Bell hit a run-scoring grounder in the bottom half. Grace hit a sacrifice fly in the third, but Bagwell's homer tied the score an inning later.

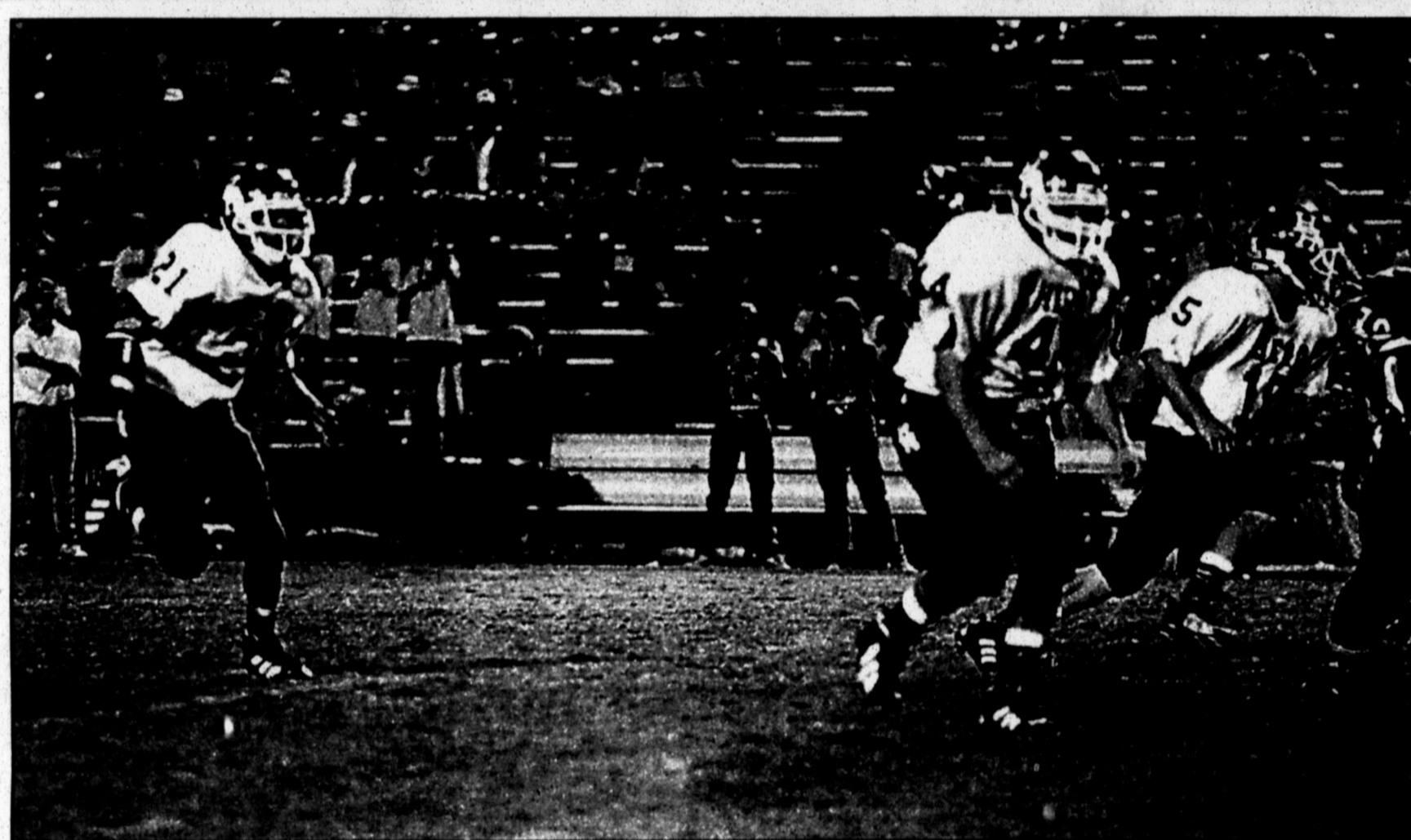


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Looking for daylight

Jeremy Miller (21) of Hereford looks for running room behind the blocks of teammates Jeremy Scott (44) and Jeremy Urbanczyk (15) Friday night against Lubbock Coronado at Lowrey Field.

Miller rushed 11 times for 46 yards to lead the Whitefaces. The Mustangs won 28-2, leaving Hereford at 1-3 as they head into their district schedule.

Idle Red Raiders ponder UNT loss

LUBBOCK (AP) -- Last week, thousands of Texas Tech faithful got quite a chuckle at the expense of the Texas Longhorns' now-infamous "Rout 66" loss to UCLA.

The laughter died Saturday night. The scope wasn't the same as Texas' 66-3 disaster on Sept. 13, but that was no solace for Red Raider fans after Tech's 30-27 loss to North Texas, a team oddsmakers had installed as 32-point underdogs.

"We know North Texas isn't going to be the hardest team on our schedule. We have a whole lot of games coming up," cornerback Tony Darden said. "That loss was bad for us, but we just have to bounce back,

and I think our team is strong enough that we can do that."

Give the Raiders credit for consistency. This is the eighth straight season, and the ninth in 10 years, they've limped out of the gate at 1-2.

Local sports talk shows have bellowed a mantra of distress. With dreams of big-time Big 12 football dancing in their heads, fans puzzled aloud why Tech appears wedged between excellence and mediocrity.

Coach Spike Dykes called the game "one of those losses that haunts you."

"Being 1-2 is not a new issue to us," he said. "We have just got to

overcome that and get back into the swing of things and get back to doing things good."

Consistency must improve for both the offense and defense, which allowed an 80-yard touchdown drive in the waning minutes to a team that had been outscored 50-3 in the fourth quarter in its first three games of the season.

"I think it's pretty evident that we're not where we want to be defensively," defensive coordinator John Goodner said. "Our offense gave us a great opportunity to win the football game. They gave us the lead with about four minutes left and we couldn't hold it. That's not where you

want to be this time of year."

Fortunately for Tech, a dose of eight straight Big 12 games beginning on Oct. 4 at Baylor suddenly doesn't seem daunting. The Raiders might be struggling, but they have company in a South Division that is only 8-7 against outsiders and whose favorite is aforementioned Texas.

Like the Longhorns after the UCLA calamity, Tech will have two full weeks to dissect their misfortune.

"I think we really would like to play another game (this) Saturday, and just bounce back and go on a positive note," Darden said. "We're going to practice hard this week, but we're going to think about North Texas all week."

Gonzalez nails 40th as Rangers rout A's, 14-6

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) -- For Juan Gonzalez, there's not a lot of joy in another 40-homer season.

"If I was healthy, I think I could match Griffey and McGwire," said the Texas slugger, who missed the first 24 games this season with an injury to his left thumb. "To hit 50

would be a dream, but I know I could do it."

Gonzalez hit his 40th, a three-run shot, against the Athletics on Tuesday as the Rangers routed Oakland 14-6 to end a four-game Texas losing streak. It was his fourth 40-homer season.

Gonzalez has hit eight home runs against the A's this season, and 26 in his career -- the most against any club.

While Gonzalez was dreaming of matching Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. and the Cardinals' Mark McGwire, Texas manager Johnny Oates was

praising his designated hitter.

"It's been a frustrating year for Juan, with what he's had to deal with," Oates said. "He missed 29 games but then he's come through with 40 homers and 130-plus RBIs.

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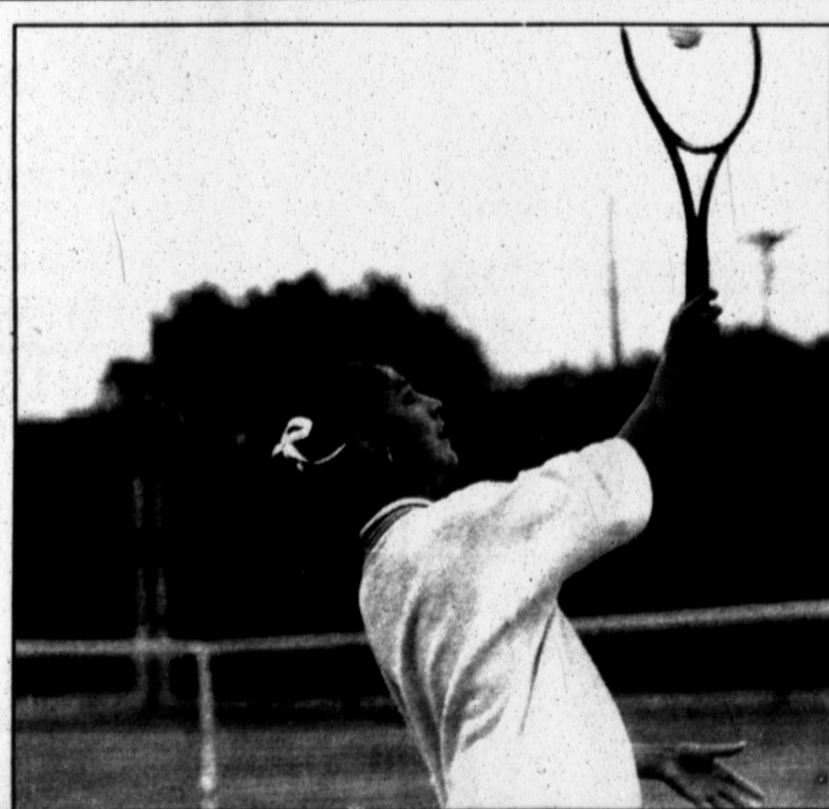


Photo by Julius Bodner

The ball's in your court

Brynne Bryant of the Hereford High School tennis teams returns a shot during her match Saturday against Zaida Bazaldura of Amarillo Caprock. Bryant won 4-6, 6-3, 6-0. The Whitefaces will travel to Canyon Randall Saturday.

NO MORE NICE GUYS

Americans look to bring back Ryder Cup

SOTOGRADE, Spain (AP) -- Americans like to think of themselves as rugged individualists and top-notch closers, able to single-handedly seal any deal.

One reason is that we've seen guys like Jack Nicklaus, Michael Jordan and Reggie Jackson doing just that on the biggest stages for years. But as far as recent Ryder Cup matches are concerned, nothing could be further from the truth.

In the 1995 installment at Oak Hill, five matches came down to the 18th hole. The Americans lost every one, and the Cup in the bargain. At the Belfry in 1989, four Americans hit their approach shots at the 18th into the water.

The scrambling Europeans managed a tie and kept the Cup. Go back over the last six competitions, in fact, and the Americans' winning percentage in matches decided on the last two holes isn't much better. They have won just 37 of 103, or 36 percent.

The reason? How about Jack Nicklaus' decision

to concede a 2-foot putt to Englishman Tony Jacklin on the last hole of the last singles match of the 1969 Ryder Cup? That singular act of charity is roundly considered one of the grandest gestures of sportsmanship ever. But don't count Sam Snead among its admirers.

"We went over there to win," Snead, the captain of the 1969 squad, still grumbles today, "not to be good ol' boys."

The truth is Nicklaus could afford to be gracious. His concession nearly three decades ago only resulted in a 14-14 tie that enabled the Americans, who won the Cup outright two years earlier, to hold onto it. But in a sense, that singular gesture has hamstrung every U.S. squad since.

Dozens of American Ryder Cuppers have dreamed about doing the same, forgetting they didn't possess half of Nicklaus' talent and a quarter of his competitive drive. And if the dozen members of the 1997 team intend to bring the Cup back across the Atlantic with them, they had better adopt an attitude more

like Sam's than Jack's.

No more Mr. Nice Guys. No matter what. And absolutely no more statements the rest of this week like the one Mark O'Meara made recently: "I'll be disappointed if we lose in Spain, but I'll be the first to shake hands with the winning team."

What remarks like that reveal is how we've gone soft, become a nation of fat-cat golfers. The all-exempt PGA Tour has produced a generation of competitors who would like to be Jack Nicklaus, but who would rather live like Jack Nicholson.

Distracted by the easy money that makes millionaires out of even mediocre players, the desire to take home the trophy has been weakened by the certainty a 10th-place finish still puts a new Land Rover in the garage next to the Lexus. They still dream about nobly conceding putts to opponents on the last day of a tournament. The reality is they wind up none-too-sadly conceding victory as well. But that is about to change.

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District 1-4A Football Statistics

District 1-4A Football Statistics				Brown, Caprock				Davis, Canyon				Player, team			
Team	Pass	Total	Avg.	Team	Yds.	TDs	Yds.	TDs	Yds.	TDs	Yds.	TDs	Yds.	TDs	
Borger	791	515	1306	435.3	62	207	3.3	2	5	93	18.6	1	4	49.3	67
Dumas	933	182	1115	371.7	18	156	8.7	4	5	57	11.4	1	2	46.5	50
Caprock	438	520	958	319.3	11	144	12.1	2	5	45	9.0	0	2	35.5	75
Randall	561	294	855	285.0	28	136	4.8	3	4	89	22.3	1	2	29.0	40
Canyon	512	312	824	274.7	25	119	4.8	0	5	22.3	0	0	1	29.0	29
Pampa	508	81	589	186.3	27	63	0	0	14	579	41.4	67	6	24.3	35
Hereford	393	237	630	157.5	18	40	0	1	16	811	38.2	60	1	24.0	24
Dumas	127	229	356	118.7	10	34	0	2	18	485	34.6	46	6	20.8	26
Caprock	447	179	626	208.7	15	49	2	2	18	590	32.8	50	4	20.8	26
Pampa	664	104	768	256.0	15	49	2	2	11	321	29.2	41	4	19.5	26
Borger	611	166	777	259.0	10	34	0	0	3	30.3	75	1	2	35	0
Randall	566	255	821	273.7	7	103	14.7	0	4	15.5	30	0	2	2	0
Canyon	512	312	824	274.7	7	103	14.7	0	3	10.0	15	0	1	7	0
Hereford	678	574	1252	313.0	6	124	20.7	0	6	8.8	20	0	1	6	0
Borger	611	166	777	259.0	6	104	17.3	2	5	8.0	8	0	1	5	0
Canyon	512	312	824	274.7	6	104	17.3	2	5	4.8	15	0	1	4	0
Hereford	678	574	1252	313.0	6	104	17.3	2	5	4.8	15	0	1	2	0

Cowboys taking Bears seriously

IRVING (AP) -- Barry Switzer says the Dallas Cowboys won't be lulled into overconfidence by being 14-point favorites over the winless Chicago Bears.

"Book it, we're not going to be flat," the Dallas coach said on Tuesday. "We'll be ready to play."

The Cowboys (2-1) normally have trouble in games when they are big favorites. In their last game they were nine-point picks over Philadelphia and won only because the Eagles botched a field goal attempt.

Dallas needed a 60-yard touchdown pass from Troy Aikman to Kelvin Martin in the final minute to beat Atlanta 32-28 last year when the Cowboys were two-touchdown

"We expect the unexpected. We'll be looking for fake field goals, onside kicks, desperate things by a desperate team."

-- Barry Switzer

favorites.

"At this level if you don't play good you can get beat," Switzer said.

The Cowboys used their off-week to work on numerous team malfunctions, including blocking the blitz.

They also feel former Dallas coach Dave Wannstedt will unload his bag of exotic tricks trying to get his Bears a win.

"We expect the unexpected," Switzer said. "We'll be looking for

fake field goals, onside kicks, desperate things by a desperate team. We have to be prepared mentally for the unexpected. This ballgame could make their season. It's a wounded, desperate Chicago Bears team that will play us. This game will be tougher than our fans want."

Last year, Chicago beat Dallas 22-6 in the opening game of the season at Soldier Field.

Switzer all but conceded that defensive tackle Chad Hennings won't be available at 3 p.m. Sunday in Texas Stadium because of a groin injury suffered in the first quarter of the 21-20 win over the Eagles.

Herd

"They did everything they needed to do. They have real strong hitters. They're patient, and they play real good defense."

Thornton said the Lady Harvesters tried to exploit the one area they saw as a weakness for Hereford -- the deep middle area of the court.

"The deep middle was open. We did have some success hitting to that area. When you're athletes don't react, you're going to be vulnerable," Thornton said.

The trouble was, Thornton said, was that Hereford closed that door pretty quickly.

Kitten acknowledged the one apparent weakness. She said recognizing it is one of the keys to

shoring up that area. "(On) balls hit to the mid-court, a lot of times we run forward and the ball falls behind us," Kitten said.

She added the Lady Whitefaces will go through drills to solve the problem, which means even more trouble for opposing teams.

Pampa came into the match with enough of their own troubles; they didn't need the Lady Whitefaces adding to them. Thornton said the Lady Harvesters have been beset by injuries this season and they're still trying to learn to play together.

"We've been struggling with our own game. We're just trying to get some confidence. . . . It's been one thing after another. It's just been hard

to find the right combination that'll work for us. It's really frustrating for the girls," Thornton said.

Frustration was the name of the game for the Lady Harvesters in game two. Hereford scored five straight points to start the game, and pulled away to win, 15-3.

"We did some good things," said Thornton. "The thing was, we were doing them for sideouts."

Kitten said despite the Lady Harvesters' 0-3 district record entering the match, she knew Pampa was the kind of team that could cause Hereford trouble.

"They're a team like Canyon. They're not real big, but they keep

getting the ball back to you," Kitten said.

That type of play has a tendency, she said, to frustrate hitters. However, the Lady Whitefaces, while possibly frustrated, weren't flustered and made few mistakes the entire match.

One of the benefits of an easy match was that Kitten was able to play some of her younger players. She said she hope being able to get many of those younger players court experience will pay off as they head deeper into their district schedule.

"I'm pleased with our effort," Kitten said. "We stayed very aggressive. Some passes didn't get to their target . . . (but) I'm leaving happy."

Gonzalez

He does that every time, and I find that remarkable."

Lee Stevens hit a pair of homers and Alex Diaz added a three-run shot for the Rangers, who matched a season high with 20 hits. Every Texas starter got at least one hit.

Oakland's Jason Giambi hit a three-run homer off John Burkett (8-12) in the fifth inning to cut Texas' lead to 6-4, but Diaz answered in the sixth with his first homer this season.

Gonzalez added his home run in the eighth.

Burkett, who recorded his 100th career victory, spent much of August on the disabled list because of soreness in his shoulder. The right-hander allowed four runs and nine hits in eight innings for his first victory since July 12 at Seattle. He had seven strikeouts and walked three.

Oakland starter Dave Telgheder (4-6) allowed five runs and seven hits in three innings. The A's have lost eight of their last 11 to drop to 63-95. "We didn't have any pitching

right from the beginning -- uphill all the way," said A's manager Art Howe.

Telgheder allowed four hits and four runs in the first inning. Ivan Rodriguez hit an RBI double and Gonzalez added a run-scoring sacrifice fly before Stevens' first homer, a two-run shot into the right-field seats.

Stevens' second home run, his 18th, was a solo shot to almost the exact same spot in the third inning. He also had two homers Aug. 18 in the second game of a doubleheader against Milwaukee.

Rusty Greer's RBI single in the fifth gave the Rangers a 6-1 lead, and Domingo Codeno and Fernando Tatis each singled in runs in the seventh.

Oakland rookie Ben Grieve hit an RBI single in the third inning. Ernie Young hit an RBI single and Giambi added a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth for the A's.

"There were some good things today on the offensive side, obviously, but we just dug way too deep a whole," Howe said.

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Names in the News

KEVIN SPACEY
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kevin Spacey attacked Esquire magazine as "dishonest and malicious" over its October cover story implying that he outed himself during the interview. Throughout the article, titled "Kevin Spacey Has a Secret," writer Tom Junod teases about the actor's "secret," beginning and ending the story with rumors about Spacey's sexuality.

One passage reads: "He came out of the closet last spring ... when he got rid of his beard, when he had no more use for disguises, when he was relaxed by drinking a few vodka-and-tonics and then stood up and finally allowed people to see him for what he was, or at least for who he had become."

Junod was writing about a gay character Spacey plays in the upcoming film "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

In a statement released Tuesday through his publicist, Spacey said Esquire "has made it abundantly clear that they have now joined the ranks of distasteful journalism, and this mean-spirited, homophobic, offensive article proves that the legacy of Joseph McCarthy is alive and well."

Esquire Editor David Granger insisted the criticism was unwarranted.

"We didn't do anything underhanded in this story," he said. "Kevin has acknowledged the rumors about his homosexuality. What reason could there possibly be not to include this in the story?"

WALTER CRONKITE
WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) - Walter Cronkite, whose latest honor comes from the U.S. Military Academy, sees a truce in the skirmish between the military and the media.

The 80-year-old Cronkite became the first TV journalist to receive West Point's Sylvanus Thayer Award,

given annually to a citizen committed to the academy's motto of "Duty, Honor, Country."

"We got off to a bad start," Cronkite said, referring to what he called military censorship during the Gulf War. That a journalist received the Thayer award "speaks of a reconciliation between the military and the media."

"The free press serves the right of the people to know what the military is doing in its name," he said Tuesday. "The most important thing, perhaps, is trust between military forces and a responsible press."

Cronkite, who for 19 years was the prime anchor for CBS, also took a swipe at entertainment-driven reporting in newspapers and on television.

"TV news is just a tail on the dog of entertainment," Cronkite told reporters before the ceremony.

CHRISTOPHER DARDEN
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Former prosecutor Christopher Darden has tied the knot with entertainment executive Marcia Carter.

The couple married Aug. 31 in Vienna, Va., the bride's hometown, said Norman Brokaw, a Darden spokesman. The bride is vice president and corporate controller of Rysher Entertainment.

As Los Angeles County deputy district attorney, Darden prosecuted the June 1994 stabbing deaths of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife Nicole Brown and her friend Ronald Goldman. Darden quit after the trial, in which Simpson was acquitted, and co-wrote the book "In Contempt" about the proceeding.

It was the first marriage for both. Darden has a daughter from a previous relationship.

ROBERT REDFORD
LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) - Robert Redford's film "The Horse Whisperer," once hampered by false starts, is back on track for a Decem-

ber release. After nearly four months of production in southern Montana, the production crew wrapped up filming. Redford's co-producer Patrick Markey thanked Livingston and area communities for their hospitality.

"It couldn't have been a more welcome reception, but we were left alone to do work, too," Markey said Monday of the film that Redford also directed.

The movie, based on Nicholas Evans' 1995 best-selling novel, stars Redford as a trainer working with an injured horse. The film features Dianne Wiest, Sam Neill and Kristin Scott Thomas.

The film, hindered earlier by script and casting delays, is scheduled for a Christmas release.

RAY CHARLES
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Ray Charles turned 67 on Tuesday and he's not even thinking about retirement.

"What would I retire to? Music is my life," he said. "When the good Lord wants me to retire, he will take care of that. I work as much as I want. I'm not going to pass out on stage or anything like that."

He doesn't seem to be slowing down. Charles and his 16-piece orchestra are on their 37th world tour, and Rhino Records plans a compilation of his music.

"Fortunately for me, my heart is still good and I feel good and that's the main thing," he said. "What's really the most wonderful thing in the world is doing something you love to do."

"Making people happy keeps you alive," the 12-time Grammy winner said. "Life is supposed to be meaningful."

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TV viewers like the familiar

NEW YORK (AP) - With the new television season getting under way in earnest, viewers opted for the familiar last week - "Seinfeld," a Monday night football game and Bob Newhart.

Veteran comedian Newhart's new CBS sitcom, "George & Leo," was the top-rated new show to premiere on last week's schedule, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday.

NBC won what was technically the 53rd and last week of the 1996-97 season. The new season officially began Monday, delayed a week by Nielsen at the request of the networks.

CBS was the most active of the top three networks in putting new material on the air last week, and it paid some dividends. The season premiere of "Touched By an Angel" finished a strong third.

While CBS's new "Gregory Hines Show" did well when previewed last Monday night, it tumbled to 75th during its regularly-scheduled Friday time slot. CBS, which raided ABC for two of its sitcoms in trying to establish a teen-oriented Friday night schedule, couldn't win the night even though it had new shows and ABC aired reruns.

For the week of Sept. 15-21, the top 10 shows, their networks and ratings, were:

"NFL Monday Night Football: Philadelphia at Dallas," ABC, 17.4; "Seinfeld," NBC, 15.7; "Touched By an Angel," CBS, 15.4; "Frasier" special, NBC, 13.8; "60 Minutes," CBS, 13.8; "ER," NBC, 13.7; "Dateline NBC" (Tuesday), NBC, 13.6; "CBS Sunday Movie: All the Winters That Have Been," CBS, 12.8; "Frasier," NBC, 12.4; "Friends," NBC, 11.9; "Mad About You," NBC, 11.9; "NFL Monday Showcase," ABC, 11.9; "PrimeTime Live," ABC, 11.9.

Television

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Ray J and Brandy	Movie: Escape to Witch Mountain	Movie: Cloak and Dagger	Henry Thomas	PG	Movie: Secret Life of Mitzzy					
News	Ent. Tonight	Tony Danza	Built to Last	3rd Rock From the Sun	Law & Order	News			(:35) Tonight Show	
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Performance	American Experience			Charlie Rose	NewsHour				
Boss?	Boss?	(:05) Movie: Above the Law (1988)	Steven Seagal	***PG	(:05) Movie: Kung Fu: The Movie (1986)	**				Movie:
News	Wh. Fortune	Spin City	Dharma	Drew Carey	Ellen	Primetime Live	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
Fam. Mat.	Coach	Sister, Sis.	Smart Guy	Wayans	Harvey	News	Wesley		Heat	
News	Home Imp.	Country Music Association Awards				News			(:35) Late Show	
Grace Under	Mad-You	Beverly Hills, 90210	Party of Five		Hercules-Jrns.		Frazier	Roseanne	Real TV	
Sportstr.	Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced								Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced	
Waltons	Rescue 911	Hawaii Five-0			700 Club			Three Stooges	Carson	
(5:00) Movie: Chances Are	Movie: The Birdcage	Robin Williams	***R		Dead Man's Gun		Fast Track	Movie: Color of Justice		
Movie: Journey-King	Movie: Space Jam	Michael Jordan	PG		Movie: White Man's Burden	**R		Movie: Juice	Omar Epps	***R
Movie: Bushwhacked	PG	Movie: Urban Cowboy	John Travolta	***PG		(:15) Movie: She's the One	Jennifer Aniston	***R	Movie:	
Movie: My Dear Miss	Movie: The Fastest Guitar Alive (1967)		(:45) Movie: My Man and I (1952)	Shelley Long	Writers	***	Movie: The Arnelo Affair			
Dukes of Hazzard	Louise Mandrell Shoot	Championship Bull Riding	Championship Rodeo		Dallas		Dukes			
Wings of the Red Star	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine	Would You Believe It?		Wild Discovery		Discover			
Law & Order	Biography	American Justice	20th Century		Law & Order		Biography			
Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Prophet of Evil: The Ervil LeBaron Story (1993)			Homicide: Life		Mysteries			
Sports	FOX Sports	Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros			Major League Baseball					
Lois & Clark-Superman	Movie: Smokey and the Bandit (1977)	***	(:05) Movie: Smokey and the Bandit II (1980)	Burt Reynolds	**					
Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Happy Days	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Odd Couple	Taxi	Newhart	M.T. Moore	
Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger	(:59) Movie: The Perfect Daughter (1996)	Tracey Gold		Silk Stalkings		Big Easy			
MI Querida Isabel	El Alma No Tiene Color	Alguna Vez	Fuera	Lente Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo			
War Years	In Search of History	Assassinations	True Action Adventures	Weapons at War	In Search					
RPM 2Night	Auto Racing	Auto Racing	NASCAR Dash Series	Strongest Man	RPM 2Night	Auto Racing				

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Goof Troop	Mermaid	Pooh	Katie-Orbie	Mickey	Wonderland	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Mermaid	Pooh	Jungle Cubs
Today				Leeza	Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach				Days-Lives
Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Reading	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Arthur	Barney	Garden	
Brady	Gilligan	Little House on the Prairie	3's Co.	Mama	Griffith	Griffith	(:05) Matlock	Movie:		
Good Morning America			Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee	Martha	Gayle King	People's Court	News			
Tiny Toon	Captain	BugsDaffy	Animaniacs	PinkyBrain	Batman	Griffith	Geraldo Rivera	News		
This Morning			Ricki Lake	Price Is Right		Young and the Restless	News			
Bobby	Casper	101Dalmits	X-Men	Vicki Lawrence	Paid Prog.	Murphy	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Home Team	
Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Auto Racing		
Father Dowling Mysteries	Waltons		700 Club		Fit TV	Rescue 911	Home			
(5:35) Movie: September			(:45) Movie: W.W. and the Dixie Dancekings	***PG	Movie: The Day of the Dolphin	***PG	Movie:			
Movie: First Knight (1995)	Sean Connery, Richard Gere	***PG-13	Movie: Rough Cut (1980)	Burt Reynolds, David Niven	Movie: Awakenings (1990)					
Movie: Careful, He Might Hear You	Nicholas Gledhill	Movie: Until They Sail (1957)	Jean Simmons	***	Movie: The Hunchback of Notre Dame					
Movie: Blond Cheat (1938)	Joan Fontaine	Movie: Club Dance		VideoMorning	Dallas	Aleena's Crafts	Wildhorse			
(Off Air)				Home Matters	Housesmart!	Start	Interior Mot.	Home		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Housesmart!	Start	Interior Mot.	Home			
Columbo			Cosby Mysteries	New Mike Hammer	Quincy	Interior Mot.	Law & Order			
Baby Knows Kids These	Sisters	Designing	Designing	Our Home	Main Inqury	Handmade	Supernat			
FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Big 12 Show			
Scooby Doo	Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Spenser: For Hire	Movie: Smokey and the Bandit II (1980)				
Looney	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	Muppets	Allegro	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Papa Beaver
Gargoyles	Sailor Moon	Webster	Weird Sci.	Strangers	Gimme B.	Wings	Wings	Movie: Night Watch (1995)	**	
(6:00) Despierta America			Malte	Si Dios Me Quita la Vida	Volver a Empezar	Sol				
Classroom	History Showcase	War and Remembrance			Real West	Caesar				
Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training	Perfect	Bodyshape	Gotta Sweat	Flex Appeal	NFL's Greatest Moments	ESPNNews	

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Tale Spin	Donald	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	GrowPains	GrowPains	Brotherly
Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Writers	Writer's	Literary	Literary	Oprah Winfrey	News	News	NBC News
Body Elec.	Painting	Keeping Up	Writers	Writer's	Literary	Literary	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Magic Bus
(12:05) Movie: Matlock: The Kidnapping	Flintstones	Flintstones	Looney	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Port Charles	Pictionary	Rosie O'Donnell	News	ABC News	ABC News	ABC News	ABC News
News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Wiseguy	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Dating	Newlywed	Am.Journal	Edition	News	News	CBS News	CBS News
Home Team	In the Heat of the Night	Little House on the Prairie	Spider-Man	Metallix	Rangers	Goosebump	BoyWorld	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
Auto Racing	16 Days of Glory	Sports	Cigar: Horse	Billiards	NFL Great	NBA	Up Close	Sportstr.		
(12:00) Home & Family	ShopDrop	Shopping	Big Valley		Bonanza-Lost	Carol Bnt.	Carol Bnt.			
Movie: Robbers' Roost	(:45) Movie: Window to Paris	Agnes Sorai	***PG-13	(:20) Movie: September (1996)	Jacqueline Bisset, Edward Fox					
(11:30) Movie: The Arrival	Tracy	Movie: Fly Away Home	Jeff Daniels	***PG	Movie: Days of Thunder	Tom Cruise	***PG-13			
Movie: Awakenings (1990)	Movie: Absence of Malice	Paul Newman	***PG	Movie: The Man From Snowy River	PG	(:15) Movie: It Takes Two				
Movie: The Man From Down Under (1943)	***	Movie: Hearts Divided (1936)	***	Parade	Movie: Varsity Show	***				
Wildhorse	Club Dance	Aleena's Crafts	Dallas	Wildhorse Saloon	Dukes of Hazzard					
Home	Housesmart!	Interior Mot.	Start	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers	Movie Magic	Bay. 2000		
Law & Order	Columbo		Cosby Mysteries	New Mike Hammer	Quincy					
Debt	Movie: Ladykillers (1988)	Manu Hennar	**	Comish	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supermit	Debt		
NFL Access	Motorsports Hour	Cycle World	Hardcore Football	B. Simmons	John Blake	This Week in NASCAR				
Movie: Carson City (1952)	Randolph Scott	**	Lonesome Dove: Series	In the Heat of the Night	Kung Fu: Legend					
Rupert	Gadget	Tiny Toon	Nick in the Afternoon	You Afraid?	Rocky's Life	Figures It Out	Tiny Toon			
Movie: Night	Movie: A Prayer for the Dying (1987)	Bob Hoskins	**	Baywatch	Saved-Bell	USA High	Baywatch			
(12:00) Sol De Tentacion	Los Hijos de Nadie	Cristina	Primer Impacto		Dr Perez	Noticiero				
Caesar	Air Combat	War and Remembrance		Real West	American Caesar					
ESPNNews	NFL Great	NFL Great	Through Lens	Australian Rules Football	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	Sportsman	Drag Racing		

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Movie: Muppet Treasure Island	***PG	(:40) Movie: The Dark Crystal	Jim Henson	***PG	(:20) Movie: Labyrinth	David Bowie	PG	Movie:		
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Union	Seinfeld	Veronica	ER	News	(:35) Tonight Show		
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Garden	Fat Man	American Experience					Garden	Ch. Rose	
Major League Baseball	Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies						Movie: Big Trouble in Little China (1986)	**	Movie:	
News	Wh. Fortune	Nothing Sacred	Cracker	20/20			News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
Fam. Mat.	Coach	Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros					News	Honeyynn	Heat	
News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder	48 Hours			News	(:35) Late Show		
Grace Under	Mad-You	Single	Between	413 Hope St.	Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Frazier	Roseanne	Real TV	
Sportstr.	Kickoff	College Football North Carolina State at Wake Forest					Sportscenter	Baseball		
Waltons	Rescue 911	Hawaii Five-0			700 Club			Three Stooges	Carson	
Movie:	(:25) Movie: Weekend at Bernie's II	PG	Movie: Blood In... Blood Out: Bound by Honor (1993)	Damian Chapa, Jesse Borrego	Movie:					
Real Sports	Movie: First Knight (1995)	Sean Connery, Richard Gere	***PG-13	Mr. Show	Inside the NFL				Artes	
(5:15) Movie: It Takes Two	Movie: La Bamba	ou Diamond Phillips	***PG-13	Movie: Maximum Risk	***PG	Movie: Nowhere to Run	R			
(5:00) Movie: Varsity Show	Movie: Outpost in Morocco (1949)	**	(:45) Movie: Race Street (1948)	George Raft	**	Movie: Johnny Angel	***			
Dukes of Hazzard	Today's Country	Evening of Country Greats: A Hall of Fame Celebration			Dallas		Dukes			
Strange Plans	Wild Discovery	Mysterious	Movie Magic	Wings	Wild Discovery		Mysterious			
Law & Order	Biography	Sea Tales	Unexplained		Law & Order		Biography			



4-H club officers

Citizens 4-H Club officers for 1997-1998 will be, back row from left, Miriam Wilks, president; Amber Brumley, vice president; Jodi Wilburn, secretary; Toby Duncan, Council delegate; and Jantzen Louder, alternate delegate; front row, from left, Cassidy Hicks and Chelsea Blain, communications; and Abby Wilks and Erin Louder, recreation. Not pictured is Cindy Harder, reporter.

Citizens Club launches new season

Citizens 4-H Club launched its new meeting season recently during a business session convened at Community Christian School.

Louder, alternate delegate; Chelsea Blain and Cassidy Hicks, communications; Abby Wilks and Erin Louder, recreation.

handling pesticides, prevention of skin cancer, blood typing procedures and chronic infections.

The club's next monthly meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16. Parent leader is Janice Brumley.

Others in attendance were Carrisa Hicks, Celeste Louder, Lark Duncan, Jordan Duggan and Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Sciences.

A new slate of officers was elected, including: Miriam Wilks, president; Amber Brumley, vice president; Jodi Wilburn, secretary; Cindy Harder, reporter; Toby Duncan, Council delegate; Jantzen

During the coming year, Citizens 4-H'ers will focus on citizenship awareness, including health and safety issues. Among the scheduled programs are aging awareness and emergency services, food safety,

Birthday party hosted by Cultural FCE

Residents of Westgate Nursing Home and King's Manor Day Care children were served cake and punch on Sept. 18 by Cultural FCE Club members.

Nell Pope made and decorated a large birthday cake and additional cakes were brought by Jewell Hargrave, Tonic Vaughn and Perry Keyes. Punch was provided by Marilyn Smith.

Birthday honorees included six adults and four children.

Cultural Family Community Education Club met Sept. 12 in the Hereford Community Center with six members and two guests present.

Roll call was answered with "The Last Thing I Forgot."

Virginia Sumner led the opening FCE prayer and Perry Keyes read the poem "What Is a Home?"

After a short business meeting, County Extension Agent Beverly Harder gave the program titled

"Where Are My Keys?" Several ways to improve a persons memory were discussed.

Club members were reminded that club dues should be paid by Oct. 27. The Westway Bazaar will be Nov. 8.

Members present were Nell Pope, Fannie Townsend, Edna Marnell, Jewell Hargrave, Sumner and Keyes, and guests Tonic Vaughn and Harder.

The next club meeting will be Oct. 10 and all members are urged to attend.

New Arrivals

Jay and Angel Green are the proud parents of a daughter, Maeson Suzanne, born Sept. 17 in Hereford Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21 inches.

Welcoming her home is a 14-month-old brother, Jace.

Grandparents are Elvis and Gayle Reese of Lubbock and Bobby and Linda Green of Post.



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Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Wednesday, Sept. 24, the 267th day of 1997. There are 98 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 24, 1896, author F. Scott Fitzgerald was born in St. Paul, Minn.

On this date: In 1789, Congress passed the First Judiciary Act, which provided for an Attorney General and a Supreme Court.

In 1869, thousands of businessmen were ruined in a Wall Street panic after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempted to corner the gold market.

In 1929, Lt. James H. Doolittle guided a Consolidated NY2 Biplane over Mitchel Field in New York in the first all-instrument flight.

In 1948, Mildred Gillars, accused of being Nazi wartime radio propagandist "Axis Sally," pleaded innocent in Washington, D.C., to

charges of treason. (Gillars ended up serving 12 years in prison.)

In 1955, President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Denver.

In 1957, the Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-to-0.

In 1960, the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, Va.

In 1976, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery. (She was released after 22 months after receiving clemency from President Carter.)

In 1991, kidnappers in Lebanon freed British hostage Jack Mann after holding him captive for more than two years.

In 1991, children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr.

Seuss, died in La Jolla, Calif., at age 87.

Ten years ago: President Reagan rebuffed congressional calls to limit U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, and defended the recent U.S. attack on an Iranian mine-laying vessel.

Five years ago: Acting Navy Secretary Sean O'Keefe stripped three admirals of their jobs for failing to investigate aggressively the Tailhook sex abuse scandal. Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton promised to press for a national health-care system for all Americans; the Bush campaign countered that the plan would be too expensive for average Americans.

One year ago: The United States, represented by President Clinton, and the world's other major nuclear powers signed a treaty to end all testing and development of nuclear weapons.



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 -- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

News Digest

MONK BREAKS VOW TO GET LICENSE BACK
JERUSALEM (AP) - What does it take to tempt a Trappist monk to break his vow of silence? The thought of being unable to drive.
 A monk from the Latrun Monastery in central Israel lost his license for two months after being involved in a collision that slightly injured one person, the *Maariv* newspaper reported Tuesday.
 A traffic court in Beersheba ruled that the crash occurred because the monk failed to slow down at a yellow sign, the paper said. At the trial, he exercised his right to remain silent, leaving his defense to his lawyer.
 When he came to reclaim his license, the motor vehicles department refused because the number of his passport did not match the one listed in the police computer. The monk had to go back to court and ask the judge to authorize renewal of the license.
 Judge David Landsman agreed, and the monk resumed his silence.

GYPSY WOMAN DIES DURING SKINHEAD ATTACK
PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) - Police are investigating whether an epilepsy seizure that led to a woman's death was triggered by harassment by skinheads.
 Police spokesman Petr Kovar said Erika Gaborova suffocated during an epileptic seizure that began after 11 skinheads attacked the house she and other Gypsies were staying in. The attack occurred Saturday in Domazlice, 90 miles southwest of Prague, Kovar said Tuesday.
 The skinheads used slingshots to break windows, shot in the air with pistols and chanted racist slogans while they drove around the house, Kovar said.
 Nine of the skinheads were charged with racially motivated attack and hooliganism, and three of them remained in custody, Kovar said. Police were still searching for the remaining two.

MAN SWALLOWS HEROIN-FILLED CONDOMS, DIES
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - A man who swallowed 150 condoms stuffed with heroin and tried to sneak past customs in the Colombo airport died when one of the condoms burst in his stomach, officials said Tuesday.
 Mohammed Mansoor Farooq, 32, died Monday in Sri Lanka's National Hospital of a drug overdose, police officials said on condition of anonymity. He had earlier purged most of the condoms.
 Customs officials arrested him on a tip last Thursday after he arrived on a flight from Karachi, Pakistan. They found his intestines filled with the heroin-packed condoms valued at \$20,000.
 Farooq had earlier told police that he spent 12 hours swallowing the condoms before boarding the plane.

COLLEGE BANS WOMEN FROM WEARING JEANS
NEW DELHI, India (AP) - A conservative Christian college in southern India has banned women from wearing jeans, skirts or body-hugging clothes.
 Father Thomas Mathews, vice-principal of Christ College in Bangalore, said students are going beyond the limits of decency and insisted the ban on jeans would instill discipline. *The Times of India* newspaper reported Tuesday.
 Women said the order discriminated against them since men could continue wearing jeans.
 The college wants women to wear saris or the Indian baggy trouser-shirt combination called salwar-kameez.

RESTAURANT-BOUND TURTLES FREED
SALONICA, Greece (AP) - Restaurants specializing in out-of-the-ordinary dishes will have to do with a few less bowls of turtle soup.
 Greek forestry officials freed 423 restaurant-bound tortoises in forests near the northern port city of Salonica, media reports said Tuesday. The

tortoises were illegally taken from parts of Greece by two unidentified foreigners who intended to sell them to eastern European restaurants.
 In all, 473 tortoises were confiscated last May from a bus on the Czech and Slovak border. They were then held for four months in a zoo in Bratislava, Slovakia.
 Frantisek Sroufek, the zoo's deputy director, said 423 survivors were flown back to northern Greece on Monday.
 Sixteen of the animals were already dead when they were found, Sroufek said, and the rest were in dismal shape. About 150 of them had been stuffed into one big suitcase, the remainder hidden in another suitcase and in a couple of plastic bags.
 Greek officials also plan to release another 500 poached tortoises shortly, the media reports said.

VIETNAM DESERTER GETS BAD CONDUCT DISCHARGE
CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) - A 48-year-old Marine who fled to Canada when his unit was ordered to duty in Vietnam 29 years ago has received a bad-conduct discharge for desertion.
 Pvt. Randall J. Caudill, who could have been sentenced Tuesday to three years' confinement, was expected to be released by the weekend, Staff Sgt. Janice Hagar said.
 At 19, Caudill was "disenchanted" with the Marine Corps and believed he and his fellow corpsmen were not properly trained to fight when his Camp Pendleton unit was ordered to Vietnam, said his lawyer, Maj. Daniel Lecce.

INQUIRY OF BUSH PARDON POLICY SOUGHT
AUSTIN (AP) - A state lawmaker wants fellow legislators to investigate the criteria Gov. George W. Bush uses in determining whether to pardon convicted criminals.
 Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, on Tuesday said she hopes "the governor cares more about justice than he does about the color of someone's skin."
 "Does this governor grant freedom to innocent Texans, unless, of course, they are African-American," she said in a one-page statement.
 Mrs. McClendon's comments and call for an investigation came after the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that Bush, a Republican, had granted 14 pardons during his tenure. Only one of those was issued to a minority, an Hispanic.

TEXAS FIRMS BILKED EXPORT PROGRAM
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Two Texas cotton companies are to be sentenced in December for bilking a federal export program out of more than \$1.6 million.
 W.G. Ripley Inc. and Suncot Inc. pleaded guilty Sept. 18 to conspiracy, fraud and money laundering. The corporate pleas could lead to thousands of dollars in fines but no prison terms for company officers, federal authorities said.
 The pleas resulted from an investigation begun in November 1995 into cotton exports handled through a federal subsidy program called Step 2. The investigation is continuing.
 W.G. Ripley Inc. of Lubbock pleaded guilty to 11 criminal charges involving improper subsidy payments of \$242,079.
 Suncot Inc., also of Lubbock, pleaded to 27 charges involving payments of \$825,496.

Taxpayers recount IRS horror stories

WASHINGTON (AP) - Construction contractor Tom Savage says he had little choice but to pay up when the IRS erroneously ordered him to turn over \$50,000 in a tax dispute. "When the sources of the government are unleashed on you, you are in trouble," he testified today.
 Savage was one of four taxpayers with tales of woe who were testifying at Senate Finance Committee hearings into alleged Internal Revenue Service tax collection abuses. Witnesses said fighting the IRS could have driven them out of business and into bankruptcy.
 Also testifying were a newly divorced mother in California who discovered her ex-husband didn't pay taxes and a retired Catholic priest in New York whose signature on a tax form was challenged by the IRS.
 Taxpayer horror stories were in the spotlight at the second day of hearings as Congress considers overhauling IRS management by appointing outside groups to oversee operations and improve employee training.
 Savage, a construction contractor from Lewes, Del., told the panel in prepared testimony he had little choice but to pay the \$50,000 to the IRS after it incorrectly fingered him in an employment tax dispute involving one of his subcontractors.
 "Believe me, when the sources of the government are unleashed on you, you are in trouble, no matter how good your case," said Savage, who said he also paid \$51,000 in legal fees and lost \$600,000 in business in the ordeal.
 The committee chairman, Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., opened the hearings Tuesday by accusing some agents of unfairly targeting lower-income taxpayers and small businesses "who can't afford to fight back" in order to meet collection quotas. Roth and others described conflicting pressures from Congress and IRS management on agents to collect delinquent back taxes that last year totaled around \$90 billion.
 The IRS denied it unfairly pursues lower-income taxpayers and said collection quotas were outlawed in 1988.
 Savage said IRS agents pursued him after they couldn't collect from a subcontractor who didn't pay employment taxes.
 With his appeal pending, he said the agency improperly seized a large check paid by the state of Delaware to Savage for his work building a women's prison.
 "As much as it offended my wife and me, we chose to settle the case and permitted the IRS to keep \$50,000 of the proceeds," Savage said. "We wanted to pursue the case to the end, but to do so would have destroyed our business."

The agency said taxpayer privacy laws prevent it from discussing specific cases without clearance from the individuals involved. IRS spokesman Frank Keith said as of Tuesday night the agency had not received waivers from the individuals testifying today.
 Anticipating damaging and emotional testimony at today's hearing, the Treasury secretary and acting IRS commissioner apologized in advance to some taxpayers subjected to abusive treatment, and said they would investigate possible disciplinary action. Keith would not say if the apologies related to those testifying today.
 Also testifying was Mrs. Nancy Jacobs of Bakersfield, Calif., who described a 17-year payroll tax "nightmare" involving her husband's optometry practice.
 The problem began when Jacobs and her husband, Dr. Frederic Jacobs, resumed his practice after a two-year break by opening a new office in Southern California in 1979. He said he applied and received a new employer identification number for payroll tax reporting, even though the IRS should have told him to use his old employer ID number from his previous practice.
 The two employer ID numbers led to accounting problems at the IRS, and in 1981, the IRS "out of the blue" placed a lien against the Jacobs for \$11,000 in unpaid payroll taxes, she said.
 "After attempting to deal with the IRS, my husband and I were so intimidated ... that we agreed to pay the IRS \$250 a week until the balance was paid," Mrs. Jacobs said. "Only after you experienced what my husband and I endured would you consider paying an IRS bill that you don't owe."
 Four years later, she said, the IRS admitted its mistake - but only after the couple's story was featured in a newspaper article.
 "We estimate the IRS still owes us over \$10,000, if not more, plus interest, stemming from their wrongful liens, penalties and interest," Mrs. Jacobs said.

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Andrea Fisher is a bright young woman, 38 years old, a successful attorney and the mother of three young children. Last month she was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease."
 ALS is a progressive disease of the central nervous system that strikes nearly 5,000 Americans each year. There is no cure. Its victims typically survive between three and five years, during which time their muscles gradually cease to function. They lose the ability to swallow, and then cannot breathe.

The only drug now available to treat ALS extends the life expectancy of its victims two or three months. A newer drug, Myotrophin, increases their life expectancy by 26 percent. Two studies of this drug have been completed, with promising results. There are no concerns about its safety. Despite these results, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has refused permission to put this drug on the market, and is requiring yet another study.
 Desperate ALS patients, such as Andrea Fisher, have no access to Myotrophin unless they are lucky enough to be able to participate in the third clinical study. This sad situation is proof positive the FDA needs critical reform in the way it operates.

For almost 20 years, congressional committees and a plethora of advisory commissions have studied the FDA and offered prescriptions for its improvement. These efforts focused on the time it takes a new drug or treatment to move through the testing process and arrive on the market. A common theme of these studies is reflected by the following, taken from the 1989 Edwards Commission report: "The (FDA) should be guided by the principle that expeditious approval of useful and safe new products enhances the health of the American people. Approving such products can be as important as preventing the marketing of harmful or ineffective products."

The FDA reform bill now before the Senate would streamline the approval process without sacrificing safety. One of its strongest provisions expands "fast track" approval to cover any new drug that treats serious or life-threatening diseases — drugs such as Myotrophin.

The expedited approval lane is now available only for HIV and cancer treatments, despite the fact that the FDA's experience has shown that expedited testing does not compromise safety or effectiveness. If we get reform, no longer will some diseases be "more equal than others."

In addition, the legislation will allow any patient, acting through a licensed physician, to request a drug or device still in the testing phase if no other effective or approved therapy is available. Access to new, state-of-the-art drugs will be expanded to those suffering from a long list of tragic conditions such as Lou Gehrig's disease and multiple sclerosis.
 The new law also will allow food labels to include health claims if an authoritative federal scientific body has published proof. A case in point: countless cases of spina bifida could have been averted had the FDA moved more quickly to permit health claims to be made for the B-vitamin folic acid, adequate supplies of which prevent such neural tube disorders.

Bottom line here is that the FDA is doing an adequate job of ensuring that the drugs doctors prescribe for Americans will help, not harm them. But the agency could and should work much better. Each day we delay reform denies Americans quicker access to better, sometimes crucial, therapies.

Consumers want cable rates frozen

WASHINGTON (AP) - Government regulations are not protecting cable TV customers, whose rates are going up faster than ever, consumer groups said Tuesday. They urged federal regulators to freeze rates and come up with stronger price controls.

The Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America asked the Federal Communications Commission to freeze cable TV rates for one year, estimating the move would save customers \$1 billion. The agency has frozen rates before.

About 80 percent of all cable customers' rates are regulated, with consumers paying about \$16 billion a year to the cable industry, the groups said.
 The FCC's rate regulations are "simply put, a sham - worthless, meaningless," said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumers Union's Washington office.

Cable rates are rising faster now than when they were not regulated, the groups said in a petition to the FCC. And regulated rates are going up 50 percent faster than the FCC predicted they would, the groups contend.

Decker Anstrom, president of the National Cable Television Association, countered that "price increases that cable companies have instituted in the past year or two reflect the increased costs that come from adding more channels, improving service and introducing new technologies." He said those were "all things we know our customers want."

It's doubtful the existing FCC, which wrote the cable rate regulations, will rewrite them now. Pending Senate confirmation, all but one of the FCC's five members, including Chairman Reed Hundt, could be replaced as early as October.

Lawmakers haven't ruled out a legislative remedy to address rising cable rates, but say they first want to see if a 1996 telecommunications law can work. That law provides for deregulation of the communications industries, including phased deregulation of cable TV rates.

The goal is to increase competition and restrain prices by letting cable, local and long-distance companies into each other's businesses.

The consumer groups and other critics say the law is fueling consolidation, not competition.

But the industry's Anstrom said more than 10 million people now get cable TV-like services from such rivals as direct-to-home satellite TV providers, telephone-owned cable systems and wireless cable systems. The cable industry has roughly 67 million customers.

"We would oppose any measures that would further insert the government into the workings of the marketplace," Anstrom said.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Commerce Committee's telecommunications subcommittee, which helped write the 1996 law, said the FCC should freeze cable TV rates in communities "where people are getting gouged."


But he has no plans to get rid of the cable deregulation provisions in the law. "The key to lowering cable rates is increased competition, not increased regulation," he said.

The House Judiciary Committee planned a hearing Wednesday to focus on the state of cable competition, but also was expected to touch upon rising rates.

The FCC had no immediate comment.

The Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation, which both opposed the law, also asked the FCC to:

- Limit the number of customers one cable company can control nationally.
 - Toughen existing regulations that limit the number of channels on a cable system that can be filled with programs the systems' owner has a financial stake in.
 - Beef up rules to prevent cable companies from acting anti-competitively.
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METAL FUTURES

GOLD (COMEX)		SILVER (COMEX)	
Sept 24	322.00	Sept 24	16.00
Oct 1	322.00	Oct 1	16.00
Nov 1	322.00	Nov 1	16.00
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FUTURES OPTIONS

CATTLE-FREEDER (COMEX)		CORN (CBOT)	
Sept 24	1.00	Sept 24	2.00
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Dec 1	1.00	Dec 1	2.00
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Feb 1	1.00	Feb 1	2.00
Mar 1	1.00	Mar 1	2.00
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HOUSE OK'S REDESIGN OF QUARTER

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House has approved a bill to replace the American eagle on the backs of quarters with designs celebrating each of the 50 states.

The new quarters - George Washington would remain on the face - would be issued from 1999 to 2008 under the bill passed Tuesday on a 413-6 vote.

The coins would be similar to the ones issued in honor of the bicentennial in 1976, said Rep. Mike Castle, R-Del., chairman of the House Banking Committee's panel on domestic and international monetary policy.

The new coins would be issued at the rate of five each year, first in the order of the states' ratification of the Constitution, then in order of their admission to the union, said Castle, who sponsored the bill.

A study commissioned by the Treasury Department estimates the program would earn the government between \$2.6 billion and \$5.1 billion because many people would save the quarters, which cost the government only a few cents to make.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., said he plans to press for speedy adoption by the Senate.

NEA FOES WON'T GIVE UP FIGHT

WASHINGTON (AP) - Opposition to National Endowment for the Arts remains strong despite a surprise House vote that endorsed the idea of keeping the agency alive for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, says Rep. Peter Hoekstra.

Hoekstra, R-Mich., said he and other conservatives committed to eliminating the grants-making agency were caught by surprise by the vote. The House voted to kill the agency earlier this year.

"A few people on the floor this afternoon were able to sneak it through the House," he said Tuesday. "I think there are a number of us that are concerned about what happened this afternoon."

No one objected when longtime NEA supporter Rep. Sidney Yates, D-Ill., introduced a measure that put the House on record as instructing its negotiators to support \$100 million in NEA funding when House and Senate members meet to iron out differences on a fiscal 1998 spending bill. The measure is not binding on the negotiators.

Asked why it was approved by voice vote without protest, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said, "One of the reasons was I didn't know it was coming."

EX-LAWYERS PUT LIEN ON CASE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Paula Jones' former lawyers have put in a bid to collect \$800,000 in legal fees if she is awarded attorneys fees in any settlement or court resolution of her sexual misconduct suit against President Clinton.

Attorney Joseph Cammarata said Tuesday that he and Gilbert Davis served notice on Jones, Clinton and two insurance companies that they hold a lien for hourly fees.

Cammarata and Davis withdrew as Jones' counsel Sept. 8 after disagreement with her over a settlement. They are still entitled to compensation for the three years of work they did on the case, Cammarata said in a telephone interview.

Jones, now represented by a family friend acting as an unpaid attorney, faces a Nov. 12 deposition in Little Rock, Ark., where jury selection for the trial of her suit against Clinton is set for next May.

In allowing the attorneys to withdraw on Sept. 9, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Webber Wright ruled that Cammarata and Davis were entitled to reasonable fees. In their three years of nearly full-time work on the case, each had already been paid \$23,000.

ISRAEL DEMANDS ARREST OF ARAB MILITANTS

ASSIRA, West Bank (AP) - Israel demanded today that Yasser Arafat immediately arrest the leaders of an Islamic militant squad responsible for two suicide bombings in Jerusalem, saying they are hiding in Palestinian-run areas.

Israeli and Palestinian security officials met Tuesday, hours after Israel identified four of the Jerusalem suicide-bombers as activists of the Islamic militant group Hamas from the West Bank village of Assira.

In the meeting, Israel handed the Palestinians an updated list of Hamas activists it wants arrested, as well as information on the ringleaders of the Assira cell, radio reports said.

The remains of the bombers were badly mangled, and Israel established their identities through DNA testing. Thirteen relatives of the four bombers and a fifth suspect in Assira were forced to give blood two weeks ago to establish the match.

ALGERIAN INSURGENTS CALL FOR TRUCE

PARIS (AP) - The Islamic Salvation Army called for a truce, asking its forces fighting an insurgency in Algeria for the past five years to lay down their arms starting Oct. 1, said a communique that was received today and signed by the top commander.

The communique from the national chief of the Islamic Salvation Army, Madani Mezerag, denounced the "abominable massacres" blamed on the rival Armed Islamic Group.

The communique was dated Sunday, two days before Tuesday's early morning massacre in an Algiers suburb in which some 200 people were killed and 100 others were wounded.

The Islamic Salvation Army is the armed wing of the banned Islamic Salvation Front, once the most popular political party in Algeria.

RUSSIA AFFIRMS ORTHODOX CHURCH'S POSITION

MOSCOW (AP) - Parliament's upper chamber gave quick and unanimous approval today to a controversial bill enshrining the Russian Orthodox Church as the nation's preeminent religion, clearing the way for President Boris Yeltsin to sign the measure into law.

The Federation Council voted 137-0 to endorse the legislation. Supporters say the measure will protect Russia from foreign sects and cults that have been arriving since the 1991 breakup of the Soviet Union. Critics say the law will curb the rights of many other religious groups, including Protestant and Roman Catholic organizations that have become increasingly active in Russia.

Yeltsin vetoed the original bill in July in response to sharp criticism at home and abroad. The Vatican and the U.S. Congress were among those objecting.

PANETTA DEFENDS CLINTON ON FUND-RAISING

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Leon Panetta, President Clinton's former White House chief of staff, said Tuesday he never saw the president conduct illegal fund-raising.

Panetta served as Clinton's chief of staff from 1994 until January of this year.

"I never saw him (Clinton) at any time make any fund-raising calls from the White House," he said during a breakfast speech at Trinity University.

Attorney General Janet Reno last week launched a formal inquiry into whether President Clinton illegally solicited campaign contributions in phone calls from the White House last year.

Panetta tried to deflect interest from the president by pointing to the skyrocketing cost of running a campaign in America.

"Both parties have done some stupid things," he said. "If we get too wrapped up in hearings, we'll forget about the change in policy that needs to take place."

STUDY: ANTIDEPRESSANT EFFECTIVE IN TREATING PMS

CHICAGO (AP) - Some women with a severe form of premenstrual syndrome that cripples them emotionally can be helped by the antidepressant Zoloft, a new study showed.

The drug's maker, Pfizer Inc., funded the study of 200 sufferers at a dozen medical centers nationwide.

About 62 percent of the women given Zoloft showed "much or very much improvement" compared with 34 percent of women given a placebo, the researchers reported in today's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

Previous research has found other antidepressants - Anafranil, Prozac and Paxil - effective in treating severe menstrual symptoms, the researchers noted.

The Zoloft group improved in psychological and social functioning in a way similar to patients with major depression, the researchers said.

Premenstrual complaints are common among women of childbearing age, ranging from breast tenderness and bloating to anxiety and mood swings, but the most severe symptoms afflict only 3 percent to 5 percent of menstruating women, researchers said.

Schools remove books after gripes

AUSTIN (AP) - More than 70 books - including the classic "My Friend Flicka" - were removed from some school libraries after challenges mounted mostly by parents, the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas says.

The civil liberties group said Tuesday it compiled the list after sending open records requests to all Texas school districts to learn which books were challenged or banned between August 1995 and March 1997.

"The function and purpose of both the library and education is to expose children to a wide range of ideas, and any time you start narrowing those ideas, you narrow and reduce the level of education," said Jay Jacobson, executive director of the ACLU in Texas.

From 875 school districts that responded, the ACLU said it found more than 220 titles by 142 authors

that were challenged. Almost all of the challenges were by parents, it said.

A total of 73 titles were removed from libraries in 30 school districts. One of the books - "We All Fall Down" by Robert Cormier - was removed from two libraries, while some school libraries banned more than one book, according to the ACLU.

The total includes 37 books that are part of separate series by two different authors.

In addition to the books removed from library shelves, 11 titles were removed from the curriculum in 10 school districts. "The Chocolate War," also by Cormier, was removed from the curriculum in three school districts. Some districts removed more than one book, the report said.

Reasons weren't given for all the challenges. When they were, they included objectionable language,

descriptions of abuse and failure to meet "the high standards of quality consistent with the campus goals and the values of the community."

"My Friend Flicka," a book about a youngster's devotion to a colt, was removed from the library shelf in East Texas' Oakwood Independent School District "after evaluation, and finding one inappropriate word," according to the ACLU.

Jacobson said he didn't know what the offending word was. The Oakwood ISD superintendent didn't immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

The most commonly challenged authors, according to the report, were Judy Blume, Robert Cormier, Christopher Pike and R.L. Stine.

"What characterizes all of these novels and writers is that they cater to a younger audience while at the same time tackling mature subject matter. Many of these titles have been

deemed inappropriate for younger students, but remain in curricula and libraries in high schools," the report said.

The ACLU said it recognizes "the legitimate interest in the selection of books and other materials by schools for their educational value."

It added, however, "We are concerned that the passion for purity has led many school districts in Texas to remove from the classroom and even, in some cases, the library, books that are deemed to be classics."

Wyatt Roberts of the conservative American Family Association said his group isn't particularly involved in challenging books but supports parents' right to do so.

"My guess is that the ACLU would stand up for Playboy and Penthouse being included in our schools," Roberts said.

BLAZES CHAR 3,000 ACRES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BANNING, Calif. (AP) - Wind-whipped flames destroyed about a half-dozen mobile homes south of Banning, one of four fires that have blackened more than 3,000 acres in Southern California. No one was hurt.

Fanned by erratic winds Tuesday, the fire spread to the homes about 90 miles east of Los Angeles.

"We're still trying to determine what started it, but we've ruled out causes such as a lightning strike," Forestry Department spokeswoman Joanne Evans said.

Firefighters were battling windy, hot and dry conditions but expected to have the blaze corralled by this evening and doused by Thursday night.

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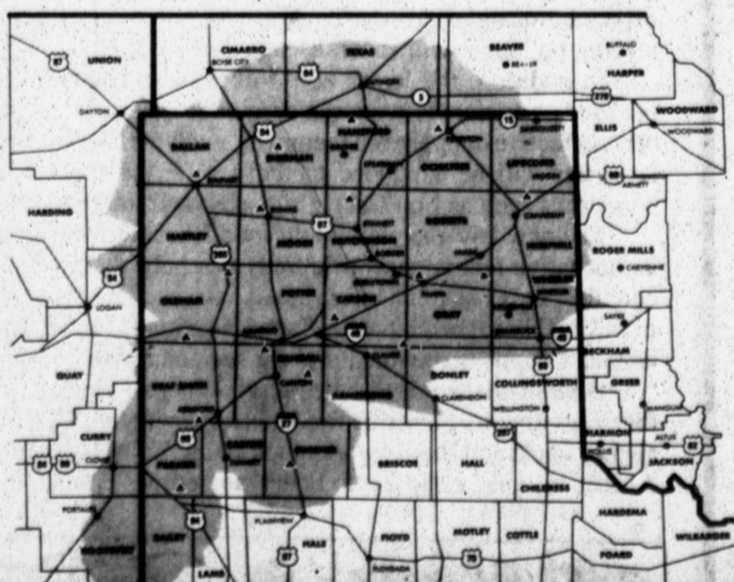
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