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Texas' tree growers get into the Christmas spirit

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - This year's Christmas tree crop already has Texas growers filled with the holiday spirit, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Extension forester Lanny Dreesen of Conroe said this year's Christmas tree crop is looking excellent and it's primarily due to the weather in the spring.

"The beauty of the crop this year is that we got a lot of spring rain distributed through a very long spring," Dreesen said. "Because of this we have had some of the best growth we've seen in a long time."

Another factor adding to the outcome of this season's crop is last year's drought. Dreesen said instead of killing the Christmas tree crop, which is 85 percent Virginia pine, it just slowed the growth of the trees. He said this is because the pine has the ability to shut down growth and remain dormant for awhile.

"These trees will store up energy if something goes wrong environmentally one year and then use it the next year if conditions are good," Dreesen said.

This stored energy, combined with the rain, can lead to an exceptional crop, he said.

An exceptional crop is what Bob Allison, owner of Allison's Christmas Tree Farm in Marquez, Texas, is reporting. He said this year's crop is expected to be much better than last year's.

"Consumers can look for a lot nicer, fresher looking tree this year," Allison said. "It's just a better year for the consumer."

According to Allison, seedling condition also has improved greatly since last year. He said about 80 percent of his seedlings were lost to the drought compared to the five or six trees lost this year. Since it takes a tree four or five years to mature in Texas, this has had little or no effect on the crop

this year.

"Once a tree is two years old or older, drought is not usually going to be what kills them," Dreesen said.

In the Rolling Plains, the cotton and peanut harvest is under way. District director Galen Chandler of Vernon said both crops appear to be in fair to good shape, and the cotton harvest will kick into full swing in October.

District director Randy Upshaw of Dallas reported extremely dry conditions in North Texas. Upshaw said in some areas the soil is almost too dry to take a soil test. The hotter than average temperatures in the district have slowed down development of winter pastures.

In the southwest part of the state, farmers have been in need of rain to plant small grains. Extension ag. economist Jose Pena of Uvalde said it appears now that they may have to wait to plant spring wheat.

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NEWS

in brief

NETANYAHU, ARAFAT MEET, SIGNALS THAW IN CRISIS

EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip (AP) - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met for the first time in eight months early today, signaling a possible thaw in a crisis that nearly destroyed the peace process.

"Both of them reaffirmed their commitment to work together to overcome all problems," said U.S. envoy Dennis Ross, who arranged the 2-hour session. "They reaffirmed their commitment to achieve peace with security" and agreed to resume contacts at all levels.

Netanyahu and Arafat left the Erez Crossing on the Israel-Gaza border around 5 a.m., right after the talks, in convoys of limousines. The two men did not speak to reporters, who had been kept outside the compound.

Ross, who also participated in the meeting, said the two leaders viewed the pre-dawn session as "a new beginning," said.

ICKES SAYS HE "HAS NO REGRET" HELPING DEMOS RAISE MONEY

WASHINGTON (AP) - A defiant and unrepentant Harold Ickes says he "has no regret" getting President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore to help raise campaign money from big Democratic donors.

Clinton's former deputy chief of staff says he modeled White House political operations on "well-established Republican precedent" and has no apologies about raising large sums of money to stay competitive with the GOP during the 1996 campaign.

"We knew that the Republican money machine would raise more than we could and would outspend us," Ickes told a Senate committee looking into campaign fund-raising abuses.

"To raise the funds to stay competitive, it was necessary and appropriate to involve the president and the vice president in fund-raising activities," Ickes said Tuesday. "I so advised them, and I have no regret."

SENATE BLOCKS ACTION ON BILL TO REFORM CAMPAIGN FINANCING

WASHINGTON (AP) - Opponents of campaign finance legislation say two Senate votes sound the death knell for what they consider an unconstitutional bill. But supporters promise to keep pushing to eliminate huge contributions they say make all politicians look bad.

In two procedural votes Tuesday, the Senate blocked action on the bill by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., which is supported by all 45 Democratic senators, and on a Republican amendment that would make it more difficult for unions to spend members' dues on political campaigns.

"Those two cloture votes that we just took in my mind put an end to campaign finance reform at this time," Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi said shortly after the second vote. "They end the drive for phony reform.... They end the partisan game that treated the Constitution as a technicality to get around."

The move to overhaul the system, Lott said, was "an effort... to change the laws where the laws already on the books have been broken. We do not have a consensus on this issue and we will be back on this issue some day."

That day will be today, and Thursday, unless Senate leaders agree to cancel additional procedural votes scheduled on both the McCain-Feingold bill and on Lott's union-dues amendment.

CASE BUILT SLOWLY AGAINST SIX NOW ACCUSED OF BEING SPIES

WASHINGTON (AP) - The clues that a bookish trio of academics and analysts might be spies emerged gradually.

In June 1989, a State Department employee seeking the highest security clearance acknowledged he had given six to 10 State Department cables stamped "secret" in 1981 to a man he identified as "Jim Clarke."

The two men had socialized together occasionally and smoked marijuana, and the employee said he thought he was merely helping a struggling Russian language expert with his research.

It would take eight years for the FBI to expand that snippet of information into the massive espionage case leveled this week against James Clark, a former civilian analyst with the Army; Theresa Squillacote, a Pentagon attorney; and her husband, Kurt Stand.

The three, all former campus leftists who met in the 1970s at the University of Wisconsin, are in an Alexandria, Va., federal lockup awaiting a preliminary hearing Thursday on charges that could put them behind bars for life.

REPUBLICANS SEE SCHOOL VOUCHERS AS WAY TO APPEAL TO VOTERS

WASHINGTON (AP) - The battle over school vouchers under way in Congress is giving Republicans a chance to appeal to voters on an issue - education - that often has hurt them in the past, pollsters say.

After losing ground to President Clinton and Democrats for past attacks on the Education Department and teachers' unions, congressional Republicans have found a more receptive audience for their proposal to provide federal money to send some children to private schools.

"The politics of it are quite good if proponents of scholarships promote students and avoid attacking teachers," said Republican consultant and pollster Frank Luntz.

In particular, by pushing federal money to send poor city kids to private or religious schools, Republicans have found allies among urban minorities. National polls released over the summer have documented that growing support.

Yet the fight is far from over: Democrats have long opposed vouchers as a dangerous undermining of support for public schools, and the outcome in Congress remains uncertain.



In the pumpkin patch

Northwest students David DeLeon, Jessica Lopez, Ruben Cantu and Oscar Hernandez were among the group of fifth grade students who chose pumpkins they felt were just right from a pumpkin patch west of town on Tuesday.

Pay hike

Lawmakers may pay for vote at polls

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some members of Congress who supported legislation to raise lawmakers' salaries may not be around after next year to collect the increase, a poll suggests.

A solid 26 percent of those questioned in the Associated Press survey said they're less likely to vote for congressmen who backed the \$3,072 cost-of-living boost that is to go into effect Jan. 1.

That could be enough to defeat some members of Congress in tight races.

The poll was taken just after Congress narrowly voted last week to send President Clinton a measure that gives lawmaker their first cost-of-living increase in five years.

The close roll calls suggest legislators were aware of the peril. In the Senate, a key vote was 55-45 for the bill. Among 30 senators expected to seek re-election next year, only 11 approved and 19 voted no. In the House, final passage came by a 220-207 vote. All House seats will be filled by the voters in 1998.

Technically, Congress did not even take a direct vote on whether members should get a raise. The votes were on a bill appropriating \$26 billion for the Treasury Department and several other agencies. In the past, the bill included a section denying a pay raise; this time it did not.

Clinton hasn't said what he will do about the bill, but a spokesman said the president thinks the question is one for Congress to decide.

About 58 percent of those polled said whether their congressmen supported a pay increase would not sway their own votes in November 1998.

The poll was conducted among a random sample of 1,003 adults Oct. 1-5 by ICR of Media, Pa. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The poll found that 80 percent of Americans support the general proposition that salaries should be increased to keep pace with the cost of living.

But better than 63 percent said a congressional cost-of-living increase is unnecessary because lawmakers get generous pay, pensions and other benefits.

In fact, the Census Bureau reported last week that the typical American household had income of \$35,492 last year - less than a third the \$133,600 earned by senators and representatives.

When the poll question concerned congressional raises, without tying the increase to the cost of living, disapproval was even higher - 69 percent. Approval came from under 21 percent while the rest offered no opinion.

Less than a third of those polled agreed with a common argument in favor of raising congressional pay to keep up with the cost of living - that unless the rewards are kept up, only rich people will run for election.

The survey found that people whose household income exceeds \$40,000 a year were more sympathetic toward congressional pay increases than those with incomes under \$25,000.

Men were slightly more sympathetic than women, too, with nearly 25 percent of men approving congressional increases and less than 18 percent of women approving.

POLL:

Fund raising probe needs prosecutor

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - Sixty-one percent of Americans questioned in a new poll believe President Clinton did something unethical or illegal in raising campaign funds for the 1996 election and 76 percent said an independent counsel should be appointed to investigate allegations he sought illegal foreign donations.

The USA Today/CNN/Gallup survey released today found 25 percent believe Clinton did something illegal, 36 percent think he did something unethical but not illegal, 31 percent believe he did nothing seriously wrong and 8 percent had no opinion.

The poll was taken last weekend - before disclosures that the White House had discovered videotapes, under subpoena for months, of White House coffees.

Other findings:
- 69 percent believe the president made telephone calls from the White House to ask for campaign contributions and 46 percent believe an independent counsel should investigate.

- 68 percent believe he gave contributors special access in exchange for contributions and 58 believe that should be investigated by an independent counsel.

- 67 percent believe he allowed people to stay overnight in the Lincoln Bedroom in exchange for campaign contributions and 53 percent believe that should be investigated by an independent counsel.

- 56 believe he asked for campaign contributions from citizens of other countries, who are not legally allowed to contribute, and 76 percent believe that should be investigated by an independent counsel.

- 49 percent believe he attempted to change government policy in exchange for contributions and 69 percent believe that should be investigated by an independent counsel.

- 46 percent believe he knew about a plan to influence the teamsters union elections in 1995 in exchange for the union later making contributions to the Democrat Party and 69 percent believe that should be investigated by an independent counsel.

The telephone survey of 872 adults was conducted last Friday-Sunday and had a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

'Stay-at-home' dads leveling off

WASHINGTON (AP) - When their first child arrived four years ago Curtis Cooper and his wife agreed that she would keep working and he would become a stay-at-home dad. It's working for them and many other families across the country.

"It's been great," says Cooper of St. Paul, Minn., who now watches Brett, 4, and Brooke, 2 1/2, while their mom, Pam, works in a marketing job.

Cooper has plenty of company. The Census Bureau reported today that 1.9 million fathers were their children's primary caregivers as of 1993, down a bit from 2 million in 1991 as the economy improved and more fathers found jobs.

Robert Frank of Loyola University in Chicago, who has studied stay-at-home fathers, says many of them "are really wanting to be part of their child's life and are sacrificing career opportunities to be with their kids."

But the main consideration in deciding who stays home is the desire to have the parent who made more money keep working, he said.

Peter Baylies of North Andover, Mass., an at-home dad who publishes *At-Home Dad* newsletter, agrees that the number of men staying home "has leveled off, but I think it will slowly increase as more women work

and more businesses are run at home... and dads want to be more involved with their children."

Years ago, when a man was laid off, he immediately went looking for another job. Now, with women more willing to take jobs and getting paid more, many fathers can choose to stay home while their wives work, he explained.

It takes some adjusting. "A lot of guys find themselves going from the good old boys network to the good old girls network, Baylies said. "They find themselves standing in playground full of women and have no idea what to do. It's a whole new set of rules, and that can be very intimidating."

"I felt like I was on a different planet."

That's why he launched his newsletter and Cooper founded the Dad-to-Dad support group for at-home fathers across the country.

The new Census report, "My Daddy Takes Care of Me: Fathers as Care Providers," found that in 1993, 18.5 percent of fathers whose wives worked were the primary caregivers for youngsters under age 5.

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Local Roundup

Lawmakers to visit

The Panhandle delegation to the Texas Legislature will meet with area residents during a dutch-treat luncheon beginning at noon Oct. 15 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

Legislators planning to participate in the meeting are Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, and Reps. John Smithee of Amarillo, Warren Chisum of Pampa and David Swinford of Dumas.

Hereford Mayor Bob Josserand has said the lawmakers are describing the event as "non-political." Josserand said he expects the legislators to discuss some "things coming down the pike."

The Hereford Lions Club will be the event's host. The luncheon will be \$5.75 per person.

Clear and cool

Tonight, clear and cool. Low 40 to 45. Light and variable wind. Thursday, sunny. High in the mid-70s. South wind 10-15 mph. 3 to 5 day forecast, Friday, mostly sunny. Low near 50. High in the upper 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Low around 50. High in the mid-70s. Sunday, mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low near 50. High 65 to 70.

Chamber seminar set

John Allen and "Woody" will conduct three training seminars for area businesses and their customer contact personnel Oct. 14 at the Hereford Community Center. The seminar topics are "Customer Relations Skills," "Dealing with the Angry Customer," and "Telephone Customer Relations Skills." Each session will last 45 minutes. The customer relations seminar will begin at 7:30 a.m., the angry customer seminar at 8:45 and the telephone training session at 10 a.m. Reservations are requested. For reservations, call the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, 364-3333.

Freshman class supper

The freshman class will sponsor a nacho grande supper on Friday from 5-7 p.m. in the Hereford Junior High cafeteria. Plates are \$4 each and carry-out is \$4.50.

Early out

HISD will dismiss classes one hour early on Friday to allow students to participate in homecoming events. The Brand earlier reported a different schedule due to some conflicting information. We apologize for the inconvenience. Also the students will be out on Monday for Columbus Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday.

Food drive

Hereford Food Pantry will hold a food drive during the homecoming football game against Caprock Friday evening. Everyone attending the game is asked to bring canned goods or non-perishable food items to leave in a trailer which will be parked at the gate.

News Digest

VICTIM'S FAMILY SHOCKED BY COURT RULING

TYLER - The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to block the reversal of Kerry Max Cook's murder conviction in the death of a 21-year-old woman has raised Cook's hopes that he may soon be freed.

"I just want to go home and try to pick up the shattered remnants of a life that has been stolen from me," Cook told the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* in a telephone interview Tuesday from the Smith County Jail.

The Monday decision, however, has left the family of Linda Jo Edwards shocked, confused and frustrated.

"There ain't no words for it. It just doesn't make sense," said Jimmy Edwards, brother of the 21-year-old secretary whose 1977 mutilation and slaying Cook is accused of committing.

Cook, 41, has been convicted and sentenced to death twice in the 1977 mutilation and slaying of Ms. Edwards. Both convictions, the most recent in 1994, have been overturned.

SUPERINTENDENT SAID TO BE "RIPPING OFF" DISTRICT

DALLAS - In August, U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins called a news conference to praise Dallas school Superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez for initiating an investigation into widespread overtime and contract abuse.

Tuesday, Coggins presided over another news conference, this time to announce with "surprise, shock, amazement" that Ms. Gonzalez had admitted misapplying thousands of dollars of Dallas Independent School District funds.

Less than three hours later, members of the district's school board voted unanimously to accept the resignation that Ms. Gonzalez tendered three weeks earlier. The resignation was triggered by a lawsuit brought against her by the school district's chief financial officer, accusing her of sexual harassment.

But until the embezzlement charges surfaced earlier this week, the school board had been divided on whether to reject the resignation and have her stay on.

"It was not just a betrayal of public trust. It was how quickly it was done," Coggins said. "She took office on Jan. 1. (By) Jan. 20, she's ripping off the school district. And not just ripping off the school district, but causing false invoices to be made."

TEXAS SUPREME COURT UNDER FIRE

HOUSTON - An insurance dispute over a Montgomery County house fire is scheduled to come before the Texas Supreme Court today, nearly 12 years after the blaze occurred.

The delay prompted the Legislature to propose to voters a state constitutional amendment.

A court ordered James and Cynthia Simmons' insurance company, State Farm Fire & Casualty Co., to pay the couple \$2.2 million in damages 11 years ago.

The company rejected the Simmons' claim, alleging that they set the fire. No criminal charges ever were filed against the couple.

Four years have passed since State Farm appealed to the Texas Supreme Court. Initially, the court refused to take up the case, but State Farm asked the court to reconsider the decision. This summer, enough justices agreed to hear the matter.

"BEAUTIFUL BLONDE" ASSIGNMENT CRITICIZED

HOUSTON - A school assignment asking fourth-graders to determine which one of four sisters was "beautiful, blonde and intelligent" didn't make much sense to 9-year-old Dennis Campbell, Jr.

When Dennis, who is black, showed the worksheet to his mother, she asked him what he thought about it.

"Well, no one in our family is blond," Tammie Campbell recalls him saying. "Does that mean we're not intelligent and beautiful?"

"At that time I was so upset, I didn't know what I would do," she said. Mrs. Campbell discussed the matter with the teacher, who apologized.



Gods of HHS

Not really, but the students and teachers of HHS dressed in togas, gold and grape leaves to show spirit for the homecoming events. Participating in the event was Poppy Head, Briar Baker, Julie Rampley, Zack Wall and Margaret Williams.



Avid readers

The first group of readers to reach the 20 point club in Northwest's accelerated readers. Readers reaching 20 points receive a Sparklers hat and a certificate on the school wall. Amber Berryman, Dana Miracle, Angelica San Miguel, Amanda Riley and Nadiya Dominguez gathered in the principal Alice Lockmiller's office to collect their winnings.

Corn and soybean prices soar

Ag products see a five month market high

Corn futures prices soared Tuesday to their highest level in five months on the Chicago Board of Trade after China temporarily halted its exports, raising expectations of record demand for this year's U.S. crop.

Soybean futures also rose sharply, boosting wheat futures prices. On other exchanges, coffee futures fell sharply after Colombia cut export prices, raising the possibility of a flood of gourmet beans.

Corn futures jumped the daily trading limit of 12 cents in most contract months. They rose despite expectations for increased fall production and at a time when

harvesting is currently in full swing, which usually causes prices to tumble.

Talk circulated that China's Ministry of Internal Trade had halted exports, but there was no confirmation late Tuesday of how long it would last. Such a move could have significant impact on U.S. corn prices. China produces 20 percent of the world's corn and is the second-largest exporter behind the United States.

Investors in U.S. corn futures have speculated for some time that drought in southern China would force that country to import corn instead of exporting it. Instead, Beijing has been

steadily shipping to Asian neighbors, dimming U.S. export prospects.

"It looks like all they've been doing, though, is selling their old corn to keep it from spoiling," said Doug Hjort, farm marketing adviser at Hjort & Associates. "Everyone pretty much assumes China has a small crop coming in, and there's been no question about who's going to supply the world with corn - it's the United States."

The U.S. Agriculture Department last month estimated farmers would harvest a corn crop of 9.268 billion bushels, the fourth-largest on record. The USDA on Friday is expected to increase that estimate, based on early harvesting results.

But farmers have been reluctant to sell on the possibility strong demand will cause prices to soar.

A farmer is "going to retain ownership until the price gets up to a level that he likes," Hjort said. "You've got big crops all right, but you've got this big demand coming in that will sop up that big crop pretty fast."

Soybean futures also rose sharply, climbing more than half the daily

trading limit, as prices at their highest level in two months failed to spur farmers to sell their newly harvested crops.

Soybean inventories remain extremely tight after falling to 20-year lows in early September, while the pace of domestic and overseas demand has risen sharply in the past two weeks.

Investors are already looking ahead to later in the marketing year, as the effects of the El Nino warming weather trend are measured against the ability of many exporting countries to deliver large crops.

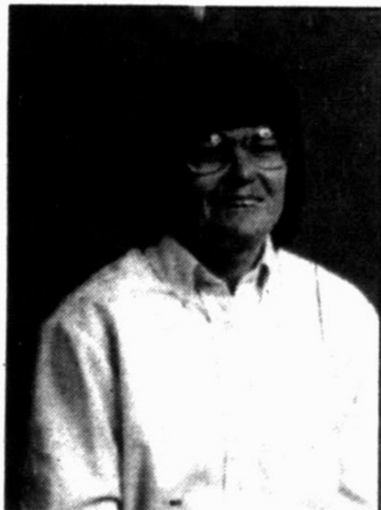
The end result is that heavy demand could cause U.S. producers to run out of supplies, even amid expectations for a record soybean crop.

Wheat futures prices rose on the rally in the corn and soybean markets.

Corn for December delivery rose 12 cents to \$2.79 a bushel, the highest since May 2; November soybeans rose 16 cents to \$6.64 a bushel; December wheat rose 10 1/2 cents to \$3.65 a bushel.

Coffee futures tumbled, giving back gains from a day earlier, after Colombia nearly halved the price it charges for gourmet arabica coffee beans.

Obituaries



Janet Lynn Foster
Oct. 5, 1997

Janet Lynn Foster, 41, a former resident of Hereford died Sunday in Panama City, Florida.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Parkside chapel with Rev. H. Wyatt Bartlett officiating. Interment will be in the West park Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Parkside Chapel.

Ms. Foster was born June 26, 1956 in Friona to Leroy Foster and Edna Harris.

Survivors include her father, Leroy Foster of Hereford; her mother, Edna Jimerson of Hereford; two brothers, Jimmy and Kevin Foster of Hereford; four sisters, Karen Foster and Kay Paetzold both of Hereford, Kim Hunter of Rhome, Texas, Jamie Obrensky of Arlington and Cheryl Lawrence of Duncanville, and four

nieces and five nephews.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Parkside Chapel.

Railene Trevino Garza

Oct. 7, 1997

Railene Trevino Garza, 1, of Amarillo died Tuesday in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Anthony's Cemetery in Hereford with Monsignor Orville Blum officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

She was born July 9, 1996, in Amarillo.

Survivors include her father, Jesus Garza; her mother, Evangelina Trevino, both of Amarillo; her grandparents, Raymond Trevino, Gloria Trevino, Juana Carrasco and Jesus Garza; and aunts and uncles.

Gregario Espirito Gutierrez

Oct. 1, 1997

Gregario (George) Espirito Gutierrez of El Paso, formerly of Hereford, died Oct. 1.

Graveside services were held Oct. 3 in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in El Paso. Mr. Gutierrez had lived in Hereford for a number of years prior to moving to El Paso in 1980.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty in 1987.

Survivors include one son, Jimmie Gutierrez of Killen; two granddaughters including Crystal Joy of Hereford and one grandson; and seven great-grandchildren.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-5-15-22-23

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-8-0

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House ratifies agreement, radio-active waste comes to Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) - An agreement allowing Maine and Vermont to ship their low-level radioactive waste to Texas has moved a step nearer to reality with House endorsement of the deal.

By a resounding 309-107 vote Tuesday, House members ratified a tri-state pact that has been vocally opposed by anti-nuclear activists, environmentalists and many in West Texas, where the waste dump is slated to be built.

Two years ago, the House rejected the same Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

This time, lobbyists for the states of Texas, Maine and Vermont, along with nuclear industry officials, mounted a full-court lobbying blitz to pass the deal. The Senate is expected to take up the legislation in the coming weeks.

The House approved an amendment from Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, ensuring that only waste from Texas, Maine and Vermont is accepted. The compact's original language, ratified by all three states' legislatures, gives the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority leeway to open the dump to non-compact members, sparking fears that Texas could become a national waste repository.

Doggett's amendment was approved on condition it pass muster with the three states' governors and state legislators.

The timing of Tuesday's vote had been temporarily cast in doubt after last-minute opposition emerged from an unlikely source: Maine's largest generator of low-level radioactive waste.

The chairman of the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant urged Congress to delay ratifying the compact, saying the landscape has changed since the deal was envisioned. Maine Yankee's owners voted recently to close the plant a decade ahead of schedule - meaning that decommissioning could be underway long before the Texas dump is built.

The Texas deal - the 10th and by far most controversial compact up for congressional consideration - was negotiated under terms of a 1980 law that nudges states to find a common solution for their radioactive waste disposal problems.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by local law enforcement include:

- Police Department**
 - A criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of east 1st.
 - A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Avenue J.
 - A criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Irving.
 - Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of west 5th.
 - Theft was reported in the 400 block of Avenue I.
 - No arrests were made.
 - No curfew violations were reported.
 - One minor accident reported.
 - 6 traffic tickets were issued.
- Fire Department**
 - 10:44 p.m. Fire fighters responded to an accident on south Progressive and Austin Roads.

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Reader can vouch for fact that sterility tests not always accurate

Dear Ann Landers: When I read the letter from "Heartbroken in Shreveport, La.," I knew I had to write because I'm an authority on this subject. "Heartbroken" said her pregnancy test was positive, but her husband insisted the child was not his because he'd had a vasectomy. He then had his sperm count tested, and the lab insisted he was sterile. I can vouch for the fact that tests are not always 100 percent conclusive. Here's my story:

Nearly three years ago, I was late with my period and scared to death that I had a tumor or, worse yet, cancer. My mother said, "Nonsense. You're pregnant." I told her it was impossible because my husband had had a vasectomy 11 years ago. She went out and bought me a home pregnancy test. I was stunned when the test results said I was indeed pregnant. I refused to believe it and made an appointment at once for an ultrasound. I was shocked when I saw the evidence on the screen.

My husband made arrangements for a second vasectomy, but the physician needed a sperm sample (to satisfy the insurance company) before he could perform the operation. Soon after, the physician phoned to say there was no need to do a vasectomy because according to the lab test my husband's sperm count was zero.

We were both stunned -- more evidence that test results can be

flawed. I never had sex with any man except my husband -- however, not once did he question me because he knew that I was totally faithful.

We now have a beautiful 3-year-old daughter who looks just like my husband, which proves that test results are not always 100 percent accurate. We hope you will pass the word. -- Late-in-Life Mother in Indiana

Dear Mother: What a story! You've performed a tremendously valuable service by writing to me. The public needs to know that lab tests can be flawed and vasectomies don't always work. More on this subject soon. It's a hot topic.

Dear Ann Landers: After reading your column today with a pregnant woman's list of Do's and Don'ts on the proper things to say -- I just had to write.

Why do so many pregnant women think they must instruct the general public on what is or is not acceptable in the way of comments? Who gave badges to those "thought police"?

I had two pregnancies, and both times, I got a big kick out of the comments people made. Yes, I gained more than 80 pounds with each pregnancy and looked like a beached whale. And yes, people asked if I was having sextuplets, but I made an effort to see the humor in it. Each person who took the time to notice

and comment gave me the opportunity to share a laugh, which helped me to stop worrying for a few moments that my daughter had not kicked in a long time or that my son was trying to dislocate my hip.

Ann, please tell the expectant mothers out there to lighten up and make an effort to enjoy their pregnancies. It's never a picnic, but it doesn't have to be a nightmare, either. -- D.T., Shreveport, La.

Dear Shreveport: Thank you on behalf of the women in my reading audience. I'll bet not one male reader in 50 got this far. Most of them quit reading after the first line of your letter and went straight to the Gem of the Day.

Gem of the Day (Credit The Prairie Rambler): What do you get when you play country music backward? First, you get your girl back, then your pickup truck, and finally, you stop drinking.

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Auxiliary announces jewelry sale date

The October meeting of Hereford Regional Medical Auxiliary was held in the hospital dining room. Irene Reinart, president, called the meeting to order and Mary Williamson read the Auxiliary Prayer.

It was reported that the volunteers had 169 hours worked for the preceding month. Seventeen baby books had been distributed for the same month.

Lupe Cerda, treasurer, reported that the new drapes had been paid for

as had the cost of the two new wheel chairs. The group voted to cover the cost of recovering chairs in the waiting room and to pay for reupholstering already finished.

The jewelry sale is scheduled for Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. This jewelry sale is open to the public and is the largest fund-raiser of the year. Catalogues are available for viewing at the hospital.

Jim Robinson, HRMC administrator, discussed tentative plans for

Hereford Regional Hospital. The group was encouraged to pursue questions throughout the community. He stressed that the hospital belongs to the taxpayers and that all taxpayers need to be fully informed.

Those attending the meeting were: Janis Bell, Irene Boardman, Mary Jane Burrus, Billie Kelley, Jo Lee, Anna Robinson, Theda Seiver, Annie Stindt, Joy Stivers, Elizabeth Vogel, Quintna Waits, Billie Johnson, Cerda, Reinart, and Williamson.



New roof

Work has started on a new roof for King's Manor and Westgate facilities with funds provided in part by a grant through the Amarillo Area Foundation and in part by matching funds contributed by local citizens and businesses. The crew from Fortenberry Roofing in Littlefield works on the roof while Mike Fortenberry, owner, and Patsy Bryant, King's Manor administrator look over plans.

Rebekah Lodge sets bake sale

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 will sponsor a "Bake Sale" Saturday at Homeland Supermarket.

Proceeds from the bake sale will be used in supporting many projects including United Way of Deaf Smith Co., the local Red Cross chapter, Hereford Food Bank, youth camps, World Eye Bank and Visual Research, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Arthritis Foundation, as well as other community services as the need arises.

Hereford Rebekah Lodge will hold an open house at 7 p.m. Oct. 14. The public is invited to attend.

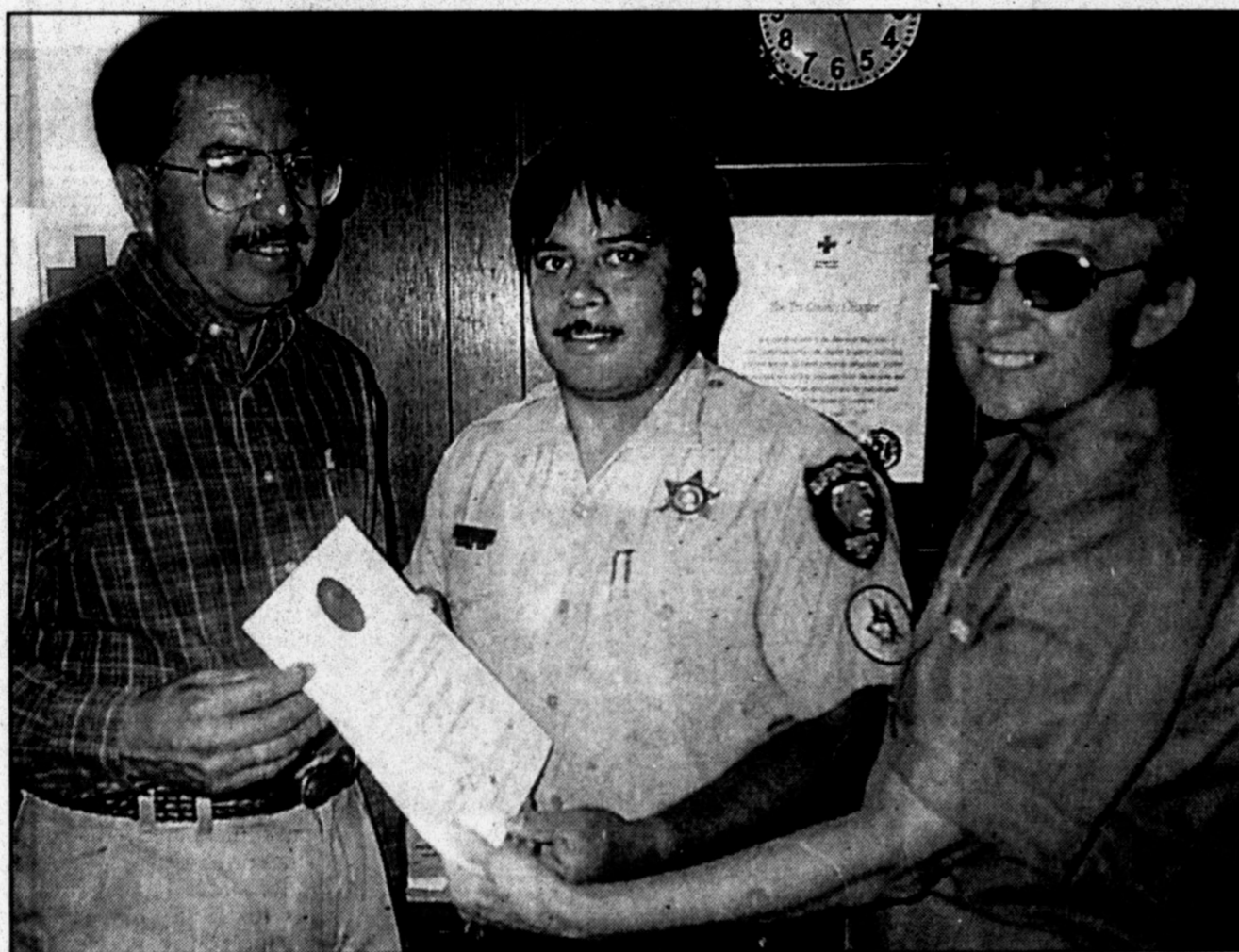
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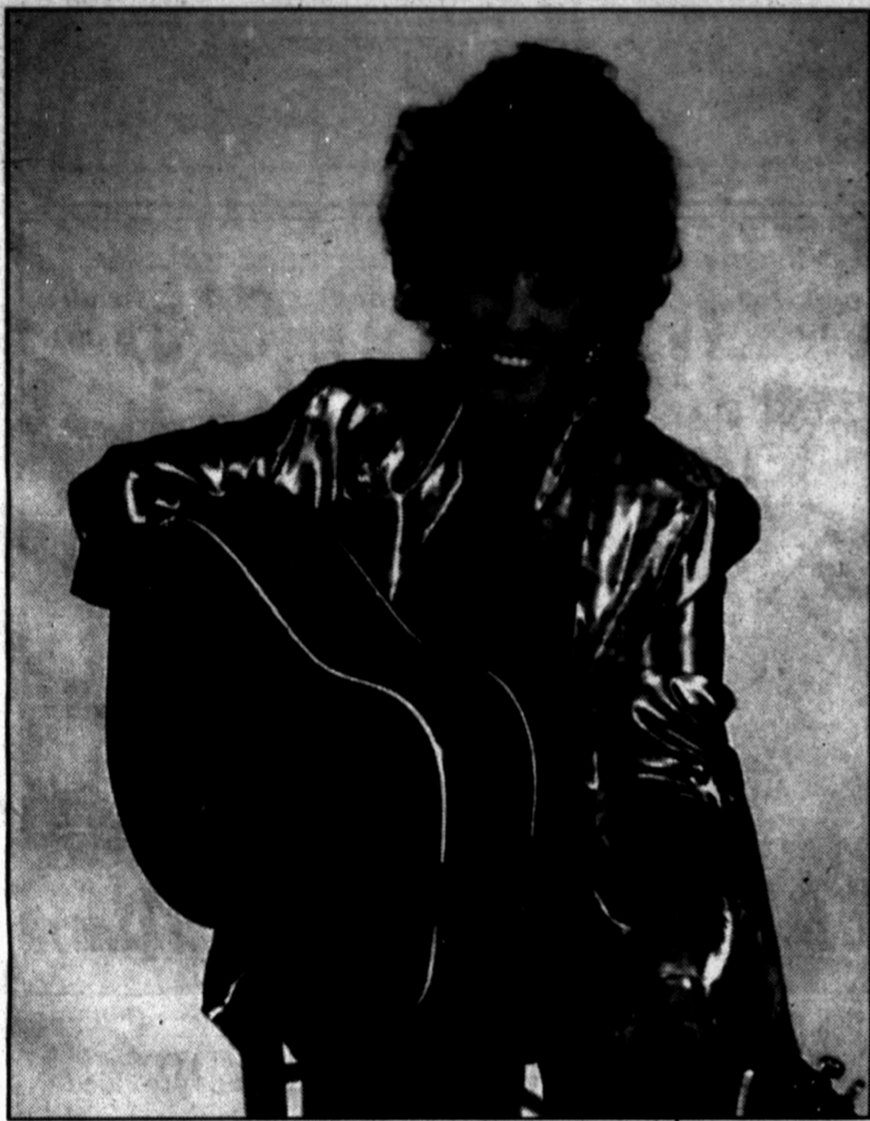
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'Texas Music Jubilee' to appear in Hereford

Sheriff Joe C. Brown Jr. and the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department are hosting "The Texas Music Jubilee" Show at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Hereford High School Auditorium.

"The Texas Music Jubilee" is the new high-energy country gospel music and comedy variety show that originated after the passing of Wally Fowler, star of the Wally Fowler Show from Nashville, Tenn., that performed in Hereford annually for 13 years.

The show will headline a talented, versatile star of television, stage and records Wanda Jackson. She has been singing and entertaining fans throughout the United States, Canada and around the world since her early teens. She has had two Grammy Award nominations for "Best Female Performer," and has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, Hee Haw, Music City Tonight and many other shows. She will perform her hit song "Right or Wrong."

Also appearing on the show will be the "One Day at a Time" lady, Jeanette Lunsford, who performed with the Wally Fowler Show when it came to Hereford previously.

Others included in the show will be the country music sensation steel guitarist "Cody Dillenger and the Tule Creek Country Boys" and for the Bluegrass fans, the Panhandle's own "Now and Again", plus the award winning "Top of Texas Cloggers" and comedian Mike Kelly with "Mike and the Monkey" direct from the Texas Opry Jamboree.

There will be a local Talent Contest starting at 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. All participants must purchase an advanced reserved ticket to enter. Winners will receive \$50, first place; \$25, second place and \$15, third place.

Tickets will be available at the Sheriff's office and from participating merchants. For more information call Jan at 364-2311.

Covenant Players will perform Sunday at 1st Methodist Church

Covenant Players, a ministry of faith, will perform at First United Methodist Church in Hereford during the 10:45 a.m. worship hour Sunday.

The ministry in drama also includes live music, sound recording, video-cassettes and workshops in drama and communications.

Covenant Players is a non-endowed, non-profit corporation. It is not affiliated with any church or other organization. Its financial support is derived from the performing engagements and other donations.

The goal is to serve the Lord Christ by serving His church and the world.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Many years ago you printed a recipe for brownies made with packaged chocolate cake mix. They were delicious, but over the years the recipe has vanished. — Gloria Beemer, Hanalei, Hawaii

My mouth is watering just thinking about them! The yummy recipe you're thinking of uses a devil's-food cake mix that has a pudding mix added. The brownies turn out really rich and moist.

Put 1 egg, 1/4 cup water and 1/2 cup chopped pecans, if desired, in a large bowl, and add the cake mix. Stir well. If it needs more water, add a teaspoonful at a time, but don't add too much because the batter should be thick. Be sure not to overmix.

Pour into a greased pan, being sure to smooth the top evenly and pop it into a 350-degree Fahrenheit oven. For chewy brownies, bake 20 to 25 minutes; if you like them a little drier, bake a few minutes longer.

YOGURT

Dear Heloise: I love the fruit-flavored yogurts but hate the cost and the extra calories. I buy large-size (32 ounces) plain nonfat yogurt and mix half and half with the more-expensive flavored. It still has plenty of flavor, is cheaper and is healthier besides! You could add fresh fruits in season.

I save empty yogurt containers to repackage it. It makes an inexpensive and healthy snack when grandchildren come to visit. — Rosina Gillen, Wendell, N.C.

COOKIE STORAGE

Dear Heloise: I made two batches of cookies that I had to transfer to two paper plates. Not having enough plates, I put the cookies on a plate with a plastic lid saved from a take-out restaurant.

It kept the cookies moist and easy to transport. It also eliminated using freezer bags to store. — Ann Hoenzsch, Niskayuna, N.Y.

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Oct. 8, the 281st day of 1997. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted while another deadly blaze broke out in Peshtigo, Wis.

On this date:
In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, died in Concord, N.H.

In 1892, Sergei Rachmaninoff first publicly performed his piano "Prelude in C-sharp Minor" in Moscow.

In 1918, Sgt. Alvin C. York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 in the Argonne Forest in France.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted for murder in the death of the

infant son of Charles A. Lindbergh. In 1945, President Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1970, Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

In 1981, at the White House, President Reagan greeted former presidents Carter, Ford and Nixon, who were preparing to travel to Egypt for the funeral of Anwar Sadat.

In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned.

In 1985, the hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro killed American passenger Leon Klinghoffer, dumping his body and wheelchair overboard.

Ten years ago: U.S. helicopter

gunships in the Persian Gulf sank three Iranian patrol boats after an American observation helicopter was fired on. (Two of six Iranian crewmen taken from the water later died.)

Five years ago: West Indian poet Derek Walcott was named winner of the Nobel Prize in literature. Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt died in Unkel, Germany, at age 78.

One year ago: Pope John Paul II underwent a successful operation to remove his inflamed appendix. American economist William Vickrey and British professor James Mirrlees were named co-winners of the Nobel economics prize (sadly, the 82-year-old Vickrey died just three days later).

Today's Birthdays: Entertainment reporter Rona Barrett is 61. Actor

Paul Hogan is 58. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fred Cash (The Impressions) is 57. Reverend Jesse Jackson is 56. Comedian Chevy Chase is 54. Country singer Susan Raye is 53. TV personality Sarah Purcell is 49. Actress Sigourney Weaver is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 47. Rock singer Johnny Ramone is 46. Country singer-musician Ricky Lee Phelps is 44. Actor Michael Dudikoff is 43. Actress Stephanie Zimbalist is 41. Rock musician Mitch Marine (Tripping Daisy) is 36. Rock musician C.J. Ramone (The Ramones) is 32. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Byron Reeder (Mista) is 18.

Thought for Today: "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." - Samuel Johnson.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Barbecue Polish sausage, blackeyed peas, steamed cabbage, breaded tomatoes, cornbread, vanilla pudding; or chicken and dumplings, zucchini, D'zerta pudding.

FRIDAY-Fried pollock with tartar sauce, buttered parsley potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, carrot and cabbage slaw, French bread, applesauce cake; or beef McRib, angel food cake.

MONDAY-Frito pie, fried okra, whole kernel corn, cabbage/fruit slaw, carrot cake, biscuits; or chicken, applesauce.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, jellied citrus salad, biscuit, strawberry shortcake with topping; or ham, plain cake.

WEDNESDAY-Pepper steak, buttered egg noodles, Harvard beets, cottage cheese and peaches, French bread, vanilla pudding with fruit

garnish and whipped topping; or smothered pork chops, D'zerta pudding.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., BP/BS 9 a.m.-12 noon.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., HSCA board meeting 12 noon, Senior Crime Alert 12:30 p.m., Nutrition Council meeting 2 p.m.

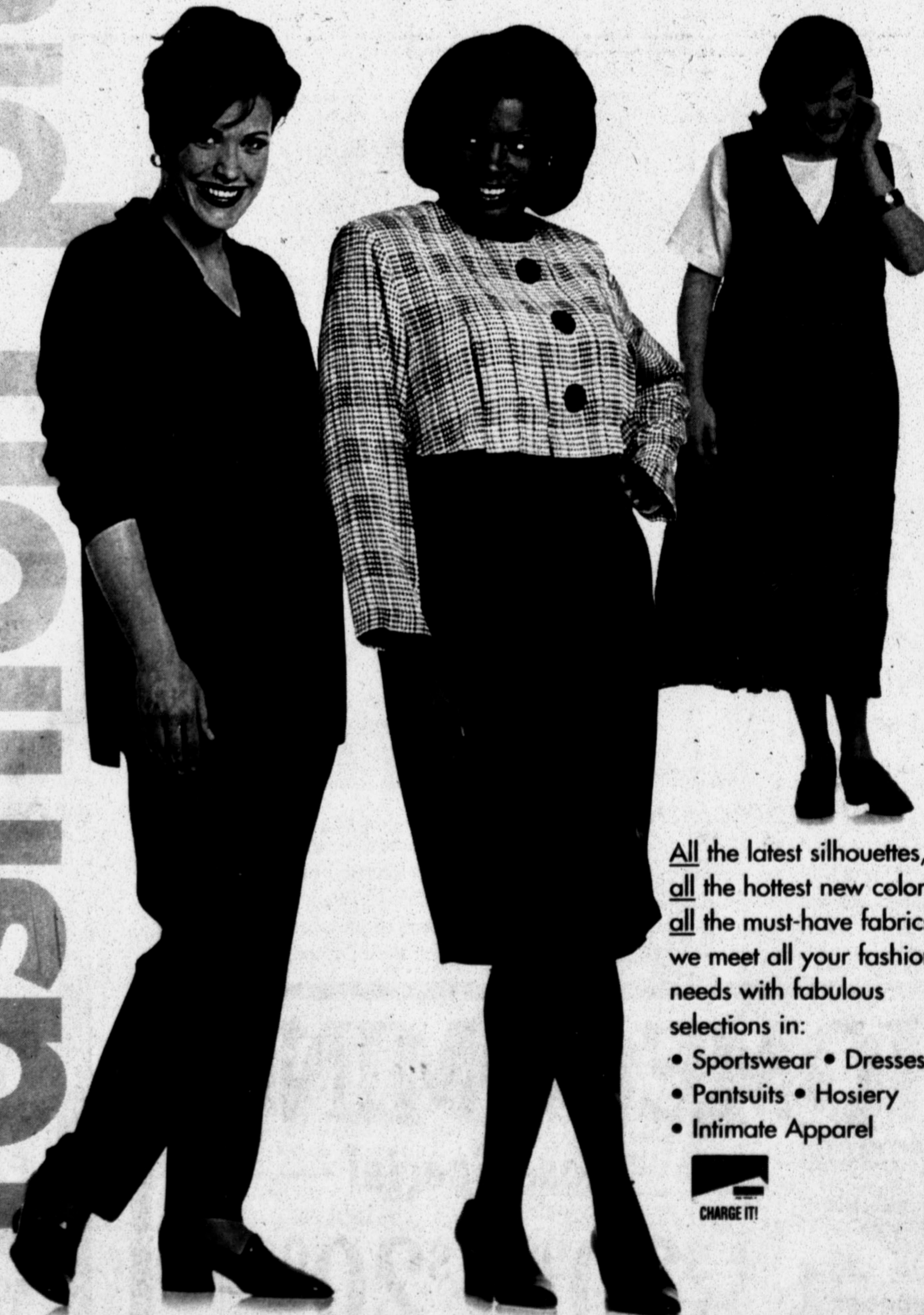
SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll classes 1-4 p.m., FOF-9 a.m., Retired School Employees 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting 1-3 p.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-12 noon, Diabetic Support Group 1 p.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 1-3 p.m., birthday social 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Sports

On the Sidelines

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Team	District	Season	PF	PA
Dumas	2-0	5-0	160	40
Borger	2-0	4-1	171	82
Randall	1-0	1-1	133	82
Pampa	1-1	2-3	51	73
Canyon	0-1	1-4	80	112
Caprock	0-2	3-2	110	102
Hereford	0-2	1-5	67	134

Last week's games
 Friday
 Pampa 27, Hereford 20 (OT)
 Dumas 36, Amarillo Caprock 14
 Borger 11, Canyon 8
 Canyon Randall 28, Amarillo Palo Duro 6

This week's games
 Friday
 Amarillo Caprock at Hereford, 7:30 p.m.; Pampa at Canyon, 7:30 p.m.; Canyon Randall at Dumas, 7:30 p.m.; Borger Ida.

MLB Playoffs

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
American League
 (Fox)
Wednesday, Oct. 8
 Cleveland (Ogea 8-9) at Baltimore (Erickson 16-7), 7:13 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 9
 Cleveland (Nagy 15-10) at Baltimore (Key 16-10), 7:13 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
 Baltimore (Mussina 15-8) at Cleveland (Herahiser 14-6), 3:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 12
 Baltimore (Erickson 16-7) at Cleveland (Wright 8-3), 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 13
 Baltimore at Cleveland, 7:11 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 15
 Cleveland at Baltimore, 3:15 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, Oct. 16
 Cleveland at Baltimore, 7:15 p.m., if necessary

National League
 (NBC)
Tuesday, Oct. 7
 Florida 5, Atlanta 3, Florida leads series 1-0
Wednesday, Oct. 8
 Florida (Fernandez 17-12) at Atlanta (Glavine 14-7), 3:07 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10
 Atlanta (Smoltz 15-12) at Florida (Saunders 4-6), 7:07 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
 Atlanta (Neagle 20-5) at Florida (Brown 16-8), 6:37 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 12
 Atlanta at Florida, 3:07 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, Oct. 14
 Florida at Atlanta, 7:07 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 15
 Florida at Atlanta, 7:07 p.m., if necessary

Rodeo Leaders

STEER WRESTLING
 1. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, \$69,201. 2. Frank Davis, Blackwell, Texas, \$67,155. 3. Brad Gleason, Ennis, Mont., \$59,857. 4. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$58,478. 5. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$55,585. 6. Ivan Teigen, Camp Crook, S.D., \$54,075. 7. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., \$52,118. 8. Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$51,594. 9. Todd Suhm, Laramie, Wyo., \$49,968. 10. Tom Duvall, Henryetta, Okla., \$48,973. 11. Kirby Kaut, Canyon, Texas, \$48,377. 12. Butch Myers, Athens, Texas, \$47,916. 13. Marvin DuBose, Lampasas, Texas, \$44,428. 14. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$42,590. 15. Brock Andrus, St. George, Utah, \$42,330. 16. Victor Deck, Summerdale, Ala., \$40,963. 17. Iyon Nelson, Ocala, Fla., \$39,768. 18. Sid Steiner, Austin, Texas, \$36,912. 19. Bill Pace, Sonora, Texas, \$36,152. 20. Steve Duhon, Sonora, Texas, \$35,989.

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)
 1. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$62,147. 2. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$58,535. 3. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$54,704. 4. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$46,950. 5. Walt Rodman, Galt, Calif., \$44,328. 6. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$39,918. 7. Rube Woolsey, Dewey, Ariz., \$37,276. 8. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$35,009. 9. Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas, \$34,594. 10. Daniel Green, Valley Springs, Calif., \$34,400. 11. Bret Boatright, Mulhall, Okla., \$34,094. 12. Doyle Gellerman, Nampa, Idaho, \$33,067. 13. Randy Polich, Aztec, N.M., \$31,343. 14. Paul Griensman, Worland, Wyo., \$31,101. 15. Richard Eiguren, Jordan Valley, Ore., \$29,552. 16. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$28,228. 17. Kermit Maass, Snook, Texas, \$26,988. 18. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$26,702. 19. Turtie Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$23,651. 20. Dee Pickett, Caldwell, Idaho, \$22,624.

IN BRIEF

Hoop Shoot set
 The 1997 National Elks Hoop Shoot will be 2 p.m. October 19 at the Hereford Junior High School Gymnasium. The competition will be open to all boys and girls ages eight to 13. Registration will be from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. October 19. There is no entry fee. For more information, please call Doug Schroeter at 364-0944.

Leagues forming
 The Hereford Recreation Center is in the process of forming bowling leagues. The center is looking for bowlers in women's, men's senior citizens', junior's, children's and mixed leagues. For more information, please contact Clea Weemes at 364-2716 or 364-1166.

Sports calendar

Thursday
Football
 Hereford junior varsity Maroon at Amarillo Caprock, 4:30 p.m.
 Plainview Christian at Nazarene Christian Academy, 4:30 p.m. NCA Field.

Volleyball
 Plainview Christian at Nazarene Christian Academy, 4:30 p.m. NCA Gymnasium.

Marlins beat Braves to go up in NLCS

ATLANTA (AP) -- Right off the bat, the Florida Marlins showed they weren't scared of Greg Maddux. In fact, they made the Atlanta Braves look like the October rookies.

Kevin Brown defeated Maddux in a pitching duel that never developed and the Marlins remained perfect in their young postseason history, beating the Braves 5-3 Tuesday night in Game 1 of the NL championship series.

Moises Alou drove in four runs, three with a first-inning double set up by Atlanta's shaky fielding, and that was enough. The wild-card Marlins improved to 4-0 in their first year in the playoffs, and proved their 8-4 record against the Braves in the regular season was no fluke.

Chipper Jones and Ryan Klesko homered for Atlanta, which is appearing in the postseason for the sixth straight time -- a streak that

started two years before the Marlins even began their expansion season.

But Jones, bothered by a bruised right heel, and Klesko each had a misplay, as did Fred McGriff and Kenny Lofton, that made all five runs off Maddux unearned.

The Braves, who had won the opener in the past seven postseason series, will try to get even Wednesday when Tom Glavine starts against Alex Fernandez.

A crowd of 49,244, clearly the loudest of the season at Turner Field, certainly came expecting to see what everyone predicted -- the start of a best-of-7 series that would be dominated by two of the best pitching staffs in the majors.

Instead, it took Maddux only 22-3 innings to match season highs for runs (5) and walks (3). And rather than seeing the Atlanta ace paint the corners of the plate, the home fans

watched Marlins batters paint the corners of the ballpark with hits.

By the end of the third inning, Florida led 5-2 and Maddux's hair, usually neatly in place, was mussed as he sat on the bench between innings.

Both starters allowed five hits. Relievers Dennis Cook, Jay Powell and Robb Nen held the Braves hitless over the last three innings. Nen pitched the ninth for a save.

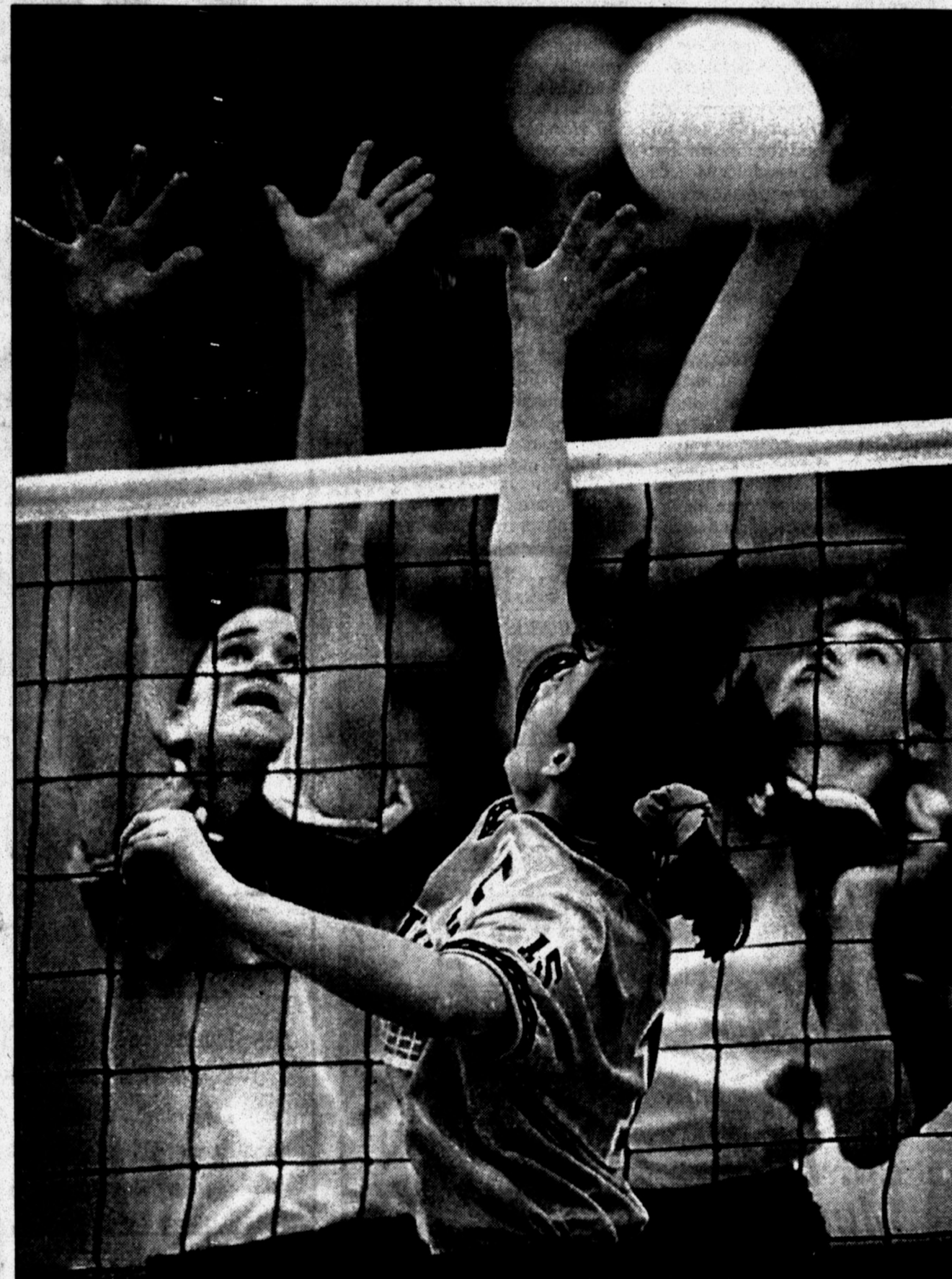


Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Hereford's Meredith Tabor (left) and Kristin Fangman, and Kaycie Phillips of the Dumas Demonettes battle at the net September 27 at Whiteface Gymnasium. The Lady Whitefaces improved to 8-1 in District 1-4A Tuesday night at Amarillo Caprock with a 15-6, 15-2 victory.

HOOK'EM

Lady Whitefaces cruise to two-set win over Caprock

By BOB VARMETTE
 Staff writer
AMARILLO -- It was a stumble, but just a slight one.

The Amarillo Caprock Lady Horns got the first three points of the first game.

After that, it was back to form for the Hereford Lady Whitefaces as they rolled to a 15-6, 15-2 District 1-4A win Tuesday night in front of a crowd of 225 at the Caprock Activity Center.

Hereford improves to 18-5 overall and 7-1 in District 1-4A. Caprock falls to 4-15 and 0-8.

"I think we came out and expected Caprock to make more errors," said Hereford head volleyball coach Brenda Kitten. "We weren't as mentally prepared as we wanted to be."

For the Lady Horns, the boost of confidence provided by winning the first three points was short-lived. Caprock capitalized on a disorganized and tentative Hereford squad, trading sideouts before senior Lori Martinez served three straight points.

The Lady Whitefaces, however, quickly regained control.

Meredith Tabor ended Caprock's short run with a cross-court kill for a sideout. The momentum, and eventually the match, belonged to the Lady Whitefaces.

Catie Betzen, a 5-8 senior, led Hereford with seven kills. Julie Rampley had six kills.

Meredith Tabor, a 5-8 senior, recorded four kills against the Lady Horns in addition to eight assists, a pair of aces and three digs. Makesha Rives had three aces and Kendra Wright had a pair of aces and 12 assists.

Rives got two of her aces in a first-game run that began with Hereford

up by three, 8-5. By the time the Lady Horns got a sideout, the Lady Whitefaces had assumed a commanding 13-5 lead.

Caprock head coach Cheryl Taylor said it was all about confidence who had it and who lost it.

"We lost our confidence as soon as they started scoring," she said. "We started to panic, instead of just getting out there and playing."

Once the Lady Whitefaces started scoring points, the Lady Horns started playing tentatively, Taylor said.

"Their blockers really intimidated our hitters," she said.

Once the first game was history, the second game of the match was but the epilogue. Hereford breezed, surrendering the first point of the match, then running off the next 10 points.

Senior Briar Baker served the first three points, Betzen the fourth, and Wright six straight service points against a porous Caprock defense that had little chance to transition to an attack.

In the second game, the Lady Horns at times looked completely befuddled. The rest of the time, they were just completely overwhelmed.

"We have trouble with Hereford because they can hit to any spot on the court, not just cross court," Taylor said. "We had a hard time reading that."

Once the momentum was established, the Lady Whitefaces looked unstoppable. Caprock was apparently so intimidated a lot of balls just dropped unchallenged, even on serves.

"We had a lot of confusion," Taylor said. "We had a couple of

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Stars double Buffalo, 4-2

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) -- Dominik Hasek allowed two goals on the first three shots he faced and was booed by Buffalo fans in pregame ceremonies as the Dallas Stars beat the Sabres 4-2 Tuesday night.

Jere Lehtinen scored two goals, including one on a penalty shot, to lead Dallas to its first victory in three games this season. Mike Modano

scored 55 seconds into the game on a breakaway, and he set up Greg Adams' goal less than three minutes later for the Stars.

Miroslav Satan scored off a rebound for Buffalo, which was playing its first game this season at Marine Midland Arena. Wayne

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Cowboys lose Hennings for 8 weeks

IRVING (AP) -- The Dallas Cowboys' defensive line, already suffering because of Leon Lett's suspension, took another blow Tuesday when Chad Hennings was told his groin injury will keep him out up to eight weeks.

"The doctors felt it would not require surgery, but it will take at

least six weeks to heal," coach Barry Switzer said. "We're saying he'll be out seven to eight weeks because this type of injury will not allow him to do the conditioning he needs to be ready to play."

If Hennings is out eight weeks, he'd return for the Dec. 8 home game against Carolina. That's also the first

game Lett will be eligible, as his one-year suspension for substance abuse expires.

"I was concerned when we started the season without Leon Lett," Switzer said. "Now I'm more concerned without Chad."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Sooners coach confident

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) -- As his team prepared for its game with Texas, Oklahoma football coach John Blake talked Tuesday like a man whose team was unbeaten after five games, not 2-3.

Blake said the Sooners are better than a year ago, when they were 0-4 going into the Texas game, and that Texas isn't as good as the Longhorns were at that time.

"I think we should win the game," he said. "They are the

defending Big 12 champions, until we knock them out they should be the favorite by the NCAA standards. But by our standards, we think we're the best football team and we need to go win the game."

Quarterback Justin Fuente, informed of the coach's comments, took a softer approach.

"If coach Blake feels like that, then I suppose that we should," Fuente said. "I think we're all very confident going into the football

game that we can come away with the victory. Texas is still Texas and it's still the OU-Texas game. Last year was a perfect example."

Good point. A year ago, the Sooners were heavy underdogs but won in overtime, 30-27.

There is no heavy favorite this year. Texas is struggling along at 2-2 overall, 0-1 in the Big 12 after a 26-point loss to Oklahoma State.

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Photo by Rick Castaneda

On the option

Hereford quarterback Cody Hodges runs the option as Kris Davis of Pampa gives chase Saturday afternoon at Harvester Field. Hodges made his first varsity start in place of injured senior quarterback Jeremy Urbanczyk. Hodges was 6-for-14 for 172 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions as Pampa won 27-20 in overtime. Urbanczyk is out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

While Osborne says Huskers must play

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -- The nation's top-ranked offense meets a defense ranked 94th when No. 3 Nebraska travels to Waco to face Baylor this weekend.

Also, the Bears (1-3, 0-1 Big 12) have not scored on the Cornhuskers this decade, having lost to the Cornhuskers 13-0 in 1990 and 49-0 last year.

Things are so bad in Waco that following the Bears' 35-14 loss to Texas Tech Saturday, first-year coach Dave Roberts said he is coaching "as bad a football team as there is right now in America."

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said during his weekly news conference Tuesday the situation makes it tough on him as a coach.

"You can't just cry wolf and say these guys are going to beat you (and say) they're great," Osborne said. "Obviously, if we play well, we should win the game. ... The players have to understand what's at stake and they have to go down there and play well."

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District 1-4A Football Statistics

Team	Offense	Defense	Special	Rank
Borger	1189	902	2091	418.2
Dumas	1375	452	1827	365.4
Randall	1066	617	1703	340.6
Caprock	659	864	1513	302.6
Pampa	870	250	1163	232.8
Canyon	591	502	1093	218.6
Hereford	648	441	1089	181.5
Dumas	205	420	625	125.0
Borger	717	303	1020	204.0
Pampa	938	353	1291	259.2
Randall	940	426	1375	275.0
Caprock	1024	475	1499	299.8
Canyon	1014	562	1576	315.2
Hereford	1069	1020	2089	348.2

Player, team	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TDe
Venzor, Dumas	140	1067	7.6	15
Massay, Borger	114	756	6.6	8
Hunnicut, Randall	65	461	7.1	5
Proby, Pampa	88	410	4.7	3

Player, team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDe
Terry, Caprock	62	313	5.0	4
Miller, Hereford	47	240	5.1	1
Hukins, Canyon	55	239	4.3	2
Brown, Caprock	76	229	3.0	2
Greer, Pampa	55	179	3.3	0
Wilson, Randall	28	177	6.3	3

Player, team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDe
Soria, Caprock	52	98-4	915	9
Escobar, Borger	51	99-3	902	8
Evans, Randall	30	59-0	529	5
Evenson, Dumas	28	59-2	453	3
Kidd, Canyon	25	79-3	444	4
Hodges, Hereford	14	36-2	335	4
Roarik, Pampa	13	17-1	198	2
Urbanczyk, Hereford	17	55-2	156	0
Blackmon, Pampa	11	48-3	95	0
Clark, Canyon	3	12-0	59	0

Player, team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDe
Ladd, Randall	16	314	19.6	4
Teague, Caprock	15	225	15.0	2
Nix, Borger	14	268	19.1	1

Player, team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDe
High, Hereford	13	182	14.0	3
Michel, Caprock	12	216	18.0	1
Willard, Borger	9	165	18.3	2
Reynolds, Dumas	9	144	16.0	1
Lucero, Caprock	8	110	13.8	0
Wills, Dumas	7	84	12.0	1
Slemp, Caprock	6	104	17.3	2

Player, team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDe
Russell, Canyon	27	1118	41.4	67
Blackmon, Pampa	23	872	37.9	80
Hodges, Hereford	30	1059	35.3	54
Ladd, Randall	11	399	36.3	53
Slemp, Caprock	26	878	33.8	46
Buchanan, Dumas	20	622	31.1	49

Player, team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDe
James, Canyon	6	13.3	17	0
Ladd, Randall	14	12.3	42	0
Tindall, Borger	7	10.6	22	0
Sullivan, Dumas	8	8.9	16	0
High, Hereford	3	10.0	15	0

Player, team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDe
Teague, Caprock	7	6.3	15	0

Player, team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDe
Valejo, Hereford	7	40.3	57	1
Hukins, Canyon	11	22.5	25	0
Tindall, Borger	5	18.0	26	0
Reed, Pampa	9	13.1	26	0
Hukins, Canyon	9	23.4	35	0

Player, team	No.	Yds.	TDe
Powell, Borger	3	191	1
Lopez, Hereford	3	2	0
Slemp, Caprock	2	55	1
James, Canyon	2	35	0
Bowles, Pampa	2	0	1
Turner, Canyon	1	36	0
Rutz, Hereford	1	26	1
Wall, Hereford	1	21	1
Blackmon, Pampa	1	20	0
Lomas, Caprock	1	7	0
Martinez, Pampa	1	7	0

Hook

players out of position." Compounding the Lady Horns' confusion was the aggressiveness of Hereford.

"We had some serving errors," Kitten said. "But we had a number of aggressive serves. That's something that we've been working on. We want to get more free balls back."

Defensively, after the momentary stumble at the beginning of game one, the Lady Whitefaces were solid. But Kitten didn't overlook the shaky start.

"I thought the first game went way too long. There were a lot of sideouts. ... When you have miscommunication, sometimes it can make you look really silly. We've got to improve our free-ball passes," she said.

Hereford has been vulnerable in the deep mid-court area all season. It was an area Taylor wanted the Lady Horns to exploit.

"We tried," she said. "(But) we didn't hit against them like we can."

Kitten said she was basically pleased with how the Lady Whitefaces reacted to Caprock's attempts to exploit the mid-court weakness.

"The off-speed stuff often falls in the center," Kitten said. "Their off-speed attacks weren't really giving our setters something we can set."

Hennings

Tony Casillas, a 12-year veteran, has been starting in place of Lett at left tackle. Antonio Anderson, a fourth-round draft pick, becomes the new starter at right tackle.

Backing them up are Hurvin McCormack, an undrafted player in his fourth year, and Darren Benson, a third-year player from a junior college who missed all of last season with a knee injury.

Dallas (3-2) will debut the new rotation Monday night at Washington.

"We're counting on an old veteran and a bunch of young guys," Switzer said. "We're going to play all four. They've all got to be rested and ready to play. They're all close in ability."

Here's Switzer's analysis of those four players.

-- Casillas: "Tony is an effort guy; he plays hard. He still has quickness and still can make some plays. Experience is very valuable to him."

-- Anderson: "Antonio is very inexperienced, has tremendous upside and potential. He'll be a very good player in the future. We want him to arrive sooner than it's probably scheduled for him to."

-- Benson: "The last he played ball, the pace he played at was junior college. Now he's thrown into the mix at a tempo that he's never seen before. We hope he clicks and adjusts to it and becomes the player we think he can be because of his athletic ability. But he looks like a cow on ice out there sometimes because of his inexperience."

-- McCormack: "He improved last

week; tried hard, competed hard. He knew he was going to lose his job here if he didn't. Now he's into a role where he knows he can play. He's a try-hard guy, he's a smart guy, he's a good guy. He's not a great athlete, not overly sized."

"We're going to play with these guys until we get Chad back," Switzer said.

The Cowboys considered making a deal before the NFL's trading deadline Tuesday, but decided they'd rather keep their draft picks.

Switzer said they also were unlikely to sign a free agent -- such as Leonard Renfro, one of Dallas' last cuts in training camp -- because the team already had nine linemen, one more than usual.

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Hennings, the 1987 Outland Trophy winner from Air Force, didn't enter the league until 1992 because of his four-year military commitment. While in the service, he was a pilot in the Gulf War.

His NFL career started slowly as one of the last members of the defensive line rotation that helped Dallas win the Super Bowl in 1992 and 1993. He saw more time the next two seasons, then became a starter last year.

Hennings had just six tackles and 1 1/2 sacks this season while slowed by the groin injury, which doctors say has become a tendon pulled from the pelvic bone.

Osborne

Nebraska's offense has piled up an average of 525.75 yards per game and found 473 in its 56-26 win over Kansas State Saturday, a game that Osborne had said would be his team's last true test this season.

The Bears have given up an average of 435.5 yards per game.

Despite that, Osborne said his offense -- led by senior quarterback Scott Frost, who rushed 17 times for 98 yards and one touchdown and completed 6-of-13 passes for 94 yards Saturday -- will have to make several adjustments for Baylor.

Both Kansas State and Washington used only a handful of defensive schemes. Roberts tries to confuse his opponents with many different fronts, Osborne said.

"With Kansas State, we knew mostly where they were going to be," Osborne said. "With Baylor, instead of blocking one front, we're going to be blocking seven or eight. We will see just about every defense known to man."

Osborne said he has been pleased with the progress of the once-maligned Frost, who is now second on the

team in rushing, having gained 370 yards on 56 carries this season. Osborne said the Wood River, Neb., native and Stanford transfer looks more like a running back now than a quarterback.

"That's the thing that we were a little frustrated about a year ago," Osborne said. "I think he still had a little bit of a drop-back mentality in him. He had been in a system where the quarterback running was kind of a forbidden thing to do."

Frost said playing at Nebraska has definitely been more physical than his two years playing for the Cardinal.

"Coach Osborne will get on us if we run out of bounds or do anything like that," Frost said Tuesday. "You have to turn upfield and you have to lower your shoulder into contact."

One of Frost's most impressive streaks ended against the Wildcats Saturday. After 155 passing attempts over 35 quarters, K-State's Cephus Scott intercepted a Frost pass on the sideline with 1:20 remaining in the second quarter. It was Nebraska's only turnover in the lopsided win.

Sooners

games this year. But he will almost certainly be replaced at some point by Eric Moore. Fuente completed 8-of-10 passes against Kansas and the Sooners led 10-3 at halftime, but Moore played the whole second half.

"We've got two quarterbacks who can get it done," Blake said. "Both are good at what they do and we'll use both of them based on what they give us defensively."

One thing Texas has given opponents this year is big running lanes. The Longhorns are allowing 266 rushing yards per game, which is last in the Big 12. The defense has been hurt especially by the loss of their starting defensive tackles.

Blake said his team will have no trouble getting ready this week, despite the disappointment of losing to Texas.

"I think our pride was hurt a little bit, but our confidence is fine," he said. "We're ready to go out there and play."

Oklahoma's roller-coaster ride of a season continued last weekend with a 20-17 loss to Kansas.

Once again, special teams breakdowns by Oklahoma were crucial. Kansas partially blocked a punt, returned one for a touchdown and then blocked a field goal try with 1:13 left. The block came after Oklahoma was successful on a prior kick, only to be penalized because the Sooners didn't have enough players on the line of scrimmage.

"We're still making too many mistakes as a young football team," Blake said. "We have got to correct those mistakes."

That's a line Oklahoma fans have been hearing for a long time. They've also been hearing that the Sooners will continue to use two quarterbacks, something Blake repeated Tuesday.

Fuente will start against Texas, just as he has in four of the five

Stars

Primeau also scored for the Sabres after Dallas had built a 4-1 lead.

Hasek shouldn't have been blamed for the first goal after Modano beat him with a quick wrist shot, but it was a play fans have seen him make dozens of times. Modano took a pass from Sergei Zubov near the blue line before skating around Sabres forward Michal Grosek and uncontested on Hasek.

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SIX MORE TEENS HELD IN SHOOTING CASE

PEARL, Miss. (AP) - One Pearl High School student is already charged with murder, accused of stabbing his mother and shooting two classmates to death a week ago. Now six more teens are in jail, suspected of plotting murder.

All six pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges they conspired to kill their classmates over a 10-month period. Two also pleaded innocent to charges of plotting to kill the parent of one of the suspects in May.

Police Chief Bill Slade said the charges were tied to the Oct. 1 shooting spree in a crowded courtyard at Pearl High, but released no other details.

Still, a shadowy connection emerged between at least one of the teens and Luke Woodham, the bespectacled boy accused of stabbing his mother to death before heading to school with a rifle hidden in a trench coat.

Justin Sledge, 16, has said Woodham passed him a note detailing his intentions moments before Woodham started blasting away.

FORMER OFFICER ATTACKS ARGENTINE PRESIDENT

MADRID, Spain (AP) - A former Argentine navy officer arrested in Spain after admitting he threw dissidents out of planes during his country's "dirty war" has accused President Carlos Menem of blocking the truth about the military's actions.

The former officer, Adolfo Scilingo, told reporters from prison Tuesday that many former Argentine military personnel want to speak out. But Scilingo said they are inhibited because of Menem, who was elected president long after the dirty war was over.

"I call him (Argentina's president) a criminal because he won't tell the truth, he doesn't want the truth to be known," Scilingo was quoted saying by the Madrid daily *El Pais*.

National Court Judge Baltasar Garzon is investigating the disappearances of 600 Spaniards during the 1976-1983 dirty war.

REPORT: DA WANTS MORE MONEY FOR RAMSEY PROBE

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - Prosecutors will ask the county for nearly \$150,000 to investigate JonBenet Ramsey's murder into 1998 and will need still more cash if someone is charged, *The Rocky Mountain News* reported today.

The body of the 6-year-old girl was found in the basement of her family's home Dec. 26. She had been strangled and beaten, but authorities have not ruled conclusively whether she had been sexually assaulted.

District Attorney Alex Hunter's office is requesting an extra \$148,885 next year from the county commission for the "current, known and ongoing expenses related to the Ramsey investigation. We anticipate these expenses will continue into 1998," according to a notation on his request.

Police Chief Tom Koby has said an arrest could still be several months away. He was expected to decide this week whether to add or remove officers from the investigating team.

TEEN MAY BE TRIED AS ADULT

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) - A prosecutor is seeking to have a 15-year-old boy tried as an adult on charges that he raped and murdered a younger boy who vanished while selling wrapping paper and candy door-to-door.

Ocean County Prosecutor E. David Millard filed a motion Tuesday asking that Sam Manzie be tried as an adult. Millard said he would seek the maximum penalty of life in prison without parole.

Manzie is charged with murder, felony murder, aggravated sexual assault and robbery in the Sept. 27 death of 11-year-old Eddie Werner. He disappeared while he was selling holiday merchandise for a school fund-raiser.

A defense attorney argued that Manzie is a sick child who needs help.

MARS PATHFINDER'S TALKING AGAIN

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Relieved that Mars Pathfinder's main transmitter is talking to Earth again, mission scientists plan to do a full run of the spacecraft's engineering data.

"We got the signal right when we expected it," Brian Muirhead, the Pathfinder project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, said Tuesday after scientists got their first signal in more than a week from the main transmitter.

Projects may be restored

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House will consider restoring the 38 military construction projects vetoed by President Clinton in future budgets, administration officials say.

The remarks echoed what has become conventional wisdom on Capitol Hill - that despite Clinton's highly publicized use of his line-item veto power Monday to kill the projects, they are not necessarily dead yet.

Clinton considered many of the projects worthwhile but incapable of fitting into this year's budget, Lawrence Haas, spokesman for the White House Office of Management and Budget, said Tuesday.

"Our line-item veto wasn't designed to signal what we might do down the road," Haas said. "It may be the case that down the road we'll feel differently, either positively or negatively" about the projects.

On Monday, Clinton excised the projects from a \$9 billion spending measure for fiscal 1998, which began Oct. 1.

Rep. C.W. Bill Young, R-Fla., said in an interview that three House colleagues told him that administration officials have promised that their vetoed projects will be included in the president's budget next year. He would not identify them.

Asked about that, Haas said, "I should not violate confidences and talk about any particular conversation."

The widespread perception in Congress, however, is that many vetoed projects will get a second life.

"Most projects line-item vetoed, I'll make the flat prediction today, will be built within three years," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee.

Overriding the president's vetoes would take two-thirds majorities of the House and Senate, margins lawmakers concede would be extremely hard to achieve.

Even so, Rep. Joe Skeen, R-N.M., introduced legislation restoring all 38 military construction projects - including a \$6.9 million upgrade to a launch pad at the White Sands missile range in Skeen's district. By law, Skeen will be allowed to seek a vote on his measure later this month.

DADS

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That was down from 22.4 percent in 1991, a peak that Census demographer Lynne M. Casper speculated was due to the recession that began in 1990.

The declines since then appear to be "driven by changing economic conditions rather than fathers becoming less interested in taking part in their children's lives," she said.

"In 1991, when we were in the midst of a recession, more fathers were unemployed or working part-time, meaning more were available to care for their children while the mother was at work," she said.

For older children, those 5 to 14, 9.1 percent of fathers with working wives were the primary caregivers, about the same as in 1991.

The fact that preschool children are more likely to receive supervision from their father is largely because older kids are more likely to be in school.

In addition, Casper reported, "because the early years in a child's life are generally regarded as the most formative, parents may be more willing to juggle their work schedules to arrange for parental care, resulting in more fathers caring for younger children."

Other findings of the Census report:

- Hispanic fathers were most likely to be primary care providers for preschoolers, at 21.2 percent of dads with working wives, followed by 18.6 percent of whites and 16.1 percent of blacks.

- The region with the most dads caring for kids under 5 was the Northeast at 27.3 percent, followed by the West at 19.8 percent, the Midwest at 18.6 percent and the South at 13.1 percent.

- Central cities had the most dads giving preschoolers primary care, 23.1 percent, with rural areas at 18.3 percent and suburbs at 16.4 percent.

- Some 36.6 percent of fathers of working wives living in poverty were the primary child-care providers for preschoolers, compared with 17.7 percent above the poverty level.

CROPS

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The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions for this region were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture very short to adequate. Range is in fair to good condition. Cattle in good condition; supplemental feeding has begun. Corn harvest continues; yields above average. Sorghum harvest just under way. Soybean, peanut harvest continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures in need of rain. Harvest aid chemicals being applied to cotton fields. Corn harvest nearing completion. Sunflower, sorghum, soybean harvest under way. Wheat planting under way.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture very short to surplus. Pastures, ranges in need of rain. Cattle in good condition. Cotton, peanut harvest beginning. Late sorghum harvest continues. Wheat planting well under way. Weevils still feeding on late season fruit.

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Liberty dollar may make a comeback

WASHINGTON (AP) - After an absence of a half-century, the image of Liberty may once again adorn a circulating American coin.

This time, she might grace a gold-colored dollar coin intended to replace the silver-colored dollars bearing the profile of 19th century feminist Susan B. Anthony.

The public rejected the Anthony dollar, minted from 1979 to 1981, because it looked and felt too much like a quarter. But stockpiles have at last begun to dwindle because U.S. Postal Service machines and some metropolitan transit authorities, including Chicago's, use the coins.

The government has a choice: produce more of the unpopular Susan B's or a new dollar coin, if Congress authorizes one.

Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., is proposing legislation today directing production of a Statue of Liberty dollar. The exact design would be left to the Mint. It would have an edge distinct from the quarter and Susan B's serrated rim. But to avoid retooling vending machines, it would be the same size as the Susan B. Anthony.

Castle was introducing two proposed designs prepared by the Mint, one showing the statue's head and shoulders, the other a three-quarters standing view.

Hoping to sidestep a controversy that's blocked legislation in the past, he would allow paper dollars to continue circulating.

In the past, the chief congressional advocate of a dollar coin, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., has insisted on simultaneous withdrawal from circulation of the dollar bill to ensure public use of the coins.

However, fearing a public backlash, the Treasury Department has opposed withdrawing paper dollars. And unions representing government printers and companies that make the paper and ink have lobbied Congress vigorously.

Castle hopes to postpone the controversy, perhaps by having a commission study the question, and produce a new dollar coin in the meantime.

"We don't think the American people are ready to get rid of the paper dollar. But we think, given the opportunity to have a more distinguishable dollar coin, they might use that," said Castle aide Kristin Nolt.

The Treasury Department has taken no position on Castle's proposal, but officials are reluctant to mint more Anthony dollars.

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'Cyberwar' worries raised

BALTIMORE (AP) - Suddenly, electric power goes off. Or telephones go dead. There's chaos in the electronic banking system. Are the incidents electronic accidents, or deliberate attacks?

Computer security experts from government and private industry voiced agreement Tuesday that as the most technologically advanced society in the world, the United States is uniquely vulnerable to electronic attack.

How soon the threat would be real and what could be done to block it were principal topics of discussion on the opening day of the National Information Systems Security Conference.

"Our profound vulnerability is growing on a daily basis," said Charles Abzug of the Institute for Computer and Information Sciences. "Since our society is the most technologically advanced in the world, we are more vulnerable than anyone else."

Robert Marsh, a retired Air Force general who is chairman of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection, told the conference that "while a catastrophic cyber attack has not occurred, we have enough isolated incidents to know that the potential for disaster is real and the time to act is now."

The commission is expected to send its report to the White House next week. Marsh said the panel would recommend far greater cooperation and sharing of information between government and private industry, accelerated research and a nationwide program to educate people on the scope of the problem.

But questions were quickly raised as to how much information the government could share from a report that is classified.

"We have to solve this dilemma because if we don't

we have no sharing of information," said Thomas J. Falvey, a commission member who is a security expert at the Transportation Department.

Marsh conceded in an interview that there will be a need to break down reluctance within industry and government to share sensitive information.

He said there is a need to "devise the means by which the private sector can in fact be willing to share its information and not fear that it will leak."

At the same time, the government "is going to have to recognize that in this new era, it's the private sector that needs some of this threat information and this warning information."

As examples of cyber attacks already experienced, Marsh cited incidents at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia and Griffis Air Force Base in Rome, N.Y.

"A flood of e-mail messages originating in Australia and Estonia - and routed through the White House computer system - virtually shut down Langley air base's e-mail for hours," he said.

Someone in England routing messages through Latvia, Colombia and Chile and commercial Internet service providers gained access to computers at Rome Laboratory at Griffis and "launched attacks against a wide array of defense and government computer systems," said Marsh.

One of the difficulties in such cases is determining whether it is the work of a mischievous hacker or an attack by a hostile government.

"If Iran attacked AT&T, how does AT&T know that's an act of war rather than some kid fooling around?" asked John Pescatore, a senior consultant at Trusted Information Systems, a developer of computer security software.

Quayle downplaying book

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Former Vice President Dan Quayle says the news media distorted President Bush's diary entry that he "blew it" in choosing Quayle to be his 1988 running mate.

"It's just the national media playing games again," Quayle told reporters Tuesday night from Faulkner University.

"The author of the book says it's not correct, George Bush says it's not correct. So I think you ought to go with what those two people say," Quayle said.

A new biography of Bush by historian Herbert S. Parmet says Bush wrote in his diary about the 1988 vice presidential selection: "It was my decision, and

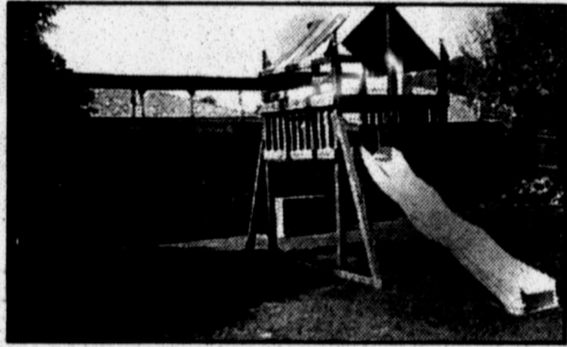
I blew it, but I'm not about to say that I blew it."

A Bush spokesman said the quote was taken out of context and that Bush was talking about how the media would use the selection to attack Bush's management style.

"We checked all the subsequent diary entries," said Bush spokesman Jim McGrath. "Bush always voices confidence that Quayle would survive the feeding frenzy and go on to be the great vice president that he was. He never wavers."

Quayle has been on a national speaking tour as he considers a possible presidential bid in 2000.

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Names in the news

STEVE LARGENT

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Ex-football star Steve Largent has a new project to tackle: helping National Football League players land internships in Congress.

Largent, now a Republican congressman from Oklahoma, pitched the idea in a recent letter to fellow lawmakers. He said players could work during the off-season in congressional offices in Washington or in a member's district.

"NFL players have tremendous attributes that are not limited to the field," Largent wrote.

An NFL program designed to help players prepare for a post-football career has placed more than 500 active players in internships over the past six years, Largent said.

Heidi Conlin, the NFL's governmental affairs coordinator, said players view Largent and Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., as role models. Largent was a receiver for the Seattle Seahawks; Watts played in the Canadian Football League.

Conlin insists the players want to be treated like other interns, whose duties include tasks such as running the copy or fax machine.

ANDRE HAZES

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - One of the Netherlands' top singers has recorded a tribute to the late Princess Diana.

The song by Andre Hazes, titled "Farewell," will be released early next week, the newspaper *Trouw* reported Tuesday.

Hazes, dubbed the Dutch tear-jerker king, said he didn't want to release the song immediately after the death of the princess, but now he's ready. A sampling of the lyrics:

"You are now gone, it is over.

"This is the end, it is finished.

"I didn't know you, yet you were with me.

"You were very beautiful, you were a woman full of life.

"It does not matter what others wrote about you.

"You have given so much of your life."

The single will sell for \$5 and proceeds will go to the Dutch organization AIDS Funds.

GEORGE BUSH

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Former President Bush hopes a new treatment center will give hope to families that - like his own - have had to deal with deadly diseases.

At a ceremony Tuesday for the \$30 million MD Anderson cancer Center Orlando, Bush recalled the death of his 4-year-old daughter, Robin, from leukemia in 1953.

"We had a child who had cancer," Bush said. "She died. That child would be alive today given research."

The seven-story, 145,000-square-foot building is due to open in June 2000. The center has a partnership with the MD Anderson Cancer Center Houston, where Bush is a member of the Board of Visitors.

"What's happening in this field is unbelievable," Bush said. "There's every reason in the world to be optimistic."

ROB REINER

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - He became famous as a foil for Archie Bunker. He's one of Hollywood's most respected directors. Rob Reiner's passion now is helping children get off to a good start.

The star of the 1970s series "All in the Family" told the National Governors Association conference on childhood development that health care, nutrition, nurturing and parental involvement are crucial in a child's first few years.

"My job is to keep this on the front burner as a national issue," Reiner said Tuesday. "I'm going to keep the drumbeat going. I promise you."

Reiner is a leading proponent of putting a tobacco tax on the California ballot next year to raise \$900 million annually for programs for children.

DAN QUAYLE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - He's not running for office. Nevertheless, Dan Quayle is campaigning - for traditional family values.

"There is no more important challenge facing America today than how we can strengthen our families," the former vice president said Tuesday as Faulkner University raised \$268,000 for its Center for Family Strengths.

The Christian university's new school focuses on research, education and community service that will provide information on what makes strong families survive.



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MEAT INDUSTRY PUSHING IRRADIATION

WASHINGTON (AP) - As the Clinton administration pushes for mandatory recalls and tougher penalties in contaminated meat cases, the industry is promoting an alternative that kills dangerous bacteria: irradiation.

Fearing the economic fallout of more highly publicized recalls, the meat industry is trying to persuade the Food and Drug Administration to approve irradiation for beef and is lobbying Congress to allow smaller, less ominous irradiation labels for all foods.

"We need to make this food safety tool available for the public," said Rhona Applebaum, executive vice president for scientific and regulatory affairs at the National Food Processors Association.

Irradiation - exposing food to low levels of radiation - is already permitted for poultry, pork, fruits and vegetables, but is not in widespread use for several reasons: consumer wariness, expense and opposition by consumer groups that question its safety.

CLINTON LAWYER DISCOUNTS "CHARACTERISTICS"

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Lawyers for President Clinton insisted he doesn't have the "distinguishing characteristics" described by Paula Jones as her attorney said the claim is only part of her sexual harassment lawsuit.

Robert Bennett, the president's lead attorney, dismissed as "baseless" a document in which Mrs. Jones purportedly describes characteristics in Clinton's genital area.

The lawyer said he received a copy of the document last week, three years after Mrs. Jones referred to it during a news conference after she filed a lawsuit against Clinton.

"I can see why they waited so long in getting it to me. They didn't want me to have it because they know I can easily rebut it," Bennett said from Washington. "This was just an effort to humiliate and embarrass the president, and at the appropriate time we will show that it is absolutely baseless and without merit."

Mrs. Jones claims Clinton exposed himself to her in a Little Rock hotel



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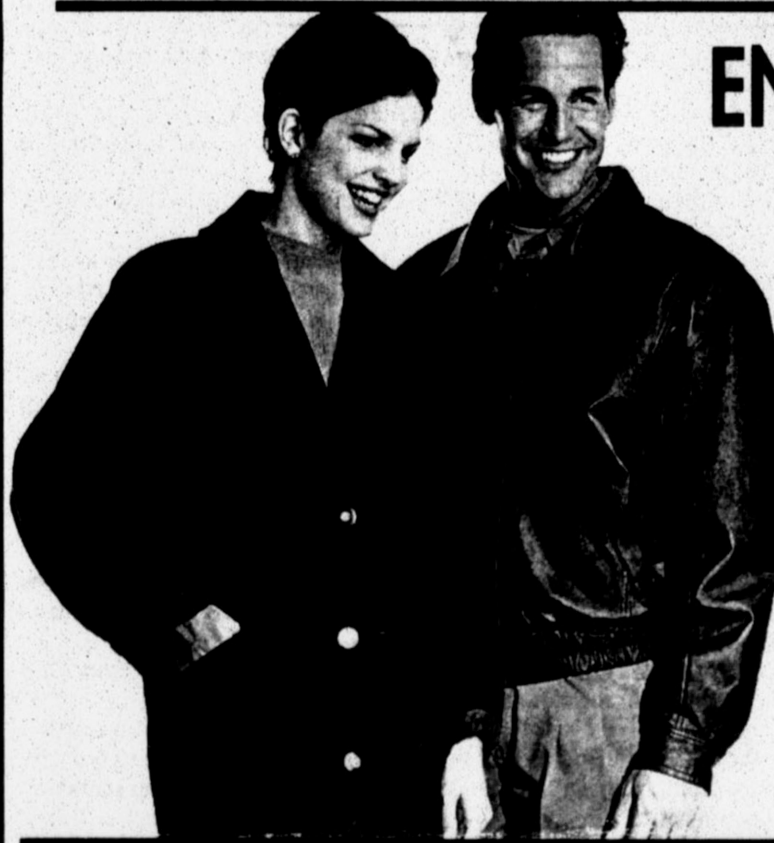
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