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ELECTION

Filing begins Wednesday for '98 races

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Brand Editor

Filing begins Wednesday across Texas for spots on the March 10 primary ballots. Filing will continue through Jan. 2.

In Deaf Smith County, a familiar name will be missing from the ballot. District Clerk Lola Faye Veazey will not be seeking re-election to the position she's held for more than 26 years.

Voters who plan to vote by mail may apply for mail ballots on Jan. 9, with early voting to be Feb. 23-March 6.

In Deaf Smith County, voters will be asked to pick: a county judge, county clerk, county treasurer, Precinct 1 commissioner, Precinct 2 commissioner, criminal district attorney, district clerk, and county surveyor.

Also on the ballot will be governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, land commissioner, railroad commissioner, supreme court justices, and criminal appeals court justices.

Also, all 30 U.S. representatives will be on the ballot, along with 16 state senate seats, all 150 state representative posts, seven members of the State Board of Education, chief justices of the 1st and 6th Courts of Appeals, justices of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 13th and 14th Courts of Appeals.

On the state level, Gov. George W. Bush is expected to announce Wednesday will seek re-election. In anticipation of Bush's announcement, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock snubbed fellow Democrat Garry Mauro and endorsed Bush.

Mauro is stepping down as land commissioner to challenge Bush - an

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Christmas in the Park



Photo by Dianna F. Dandridge

Checking the display

Jacqueline Ponce seems fascinated by the Christmas display set up in Mothers Park. The little girl was in the crowd that was on hand Monday night for the lighting of the city Christmas tree as part of the 2nd Annual Christmas in the Park celebration. In addition to the city Christmas tree, strands of lights were ablaze in other trees in the park. In other holiday activities, downtown merchants will stay open until 8 p.m. through Friday to give shoppers a chance to do their Christmas shopping locally.

NEWS

in brief

NEGOTIATORS WORKING TOWARD ACCORD ON EMISSIONS CUTBACK LEVELS

KYOTO, Japan (AP) - Negotiators from 150 nations were working today toward agreement on one keystone of a historic new deal to confront global warming - that countries be assigned differing levels of mandatory cutbacks in "greenhouse" gas emissions.

But major disagreements persisted elsewhere, and the chairman of the closed-door talks was pushing the United States to make its position more flexible.

For their part, U.S. negotiators, in the second of a scheduled 10 days of talks, said Third World governments were showing little interest in a U.S. effort to extend industrial nations' cutback requirements to the developing world.

Inclusion of China and other developing nations under the binding accord may prove essential to winning U.S. Senate approval for the treaty protocol.

The negotiations, to strengthen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty by adding mandatory emissions reductions, are to conclude with three days of high-level bargaining next week.

President Clinton announced in Washington he was sending Vice President Al Gore to Kyoto next week to present the U.S. position. He said Gore's presence "shows we consider this to be a profoundly important issue."

The vice president will be flying into a diplomatic fray that has quickly taken on a tough, antagonistic tone.

THREE STUDENTS KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED IN SHOOTING AT HIGH SCHOOL

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) - Ben Strong is the son of a pastor, a senior who has led prayer groups in the Heath High School lobby every school day. Sometimes, Michael Carneal and other self-professed atheists would stand nearby and mock them.

Moments after Strong and 35 other students murmured "amen" Monday morning, three of them were shot to death and five others were wounded. Authorities immediately arrested a 14-year-old freshman identified by his friends as Carneal.

As his friends screamed and ran for their lives, Strong ran toward Carneal, who had told him last week to stay away from Monday's circle - a mysterious warning that had worried him all weekend.

FLORIDA ABOUT TO INAUGURATE AN ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - When Luke Levesque takes his computer class next semester, all he'll have to do is roll out of bed, turn on his computer and read his teacher's instructions.

The 11th-grader from Winter Park High School is one of 250 high school students expected to enroll in the state's only online school, The Florida High School.

"I'm a lot more comfortable at home," said Levesque, 16, who already takes a computer class online through a pilot program. He said his school's media center is too noisy to study.

The new online school will offer students from two counties classes in algebra, American government, chemistry, economics and Web page design.

BORN TO BE MILD

New motorcycle designed for commuters

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) - There's new motorcycle for commuters who are born to be mild - the Lectra. What's touted as the world's first electric motorcycle went on display Saturday at the mobile Harley-Davidson Museum.

With a small profile, a sound like a golf cart, a top speed of 45 mph and a range of only 30 miles between power charges, the Lectra didn't make Harley lovers go hog wild.

"What the hell would you want with an electric

bike?" asked Tim Ritson, 45, a tattooed, ponytailed mechanic from West Covina. "You need something that makes noise and vibrates."

"Those are sissy bikes," muttered Helen Weakley, 66, of Yakima, Wash.

Electric Motorbike Inc., a Northern California company, is selling the bikes as commuter vehicles or for use in retirement communities. About 200 orders have been placed.

Deadline nears for Reno's decision on a prosecutor

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General Janet Reno worked right to the deadline on her expected decision to reject Republican appeals for an independent counsel to investigate telephone fund raising by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

She held a 90-minute meeting Monday night with top aides and leaders of the Justice Department campaign finance task force and left for home at 8:20 p.m. with a briefcase of papers.

Asked whether she had reached final decisions, Reno replied as she left: "No. I'm going to make sure I consider every angle."

Today is the deadline for her to tell a special court, which selects independent counsels, whether she wants an independent counsel appointed to probe Clinton, Gore and former Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary.

Before she does that, Reno said, she would talk again this morning to FBI Director Louis J. Freeh, who dissents from her other top advisers and task force leaders. They oppose seeking an independent counsel, but Freeh has written a memo advocating one.

This morning, task force chief Charles LaBella

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Leading indicators rise, indicate U.S. economy is still expanding

NEW YORK (AP) - In a sign the economy hasn't slackened its pace, a private report today said a key gauge of future growth rose 0.2 percent in October, its sixth straight monthly increase.

The Conference Board report of the rise in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators to 104.6 matched analysts' expectations and followed a 0.2 percent rise in September and a revised 0.1 percent increase in August.

The leading index is designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance.

"It fits in with the other statistics that we have in front of us that show there's momentum still in the economy," said Russ Sheldon, chief economist at MCM MoneyWatch, a group of New York financial advisers. "The leading index doesn't show excessive growth but it does show the economy is still moving ahead."

The index has increased for six straight months, a sign that economic growth in the United States faces

no imminent halt, despite currency-related economic turmoil in southeast Asia that has led to volatility on Wall Street.

The stock market had little initial reaction to the news, with the Dow Jones industrial average initially dipping, then rising this morning, adding to the 190-point surge on Monday that put the blue chip index back above the 8,000 mark. Monday's rise was prompted by signs of progress in resolving Asia's fiscal woes. The Dow's record high of 8,259.31 was set Aug. 6.

Wall Street was also waiting for whether Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's evening address at the New York Economic Club would have any market-moving comments.

"I don't think he'll back off an inch from his comments that labor markets are very tight and we have no room to grow at the pace that we have been," Sheldon said.

Letters to Santa



The Hereford Brand will publish its annual "Christmas Greeting Edition" on Sunday, Dec. 21.

To help Santa Claus, who has a busy schedule, The Brand will include "Letters to Santa" in the special edition.

School classes may submit letters as a project, or children may send individual letters of their own. Some may want to add a hand-drawn picture of Santa.

If you're a little old to be asking Santa for gifts, we invite youngsters (of all ages) to submit an essay about their most memorable Christmas, what Christmas means to them, or another holiday topic.

Essays should be 200 words or less,



neatly printed or typed. The best of the essays, along with the Santa letters, will be published in the special "Greeter" edition of the paper.

Letters and essays may be submitted to The Brand, 313 N. Lee, or mailed to P.O. Box 673, Hereford 79045.

Deadline for submitting letters is Dec. 10.

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Lifestyles



Combating the cold

Members of the Pilot Club of Hereford donned their red "Santa" caps and served coffee and hot chocolate to all those who ventured out to Mothers' Park for the second annual Christmas in the Park on Monday night.

Woman of Year nominations open

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will be accepting nominations for Woman of the Year until Dec. 15.

Nominations may be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 192, Hereford, or they will be accepted at the office, 701 N. Main St.

The award, presented by the

Women's Division, will be given to a division member who has been active during the past year. The winner will be announced at the Women's Division's first quarterly meeting of 1998.

Persons submitting a nominee need not be a member of the Women's Division. Nominations should be in writing, giving qualifications and

reasons why the person named should be considered. The letter does not have to be signed.

Nominees will be judged on accomplishments done for and on behalf of the Women's Division and/or the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. Other outside activities will then be considered such as community work, charitable work, church activities, youth work, etc.

Baxter gives La Afllatus program

Margaret Baxter, program chairman for La Afllatus Estudio Club, presented the program at the recent meeting in the home of Mary Williamson, hostess.

Baxter, recently returned from a trip to some of the northeastern states, described an Amish community in Pennsylvania which she visited. She related that the community of large families has no hospital, churches or nursing homes. They still travel by horse and buggy and do not have such modern conveniences as electricity

and disposable diapers.

A collection was taken for Christmas for the patients in Wichita Falls Hospital.

Answering roll call were Merle

Boozler, Virginia Beasley, Leola Cook, Virginia Curtsinger, Annie DeLozier, Aileen Montgomery, Della Stagner, Louise Streun, Emily Suggs, Williamson and Baxter.

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Suffering in St. Louis," who said she is suffering from fertility problems because she was a sexually promiscuous teenager. My heart goes out to her, but her suggestion that young people use protection if they become sexually active does not go far enough.

A condom cannot protect against herpes or genital warts because the skin in that entire area is not shielded. Although a condom does offer protection against some sexually transmitted diseases, condoms are not always used correctly. And, only latex condoms should be used. Other kinds of condoms can allow a virus to pass through.

The idea of abstinence until marriage, and no fooling around after, used to be called chastity and fidelity. In today's world, chastity and fidelity not only enhance the chances for a solid and lasting marriage, they can mean a healthier and happier life together. -- D.A. in Margate, Fla.

Dear Margate: Thank you for your words of wisdom based on common sense and scientific data. I hope my teenage readers will take your comments seriously. Now that AIDS is a possibility, sexual promiscuity can be fatal.

Dear Ann Landers: I found this in an old copy of the New Haven Register, dated Aug. 3, 1958. It is advice to a drunk from the Massachu-

setts Chiefs of Police Association newsletter. Please put it in your column. -- Branford, Conn.

Dear Branford: Thanks for sending it on. Even though it was written 40 years ago, it still makes a good point. Here it is:

"Since you cannot refrain from drinking, why not start a saloon in your own home? Be the only customer, and you will not have to buy a license. Give your wife \$55 to buy a case of whiskey. There are 240 drinks in a case. Buy all your drinks from your wife at 60 cents a drink. In 12 days, your wife will have \$89 to put in the bank and \$55 to buy another case. If you live 10 years and continue to buy your whiskey from your wife and die with your boots on, your widow will have \$27,125.47 on deposit."

"That will be enough to bring up your children, pay off the mortgage, marry a decent man and forget she ever knew a bum like you."

Dear Ann Landers: I read with interest the letter from "Disgusted in Chicago," who complained about young children in opposite-sex restrooms.

I am the mother of three boys, ages 3, 5 and 7. I certainly believe my two older boys do not belong in women's restrooms. However, I cannot bring myself to leave any of them outside while I go in to use the facilities. My boys are responsible and mature, and

I trust them. It is strangers I have second and third thoughts about. Should someone grab one of my children, I would never be able to forgive myself.

While I don't take my boys shopping often, sometimes, it is necessary. If nature calls, I take them into the handicapped stall with me and get out as quickly as possible. I do not like doing this, and I certainly don't want other women to be uncomfortable because of my sons' presence, but I don't know what else to do. Any suggestion? -- Wondering in St. Louis

Dear St. Louis: I have been inundated with letters from mothers who say under no circumstances would they leave a child under 12 years old outside a public toilet while they relieve themselves. "Forget the modesty, and take him in with you," they insisted. "The safety of your child is much more important."

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WT parents are on board

The West Texas A&M University Mom and Dad's Association has elected 1997-98 officers and board members.

Serving on the 1997-98 board will be Johnie and Barbara Burkhalter of Hereford, Bob and Sue Caddell of Canyon, Robert and Sue Finney of Pampa, Jim and Jan Nichols of Euless, Chris and Sara Wieck of Umbarger, Dr. Charles and Sheri Price of Canyon who will serve as president, Benny and Derrick Horton of Pampa who will serve as vice president, and Dr. Gary and Judy Kelley of Canyon who will serve as treasurer.

Friona choir plans musical

FRIONA - The Living Christmas Tree Choir of Friona will present the musical, *I Have Seen the Light: The Search for Christmas*, on Dec. 5, 6 and 7 at the First Baptist Church, 404 W. 5th Street, Friona.

Performance times are 7:30 p.m. nightly with a 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 7.

Jim Parker is the director of the 60-member Living Christmas Tree Choir.

Tickets for the performances are available at the Chamber of Commerce office in Friona. There is no charge for admission, but everyone is asked to obtain a ticket because of limited seating.

Breakfast will precede hunt

Handbell choirs of First United Methodist Church will sponsor a "Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast" from 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13 in the church fellowship hall.

The cost is \$5 for a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, fruit and orange juice or coffee.

Advance tickets are available from any handbell choir member or by calling the church office at 364-0770. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Amarillo Women's Network seeking nominations for achievement awards

AMARILLO - Amarillo Women's Network is soliciting nominations for its Career Achievement Awards and Lifetime Achievement Award which will be presented to the recipients at an award ceremony and reception in February 1998.

The Career Achievement Award program sponsored by AWN each year honors women who have achieved a major career advancement or recognition in their professions in a calendar year, according to a news release from the organization.

The program was initiated in 1981 to honor women and encourage them

to seek higher career goals. The program serves as an avenue for enhancing the image of women in the area and a way to recognize firms/organizations which support and promote women.

The Lifetime Achievement Award, adopted by the AWN board of directors in 1988, is reserved for women in the region who have achieved milestones in a profession or career over an extended period time.

The award is a tool for recognizing women who accomplishments, for whatever reason, transcend or do not

fit the Career Achievement Award category, the release said.

Since 1981, 80 area women have been honored by AWN with these awards which are open not only to members of AWN, but to women from Amarillo and the surrounding Panhandle communities.

The deadline for receiving nominations in Jan. 9, 1998.

For additional information or forms to nominate women for either award, contact Beverly Adcock, President-elect of AWN, P.O. Box 1661, Amarillo, Texas 79105 or by calling 806-359-1111.

Breast cancer screening set

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park, Hereford, on Dec. 12.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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H.S. Football Playoff Pairings

DALLAS (AP) -- High school football playoff pairings:	Final
CLASS 6A	CC Calallen (13-0) vs. Edcouch-Elea (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, McAllen
Division I	CLASS 5A
Region I	Region I
Semifinals	Final
Duncanville (12-1) vs. Longview (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium	Aledo (13-0) vs. Breckenridge (13-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Bedford's Pennington Field
Region II	Region II
Semifinals	Final
Katy (12-1) vs. SA Teft (8-6), 5 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome	Linden-Kilders (12-1) vs. Commerce (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium
Division II	Region III
Region I	Final
Final	Columbus (10-3) vs. La Grange (11-2), 11 a.m., Saturday, Astrodome
Flower Mound Marcus (11-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium	Region IV
Region II	Final
Final	Cuero (11-2) vs. Sealy (13-0), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Astrodome
Richardson Lake Highlands (11-2) vs. Tyler John Tyler (11-2), 9 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium	CLASS 2A
Region III	Region I
Final	Final
Beaumont West Brook (11-2) vs. Alief Hastings (12-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, Astrodome	Lockney (12-1) vs. Stanton (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Region IV	Region II
Final	Final
SA MacArthur (11-2) vs. New Braunfels (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium	Celina (11-2) vs. Italy (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field
CLASS 4A	Region III
Division I	Final
Region I	Alto (13-0) vs. Elysian Fields (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Kilgore's R.E. St. John Stadium
Semifinals	Region IV
Final	Final
Canyon Randall (10-3) vs. Corsicana (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium	Rogers (12-1) vs. Refugio (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos
Region III/IV	CLASS 1A
Semifinals	Region I
Final	Semifinals
Texas City (12-1) vs. Waco Midway (12-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome	Wheeler (10-3) vs. Munday (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Childress
Division II	Region III/IV
Region I	Semifinals
Final	Final
Denison (13-0) vs. Sweetwater (13-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium	Celeste (13-0) vs. Granger (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Glen Rose
Region II	Region I
Final	Semifinals
Mount Pleasant (8-5) vs. Terrell (13-0), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium	Lazbuddie (12-1) vs. Borden County (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolforth Frenship
Region III	Region III/IV
Final	Semifinals
LC-Mauriceville (11-2) vs. La Marque (10-3), 6 p.m. Friday, Astrodome	Panther Creek (12-1) vs. Trinidad (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

Tourney

nearly made the hole too deep for Hereford to dig themselves out of. Coming out of halftime with a 24-16 advantage, Frenship put on a 3-point shooting exhibition.

The Tigers got their first nine points on 3-pointers -- a pair by Zouzalik and a 20-footer by Crowson from the left wing. Holly Potts canned another 3-pointer from the left wing with 1:26 remaining in the third.

"We weren't too worried about the 3s," Fortenberry said. "They had seven or eight; we weren't expecting that from them. . . . That's what we do. How can you be ready for that?"

"Hereford started doing lots of sagging on defense," Tipton said. "That's when we started going to the 3-pointers."

But despite their success in the third quarter from 3-point land, it was a shorter shot from inside the arc that failed Frenship in the waning seconds of the contest.

The Tigers got the ball to Beyer who popped a 14-footer from the right side that would have tied the score and sent the game to overtime.

Let

"I think he gave a couple of meows out there, but Leon didn't say a whole lot," Casillas said.

Let, 29, forfeited more than \$1.5 million in salary during his absence, which was caused by a third strike against the NFL substance abuse program. Should he falter again, he could be banned from the league.

Many teammates felt he let them down both on the field and off. They had suffered without him for four games in 1995 after his second violation and thought he had his addictions under control.

On the field, Let had been more dominant than ever. The Cowboys were 8-5, had the league's best defense and he was a frontrunner for the NFL defensive player of the year.

Without him, Dallas went 9-9, missing the NFC title game last year for the first time since 1991 and, at 6-7, coming dangerously close to being out of the playoffs entirely for the first time since 1990. The Cowboys must win their last three games to have any chance.

"Leon looked pretty good in practice today, getting upfield, putting a lot of pressure on the center and guards," safety Brock Marion said. "I think he'll come in and be real good for us."

Woodson clears first hurdle to Heisman

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) -- As Charles Woodson hoisted the Walter Camp Award on Monday honoring the nation's top college football player, Michigan's two-way standout hoped his campaign for the Heisman Trophy got a lift.

In its 31 years, the Camp award has been a barometer to Heisman voting in a fashion similar to the way New Hampshire's primaries have foreshadowed outcomes of presidential elections.

Only five times has the Camp award gone to a player who did not win the Heisman, the last time in 1990 when Notre Dame's Raghib "Rocket" Ismail won the Camp and Brigham Young quarterback Ty Detmer won the Heisman.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr also won an award Monday. For guiding the No. 1 Wolverines (11-0) to Rose Bowl, and the brink of their first national title since 1948, Carr won Walter Camp Football Foundation honors as this season's top college coach.

Pack

Indianapolis two weeks ago. The Packers sacked Brad Johnson six times, and held Minnesota to just 144 yards in the first three quarters.

As they often do, the Packers started slowly, breaking a 3-3 tie on Favre's 18-yard TD pass to Robert Brooks with 2:10 left in the first half.

Levens' score was set up by Doug Evans' interception of Johnson on the second play after intermission.

Green Bay also got the luck it hadn't had in previous forays to Minneapolis, like Minnesota's Corey Fuller dropping a sure interception in the end zone one play before Favre hit Brooks for the touchdown.

Unlike the first game -- a 38-32 Packer win in Green Bay -- both offenses started sluggishly. For almost 28 minutes, the only scores were field goals of 30 yards by Green Bay's Ryan Longwell and 42 by Minnesota's Eddie Murray.

Fins' Johnson meets Ram-reject Phillips

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) -- Jimmy Johnson salvaged the career of receiver Charles Jordan, who ran with street gangs as a youth and was cast off by two NFL teams before emerging as a potential star for the Miami Dolphins.

Is Lawrence Phillips the coach's next reclamation project?

Jordan caught two touchdowns passes Sunday at Oakland in his best game for Miami, a breakout performance that may embolden Johnson to take a shot at Phillips. The troubled running back met Monday with Johnson at the Dolphins' training complex.

"We haven't decided what we're going to do," Johnson said shortly before the meeting. "We will be giving him a physical. We haven't made any kind of decisions. We don't plan on having anything finalized, if we do something, until later on Tuesday."

Johnson and Phillips declined to comment after the meeting.

Phillips, who has been plagued by legal problems, led the St. Louis Rams in rushing when they released him Nov. 20 for disciplinary reasons.

Duke

The five newcomers to the rankings were Arkansas, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest and Princeton.

The five schools that dropped out were Oklahoma, at 18th the highest ranked of those that fell, Louisville, Indiana, Rhode Island and North Carolina Charlotte.

Among the new teams Princeton has had the longest absence from the Top 25 having last been ranked in 1991 and before that not since 1976. Florida State was last ranked in 1994, and Georgia Tech was ranked in 1996. Arkansas and Wake Forest were both ranked last season, with the latter holding the No. 2 spot for 10 weeks.

Duke, North Carolina, Clemson and Maryland were the ACC teams already ranked, while Florida State, Georgia Tech and Wake Forest

entered the poll. The only ACC teams not ranked are Virginia and North Carolina State.

Florida State, under first-year coach Steve Robinson, jumped into the rankings after a second-place finish to Kansas in the Preseason NIT. Georgia Tech, picked by many to finish last in the ACC, moved into the Top 25 after winning the Puerto Rico Shootout, including a championship game victory over Louisville.

Wake Forest, which was expected to struggle early as it replaced national player of the year Tim Duncan, started the season with five victories, including one over Georgetown in the Tipoff Classic.

The 12-school Southeastern Conference is second to the ACC with five ranked teams (South Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi, Arkansas and Georgia).

NCA loses two

Nazarene Christian Academy was thumped by Adrian Junior High in girls' and boys basketball action here Monday.

The NCA girls lost a 40-17 decision to Adrian. Carlie Henson had 8 points and Lauren Torbert scored 4 for NCA.

The Adrian boys rolled to a 46-14 triumph. Teel Merrick led NCA scoring with 7 points.

NCA plays at Trinity Fellowship in Amarillo Thursday.

Women's

Tennessee to rout three opponents last week, including then-No. 19 Stephen F. Austin.

Vanderbilt (4-0) climbed two spots after beating North Texas by 40 and was followed by Illinois, North Carolina, Texas Tech, Virginia and Georgia.

Arizona (1-0) moved up one spot to head the second 10. Then it was Nebraska, Florida, Stanford, Duke and Colorado, followed by Western Kentucky, Auburn, Wisconsin and Arkansas.

Alabama, Tulane, Stephen F. Austin, Washington and North Carolina State held the final five spots.

Washington (3-0) made the Top 25 for the first time since the 1995-96 preseason poll, when it was 25th. The Huskies opened with a victory at Boise State, then won the Prairie Lights Classic at Iowa over the weekend, beating the host team 63-62 in the championship game.

North Carolina State (6-0) also defeated the host team in a tournament championship game, downing DePaul 83-76. The Wolfpack last appeared in the poll the week of Feb. 3 last season.

Iowa, 20th last week, also lost at Connecticut and dropped out.

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Successful at first aid

Hereford High School students in Linda Cumpton's Early Childhood Professions II class were presented their first aid cards recently by Betty Henson, right, with the Tri County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Pictured are, front row from left, Jessica Lovington, Marisella Garcia, Liza Medeles; and back row from left, Cumpton, Vyanca Rangel, Melissa Ramirez, Erin Auckerman, and Monica Mendez.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 1997. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 2, 1942, a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

On this date:
In 1804, Napoleon was crowned emperor of France.

In 1823, President Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harper's Ferry the previous October.

In 1927, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its "Model A" automobile, the successor to its "Model T."

In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist who would lead Cuba to Communism.

In 1967, Cardinal Francis Spellman died in New York City at age 78.

In 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency began operating under director William Ruckelshaus.

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart. Barney Clark, a retired dentist, lived 112 days with the device.

In 1991, American hostage Joseph Cicippio, held captive in Lebanon for more than five years, was released.

Ten years ago: After a chaotic meeting that had begun the night before, the Chicago City Council elected Eugene Sawyer acting mayor, succeeding the late Harold Washington.

Five years ago: Germany's lower house of parliament voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Maastricht Treaty on European unity. The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with five astronauts and a spy satellite aboard.

One year ago: Financier Charles Keating Jr., a central figure in the

most notorious savings-and-loan debacle of the 1980s, won a new federal trial because jurors had learned of his prior fraud conviction in state court before convicting him of fraud and racketeering.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-playwright Adolph Green is 82. Actor Leo Gordon is 75. Former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig is 73. Actress Julie Harris is 72. Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 66. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is 58. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 47. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 45. Actor Dan Butler is 43. NBC news broadcaster Stone Phillips is 43. Actor Dennis Christopher is 42. Actor Steven Bauer is 41. Rock musician Rick Savage (Def Leppard) is 37. Tennis Hall-of-Famer Tracy Austin is 35. Rock musician Nate Mendel (Foo Fighters) is 29. Rock singer Jimi Haha (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 29. Rapper Treach (Naughty By Nature) is 27. Tennis player Monica Seles is 24.

Thought for Today: "Misery loves company, but company does not reciprocate." - Addison Mizner, American architect (1872-1933).



Food drive results

The Anchor Club sponsored a canned food drive at Hereford High School before Thanksgiving, challenging all the classes. Food collected was used in Thanksgiving gift baskets, but due to the success of the drive, more food was collected than was needed for the baskets. The remainder was donated to the Hereford Food Pantry. Displaying some of the items collected are Amy Killingsworth, Anchor Club member and Dianna Kimmel, club sponsor.

A door is what a dog is perpetually on the wrong side of. —Ogden Nash

Horse Salve Eases Arthritis Pain

LOUISVILLE, KY -- An ingredient derived from hot peppers that decreases inflammation in racehorse's legs, is now recognized as safe and effective for human use. The ingredient has been formulated into a product called ARTH-Rx™. ARTH-Rx comes in a strength designed for humans. Researchers are excited and say the formula can relieve arthritis pain for millions.

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ARTH-Rx is available in a convenient roll-on applicator without a prescription. According to a spokesperson for the company, due to the overwhelming demand for ARTH-Rx, supplies are sometimes limited. ARTH-Rx can also be ordered by calling 1-800-729-8446. © 1996 PGC

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To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter was diagnosed with primary biliary cirrhosis.

She was put on Actigall and an experimental drug, which she has stopped taking. It could be 10 or 15 years before she needs a liver transplant.

I have never seen anything in your column about primary biliary cirrhosis. Thank you for any information you can give us. — L.B.

ANSWER: Current thinking on primary biliary cirrhosis blames a disordered immune attack on bile ducts, the small channels that drain bile from the liver to the gallbladder. A peculiar antibody, the antimitochondrial antibody, is cited as proof of the immune system's involvement.

Mitochondria are energy factories in liver cells. Their destruction in some way disturbs bile ducts and the drainage of bile into them. Undrained bile leads to liver scarring, cirrhosis.

Primary biliary cirrhosis is predominantly an illness of women between 35 and 60 — another unexplained mystery.

As the process evolves, the patient experiences itching and fatigue. With further progression, jaundice and diarrhea can develop.

It can take a decade or longer before the signs of overt cirrhosis are evident. Other patients, however, have a more rapid course, with cirrhosis seen in five years.

Actigall — ursodiol — often neutralizes the backed-up bile's liver destruction. Colchicine, a gout medicine, can slow down liver damage. Both medicines can be used together.

Methotrexate is being looked at as a promising treatment. It might even put the disease into remission. Preliminary studies have been hopeful.

Should the liver fail, then liver transplantation would be a life-saving procedure.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: About a year ago I experienced heart palpitations, which sent me to the emergency room on three occasions. I thought I was having a heart attack. Each time I was told I had "PVCs" — premature ventricular contractions. I had a number of tests that showed no heart abnormalities.

Lately I find that whenever I am very tired, the PVCs tend to increase. What causes them? Is there anything that can be done to stop them? — M.M.

ANSWER: Most people have premature ventricular contractions during the course of a day. They cause a thud in the chest.

A premature contraction doesn't empty the heart of all its blood. The beat following the premature beat

pumps out the extra blood, and that's what causes the thud sensation. In the absence of any heart disease, PVCs need not be treated.

Stress, anxiety and fatigue can increase their occurrence. So can caffeine and nicotine.

Medicines can obliterate PVCs, but in most instances the contractions are better left alone than treated. Treatment often brings on more trouble than do the PVCs.

I've sent you a Health Letter report on heartbeats. Readers who wish to explore the subject can order the report by writing: Dr. Donohue — SR102, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) No. 10 envelope.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Health care providers care for Texans

Texans can find help for almost every ailment among the thousands of licensed health care providers in the state, most of whom have years of training in their field before beginning their practice.

Table listing various health care professions (Doctors, Pharmacists, Dentists, etc.) with columns for Education and Number licensed in field.

Education requirements may vary depending on level of certification, and do not include continuing education requirements.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas boards and examiners of each licensing agency, including Vocational Nurses, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, Chiropractic, Nurse, Dental, Medical, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Long Term Care, Professional Counselors, Occupational Therapy, Nurse Practitioners, Podiatric and Psychologist, and the Texas Department of Health.

Echándole el ojo a Texas

Los que cuidan el salud de Texanos

Los Texanos pueden contar con la ayuda de miles de profesionales para cuidar de su salud, muchos de los cuales gozan de años de estudio.

Table listing various health care professions in Spanish (Médicos, Farmacéuticos, Dentistas, etc.) with columns for Educación and Número de profesionales licenciados.

Los requisitos educativos pueden variar según el nivel de certificación, y no incluyen a los requisitos para la educación continua.

FUENTES: John Sharp, Comptroller de Cuentas Públicas y las mesas directivas de cada agencia que otorga licencias, incluyendo a: Vocational Nurses, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, Chiropractic, Nurse, Dental, Medical, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Long Term Care, Professional Counselors, Occupational Therapy, Nurse Practitioners, Podiatric and Psychologist, y Departamento Estatal de Salud.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Names in the News

JAMES CAMERON

NEW YORK (AP) - James Cameron says he's not a screamer. A yellor, maybe. But not a screamer. Working with hundreds of extras day after day for months makes yelling a way of life, said the director, who was criticized for driving the crew of the upcoming "Titanic" too hard.

PAM GRIER

NEW YORK (AP) - The woman once billed as "The Baddest One-Chick Hit-Squad That Ever Hit Town" is back. Pam Grier made her name playing revenge-minded characters in black exploitation films of the 1970s. In her new role, she's a bagwoman for a crook in the Quentin Tarantino-directed "Jackie Brown."

TED TURNER

NEW YORK (AP) - For Ted Turner, giving away money is almost as difficult as making it. At least he can hire folks to do the work. You have to hire people to do it, said Turner, the CNN founder who pledged \$1 billion in September to the United Nations.

KATHY NAJIMY

NEW YORK (AP) - Kathy Najimy doesn't mind being surrounded by svelte fashion models on the sitcom "Veronica's Closet." She's come to terms with being overweight. I was doing a lot of work with AIDS, and I saw friends dying and not having bodies anymore. I thought, "Maybe I don't have the legs I want, but I have legs," Najimy says in TV Guide.

ERNIE HUDSON

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The way Ernie Hudson of "Ghostbusters" fame sees it, black actors have never had it better. It's a very exciting time for African-Americans in Hollywood, Hudson said, noting that more black producers and directors are finding work too. Hudson plays a CIA agent hunting for the bumbling, nearsighted star of "Mr. Magoo" in the comedy set to open Christmas Day.

U.S. LINKS REFORMS, KOREAN AID

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States is ready to do its part to rescue the South Korean economy as long as that country follows Mexico's example and does not delay in making the necessary reforms, President Clinton says.

ESPY'S EX-AIDE CONVICTED OF LYING

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal jury has convicted the ex-chief of staff for former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy of lying to investigators about the \$22,000 he got from Mississippi associates with dealings at the agency.

PAKISTANI PRESIDENT RESIGNS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - President Farooq Ahmed Leghari resigned today, a surprise move in an escalating political crisis that has divided Pakistan's government and raised fears of a military takeover. The crisis has split the Supreme Court and Parliament and cast the army chief in the unlikely role of mediator.

61 MINERS KILLED IN SIBERIAN EXPLOSION

MOSCOW (AP) - A huge methane gas explosion ripped through a Siberian coal mine in the heart of Russia's main coal-producing region early today, killing at least 61 miners. The blast during the overnight shift tore apart a shaft in the Zyryanovskaya mine in the Kuzbass region of southern Siberia.

FILING

From Page 1 uphill battle, according to public opinion polls which show the governor is highly favored to hold onto his job. With Mauro vacating the office, there is considerable interest in the land commissioner race.

RENO

From Page 1 stopped by the Justice Department for a half-hour meeting with Reno, who cancelled her regular morning staff meetings. As late as Monday, Justice Department investigators called Gore's Nashville, Tenn., attorney, Jim Neal, to ask questions about the case.

On the Democratic side, state Rep. Richard Raymond of Bonavides, is expected to file for the post. Candidates for lieutenant governor are Comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, and Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, a Republican.

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NEWS in brief STUDY SUGGESTS CHANNEL BLOCKERS CAUSE MEMORY LOSS IN ELDERLY. RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Calcium channel blockers, a widely used and controversial treatment for high blood pressure, may be associated with brain damage and memory loss in the elderly, a new study suggests.

NEWS

in brief

ELECTRONIC GIZMOS TOP LISTS FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING TRIPS

NEW YORK (AP) - George McIntyre walked into an electronics store looking for just the thing to upgrade the entertainment system in his bedroom. Standing before a bank of television sets, the building superintendent from Brooklyn said he is using part of his raise to add a larger screen and theater-quality sound. One prospect was the new surround-sound system costing about \$1,500, down from thousands more several years ago. "I want something I could hook up into the TV system," McIntyre said. "I like to be as comfortable in the bedroom as possible."

Like McIntyre, shoppers across the country often use the holiday season to buy an ever-growing array of electronics goods.

Among the hot items: Rolodex Rex, personal computers costing under \$1,000, head-knocking stereo systems and big-screen TVs. Consumers so far seem ambivalent about some of the latest gear, however, including hand-held computers and high-tech digital video disk players.

Analysts and retailers expect electronics sales to modestly exceed last year's holiday season, which was hurt by the lack of a major hot item. Helping sales this year are a fresh wave of interesting gizmos, the strong economy and demand from optimistic consumers.

The hot product may be the Rex. The new computer is the size of a credit card, weighs just 1.4 ounces but stores up to 2,500 names and addresses, appointments, to-do lists and other items - all displayed on a high-contrast little screen. The high-capacity version costs \$159 and is sold under the Rolodex brand name by Franklin Electronic Publishers.

STATES BARRED FROM CHANGING ELECTION DATE

WASHINGTON (AP) - States cannot elect members of Congress before the national election day in November, the Supreme Court ruled today as it struck down part of Louisiana's open-primary practice.

By a unanimous vote, the court said Louisiana's unique method of choosing members of Congress violates federal law.

The Constitution allows states to set the "times, places and manner" of elections for members of Congress unless Congress overrides state rules with a national standard.

Congress long ago set a national election day for members of Congress - the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years.

Since 1978, Louisiana began voting for members of Congress through open primaries, which allow all candidates to appear on the same October primary ballot regardless of political party.

If no primary candidate gets more than half of the total votes, the top two vote-getters appear on the November ballot. But if one candidate does obtain more than half of the October vote, he or she is declared the winner and there is no vote for that congressional seat in November.

U.S., BRITAIN PLEDGE FUNDS FOR HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

LONDON (AP) - A 41-nation conference examining the theft of gold by the Nazis in World War II opened today with Britain and the United States pledging millions to a new international fund to benefit Holocaust victims.

The United States will contribute an initial \$4 million to the Nazi Persecution Relief Fund, U.S. Undersecretary of State Stuart E. Eizenstat, head of the American delegation, announced. He said the United States hopes to contribute up to \$25 million over three years.

Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said Britain will give \$1.7 million to ensure the suffering of Holocaust survivors is not compounded by poverty in old age.

"We are here to ensure we do not forget the most awful memory known to man," Cook said in opening the three-day conference.

Britain, the United States and France have asked the 15 nations entitled to the remaining 5.5 tons of gold under their control to hand over the bullion to the international fund.

JUDGE ORDERS SCHOOLGIRLS TO BE NICE

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP) - Two fifth-grade girls were told that if they can't get along they won't be sent to the principal - they will be called before a judge.

"If one of you looks cross-eyed to the other, you're going to come back here," Macomb Circuit Judge Michael Schwartz warned the 10-year-old classmates during an after-school hearing Monday. "If one of you causes problems to the other, I'm going to put you in the juvenile hold."

Kytan Schultz and Cassandra Reibel stood before him, their heads barely rising above the judge's bench. The girls only nodded during the stern lecture and stuck close to their parents as they left court.

Schwartz cracked down on both girls, students at Miller Elementary School in the Detroit suburb of Center Line, during a hearing in which he lifted another judge's personal protection order issued Nov. 21 on behalf of Kytan.

Under the original order, the girls couldn't be on the same piece of property together - meaning Cassandra could have been in violation simply by going to school. Cassandra stayed home from school last week for fear of being arrested, but she showed up Monday. Kytan was in school last week but stayed home Monday.

UNABOMBER SUSPECT'S CABIN TO BE MOVED

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - The dark, cramped cabin where Theodore Kaczynski allegedly built his bombs has been turned over to defense lawyers who call it their key piece of evidence.

The entire cabin was to leave by truck today from Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, where it was stored after the Unabomber suspect's arrest, officials said.

Base officials could not say when it would arrive in Sacramento, where jury selection was to continue today for the math professor-turned-hermit charged in four bombings that killed two men and injured two more.

Kaczynski, 55, built the cabin outside Lincoln, Mont., in the early 1970s. FBI agents raided the 10-foot-by-12-foot shack in April 1996. They found a treasure trove of evidence allegedly linking him to Unabomber bombings that killed three people and injured 29 between 1978 and 1995.

"FLUBBER" TAKES BOX OFFICE TOP SPOT

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Flubber," starring Robin Williams in an updated version of 1961's "The Absent Minded Professor," made its debut at No. 1 at the weekend box office, far surpassing "Alien Resurrection."

The thriller sequel pairing Sigourney Weaver and Winona Ryder was the only other film to premiere in wide release over the five-day Thanksgiving weekend.

Two films proved resilient in their second weekends - "Anastasia" finished in third and "John Grisham's The Rainmaker" was fourth - but "Mortal Kombat Annihilation" collapsed in its second weekend.

In limited release, "Welcome to Sarajevo" and "Bent" performed moderately well.

4-YEAR-OLD KILLED AFTER WRITING LETTER TO SANTA

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Four-year-old Kayla Holton wrote a letter asking Santa Claus to bring her a "Tickle Me Elmo" doll for Christmas.

Police found it crumpled in a trash can at the auto repair shop where the little girl and her three half-brothers were found dead Sunday night, lying underneath a tarp. Kayla and the boys, ages 7, 10 and 13, were shot from the back with a Russian-made, semiautomatic assault rifle.

The grisly scene was discovered after Daryl Keith Holton, 35, walked into the police station about two hours after the shootings and confessed to killing the children. He said he was afraid he would never gain custody of his three sons, or the girl his former wife had with another man.

Crystle Holton allowed the children to visit her former husband so they could go Christmas shopping.

S.C. PARTIES PLEDGE NOT TO USE RACE AS ISSUE

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Politicians in a state where the Confederate battle flag still flies above the Statehouse will be asked to sign a pledge not to use race to win supporters.

Democratic Party Chairman Ronnie Maxwell and Republican Party Chairman Henry McMaster said Monday they will ask candidates to promise to "refrain from using race or color - whether by words, action or implication."

The pledge was the brainchild of Jesse Washington Jr., executive director of the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council.

"What we're doing is taking it to the higher moral ground," he said. "We're going to fight tough and hard, but in South Carolina, we're going to fight with dignity and respect for one another as South Carolinians."

The pledges, which appear to be the first of their kind in the nation, carry no official punishment for violators. But people who sign will be held to their word, the chairmen said.

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MOMS URGED TO NURSE FOR FULL YEAR

CHICAGO (AP) - Mothers should breast-feed their babies for at least a year, according to a pediatric group's recommendation that replaces a 15-year-old statement suggesting six to 12 months of nursing.

Feedings should begin within an hour of birth and continue eight to 12 times every 24 hours, with each feeding lasting 20 to 30 minutes, the American Academy of Pediatrics said Monday. And breast-feeding should continue past the child's first birthday "for as long as mutually desired," said the nation's largest group of children's doctors.

Almost all babies, including those born sick or prematurely, should be breast-fed, according to the new recommendation. The only exceptions should be for mothers who use illegal drugs or have tuberculosis or the AIDS virus, the academy said.

BUSH EXPECTED TO NAME GARZA SUCCESSOR

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush planned to name his general counsel, Al Gonzales, as Texas' next secretary of state, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported today.

Gonzales, 42, has been Bush's general counsel since he took office three years ago. He would replace Tony Garza, who resigned to seek the Republican nomination for state land commissioner.

The secretary of state is the chief elections officer. The officerholder also oversees the state's repository of business-related public documents, including corporation and Uniform Commercial Code filings.

WHITE HOUSE SEEKS CONSERVATIVES FOR RACE TALKS

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House is seeking conservatives to help with President Clinton's national dialogue on race, an apparent nod to criticisms that the discussion sorely lacks opposing views.

Some of that criticism is emanating from within Clinton's own ranks. A key adviser cautioned Monday that the effort could fail if the first dialogue, scheduled Wednesday in Ohio, focuses only on the positive and mutes the voices of those who disagree with the president.

"Ask a mayor or a school board member struggling with a racially divided community. They don't need platitudes. They need solid advice," said Christopher Edley, a Harvard law professor who serves as a consultant to Clinton's race advisory board.

"There's a great tendency in all of this to try to focus on areas where we are most likely to find common ground," Edley said. "If that becomes a preoccupation, then the initiative will not succeed."

ISRAEL THREATENS TO ANNEX WEST BANK

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel will annex parts of the West Bank if the Palestinians unilaterally declare statehood in the areas they control, a senior adviser to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said today.

Keeping open the annexation option is reportedly a key reason for Netanyahu's reluctance to hand over more of the West Bank to the Palestinians now.

"The less land the Palestinians control in the early stages, the easier it will be for us to annex in the future," the Yediot Ahronot daily quoted Netanyahu as telling lawmakers from the right-wing Tsomet Party.

The Palestinians currently control, in full or in part, 27 percent of the West Bank. In a U.S.-brokered agreement, Israel promised to further pull back troops in the West Bank in three stages, with a withdrawal to be carried out every six months and to be concluded by mid-1998.

ONLINE PROVIDERS TO CRACK DOWN ON SMUT

WASHINGTON (AP) - As part of their efforts to make the Internet a more kid-friendly place, the online industry has agreed to report activities involving child pornography to law enforcement officials.

Vice President Al Gore was to announce the initiative here today when he addressed a conference on ways to make the Internet a safer place for America's youngsters.

Under the policy, Internet providers would remove child pornography from their own bulletin boards and services, said Donna Rice Hughes, a spokeswoman for Enough is Enough, an advocacy group trying to get child pornography off the World Wide Web.

"We have made some headway," she said.

Gore also is expected to talk about the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's toll-free hot line to report incidents of child sexual exploitation online, including child pornography, said White House officials who asked not to be named.

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