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## Free Willy Hundreds bid adieu to Keiko

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) - Carefully prepared by his trainers for today's flight to the home waters near Iceland in his next step toward freedom, Keiko the killer whale floated calmly as hundreds gathered at underwater windows to bid farewell.

"We decided we couldn't let that whale go without saying goodbye," said Judith Barrentine, a grandmother who drove from Portland on Tuesday with her sister, Allane Martin. "I would give anything to get in the tank and pet him."

Wanda Richards, who watched with binoculars from her home across Yaquina Bay as Keiko cavorted in his tank at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, put it this way: "He feels like family."

Declared fit after 2 1/2 years of rehabilitation, the 10,000-pound orca whale star of the "Free Willy" movies is getting a chance at freedom.

On the big screen, Willy jumps a harbor breakwater and swims to freedom with the help of an ancient Haida Indian prayer and a boy named Jesse.

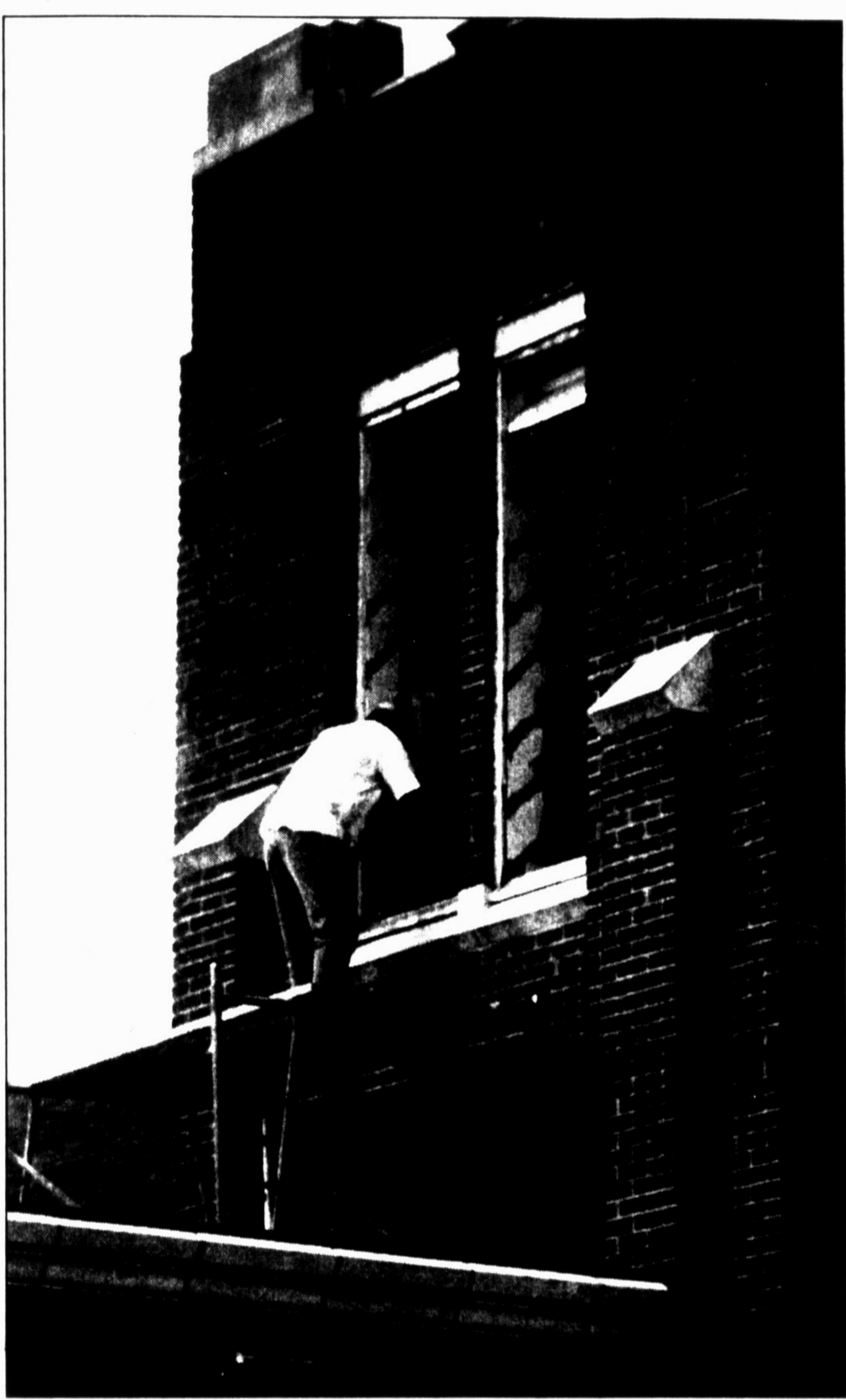
Keiko's real trip home will be much more complicated.

Keiko was to be lifted by crane this afternoon and placed in a specially made water-filled box and trucked to the airport by United Parcel Service. The fiberglass box, which measures 28 feet long, 8 feet wide and 9 feet high, has a steel framework and is big enough to hold the 21-foot Keiko.

Then, an Air Force C-17 Globemaster cargo plane was to fly Keiko to the Westman Islands off Iceland, where a floating sea pen as big as a football field will be his halfway house.

Keiko was captured in 1979 off Iceland and has spent the past 19 years in concrete tanks. When fans of the 1992 movie "Free Willy" learned he was languishing in a cramped tank at an amusement park in Mexico City, the Free Willy Keiko Foundation arranged for him to come to Oregon for rehabilitation.

Trainers expect to spend two summers evaluating whether Keiko can make the transition to open sea living. If he can't, he'll live out his days in the 250-foot-long, 100-foot-wide sea pen.



**MAKING PREPARATIONS** -- A worker for Chuck Berg Stained Glass of Lubbock begins preparing the south bell tower at First United Methodist Church for new stained glass windows.

## Some callers get early look Results aren't in yet on the ELC election

By DONALD M. COOPER  
Brand Editor

Some folks already had some practice in making toll-free telephone calls between Hereford and Amarillo, but it was just practice.

Some telephone calls between Hereford and Amarillo went through Tuesday without long-distance charges, but it apparently was just a switching glitch with Southwestern Bell. The long-distance toll between Hereford and Amarillo/Canyon exchanges still is in place, and the results of the extended long-distance calling ballots still have not been tallied.

SW Bell customers in Hereford had until Sept. 4 to mail their ballots to the Texas Public Utilities Commission, which regulates telephone companies.

If 70 percent of the returned ballots favor extended long-distance service, it will go into effect Oct. 1, a SW Bell representative said Tuesday. If ELC passes, SW Bell's customers in Hereford will see a new line-item charge on their monthly telephone bills. The company would charge up to \$3.50 for residential customers and up to \$7 for commercial customers for expanded calling.

The PUC will report the ballot results on Sept. 18, with the PUC Legal Administrative Division to issue an order 11 days later acknowledging the results.

The ELC election is the second this year. The PUC voided the ballots sent out by SW Bell in April after it was discovered there was a discrepancy between the number of customers who were mailed ballots and the number of access lines.

The ballots were sent out after a petition was submitted to the PUC requesting an election to decide if Hereford could expand its local calling area to the Amarillo and Canyon exchanges.

Several days after the ballots were mailed, Linda Hymans, the commission's ELC coordinator, began receiving calls from Hereford subscribers who had not received a ballot.

Subscribers were asked to send Hymans a letter stating they had not received a ballot and how they would have voted.

Seventeen letters were received by the PUC, however, when the PUC staff checked those names with the master list supplied by the telephone company, the names were not on the list of subscribers.

The master list was verified with 7,592 access lines, but only 4,620 ballots were mailed. Multiple lines were eliminated, as were SW Bell test lines, leaving about 3,000 subscribers without ballots.

The PUC ordered the telephone company to file a written report explaining the discrepancies.

In its order, the PUC voided the ballots and ordered the telephone company to "resolve discrepancies between the number of customers who were mailed ballots and the number of access lines, including any information received from subscribers who did not receive ballots" and to provide a new master list "that accurately represents each subscriber in the Hereford exchange ... and provides a detailed explanation of what actions were taken to resolve the discrepancies."

The ELC was designed to enable communities, such as Hereford, with less than 10,000 telephone lines to petition the PUC for toll-free service with larger communities. For example, Vega already has ELC with both Amarillo and Hereford.

In a previous ELC election, some Hereford residents apparently were confused about the telephone exchanges involved. Although there are several prefixes in Amarillo, the city is considered one exchange for purposes of the ELC.

## Star Wars: Bid to speed push on anti-missile system fails

WASHINGTON (AP) - A renewed Republican push to speed work on a national missile defense system faltered by a single vote in the Senate today.

The 59-41 vote fell one short of the 60 needed to overcome Democratic opposition and move ahead with debate on the legislation.

Even though Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott,

R-Miss., had made the bill a top part of his 1998 agenda, the vote was identical to one last May.

It was an election-year effort by Republicans to vent their frustrations with Clinton administration national-security policies. Today's vote was a critical, if narrow, victory for the administration.

Republican sponsors of the measure had cited the

political instability in Russia and North Korea's missile tests as lending new urgency to move ahead with a program that would protect the nation from incoming intercontinental ballistic missiles.

"We are putting that security at risk under the current policy," said Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss.

The legislation would order implementation of a

national missile defense system as soon as it is technologically feasible. A similar version is expected to be debated in the House later this month, where it is expected to win approval.

The existing program provides for three years of lead time once a potential threat has been identified.

The Pentagon has been outspoken in its opposition.

## Gap between world's rich and poor widens

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - Consumption of goods and services has skyrocketed globally, but lurking beneath the affluence is a widening gap between the world's rich and poor, a new U.N. report warns.

Highlighting "gross inequalities," the Human Development Report released today detailed the plight of more than 1 billion people it said suffer "human deprivation and stunted lives marked by illiteracy, inadequate income and exclusion from the social mainstream."

"Abundance of consumption is no crime," said United Nations Development Program administrator James Gustave Speth. "But it is scandalous that the poor are unable to consume enough to meet even their most basic needs."

Runaway growth in consumption, which topped \$24 trillion globally this year, is also wreaking havoc on the environment and the poor are bearing the brunt of environmental damage, the agency warned.

"All over the world, poor people generally live nearest to dirty factories, busy roads and waste dumps," it said.

The report called for "more sustainable" patterns of consumption to spread the wealth and put the brakes on environmental damage.

"Though the rich create most of the damage, the poorest in the world suffer most of the consequences," Richard Jolly of Britain, the report's chief author, told reporters today.

Although developing countries have experienced high growth rates in consumption in recent years, they are still trailing the world's richest nations, the report said.

Illustrating the yawning gap between rich and poor, it said the 20 percent

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## Chamber schedules 'Fun Lunch'

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce's 2nd Annual "Fun Lunch" will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday in Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C. The lunch will be sponsored by Panhandle Vision Center and will be catered by K-Bob's Restaurant.

There will be songs, games, community announcements, door prizes and a drawing for Hereford Bucks for Chamber of Commerce members. Cost of the lunch is \$5.25 and the public is invited.

The last "Fun Lunch" was last September, and Alva Lee Peeler, director of Hereford Big Brothers/Big Sisters, received the Bullchip Award.

For reservations, call the chamber office at 364-3333.

## Home Sweet Homer McGwire is America's latest sports immortal

ST. LOUIS (AP) - They streamed from the stadium into the streets early today like revelers at some exuberant Midwestern Mardi Gras - a red-shirt river of No. 25s, saluting baseball's new home-run king and America's latest athletic immortal.

His name is Mark David McGwire. He is 34 years old, 6-foot-4, 250 pounds, makes \$9.5 million a year and, after Tuesday night, has hit 62 home runs in a single season.

As far as baseball is concerned, now he belongs to the ages.

"The whole country has been involved in this," a choked-up McGwire said after he sent a line drive over Busch Stadium's left-field fence and into history. "So be it. I'm happy to bring the country together."

No. 62 came at 8:18 p.m., off an 88-mph fastball from a Chicago Cubs pitcher named Steve Trachsel, who stood still on the mound as flashbulbs popped, fireworks exploded and 11 minutes of triumphant chaos unfolded.

Watching from the box seats were the sons and daughters of Roger Maris, the New York Yankee who broke the fabled record of Babe Ruth in 1961 by hitting 61 home runs. McGwire climbed into the stands to hug them and share the moment their father couldn't; he died in 1985 at 51.

"I wanted to embrace him for what he did and kind

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of share in the moment," Roger Maris Jr. said.

The historic ball landed where no fan could get it. It was retrieved by ground-crew worker Tim Forneris, who later presented it to McGwire in a postgame ceremony.

"Mr. McGwire," Forneris said, "I think I have something that belongs to you."

Across the stadium, from the most expensive box seats to hot-dog vendors in the outfield, they all said it. The national pastime, an odd game in which the object is to get back to where you started, is a contender once again.

"Now there's a reason to come back to baseball," said Sherry Irby, a pharmacist from Florence, Ala., who drove all night with her husband and two young sons to see McGwire. They set up shop on cardboard mats in the outfield standing-room-only section.

"Good role models are few and far between for kids," said her husband, Ken. "The country's been kind of in the doldrums with the Lewinsky thing. We needed something to cheer."

And cheer they did, for days: St. Louis fans, opposing

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# Lifestyles

## Senior Citizens

**MENUS**  
**THURSDAY**-Polish sausage, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes and okra, pear-cottage cheese salad, biscuits, tapioca pudding; or Salisbury steak, D'zerta pudding.  
**FRIDAY**-Baked fish with lemon juice, buttered noodles, seasoned spinach, coleslaw, cornbread, lemon ice box pudding; or roast beef with gravy, fruit.  
**MONDAY**-Beef stew with celery, tomatoes, onions, carrots and potatoes, cheese sticks, fried okra, cabbage-fruit slaw, cornbread, sugar cookies; or chicken stew, graham crackers.  
**TUESDAY**-Chicken fried steak with gray, mashed potatoes, buttered sliced carrots, garden salad, French bread, peach cobbler; or chicken strips, peaches.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Roast sliced turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, Scandinavian vegetables, cranberry-

orange relish, roll, Hawaiian delight cake; or roast pork with gravy, mixed fruit.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**THURSDAY**-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., DSHHC BP/BS 9 a.m.-noon, doll class 6 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., HSCA board meeting 9 a.m., Nutrition Council 1 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**MONDAY**-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., Retired School Employees Assn. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**TUESDAY**-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Miracle Ear 9 a.m.-noon, Golden K Kiwanis Club noon.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Pool classes, ceramics noon-4 p.m., birthday social 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Pilot Club of Hereford presented a Carolina rocker to Westgate Nursing Home, a division of King's Manor Methodist Home. Demonstrating the rocker is Ollie Conditt assisted by Brenda White, LVN. Pilot members pictured are, from left, Brenda Thomas, Sue Hyer, Patsy Giles, Vesta Mae Nunley and Betty Sue Robinson.

## Pilot Club grant used for rockers

The Pilot Club of Hereford received a \$625 grant from the Pilot International Foundation to support the Alzheimer's units at Westgate Nursing Home and Hereford Care Center.

Funds from the grant were used along with matching funds from the Pilot Club of Hereford for the purchase of a Carolina rocker for each of the facilities.

When attached to a Carolina rocker, any wheelchair becomes a rocking chair which has therapeutic benefits for Alzheimer's patients.

The Pilot International Foundation is the charitable arm of Pilot International, a global organization of approximately 25,000 adult and youth members who work together to improve the quality of life in local communities and throughout the world.

Pilot's service focus is helping people affected by brain disorders and disabilities through volunteer activities, projects and fund-raisers.



## Supper tickets

Senior class officers, from left, Brynne Bryant, president; Lyndi Carlile, vice president; and Robin Bell, secretary, sell tickets to their teacher Mrs. Haffner for the Senior Class Supper which will be held Friday prior to football game. Serving time will be 5 p.m.-7 p.m. in the junior high cafeteria. Tickets are \$4.50 each and 50 cents additional for carry-out.

## Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** I need some advice about my 8-year-old son, "Brandon." His father and I are divorced. We have both remarried and have children besides our son.

My ex-husband and I have joint custody, and Brandon lives with me most of the time. Now, Brandon tells me he wants to live with his father, and I'm not sure what to do. My ex is very much in favor of having Brandon with him, so I have decided to let the boy spend more time with his dad to see how it goes.

I have some concerns about letting Brandon live with his father. It's possible my ex-husband is only doing this so he won't have to pay child support. Also, he was verbally abusive during our marriage, and I don't want Brandon to learn to treat women that way.

I want to do what is best for my son, and if it would make him happy to live with his father, shouldn't I let him? Do you think he is old enough to make this kind of decision, or is he testing my love? -- Desperate for Advice

**Dear Desperate:** A decision of

such magnitude should not be left to an 8-year-old child. Would Brandon be going to the same school? Would he have the same playmates? Discuss this with his teachers and the school counselor. It is important that you do what is best for Brandon in the long run.

**Dear Ann Landers:** A few years ago, you ran a piece that had me laughing so hard, I cried. I think it was called "A Dog Named Sex." My husband has never read it, and I know it would crack him up. Please, Ann, print it again. -- A West Coaster

**Dear West:** Here it is for you and the dozens of readers who have asked for a rerun. Morty passed away last summer, but I know he would want you to enjoy his work. Here it is: A Dog Named Sex by Morty Storm

Everybody who has a dog calls him "Rover" or "Boy." I call mine "Sex." He's a great pal, but he has caused me a great deal of embarrassment.

When I went to city hall to renew his dog license, I told the clerk I would like a license for Sex. He said, "I'd like one, too!" Then, I said,

"But this is a dog." He said he didn't care what she looked like. Then, I said, "You don't understand. I've had Sex since I was 9 years old." He winked and said, "You must have been quite a kid."

When I got married and went on my honeymoon, I took the dog with me. I told the motel clerk that I wanted a room for my wife and me and a special room for Sex. He said, "You don't need a special room. As long as you pay your bill, we don't care what you do." I said, "Look, you don't seem to understand. Sex keeps me awake at night." The clerk said, "Funny -- I have the same problem."

One day, I entered Sex in a contest, but before the competition began, the dog ran away. Another contestant asked me why I was just standing there, looking disappointed. I told him I had planned to have Sex in the contest. He told me I should have sold my own tickets. "But you don't understand," I said. "I had hoped to have Sex on TV." He said, "Now that cable is all over the place, it's no big deal anymore."

When my wife and I separated, we went to court to fight for custody of the dog. I said, "Your honor, I had Sex before I was married." The judge said, "The courtroom isn't a confessional. Stick to the case, please." Then, I told him that after I was married, Sex left me. He said, "Me, too."

Last night, Sex ran off again. I spent hours looking around town for him. A cop came over to me and asked, "What are you doing in this alley at 4 o'clock in the morning?" I told him I was looking for Sex. My case comes up Friday.

Ann Landers' booklet, "Nuggets and Doozies," has everything from the outrageously funny to the poignantly insightful. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).



TV puppet Howdy Doody had a sister. Her name was Heidi Doody.

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## Bay View Study Club begins year

Yearbooks were distributed to members of Bay View Study Club during the first meeting of the club year held Sept. 3 in the home of Jeannie Caison.

The social committee served as hostesses and served brunch to the members.

President Margaret Bell, presided at the business meeting. Roll call was answered by each member on the summer's activities.

Lou Davis, chairman of the yearbook committee, distributed yearbooks for the coming year, giving details of plans for each meeting.

Helen Langley, Camp Fire chairman, reported that since Camp Fire will be no more in Hereford, several artifacts will go to the Deaf Smith County Museum.

In attendance were Ruth Allison, Beth Burran, Roberta Caviness, Helen Eades, Pat Fisher, Mary Fraser, Virginia Garner, Pat Graham, Lois Gilliland, Elizabeth Holt, Della Hutto, Yiota Malouf, Ruth McBride, Judy Mitts, Katie McLeod, Betty Rudder, Elizabeth Witherspoon, Bell, Caison, Davis and Langley.

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# Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Wednesday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 1998. There are 113 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Sept. 9, 1776, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

**On this date:**  
In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

In 1893, Frances Cleveland, wife of President Cleveland, gave birth to a daughter, Esther, in the White House; it was the first time a president's child was born in the executive mansion.

In 1926, the National Broadcasting Co. was created by the Radio Corporation of America.

In 1943, Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto during World War II.

In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was created.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1957, President Eisenhower signed into law the first civil rights

bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction.

In 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y., beginning a siege that claimed 43 lives.

In 1976, Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung died in Beijing at age 82.

Ten years ago: The "Stars and Stripes," a catamaran piloted by Dennis Conner, completed a 2-0 washout of a New Zealand monohull for the America's Cup off San Diego. Conner's victory was eventually upheld in court.

Five years ago: PLO leaders and Israel agreed to recognize each other, clearing the way for a peace accord. Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos was buried in his homeland, four years after his death in exile. About a hundred Somali gunmen and civilians were killed when U.S. and Pakistani peacekeepers fired on Somalis attacking other peacekeepers.

One year ago: Sinn Fein, the IRA's political ally, formally renounced violence as it took its place in talks on Northern Ireland's future. Actor

Burgess Meredith died in Malibu, Calif., at age 89.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Jane Greer is 74. Actor Cliff Robertson is 73. Jazz musician Elvin Jones is 71. Actress Sylvia Miles is 66. Actor Topol is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Simmons (The Main Ingredient) is 56. Singer Inez Fox is 56. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 53. Singer-musician Billy Preston is 52. Rock singer-musician Doug Ingle (Iron Butterfly) is 52. Country singer Freddy Weller is 51. Football commentator Joe Theismann is 49. Actor-comedian Michael Keaton is 47. Actor Tom Wopat is 47. Actress Angela Cartwright is 46. Musician-producer Dave Stewart (Eurythmics) is 46. Actor Hugh Grant is 38. Actor Adam Sandler is 32. Actor David Bennet is 32. Rock singer Paul Durham (Black Lab) is 30. Rapper Dray (Das EFX) is 28. Actress Michelle Williams ("Dawson's Creek") is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "Nothing annoys a man as to hear a woman promising to love him 'forever' when he merely wanted her to love him for a few weeks." - Helen Rowland, American writer, journalist and humorist (1876-1950).



## Express appreciation

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce business retention committee chairperson, Sue Hyer, center right, presents a certificate of appreciation to Tom Hyer, manager of West Texas Rural Telephone, center left. Present for the presentation were WTRT employees and other members of the business retention committee.

# To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I'm 45 and healthy in all respects except that my doctor tells me I have diabetes. I can't tell that I do. I have not followed his instructions and today he laid down the law. He said if I didn't shape up I was headed for a heart attack. Is this a scare tactic?—W.M.

ANSWER: It's no scare tactic. It's the truth. People with diabetes, even the kind that comes on later in life—Type 2 diabetes—are at a high risk for a heart attack. Their risk is four times that of a nondiabetic. It places diabetics on the same playing field with

those who already have had one heart attack. Those people are in greater danger of having a second attack.

You can eliminate the risk of heart attack by keeping your blood sugar as close to normal as possible. The heart-attack patient can reduce risk of a second attack by following the doctor's instructions to the letter.

You'd do well to read the diabetes report I'm sending you. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue—SR 89, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a No. 10 self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) envelope.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him at P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

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## Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I'd like to pass along a terrific gift idea for someone who is expected to be laid up for some time following major surgery or rehabilitation.

We buy baskets at yard sales, then spray-paint and decorate them for the person. Buy small inexpensive items like sample sizes of toothpaste and mouthwash, nail clippers, postage stamps, stationery and any other appropriate gifts (we usually limit the cost to \$1 for each). Wrap each item and place in the basket.

When giving the basket to an ill friend, tell them to open one gift each day. This gives the patient something to look forward to!

The options for gifts are unlimited and these are also great for kids!—E.W., Nashville, Tenn.

This is a fantastic way to help brighten the day of a recuperating friend! The ideas for items are endless.—Heloise

**CAMCORDER BACKPACK**  
Dear Heloise: My sweet husband gave me a mini camcorder for my birthday. There was no case with it and I felt I must have one to protect it. The most inexpensive case I could find was \$17.99 and I didn't want to pay that much.

While shopping at a discount store one day, I visited the purse department and found a mini backpack that had been marked down to \$5. I bought it, brought it home and the camcorder fit in it perfectly! Not only is there room for the camcorder but also for extra tapes and keys.—M. Alexander, Florence, Ala.



## Fall fashions

Mohair fashions for fall, like the jacket above, will be featured along with styles from Yiota's and Boots and Saddle Western Wear at a style show and brunch sponsored by Hereford CattleWomen at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hereford Country Club. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door, but reservations are requested. Call Linda Fitzgerald at (home) 364-8851 or work (364-8871) by 5 p.m. today for reservations.

Spanish painter Francisco Goya included a bichon frise—a small dog popular with royalty in Spain, France and Italy—in many of his works.

## Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Sept. 9:

Mary Bernard, Peggy Buentello and infant girl Buentello, Sarah E. Correa and infant girl Correa, Mindi Davis, Karla Gaytan, Audrey Gonzales and infant girl Gonzales, Guadalupe Martinez and infant girl Martinez, Melissa Mendez, Bibian M. Perez, Billy Quillen, Alverna T. Schacher.

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# Sports

## McGwire belts No. 62 Card slugger passes Maris with 341-foot jack

**By BEN WALKER**  
AP Baseball Writer  
ST. LOUIS -- History wasn't made with one of his magical moonshots or majestic arcs.  
Mark McGwire simply lined a laser to left Tuesday night -- his shortest home run of the season at 341 feet -- and the biggest, most glamorous record in sports was his.  
Homer No. 62 barely cleared the wall. But no matter. His mighty swing won the race to break Roger Maris' 37-year-old record -- without a doubt or an asterisk, and with plenty of games to spare.  
"I tell you what, I was so shocked because I didn't think the ball had enough to get out," McGwire said.

"It's an absolutely incredible feeling. I can honestly say I did it."  
McGwire connected with two outs in the fourth inning off the Chicago Cubs' Steve Trachsel for the historic homer, punctuating the chase that reinvigorated the game and captivated the nation.  
McGwire was so caught up in the moment that he missed first base as he rounded the bag and had to return to touch it, pulled back by coach Dave McKay.  
"I sort of missed one big thing -- to touch first base," he said. "I hope I didn't act foolish, but this is history."  
From there, McGwire got handshakes from every Chicago

infielder as he trotted home and then hugged catcher Scott Servais.  
McGwire was mobbed by his teammates at home plate, where he hoisted his 10-year-old batboy son Matt high into the air. McGwire then ran into the seats to hug the family of Maris, whose record he had just broken.  
Before the game, McGwire held the bat that Maris used to hit his 61st and rubbed it against his chest.  
"Roger, I hope you're with me tonight," McGwire said.  
He was, indeed.  
Cubs right fielder Sammy Sosa, who has 58 home runs, ran in from right field to hug McGwire. They bashed their arms together, and

McGwire gave Sosa a mock punch to the stomach. Sosa reciprocated with his trademark: kissing his fingers, tapping his heart, holding up his fingers in a V in honor of the late Harry Caray, an announcer who worked for the Cardinals and Cubs.  
As the ball cleared the left-field fence, there was no scramble to retrieve it because it landed in an area where no fan could get it.  
Tim Forneris, a ground-crew worker, picked it up and later gave it to McGwire in a postgame party on the field. McGwire also got a '62 red Corvette from the Cardinals in the tribute and he and his son took a slow victory drive around the field as the crowd cheered.

"Right when it hit off the bat, I knew it was going out and it went right over the sign," Forneris said. "There was a bunch of ground-crew guys on the wall. But I was right on the edge and I said, 'That ball is mine.'"  
The homer triggered an 11-minute delay, baseball's biggest midgame celebration since Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's consecutive games record in 1995.  
After McGwire finished celebrating with his teammates and the Maris family, he grabbed a microphone to address the sellout crowd of 43,688, which was still standing and cheering.  
"To all my family, my son, the Cubs, Sammy Sosa. It's unbeliev-

able," McGwire said. "Thank you, St. Louis."  
McGwire, who appeared anxious in grounding out on a 3-0 pitch in the first inning, hit his solo shot on the first pitch at 8:18 p.m. CDT.  
"I was hoping it wasn't going to be me," Trachsel said.  
The home run, despite its short distance, surely will rank as one of the biggest in history, up there with the ones hit by Bobby Thomson, Bill Mazeroski, Hank Aaron, Carlton Fisk, Kirk Gibson and Joe Carter.  
The 34-year-old slugger also did it at home, just like he wanted, the day after he tied the record. The

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## REELING HIM IN

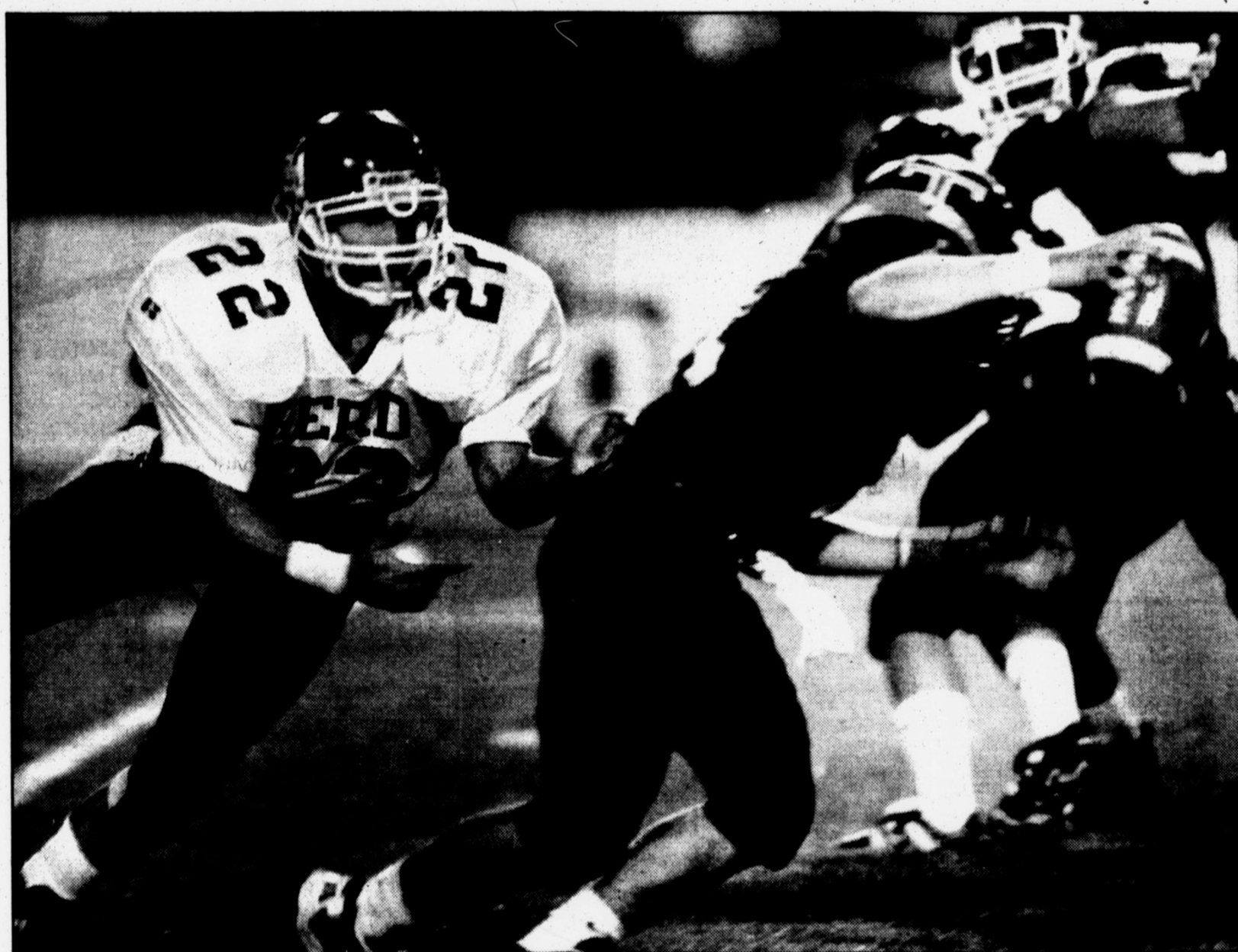


Photo by Mauri Montgomery

**GILBERT HERNANDEZ** of Hereford chases after Amarillo Tascosa quarterback Jay McCrary Thursday night at Dick Bivins Stadium. Hereford won 13-0, their first season-opening win since 1994. Hereford will face sixth-ranked Andrews at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Whiteface Stadium in a nondistrict game.

## Hereford beats Permian, loses to Lady Sandies

**By BOB VARMETTE**  
Sports Writer  
The Hereford Lady Whitefaces split a pair of volleyball matches Tuesday, defeating Odessa Permian in two games and then taking Amarillo High to three games before falling in a triangular at Whiteface Gymnasium.  
Hereford cruised in the first game against the Lady Panthers, winning 15-5, but had to rally from a 9-0 deficit to down Permian 15-10 in the second game.  
The Lady Sandies then outlasted Hereford in the final match of the night, 15-9, 4-15, 15-10.  
The Lady Whitefaces' initial game was typical Hereford. They jumped out 7-1 on Permian and were never threatened.  
But the second game, in which the Lady Whitefaces fell behind 9-0 to the Lady Panthers, had to have Hereford coach Brenda Kitten wondering about how they might fare in their second match against Amarillo High.  
"We won a big one and then we just kind of get comfortable," Kitten said. "We get lackadaisical and we're frustrating ourselves. All of a sudden we step out there and we're playing against 12 people instead of six because we're playing a game against ourselves."  
Trailing by nine points, the Lady Whitefaces methodically worked themselves back into the game, mainly taking advantage of defensive confusion on Permian's part and Lady Panther errors.  
After tying the game at 10-all,

Hereford ran off four straight points behind the serve of junior Audra Witkowski, three of the points coming on Permian errors.  
After exchanging sides out, Hereford completed the rally when senior Kristin Fangman stuffed a kill attempt by Permian's Candice Rougeaux.  
"They have the experience," Permian coach Helen O'Neal said. "They've been there before. They can get down 9-0 and they can make adjustments. We can't do that. ... It's just a lack of experience on our part, we don't have the maturity."  
O'Neal also found some tangible reasons for the turnaround in the second half of the second game.  
"It was our setter not knowing where she's supposed to go," she said. "It was a breakdown in communication -- that's bad. It's like a quarterback not knowing where to throw the ball."  
While Permian was concerned about a lack of communication, Kitten was concerned about a very apparent lack of intensity.  
"It is very easy once you win one of the games big ... to slow down and play the pace of your opponent," she said. "If we're going to improve to be at the point we wish to be once district begins, we can't waste a minute of the preseason games that we've got."  
The Lady Whitefaces' lack of intensity against Permian was but a memory against the Lady Sandies.  
Beaten soundly by Amarillo Panther errors.  
After tying the game at 10-all,

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## Pudge punches Texas past Royals

ARLINGTON (AP) -- The Texas Rangers continue to make winning interesting.  
On Tuesday night their bullpen wasted an early lead before Ivan Rodriguez's two-run single with one out in the ninth inning lifted the Rangers to a 7-6 victory over the Kansas City Royals.  
The Rangers, who started the night three games behind division-leading Anaheim in the AL West, rallied for three runs in the ninth for their 38th come-from-behind victory.  
"To come back like that in the ninth is extra special," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "We needed it again and we came through again."  
Mark McLemore drew a leadoff walk from Jeff Montgomery (2-5). Pinch-hitter Luis Alicea singled him to second before Rusty Greer had an RBI double to make it 6-5. Juan Gonzalez was intentionally walked to load the bases. After Will Clark struck out, Rodriguez blooped a single down the right-field line.  
"The pressure was on Pudge

(Rodriguez) to get the ball to the outfield," Oates said. "What we didn't want was a ground ball. When I see it tomorrow in the box score, it will look like a line drive."  
Greer's double just inside the third base bag was also critical to the rally.  
"I was just trying to put the ball in play and not strike out," Greer said. "I was just protecting the plate. Anytime you come back like that, it's exciting. I hope we can capture this excitement and carry it over."  
Danny Patterson (2-5) got three outs for the victory.  
Montgomery had his fifth blown save in 37 attempts this season and is 0-2 with a 21.60 ERA in four appearances against Texas in 1998.  
"I was getting behind hitters and wasn't sharp," Montgomery said. "I didn't have good location. It wasn't a good game."  
The Royals had 15 hits, including three from Jeremy

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## Hot Hingis cools off Seles, 6-4, 6-4

**By ROB GLOSTER**  
AP Sports Writer  
NEW YORK -- A child's voice plaintively called out "Mon-ee-ka" in the match's waning moments, but it had little more effect than any of Monica Seles' shots did against the chilling precision of Martina Hingis.  
The top-seeded Hingis made just 16 unforced errors in a 6-4, 6-4 win over No. 6 Seles on a cool Tuesday night at the U.S. Open to reach her ninth straight Grand Slam semifinal.  
Hingis closed out the match with her second ace, then jumped for joy and pumped her right arm in the air.  
Seles had defeated Hingis in their two previous matches this year, including the French Open semifinals. But Hingis was nearly perfect Tuesday night, losing just seven points on her serve in the first set.  
"I was a little worried going into the match because I wasn't playing my best and I lost two times to Monica before this," Hingis said. "I was playing well tonight, my serve was very good and I didn't make any mistakes. I was on a good wave."  
The temperature was just 66 during the match, and a 21 mph wind that swirled around the Arthur Ashe Stadium court made it feel like 55 degrees.  
"I felt lost playing in the wind," Seles said. "I cannot go back and be a defensive player, and that's what

I've been the entire tournament."  
The night crowd of 16,762 was unusually low for the quarterfinals, perhaps because fans were home watching Mark McGwire break baseball history. When McGwire homered in St. Louis, the U.S. Open scoreboards flashed: "McGwire hits No. 62!"  
Hingis will face No. 3 Jana Novotna in the semifinals. Novotna, the Wimbledon champion, advanced earlier Tuesday with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Patty Schnyder, who ousted Steffi Graf on Sunday.  
When it came down to pure tennis, and not the mind games of the night before, Andre Agassi simply couldn't handle the speed or power of an opponent who rallied from a big deficit in the final set.  
Karol Kucera slowly regained his confidence while winning five straight games as he closed out a 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 1-6, 6-3 victory that took two days to complete because of rain.  
The win sent No. 9 Kucera toward a quarterfinal match against top-seeded Pete Sampras, while No. 8 Agassi failed to advance beyond the fourth round in any Grand Slam tournament this year.  
A day after the players glared and postured at each other across the net, there was little emotion as an embattled Kucera fought two break

points that would have given Agassi a 3-0 lead in the final set.  
"Last night it just got to the point where it was so competitive we could have put on boxing gloves, thrown darts, we could have done anything not to do with tennis," Agassi said. "Today was all about tennis."  
Joining Sampras and Kucera in the quarterfinals was No. 3 Patrick Rafter, the defending champion, as well as Carlos Moya, Mark Philippoussis and Swedes Jonas Bjorkman, Magnus Larsson and Thomas Johansson.  
Rafter won 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 over No. 14 Goran Ivanisevic, who was penalized a point in the final set for throwing his racket. That match also was stopped by rain Monday night, with Rafter up a set.  
Kucera overpowered the mistake-ridden Agassi at the start of the match Monday night, quickly taking a two-set advantage and a 4-2 lead in the third set. That's when Agassi turned the match around by getting under Kucera's skin.  
Kucera had struggled with his service toss throughout the first three sets, repeatedly catching the ball instead of hitting it. Agassi complained twice to umpire Norm Chryst, then took matters into his own hands -- mocking his opponent by catching his own tosses.  
"The guy's tossing it up and

catching it. Is that the way it should be played?" Agassi complained. "By the time we get 16, 17 times, I had a problem with it. At some stage, whether he meant it or not, it's not acceptable."  
The players then engaged in long exchanges of moonballs, punctuating their psychological battle with angry glares.  
"I didn't do it on purpose. My ball toss was not good yesterday," Kucera said. "Andre did a little show. In my eyes, Andre turned around the match a little bit not fair."  
The play worked for Agassi, who rallied to win the third set and was leading 3-0 in the fourth when rain wiped out play for the night. Agassi kept the momentum when play resumed Tuesday, finishing off the fourth set and taking the early lead in the fifth.  
With the crowd against him and his confidence sagging, Kucera began his comeback by struggling to hold serve in the third game of the final set.  
"He wasn't making mistakes at all and I just had to win a couple of points to get confident again," he said. "It was luck for me that I could win my game when I was 2-0 down and 15-40."  
Though Agassi has returned to tennis' elite after being relegated to satellite tournaments late last year, he remains far from the form that led him to three Grand Slam titles -- including the 1994 U.S. Open championship.











# NEWS *in brief*

## Advisers say president willing to accept censure by Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) - Scrambling for a way to respond to a possibly damaging Starr report, some top advisers want President Clinton to suggest he's open to accepting punishment meted out by Congress - as long as lawmakers act quickly. Under this scenario, the president could implicitly acknowledge that a formal censure by Congress is warranted under the right terms. The idea is to head off impeachment proceedings, pressure Republicans to act before the fall elections, and show contrition for his affair with Monica Lewinsky and his related lies.

The strategy likely would run into trouble from Democratic and Republican lawmakers who say impeachment proceedings cannot be avoided once Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr delivers his Lewinsky report to Congress as early as this week.

"We don't advocate short-circuiting the Constitution for the political convenience of Bill Clinton and his supporters, and it's premature to make any judgment until the independent counsel's report has been completed and delivered," the Republican Party chairman, Jim Nicholson, said.

Impeachment proceedings would last weeks or months, almost certainly keeping the matter alive beyond the Nov. 3 elections.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Tuesday the president's staff was not discussing its strategies in public.

Several Clinton advisers, all speaking on condition of anonymity, said the censure-right-now strategy is one of several options on the table. They insist that Clinton has not made a decision about how to respond to the Starr report.

## Reno opens review of '96 fundraising

WASHINGTON (AP) - A preliminary investigation into President Clinton's fund-raising practices during his 1996 re-election campaign could move allegations about campaign abuses closer to review by an independent counsel.

Attorney General Janet Reno opened a 90-day investigation Tuesday into whether President Clinton illegally benefited from advertisements that reinforced Democratic themes during the campaign but were funded by the Democratic National Committee rather than by the Clinton campaign.

Clinton had a direct hand in shaping some of the ads, and gave them credit for his early success in opinion polls. The new review is the first to specifically name Clinton of three begun so far.

"I have commenced a preliminary investigation ... involving President of the United States William Jefferson Clinton concerning political advertisements during the 1996 election cycle," Reno wrote in a one-page letter to the special three-judge federal court panel that appoints independent counsels.

"I think the documentation will speak for itself," Reno said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

The inquiry will focus on whether Clinton and the White House coordinated Democratic issue ads to assist his re-election and get around federal campaign spending limits. The White House denied any wrongdoing.

"All of the DNC's ads were carefully reviewed by both DNC and Clinton-Gore counsel. In short, these ads were not only lawful, they were

completely appropriate," White House counsel Charles F.C. Ruff said.

## Doctors, insurers drag heels on new health plans

WASHINGTON (AP) - Doctors and insurers aren't exactly rushing to embrace new private health plans that Congress hoped would attract senior citizens - and ultimately save Medicare money.

So far, Medicare has received only three applications from groups that want to offer the new kinds of health plans to the nation's 38 million elderly and disabled Medicare beneficiaries beginning next year.

Some in the insurance industry fear Washington is mistaken in its expectation that managed-care health plans can work the same cost-control miracle for Medicare that they have for private companies.

"There already is, quite frankly, an oversupply of ... plans, many of which are owned by providers who are struggling to stay in business," said Craig Schub, president of PacificCare Health Systems' Medicare HMO, the largest now in business with about 1 million patients.

"For many beneficiaries they're not going to see an immediate change," said Dr. Robert Berenson, director of Medicare's health plans and providers.

Berenson, however, said he wasn't concerned by the lack of new plans, especially since guidelines for them weren't ready until June.

"I just think they need to understand what they're getting into and that will take a while," Berenson said.

## U.S. sends vessel to help find wreckage of airliner

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) - American reinforcements are arriving to help find the wreckage of Swissair Flight 111, including a U.S. Navy salvage ship and a Navy scientific team equipped with an experimental laser camera.

The camera, set to arrive today along with a newly developed and more powerful sonar, is expected to provide investigators with images to map and locate objects as small as a seashell, said Gary Kekelis, who heads the sensing technologies division at the Navy's Coastal Systems Station in Panama City, Fla.

A Canadian navy spokesman, Lt. Commander Mike Considine, said the help is welcome.

"Let's face it, the U.S. Navy is probably the most capable in the world," he said. "We would like to think that if the tables were reversed and there was something we could do to help them, we would."

The salvage ship, the USS Grapple, helped with the undersea recovery of wreckage of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island in 1996. It was arriving in Halifax today with 30 divers on board, as well as equipment for lifting large wreckage from the seabed.

On Tuesday, investigators released a more complete version of the last minutes of conversation between the Swissair pilots and an air traffic control tower in Moncton, New Brunswick.

New details in the transcript included the pilots reporting that they put on their oxygen masks and telling the controllers they would have to fly the plane manually instead of by autopilot.

# Asian markets not impressed by Dow

TOKYO (AP) - Encouraged by Wall Street's surge, the top three stock markets in Asia opened higher today but two of them soon headed south as concerns about local problems took precedence.

In fact, as encouraging as the 5 percent Dow Jones climb was on Tuesday, Asian bourses had already reacted earlier in the week to the cause: speculation that America will soon lower interest rates to offset the effect of Asia's and Russia's economic turmoil.

The chit-chat about U.S. interest rates began Friday - thanks to a speech that day by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan - and Asia's markets responded by moving higher with Monday and Tuesday.

But Wall Street was closed for the Labor Day holiday Monday and didn't have a chance to react to Greenspan until Tuesday, when it soared a record 380 points.

As word of New York's rebound reached Asia this morning, people seemed happy but uncertain, given how much turbulence has wracked the world's markets lately.

"I hope it means something," said

Ahmad Pauzi, watching the local stocks on a monitor outside a bank in Singapore.

"It will be interesting to see what happens today. If the local index's rally continues, it's a sign that things aren't so bad. But maybe it's a one-day thing," he said.

In Tokyo, Masahiko Shimizu, 31, an insurance salesman who had just completed a stock transaction at Nomura Securities Co., said: "The Dow surge won't have a direct effect on the Japanese economy. It has its own problems, and they are mostly political."

In fact, Shimizu said Japan's beleaguered stock market, which began its slump in early 1990, might have a better chance of advancing big time if the nation produced its own Mark McGwire breaking a major record in baseball-obsessed Japan.

When trading began today, Japan's 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average moved higher. But it closed off 157.95 points, or 1.07 percent lower at 14,755.54, because of new concerns about a major part of Asia's economic crisis - the weakness of Japanese banks ridden with bad loans.

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