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13 amendments favored

■ Only 8.3 percent of Texas voters turn out

AUSTIN (AP) — Given their chance to make law, a small percentage of Texas voters approved 13 of 17 amendments to the state's 123-year-old constitution.

Of Texas' 11.4 million registered voters, only 950,418 or 8.3 percent cast ballots in Tuesday's off-year election, with all precincts reporting.

Two of the four rejected amendments involved pay for public officials.

One would have created a judicial compensation commission to recommend salary in-

creases for state judges; the second would have allowed state employees to be paid when serving on local government boards.

Voters also said "no" to two proposals to expand the governor's appointment powers.

Opponents of the judicial compensation commission, Proposition 9, said elected officials — the Legislature, not an appointed panel — should determine how much judges are paid from taxpayers' money.

Legislators' pensions are tied to the salaries of district judges, and the amendment would have allowed those pensions to be raised without ei-

ther chamber voting.

Opponents of Proposition 5, the state employees amendment, said state workers already are paid by taxpayers and would be dipping into public pockets twice.

The other two rejected propositions, 8 and 10, would have seen the adjutant general and the state health and human services commissioner serve at the pleasure of the governor. With the defeats, those posts will remain two-year appointments confirmed by the Texas Senate.

The amendments approved included one to clarify who replaces the governor if there's a vacancy in the state's top job and another to expand the

maximum size of urban home-

steads to 10 acres.

Proposition 1 specifies that the lieutenant governor would fill a permanent vacancy in the governor's office.

The amendment could be useful fairly soon if Republican Gov. George W. Bush is successful in his bid for the White House next year.

The amendment requires the lieutenant governor to forfeit that office if he or she fills a permanent vacancy in governor's office.

The post of lieutenant governor — the presiding officer of the Texas Senate — then would be filled within 30 days by an election among the 31 senators.

The constitution, written in 1876, had said that in the case of a gubernatorial vacancy, the lieutenant governor "exercises the powers and authority" of the governor.

Backers of the amendment said it was needed to provide certainty for the succession of the governor's office and make it clear that a lieutenant governor who moves up to fill a permanent vacancy for governor cannot hold both offices.

Opponents said the amendment was unnecessary because in the past, the lieutenant governor has become governor and a senator has filled his place without problems.

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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Clear skies
Tonight, clear with a low 35 to 40, light and variable wind.
Thursday, mostly sunny with a high in the upper 70s, south to southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.



Extended forecast
Friday through Sunday, partly cloudy, lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s, highs 75 to 80.

Hereford weather
Tuesday's high, 65; low, 33; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Freeze threatens plants in Texas

A light freeze extended across many parts of Central and North Texas today as a high-pressure system kept skies mostly clear over the state.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 30s to 50s. Lows included 31 degrees at Bryan and College Station, 32 at Wink, 45 at Borger, and 56 degrees at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

Winds were southwesterly and southerly at 10 to 15 mph east of the mountains and from the north and east at 5 to 10 mph over the mountains and far west, with some gusts along the coast.

Temperatures dipped into the low to mid-30s near the Red River. Readings elsewhere were in the 40s.

The high-pressure ridge was expected to slowly move east across the state, keeping temperatures on the mild side and conditions clear.

Daytime highs were expected to range from the 60s and 70s in the Hill Country and North Texas, with near 80 degrees in the south. Clear skies and cool temperatures will return at night with overnight lows ranging from the mid 30s in the far west and over the Hill Country and northern counties to the 50s along the coast and in the deep south.

A slight warming trend was expected by Thursday, with some highs in the 80s.

UW falls short of its goal

By Becky Thorn

Hereford Brand Lifestyles Editor

Caring hearts have failed to care enough to help the United Way of Deaf Smith County reach its goal of \$132,000 for this year's campaign.

According to figures from local United Way executive director Jamie Campbell, contributions and pledges received through Nov. 2 have totaled \$75,847.77, only 57 percent of the goal.

"Donations and pledges are still being accepted and we are receiving more daily, but we are drastically short of our needed goal," Campbell said.

Campbell's primary concern is that local agencies which depend on the United Way for the majority of their funding will receive only a percentage of their allocated funds, based on the percentage of the goal realized.

"These agencies have already set their budgets for the coming year based on 100 percent of the allocated funds, and if we don't reach our goal, they won't get the allocated amount."

"The funds received from the United Way keep the doors open on some of our agencies. It's a big deal for them if we don't meet our goal," Campbell emphasized.

Giving is down in almost every division so far. The only group to have already reached 100 percent of its



Shirley School students (from left) Rebecca Noggler, Crystal Garza, Sonya Varella and Maria Aguilar count penny rolls after a contest to see which class could collect the most pennies. Della Certa's class collected \$70 in pennies. The whole project collected \$350 — 700 rolls of pennies — for the United Way. The girls are officers of SILS (Students Involved In Leadership Skills).

assigned goal for 1999-2000 is Agriculture with contributions and pledges totaling \$3,085. That is 154 percent of its \$2,000 goal.

"Even our PACE companies are down drastically so far," Campbell said.

The PACE division is made up of larger companies which traditionally contribute the largest portion of the goal.

Contributions and pledges received through the end of December will be applied to the \$132,000 goal in order to make the January allocation payment to the agencies as large as possible.

Additional payments will be sent in April, July and October — all based on the year-

end figure. If that goal is not met, the final payment in October is reduced accordingly, Campbell explained.

Members of the United Way board of directors are still available for making employee presentations to companies with 10 or more employees. A locally produced video is shown how contributions are used.

Campbell said 99 cents of every dollar stays in the county. "We try to contact every local business, but that is not always possible. And some individuals who are not employed outside the home never get approached. Anyone who wishes to contribute but ... has not been contacted can call our office at 364-5220 to

pledge," Campbell said.

All of the non-profit agencies which receive funding from United Way are audited for how they use the money received and have to be accountable for it, Campbell explained.

Local agencies who receive funding are American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, Children's Rehabilitation, Girl Scouts, High Plains Epilepsy, San Jose Community Center, Kid's Inc., Salvation Army, Senior Citizens Home Delivered Meals, Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority, Women and Children's Crisis Center and YMCA.

County turnout is light

By Julie L. Carlson

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The rumor of Tuesday's constitutional amendment election not being a popular election became valid yesterday, especially in Deaf Smith County.

Though Deaf Smith County is home to 9,841 registered voters, only 451 of those voters showed their faces at the polls. As expected, Precincts 3 and 8 received the largest turnout, with 176 voters out of their 3,197 registered voters. Precincts 1 and 7 had the least number of voters for Tuesday's election, with just 48 out of 1,986 registered voters. Early voting received 114 voters.

"It was as expected. I wasn't thrilled about the turnout, but it was expected," County Clerk David Ruland said.

Deaf Smith County voters favored 13 out of 17 amendments. Early voting voters supported 14 out of the 17 amendments.

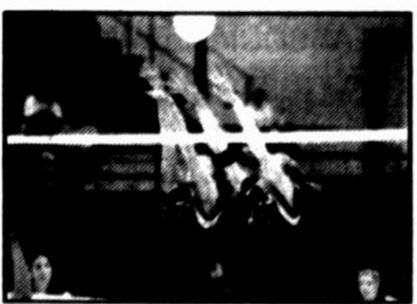
- Proposition 1: received 370 votes for; 67 against.
- Proposition 2: 196 for; 237 against.
- Proposition 3: 345 votes for; 95 against.
- Proposition 4: 204 for; 236 against.
- Proposition 5: 151 for; 289 against.
- Proposition 6: 261 for; 179 against.
- Proposition 7: 249 for; 192 against.
- Proposition 8: 256 for; 181 against.
- Proposition 9: 127 for; 309 against.

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Inside Today

"Anytime you get a win in a playoff match, you feel you've accomplished something."

■ Hereford volleyball coach Brenda Kitten following the Lady Whitefaces' area playoff victory over Pecos.



■ Lady Whitefaces net victory over Pecos, advance to Region I quarterfinals. — Page A6

Drug price hikes outstrip inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices for the prescription drugs most often used by older Americans are skyrocketing far beyond inflation generally, says an advocacy group that wants Congress to add drug benefits to Medicare.

In 1998, wholesale prices for 50 prescriptions commonly filled by the elderly rose 6.6 percent, more than four times the year's 1.6 percent overall inflation rate, said Families USA in a report being released today.

Between January 1994 and January 1999, the report said, prices for the same prescriptions rose 25.2 percent, nearly double the 12.8 percent overall inflation rate during that five-year period.

"As these price increases occur, more and more seniors are being priced out of the prescriptions they need to maintain their health and their lives," said Families USA executive director Ron Pollack.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America said the Families

USA study is skewed by a few unusual cases of big markups and that the industry generally reinvests 21 percent of its revenues in research to find new cures and treatments.

"Any time a senior lacks access to our medicines, the pharmaceutical industry is concerned," the industry group said in a written statement.

The study, conducted for Families USA by University of Minnesota researchers, measured changes in the cost of a year's supply of drugs at common dosages.

Among prescriptions for which the study found prices for a year's supply rose the most from 1994 to 1999:

- Lanoxin, 0.13 mg tablets used to treat heart failure, rose from \$39 to \$74, an 88 percent increase.
- Imdur, 60 mg extended-release tablets used to treat the chest pain angina, more than doubled in cost from \$237 to \$500.

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Have some more — Kiwanian David Wagner, who in his other role is Hereford police chief, serves more pancakes to Pete Vargas at Tuesday's annual Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper. The supper was held at the Hereford High School cafeteria and, as usual, featured lots of pancakes and sausage.

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Local roundup

PLN honors German contributions

The public is invited to attend a reception Sunday at 6 p.m. at the American Quarter Horse Museum in Amarillo, to view the exhibit, "The Contributions of German Immigrants to American Agriculture." The exhibit has already been seen by more than one million people in 22 U.S. cities.

The reception will include complimentary German beer and wine, plus local sausage, as well as a historical dramatization and program including a solicitation for the Promised Land Network's Annual Harvest Appeal.

For more information contact the PLN office at 364-4445.

Hereford Recycles Day

Hereford Beautification Alliance and the Community Christian School Service Club will host Hereford Recycles Day, Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9-11 a.m. at the St. Anthony's parking lot.

The event is being held in conjunction with local, state and national efforts to promote recycling awareness. Participants will be eligible to sign up to win a national prize of the American Green Dream Home valued at more than \$200,000 as well as a trip to Disney World and computers for personal and school use.

Acceptable items include car batteries, bundled newspapers, aluminum other metals.

Merchant holiday open house

The annual merchant holiday open house will be this Sunday from 1-5 p.m. with at least 11 local merchants open for pre-holiday viewing. Participants will be eligible to sign up for three \$100 drawings for Hereford Bucks. Participants will need to visit each merchant, collect a registration form and drop it off at the Chamber office between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

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News digest

Young inventor wins big

HAMILTON, Texas (AP) — Charles Johnson of Hamilton developed the Baby Buzzer when he was in kindergarten. It was his first invention.

Johnson, now an 18-year-old high school senior, said he devised the battery-powered alarm to help alert his parents and other relatives when his baby cousins wandered near the staircase.

Since then, his list of practical inventions has grown to include "the Carthritis," a device that helps his arthritic grandmother get enough leverage to start her car; "Bovine Twine," a hay-baling twine that can be safely ingested by cows; and a train-detecting radar device to warn motorists of oncoming trains.

The inventions helped him win the Lemelson-Massachusetts Institute of Technology second annual High School Apprenticeship Award.

Johnson filed an online application for the apprenticeship earlier this year. He learned last week that he had won.

"It was very exciting for me. I'm excited about the opportunity," he said Tuesday.

The apprenticeship gives students three weeks of hands-on experience in a scientific and technological environment.

Johnson had a choice of four "invention mentors." He chose Dr. Carmen Egido, director and general manager of Intel Corp.'s Applications and Content Architecture Library in Hillsboro, Ore.

David Levy, an MIT alumnus and judge of the competition, said Johnson is "one of those people who sees all problems in his world as opportunities, and more than that, he sees solutions. Basically, he's an inventor at heart."

Johnson credits his parents with instilling in him a desire to help people and an appreciation for creative problem solving.

Johnson, who is now ranked sixth in his senior class, says he wants to pursue a career in medicine and plans to attend either Texas A&M or Baylor University.

Hamilton, population 2,800, is 40 miles west of Waco.

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Obituaries

JOHN TAYLOR
Nov. 2, 1999

Services for John Taylor, 80, of North Little Rock, Ark., father or pastor Ted Taylor of the Hereford Church of the Nazarene are pending with Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Taylor died Tuesday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter; two sons; several grandchildren.

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LEONA MATTHEWS
Nov. 1, 1999

Services for Leona Matthews, 92, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the Assembly of God Church with Rev. Mike Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Matthews died Monday

at Westgate Nursing Home.

She was born Nov. 18, 1906, in Jarbalo, Kan., to August B. Schultz and Cathrine Ittner. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1909. She married Ronald Franklin Matthews on Oct. 27, 1928, in Hereford. She had worked for Hereford Independent School District and was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include one son, Mark Matthews of hereford; one daughter, Marilyn Peters of Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Clarence Schultz of Arlington; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1980.

The family suggests memorials be made to Westgate Nursing Home or Kings Manor.

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Holiday lights going on



Holiday preparations -- Deaf Smith County officials are getting ready for the 1999 holiday season and some of the Deaf Smith County jail trustees chipped in by putting up lights at the Hereford Garden Center. J.J. Orasco, left, and Troy Simons check lights and replace the burnt out or broken bulbs at the Garden Center lodge Tuesday.

Researchers fail to report deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two researchers trying to grow new blood vessels around blocked ones failed to report to the National Institutes of Health that six people died during their gene therapy studies.

Ronald Crystal of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan and Jeffrey Isner of Tufts University in Boston told The Washington Post in today's editions that they believe the six pa-

tients died from underlying illnesses and not from the gene therapy.

The Food and Drug Administration ordered Schering-Plough Corp. to temporarily halt two gene therapy studies

last week after a teen-ager in a similar experiment died on Sept. 16. University of Pennsylvania scientists had placed healthy genes in his liver to combat a rare metabolic disease.

The researchers in the blood vessel study said they did report the deaths to the FDA, which doesn't release the information. But they said federal regulations didn't require them to tell the NIH because gene therapy didn't directly cause the deaths.

The Post quoted NIH officials as saying that even deaths first appearing unrelated to gene therapy should be reported and made public because the cause of death may not be determined until later.

Isner told the Post not reporting the deaths was an oversight and he was unclear about whether he had to.

Crystal said he reported telling the NIH, but he didn't consider it a legal requirement. He said Parke-Davis, which sponsored his study, has become responsible for reporting deaths to the agencies involved.

Parke-Davis spokeswoman Carol Goodrich told the Post that the company had sent the NIH details.



Kiwanis stacks -- Pancake suppers are always a good idea and members of the Hereford Kiwanis Club Roger, Rex Easterwood, Lloyd Ames and Waldo Baxter turned out lots of hotcake stacks at Tuesday's annual event. The proceeds from the pancake go back into the community in a number of the organizations numerous service projects.

Kroger's purchases Winn-Dixie stores

DALLAS (AP) — Kroger Co. has agreed to buy 69 Winn-Dixie store in Texas and 5 in Oklahoma as well as a distribution center and milk plant at Fort Worth.

The Texas stores on the sale block would include 43 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where Kroger operates 65 of 169 locations in Texas.

Both companies declined to disclose the proposed sales price, although Wall Street analysts estimated that Kroger is paying \$350 million. The deal, if approved by government regulators, would be in cash.

Kroger has agreed to provide jobs for almost all of Winn-Dixie Stores Inc.'s employees in Texas and Oklahoma, a spokesman said.

"Texas, and Dallas-Fort Worth in particular, have become a very competitive marketplace for grocery companies nationally," said Gary Rhodes, a spokesman for Cincinnati-based Kroger. "By acquiring Winn-Dixie stores in Texas, we can significantly strengthen our position in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex."

"The sale of our Fort Worth and Oklahoma operations will

allow us to continue to focus on our core markets and redeploy capital and management attention to areas of our company that yield a greater return," said A. Dano Davis, chairman and president of Jacksonville, Fla.-based Winn-Dixie.

"We believe that the well-being of our associates in Texas and Oklahoma is as-

sured following the sale and that, as a result of the sale, our shareholders will benefit from a better performing company," the official said.

Earlier this year, the Kroger chain acquired the 1,200-store Fred Meyer chain; 41 Albertson's Inc. stores in northern California; and the 27-store John C. Groub Co. Inc. chain in southern Indiana.

The deal would have Kroger operating close to 2,300 grocery and multidepartment stores in 31 states.

Winn-Dixie has posted declining profits for several years. From 1996 to 1999, net income has dipped to \$182.3 million from \$255.6 million.

Winn-Dixie operates divisional headquarters in Louisville, Atlanta, Alabama and New Orleans along with two in North Carolina and four in Florida, the chain's largest market.

The Winn-Dixie stores in Texas and Oklahoma will be re-modeled and will become Kroger stores, the chain said.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Nov. 2, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

-- Failure to identify was filed in the 1000 block of East Park Avenue.

-- Minor accident was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

-- Minor accident was reported at Park Avenue and Miles.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

-- A 35-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

-- A 34-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a sexual assault conviction.

Incidents
-- A theft was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
-- 4:06 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at Park and Miles. One person was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center, complaining of chest pains.

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Texas lottery

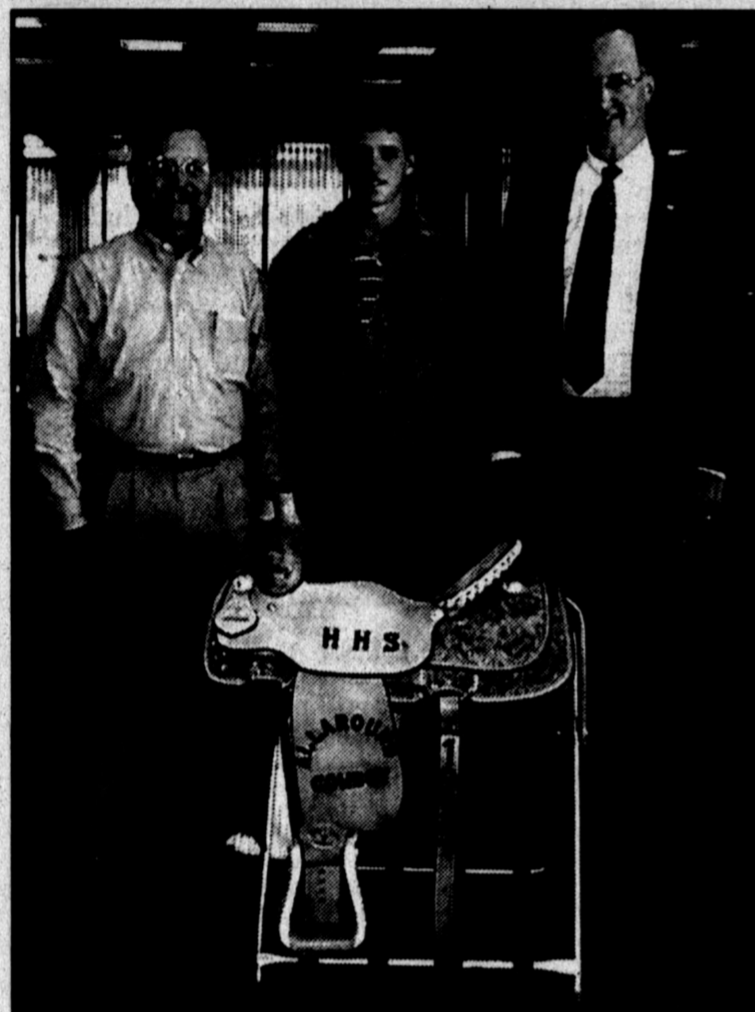
Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
8-12-22-35-37

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-6-7

LIFESTYLES

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Rodeo Time



Trophy saddles which will be awarded at the conclusion of the high school rodeo to be held this weekend at the Barn Church Indoor Arena are on display at local banks. The All-Around Cowboy saddle, above, is at Hereford State Bank. Pictured with Hereford High School Rodeo Team member Joe Boggeman, center, are sponsor representatives Ed Crawford, left, president of First Texas Ag Credit (FLBA) and Craig Smith, right, president of Hereford State Bank. The All-Around Cowgirl saddle, below, is set up at FirstBank Southwest. Pictured with the rodeo team president Marty Wilson, center, are sponsor representatives Mike Schueler, left, president of FirstBank Southwest, and Renee Zinser of McGinty and Associates.



Guests in exam room? I think NOT

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell me if this is something new in medical circles and I am out of the loop. I happen to be one of those people who is nervous when I have to see a doctor for any reason. Lately, it has become the practice of my various doctors to invite guests into the examining room. Now, I am subjected to a parade of pharmaceutical salesmen and an assortment of other strangers who have been invited in to observe me during my examination.

Is it not extremely presumptuous of a doctor to invite anyone but his nurse into the examining room, especially during a breast exam or Pap test? The last time, the doctor did not ask my permission until the guest was already present. I can understand having others in the room if you are teaching at a hospital, but is this appropriate in a private office? Please tell physicians that medical exams are not a spectator sport, and that some of us resent the intrusion. — Overexposed in Ohio

Dear Overexposed: You have every right to feel violated. It would have been appropriate to express your feelings to the doctor at the time. Even at most teaching hospitals, patients are asked in advance if they mind being observed by medical students. But PHARMACEUTICAL SALESMEN? Give me a break!

Dear Ann Landers: Eighteen months ago, I allowed my mother-in-law and sister-in-law to move in with my husband and me on a temporary basis. We have a small, three-bedroom apartment. My sister-in-law wanted to find a part-time job and go back to college. My mother-in-law wanted to save money to buy some good furniture. She said she would be happy to pay us room and board once she found a decent job. We refused to accept any payment until she was on her feet.

Since then, they have made no attempts to get jobs, and my sister-in-law has dropped out of school. Our generosity has produced two leeches who lay around the house all day. One is glued to the TV, and the other is shackled to a beer can and the Internet. They are both healthy and capable of obtaining quality jobs.

I told my husband that I expect his family to carry their own weight, and I have given him an ultimatum. He refuses



Ann Landers

to throw them out or even discuss the matter, and says I am creating conflict in his loving and close-knit family. I am becoming tremendously angry toward all of them. This situation is also affecting our son and daughter. They are too old to be sharing a room, and are very resentful. Discipline, dinners together, chores and playtime were never a problem until now. Any suggestions? — Exasperated in Arizona

Dear Arizona: Enlist the assistance of a family counselor or your physician — or both. Get a letter stating that your living conditions are creating anxiety which is threatening your health and upsetting your children. Inform the leeches that they must be out within 30 days. Offer to help them find another place to live. Unless you move aggressively, these two freeloaders will be with you until you are ready for an old folks home.

Dear Ann Landers: How's this for your "most ridiculous lawsuit" file? I laughed when I read it. — Helen in Bellevue, Fla.

Dear Helen: I laughed, too, and am awaiting the outcome of the lawsuit. Here is the story: The family of an Orlando, Fla., woman who was killed in a car accident has sued the rental company, claiming the company should have known the driver was likely to drink because he was Irish. The attorney representing the rental company said, "The absurdity of the allegation speaks for itself." He said the company cannot be expected to violate the Constitution by discriminating against people based on their national origin. He called the lawsuit ludicrous.

Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" will relieve your anxiety. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

At the Center

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, Capri vegetables, pickle beets salad, applesauce cake; or chicken breast, applesauce.

FRIDAY-Fried fish with lemon juice, hash brown potatoes, buttered medley vegetables, cabbage-fruit slaw, lemon ice box pudding; or wieners, sauerkraut, D'zerta pudding.

MONDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, Oriental vegetables, pears with grated cheese, custard pie; or sliced ham, D'zerta pudding.

TUESDAY-Ranch chicken, seasoned noodles, buttered broccoli, orange gelatin salad, Boston cream cake; or roast pork with gravy, buttered peas, D'zerta salad, plain cake.

WEDNESDAY-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, stewed tomatoes, angel food cake; or chicken and

noodles, fruit cup.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Dance and games 7:30-10:30 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., FOT meeting 9 a.m., Retired School Employees 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Nutrition Council meeting 1 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis Club noon, Beltone 10 a.m.-noon, NARFE 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ossenbeck to speak for Flame Fellowship

Vonna Ossenbeck of Amarillo will be the speaker at the 7:30 p.m. meeting of Hereford Flame Fellowship on Thursday in Hereford Community Center.

Ossenbeck is an ordained minister who speaks frequently for various ladies groups in the Panhandle.

She and her husband Bill attend River Road Fellowship

where she is involved with Cornerstone Ministries, a ministry to the poor and destitute.

Ossenbeck recently returned from Ghana, Africa, where she ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of thousands of Muslims.

She was founder of Flame Fellowship in Amarillo and served as its president for 3 1/2 years. She conducted a weekly Bible study for the women's prison until the unit was moved to Gatesville.

The Ossenbecks have two sons.

Bring someone with you to the meeting Thursday and be blessed by her ministry. Men, women and children of all faiths are welcome to attend.

Florida Boys in concert

The Florida Boys gospel quartet will be presented in concert at First Church of the Nazarene, 1924 S. Polk in Amarillo, at 7 p.m. Saturday.

For 50 years The Florida Boys have traveled across the country ministering to and entertaining millions along the way.

Members of the team include Glen Allred, Les Beasley, Derrell Stewart, Allen Cox and Gene McDonald.

There is no admission charge to the concert, but a love offering will be taken.

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IN CONCERT
ENOCH
Piano
Praise International
Sunday, November 7
at 10:30 am

Born in Madras, India, Enoch is Vice-President of "Christ for India" a great ministry reaching thousands through an orphanage, a leper clinic, mass crusades, pastors' seminars and gospel literature. Enoch shares challenging insights of this ministry which his father, Manuel Fernando (also known as the Billy Graham of India), founded over thirty years ago. One pastor describes this ministry as "The greatest missionary thrust in India over the last hundred years." Enoch helps support this work through his concert ministry.

Enoch has shared the platform with Carmen, Phil Driscoll, Debby Boone and the Archers. You will appreciate his sensitive spirit and his extraordinary piano abilities, combining humor and encouragement to help his audience worship the Lord. Musical styles are mixes so there is something for everyone. A concert with Enoch is full of musical virtuosity, spiritual zeal, enjoyable lightness and flair.

Sunday, November 7th, 1999
beginning at 10:30 am
Hereford Church of the Nazarene
1410 LaPista Drive

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AMA creates guide to diagnose, treat dementia

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The American Medical Association has a new guide to help doctors diagnose and treat dementia, a disorder which affects millions of people and is becoming an increasing concern as the U.S. population ages.

The guide advises primary care physicians on how to tell the difference between, say, mental confusion caused by drugs or normal aging.

It includes tests for gauging dementia — asking patients to draw a clock face, identify a pencil and provide the current day, month and year. The guide also recommends ways to prevent and respond to elder abuse.

Dementia is incurable and worsens progressively over years. People with the disorder become unable to live indepen-

dently. Some have trouble finding words, dressing, cooking a meal or performing other complex tasks.

A common dementia characteristic is disregarding social rules with inappropriate remarks or behavior. Sufferers can become lost in familiar areas and take hours to return home.

According to the guide, dementia becomes increasingly prevalent in the population after age 65. One estimate is that 35 percent to 45 percent of people over 85 have some form of the disorder.

"The elderly population in America is larger than ever before. More and more physicians are faced with treating patients whose lives have been consumed by this illness," said

Dr. Yank Coble Jr., a Florida endocrinologist and AMA Board of Trustees member.

Coble was expected to introduce the guide today at the AMA's annual Science Reporters Conference at the University of California at Los Angeles. The guide is called "Diagnosis, Management and Treatment of Dementia: A Practical Guide for Primary Care Physicians."

Most people with dementia are seen by regular physicians rather than specialists and receive care from family members "at great physical, psychological and financial cost and burden," according to the guide.

It also says dementia can be hard to diagnose because its symptoms appear gradually. While the disorder eventually

kills, many doctors don't consider it a terminal illness that requires ongoing treatment, as they do cancer, for example.

The guide covers treatment and care for the rest of a patient's life, with the aim of preventing "distressing symptoms and behaviors," helping ease the burden on family members and avoiding placing sufferers in institutions prematurely.

"The physician should help the patient function as independently as possible, which minimizes the stress and burden on the caregiver," Coble said.

"Most importantly, the physician should help the family keep their loved one from being institutionalized before he or she really has to be," Coble added. "This guide provides physicians with the tools to do all of that."

Guide for doctors

Information on dementia from the American Medical Association's new guideline for primary care physicians.

— Dementia with depression may be "treatable" with antidepressant medication. The guide says that "depression, anxiety, and other psychiatric conditions may be treated with antidepressants, anxiolytics, and other psychiatric medications. They may get lost in a complex maze of symptoms and usually is reversible."

— To help assess mental impairment, the guide asks a patient to name the current date and the location, draw a clock face, count backwards from 100 by seven or small "words" backward, identify a worksheet, and point to a number on a copy of a design.

— Physical tests such as blood counts and neurological testing can help determine whether a patient has dementia or Alzheimer's Disease, which can be caused by vitamin deficiencies and other problems, has almost never been reversed, and usually is reversible.

— Dementia is a disorder that progresses over years and is incurable, most dementia involves Alzheimer's disease. Certain drugs have been shown to provide some benefit to Alzheimer's patients.

— Dementia sufferers can have behavioral symptoms, such as depression, sleeping disorders, anxiety or sudden outbursts of emotion. Treatments can include counseling, antidepressants and stress-reduction effects. The guide says using restraints for patients "is rarely appropriate."

— Caregivers usually are family members, mostly women. As a group, caregivers "are physically, emotionally and financially vulnerable and are often the "invisible patients." Doctors can help by referring them to support groups, helping them understand and plan for changes as the dementia worsens, and by encouraging them to use "respite programs" such as adult day care so they can take time off.

— Dementia patients may be at higher risk of abuse, ranging from neglect to beatings or theft of their money, and often are unable to report problems. Doctors should be alert for symptoms, such as bruises or unusual activity in bank accounts. Suspected abuse should be reported to protective agencies.

Always Helpful

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: There are two questions I want to ask you. First, what is the DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SALAD OIL AND VEGETABLE OIL? The recipe I have calls for salad oil, and I cannot find it.

Second, what do you use white vinegar for, and what do you use cider vinegar for? If a recipe says to use vinegar, what kind do you use? Thank you. — G. Hoover, San Antonio

You had me stumped, so my office checked with a leading manufacturer of cooking oil. They told us that there is no difference between salad oil and vegetable oil, except maybe for canola oil — almost all are good salad dressings.

When baking, most recipes call for vegetable oil, so if a recipe calls for salad oil, vegetable oil can be used. However, more flavorful olive oils are great for salads, but I'd pass on most cakes.

There are many types of vinegar. White distilled vinegar is usually used in household cleaning and pickling. There are also wine vinegars, malt vinegars and herbed and flavored vinegars. Most of them are used in making salad dressings and in cooking.

Also, wine vinegar is wine that has been changed to vinegar. Red, one of my favorites, is the most common color. White is available, too, and it is usually added to salad dressings and sauces for a livelier taste. — Heloise

EGG DATING
Dear Heloise: When I buy a new carton of eggs and still have a carton that I haven't finished using in the refrigerator, I mark the old carton with an X. This way, I know at a glance which carton to use first. This has been a big help to me. — Lee Morse, Wells, Mass.

Good idea! I try to put the new carton on the bottom and stack the older one on top. Your idea also works. — Heloise

TWO HINTS IN ONE
Dear Heloise: When making gelatin, I dissolve it in a container with a pouring spout. It is great to pour the dissolved gelatin into molds or dessert dishes with no mess.

When making coffee, I use the brown paper filters. I find that they are sturdier than the others and do not collapse from the sides of the filter basket. They also separate easier. — Rose Hollinger, East Liverpool, Ohio

HRMC Auxiliary joined by associate member

Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary met for its monthly meeting in the hospital dining room on Nov. 1.

President Leona Schilling called the meeting to order and introduced new associate member Ann Carroll who is donating hand-knitted infant garments to the auxiliary for sale in the hospital gift shop.

Bonnie Sublett reported the cumulative volunteer hours for July and August were 245½. Grace Covington distributed 16 baby books.

It was also reported that all new mothers were enrolled in the RSVP Childhood Immunization program. This program is proving to be successful as the new mothers are receptive to the volunteers and the pro-

gram.

Members Ann Cummings, Anna Stindt, Marian Yosten and Leona Schilling attended the Texas Association of Hospitals associational meeting in Lubbock and brought many good ideas for auxiliary projects, one of which was decorating cups with candles.

Members stayed after adjournment to work on the cup projects.

Those attending were Janis Bell, Lupe Cerda, Margarette Daniels, Patsy Giles, Billie Kelley, Jo Lee, Gene McDaniel, Irene Reinart, Mary Schlabs, Theda Seiver, Quintna Waits, Mary Williamson, Carroll, Covington, Cummings, Schilling and Sublett.

Founders association dinner scheduled at King's Manor

King's Manor Founders Association will hold its 34th Annual Founders' Dinner at 7 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Lamar Room of King's Manor, 400 Ranger Dr.

The featured speaker will be Jesse Hodge, an ordained elder and minister of the Methodist church, who ministered at Wesley Methodist in Hereford for several years. He also serves on the conference board of the

ordained ministry. Entertainment will be provided by fiddler Rick Suddeth of Canyon.

Tickets for the Founders' Dinner are \$25 each. This includes the cost of the dinner and membership in the association.

For tickets or additional information, call King's Manor at 364-0661.

Training set

The Women's and Children's Crisis Center, in conjunction with Hereford Regional Medical Center, will be conducting training classes for volunteers to assist victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Training begins Nov. 15 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and will continue every Monday for 10 to 12 weeks.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 1999. There are 58 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
In 1868, Republican Ulysses S. Grant won the presidential election over Democrat Horatio Seymour.

On this date:
In 1896, Republican William McKinley defeated Democrat William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.

In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

In 1908, Republican William Howard Taft was elected president, outpolling William Jennings Bryan.

In 1936, President Roosevelt won a landslide election over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1964, President Johnson soundly defeated Republican challenger Barry Goldwater, winning a White House term in his own right.

In 1970, Salvador Allende was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five radicals were killed when gunfire erupted during an anti-Ku Klux Klan demonstration in Greensboro, N.C., after a caravan of Klansmen and Nazis had driven into the area.

In 1992, Bill Clinton was elected 42nd president of the United States, defeating President Bush.

In 1992, Illinois Democrat Carol Moseley-Braun became the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

Ten years ago: East German leader Egon Krenz delivered a nationally broadcast speech in which he promised sweeping economic and political reforms and called on East Germans to stay.

Five years ago: Susan Smith of Union, S.C., was arrested for drowning her two young sons, nine days after claiming the children had been abducted by a black carjacker. Twelve jurors were seated at the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles. The space shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit on a mission to survey Earth's ozone layer.

One year ago: In national elections, Democrats gained five House seats, trimming the Republican majority. Minnesotans elected former pro wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura to be their governor. The death toll from Hurricane Mitch grew to 9,000 in Honduras.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Bob Feller is 81. Actor Charles Bronson is 78. Actress Lois Smith is 69. Actress Monica Vitti is 68. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is 66. Actor-dancer Ken Berry is 66. Movie composer John Barry is 66. Actor Shadoc Stevens is 53. Singer Lulu is 51. Television critic Tom Shales is 51. Actor Mike Evans is 50. Comedian-actress-talk show host Roseanne is 47. Actress Kate Capshaw is 46. Comedian Dennis Miller is 46. Actress Kathy Kinney ("The Drew Carey Show") is 46. Singer Adam Ant is 45. Actor Dolph Lundgren is 40.

Thought for Today: "Love is never merely an amiable tolerance of whatever form human frailty and folly may take."
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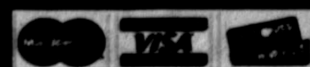
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Hereford downs Pecos

Lady Whitefaces to play Pampa in Region I quarterfinals

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — Coach Brenda Kitten sent assistant Kristi Lytal to El Paso on Saturday to scout El Paso High and Pecos.

It's a good thing Lytal did because the Lady Whitefaces familiarized themselves with bidistrict winner Pecos.

The result was another playoff win for Hereford, 15-6, 15-5 on Tuesday night at Seminole High School.

"Anytime you get a win in a playoff match, you feel you've accomplished something," Hereford coach Brenda Kitten said. "We were fortunate that No. 11 (Philly Fobbs) from their team didn't hit on us. We knew she was their go-to girl."

The key to the match, Kitten pointed out, was to neutralize Fobbs, and the Lady Whitefaces did just that.

But Fobbs started things off with a block ace that put the Lady Eagles up 1-0. But thanks to a kill by Michelle Bernhardt and two errors by Pecos, Hereford had a 3-1 lead.

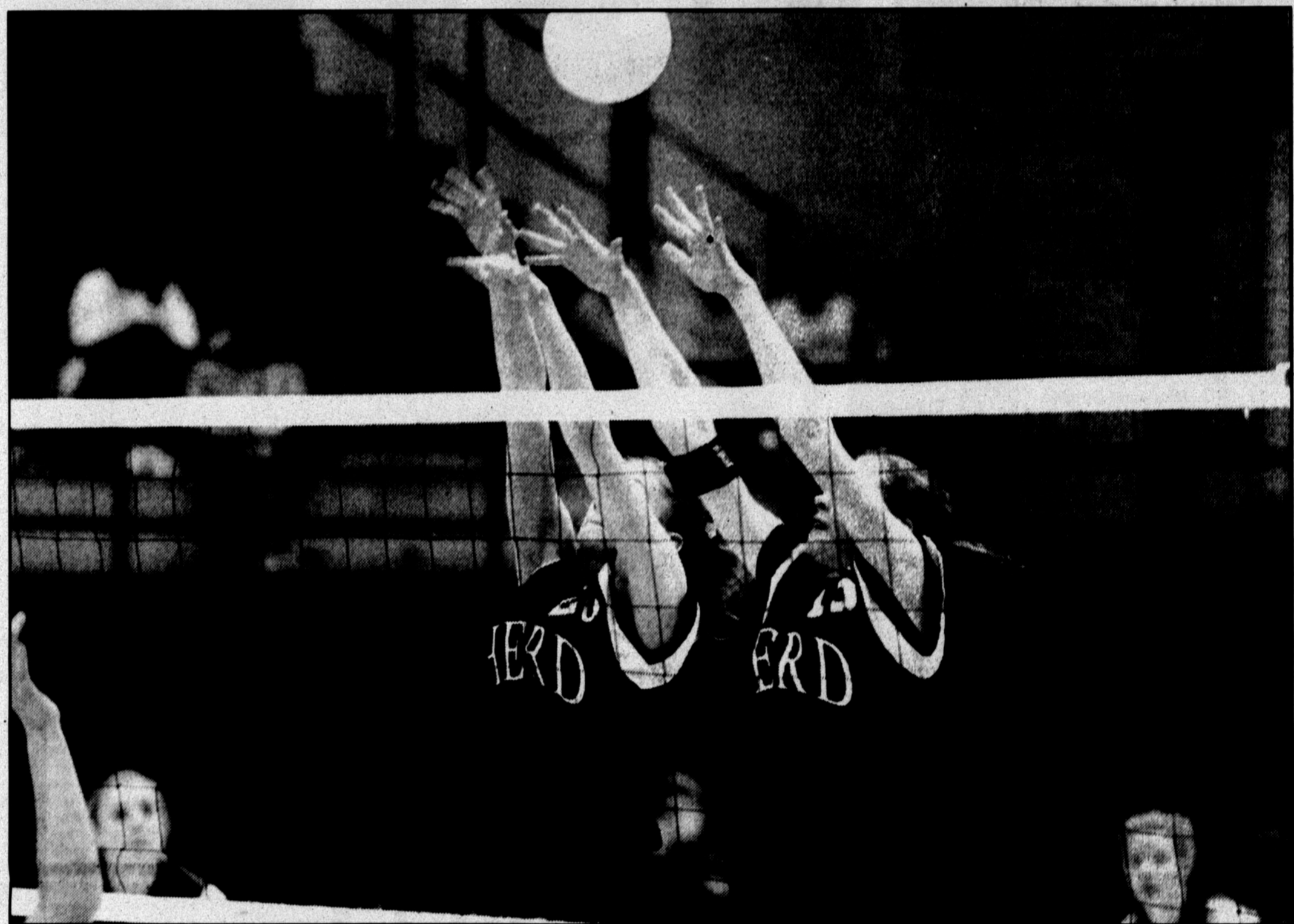
"We knew that we had to slow her down," Kitten said. "She's just a great athlete and a great volleyball player and could do as much as she wants, but we made her move off the blocks and expand our offense."

Again, Fobbs, scored on a block ace and put the score at 3-2, but kills by Bernhardt, Tori Walker and Ashley Fangman and three errors on the Lady Eagles gave Hereford a comfortable 9-2 lead.

"Coach Lytal scouted this team and she said we had to focus on her," Griffin said. "We had to focus on our blocks."

Pecos came back on a serve ace by Lily Payen and a kill by D'Andra Ortega, putting the score at 9-4. But Hereford added to their lead on a Fangman kill and an Audra Witkowski service ace. Hereford led 11-4.

"It was fun and we were ready for the playoffs to get here," Witkowski said. "We



Within Reach — Michelle Bernhardt and Tori Walker block a shot from a Pecos hitter Tuesday night during the Lady Whitefaces' 15-6, 15-5 victory at Seminole High School. Now, the Lady Whitefaces advance to the Region I quarterfinals as they face Pampa. Time and place is yet to be determined.

went at them aggressively, found their spots to score and we scored on them."

The Lady Eagles got a gift point on a kill error by Toni Eicke, a block ace by Sarah Griffin and Valerie Guzman's service ace put Hereford up 13-5.

Pecos capitalized again on a Hereford dig error, but a kill by Walker and a block assist from both Walker and Bernhardt

ended Pecos' threat in the first game.

"Pecos did a good job to some other kids," Kitten said. "There were times when the ball fell for them and we didn't get there on time to defend it."

In the second game, Hereford continued to eye Fobbs and forced her into two kill errors and a 2-0 lead for the Lady Whitefaces.

"We knew that she could hit

it hard and we knew if we got some block on her, she would get frustrated," Walker said. "We knew what their schemes were going to be, so we worked on them. The scouting helped a lot."

Another block ace by Griffin, who finished with five in the match, and a kill error on Pecos put Hereford up 4-0.

After a couple of sideouts, the Lady Whitefaces scored the

next two points off errors for a 6-0 lead. Then, kills by Witkowski and Walker, and two kill errors from Pecos, put the Lady Whitefaces up 10-0.

Hereford lost some momentum when a kill by Alexa Marquez and four unforced errors by the Lady Whitefaces put them back in the game. The score was 10-5.

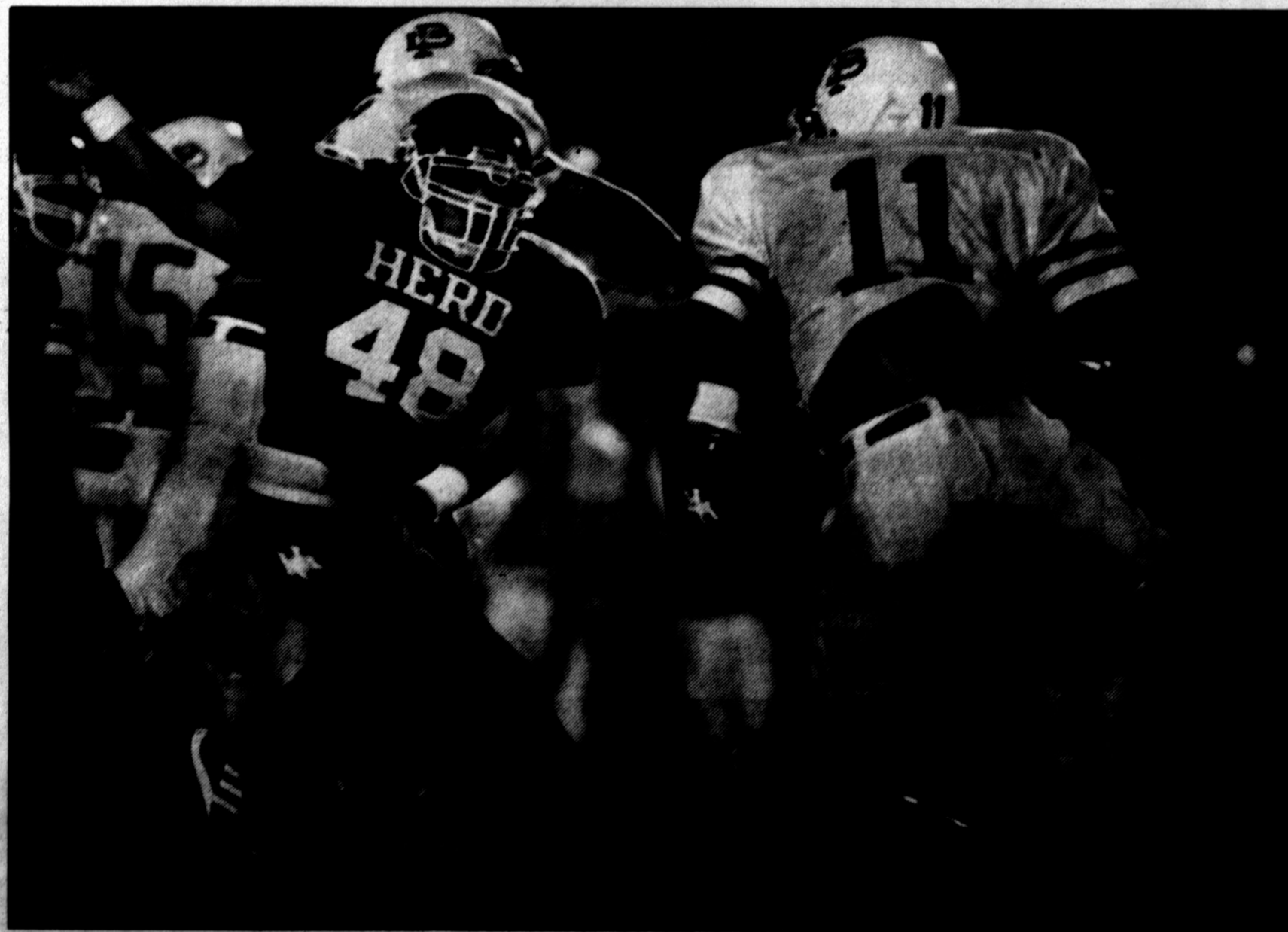
"We're very good in our offense," Walker said. "With the

people in the back and the middle and the hitters up front, we now can hit them on the spots."

But again, Hereford was able to shut down Fobbs, forcing her into two kill errors, while a Sarah Griffin's block ace and service ace, combined with another Walker kill, eliminated the Lady Eagles from the state

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The little engine that could



All Hustle, All Heart — Johnny Zammaripa (48) rushes a Palo Duro player in action early in the year against the Dons. Zammaripa has recorded 36 tackles on the year for the Whitefaces, 25 of them solo.

Often-underestimated tackle Zammaripa proving skeptics wrong

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

There's nothing more irritating when a football lineman gets beaten when protecting a quarterback.

Especially if that defensive lineman is smaller than the offensive protector.

But it happens. And for Hereford Whiteface opponents, it has happened often, thanks to a guy named Johnny Zammaripa.

Standing a non-imposing 5-foot-3-inches tall, Zammaripa has caused opposing offensive lines to change blocking schemes against Hereford's impeccable defensive line. To no avail.

"A lot of people have always underestimated me," Zammaripa said. "I just have gone out there and played hard."

Even when he was a freshman, he made up for his size with true fire and great heart, very much like the little engine that could.

Well, Hereford's little engine that could has performed like a diesel engine, averaging a little bit less than two sacks per game and averaging nine tackles per

game. He has 36 tackles, 25 of them solo.

"I look back at Johnny when he was a freshman and he just loves to play football," Hereford coach Craig Yenser said. "The enthusiasm he has always shown from the time he was a freshman, on the JV and up through the last two years to this year on varsity — he continues to be enthusiastic."

Very frequently, opponents have prepared for Hereford and its defense. But they have no idea how to handle certain little aspects, like Seth Pietsek's leadership, Daniel Fangman's power, Vernon Adams' killer instincts, the secondary's quickness and alertness, the toughness of Gilbert Hernandez and Michael Barba, and the sure fire of Zammaripa.

"We've all played well," Zammaripa said. "We hope that we can continue this and, hopefully, bring a state championship."

But opposing offenses still take the little big man for granted. All he does on the field

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Johnny Zammaripa

Brand File Photo

Sports

It's a Woman Thing



The Lady Whiteface volleyball team celebrate their District 3-4A championship with an unidentified drag queen on Oct. 23. The Lady Whitefaces are now area champions after their 15-6, 15-5 victory against the Lady Eagles of Pecos.

Class 4A Region I Pairings

AREA	REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Springtown finished at 21-13. Hereford def. Pecos, 15-6, 15-5. Pecos finished at 20-11.	Canyon Randall (27-6) vs. Dumas (27-12), TBA.
Canyon Randall def. El Paso Burges, 15-12, 15-7. Burges finished 19-8.	Stephenville (24-10) vs. Cleburne (27-6), TBA.
Dumas def. Clint, 15-2, 15-4. Clint finishes at 19-4.	Hereford (26-7) vs. Pampa (15-16), TBA.
Stephenville def. Fort Worth Brewer, 16-14, 15-7. Brewer finishes at 20-13.	Denton (21-13) vs. Saginaw Boswell (33-8), TBA.
Cleburne def. Spring town, 14-16, 16-14, 15-6.	
Pampa def. El Paso Bowie 15-13, 15-6. Bowie finished at 18-8.	
Denton def. Burleson 15-6, 15-6. Burleson finished at 20-9.	
Saginaw Boswell def. Snyder 9-15, 15-7, 15-7. Snyder finished at 21-11.	

Tackle

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is make the opposing team pay for their ignorance.

"One guy went up to me and said that he underestimated me, but said I had played a great game and gave me my respects," Zammaripa said. "I've always been underestimated, but I just showed, with the help of my teammates, that I can play. I love to play football and it's been a lot of fun."

Still, people keep underestimating Zammaripa's abilities. But he keeps on playing.

"He's always got a smile on his face and he's just a special young man," Yenser said. "He may just be five-foot-whatever and 200 pounds, but he plays like if he's 6-8, 300 pounds."

Being small of stature has also allowed Zammaripa to take the advantage of leverage. He's been able to explode low and knock bigger linemen off balance.

That leverage he's gotten has helped No. 48 play as hard as he's been seen by the Hereford faithful and others within the

Panhandle.

Number 48? Usually a number like that belongs to a running back or a linebacker, not a defensive tackle.

It's interesting to wear No. 48 because in 1995-1996, a guy by the name of Jacob Gonzales wore the same number.

And like Zammaripa, Gonzales is of small stature.

But don't think that Zammaripa is honoring the play of Gonzales, whose little brother, Joseph, is the center for the Whitefaces.

"Actually, I didn't know that it was his number at first," Zammaripa said. "It was a coincidence to find out that we wore No. 48 and that he's about my same height, but I consider that number mine."

Again, they keep underestimating the senior defensive tackle. They might not be aware of the hard work Zammaripa has done to be a key part of the Whitefaces' season.

The man weighs in at 200 pounds. The average normal

weight for a man standing 5-foot-3 is about 120 pounds. It shows how hard Zammaripa has developed himself well in the weight room.

"Weights do help you a lot," Zammaripa said. "It has helped me get stronger and be more physical on the field, play better and help our team win. Weights are very important to our success."

"He always makes huge plays," Yenser said, "but he likes to play and has a good time playing and that's been a special part of what we have tried to do in our program and make it fun again to play football."

Until they figure a way to keep him out of the playing field, Zammaripa will still keep taking a beat to the opponents. Symbolic of what the 1999 Hereford Whitefaces have done all year.

"He epitomizes what we've tried to do and he's a special player," Yenser said.

Texas trades Gonzalez

ARLINGTON (AP) — Two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez was traded from the Texas Rangers to the Detroit Tigers in a nine-player deal Tuesday.

Going with Gonzalez to Detroit were pitcher Danny Patterson and catcher Gregg Zaun.

The Rangers received pitchers Justin Thompson, Alan Webb and Francisco Cordero, outfielder Gabe Kapler, catcher Bill Haselman and infielder Frank Catalanotto.

"I guess it heated up over the last couple of days," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "We had talked about it at length. (Detroit general manager) Randy Smith has been on vacation in Hawaii, so it was a long-distance call trying to get the deal done."

Melvin added: "Thompson has been highly regarded, and we feel that with him and Cordero coming to our pitching staff that we've improved our ballclub."

Gonzalez, who turned 30 on Oct. 16, was the AL MVP in 1996 and 1998. The Tigers have until Saturday to exercise a \$7.5 million option on him for next year. He is eligible for free agency after the 2000 season.

"We just weren't prepared to go into next season with that over our heads," Melvin said of Gonzalez's free agency.

The All-Star outfielder hit .326 with 39 home runs and 128 RBIs last year. He led the Rangers to the AL West titles in 1996, 1998 and 1999, yet all three seasons ended in disappointment as each

time they were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by the eventual World Series champion New York Yankees.

Detroit went 69-92 last season and finished third in the AL Central, 27 1/2 games behind Cleveland in their final season at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers hope for a fresh start next season when they move into new Comerica Park under newly hired manager Phil Garner.

Melvin said Thompson is highly regarded, although the left-hander underwent arthroscopic surgery on his pitching shoulder Aug. 26. At the time he was put on the disabled list, then manager Larry Parrish said Thompson was "mentally beat up."

"Whenever there's surgery, there's a certain amount of risk involved," Melvin said. "He was pitching hurt, and that was affecting his last few performances."

Thompson, 26, was 9-11 with a 5.11 ERA. He was an All-Star during his first full season in 1997, but has been slowed by injuries.

In 11 seasons with Texas, Gonzalez batted .294 with 340 home runs and 1,075 RBIs.

Gonzalez played in 49 games combined for the Rangers in 1989 and 1990 before spending his first full season in the majors in 1991.

He batted .314 with 47 home runs and 144 RBIs in 1996 as Texas won its first division title, and batted .318 with 45 homers and 157 RBIs in 1998.

The Puerto Rican native

put up more big numbers last season, but his production was somewhat overshadowed by his refusal to play in the All-Star Game and the strong offensive production from teammates Rafael Palmeiro and Ivan Rodriguez.

Gonzalez and the hard-hitting Rangers also were criticized after getting swept by the Yankees in the opening round. Texas has scored a total of only two runs in their last 60 postseason innings, and lost nine in a row to New York.

Gonzalez was considered a lock to be one of the reserves chosen for July's All-Star game in Boston, but he told reporters that he would not play in the classic unless he was voted in as a starter by the fans. Melvin and Rangers manager Johnny Oates said they disagreed with Gonzalez's decision, but never criticized him publicly.

Kapler, 24, became the Tigers' center fielder once Brian Hunter was traded to Seattle early in the season. Kapler hit .245 with 18 home runs and 49 RBIs.

Cordero, a 22-year-old righty, made his major league debut and was 2-2 with a 3.32 ERA in 20 relief appearances.

Catalanotto, 25, hit .276 with 11 home runs and 35 RBIs as a second baseman. Haselman, a 33-year-old backup, hit .273 with four home runs and 14 RBIs.

Webb, a 20-year-old lefty, was 9-9 with a 4.95 ERA at Double-A Jacksonville.

Along with Gonzalez, the Tigers got Patterson and Zaun, both 28. The right-handed Patterson was 2-0 with a 5.67 ERA in 53 relief appearances and Zaun hit .247 with one homer and 12 RBIs as a backup to Rodriguez.

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playoffs.

"It's one step in our playoffs toward state and each match we're going to be improving," Griffin said.

Now, the Lady Whitefaces face Pampa in the regional quarterfinal round, with a time and place yet to be determined.

Audra Witkowski looked forward to another shot at the Lady Harvesters after a 15-8, 18-16 victory on Oct. 16. She wants this match to be a no contest.

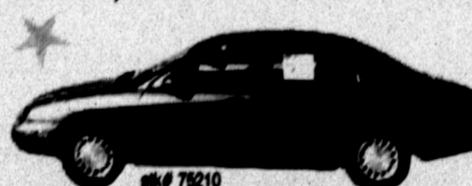



"I hope we can beat them very convincingly," she said.

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ELECTIONS

NIGHT OF SURPRISES

Demo may be new Mississippi governor

The Associated Press
In a night of surprises, Democrats came within inches of winning the coveted Mississippi governor's race in a dead heat that could be decided in the Democratic-controlled state House.

With ballots still uncounted in Mississippi, Democrats stood to gain two of the top three political prizes of the off-season election after narrowly winning the Philadelphia mayor's race.

Republicans achieved their own victory in the South: complete control of the Virginia Legislature, which gives the GOP the power to redraw congressional lines and an edge for next year's expected challenge to vulnerable Democratic Sen. Charles Robb.

however. If the election goes to the House, where Democrats hold a better than 2-to-1 advantage, Democratic Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove would succeed two-term Kirk Fordice, the state's first Republican governor this century.

Under state law, the House would elect the governor during its session next year if no candidate gets a majority of the popular vote. Two minor-party candidates split just enough votes to make that scenario likely.

"If it goes to the House of Representatives you can pretty much say Ronnie Musgrove will be made governor," said state Rep. George Flagg, a Democrat from Vicksburg. "I can't see after eight years them not voting Democratic."

"We've got obviously mixed results. No party goes into 2000 with a clear comprehensive national victory from these off-year elections."
Earl Black, political science professor, Rice University

eran John F. Street, despite Democrats' 4-to-1 edge over Republicans.

With 96 percent of precincts reporting, Street had 211,136 votes or 50 percent of the vote, while Katz had 203,908 or 49 percent.

Turnout and race were key factors in the nation's fifth-largest city, where 40 percent of the 1.4 million residents are black. Katz is white; Street will become the city's second black mayor.

Last-minute campaign appearances from President Clinton may have made the difference in Philadelphia's hard-core Democratic districts. With outgoing Mayor Edward G. Rendell as the DNC's new chairman, Democrats would love a victory in the city that will be host to the GOP presidential convention next summer.

LEGISLATORS

The Associated Press
Here is a look at election results from around the country:

GOVERNORS
KENTUCKY: Democrat Paul Patton — the first Kentucky governor since 1800 to be eligible for successive terms — easily beat Republican Peppy Martin and marijuana-legalization advocate Gatewood Galbraith.

MISSISSIPPI: With votes still being counted, neither Republican former Rep. Mike Parker nor Democratic Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove had a majority, making it likely the Democratic-controlled state House will choose. The winner succeeds Gov. Kirk Fordice, the state's only GOP governor this century.

STATE LEGISLATURES
NEW JERSEY: Democrats picked up at least two seats, narrowing the 48-32 edge Republicans had in Assembly before Tuesday.

VIRGINIA: Republicans took control of both houses of the Virginia General Assembly for the first time, retaining their majority in the state Senate and picking up at least two seats in the House.

WASHINGTON: Democrats lost a chance to take control of state House when a Republican won a special election for district along Idaho line that has steadily voted GOP since 1936. Democrats control Senate and governor's office.

MAYORS
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, Pa.: Republican businessman Jim Roddey became county executive in a newly created position that includes suburbs of Pittsburgh. He defeated Cyril Wecht, the longtime coroner.

BALTIMORE: Democrat Martin O'Malley cruised to victory in a city where Republicans are outnumbered 9-to-1. He had emphasized a zero-tolerance policing strategy similar to the one that helped lower crime in New York.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.: Councilman Bernard Kincaid upset interim Mayor William Bell, who was chosen to take over this summer after 20-year mayor Richard Arrington stepped down.

COLUMBUS, Ohio: Democratic City Council President Michael Coleman became the city's first black mayor. Republicans had ruled City Hall since 1972.

HOUSTON: Lee P. Brown won a second two-year term over the publisher of a weekly newspaper and a wrestling promoter.

INDIANAPOLIS: Developer Bart Peterson becomes the first Democrat to lead Indianapolis in 30 years after beating Indiana Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.: Lawyer Bobby Bright beat conservative Emory Folmer, who had been mayor since 1978.

PHILADELPHIA: City Councilman John F. Street, a Democrat, narrowly beat businessman Sam Katz, who was trying to become the first Republican mayor of Philadelphia in nearly 60 years.

SALT LAKE CITY: Rocky Anderson beat fellow Democrat Stuart Reid to preside as mayor over the 2002 Winter Games. Incumbent Dee Dee Corradini stepped down.

SAN FRANCISCO: Democrat Willie Brown, seeking a second term, was forced into runoff by crowded field that included a late write-in candidate, Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano.

BALLOT MEASURES
ARIZONA: Voters in Tucson rejected a measure involving the use of Colorado River water for drinking purposes. Utility officials can blend river water with groundwater for use beginning in 2001.

COLORADO: Voters approved a \$2.3 billion bond issue for transportation, including widening congested Interstate 25 around Denver.

HOUSTON: Voters rejected a proposal to spend \$80 million for new basketball/hockey arena.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.: Voters rejected a 15-year extension of sales tax, half of which was to be used to fund a light rail system.

MAINE: Voters approved legalizing marijuana for some medicinal purposes; rejected another measure that would bar a late-term abortion procedure.

MIAMI: A charter amendment passed, eliminating the city manager's job and creating a strong-mayor form of government.

MISSOULA, Mont.: College town rejected measure to force 58-hour minimum wage on employers that get city assistance.

MISSISSIPPI: A constitutional amendment to limit legislators to two consecutive terms was defeated.

OREGON: A measure that would have allowed murder convictions by an 11-1 jury vote instead of a unanimous one was rejected.

SAN ANTONIO: A proposal to increase car rental and hotel taxes to help fund new basketball arena for San Antonio Spurs was approved.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA: Three wealthy communities, San Ramon, Pleasanton and Livermore, rejected slow-growth measures considered among the most restrictive in the nation. Two required that city voters approve new projects as small as 10 homes.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.: Voters agreed to let developers of new arena for the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes recover sales taxes from arena for five years.

WASHINGTON: A sweeping measure to slash the car tax and give voters veto power over all future taxes and fees was approved; voters rejected a ban on most commercial fishing nets.

Democrats had high hopes for a big win in Mississippi, but they were not subdued by the close numbers.

The race was closely watched, particularly after Democratic governors won South Carolina and Alabama last year. Mississippi was the tie-breaker of the three 1999 governor's races: Republican Gov. Mike Foster of Louisiana was re-elected last month and Democratic Gov. Paul Patton easily won re-election in Kentucky.

In Virginia, Republicans retained their majority in Virginia's Senate and claimed at least 52 seats in the 100-seat House — the first time ever that the GOP has held control of the entire legislature.

Gov. Jim Gilmore had pushed hard for the victory, and spending for the races was expected to top \$25 million.

In Philadelphia, operatives in both major parties had expected GOP businessman Sam Katz to upset City Hall vet-

Vote

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In all four previous successions, the lieutenant governor had assumed the actual office of governor, not just the power and responsibility.

Voters also approved Proposition 6, which allows the expansion of urban homesteads from one acre to 10.

Supporters say it will give more Texans the right and freedom to use their own property as security for a loan and that most who would benefit are not wealthy but own too much land to qualify under the original restrictions.

Opponents said the expansion would benefit wealthy people and would encourage some to buy expensive homes and then file for bankruptcy knowing their property would be protected from most creditors.

Also approved were:

- Proposition 2: Revising current provisions that authorize reverse mortgages, in which borrowers over age 62 can get payments or a lump sum secured by the equity in their homes.
- Proposition 3: Eliminating outdated and duplicative portions of the constitution, such as the authority of a governor

- to protect the frontier from hostile incursions by Indians and other predatory bands.
- Proposition 4: Allowing the Legislature to exempt from property taxes property owned by "primarily" charitable organizations rather than a "purely public charity."
- Proposition 7: Allowing garnishment of wages to enforce court-ordered spousal maintenance.
- Proposition 11: Allowing political subdivisions to buy nonassessable property and casualty insurance from mutual insurers.
- Proposition 12: Giving the Legislature power to exempt vehicles leased for personal use from property taxes.
- Proposition 13: Authorizing another \$400 million in bonds for college student loans.
- Proposition 14: Allowing state boards to have an odd number of three or more members.
- Proposition 15: Permitting spouses to convert separate property to community property.
- Proposition 16: Giving counties more flexibility in determining the numbers of jus-

tices of the peace and constables they have.

- Proposition 17: Giving Regents of the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems more flexibility in managing assets of the Permanent University Fund.

According to the House Research Organization, ratified amendments take effect when the official vote canvass confirms the election results, unless a later date is specified. Results are tabulated by the secretary of state and canvassed by the governor 15 to 30 days following the election.

With the ratification of 13 more amendments Tuesday, the Texas Constitution now has been amended 390 times since its adoption.

Drugs

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- Furosemide, 40 mg diuretic tablets used to treat high blood pressure, more than doubled in price from \$18 to \$38.

Also according to the study, the cost of a year's supply of 20 mg tablets of Peppid, used to combat ulcers, rose from \$524 in January 1994 to \$646 in October of 1999.

The yearly cost of 0.63 mg Premarin estrogen replacement tablets rose from \$135 to \$206 during the same period.

Prices for all prescription drugs, not just those used by the elderly, have been rising faster than inflation in recent years.

County

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- Proposition 10: 255 for; 180 against.
- Proposition 11: 304 for; 135 against.
- Proposition 12: 233 for; 199 against.
- Proposition 13: 235 for; 200 against.
- Proposition 14: 303 for; 128 against.
- Proposition 15: 253 for; 176 against.
- Proposition 16: 302 for; 129 against.
- Proposition 17: 237 for; 194 against.

The differing vote between early voters and Tuesday's voters was Proposition 2.

Early voting results:

- Proposition 1: 95 for; 15 against.
- Proposition 2: 62 for; 48 against.
- Proposition 3: 86 for; 26 against.
- Proposition 4: 66 for; 45 against.
- Proposition 5: 47 for; 63 against.
- Proposition 6: 82 for; 30 against.
- Proposition 7: 70 for; 42 against.
- Proposition 8: 64 for; 46 against.
- Proposition 9: 48 for; 62 against.
- Proposition 10: 62 for; 47 against.
- Proposition 11: 74 for; 38 against.
- Proposition 12: 61 for; 69 against.
- Proposition 13: 72 for; 37 against.
- Proposition 14: 81 for; 28 against.
- Proposition 15: 78 for; 27 against.
- Proposition 16: 74 for; 34 against.
- Proposition 17: 64 for; 52 against.

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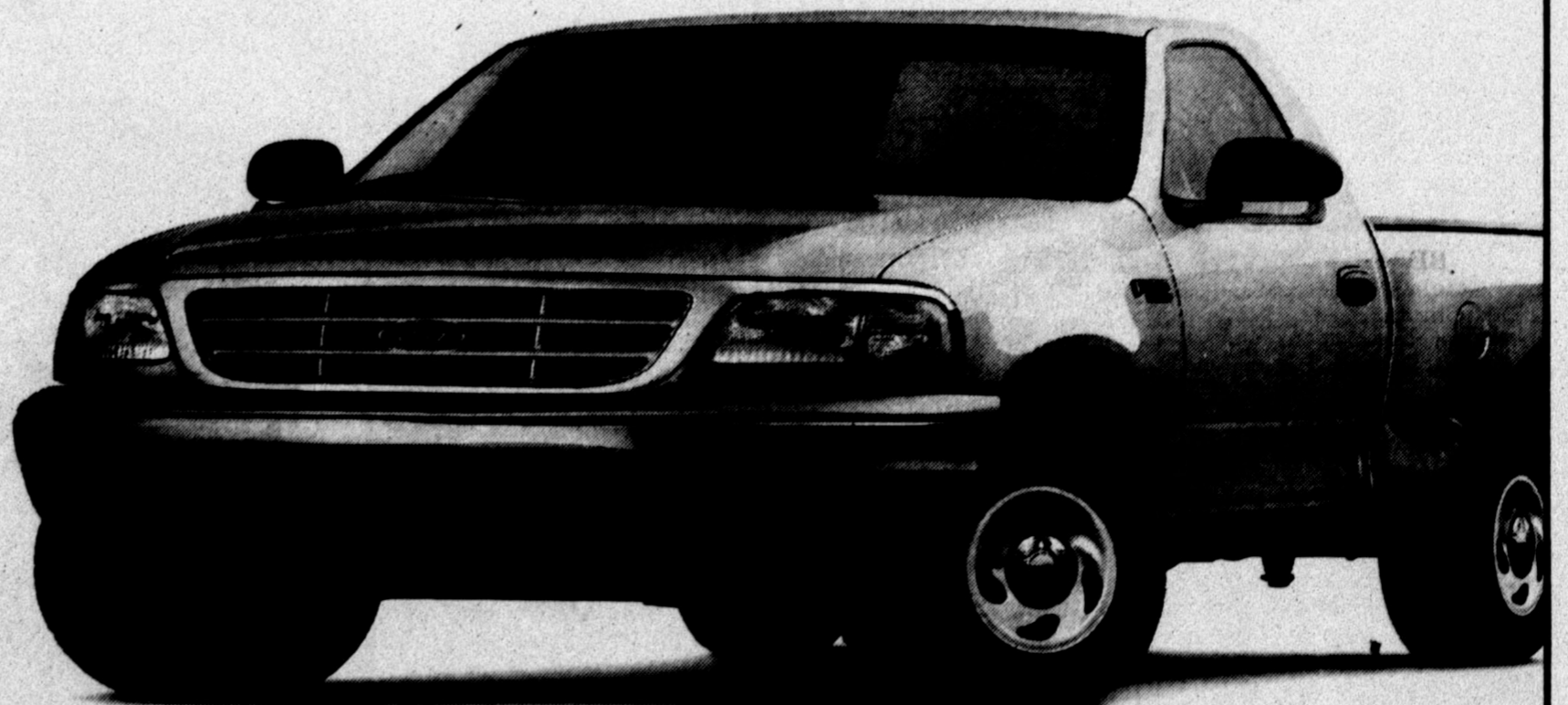
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Poverty picture bleak in the South

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just 6.2 percent of New Hampshire's residents lived in poverty in 1996. Meanwhile, in Mississippi about one-fifth of the state's residents lived below the poverty line, the Census Bureau reports today.

The state-by-state breakdown paints a bleak picture for some regions of the country, particularly the South, where poverty rates ran high in 1996. In contrast, the poverty rates of Northeastern states were often in the single digits.

Nationally, 13.7 percent of Americans — and 20.5 per-

cent of children — lived in poverty in 1996, according to the report.

The poverty threshold differs by household, depending mainly on the size of the family. In 1996, the poverty line for a family of four was \$16,036 a year.

The Census Bureau released figures in September indicating that the number of people living in poverty dropped by more than 1 million in 1998. But the report did not have details on the states.

A range of factors contribute to widespread differences among states, including a

state's income, percentage of minorities and social program spending, said Sheldon Danziger, social work and public policy professor at the University of Michigan.

For example, Texas' high immigration rates and large number of racial and ethnic minorities contribute to its below-average performance, Danziger said. About 18 percent of all Texans and 26 percent of the state's children live in poverty.

"Texas has always been a state with a relatively restrictive set of social programs," Danziger said. "It's a state

that has always had a good deal of inequality."

Greg Duncan, education and social policy professor at Northwestern University, says a key indicator is also education spending.

"The levels of spending on services like schooling tend to be correlated pretty substantially with poverty rates," Duncan said.

Iowa, for instance, has one of the highest education spending per pupil, he said. In 1996, 12.7 percent of Iowa's children lived in poverty, the sixth lowest level in the country.

The District of Columbia fared the worst, with 21.1 percent of all residents and 35.6 percent of children living in poverty. The district, however, is an urban area, comparable to other cities, not states.

Child care advocates point to the figures to argue that government should spend more to help the poor, particularly families.

"The last time we had such strong economic recovery in the 1960s, child poverty rates dropped in half," said Arloc Sherman, poverty researcher at the Children's Defense

Fund, a liberal advocacy group. "Here, they have plateaued in most states."

Moreover, some of the states with the highest poverty, including West Virginia, Louisiana and Mississippi, have not spent much of their federal welfare dollars.

Median household incomes, which range from \$46,803 in New Jersey to \$25,822 in West Virginia, are also an indicator of families' needs.

Differences in the cost of living across the country do not explain the gap, said Deborah Weinstein of the Children's Defense Fund.

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Engine part deactivated on EgyptAir Flight 990

NEWPORT, R.I. — As bad weather virtually shut down recovery efforts at the watery crash site of EgyptAir Flight 990, investigators began looking into whether a deactivated engine part played a role in the disaster that killed 217 people.

The part, called a thrust reverser, was blamed for a fatal Boeing 767 crash eight years ago in Thailand. It wasn't working on one of Flight 990's two engines and was deactivated sometime before Sunday's crash, investigators said Tuesday.

The reason wasn't known. Investigators, however, said the flight met regulations for safe flying and airplanes are allowed to fly with only one operating thrust reverser.

The parts are designed to slow a plane on landing by reversing engine air flow. Investigators will likely study whether the functioning reverser on Flight 990 might have suddenly activated in flight, knocking the jet off course.

An accidental mid-flight thrust reverser deployment was blamed for the 1991 crash of another 767 that came off the assembly line in 1989 immediately after the EgyptAir jet. After that crash, which killed 233 people, Boeing redesigned the mechanism that controls the thrust reverser.

EgyptAir said the plane used for Flight 990 underwent the modification in 1993.

Pilots who flew the plane in earlier legs also reported a flickering light on an air-conditioning system, and that two tires were replaced at a stop in Los Angeles. The three items were logged on a maintenance report.

Shootings suspect reportedly erupted in anger at job before

HONOLULU — Hiro Uyesugi remembers his son losing his temper only once during 15 years at the Xerox Corp., when he kicked an elevator door a few years ago and had to undergo anger management counseling.

But nothing in Byran Uyesugi's history hinted at the bloodshed that erupted at Xerox's offices on Tuesday, when police say he walked into a second-floor meeting room and shot seven co-workers to death.

Uyesugi fled in a company van, but surrendered to police after a five-hour standoff. A search of his home found 11 handguns, five rifles and two shotguns owned by the former Roosevelt High School rifle team member.

"I'm going to bring him another gun so he can shoot himself," an anguished Hiro Uyesugi snapped when questioned by reporters.

The nation's latest episode of workplace violence was the worst tragedy in the company's history and the worst mass murder in Hawaii's history. It was a stunning blow in a state with just 24 murders last year and an enduring reputation as America's paradise.

"You would never think it would happen at your workplace, you hear it all around," said Andy De Leon, a Xerox employee. "But this is too close, way too close."

Uyesugi, 40, was expected to be arraigned today. Because multiple deaths were involved, he will likely face a first-degree murder charge, punishable by a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Hawaii has no death penalty.

White House, Congress show signs of progress in the budget battle

WASHINGTON — Flashing signs of both progress and continued stalemate, the Clinton administration and congressional Republicans are sorting through lingering budget disputes over foreign aid, education and other programs.

Talks between the two sides over the five remaining spending bills for the new fiscal year were expected to resume today, a day after bargainers focused on foreign aid.

Republicans signaled they are ready to meet much of President Clinton's request for \$1.3 billion for the Wye River Middle East peace accord, money that would go to Israel and the Palestinians. But the GOP was unhappy with a new, scaled-down White House request for another \$1.4 billion for international debt relief, nuclear threat reduction and other foreign aid programs, saying it was still too high.

"We're at an impasse," said Rep. Sonny Callahan, R-Ala., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittee that oversees foreign aid.

"It will be helpful to us when they respond," said White House budget chief Jack Lew.

Some bargainers from both sides seemed optimistic that a deal could be near on the bill financing the Interior Department. Republicans would give Clinton some of the roughly \$500 million more Clinton wants for parkland purchases, and some provisions that would help mining, oil and other industries in the West — provisions the White House considers anti-environmental — would be modified or dropped.

Saying they want legislative vehicles ready for when deals are reached, Republicans planned to begin pushing new versions of the District of Columbia and foreign aid spending bills through Congress even as talks continued.

U.S. factory orders post drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to American factories for manufactured goods fell sharply in September as demand weakened for airplanes, cars and industrial equipment.

The Commerce Department reported today that factory orders declined a bigger-than-expected 0.9 percent in September, following a 1.3 percent rise the month before. Many analysts had forecast factory orders would fall by only 0.7 percent in September.

September's performance marks the first decline since a 1.4 decrease in April, the government said.

The Conference Board said today that a key gauge of

future economic activity fell slightly in September, but the U.S. economy is expected to remain on track toward the longest expansion in American history.

The board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators declined 0.1 percent in September to 107.9 after showing no change at 108.0 the month before, according to revised figures released by the private business-financed study group. The index had increased in the three preceding months. Analysts had predicted that the index would be unchanged in September.

Federal Reserve policy-makers meet next on Nov. 16 to decide whether to raise inter-

est rates for a third time this year to slow the economy and prevent an outbreak of inflation.

Many economists believe that the odds are slightly in favor of a rate increase in November, but said it's a close call.

The transportation sector reported the biggest decrease, falling 4.2 percent in September, the first decline since April. The drop was led by weaker demand for airplanes and aircraft parts and cars and automobile parts. In August, transportation orders rose a solid 3.7 percent.

Excluding the volatile transportation category, factory orders would have fallen 0.4

percent in September, the largest drop since a 1.9 percent decline in October 1998.

Orders for industrial machinery and equipment down four of the last five months, also fell in September, by 0.7 percent. That was a better showing than the 2.8 percent decline reported in August.

Orders for primary metals also was down for the second month in a row, falling 0.7 percent in September. They were down 0.5 percent the month before.

There was a bright spot in today's report. Orders for electronic and other electrical equipment rose 1.3 percent in September. That followed a 1.7 percent gain in August.

Holbrooke: U.N. deal on Iraq near

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although the U.N. Security Council is very close to charting a new policy for Iraq, the United States will object to any arrangement allowing Saddam Hussein to get sanctions removed permanently "through various devices and tricks," says U.N. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke.

Holbrooke also questioned whether Saddam would accept any new resolution that would resume weapons inspections in his country.

"Right now we don't have a resolution. Most experts think if there is one, Saddam would turn it down anyway. My view is that if he accepted it he would try to cheat."

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Demos hit GOP on vote

■ GOP says it's trying to work out accord

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans say they're trying to reach a compromise on legislation that would put new restrictions on gun sales. But Democrats believe it's unlikely that Congress will vote on the matter before adjourning this month.

"While we may not finish (the gun bill) this year, we are going to finish it next year," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota told reporters today.

Agreed Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.: "As we sit here today, we must acknowledge that Congress will likely recess next week without taking final action on the juvenile justice bill, a bill which contains a modest and important provision to help keep guns out of the hands of kids and criminals."

Durbin told the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday he understood that the House Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, had declared gun-control legislation dead for this term.

Hyde said he made no such announcement, and informal negotiations between Republicans and Democrats were continuing on a measure that would make it harder for people with criminal records to buy guns at gun shows and for juveniles to get their hands on firearms.

"I remain optimistic that some compromise is possible if people of good will want it to happen," Hyde, R-Ill., said. "Through negotiations and discussion with members on all sides of this contentious issue, Senator Hatch and I have pulled together a proposal that closes the gun-show loophole and offers a number of other modest yet effective gun safety provisions."

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