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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly clear skies
Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the mid-40s, southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday, partly sunny with a high 80 to 85, south wind around 15 mph.
Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Low around 45.



Extended forecast
Thursday, partly cloudy, high 75 to 80.
Friday, partly cloudy, low near 45, high near 70.
Saturday, mostly clear, low near 35, high 65 to 70.
Hereford weather
Monday's high, 77; low, 40; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

POLL

**Bradley leads
Gore in N.H.**



**BILL
BRADLEY** 47 percent
**AL
GORE** 39 percent

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Democrat Bill Bradley and Republican George W. Bush would tie in New Hampshire if they faced each other in a presidential election now, a poll released today shows.

But the Texas governor would beat Vice President Al Gore 49 percent to 36 percent, the Quinnipiac College poll showed.
The telephone poll of 1,254 registered voters gave Bradley and Bush 42 percent apiece in their hypothetical matchup. Conducted Oct. 19 through Sunday, the poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Among the 459 Republican voters surveyed, 41 percent favored Bush to 28 percent for Arizona Sen. John McCain, a lead even considering the error margin of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Among the 455 Democratic voters surveyed, Bradley had an apparent lead of 47 percent to Gore's 39 percent, again with an error margin of 5 percentage points. The poll is the second in the state to give Bradley an apparent lead over Gore in New Hampshire, which will hold the nation's first presidential primary Feb. 1.



Texas Gov. George W. Bush was favored by 41 percent, with Arizona Sen. John McCain by 28 percent.

HELPING THEIR NEIGHBORS



Theater helps out — Hereford area residents line up Monday night to get in Moovies 6. As part of a benefit for the Hereford Food Bank, movie-goers were admitted to the theater's first and second showings if they brought canned food. The benefit drew 1,100 people and 3,300 cans of food, which will be delivered to the food bank, according to theater manager Mary Hamby. This is the second time the theater has conducted the food drive.

Contract doesn't move county

By Julie L. Carlson
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The Deaf Smith County Commissioners were not too impressed with the elevator service contract they received Monday.

A contract offered by Dover was considered during the meeting. However, the commissioners were not eager to vote due to the high rates in the contract, so the matter was tabled. More investigation will have to be made before the commission votes on a contract, according to County Judge Tom Simons. The state does require an annual ADA (American Disabilities Act) inspection on the

courthouse elevators, which was conducted a few weeks ago. The county passed the inspection.

County Clerk David Ruland recommended judges and alternates for the 1999-2000 elections. The commissioners approved the following judges:

- Precinct 1: Shelly Diller and Denise Andrews;
- Precinct 2: Shirley Carlson and Betty Cicero;
- Precinct 3: Philip Shook and Howard Birdwell;
- Precinct 4: Colleen Billingsley and Martha Emerson;
- Precinct 5: Lorraine Fite and Alice Rice;
- Precinct 6: Carl Straffuss

and Maudette Smith;
Precinct 7: Ted Wimberley and Gerald Parker;

Precinct 8: Bill McLaughlin and Eldred Brown;

Precinct 9: Kate Bradley and Mary Ellen Hornfeld; and
Early Voting Board: Patricia Varner.

The upcoming Nov. 2 election polls will be consolidated into the Hereford city limits due to the expected low turnout. Precincts 1 and 7 will vote at Aikman Primary; Precinct 2 will vote at the Courthouse; Precincts 3 and 8 will be at the Hereford Junior High; and Precincts 4, 5, 6 and 9 will vote at the Hereford Community Center.

The commissioners also discussed having a public hearing to receive opinions on closing the Walcott School poll booth. This booth currently has a turnout of about eight voters per election. The commissioners will set the date at a later time.

Deaf Smith County District Attorney Roland Saul presented the commissioners with an overview on the condition of the county's law library.

Saul has been looking into using the Internet for attorneys to have access to legal books. He mentioned Plainview is in the process of putting most of the Hale County Law Library on com-

puter. This is costing about \$11,000 per year, an expense Deaf Smith County is not interested in paying. Saul is looking into other solutions to solve the ever-growing library problem. The commissioners and Saul discussed setting up a meeting among local attorneys, Simons and 222nd District Judge Wes Gully to find out which books should definitely remain in the library and what to do with the remainder of the books which are used very little, if at all.

In other business, the commissioners approved the minutes, paid monthly bills and approved reports from the various departments.

Clinton avoids clash, inks bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's signing of the \$268 billion defense spending bill averts a major budget blowup with Republicans, but still leaves the two sides battling over domestic programs and foreign aid.

Clinton signed the Pentagon measure on Monday after considering vetoing it to make it a bargaining chip in his quest to win more money from Republicans.

The president complained that the bill financed projects the Pentagon did not want and used budget gimmicks like declaring \$7 billion in base maintenance an "emergency" that would not count against spending limits. But he said that "in good conscience," he could not block the legislation.

"I have signed it because it's crucial to our national security and our military readiness, because the troops who

defend our interests abroad deserve the strongest support we can provide here at home," he told reporters.

Republicans congratulated him for his decision. "Our nation's defense is too important to politicize," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

A Clinton veto would have intensified bitter feelings between the two parties, and escalated and prolonged the budget fight.

The signature leaves Clinton fighting Republicans over five spending bills, in which he wants \$5 billion to \$10 billion more for hiring teachers and police officers, buying park land, foreign aid and other programs. Those differences, plus administration opposition to provisions helping the mining, ranching and oil industries, seem unlikely to be resolved until next month.



**PRESIDENT
CLINTON**

"I have signed it because it's crucial to our national security and our military readiness, because the troops who defend our interests abroad deserve the strongest support we can provide here at home."

In the end, the defense bill proved too laden with popular spending for a veto to be politically feasible. Costing \$4.5 billion more than Clinton requested, the bill included money for a 4.8 percent military pay raise and scores of projects for lawmakers' home districts. Some Democrats, including the influential Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., had said

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Officials urging Texans to vote

AUSTIN (AP) — Urging Texans to vote in next week's elections, state officials were blunt Monday.

"A lot of people say if you don't vote, don't gripe. I guess that's the bottom line," said Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin.

"If you're a proud Texan, get out and vote. Period. No excuses," added Secretary of State Elton Bomer, the state's chief elections officer.

Seventeen proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution will be determined in the Nov. 2 balloting, along with a number of local elections. Gov. George W. Bush cast his ballot Monday morning, taking advantage of the state law that allows early voting through Friday.

Bomer was traveling to San Antonio, Waco, Longview, Houston, Corpus Christi, McAllen, Midland and Lubbock to urge voters to go to the polls.

But turnout in recent constitutional amendment votes has been low — under 11 percent in each of the past

three elections.

Thus, the tough talk.

Barrientos noted that the 17 propositions being decided this year include what homeowners can do with the equity in their houses and whether the state will have another \$400 million in loans for middle- and low-income college students.

"So the question is, are we going to vote and make the decisions that affect our families, our finances and our futures? Or are we going to let someone else do it for us and hope we agree?" the lawmaker asked.

Bomer said he would offer a turnout prediction after early voting concludes.

According to the latest figures from the secretary of state's office, however, fewer than 1 percent of the 6.8 million registered voters in the 15 largest counties had cast early ballots in the four days that ended last Thursday.

Bexar County topped the list with 3.5 percent turnout.

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Local roundup

Open House postponed

An open house at Hereford Junior High School, originally scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 28, has been postponed until further notice.

The postponement will allow for cosmetic completion. HISD officials will announce the new date later this fall.

Hospital jewelry sale fund-raiser

Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary will host its annual jewelry sale fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in the HRMC dining room.

The sale is open to the public and features a wide assortment of jewelry from Golden vision of Dallas. Proceeds benefit the local hospital and help provide scholarships to students planning a career in the health fields.

Public pep rally

Residents and fans are invited to the public pep rally Thursday before the Borger game.

The pep rally will begin about 9 p.m., or shortly after the junior varsity game, at the Whiteface stadium.

Early dismissal

Students at all Hereford campuses will be dismissed one hour early Friday, Oct. 29, to allow students and staff to travel to Borger for the football game. Parents are asked to pick up children at the appointed time.

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Obituaries

DOROTHY BETTES

Oct. 26, 1999
 TEXARKANA, Ark. — A private memorial service is pending for Dorothy Martin Bettes, 78, of Texarkana, Ark. Mrs. Bettes died Sunday, Oct. 24, 1999, in a local nursing home.

She was born July 22, 1921, in Texarkana, Ark., the daughter of Morris and Oreta Pearl Martin.

She was retired from North American Tank Car Co. in Texarkana. During World War II, she was a "Rosie the riveter," working in a shipyard in Orange, Texas. She also worked as a darkroom technician in a photography studio.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael R. Palmore, and a daughter, Cyrilla Foster.

Survivors include a daughter, Annette Cooper of Hereford; two sons, Steven W. Palmore of Lewisville, Texas, and Robert Hughes of Texarkana, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

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Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. McGee died Monday at West Gate Nursing Home.

He was born March 21, 1921, at St. Louis, Okla., to Robert and Mattie McGee. He was a basketball star and a graduate from Shawnee High School. He attended the Hills Business College in Oklahoma City, Okla.

He married Margaret Calton in 1943 in Seminole, Okla. They moved to Portales, N.M. where they opened their first furniture store. They later moved to Hereford and opened McGee's Furniture which he ran for more than 41 years.

Survivors include his wife Margaret of Canyon; one daughter, Dr. Joe Ella Canslar of Canyon; one son, Vance Lynn McGee of Lufkin; two brothers; one sister; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be made to the High Plains Children's Home of Amarillo.

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FERNANDO GRAJEDEDA CORTEZ JR.

Oct. 21, 1999
 SUNRAY — Services for Fernando Grajeda Cortez Jr., infant son of Dulce Grajeda of Sunray and Fernando Cortez of Dumas, were Monday in Lane Memorial Cemetery with Deacon Wayne Norrell of Christ the King Catholic Church officiating.

Fernando died Thursday. He was born in Amarillo.

Survivors include his parents; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Grajeda of Sunray and Mr. and Mrs. Luis Cortez of Dumas; great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Grajeda of Hereford and Carmen Marrufo of Pampa.

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FELIX ZEPEDA J.

Oct. 23, 1999
 LUBBOCK — Services for Felix Zepeda Jr., 29, of Lubbock will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Rev. Ken Keller, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. today in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel.

Mr. Zepeda was born in Hereford and had lived in Lubbock since 1977 where he graduated from Coronado High School. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his father, Felix Zepeda Sr. of Scottsdale, Ariz.; his mother and stepfather, Mary and Ramon Torres of Amarillo; three sisters, Connie Salazar and Felita Zepeda, both of Amarillo, and Dora Ann Fletcher of Mobile, Ala.; his grandmothers, Florence Zepeda and Carmen Sierra, both of Hereford.

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LLOYD MCGEE

Oct. 25, 1999
 Services for Lloyd McGee, 78, of Hereford will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at West Park Cemetery with Roy Shave officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside

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News digest

Elsewhere:

BILINGUAL COMPUTERS: There are signs that computer and internet companies are starting to pursue the growing Hispanic market in the United States. Gateway Country computer stores will begin a \$2.5 million Spanish-language advertising campaign and begin marketing 3.5 million punitive damage settlement in the wrongful death lawsuit filed against Koch Industries in connection with a deadly pipeline blast in Kaufman County in 1996.

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Red ribbon winners announced

Special to the Brand

Claudia Martinez, a fifth grade student at Shirley Intermediate School, earned a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond for entering the grand prize winning poster in the Hereford Independent School District-sponsored Red Ribbon Week poster contest.

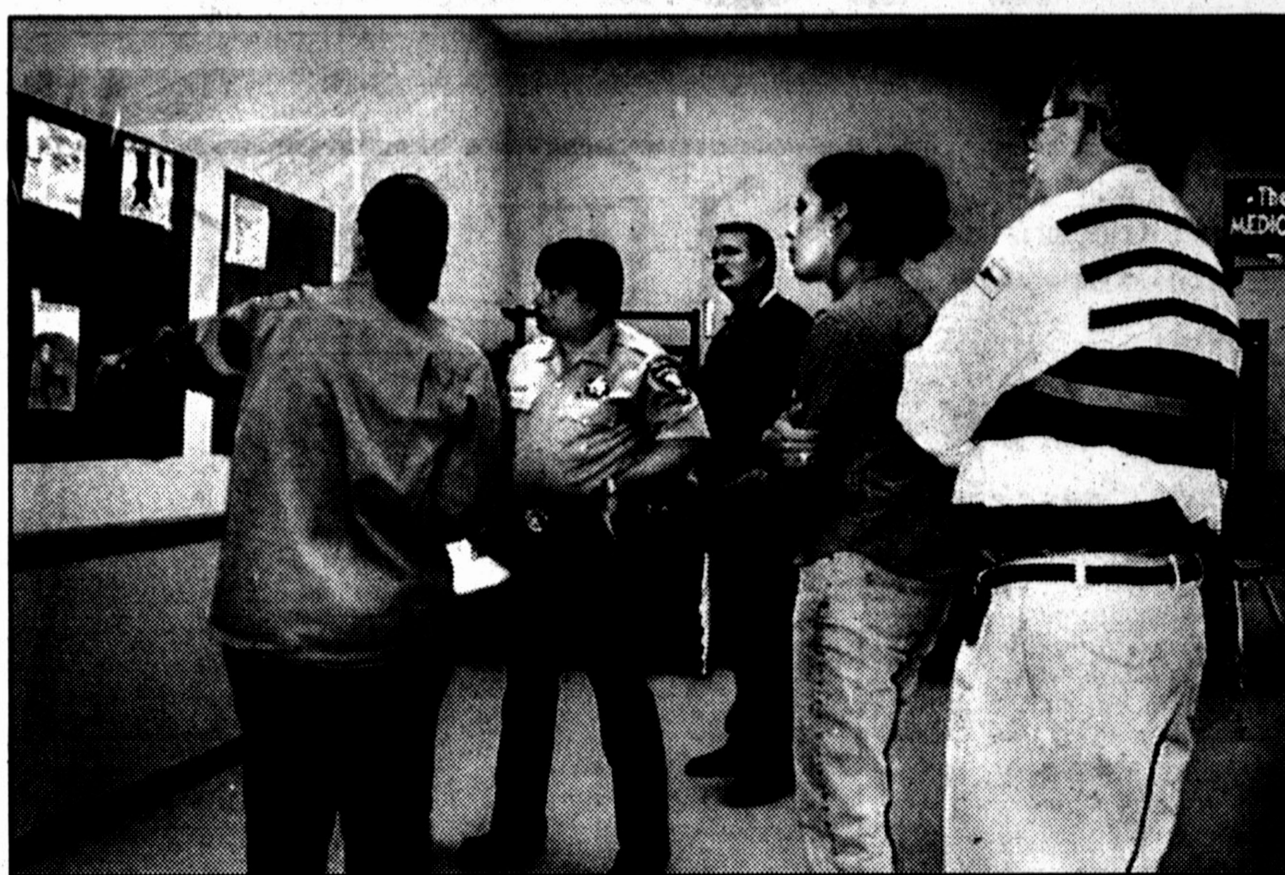
A winner for each division was selected from the various HISD campuses and St. Anthony's School with those posters advancing to the final round of judging.

The poster contest was the first of many events being conducted throughout the community and country as the annual Red Ribbon drug awareness program is conducted the last full week in October.

Events will continue through Oct. 29 with a variety of events scheduled at each campus.

Martinez' drawing depicted a young student with a poster pledging to be drug free. Her poster also contained this year's theme of "It's more than just a ribbon, it's a commitment."

The winning entry was picked by a panel of judges from the community who also picked a series of winners for each of the four divisions in which entries were placed. The grand prize savings bond was donated by Hereford State Bank. Each division winner



Community members acted as judges for the annual Red Ribbon Week poster contest.

also earned \$10 in Hereford Bucks from the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

Martinez is the granddaughter of Elijo and Esperanza Garcia of Hereford and a student of Vickie Barnes Kindergarten through third grade winner was William

Scott DeBoard, son of Ignacio Bluebonnet, was the winner for the fourth through sixth grade division.

Crystal Nunez, daughter of Jorge and Catrina Nunez and a student of Gayle Allen at

Bluebonnet, was the winner for the fourth through sixth grade division.

Karla Dominguez, daughter of Juan and Leticia Dominguez, claimed top junior high division award.

Rhyme of the season



Deciphering the clues — Students at Tierra Blanca Primary school decorated pumpkins to represent nursery rhymes. Students then had the opportunity to read the clues and decide which rhyme was represented. Above, Allysa Veigel, Raymond Enriquez and Hazel Gonzalez viewed jack-o-lanterns in the form of Little Miss Moffat, Old Mother Hubbard and her dog, and Peter Peter Pumpkin eater.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency service personnel for Oct. 22-25, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Arrests**
- A 26-year-old man was arrested in the 700 block of Thunderbird Lane and charged with assault by threat.
 - A 27-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of North Lee and charged with a county warrant for cruelty to animals.
 - A 20-year-old man was arrested on South Main and Country Club Drive and charged with driving while intoxicated.
 - A 50-year-old man was arrested in the 900 block of Grand and charged with driving while intoxicated.
 - A 25-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of Miller and charged with domestic assault.
 - A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Columbia and charged with assault.
- Incidents**
- A runaway was reported in the 200 block of Irving.

- An assault was reported in the 100 block of Pine
- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Long.
- Domestic assault was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H.
- A runaway was reported in the 100 block of Alamo Calle.
- Possession of marijuana was reported in the 200 block of Aspen.
- A minor accident was reported at South Main and Country Club Drive.
- An assault was reported in the 900 block of 13th.
- A runaway was reported in the 200 block of Irving.
- A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of 14th.
- An assault was reported in the 600 block of Irving.
- Harassment was reported in the 200 block of Irving.
- An assault was reported at Lake and Highway 385.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Jack Griffin.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of

- Irving.
- A runaway was reported in the 200 block of Beach.
- A mental subject was found walking in the 100 block of North Avenue K.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- Arrests**
- A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a criminal mischief conviction.
 - A 23-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft.
- Incidents**
- A criminal mischief was reported.
 - Cruelty to animals was reported.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- Oct. 21**
- 6:40 p.m. Firefighters responded to a smoke scare in the 200 block of Avenue H.
- Oct. 22**
- 8:19 p.m. Firefighters responded to a false alarm at Wulf and Avenue K.
- Oct. 24**
- 2:54 p.m. Firefighters responded to a trash fire in the 400 block of Avenue B.
 - 6:08 p.m. Firefighters responded to Miles and Park for a wreck rescue.
- Oct. 25**
- 6:48 p.m. Firefighters responded to the 400 block of Avenue G for a smoke scare.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

- Cash Five**
 The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
23-27-31-34-39
- Pick 3**
 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-7-8
- Lotto Texas**
 One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
 The ticket was worth an estimated \$38 million.
 The ticket was sold in Baytown.
 The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were
10-12-14-16-31-40.
 Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.
- Pick 3**
 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-8-8

LIFESTYLES

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Shower honorees Jay Wilson and Julie Dodson, center, plan to be married Nov. 6. Pictured with the honorees at the Dawn Community Center are from left, Loretta and Elvis Ward, grandparents of the prospective groom; Pam and John Wilson, parents of the prospective groom; and Durward Hamby and Erlene Adams, grandparents of the bride-elect.

Family, community shower fetes future bride, groom from Dawn

A community and family shower was held Saturday at the Dawn Community Center in honor of Julie Dodson and Jay Wilson. The couple plans to be married Nov. 6.

Greeting guests with the honored couple were John and Pam Wilson, parents of the prospective groom; Erlene Adams

and Durward Hamby, grandparents of the bride-elect; and Elvis and Loretta Ward, grandparents of the prospective groom.

Emily Fry presided at the guest registry.

Refreshments of cake, mints, nuts, punch and coffee were served from a table centered with

a large floral arrangement in the bride-elect's chosen colors of burgundy and green in a crystal vase. Appointments were in crystal and silver.

Hostesses for the events were Mary Parker, Sharon Johnson, Kyleene Smith, Helen Kleuskens, Tonya Kleuskens, Arless Stewart, Pat Hagar and Betty Hagar.

HRMC Auxiliary announces annual jewelry sale is Friday

The upcoming jewelry sale fund-raiser was the main topic of discussion at the recent meeting of Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary. This jewelry sale, provided by Golden Visions of Dallas, is the largest fund-raiser by the auxiliary during the year. All profits go to the local hospital and to provide scholarships for students planning a career in the health field.

The sale will be held this Friday in the hospital dining room from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The public is invited to come and view the merchandise. A wide variety of jewelry is displayed, from inexpensive items to the more expensive ones.

Auxiliary members signed up for the time they want to work. A professional staff from Golden Visions will be present at all times

to assist members.

Members present at the meeting were Mary Jane Burrus, Lupe Cerda, Grace Covington, Anne Cummings, Margarette Daniels, Bettie Dickson, Billee Kelley, Gene McDaniel, Irene Reinart, Mary Schlabs, Leona Schilling, Theda Seiver, Anna Stindt, Bonnie Sublett, Quintna Waits, Mary Williamson and Marian Yosten.

VFW Auxiliary has special guest

Kathryn Barjenbruch, District 13 President, was the special guest at the Oct. 4 meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Roy Wederbrook VFW Post 4818.

A meal of brisket and all the trimmings was served prior to the meeting.

Barjenbruch provided members with instructions on duties of the auxiliary and discussed redistricting of post

auxiliaries, including posts of District 13.

Betty Boggs, community service chairman, reported that canned foods had been purchased and donated to the Hereford Food Pantry.

The annual poppy sale will be held by auxiliary members for Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Final plans will be made at the next meeting which will be Nov. 1.

Members are asked to note a time change for the coming meeting. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the business session to start at 7:30 p.m.

Members in attendance were Mildred Clements, Becky Curtis, Pixie Forbus, Marie Goheen, Essie Martin, Erma Murphey, Peggy Oakes, Terry Rhyne, Edith Richardson, Coleene Schaeffer, Earline Schneider, Laura Smith and Boggs.

Crisis Center is program topic for LAE Club

Linda Coronado and Mary Gamboa presented a program on the Women and Children's Crisis Center at the Oct. 19 meeting of La Aflatus Estudio Club.

Prior to the program, a short business meeting was held and after the program, refreshments were served to Margaret Baxter, Leola Cook, Virginia Beasley, Alberta Higgins, Aileen Montgomery, Della Stagner, Roxie Phipps, Emily Suggs, Louise Streun and Mary Williamson.

The next meeting will be Nov. 2 with Virginia Curtsinger.

Church plans safe Halloween

Hereford Church of the Nazarene is hosting Hallelujah Nite beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the Nazarene Children's Church.

Hallelujah Nite is being offered as a safe place for children to be on Halloween where they can have a good time.

There will be puppets, music, game booths, candy, gyro ride, ball throws, air bouncer and cotton candy - all at no charge.

A concession stand will be open as a fund-raiser for the children going to camp.

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Dear Ann Landers: Recently, my college sweetheart and I got together again after not seeing one another for 45 years. "Ed" does not understand why I am reluctant to marry him. I believe we have some issues that need to be resolved first.

Ed has had a triple bypass heart operation. He also has emphysema from long-term smoking. When we go out to eat, he will have two drinks before dinner, wine with dinner, and occasionally, an after-dinner drink. He then becomes overly friendly and talks to everyone in the place. On several occasions, he has arrived home half-potted and argumentative. I have never associated with people who hang out in bars, and told him so. He says I am a snob and calls me "Mother Superior."

Ed has barely enough income to pay his living expenses, and spends several hundred dollars a month on his addictions. He tells me that everyone he knows drinks moderately (like him) and that I am the one with the problem. When I remind him how harmful cigarettes are, he becomes defensive and says he will cut back "after we get married." Should I marry him? What do you think, Ann? — Mother Superior in Oregon

Dear Oregon: Your relationship with Ed, as you describe it, does not sound as if it has the ingredients of a happy marriage. First and foremost, I believe he has a booze problem that would be a continuing source of trouble. And then, there are the cigarettes. Although you didn't go into detail, I get the impression that Ed has money problems as well.

You need this man in your life like a moose needs a hatrack.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm writing in response to that inquiry from "G.C. of Sagamore Hills, Ohio," who wondered why photos in obituaries are invariably 20 to 50 years old. I can give him a simple answer. When my mother died recently at age 86, my siblings and I gave the local paper a photo taken when she was in her late 30s, although we had more recent ones. We knew she would want to be remembered at her best — when she was young, vital and attractive.

We selected a photo for the newspaper that represented our mother — the mother who raised us, not the old woman she was when she died. I believe this is the way it is with all adult children. — Nancy in Lubbock, Texas

Dear Nancy: My Sagamore correspondent makes a valid point when he opts for more reality, but I can understand why you and your siblings felt as you did about using a more youthful picture of your mother. You also believed it would have honored your mother's wishes to publish a photo of her in her

prime. I believe that the family's preference should prevail.

Dear Ann: When I married "Dwayne," he had two grown daughters from his first marriage, and I had a grown son. We are very happy together, and I want to keep it that way.

I brought more money into this marriage than Dwayne did. Since much of my money was inherited from my parents, I feel it is perfectly OK if I give special gifts to my son and daughter-in-law. However, I do not want to create problems by making my stepdaughters jealous.

Both of Dwayne's daughters are lovely people, but I did not raise them, and do not feel the same closeness toward them as I do my son. Am I asking for trouble by showing favoritism? Please help. — Austin, Texas

Dear Austin: Your stepdaughters are part of your family now, and I assume you remember them on their birthdays, anniversaries and holidays. If so, you should not feel guilty about giving additional gifts to your son and his family.

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Junior Diamond Dancer Libby Brockman goes through her paces in the early portion of Friday night's "Swing Fever" program.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Oct. 26, the 299th day of 1999. There are 66 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 26, 1949, President Truman signed a measure raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

On this date:
In 1774, the First Continental Congress adjourned in Philadelphia.
In 1825, the Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River.
In 1942, the U.S. ship Hornet was sunk in the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands during World War II.
In 1958, Pan American Airways flew its first Boeing 707 jetliner from New York to Paris in eight hours, 41 minutes.

In 1967, the Shah of Iran crowned himself and his queen after 26 years on the Peacock Throne.

In 1972, national security adviser Henry Kissinger declared, "Peace is at hand" in Vietnam.

In 1975, Anwar Sadat became the first Egyptian president to pay an official visit to the United States.

In 1977, the experimental space shuttle Enterprise glided to a bumpy but successful landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1979, South Korean President Park Chung-hee was shot to death by the head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Jae-kyu.

In 1984, "Baby Fae," a newborn with a severe heart defect, was given the heart of a baboon in an experimental transplant in Loma Linda, Calif. (Baby Fae lived 21 days with the animal heart.)

Ten years ago: Washington, D.C. attorney Paul Tagliabue was tapped by NFL team owners to be the league's new commissioner, succeeding Pete Rozelle.

Five years ago: Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali of Jordan signed a peace treaty during an extravagant ceremony at the Israeli-Jordanian border attended by President Clinton.

One year ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin was ordered by his doctors to cancel a one-day trip to Austria so he could recuperate from high blood pressure and extreme fatigue. The Education Department reported that the default rate on student loans had fallen into single digits for the first time.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Neal Matthews (The Jordanares) is 70. Actor Bob Hoskins is 57. TV host Pat Sajak is 53. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is 52. Actress Jaclyn Smith is 52. Singer Maggie Roche (The Roches) is 48. Musician Bootsy Collins is 48. Rock musician Keith Strickland (The B-52's) is 46. Actor D.W. Moffett ("For Your Love") is 45. Actor Cary Elwes is 37. Actor Dylan McDermott is 37. Singer Natalie Merchant is 36.

Thought for Today: "I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do." — Willa Cather, American author (1873-1947).

Recipient treasures two miracles

LAKE JACKSON, Texas — Denise Minnear of Lake Jackson doesn't see it as just a blessing. She sees it as a miracle.

Most people, she said, don't even think about it until it has happened to them, or one of their loved ones. As the 41-year-old survivor sits wearing a little green ribbon, she tells the story of how a teen-age girl's family gave her another shot at life.

"The need is unexplainable," Minnear said as she thumbed through photos of her guardian angel. "It's a blessing to get the first transplant. It's a miracle to get the second. Now my purpose is to spread the word to others." And that is exactly what Minnear has done since she received a liver transplant last January.

Minnear's miracle came a day after 17-year-old Stacy Soltys of Spring died in a car accident. Though Stacy's mother, Cheryl, mourns the death of her daughter, Stacy's

life is celebrated through the saved lives of five transplant patients. The teen-ager's family donated her bone marrow, cornea and heart as well as her kidneys, liver and tissue.

"People don't think about it until they're slapped in the face with it," Minnear said adding that families should talk to each other about organ donation beforehand. In 1991, she was diagnosed with hepatitis C and cirrhosis of the liver. Traditional medication didn't help; her only option was a liver transplant, Minnear said.

With the support of family, friends and a group called "The Lucky Livers," Minnear slowly accepted reality. She waited on the transplant list. In the meantime, she recorded the experience for all to later read via the Internet.

"During the time I was waiting, Mickey Mantle was placed on the list in Dallas. We had the same blood type but he was much sicker than me," Minnear said. "He got his liver and died

while I was waiting. Meanwhile, my family and I waited for the call. My friends picked dates of when they thought it would happen. Most of those days came and went."

In March 1996 she received a liver transplant, only to find out later the liver would cause problems. She was given a second try at life in January 1998 when Cheryl Soltys donated her daughter's organs. The two families have stayed in contact every since then.

It's not common for recipients to meet their donor families, let alone carry on lasting friendships with them.

But this time it was different.

"I just feel that had I met her under different circumstances that we probably would've still been the best of friends," Soltys said of her relationship with Minnear. "I told them (all recipients of Stacy's organs) that on Jan. 11, we lost a child to massive head injuries, and that I loved to hear from them."

Scouts begin popcorn sale Sat.

The Golden Spread Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be ringing doorbells Oct. 30 as they kick off their annual sale of gourmet popcorn.

Bob McGinnis, Scout Executive of the Golden Spread Council, indicated the Scout's popcorn sale helps to provide supplemental income to finance scouting activities for the area's Council, as well as local individual scouting units.

"Escalating program costs, the

need for camp equipment and maintenance, as well as continued growth in youth participation, have prompted the Executive Board of the Council to seek additional sources of support," McGinnis said.

This year's sale ends Nov. 22. Council executive board president Gary Stevens emphasized the primary income for area scouting activities will continue to come from community support through the United Way

and from the Council's Friends of Scouting annual sustaining campaign.

"We appreciate the support that our scouting activities have received from the area and wish to express our thanks to everyone who participates," Stevens said. "When a Scout comes to your door, welcome him, and what better way to help than through the purchase of some of the highest quality popcorn you can buy."

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Playoff-Bound Cows

Lady Whitefaces end regular season with 15-7, 15-3 win over Amarillo Caprock

By Yuri Soto
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Hereford got a little bit of a monkey off its back on Saturday afternoon.

Yes, the Lady Whitefaces did finish District 3-4A undefeated, thanks to a 15-7, 15-3 victory over the Lady Longhorns of Amarillo Caprock.

Yes, they won their first district title since 1995.

But from now on, the Lady Whitefaces have a new agenda — physically and mentally — as they prepare for another playoff run.

A bit of their intensity came back to them in their last regular season game of the millennium.

"Over the last week, we've been working on our intensity in practice and carrying it into the games and today, it was a little bit better," said middle hitter Tori Walker, who recorded six kills.

But they didn't start out that way.

A net violation on Hereford and a service ace by Regina Fiel put Caprock up 2-0 early.

A Walker kill and four errors put Hereford back up 5-2, until Michelle Bernhardt's kill error had Caprock down only by two points.

A block ace by Walker and a kill error by Caprock's Shay Sampier put Hereford up by four points at 7-3, but Caprock kept coming at them, forcing Hereford into errors and putting the score 7-4.

"I don't think we're near the level that we're going to be once we enter the playoffs," Hereford coach Brenda Kitten said. "We still played a little flat and made some unforced errors, but there's a great sense of relief, too. It's nice to put our thought process to the playoffs."

After a set error on Ca-



Brand/Julius Bodner

Hair-Raising Experience — Toni Eicke spikes the ball over two Amarillo Caprock blockers during Saturdays' 15-7, 15-3 victory. The Lady Whitefaces, crowned the District 3-4A champions, await the winner of this weekend's match between El Paso High and Pecos in the first round of the Class 4A volleyball playoffs. Hereford is scheduled to play Monday or Tuesday, Nov. 1 or 2, with a site yet to be determined.

prock, the Lady Longhorns still trailed by three after dig error on Sarah Griffin. But kills on Walker, Audra Witkowski, Griffin, a Caprock kill error a service ace from Walker and a block ace from Griffin put Hereford way up at 14-5.

"I was a lot more ready in

this game than I was in the other last few games," Witkowski said. "The underclassmen realized it was our last game and knew that we wanted to go out with a bang." But Caprock delayed the first-game win with two kills from Fiel and Tara Luvual,

until a block ace by Griffin finished off Caprock in the first game.

"Caprock is good," Walker said, who, along with Witkowski, Toni Eicke and Valerie Guzman, played their last regular season games for the Lady Whitefaces. "They're

pretty scrappy; they keep you on step and we had to be ready for that."

In the second game, Hereford jumped to a 4-0 lead on a kill by walker and three forced errors on Caprock.

A kill error on Walker would give Caprock its first

point of game two, kills by Griffin, Witkowski, Toni Eicke and a double block ace on Griffin and Pam Klein put Hereford way up front, 11-1.

Caprock's Sabra Parks provided the next two points in

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Yosten runs 10 minutes at Levelland race

From Staff Reports

LEVELLAND — It was an important meet for the Hereford cross-country teams as they competed at the Levelland Invitational.



Brionne Yosten

Brionne Yosten took first place in the individual race. Yosten's time was 10 minutes, 13 seconds.

Other finishers in the girls included Janet Blakely (5th, 11:20), Amy Crox (7th, 11:25),

Shari High (15th, 11:36), Roby Crox (20th, 11:44) and Nina Reyna (85th, 12:21).

The girls team placed first in the event, collecting 40 points overall, 21 in Class 4A.

The boys team finished the meet sixth overall, compiling 200 points. They compiled 83 and finished third in Class 4A.

The top finisher was Anthony Gonzalez, who finished 17th and timed in at 16:03.

Other finishers included Tony Escamilla (17:14), Raymond Carrillo (17:24), Armando Medina (17:25) and Carlos Perez (17:48).

The girls junior varsity team finished second in the event.

Jami Riley finished with a time of 12:25. Nancy Martinez timed in at 16:08.

The cross country team prepares for the district championships on Friday in Canyon.

Hodges honored by Amarillo Chamber of Commerce

From Staff Reports

Cody Hodges has been honored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce as the Class 4A-

5A Player of the Month.

Hodges, who has passed for 1,134 yards this season, was honored at a banquet in Amarillo this past week.

Hodges, a junior, has started six of the seven games the Whitefaces have played. He's thrown

11 touchdown passes on the year.

This is the second time a Hereford athlete was honored

by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. Tori Walker was honored last month as Player of the Month in August.

Klein wins week eight football Brand contest

Mona Klein of Hereford won week eight of the Hereford Brand's weekly football contest.

Klein missed three games. She wins a cash prize of \$35.

The total tie-breaker score was 48 thanks to the Whitefaces 38-10 victory against

Pampa on Friday, Oct. 22.

Casey Ruckman got second place thanks to a tie-breaking score of 42. He missed four games. He wins a cash prize of \$25.

Third place went to Jim McNaney, who also missed four games, got a total tie-breaking score of 31. He wins a cash prize of \$10.

There were a total of 129 participants in this week's contest. Kristi Hollingsworth and Shayla Moore also missed five games.

The top three winners this week will be eligible for the Grand Prize of \$1,000 at the end of the year.

Ratters struggling ...

... but fans love the action as Amarillo hockey team provides alternate entertainment and great action to Texas Panhandlers

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

AMARILLO — Ken Karpuk, was not a happy man after Saturday night's game.

His Amarillo Rattlers lost a tough 4-2 decision to the two-time Western Professional Hockey League Champion El Paso Buzzards.

His Rattler front line gave up three goals in a span of 49 seconds of the second period.

His Rattlers, after scoring a goal with 7:22 into the third period, let the Buzzards come back with a goal from Deuce Wynes to give El Paso the final margin.

Of course, Karpuk was not happy. His Rattlers now stood with a record of 2-3.

"There seems to be a pattern forming with some guys," Karpuk said. "How much longer do you put up with it? Guys are sleeping on the ice and they're not playing with that high energy."

But it seemed the energy was there, at least in the first period.

Amarillo actually outshot El Paso 9-8 in the first, with Trevor Amdundrud making all the saves early.

Heck, the Rattlers struck first on a Dave Shute goal

with 2:21 into the second period. Amarillo looked to have things going its way.

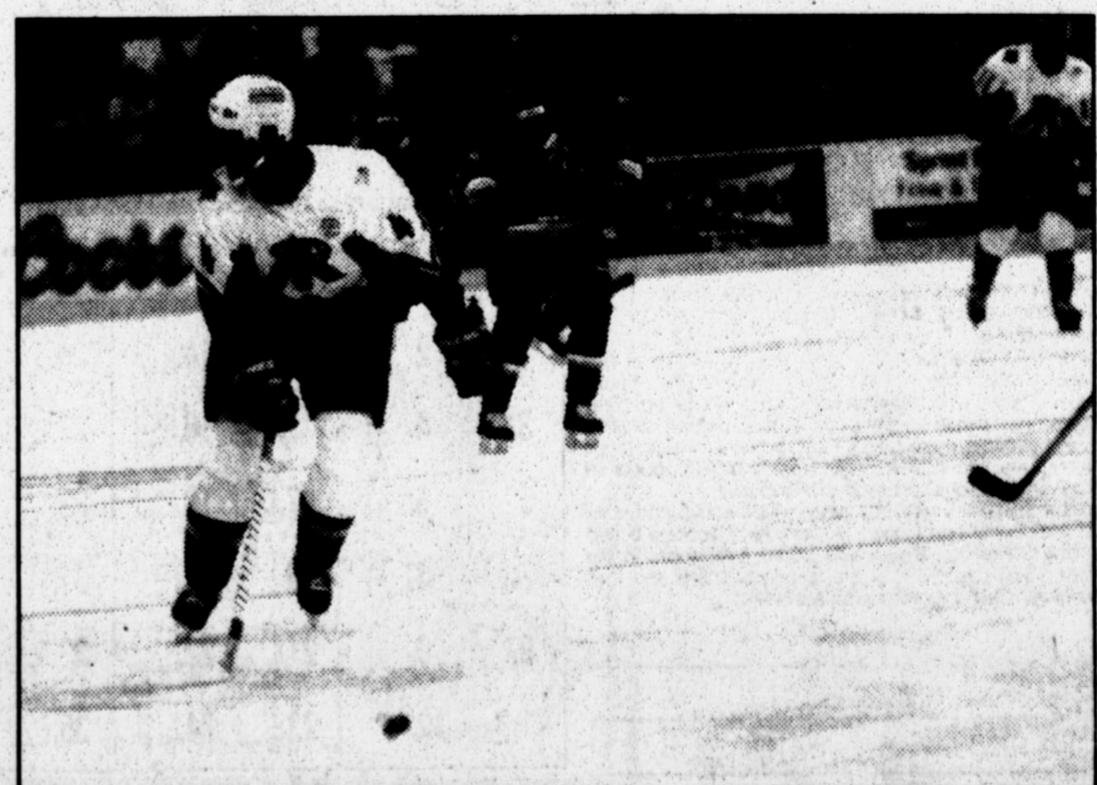
But here came the former champions with the goals.

Eric Petersen, with assists from Trent Eigner and Serge Bourgeois, tied it at 1-1 with 5:42 into the period.

Here came the Buzzards again when David Bernier shot from Martin Menard 6:11 into the period. El Paso led 2-1.

Then, came the killer. Shane Tidbury, off a double assist from Pavel

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Go After It — Amarillo Rattler defenseman Trevor Janicki goes after a loose puck Saturday in action against the El Paso Buzzards at the Amarillo Civic Center. Amarillo lost 4-2 to their WPHL rivals.

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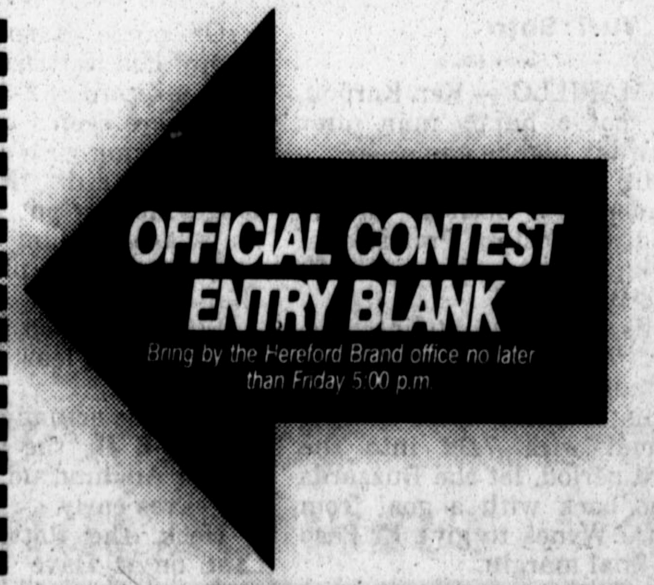
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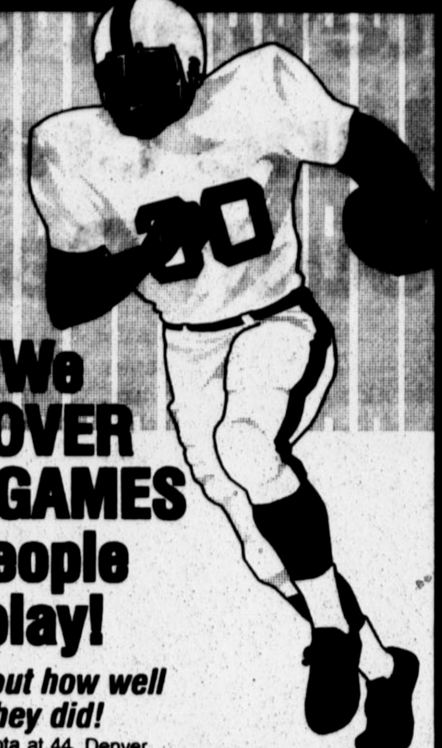
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Stewart dies in plane crash in South Dakota

(AP) — There was never any mistaking Payne Stewart.

Not with the fancy clothes that brought images of golf at the turn of the 20th century. Not with that gorgeous, relaxed swing that brought him three major championships and respect in the five continents on which he won.

When Stewart put his mansion in Orlando, Fla., up for sale, one prospective buyer was Michael Jackson. The pop singer had no idea who the owner was until his manager told him Stewart was the golfer in the colorful knickers.

"Oh," Jackson said. "That guy."

Stewart was so much more. He embodied the spirit of the Ryder Cup. He played with grit and he won with grace.

On Monday, Stewart boarded a Learjet 35 that he co-owned for Dallas to consider a golf course design project. The plane flew uncontrolled for hours before crashing in South Dakota, killing Stewart and at least four others aboard.

"This was one of the most terrible tragedies of modern-day golf," said Arnold Palmer, a former neighbor when Stewart lived in the Bay Hill development of Orlando.

Jack Nicklaus, who feared one of his golf course designers was also on the plane, recalled the graceful swing, indomitable spirit and contagious humor.

"Payne was just coming into his own, and it is truly sad, denying that he has been lost in his prime," Nicklaus said. "He will be sorely missed by anyone who ever knew him or had the pleasure of watching him play."

Perhaps Tiger Woods best summed up the shock that hit the PGA Tour on Monday when news spread that Stewart was dead at age 42.

"There is an enormous void and emptiness I feel right now," he said.

Also on the plane were two agents from Leader Enterprises — Robert Fraley, the chief executive officer whose clients included New York Jets coach Bill Parcells, and president Van Arden.

Nicklaus said Bruce Borland, 40, was believed to be on the same flight. Borland's wife said she talked to an employee who had greeted her husband at the private jet airport and confirmed he intended to board the flight.

After a stop in Dallas, Stewart was on his way to the Tour Championship in

Houston, the end-of-the-year tournament for the top 30 money-winners. Stewart was No. 3 on the money list at just over \$2 million, his best season ever.

The pro-am today at Champions Golf Club was canceled. The tour said his spot in the field will not be replaced.

A blue ribbon was attached to his nameplate in the parking lot.

"It is difficult to express our sense of shock and sadness over the death of Payne Stewart," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said. "This is a tremendous loss for the entire golfing community and all of sports."

Disbelief followed praise as word spread through the tight-knit community of professional golfers that spans the oceans.

"A true sportsman on the course and a gentleman off it," said Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal, choking back tears. "We have lost a precious man and someone who still had good years ahead of him."

Curtis Strange was leaving a news conference in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., where he was named Ryder Cup captain for 2001, when he saw the first television reports.

"We have lost someone who is truly a great ambassador for the game," Strange said.

Stewart's finest moment in a 20-year professional career came on Father's Day at Pinehurst No. 2, the famed course in North Carolina that became a stage for great drama.

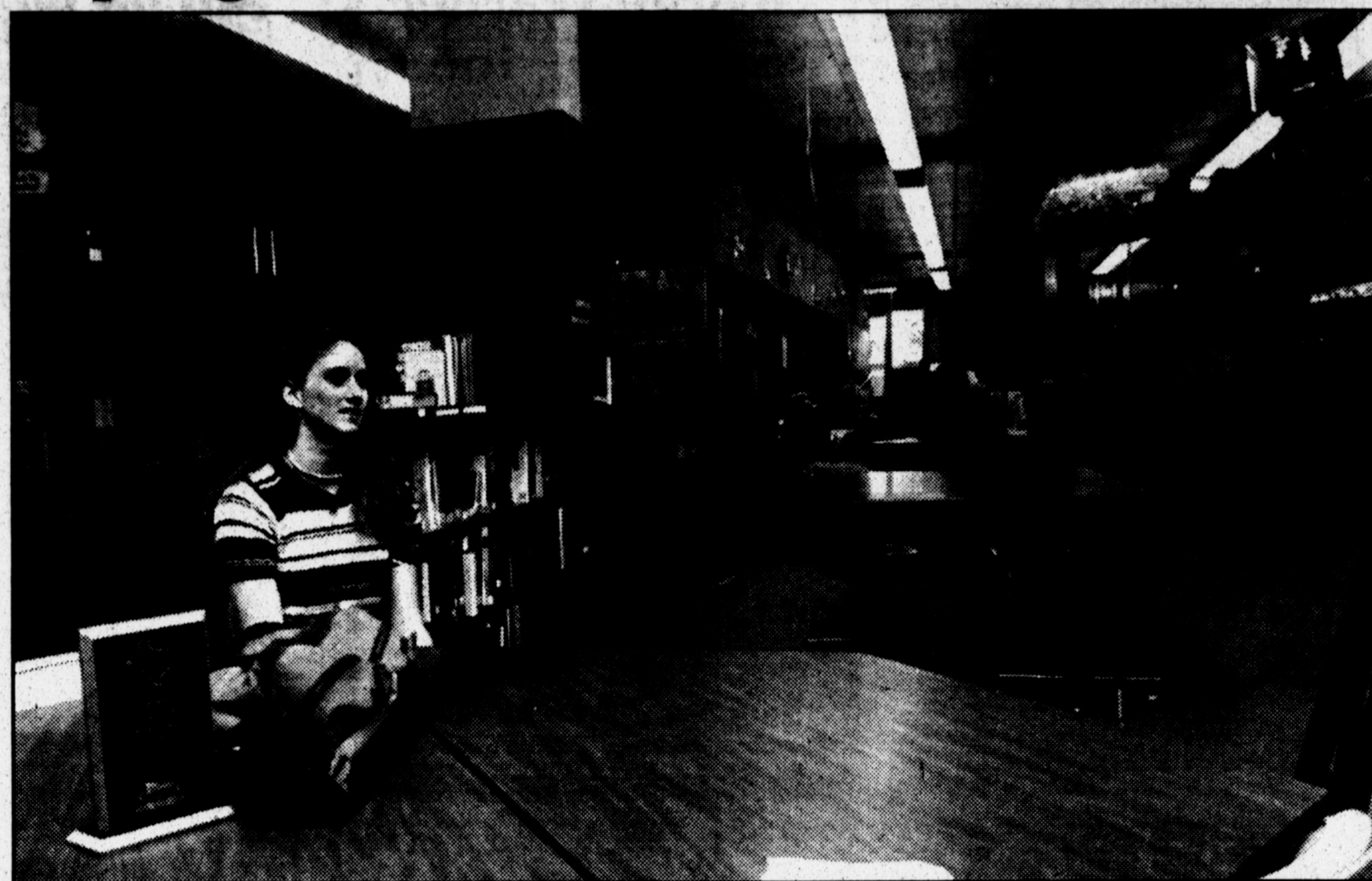
A year after Stewart lost a four-stroke lead in the final round of the U.S. Open at The Olympic Club, he trailed Phil Mickelson by one stroke with three holes to play, then one-putted the final three greens for a stunning victory.

His 15-foot par putt on the last hole was the longest ever to decide the Open in its 105-year history. Stewart thrust his fist in the air, an unforgettable image, let out a roar and later broke down in tears.

The U.S. Open secured a spot in the Ryder Cup for Stewart, who could wear the Stars and Stripes as easily as his knickers. He never apologized for his patriotism, something he carried to all five of his Ryder Cup appearances.

While Stewart had an edge to him at times, and was especially surly during an eight-year slump during which he won only once, he never lost his respect for golf's traditions.

Trying out for a NIKE Commercial ?



Not exactly, but Tori Walker got interviewed last Friday at the Hereford High School Library by representatives from the show "High School Xtra" that airs on Fox Sports Southwest. Walker was named Scholar-Athlete of the Week by Sonic Fast Food Restaurants and was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Walker, who has lked the Lady Whitefaces with 13 kills per game, will have her interview broadcasted on the Xtra show on Sunday at 9 a.m. and again at 12 midnight on Fox Sports Southwest, Cable Channel 28.

Maple Leafs blank Stars, 4-0

TORONTO (AP) — It didn't take long for Dmitri Khristich to make an impact with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Khristich, playing just his second game since signing with Toronto, had a goal and an assist as the Leafs defeated the injury-riddled Dallas Stars 4-0 Monday night.

Khristich gave the Maple Leafs a 3-0 lead at 3:26 of the third period. He took a pass from Nik Antropov in the slot and one-timed the puck past goalie Ed Belfour.

Khristich became a free agent after the Bruins refused to pay him the \$2.8 million he was awarded by an arbitrator in August. He

and his new linemates, Antropov and Mike Johnson, combined for six points against the Stars.

Johnson had a goal and an assist for Toronto, while rookie Antropov assisted on both goals. Steve Thomas and defenseman Tomas Kaberle also scored for the Leafs.

Curtis Joseph made 17 saves for his second shutout of the season.

The Stars played without seven regulars: Darryl Sydor (groin), Richard Matvichuk (knee), Joe Nieuwendyk (back), Shawn Chambers (knee), Jere Lehtinen (ankle) and Grant Marshall (groin).

Dallas went with three

rookie defensemen — Brad Lukowich, Alan Letang and Richard Jackman — and paid the price.

Johnson opened the scoring 2:08 into the game when he put in a rebound of Antropov's shot. Thomas made

it 2-0 at 13:34 when took a pass from Yanic Perreault, waited for Belfour to commit and snapped the puck over the goalie's right shoulder.

It was Thomas' first goal in 11 games this season.

Kaberle scored with 7:58 left in the game.

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the game. Her service ace put the score 11-2, but her dig error a few minutes later put Hereford up 12-2.

Sampier gave Caprock it's last point with a kill, but two errors on the Lady Longhorns and a service ace on Ashley Gonzalez finished off an undefeated district season for the Lady Whitefaces.

Now they get a week off before they go on to face the winner of the El Paso High-Pecos match.

"We're using this week to get better and not waste it because a lot of teams do that," Walker said of the upcoming week of practices the Lady Whitefaces face.

Her senior teammate Witkowski knows they will pick up their intensity during practices this week.

"We're a good team and we need to be a great team. We need to be. I know we can and have enough want to and heart in this," she said. "I think we'll be able to make it all the way."

The Lady Whitefaces now face the challenge of a new and totally different season, where there's no tomorrow after failing to advance.

"Our kids are really hungry, Kitten said, "We had some practices were we struggled,

but they're hungry to make practices work. I think they're committed to that, and hopefully they'll prove that over the next week."

Rattlers

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Evtstigveen and Tim Slukynsky, put the Buzzards up 3-1. Amundrud had to be replaced with Todd Shestok in the goalie position.

"It's becoming apparent were not keeping up," Karpuk said. "I think we need to make some changes, we got to shoot. They're a great match for any top line in the league. After that we need to hold our own to our second and third line from the league."

With 7:22 into the third period, Rod Bowers took the next goal off Brad Halezle and Dave Shute, cutting El Paso's lead to 3-2.

But, as quick as they struck in the second period, the Buzzards put the game away quickly with Wynes' goal.

"We played hard and played well," Karpuk said.

The crowd of 4,900 at the Amarillo Civic Center left a bit disappointed, but they

sure had their moments.

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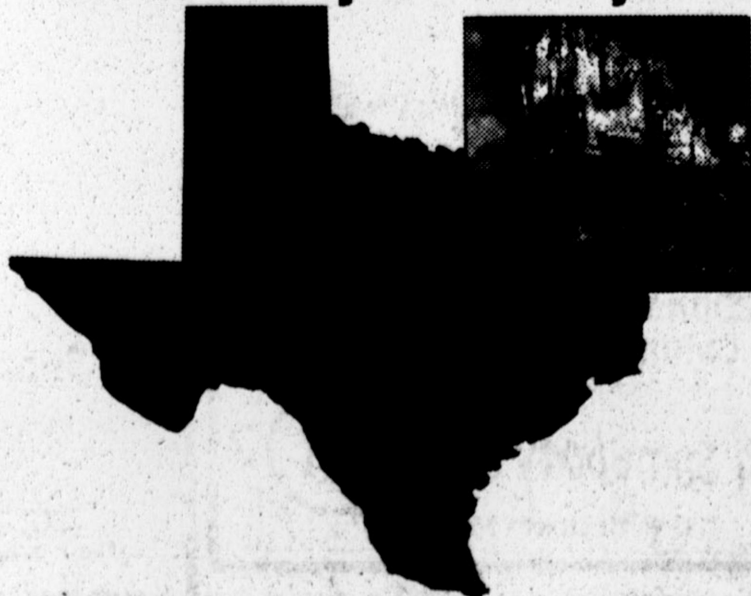
Some of the favorites include the Rattlers (Amarillo), Jackalopes (Odessa), Outlaws (San Angelo), Mudbugs (Shreveport), Ice Rays (Corpus Christi), Ice Bats (Austin), and Wizards (Waco).

Despite Karpuk's irritation about the loss, things will get better for the Rattlers, and their fans.

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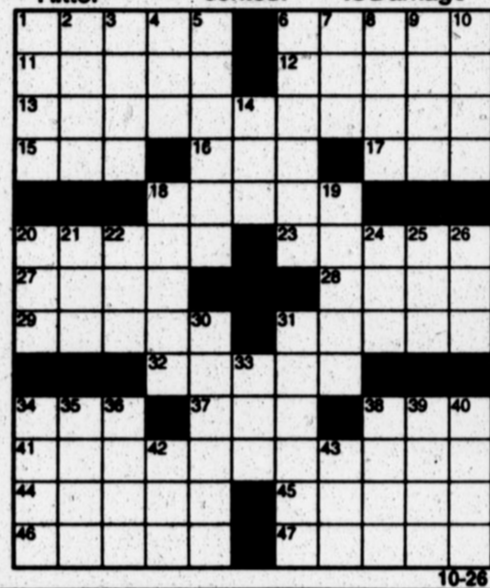
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Vote

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Each of the other 14 big counties had recorded turnouts of under 1 percent.

Voters in Houston and San Antonio could play a decisive role on this year's amendments because of local issues and races on the ballot.

Bexar County voters are deciding whether to increase hotel and car rental taxes to help fund a \$175 million arena for the San Antonio Spurs. A special election to replace resigning state Sen. Greg Luna, D-San Antonio, also is being held.

Harris County voters will decide a referendum on building a downtown arena for the Houston Rockets basketball team, bonds for expanding the Port of Houston, bonds for a new civil courthouse and elections for mayor and the Houston City Council.

The proposed constitutional amendments being decided are:

- Proposition 1: Clarifying the line of succession to the governor's office.
Proposition 2: Revising current provisions that authorize reverse mortgages.
Proposition 3: Eliminating outdated and duplicative portions of the constitution.
Proposition 4: Allowing the Legislature to exempt from property taxes property owned by "primarily" charitable organizations.
Proposition 5: Allowing state employees to be paid when serving on local government boards.
Proposition 6: Expanding the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres.
Proposition 7: Allowing garnishing of wages to enforce spousal maintenance.
Proposition 8: Specifying that the adjutant general serves at the governor's discretion.
Proposition 9: Creating a judicial compensation commission.
Proposition 10: Specifying that the health and human services commissioner serves at the governor's discretion.
Proposition 11: Allowing political subdivisions to buy nonassessable property and casualty insurance from mutual insurers.
Proposition 12: Exempting 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 justices 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.

Bills

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they would work to override the veto.

Failure to uphold a veto would have weakened Clinton's hand in budget talks and been a stinging foreign affairs defeat, especially after the Senate's Oct. 13 rejection of the global nuclear test ban treaty. For his veto to prevail, Clinton would have needed one-third of those voting in either the House or Senate, plus one vote.

Clinton told reporters he believed he could have won but worried that Democrats would be "attacked by the Republicans for being against the defense budget that the Democratic Party has basically pursued."

White House officials also hope the signing will focus attention on Clinton's battle with Republicans over his budget proposals and the GOP's plan to cut federal agencies' spending by 1.4 percent.

"I will not allow Congress to raise its own pay and fund its own pork-barrel projects, and still make devastating across-the-board cuts in everything from education to child nutrition to the FBI," Clinton said Monday. "I will not sign any budget that puts special interests above the national interest."

Republicans say the across-the-board cuts will be aimed at eliminating waste.

At the insistence of Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, Republicans were considering reducing the size of the cut in agency spending to about 1 percent.

A move also was afoot by some rank-and-file Republicans to try to include lawmakers' salaries in the across-the-board reduction. Their pay, set to rise 3.4 percent to \$141,300 next year, currently would not be cut, because money for their salaries is not controlled by the spending bills.

Besides building up equipment depleted by the air campaign against Yugoslavia, the defense bill would curtail production of the Air Force's F-22 stealth fighter and provide billions for weapons that would be spent from coast to coast.

Included is \$375 million to begin building a helicopter carrier in the home district of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., including electrical equipment built by Pennsylvania subcontractors; \$275 million for five F-15 fighters to be built by Boeing Co. in the St. Louis area, represented by the House minority leader, Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.; and electronic equipment for missile defense systems built in Massachusetts.

Clinton said he would sign a third, short-term measure keeping agencies open while spending bills are completed, saying, "We are making some progress." The second one expires Friday night.

Clinton also vetoed a \$39 billion measure financing the departments of Commerce, Justice and State.

That bill, which lacked most of the \$1.3 billion Clinton requested to help communities hire thousands of police officers, is the third of the 13 annual spending bills for fiscal 2000 that he has vetoed.

The Hereford Brand will publish the current addresses of Deaf Smith County's convicted sexual offenders monthly on the last Tuesday of every month as a service to our readers. Forty-nine offenders were listed on the public record as of Oct. 25 and they reside at the following mailing locations:

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Readers may obtain more information about these 49 offenders, including their full name, age, offense and aliases, by logging on the Internet at www.openrecords.org.

USDA delaying new milk rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says it will be early next year before it changes its rules for pricing milk even if it wins a series of lawsuits challenging the new policy.

The USDA plan, which is intended to narrow the regional disparities in the prices paid to farmers, is supported by consumer groups and farmers in the upper Midwest but opposed by producers elsewhere in the country because they fear they would lose money.

A federal judge in Vermont blocked the USDA from putting the new policy into effect Oct. 1. Court hearings are scheduled in December. A judge in Washington, D.C., is considering another set of lawsuits.

"Even if all the court decisions were in the department's

favor, it wouldn't take effect until next year," Kathleen Merrigan, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said Monday.

The House voted overwhelmingly in September for an alternative that's closer to the current system, but the Senate has taken no such action, and the Clinton administration has threatened to veto it.

Under the existing system, guaranteed minimum prices for fluid milk are lowest in the upper Midwest and highest in the South and West, depending on their distance from Eau Claire, Wis.

The New England states have a separate system for setting the price of milk paid to farmers there. It was to have ended Oct. 1 but will remain in effect at least until the USDA plan is overhauled.



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Bailey resigns — Rodney Bailey, who has been chief financial officer for Hereford Regional Medical Center since December 1994, has resigned to accept a position with a College Station hospital.

Exercise reduces breast-cancer risk

CHICAGO (AP) — Women who exercise at least an hour a day may reduce their risk of breast cancer by 20 percent, according to one of the largest studies ever done on the topic.

The findings, published in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine, add to the growing evidence that exercise can help prevent breast cancer. A smaller 1997 study in Norway found that women who exercised at least four hours a week were about a third less likely to get breast cancer.

"All the evidence suggests that there's nothing to lose by women being physically active," said Beverly Rockhill, lead author of the latest study and a researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Researchers believe exercise may affect breast cancer because it lowers the level of estrogen circulating in a woman's body. Estrogen has been found to stimulate breast cell growth, increasing the chances of cancer.

The latest study was based on the analysis of questionnaires from 121,701 women

nationwide who participated in the Nurses' Health Study, a long-term health survey of women ages 30 to 55. Rockhill and her colleagues looked at data from 1980 to 1994. They found 3,137 cases of breast cancer among the 85,364 women who answered questions about physical activity.

Of those, 20 percent fewer women who exercised an average of once a day or more got breast cancer, compared with those who exercised less than an hour a week. The exercise included brisk walking and jogging but not things like housework or gardening.

The researchers adjusted their data for factors such as weight and hormone use but not for diet and smoking, since neither factor appeared to be that different among active and inactive women.

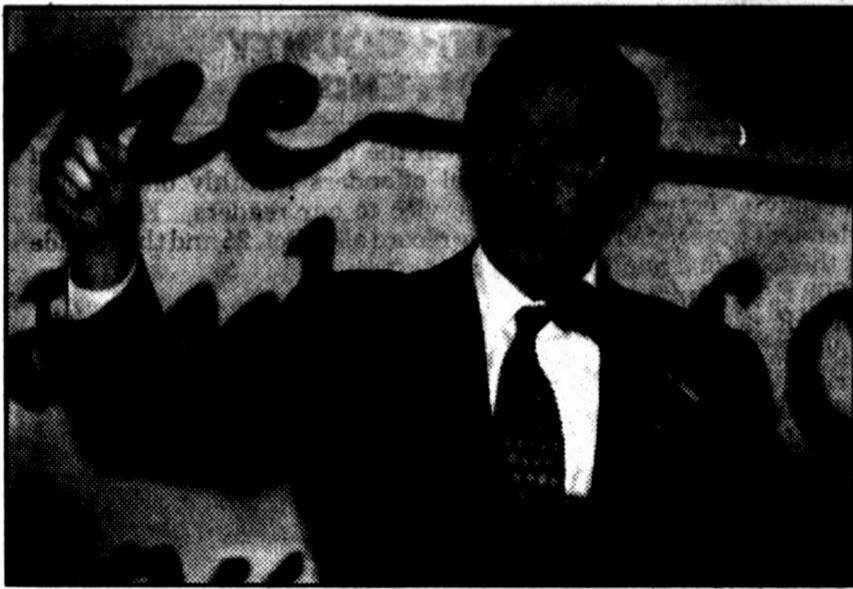
Louise Brinton, chief of the environmental epidemiology branch at the National Cancer Institute, said the findings are more likely to be accurate than some other studies because the women were asked about their exercise habits.

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CAMPAIGN COVERAGE

Press treats female, male candidates differently



Since July, Texas Gov. George W. Bush has spent more than \$4 million per month in his presidential campaign. Republican rival Steve Forbes has spent about \$3.5 million per month on his campaign.

Bush, Forbes pour cash into the race

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a chilling stat for the lesser-funded Republican presidential candidates: Even with no delegates at stake, George W. Bush and Steve Forbes each spent at least \$800,000 to compete in the Iowa straw poll.

The other GOP candidates, who are getting taxpayer help for their campaigns in exchange for limiting their spending, can spend a total of about \$1.1 million in the state.

Bush and Forbes, who have declined the federal funds, can spend as much as they want in their quests for the Republican presidential nomination. Since July, Bush has spent more than \$4 million per month while the self-financed Forbes has spent \$3.5 million monthly.

The money that the Bush and Forbes campaigns each estimate was spent on the nonbinding straw poll is two-thirds of the total that candidates who accept federal matching funds are allowed to spend in Iowa. Because

Bush and Forbes aren't accepting the money, they don't have to abide by the spending limits.

Bush won a decisive first place with 7,418 votes, at a cost of about \$108 for each.

Forbes placed second with 4,921 votes, spending about \$160 for each.

According to his campaign finance report, Bush spent \$279,450 on tickets, each costing \$25. Many went unused. He chartered \$82,532 worth of buses to get voters to the polls. He paid \$43,500 for a prime spot near the polling place for a campaign tent, where he fed supporters \$64,719 worth of barbecue.

Forbes spent \$8,000 to rent his site and \$81,110 on buses, hiring some from Kansas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He spent \$192,500 on tickets and served 9,000 barbecue meals at a cost of \$27,589.

In contrast, conservative activist Gary Bauer, who finished fourth, reported spending \$12,275 on tickets.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The way newspapers cover female candidates, detailing their age, marital status, appearance is a barrier for women seeking election to public office, said a study released Monday.

Newspaper stories include personal and family information about female candidates more often than they do about their male opponents, said the report by the Women's Leadership Fund. Reporters are more likely to highlight men's positions on issues, such as education, transportation and taxes, than those of women, it contended.

"News coverage is another barrier women face in running for executive offices, particularly governor," said Marie Wilson, president of the fund, a New York organization that promotes women for leadership positions. "All too often newspapers cover women as personalities, not as leaders. With more reporting on fe-

male candidates' agendas, the public can better evaluate how women will govern."

The study, "Framing Gender on the Campaign Trail," analyzed newspaper coverage of male and female candidates in six political campaigns in 1998. The candidates were running in general elections for governor in Arizona, Colorado, Maryland and Rhode Island and for governor and attorney general in Massachusetts primaries.

Journalists, who discussed the study at a news conference Monday, agreed that gender bias does creep into print and broadcast reports.

"There is a double standard and it persists," said Andrea Mitchell, chief foreign affairs correspondent for NBC News.

While not defending the practice, Sam Fulwood III, a Washington correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*, agreed, saying, "There is no question that this double standard ex-

ists in our coverage."

Much of their discussion centered on Elizabeth Dole, who recently scrapped her race for the Republican nomination for president. Several journalists said they thought Dole was asked about being second on the GOP ticket more frequently than were men running for the top job.

Gwen Ifill, managing editor for "Washington Week in Review" and senior correspondent for "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," said the questions about the vice presidency might not be all bad. It also could mean that even if she didn't get the nomination, she still had something to offer the party.

Researchers reviewed 311 newspaper stories. The articles comprised 1,609 paragraphs, including 441 quotations, on the campaigns of female candidates and 1,717 paragraphs, including 450 quotations, on male contenders.

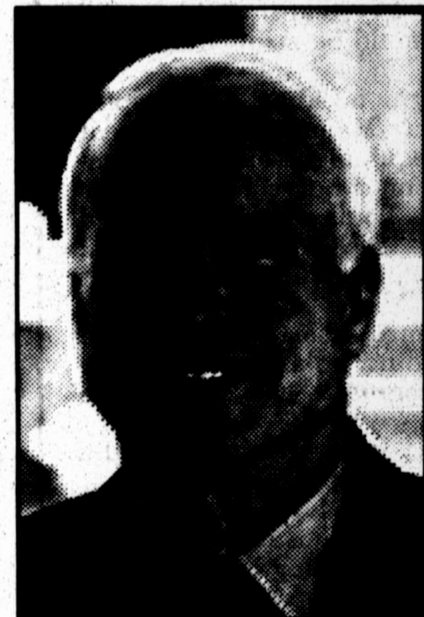
Among the findings:

- Journalists focused on personal characteristics of female candidates in 17 percent of the paragraphs written about them, compared with 12 percent for the men. One story described Arizona Gov. Jane Hull as a "grandmotherly red-head dressed in a sensible suit."

- Male and female candidates received equal campaign coverage. Of the 311 stories, 15 percent focused on female candidates, 16 percent on the male candidates.

- Reporters highlighted male candidates' positions or records on the issues in 31 percent of the paragraphs written about them, compared with 27 percent for women.

- 62 percent of the quotations made by male candidates included facts, evidence or reasoning behind their statements, compared with 56 percent for women.



SEN. JOHN MCCAIN Accuses Bush campaign of planting unflattering story

McCain decries 'personal attacks'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Sen. John McCain says Republican presidential rival George W. Bush has resorted to "personal attacks" to undermine him as he gains ground on Bush in the key primary state of New Hampshire.

"Apparently the memo has gone out from the Bush campaign to start attacking John McCain — something that I'd hoped wouldn't happen," the Arizona senator said.

But McCain added he was flattered to get such attention from the Texas governor, who is the front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination. "Even though sometimes it's not so pleasant, it's really

something that should be a little encouraging, because we are closing on him, and that clearly has him unhappy," McCain said at a news conference here Monday.

A new poll in New Hampshire found registered Republicans in the state favor Bush 39 percent to 27 percent over McCain. That was an improvement for McCain compared with a similar poll in August that had Bush in the lead 45 percent to 10 percent.

McCain said Bush was behind a *New York Times* article on Monday that portrayed him as hot-tempered and engaged in a feud with Arizona's governor, Jane Hull, who has endorsed Bush.

Hull told the newspaper that her relations with McCain were "not particularly warm," and that McCain has a short fuse.

He blamed the Bush campaign for planting the story.

"It's unfortunate that these kinds of personal attacks would be orchestrated from the Bush campaign, but it happens."

Hull denied that her remarks to the *Times* were part of a strategic strike at McCain. *The Arizona Republic* reported today.

"Absolutely, he shouldn't take it as a personal attack," Hull said, adding that Bush did not prompt her to talk about McCain. "I certainly don't take direction from the campaign."

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