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## Today's weather OUTLOOK

### Mostly cloudy skies

Tonight, mostly cloudy, low around 45, southwest wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty shifting to the northwest after midnight.

Thursday, partly sunny and cooler with a high 70 to 75, north wind 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low 40 to 45.



### Extended forecast

Friday, partly cloudy, high 65 to 70.

Saturday, partly cloudy, low near 35, high 65 to 70.

Sunday, mostly clear, low 35 to 40, high 75 to 80.

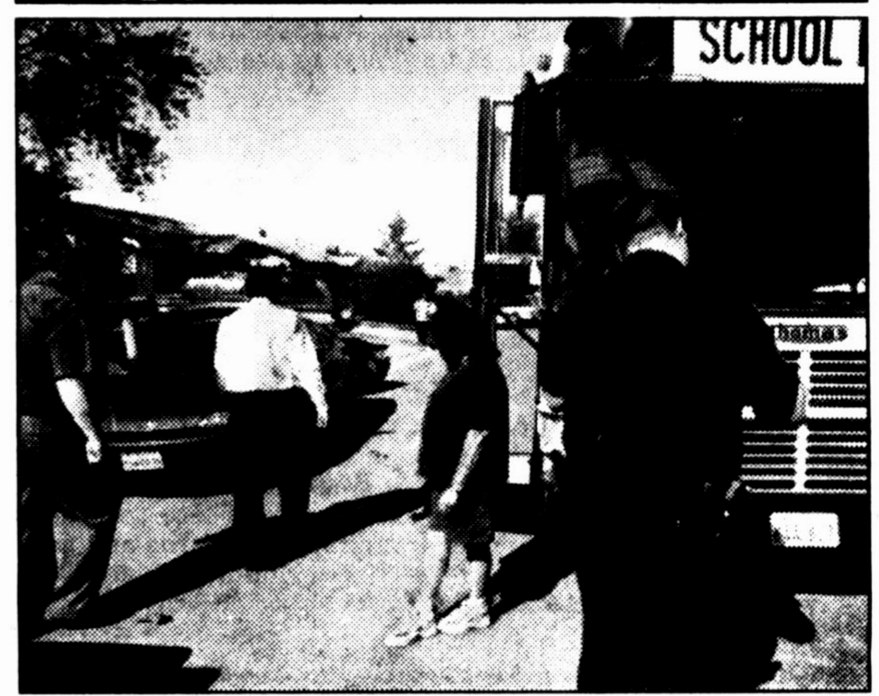
### Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 79; low, 44; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



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**Children injured** — Hereford emergency personnel prepare to transport three children, who were passengers in a parked car that was struck by a Hereford Independent School District bus. According to reports, the bus driver, 61-year-old Maria Jimenez, apparently turned too short in the 200 block of Avenue and collided with a parked car, occupied by a woman and three children. The children were taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center, where they were treated and released. Mrs. Jimenez has been relieved of bus-driving duties until the investigation is completed, according to the school district.



## Inside Today

"I don't understand why he's leaving a job over this. He's clearly in pain. If you talk to him, he's miserable, so it's sincere. But I'll never understand it."

■ Sally Richardson, president/publisher of St. Martin's Press, about Robert Wallace, who resigned as editor in chief of the publishing house after the furor over the publication and recall of "Fortunate Son," a biography of Texas Gov. George W. Bush.



St. Martin's Press editor resigns in protest over handling of controversial biography of Texas governor. — **Page A7**

"You don't usually find a smoking gun in a debate. Not very often are they the thing that changes somebody's mind ... particularly not this early."

■ New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen in reference to tonight's debate between Vice President Gore and his Democratic rival, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley.



Gore, Bradley to square off tonight at Dartmouth College in debate. — **Page A10**

# HALLOWEEN

## What's hot, being bought

By Julie L. Carlson

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

"It's unnatural to eat your own kind — that's so disturbing." Any couch potato knows this quote by heart. The cute little guys that wear white gloves and do anything to avoid being eaten.

M&M's. "Melt in your mouth, not in your hand."

They're every choco-holic's dream food and this year they're every kid's dream Halloween costume, according to Hereford ALCO Discount Store Group Manager Mary Heddins.

The store has already sold out of this costume, but they have plenty more left for children, as well as adults.

The costumes range from clowns to witches to aliens, and let's not forget the blockbuster hit Star Wars characters.

Some children choose to create their own costumes, but use face paint and wigs to add to their attire. ALCO sells both, costumes and the face paints and wigs, anything to make that little sweetheart into a monster.

"I think it's an even mix," ALCO Assistant Manager Michael Wallace says about the retail market this Halloween for costume purchases vs. face paint.

ALCO also has safety precautions for trick-or-treaters. They recommend people carry glow sticks or flashlights when they're out on Halloween. They also offer Star Wars light sabers and glow-in-the-dark hair pieces.

Well, we all know the ghosts and goblins come alive on Sunday, so which trick-or-treaters are prepared to walk the streets with them? In Hereford, not too many.

"Most people (in Hereford) buy their costumes the night before or even the same day



What are the popular Halloween masks this year. ALCO employee Ramon Corona models some of the most popular, including (above) a character from blockbuster movie "The Scream," a scary creature (above, right) and the hockey mask worn by Jason in the movie "Nightmare on Elm Street."

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as Halloween. That's when we get our biggest rush for Halloween costumes," Heddins says.

This may be in part because the costumes at ALCO go on sale just before Halloween. They run \$14-\$23, but this week they have slashed the prices for the costumes and they now range from \$11-\$14.

Trick-or-treating's the name, but safety's the game.

Scott & White Clinic of Temple, Texas, gives parents tips for their little goblins to be stylish but also safe.

Dr. Michael C. Smith of Scott and White Clinic advises the following:

- Make sure the costume

allows for easy movement and doesn't drag on the ground. This could cause the child to trip and fall. The child should wear shoes that fit well and feel comfortable. High heels, clown feet or heavy boots could cause the child to stumble.

- Since most trick-or-treating is done at sundown or at night, costumes should allow the child to see and to be seen by motorists. Make sure the costume is made of white or bright material so that the child can be seen at night. Use black only for trim or decorative touches.
- Elaborate headdresses

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House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.



## Lawmakers' pay included in cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders are bowing to pressure and including congressional salaries in their proposed across-the-board budget cuts. But they are still hunting the votes they need to push the plan through Congress.

GOP leaders decided Tuesday to include lawmakers' pay in the reductions after rank-and-file Republicans, President Clinton and radio talk-show hosts chided them for not doing so. They now want agencies' budgets cut 1 percent, savings they say can come from paring federal waste.

"Republican members of Congress believe that the government can find a penny on the dollar in waste, fraud and abuse" to avoid spending Social Security surpluses, said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "They also believe that they can set an example by shaving back their own pay by the same percentage."

Lawmakers decided last summer to boost their pay next January by 3.4 percent to \$141,300, a \$4,600 raise. With the 1 percent reduction, their salary would rise to \$139,900.

It is unclear, however, whether legislators' salaries will ever be affected. President Clinton has promised to reject the GOP's across-the-board spending reduction, arguing it would be too damaging to defense, education and other programs.

"The president will veto the across-the-board cut they've proposed," White House chief of staff John Podesta told reporters.

Applying the reduction to lawmakers' pay would save less than \$1 million, a tiny fraction of the billions of dollars in dispute between Clinton and Congress in their budget fight.

But with Republicans arguing that federal agencies could afford to trim waste from their budgets, their initial exclusion of lawmakers' pay had caused them a public relations headache.

One worry was that unless legislators' salaries were included, labor unions might run advertisements contrasting that with the GOP's reluctance so far this year to raise the minimum wage, said John Feehery, a spokesman for Hastert.

Republicans had been pushing a 1.4 percent reduction in federal agencies' spending, a cut that would not affect automatic benefits such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. On Tuesday, they were planning to drop that to a 1 percent cut in hopes of picking up support from lawmakers unhappy over reductions to defense and other programs.

GOP leaders said they had not originally included lawmakers' pay in the across-the-board cut because money for their salaries is not controlled by the spending bills that finance agency budgets.

## U.S. shows first 2-year budget surplus since Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government ended the fiscal year with a budget surplus of \$123 billion, recording the first back-to-back surpluses since Dwight Eisenhower was president, the White

House announced today. The surplus for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 followed a \$69.2 billion surplus in 1998, the first time the government had finished in the black since 1969. The two consecutive budget

surpluses marked the first time the government has managed that feat since 1956 and 1957 during the Eisenhower administration.

Despite the surpluses, the government still has a \$5 trillion debt.

Presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart disclosed the figures in advance of a formal White House event where President Clinton was to talk about the administration's economic accomplishments later in the day.

Lockhart called the 1999 surplus the largest in U.S. history in total dollar terms. As a percentage of the total economy, it is the largest surplus since 1951, Lockhart said. Clinton last month had said the administration was look-

ing for a surplus of at least \$115 billion. That figure was up from a \$98.8 billion projection the administration had made in June.

The Social Security Trust Fund had a \$124 billion surplus last year.

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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.

**Youth Mystery Dinner**

Area teens are invited to a free mystery dinner theater at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene. Participants will be treated to supper, a mystery theater, and clues to help them solve the murder. All area youth are invited to the evening of fun and mystery. For more information contact the Church of the Nazarene at 364-8303.

**Tierra Blanca tree sale**

Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District is having their annual tree sale now through mid-March. More than 30 varieties of shade, and evergreen trees are available and all are grown specifically for the area climate. These trees make excellent shade or windbreaks around houses, barns and fields. For more information contact the Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District office at 364-0530, ext. 3 or come by 315 W. Third.

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**News digest**

**Dan Rather subpoenaed**

JASPER, Texas (AP) — CBS News anchor Dan Rather has been subpoenaed to testify at the capital murder trial of the third man charged in last year's dragging death of a black man.

Prosecutors want to ask Rather about the interview he taped last month with defendant Shawn Allen Berry.

"Dan Rather is a material and necessary witness in the proceeding," prosecutors said in a motion approved Tuesday by State District Judge Bob Golden.

The judge signed an order requesting Rather's presence for about two weeks, starting Nov. 9.

CBS attorney Susanna Lowy told The Lufkin Daily News she would not comment on the motion until she had a chance to review it.

**NTSB find few leads**

MINA, S.D. (AP) — The questions are mounting as investigators try to determine what happened to golfer Payne Stewart's Learjet as it silently raced over America's heartland.

There is no flight data recorder to provide clues. The cockpit voice recorder is a 30-minute loop of tape that hasn't been found. And medical experts fear the remains of the six victims may not reveal whether they died after the aircraft suddenly lost pressure.

No one was apparently conscious at the controls for four hours Monday, when the jet flew 1,400 miles across the country on autopilot before running out of fuel and slamming nose-first into the ground near Mina.

Most of the plane's debris is embedded in mud and soil within a 10-foot-deep, 30-foot-wide crater, said Bob Francis, vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Investigators planned to return today to search inside the crater for pieces of the plane. Tissue samples from the remains were being tested.

**Fans flood online auctions**

NEW YORK (AP) — A \$9.99 golf ball suddenly was bid up to \$202.50. An autographed score card, initially priced at just \$1, rocketed to \$103.

As news spread of golf champion Payne Stewart's death in a bizarre plane crash Monday, asking prices for the golfer's memorabilia began soaring on online auction sites as adoring fans and macabre collectors logged on to place their bids.

Online auction sites such as eBay, Yahoo! and Amazon.com were swamped.

At eBay, an autographed photo of Stewart decked out in his signature knickers and tam-o'-shanter hat went on the block last Tuesday for \$9.95. And it stayed at that price, with only one bid, until 1:30 p.m. Monday — when the value of Stewart's memorabilia started going up and authorities confirmed his plane had gone down in a South Dakota field, killing everyone on board.

**Elsewhere:**

**SAFER FISH:** The Texas Department of Health was expected Wednesday to lift a nine-year health advisory against eating fish from Austin's Town Lake. The Health Department had warned people in 1987 not to eat carp, shad or striped bass from Town Lake after chlordane, a pesticide used to kill termites, was found in some fish.

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**Parent appreciation**



**Thanks Mom, Dad** — Students and staff at Tierra Blanca Primary school expressed their appreciation for all the things parents do -- from getting students up in the morning, helping with homework and volunteering at the school -- with Donuts for Dad on Oct. 13 and Muffins for Mom today. Parents and their students were treated with donuts, muffins, coffee or juice. The school plans a grandparent appreciation day in the near future.



**Y2K hits schools**

One-third of nations schools and colleges remain unprepared for new millenium

recognize only the last two digits of a year, could read the digits "00" as 1900 instead of 2000.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the worst-case scenario, some of the nation's schoolchildren could return from winter vacation to find heating systems, cafeteria freezers and security systems failing — or kaput.

With two months to go, more than a third of the nation's schools and colleges remain unprepared for the Year 2000's effect on computers and other technology, the Education Department said today.

Officials acknowledge that Y2K-related failures in schools would have little direct impact on teaching and learning, outside of lessons involving information technology. But the failures could have the worst effect where schools are least prepared, on critical operations such as school building heating and security.

But the schools surveyed offer another scenario: 96 percent of kindergarten-through-12th-grade school districts and 97 percent of colleges contend they'll be ready by Jan. 1.

"It boggles the mind that these planners couldn't foresee the Year 2000 was quickly approaching," said William L. Rukeyser, coordinator of Learning in the Real World, a Woodland, Calif.-based group often critical of ballooning school technology expenditures. "Reading a calendar is not brain surgery."

Even Education Secretary Richard Riley said he worried about the schools' late start on compliance, which he said leaves "little room for testing or for any slippage in their schedules."

An Education Department survey last spring found that just 28 percent of the more than 3,500 school districts surveyed had reached compliance, and only 30 percent of roughly 2,100 colleges had all of their systems Y2K ready. Then, many school districts and colleges predicted their Y2K work and contingency planning would have been finished by Oct. 1, 1999.

"Clearly, our schools need to give very serious attention to Y2K business continuity and contingency planning," he said.

But the follow-up survey conducted at the beginning of this month suggests there's little for the lagging schools to do now but prepare as best they can for the glitches.

Despite optimistic predictions for overall preparations for the Year 2000 problem, the Clinton administration has warned that schools, some cities, small hospitals and small businesses are foot-dragging on contingency plans.

Without the fixes, any information that relies on a date could experience a year's-end glitch. Conceivably, heating systems could fail, cafeteria freezers could shut down, teacher paychecks could be held up and student records could be corrupted.

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**Obituaries**

**BERNADETTE ANNE MCGUIRE**  
Oct. 25, 1999

DENTON — Services for Bernadette Anne McGuire, 78, of Denton will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Mel Bessellieu officiating. Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Friday in Mulkey-Mason/Jack Schmitz Funeral Home. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. McGuire died Monday. Mrs. McGuire was born in Nazareth and raised in West Texas. She graduated from high school and attended beauty college. She was a beautician until her marriage.

Mrs. McGuire moved to Denton after her husband's retirement, where she was an

active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for more than 30 years.

She married William M. McGuire in 1950 at Roswell, N.M.

Survivors include her daughter, Anne Vela of Denton; two sons, Frank McGuire of Bolivar and Cas Dunlap of Dallas; three sisters, Aggie Berg of Santa Maria, Calif., Rosie Hill of Abilene and Emelene Kriegshauser of Hereford; four brothers, Wirt Albracht and Jerry Albracht, both of Hereford, Dr. Gene Albracht and Dr. John Albracht, both of Amarillo; six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to PACT, Parkinson's and Caregivers Together, 1104 Windsor Dr. Denton, TX 76201.

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**School computer numbers double**

Access to technology lags in many areas

teacher education have not focused very much on technology," said Beth McGrath, an education researcher at Steven Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of computers in schools has doubled since 1993 to 8 million nationwide, but many states still lag in the access they provide students to the machines, an annual report on school technology says.

The report Tuesday also said that if classroom computers are going to make a difference, the nation must focus on training teachers to do more with them than surfing Web sites and sending e-mail.

"The public is beginning to ask for proof that their investment in technology has paid off," according to the report by Market Data Retrieval of Shelton, Conn. "It's no longer sufficient to point to inventory lists, as important as they are, as the only proof of progress."

The sixth annual "Technology in Education" report from Market Data, which is a Dun & Bradstreet research subsidiary, highlights student-to-computer ratios in each state. And despite a national ratio of 5.7 pupils per computer, down from 10.8 in 1993, this year's results continue to show varying degrees of computer access nationwide.

In separate work on teacher training in technology, Market Data found that new teachers — those with two years or less experience — didn't have to prove they could use technology to teach to get certificates (67.3 percent) or get jobs (82.9 percent).

Furthermore, the new teachers — among the first generation to grow up with computers — got fewer hours of on-the-job training than older teachers, despite the fact that nearly two-thirds of the beginners reported that only one or two of their college courses even included instruction on how to use technology to teach.

"Traditionally, schools of

The survey found that states with education plans that emphasize computer learning yielded better student-to-computer ratios than the national average. For instance, Kentucky had 5.3 pupils per computer; West Virginia, 5.4 pupils. More state dollars improved the picture in Indiana, 4.5 pupils; Florida, 5.0; and Texas, 5.1.

Others, like Wyoming, with 3.5 pupils for each computer, benefited from low student populations that allow even a small investment to go a long way. Pupils have computer access above the national average in Midwestern states such as Iowa, Ohio and Minnesota, with relatively little computer-related industry, as they do in Washington state, home of software giant Microsoft Corp. and many Internet companies.

But California, home to the Silicon Valley computer industry, fell behind at 8.1 students per computer.

Market Data gathered the information through mail and telephone surveys of the nation's 86,000 schools, with 48 percent responding. The survey was not a sample survey, so no margin of error was calculated, said Kathleen Brantley, the company's director of product development. She said the company ensures that a profile of responding schools matches characteristics of all schools surveyed.

Some critics warned Tuesday against analyzing education technology solely on boxes and wires.

"I don't think a shopping-cart mentality tells much of the story," said William L. Rukeyser, coordinator of Learning in the Real World, a Woodland, Calif., organization that questions the overemphasis of school spending on education technology. "We've had this kind of multibillion-dollar investment without the necessary level of sophistication to use it — and that is across the board."

**Cadet numbers fall**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M students were less apt this year to join the university's Corps of Cadets, enrollment figures show.

The Corps produces more military officers than any other U.S. school outside the service academies.

This year, however, the number of students who joined fell nearly 11 percent.

Only 1,962 cadets enrolled this year, compared with the 2,197 who signed on in 1998. The number of freshmen Corps recruits dropped from 776 last

year to 564 this year.

The flagging interest could be due to the shrinking of A&M's freshman class although social and political factors also might be at work, a Corps spokesman told the Houston Chronicle.

"Part of it could be the general unpopularity of military service or military careers these days," spokesman Doc Mills said.

Mills also mentioned a prosperous economy. "That makes civilian careers much more attractive," he said.

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**Emergency services**

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Oct. 26, 1999, include the following:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Arrests**  
— An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue H and charged with making silent or abusive 911 calls.

**Incidents**  
— Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Main.

— Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Avenue J.

— Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Barrett.

— Domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Avenue J.

— Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of East Park Avenue.

— Theft was reported in the 1200 block of West First.

— An assault was reported in the 300 block of Avenue E.

— A report of enticing a child was made in the 100 block of Campbell.

— Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Avenue J.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Arrests**  
— A 26-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a theft by check conviction.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
— 2:29 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue in the 200 block of Avenue H. An empty school bus hit a parked car with a woman and three children. All three children were transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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**Texas lottery**

**Cash Five**  
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:  
**13-18-25-26-28**

**Pick 3**  
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
**2-5-1**

# LIFESTYLES

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At the Center

## Senior Citizens

### MENUS

**THURSDAY**-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple tidbits, sugar cookies; or pork cubes in gravy, vanilla wafers.

**FRIDAY**-Fish with lemon wedge, cheese grits, buttered mixed greens, coleslaw, pound cake with lemon sauce; or beef fingers, buttered yellow squash.

**MONDAY**-Salisbury steak, baked potato with sour cream, buttered carrots, tossed green salad, ice cream with fruit toppings; or chicken and noodles, sherbet.

**TUESDAY**-Sliced ham with raisin sauce, sweet potato patties, Normandy vegetables, 7-Up salad, chocolate cake; or Swiss steak, Dzerda salad, plain cake.

**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, carrot-raisin salad, peach cobbler; or Polish sausage, peaches.

### 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.

**MONDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., FOT meeting 9 a.m.

**TUESDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis Club noon.

**WEDNESDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## FCE Council committees give reports

Members of the Deaf Smith County Family and Community Education Council approved recommendations for the new year made by standing committees during its meeting Monday in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library.

Six FCE clubs were represented at the meeting with four having 100 percent attendance.

Draper FCE Club held opening exercise. Tonie Vaughn led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, the FCE Prayer and read "Grandma's Spectacles."

Visitors in attendance were Katherine Paschel and Shirley Brown.

The FCE Council will have a concession stand at the Westway Bazaar on Nov. 13.

Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent, discussed upcoming events with the members.

The next council meeting will be Nov. 15.



State officers of the Order of the Eastern Star were in Hereford Tuesday to conduct a school of instruction for members of District 2, Section 3 which includes Hereford, Muleshoe, Canyon, Happy, Floydada and Plainview. Pictured are, front row from left, Kay Hale, Barbara Lust, Bonnie Varnell, Worthy Grand Matron Betty Friend, Kimi Kidd; and back row from left, Donna Swindle, Wanda Hosmer, Jack Friend, General Grand Chapter Committee member Garland Rattan and Dwayne Maserang.

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## Ann Landers



Ann Landers

husband, Darryl, had inherited a lot of money a few years back. Instead of spending it on the house, he put the money in a separate account, and started buying himself cameras, computers, and finally, a boat. You told her she needed the courage to assert herself and demand that Darryl treat her more fairly.

I am a divorce attorney and have seen a great many marriages that have gone bad. There is usually enough blame to go around on both sides. It is obvious that the spark has gone out of that marriage. Darryl is spending all his inheritance on toys for himself while his wife stews in her drab and dismal home. Your advice that she keep nagging him until he agrees to accommodate her was unrealistic. Chances are, that strategy will push Darryl over the edge, and he will simply take a hike.

Most men put their money where their heart is. "Empire" needs to find a way to put love back into that relationship. She must figure out why things went sour, and work with her husband to rebuild their marriage. When she is No. 1 in his life, you can be sure the draperies and couch will follow. Darryl wants to enjoy his life with his new money. She needs to be the center of that joy and the love of his life, not The Nag of the Year. — Bob in California

**Dear California:** Thank you for "reading between the lines" when you felt I had failed to do

so. You could be right — witness your astute assessment and the excellent advice that followed. I appreciate your writing, and invite you to do so whenever you feel inclined.

**Dear Ann Landers:** You asked your readers to tell you how they stopped a drunk from driving. Here is my story:

I knew a man who drank for more than 30 years. He was a police officer. One day, after being on duty from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and having had several drinks instead of lunch, he went out partying. Later, he got in his car to drive home. He stopped at a traffic light, looked around, and realized that he was completely lost. He got out of his car and checked the street signs, but he had no idea where he was. He tried to remember where he had been and who he had been with. When he couldn't recall, he began to cry. He walked around the car to see if he had struck another car or, worse yet, a person. He was relieved to see there was no evidence of either.

When the man finally figured out his location, he drove home, crying all the way. He had no recollection of the previous 12 hours. That night, he knew fear for the first time. He thought his fellow officers would arrest him for DUI or for leaving the scene of an accident, but neither happened.

You would think that after all that man went through, he would stop drinking, but he didn't. It took a suicide attempt before he made the final step. I know this story well, because I am that man. I recently passed my 17th year of sobriety, thanks to the counseling unit of the New York City Police Department and Alcoholics Anonymous. I could not have done it without them. — R.R., Sarasota, Fla.

## Xi Epsilon members tell hobbies, interests

"Hobbies: Sharing Your Interests" was the topic of the program presented by Deann Harris when Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met in her home recently. Members participated by highlighting their extracurricular activities.

A formal "Model Meeting," led by president Shelley Lewis, preceded the program.

Committee chairmen gave a brief overview of their committees' purpose and goals and welcomed guest Jana Morgan.

Treasurer Kay Williams distributed tickets for members to sell for the holiday floral arrangement that is being created by Terry Sparks of Terry's Floral and Design. She noted that, in return, members will hostess for Sparks' shop during the Christmas Open House on Nov. 7.

Service committee chairman Susan Shaw supplied the quiz benefiting the Christmas Stocking

Fund. She listed trivia about television programs and members had to identify the correct show.

Program and yearbook chairman Peggy Hyer announced that the next meeting will be hosted by Williams on Nov. 2.

Social committee co-chairmen Kami Eades and Sharon Bodner announced final plans for travel to Oklahoma City's annual craft show, "An Affair of the Heart."

Membership committee chairman Pattie Urbanczyk said that Lewis is eligible for progression to the Exemplar Degree at the Nov. 16 rituals.

Following the Closing Ritual, dessert and beverages were served by hostesses Harris and Hyer to Debbie Holmes, Melinda Henson, Gaye Reilly, Linda Arellano, Connie Matthews, Tamara Mimms, Kim Hollingsworth, Lewis, Urbanczyk, Williams, Shaw, Bodner and Eades.

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## College Report

Chan Spearman Haney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Whipple of Hereford and graduate of Hereford High School, has completed requirements to

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a bachelor of science degree in education.

Haney is now teaching special education at Howell Middle School in Victoria.

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## Halloween safety pointers by movie monster mummy

As the actor who stars as the Mummy in Universal Studios *The Mummy*, Arnold Vosloo knows a thing or two about monsters.

"Playing a monster is fun, especially when you're surrounded by the best special effects and make-up artists in the business. But when trick or treating on Halloween, it's also important to be safe."

To assist young trick or treaters, here's some Halloween safety pointers — right from *The Mummy* himself:

- Never go alone, it's more fun to be with your friends or parents
- Carry a flashlight. Always walk on sidewalks, never on the street.
- Visit only the houses where the lights are on
- Be sure to check candy before you eat it
- Take treats at the door — never enter an unfamiliar house
- Be cautious of strangers and...
- Have fun!

Universal Studios established its long-standing reputation as the leader in horror/sci-fi films with such classics as *Dracula*, *Frankenstein*, *The Mummy*, *The Bride of Frankenstein*, *The Wolf Man*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *Creature From The Black Lagoon*.

The 1931 *Dracula* starring Bela Lugosi remains one of the best examples in which gothic

and supernatural elements combine to create an eerie, unforgettable story of the undead.

*Frankenstein* was released the following year in 1932. Based on Mary Shelley's novel and starring Boris Karloff, this film is considered by many critics the greatest horror film of all time. Karloff's performance made the creature both oddly affecting and deeply terrifying.

*The Mummy* was released that same year. This disturbingly haunting film, also starring Karloff, is based on an ancient prince seeking his beloved in modern Cairo after being buried alive for thousands of years.

The 1935 *Bride of Frankenstein* is a story about a half-human creature, once again portrayed by Karloff, who is made almost human in its search for love and companionship, only to suffer rejection from a female creature created for its longings.

In 1940, *The Wolf Man* terrified moviegoers with its hair-raising special effects and its hauntingly touching story of a man turned into a ferocious monster that kills what it loves the most. Lon Chaney Jr. played the tortured title character.

The 1943 *Phantom of the Opera* is based on the classic story of the demented music teacher whose spellbinding control of a beautiful soprano and the terrified audiences attending the Opera Garnier in

Paris remains a riveting story. Claude Rains stars as the insane yet charming Phantom.

The 1954 *Creature from the Black Lagoon* combined the traditional elements of the horror genre with the new phobia of unknown forces unleashed by the race for scientific dominance wrought by the Cold War. This time, it was man's ability to create terrifying mutations that played on moviegoers' fears.

What better way to spend the Halloween season than with the greatest collection of monsters the world has ever seen? Invite them over to your home — and have a frightfully fun Halloween!

### Looking Back

## Today in History

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of 1999. There are 65 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 27, 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the U.S. Constitution, was published in a New York newspaper.

#### On this date:

In 1858, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was born in New York City.

In 1880, Theodore Roosevelt married Alice Lee.

In 1904, the first rapid transit subway, the IRT, opened in New York City.

In 1914, author-poet Dylan Thomas was born in Swansea, Wales.

In 1938, Du Pont announced a name for its new synthetic yarn: "nylon."

In 1941, the Chicago Daily Tribune dismissed the possibil-

ity of war with Japan, editorializing, "She cannot attack us. That is a military impossibility. Even our base at Hawaii is beyond the effective striking power of her fleet."

In 1947, "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, premiered on ABC Radio. (It later became a television show on NBC.)

In 1954, Walt Disney's first television program, titled "Disneyland" after his yet-to-be-completed theme park, premiered on ABC.

In 1967, Expo '67 closed in Montreal, Canada.

In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord.

Ten years ago: The third game of the World Series, delayed by the Northern California earthquake, was played at Candlestick Park. The Oakland

A's defeated the San Francisco Giants, 13-7.

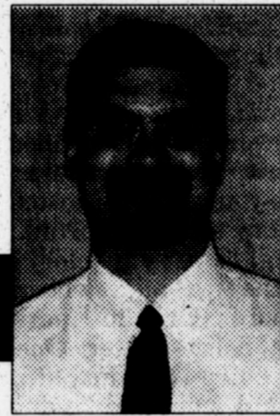
Five years ago: In the first trip to Syria by an American president in 20 years, President Clinton met with Syrian President Hafez Assad before heading to Jerusalem to meet with Israeli officials.

One year ago: Hurricane Mitch cut through the western Caribbean, pummeling coastal Honduras and Belize; the storm caused several thousand deaths in Central America in the days that followed. Serb forces drew back from former Kosovo battlefronts, holding off the immediate threat of NATO airstrikes.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Teresa Wright is 81. Actress Nanette Fabray is 79. Baseball Hall-of-Famer and sportscaster Ralph Kiner is 77. Actress Ruby Dee is 75. Former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is 74. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 60. Country singer Lee Greenwood is 57. Actress Carrie Snodgrass is 53.

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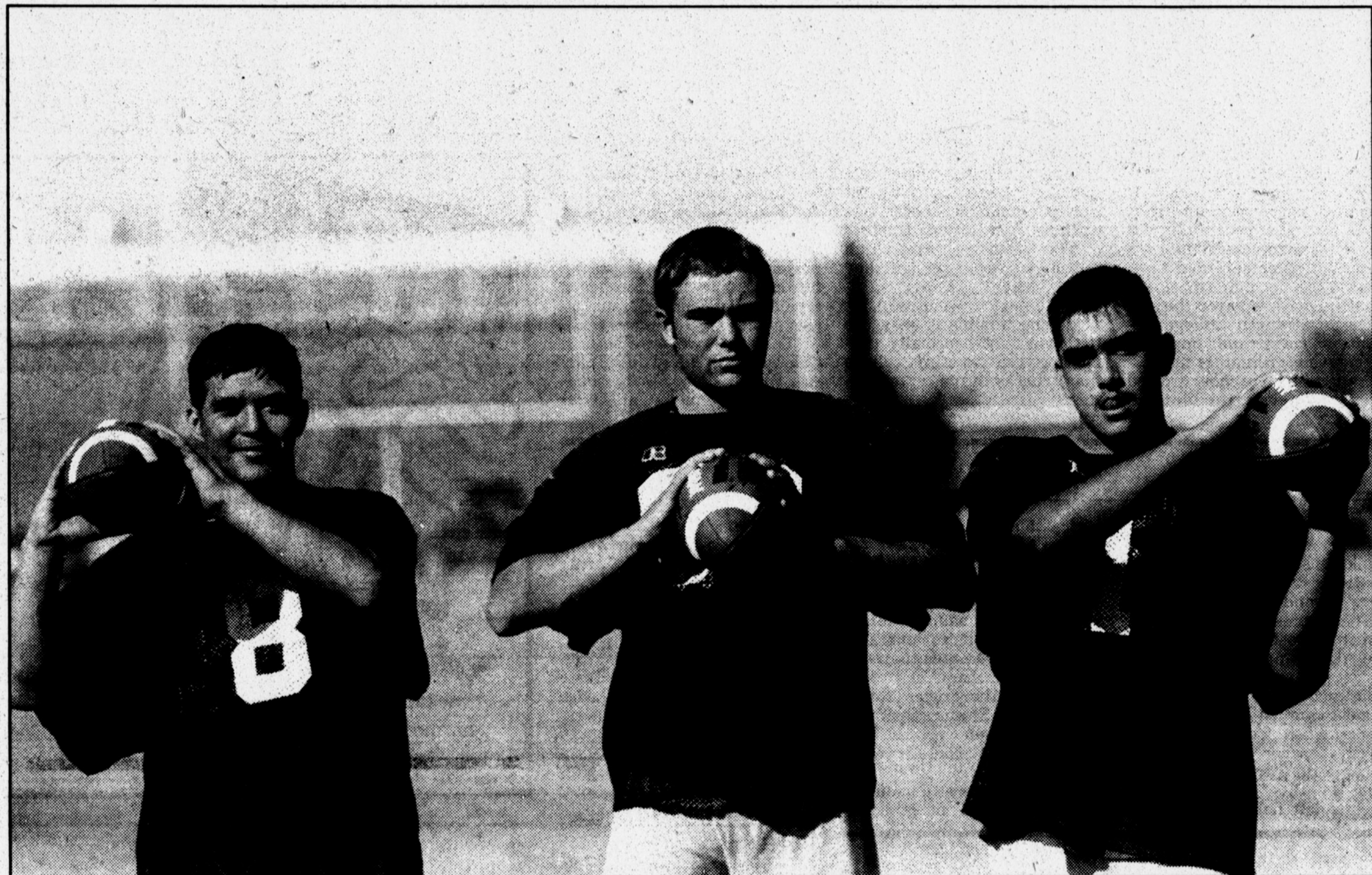


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# Playmakers



**Triple Threat** — Receivers Tony Lopez (left), George Castillo (right) and tight end James Miller have made a big impact on the Whitefaces. The three seniors have been go-to guys on the passing offense, helping Hereford become very explosive in the air, and on the ground, too.

Receivers Castillo, Lopez and Miller make Hereford's offense more multi-dimensional

By Yuri Soto  
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

It's all about making plays. Hereford knows Cody Hodgesto-Slade Hodges could be its best passing combination ever.

But they can't do it all. Heck, L.J. Vallejo can't do it all either. Even if it looks like it everytime on the game film.

But there's three guys who also provide the same exciting playmaking in the air, which Hereford has been known for — airing it out. Wide receivers George Castillo and Tony Lopez and tight end James Miller.

All three are seniors, and even if they don't see as much action, when they do, offenses should watch out.

And, they better, especially for the likes of George Castillo.

Castillo has been a jack-of-all-trades guy for Hereford, providing some great plays. All because of Craig Yenzler's strategic plans for the opponents.

"It's just big plays and coach Yenzler has designed them for me to do," Castillo said. "I know you got to make plays or your name is caught. Varsity is when it counts; it's for all the money."

Against Canyon Randall on Sept. 24, with the Whitefaces

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## Yankees one win away from World Championship

By Ben Walker  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The fans were gone, the lights were off and the trash sweepers were out in force at Yankee Stadium after Game 3.

Their brooms might have a whole new meaning tonight. As in: Yanks in four, goodbye Braves.

A 3-0 edge sure didn't look likely for most of Tuesday

night. Atlanta had everything going its way until New York once again found a way to win, rallying for a 6-5 victory on Chad Curtis' 10th-inning home run.

"I'm still amazed, and yet I'm not amazed," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We go out there and play nine innings. And good things happen."

Or even extra innings.

New York trailed 5-1 against Tom Glavine — the home fans were booing — before Curtis homered twice and Chuck Knoblauch and Tino Martinez also connected. The Yankees won their 11th straight

World Series game, putting them one victory away from a second consecutive sweep.

"It would have

been nice to have won," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said. "It would have gotten us going real good. This was a big one to lose."

Knoblauch's two-run homer in the eighth off right fielder Brian Jordan's glove made it 5-all and finished Glavine.

In the 10th, Curtis hit a 1-1 pitch from Mike Remlinger into the Braves' left-field bullpen for the first game-ending homer in the Series since Joe Carter's Game 6 shot won it all for Toronto in 1993.

"I have a tendency when I get up there in that situation, I try to hit a home run," Curtis said. "So I went up there and tried to hit it up the middle, and I hit a home run."

Curtis made his first ever

start in the Series and ended up as the hero with the first walkoff homer he could remember hitting. Until Tuesday, he had homered just once since May 23 and had not hit one at Yankee Stadium since Sept. 23, 1998.

"Always somebody you don't expect," Cox said. "You never know where it's going to come from."

Roger Clemens, who joined the Yankees this spring in hopes of winning his first World Series ring, gets a chance to close it out in Game 4 tonight against John Smoltz.

No team in baseball history has overcome a 0-3 deficit in postseason play. The Yankees are trying to win their third World Series in four years, a streak that began when they beat Atlanta in 1996.

"We swept four before, but not in the World Series," Cox said.

Mariano Rivera, Mr. Automatic in October, pitched two innings for the victory. He has not allowed a run in his last 41 2/3 innings, and has a postseason streak of 24 1/3 scoreless innings.

While the Braves lost their seventh straight Series game, the Yankees moved within one victory of tying the longest Series winning streak. The record was set by their Murderer's Row teams of 1927, 1928 and 1932 — the 11th win in that streak was the game in which Babe Ruth supposedly called his shot at Wrigley Field against Charlie Root.

Glavine, scratched from his Game 1 start because of the

flu, fortified himself with a plate of ravioli and pitched like a two-time Cy Young Award winner. And Atlanta looked every bit like the team that led the majors with 103 wins.

Bret Boone hit three doubles in the first four innings against Andy Pettitte and finished with four hits. Every Braves batter had a hit by the fifth, and by then it was 5-1 and the sellout crowd of 56,794 was booing.

Boone could be seen huddling in the dugout with batting coach Don Baylor, checking out what appeared to be hitting charts. During Monday's workout, Baylor held an extended session of batting practice and stressed patience

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Sports

# Passing runs in blood of McCowns

By Mike Finger  
The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Texas (AP) — When Danny Long accepted the first head coaching job of his career in 1991, he thought he was simply taking control of a mediocre program in an East Texas town.

As it turned out, Long walked straight into one of the most prolific family legacies in football history.

For most of this decade, Long's Jacksonville High School teams have been led by one of three strong-armed, Division I college-caliber brothers — Randy, Josh and Luke McCown. All three have led the Indians to at least one playoff berth, and Long knows he can't take all the credit for turning the team into a perennial Class 4A powerhouse.

"I thank God each and every day for putting me in Jacksonville, Texas," Long said. "Every coach dreams of getting just one player like that, and I got three of them."

Before Randy emerged as the Indians' star quarterback in 1992, the McCowns were simply known in Jacksonville for their family lumber mill and their active role in the community. But seven years later, with Randy leading Texas A&M to a No. 22 ranking, Josh settling into a starting role at Southern Methodist and

Luke drawing attention from several college scouts, there's little doubt that the clan's identity has changed for good.

"Most of the time, people around here don't treat us any diome sort of secret to raising quarterbacks. I don't."

McCown encouraged his boys at an early age to learn the proper way to throw a football and shoot a basketball. But a bigger concern, he said, was making sure the fiercely-competitive brothers always had a way to expend their energy.

Luke, a senior at Jacksonville who is two years younger than Josh and five years younger than Randy, said one of his earliest athletic memories is the day his dad came home with three Dallas Cowboys helmets.

"We used to put those helmets on, roll around in the front yard and think we were big stuff," Luke said. "We didn't really know what we were doing, but we had fun."

As the boys got older, it became more obvious that each had the necessities for becoming a successful quarterback. All three sprouted to at least 6 feet in high school. All three quickly displayed the sort of arm strength college recruiters covet and opposing defensive coordinators fear.

But while coaches drooled over their talent, the brothers

said they were too busy trying to one-up each other to notice. Randy, Josh and Luke always found ways to compete, fighting most battles in Sunday-afternoon basketball games in the family's driveway.

"Basketball was perfect because you can't really play one-on-one in football," said Josh, a sophomore at SMU. "We'd play for hours, and when the games were over, the fights would start."

Surprisingly, the most famous three-quarterback family outside Pallyup, Wash., (the home of Damon, Brock and Luke Huard) is as unassuming as it is remarkable.

Pat, his wife Robin, the three brothers and high school sophomore Amy have gone to extraordinary lengths to support each other — Randy drove to Dallas last month on his day off to console Josh after a tough loss — but most in Jacksonville have never heard their brag.

Long said he admires the brothers' "moral commitment and personal character" as much as their athletic talent.

"They've never acted high and mighty, even though they could have," Long said. "They're next to wonderful."

Staying humble is easy, the McCowns say, especially considering the scrutiny college quarterbacks often must endure.

Both parents said they have tried to avoid getting too excited about the boys' successes or too upset over their failures. But sometimes — like when Randy was competing against Brannon Stewart last year for the starting job at A&M — the McCowns have had their coolness tested.

"It's an awfully difficult thing, the first time you open up the newspaper and read about how dumb your son is," Pat said. "But the boys have always handled it well, and I think we're all getting better at accepting the good with the bad."

An equally difficult task has been coordinating a schedule that allows both parents to see all three sons play.

Sometimes they get lucky. Earlier this month, Josh played for SMU in Dallas on a Thursday, Luke played at Jacksonville Friday and Randy played at College Station Saturday.

When plans don't fall perfectly into place, however, Pat and Robin must split the cheering duties. Family policy dictates that one parent be present at every game, so the husband and wife often board separate planes to different college games on Saturdays.

"Last year, we were both in Colorado watching Josh play Air Force when Randy separated his shoulder at Okla-

homa State," Robin said. "After that, we made sure something like that would never happen again."

This weekend, Pat and Robin will sit in the Jacksonville stands for the last time with a son on the field, as Luke starts his final home game for the Indians. Many scouts say Luke's 6-foot-4-inch frame, cannon arm and proven pedigree make him the family's biggest prospect. His brothers will make sure he never develops a big head.

"As far as talent and potential, Luke is probably the best athlete," Randy said. "But you'd probably never get Josh or me to tell him that."

## Spurs best Rockets, 98-80

HOUSTON (AP) — Tim Duncan scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Houston Rockets 98-80 Tuesday night.

Houston trailed by 13 points midway in the second quarter, but closed to 48-41 at halftime and trailed by only one point late in the third quarter.

San Antonio never lost the lead, though, and took a 65-60 advantage into the fourth quarter. Houston pulled within 69-66 with 8:23 left, but was outscored 29-14 the rest of the way.

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## Yankees

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at the plate and emphasized hitting to the opposite field.

It all worked in the early going for a team that hit .121 in the first two games. After that, the Yankees quickly hit their first four home runs of the Series.

"We're not a home-run hitting team, but sometimes these things happen," Torre said.

Curtis hit the 11th game-

ending homer in the Series history, and the first for the Yankees since Mickey Mantle in 1964. It also was the Yankees' second such shot in this postseason — Bernie Williams did it to Boston in Game 1 of the AL Championship Series.

"It was a changeup," Remlinger said. "It looked like it got too much of the plate."

Scratched from the lineup in the opener when Glavine became ill, Curtis took advantage of this opportunity. A backup left fielder, he did not

play at all in the 1998 sweep of the Padres.

"I never stepped on the field," Curtis said. "I wasn't pouting, we won the World Series. By the same token, I felt like I was more congratulating my teammates than celebrating with them."

Kept on the Series roster instead of Shane Spencer, Curtis delivered.

"I think somewhere between second and third, I felt like there was electricity running through my legs," he said.

The Series win was the 11th in a row for Torre, breaking the record set by Joe McCarthy of the Yankees.

Torre, however, was not certain Curtis' heroics would get him a spot tonight.

"I'm going to wait on that and see what happens," Torre said. "It's normally Ricky Ledee against right-handers."

New York won in its 200th World Series game — the Yankees are 120-79-1 overall, with the St. Louis Cardinals' total of 96 games ranking second.

## Players

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holding a decent lead on the Raiders in the second quarter, Castillo took a handoff from Cody Hodges in the middle of the field, ran toward the Herd sideline and fired a 59-yard touchdown bomb to Slade Hodges. Hereford blasted Canyon Randall 44-10.

"We've run this offense for many years, even our shotgun has its little components of our two-back set," Hereford coach Craig Yenzler said. "So, as far as George is concerned, he's had to be patient because sooner or later, he'll be getting balls thrown to him, and it has happened. Last Friday night, he had a huge game."

He did have a huge game Friday night against Pampa and was involved in a touchdown score, just like the Randall game.

In the second half, Cody Hodges threw a perfect rainbow of a pass to a well-covered Castillo for a 27-yard score. Castillo has nine catches for 132 yards and a score for Hereford this year, averaging 14.7 yards per catch.

Another receiver who has been hot for the Whitefaces is been Tony Lopez. He's also a playmaker.

"Really, you got to step it up, make catches and make big plays," Lopez said, "get first downs and that can win the ball game."

Lopez was a concern at the beginning of drills, coming off from the junior varsity team in 1998. He would take the slot receiver position L.J. Vallejo played so much last year.

"We knew he had tremendous talent and great speed, but for him to come out and execute this year has added another dimension to our shotgun," Yenzler said.

Lopez has been important in the short quickouts Cody Hodges throws on short yardage situations. But Lopez often turns those short passes into long gains.

"That's what it is all about, making plays and stepping it up for the team," Lopez said. "Say Slade is covered, Cody has the choice to throw it to me."

And a good choice he's been for Hodges. He's third in the team in receptions and yards received. He has caught 18 passes for 229 yards and two touchdowns. He

averages 12.7 yards a catch. "That's what is all about, making plays," Lopez said, "and you got to step it up for the team."

One that doesn't make a lot of plays, but does it in many little different ways, is senior tight end James Miller.

Miller has only two catches on the year, and one for a touchdown early in the season, but he rejoices the responsibilities of his position.

"I love playing tight end," Miller said. "I get to catch passes and block for L.J. (Vallejo) and he's the best running back we've had in a long time. I love my position."

It's tough to love something that hard. The tight end position is very hard because a tight end has to be able to catch passes and run with the ball, come back and

block like a lineman. Very hard to do both, unless you're Jay Novacek.

"It's a tough position," Yenzler said. "You don't get many balls thrown to like the receivers, but he's a very important part of our football team."

Catches are easy to come by in Hereford's Kentucky-style offense. But with so many shotgun, multiple receiver formations, it's tough for a tight end like Miller to get in the limelight of things.

"The catches really don't matter," Miller said. "I just like being here playing. It doesn't matter how many catches I get. I just want to help the team win and do the best I can."

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INSIDE

Editor resigns in protest over the Bush book

WASHINGTON (AP) — The editor in chief of St. Martin's Press, the publishing house that recalled its new biography of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, has resigned in protest.

In a brief resignation statement issued Tuesday, Robert Wallace said he did not "in any way" want to be associated with the book, "Fortunate Son."

"I don't understand why he (Robert Wallace) is leaving a job over this. He's clearly in pain. If you talk to him, he's miserable, so it's sincere. But I'll never understand it."

Sally Richardson, St. Martin's Press

Citing anonymous sources, the book alleges that Bush, now Texas governor, was arrested for cocaine possession in 1972 and that the matter was dropped after he performed community service arranged by his father, George Herbert Walker Bush, then

U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

The younger Bush has called the allegations "science fiction" and "totally ridiculous."

St. Martin's issued a statement countering that Wallace had read the afterword to the book — the part containing the part about the alleged cocaine arrest — "and advised on various aspects of the book's launch."

"At no time prior to its release did he object to the afterword or the publication of the book," according to an account of the St. Martin's



The book alleges that George W. Bush, now Texas' governor, was arrested for cocaine possession in 1972 and that the matter was dropped after he performed community service arranged by his father, George Herbert Walker Bush, then U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

the afterword but said he was "never given a copy of the manuscript or the book."

He told the New York paper his advice about publishing it was sought only days before publication in an eleventh-hour meeting on Oct. 15 after it became clear the Times would not publish an article about the book because it could not corroborate the book's more explosive accusations.

The book was published under the imprint of Thomas Dunne Books, a St. Martin branch overseen by senior editor Thomas Dunne.

The Times quoted St. Martin employees as saying there had been tension between Wallace and Dunne, a long-time employee who had been passed over for the top editor's position when Wallace, a former ABC producer and Rolling Stone editor, was chosen for the top position, his first job in book publishing.

NBC hits home run with World Series

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC crushed its competition in the television ratings last week, helped along by postseason baseball and "ER."

NBC did even better than its previous week, when the network registered its best Nielsen Media Research ratings since June 1998. On average, NBC had more than 4 million more prime-time viewers last week than second-place CBS.

Meanwhile, bad news continued for Fox and the net-

works began bailing out in earnest from the failed shows of the fall.

Three NBC baseball games finished among the week's 10 most popular programs. The final game of the Mets-Braves playoff series actually outrated the first two games of the World Series, although slightly more people watched the series opening games. Overall, World Series ratings are up from last year.

"ER," with Alan Alda guest starring, was the week's most

popular show.

NBC's strength on Thursdays has lain waste to competitors. ABC has temporarily yanked the drama "Wasteland" from its schedule. Fox's critically praised "Action" is a thorough disaster, losing in the ratings last week to UPN's "WWF Smackdown!"

Fox has canceled its entire Friday night lineup, "Harsh Realm" and "Ryan Caulfield: Year One," after they finished Nos. 100 and 108 in last week's ratings.

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WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 27

Table listing TV programs for Wednesday, October 27, including time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and program titles such as 'Newshour With Jim Lehrer', 'Animals', 'News', 'ER', 'The Simpsons', etc.

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 28

Table listing TV programs for Thursday, October 28, including time slots (7 AM to 12 PM) and program titles such as 'Barney', 'Donkey', 'Today', 'Timon', 'Fam. Mat.', etc.

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/ s/ JOHN HAROLD HUCKERT
Independent Executor of the Estate of A. F. HUCKERT, Deceased, No. PR 4503 in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas

Masks
From Page A1
and rubber masks can block a child's vision. A good substitute for masks and headresses is face painting. Just make sure the paint is non-toxic and designed for use on the face. Use paint labeled specifically for cosmetic purposes and safe for the skin. If you have doubts about using paint, call the Texas Poison Center Network for information at (800) 764-7661.
• Add plenty of glow-in-the-dark decals or reflective tape so the child can be easily seen at night. Let the child help decorate the costume, shoes, trick-or-treat bag and hat with reflective tape. Costumes made of non-flammable materials are essential. If you are buying a ready-made costume, read the labels carefully to make sure the fabric is flame resistant.
• Give your child a flashlight to carry.
• Don't let your little trickster carry sharp objects. Safe and attractive replicas can be made with cardboard and spray paint.
Dr. Donna Bacchi, a Texas Tech Medical Center pediatrician also adds little trick-or-treaters should trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods with parental guidance and all treats should be checked to ensure there has been no tampering. Discard any candy with small pinholes, loose packaging or no wrapping at all.
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GOING ANTI-BALLISTIC
Another treaty could cause furor

If the Clinton administration wants to see a rerun of the debacle in the Senate over the 1996 nuclear test ban treaty, it need only suggest amending an earlier one, the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.



Tom Raum
The Associated Press

Yet, that's exactly what it's been talking about lately as it tries to cajole Russia into agreeing to go along with a limited anti-missile defense.

It could all lead to another major foreign-policy embarrassment on the heels of the Senate's rejection earlier this month of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

The Oct. 13 test-ban vote is forcing new attention on the older treaty — both at home and abroad.

Of all arms-control pacts, the ABM treaty between Moscow and Washington is the most widely despised by congressional conservatives.

They don't want to modify it. They want to scrap it.

That's because it prohibits either country from developing a national missile defense system — long a Republican priority and now embraced by the Clinton administration as well.

The administration is trying to persuade Russia that both nations need limited national missile defense systems to protect against possible nuclear attacks by terrorist or "rogue" nations.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's suggestion that the ABM treaty might need to be adjusted slightly to permit such systems is drawing jeers from Senate conservatives.

"Since Article 1 of the treaty expressly prohibits a national missile defense, the secretary's suggestion that only a slight adjustment is required is a huge understatement," said Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss, a

strong proponent of a missile-defense system.

The arms-control controversy seems bound to be an issue in next year's presidential and congressional races.

Democrats are pressing their attack on Republicans for rejecting the test-ban vote, a move that also drew wide international condemnation. Both Vice President Al Gore and Democratic rival Bill Bradley vow they'll resubmit the test-ban treaty if elected.

Meanwhile, Republican presidential hopeful George W. Bush favors going even further than President Clinton in building a nationwide anti-missile defense.

Republicans portray the Clinton-Gore administration as weak on national defense — and are searching for an issue that works for them.

Some conservatives, including Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., consider the ABM treaty already null and void — on the grounds that it was negotiated with the Soviet Union, which no longer exists.

He'd likely use any move to revisit it in the Senate — even for modifications — as a chance to kill it off.

Fearing it would lose such a showdown, the administration has not yet sent the Senate ABM modifications agreed to in 1997 by Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin. These transfer Soviet responsibility for the treaty to Russia and other nuclear-capable former Soviet republics.

A Senate "no" vote on any

ABM modifications could undermine the entire ABM treaty, which arms control advocates see as a bedrock agreement — and send new shock waves around the world.

"The vote on the test ban treaty should be seen as a sign that the arms control regime is under a great deal of stress," said Daryl Kimball, director of the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers. "And it may not be able to sustain further stress, whether due to partisan politics, or misguided national policy."

The administration must walk a fine line — with Russia now balking at moves to modify the ABM treaty.

In words that caused alarm here, Russia's deputy defense minister, Nikolai Mikhailov, asserted on Monday that Russia would overcome any defense against ballistic missiles that the United States could build.

"If the United States violates the 1972 ABM treaty ... Russia can unequivocally defend itself by improving its weaponry," Mikhailov said.

Albright called those reports troubling, an overreaction. "I don't want anybody, whether here or in Russia, to be reviving old problems. We should be trying to solve new problems," she said Tuesday.

While Russia wants to stick to the terms of the treaty, there is no practical way it can prevent the United States from breaking away.

That could have the same effect that Helms and other conservatives desire: consigning the pact to history's dustbin.

Tom Raum covers national and international affairs for The Associated Press.

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Factory orders fall in September
WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell 1.3 percent in September, held back by weaker demand for airplanes and cars. The decline was the first in five months.

The Commerce Department reported today that orders for durable goods declined last month to a seasonally adjusted \$204.9 billion.

It was the first decrease since a 2.4 percent decline in April and follows a revised 1 percent gain for August.

September's performance was weaker than many analysts expected. They were forecasting a 0.4 percent decline.

The weak report comes as worries about the prospects of higher interest rates have shaken Wall Street. Federal Reserve policy-makers will meet Nov. 16 to decide whether to raise interest rates for a third time this year to slow the economy and keep inflation under control.

Congress, White House face off in new battle of the budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress and the White House are once again locked in a budget battle rooted in both a political debacle — the 1995 government shutdown — and a rare moment of agreement — the 1997 balanced budget accord.

Weeks into the new fiscal year that began Oct. 1, President Clinton and congressional Republicans are still at odds over five of the 13 spending bills needed to run the federal government. Only by passing stopgap spending bills have they managed to avoid a repeat of the winter of 1995-96, when the government was paralyzed first for five, and then 21 days.

Clinton in 1995 needed to show he could stand up to the new GOP-controlled Congress. Then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., was contending with conservative

freshmen demanding a timetable for balancing the budget and was angry over a perceived presidential snub.

The result, the longest government shutdown in U.S. history, was a political disaster for the Republicans, who took much of the blame. Civil servants went back to work in January but it was months later, with the fiscal year more than half over and some 11 temporary spending bills behind them, that the two sides reached a level of agreement on the budget.

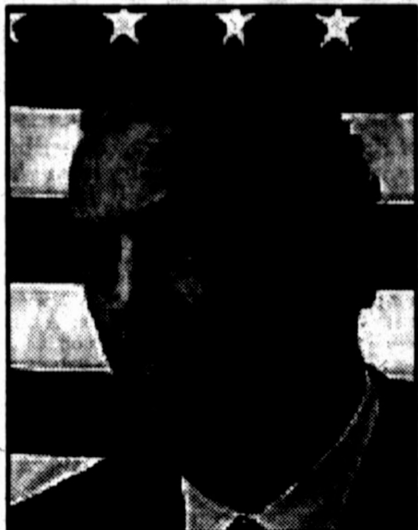
As bad as it was, the impasse was hardly new. The Democratic-controlled Congress in 1974 agreed to move the start of the fiscal year from July 1 to Oct. 1 because of the difficulty in completing the budget on time. Still, Congress has approved all 13 spending bills on time only three times in the past 20

years. Rudolph Penner, an economist who headed the Congressional Budget Office from 1983-87, recalled "the same kind of pseudo-crises related to shutting down the government." But now, he said, "It is worse, gorm in the number of budget gimmicks being used."

Budget negotiators were right back at it in the fall of 1996 when Republicans and the White House could agree on little beyond that there must not be another shutdown. The solution was a giant, last-minute package that encompassed six of the 13 spending bills with some \$389 billion in funding.

The president signed the 3,000-page document two hours before the new fiscal year was to begin. Again, as with the shutdown, many Republicans felt they had been snookered.

# DEBATE



Vice President Al Gore (left) and Democratic rival Bill Bradley meet for an hour-long debate tonight at Dartmouth College.

## Gore, Bradley face off tonight

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Vice President Al Gore is getting one of the debates he's been demanding against Democratic rival Bill Bradley. But Gore's ranking supporter in the leadoff primary state said it wasn't likely to change many minds.

"You don't usually find a smoking gun in a debate," Gov. Jeanne Shaheen said in an interview Tuesday. "Not very often are they the thing that changes somebody's mind ... particularly this early."

Gore and Bradley meet for an hour tonight at Dartmouth College in something short of the head-on debates the vice president wants weekly. This one is a televised town hall forum, with the candidates answering questions from an audience.

Although Gore said in advance that the format takes the edge off, he didn't scribble on preparation. He discussed likely questions with a team of New Hampshire advisers on Tuesday and was devoting much of today to warm-ups. One aim was to get Gore's answers down to 90 seconds each.

Bradley was preparing, too, after a campaign walk in Hanover.

Gore issued his debate challenge — usually the tactic of a candidate trying to catch the leader — during a campaign makeover after Bradley began carving into his once overwhelming lead. "I'm campaigning like I'm behind," Gore said. "I'm campaigning like an

underdog all over the country."

He's making headway in national polls, widening his lead over Bradley and narrowing his deficit against Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the prime Republican candidate for 2000.

Gore's advisers credit that in part to a more relaxed, less rigid campaign style. Outside the State House in Concord on Tuesday, he lingered after an anti-drug rally to shake hands, chat and slap hands with youngsters as aides tried to usher him to the motorcade.

Shaheen said the constraints of the vice presidency have been a problem for Gore, but that he is getting around them now.

But New Hampshire polls rate Bradley even or narrowly ahead, and the vice president said Friday that he probably is behind here in the state that will hold the first presidential primary on Feb. 1.

"We've got three months left — that's an eternity," Shaheen said.

She said there's been a favorable initial reaction to Bradley "because he's a new face."

"It's a little too early to see whether that translates into real votes," the governor said.

Style isn't Gore's only campaign change; he has sharpened his line against Bradley, saying the former New Jersey senator is running as a "left-of-center" insurgent and criticizing him for once hinting at running for president as an independent in 1996.

# Court to take up electrocution issue

## News digest

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to consider whether electrocution amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, using a Florida case in its first evaluation of the controversial procedure in more than a century.

The decision, announced Tuesday, comes four months after the third botched electrocution in Florida this decade. It effectively shut down Florida's electric chair, granting open-ended reprieves to a man scheduled to die today and another who faced electrocution Tuesday.

The issue may not be resolved by the high court for months.

Attorneys for death row inmates have tried unsuccessfully in state courts to prove that death in the electric chair

violates the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Florida is one of just four states across the country that requires condemned killers to be executed by electrocution. Most of the 38 states with capital punishment have switched to lethal injection in the last 50 years, when a peak of 26 states used electric chairs.

### Reno stunned Starr with news of probe

WASHINGTON — In a secret confrontation the Sunday before Kenneth Starr testified at President Clinton's impeachment hearing, Attorney General Janet Reno stunned the prosecutor with news that her Justice Department would review allegations of misconduct against his office.

The allegations, which included the treatment of Monica Lewinsky, had been around for months, and the two sides even had discussed them before. But no action had been taken. Now four days before Starr's pivotal testimony, Reno had opted to review the allegations, but withhold a full-scale investigation.

Sitting in Reno's fifth-floor conference room, Starr folded his arms and glared at the attorney general. "I will take steps in every way I can to protect the integrity and independence of the investigation," he said sternly.

He told Reno he had "profound concern" that if news about the review reached the public, it could be used as a political weapon to discredit his investigation.

"If this leaks, I'll be the second-maddest person in Washington, D.C.," Reno replied, seeking to assure the prosecutor.

### Clinton raises funds for Arkansas library

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton ran for president in 1992 with Fleetwood Mac's "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow" as his theme song. Clinton hasn't stopped — he's absorbed these days with the presidential library that will house his legacy.

Even in the midst of intense partisan maneuvering over the budget, health care and arms control, Clinton has made time for library planning and fund-raising meetings recently.

As he heads into the final full year of his term, Clinton often jokes that he wishes he could run for something else, but also muses about the work ahead planning and building a library in Little Rock, Ark., to house his presidential papers and trinkets, and present museum-style exhibits about the Clinton presidency.

At an August political dinner in Little Rock, Clinton outlined his hopes for the library this way: "I'm ... trying to bring people from all over the world here to see our state and to talk about what we did and what we still need to do in our country and in our world."

The library will be paid for and endowed by private donations but operated by the National Archives, which operates 10 of the existing 11 presidential libraries.

The Nixon Library and Birthplace Foundation in Yorba Linda, Calif., is not part of the federal system.

## GOP attacks Clinton Social Security plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders are making clear that President Clinton's Social Security legislation is going nowhere on Capitol Hill.

"This is not a realistic proposal," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Tuesday. "I've heard this proposal described as the Godzilla of all shell games."

"This plan won't save Social Security, it denies Americans the opportunity for personal accounts, and it places a huge burden on the backs of future generations," said House Ways and Means Committee chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

The scaled-down proposal from Clinton this week formalizes a Social Security rescue plan he first outlined in his State of the Union Address.

It would earmark for baby boomers' retirement benefits any government savings from using Social Security surpluses to pay off the national debt.

The official version Clinton delivered to Congress on Tuesday dropped a particularly con-

troversial provision that would also have let the government invest some of the retirement program's cash reserves in the stock market.

However, Republican leaders, who had previously rejected Clinton's plan and declared discussion of it dead for the year, were not swayed by that change.

Both political parties have pledged this year not to spend Social Security surpluses as in the past, but to use the money instead to pay down the national debt. That would allow the government to save billions it would otherwise have to pay in interest.

Clinton's plan would use those savings, which would presumably accrue in the form of income tax surpluses, to help pay Social Security benefits after baby boomers retire.

Republicans, who want to see tax cuts in coming years, have objected to the fact that Clinton's plan would give Social Security, which has traditionally been financed with a separate payroll tax, a claim on other tax revenues.

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