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Car fire -- A Hereford Volunteer Fire Department firefighter sprays the engine of a late-model automobile that caught fire at 718 Thunderbird. There were no injuries in the Thursday evening incident.

Lawson gets life in prison

Jury takes one hour to find defendant guilty in stabbing death; six hours to decide sentence

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

An eight-woman, four man jury deliberated for only one hour before finding Scott Lawson guilty of murder in the stabbing death of a Hereford man. After finding Lawson guilty in the Feb. 22 death of Herman Lee Rogers, the jurors needed six hours to decide the sentence -- life in prison.

Throughout the trial and sentencing, Lawson remained stoic, turning to face his mother after the sentence was read to whisper, "It's all right."

Defense attorney C.R. Daffern of Amarillo told Lawson's distraught mother, Linda Graham, that Lawson, 38, would have served about 30 years before being eligible for parole.

The victim's family also was present throughout the trial.

"Two families have been ruined," said Laverne Lester, the mother of Rogers. "We left it up to the jury and they did what they thought was right."

Throughout the testimony, Roger's sisters and stepsisters reacted emotionally to evidence presented.

Testimony during punishment phase consisted of only two state witnesses - Patricia Crawford, Lawson's estranged wife, and Karma Rogers, the widow of the deceased; and two defense witnesses, the defendant and his mother, Linda Graham.

The second day of testimony began with the continued account of Alaina Constanancio, which was interrupted Wednesday by the 13-year-old's emotional breakdown.

In an unusual turn of events Constanancio's mother, Isidra Zuniga, took the stand

with her daughter to provide emotional support.

222nd District Judge Wesley Gulley provided Zuniga and the jury with instructions that at no time would Zuniga help or prompt Constanancio, she was simply there to provide emotional support.

Constancio testified she never saw Lawson pull a knife, but she saw what she thought was a reflection and heard Lawson say he was going to slit Rogers' throat and cut out his tongue.

Hereford Police Department dispatcher Thurman Morris identified a tape of the 911 call that came into the police station in the early morning hours of Feb. 22, 1998.

He stated the caller, Alaina Constanancio, was highly excited and upset about the incidents she was witnessing. The caller can be heard saying two men are fighting, and one has a knife.

Most damaging testimony probably came when the defendant's son, Josh Lawson took the stand.

Josh, a 12-year-old living with his mother and stepfather in Little Elm, testified his father had been drinking Jim Beam prior to the call inviting him over to Carmen Alejandre's.

The younger Lawson said that at some time early on Feb. 22, his father sent him to wait in the truck. One of the women came out to bring Josh back in the house.

When asked how his father responded, Josh looked at Criminal District Attorney Roland Saul and asked, "Do I have to say?"

Saul affirmed it and Josh said, "Dad said 'Get your f--- a-- up.'"

The boy also testified that during the fight between Rogers and his father, he saw Lawson take the knife from his boot top, pin Rogers face down and cut him.

He also heard his father tell Rogers he was going to

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EMS director submits resignation

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Six months after receiving the Bull Chip Award for his work with the Hereford Emergency Medical Service, Joe Hamby resigned as director of the ambulance service.

Hamby submitted his resignation Wednesday morning to Hereford Regional Medical Center administrator John Studrud.

Also resigning Wednesday was HRMC quality assurance risk manager Shelly Hamby, wife of Joe Hamby.

The two reportedly were offered a six-month severance package in exchange for their resignations.

During Hamby's tenure as EMS director, the ambulance service was named No. 1 in the Panhandle and garnered statewide recognition.

In addition to serving as

HRMC quality assurance risk manager, Shelly Hamby was a member of the committee evaluating the hospital's computer Y2K compliance.

Hamby had no comment Thursday afternoon, just saying his wife and he are considering their options.

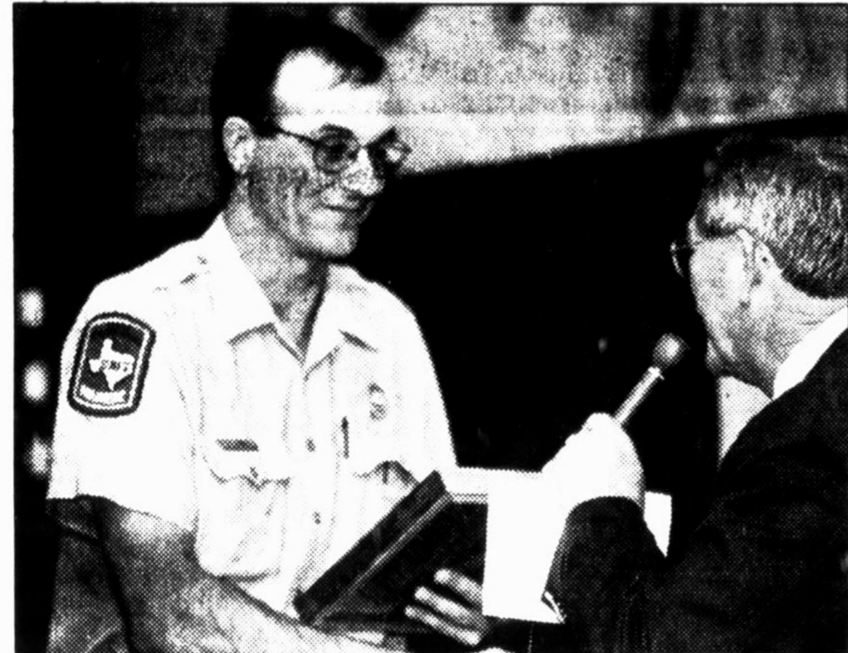
Studrud said this morning he "accepted the resignations because they want to go on to bigger and better things."

He said resignations are expected because people want to improve their professional situations.

"That's probably good for them and good for the organization," he said.

He also said he has accepted the resignation of HRMC nursing director Donna Kemp. He said Kemp will be accepting another po-

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File Photo

Joe Hamby (left), who resigned Wednesday as Hereford Emergency Medical Service director, receives the Bull Chip Award from Deaf Smith County Judge Tom Simons last May.



Impeachment inquiry

Panel expanding probe beyond Lewinsky

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House impeachment inquiry is moving beyond President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, after an initial hearing produced a heated clash between Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and presidential lawyer David Kendall.

Starr made a grueling, 12-

hour appearance before the committee Thursday, fencing with hostile Democrats and basking in Republican praise before engaging in a much-anticipated showdown with Kendall. Starr was so much in the spotlight that the facts of his impeachment referral on the Lewinsky matter barely got a mention.

Before exhausted lawmakers went home, they met in closed session to extend the inquiry into the Kathleen Willey case and other matters. Majority Republicans approved subpoenas for Clinton's lawyer in the Paula Jones case, Robert Bennett; Daniel Gecker, attorney for Mrs. Willey, a former White House

aide who says Clinton groped her near the Oval Office; and an acquaintance of Mrs. Willey, major Democratic donor Nathan Landow.

Committee officials announced that Clinton's closest aide, Bruce Lindsey, also would be subpoenaed. No vote

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Highlights of Starr testimony before House Judiciary Committee

Highlights of the House Judiciary Committee's hearing Thursday on grounds for impeaching President Clinton:

- Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, in a two-hour recitation of his case, said the president carried out a "scheme to conceal" his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and engaged in a "pattern of obstruction."
- Clinton's attorney, David Kendall, spent more than an hour peppering Starr with questions about the conduct of the independent counsel, his aides, FBI agents and others who worked for him. Kendall did not ask Starr a single ques-

tion about the evidence presented to Congress alleging 11 potentially impeachable offenses.

- Kendall, before questioning Starr, said "nothing in this overkill of investigation" would justify impeaching Clinton.
- Starr defended the report he submitted to the committee in September, declaring, "I stand behind it because it is mine."
- Starr also said the "plain language" of the Constitution made clear that Clinton could be prosecuted for perjury after he leaves office, regardless of the outcome of the impeachment proceedings.

- Committee Democrats tried to keep Starr on the defensive while turning attention away from Clinton's behavior. The top Democrat, Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, accused Starr of having "crossed the line into obsession."
- Republicans made clear their sympathy for Starr, and some shook his hand at the end of the 12-hour hearing. "I commend you for standing up to the nonsense ... that you have had to put up with today," said Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia.
- Starr said he found insufficient evidence of any impeachable offenses in the Clinton's Whitewater land dealings, the

White House Travel Office firings and the gathering of FBI files inside the White House.

- Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the committee chairman, kept the committee in closed session after midnight to vote on subpoenaing additional witnesses. Approved were subpoenas for Clinton's lawyer in the Paula Jones case, Robert Bennett; Daniel Gecker, attorney for Kathleen Willey, a former White House worker who says she was groped by the president near the Oval Office; and an acquaintance of Mrs. Willey, Democratic donor Nathan Landow. All of the subpoenas were approved by 21-16 party-line votes. All four

will appear for sworn interviews in closed sessions, and perhaps at hearings.

- The committee also will subpoena Clinton's closest confidant, Bruce Lindsey. No vote was required because Democrats did not object.
- No further meetings of the committee were immediately scheduled.

"I commend you for standing up to the nonsense ... that you have had to put up with today."

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga.

9th Annual Festival of Trees EVENTS

FRIDAY
November 20

- Festival Activities 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Children's Programs 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Festival Gala 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
November 21

- Festival Activities 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Children's Hr. w Santa 11 a.m. - 12 Noon
- Lion Train & Santa Fun 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Dinner Melodrama 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
November 22

- Holiday Turkey Ham Buffet 12 Noon - 2 p.m.
- Tree & Train Review 12 Noon - 4 p.m.

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Local roundup

School board meeting

Hereford Independent School District board of trustees will meet for a regular meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday at the school administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue. Items on the agenda include recognition of band, Volleyball, Football, and Cross Country teams; consideration of the Academic Excellence indicators; consideration of TASB policy; and numerous reports from various staff.

CRIME OF THE WEEK

The Hereford Police Department is investigating a vandalism that occurred Oct. 5 in the 100 block of Pine. On this date unknown individuals entered the property of LIA and caused approximately \$3,400 worth of damage to the computer system.

Crime stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of these individuals. All caller can remain anonymous. If you have information on this or any other criminal activity you could be eligible for a cash reward by calling 344-2583.

County commission

Members of the Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in the county courthouse, 235 E. 3rd.

The commissioners will discuss health insurance, canvass the recount of the Precinct 4 election, open bids on underground fuel storage tank protection, consider requests to cross county roads, and discuss a resolution supporting a grant with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and Juvenile Probation Department.

Clear

Tonight, clear with a low 30 to 35, south to southwest wind 5-10 mph.

Saturday, mostly sunny with a high in the mid-60s, southwest wind 10-20 mph with higher gusts.

Extended forecast

Sunday through Tuesday, mostly clear, lows in the mid- to upper 30s, highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s.

Thursday recap

High, 48; low, 29; no precipitation.

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News in brief

Robber sets trucker on fire

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Police were searching for a robber who set a trucker on fire to get the keys to his rig. But some outraged truckers say they hope to find the suspect before police do.

The 33-year-old victim was in critical condition Thursday night at Northwest Texas Hospital with second- and third-degree burns on half his body. Amarillo police withheld his name because his family had not been notified of his injuries.

Ronald Boliver said he was leaving the Pilot Truck Stop on Interstate 40 Thursday night when he saw the victim on fire. "When I walked out the door, I heard somebody yelling, so I looked over there, and he came out from between two trucks just a' blazin'," Boliver told the Amarillo Globe News. "He was covered in flames from head to foot."

Activists challenge UT's pamphlet policy

AUSTIN (AP) — A group is fighting in federal court for the right to pass out pamphlets on the University of Texas campus.

The four environmental activists are challenging UT's policy of prohibiting anyone who is not a student or staff or faculty member from distributing leaflets on school grounds.

The activists almost were arrested in 1996 when they tried to hand out environmental information fliers outside the Erwin Center, which the university owns. Events ranging from ball games to rock concerts take place there.

Martha Owen, a lawyer for the group, argued Thursday during a non-jury trial that the Erwin Center is public property, so it's unconstitutional to ban the distribution of information on its sidewalks.

"Outside the Erwin Center, TicketMaster operates an office on the university's side of the sidewalk," Ms. Owen said. "Clearly, by tradition or design, this is a public forum."

Lubbock officials on goodwill visit

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — City officials were in Virginia today to repair relations with Hampton University after the women's basketball coach, her husband and an assistant were arrested Monday night.

After studying the store's security tapes, police decided that coach Patricia Bibbs, her husband Ezell Bibbs and assistant coach Vanetta Kelso could not have been involved in an alleged scam in a store parking lot.

The tape seems to show two other people exiting the store after the victim — before the coaches arrive, Police Chief Ken Walker said Thursday.

Because of the new evidence, the three would not be charged, he said.

After the announcement, Mayor Windy Sitton, City Manager Bob Cass and City Attorney Anita Burgess departed for Hampton, Va., to meet with the coaches and other school officials.

Elsewhere:

DAMAGED RIVER WALK: Officials in San Antonio have closed part of the city's River Walk for repair. Part of the river bank was found to be separating from the earth supporting the River Walk, threatening to cause a portion of the sidewalk to cave in. ... **911 FEES:** City and county officials are arguing that local governments should have control of 911 fees. The Sunset Advisory Commission is considering a staff recommendation to channel 911 fees to the state treasury with lawmakers appropriating the funds. ... **RIGGED BIDS:** A San Antonio bakery says it'll plead guilty to a charge it conspired to rig bids on school bread contracts. Richter's Bakery admitted no wrongdoing and said it was settling the case to avoid a costly court battle.

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Officials report truck inspector shortages

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The shortage of inspectors who oversee commercial trucking in Texas is so critical that fewer than one of every thousand trucks on the road is inspected, according to state officials.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Sunday's editions that Texas leads the nation in fatalities involving large trucks, yet almost all commercial drivers get a free pass through the state.

Maj. Lester Mills, director

of the state Department of Public Safety, said of the trucks that are inspected, one in three has safety defects such as bad brakes, bald tires or an unsecured load.

Officials also said one in six drivers who are stopped

for inspection usually is not certified to drive a big rig.

"I think we're hitting the bad characters, but when you pull over a truck and inspect it, 50 or 60 more drive by that don't get looked at," Mills said.

The state has 371 DPS officers assigned to truck safety inspections, but more than one million commercial trucks and 32,000 trucking companies registered in Texas, Mills said.

"The only other state our size — California — has at least three times as many officers inspecting trucks," he said.

California receives the same amount of federal funds for truck inspections that Texas does — \$3.955 million this year, said Dick Henderson, director of governmental affairs for the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance in Washington, D.C., a coalition of truck safety enforcement agencies in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"The difference is that Texas doesn't add state funds to that," he said. "California contributes another \$6 million to \$8 million a year."

The problem of truck inspections in Texas has become worse since Congress approved the North American Free Trade Agreement, officials said. The number of trucks traveling on the state's major north-south arteries has tripled.

With major highways keeping the sparse force of truck inspectors busy, urban areas are left to rely on local police departments to make inspections.

"There is a big gap in our coverage," Mills said, "and all we can do is try to have some enforcement presence out there and hope that, for the most part, truckers will voluntarily comply with the safety standards."

Safety defects are the most common cause of fatal accidents involving commercial trucks, experts told the newspaper.

In 1997, 486 people — one of every 10 killed in Texas traffic accidents that year — died in collisions that involved large trucks, the DPS reported.

Because Texas leads the nation in truck-related traffic deaths, the state is part of the Federal Highway Administration's Big 10 project, which focuses on reducing truck fatalities in 10 states with the highest number of fatalities.

Others states include California, Florida, Georgia, Ohio, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York and Michigan.

Don Stewart, an inspector who works in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, said he sometimes believes he's not making a difference. On a good day, Stewart and his partner can inspect about 10 trucks, he said.

"There are a lot of trucks out there that we just can't get to," he said. "While we're inspecting one, dozens more with the same problems are driving by. They're everywhere, and they carry everything."

DPS officials said they plan to ask the state Legislature next year for money to hire another 57 troopers to oversee inspections.

Truckers complain that pressure from shippers to keep goods moving, as well as the high cost of maintaining their vehicles, sometimes forces them to delay repairs.

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Texas lottery

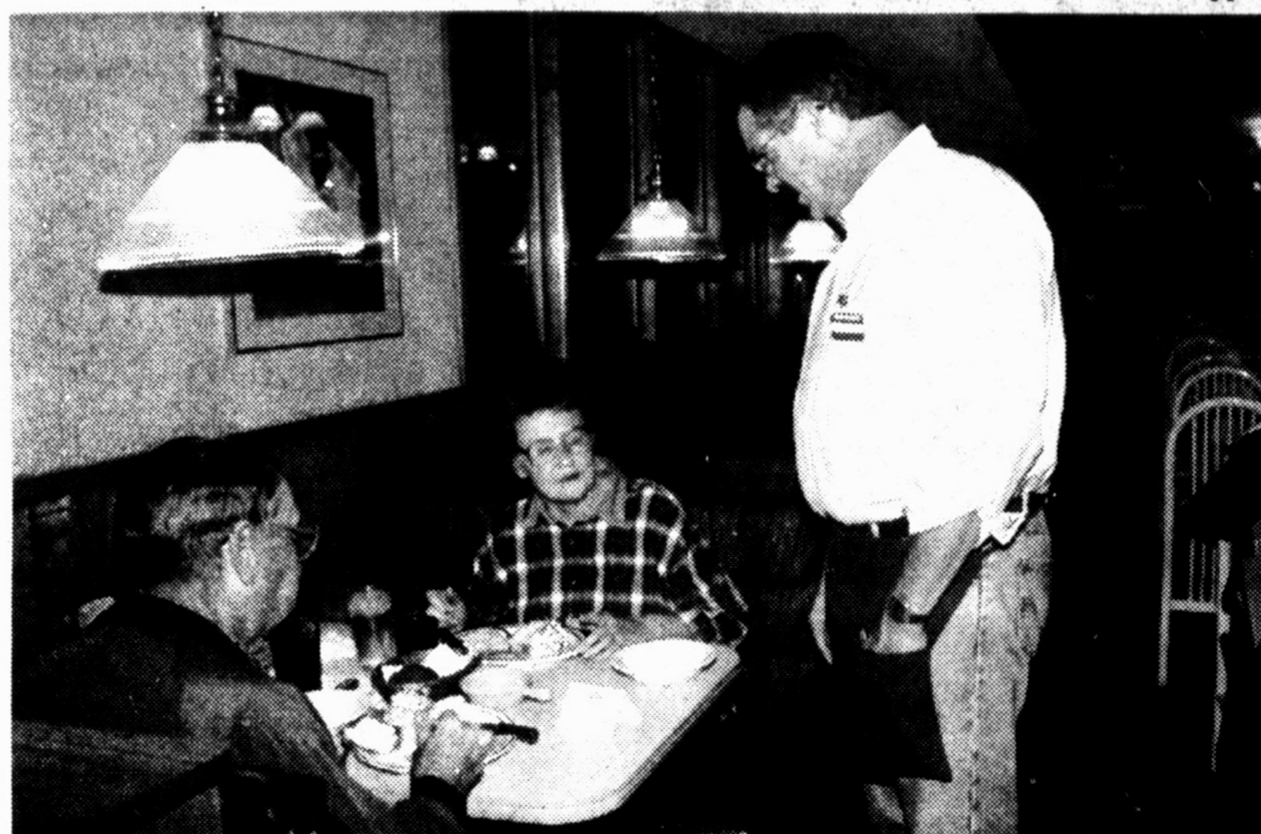
Cash 5

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 5-10-14-16-19

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-3-5

Texas Press
Association
Award Winner
1998



Local celebrities -- helped raise funds for the American Cancer Society by coming out among the general public to wait tables at Sirloin Stockade Thursday evening. Police Chief David Wagner introduced himself to a couple and explains the new and temporary help. The even was sponsored in connection with the Great American Smoke-out and the kick-off for the Relay for Life.

Judge slows on-line sex law

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The decision by a federal judge to prevent a federal Internet-indecency law from going into effect today is by no means the last word on the matter, the judge said.

"This is not a final decision, nor should it be construed as a final decision," said U.S. District Judge Lowell A. Reed, who granted a temporary restraining order Thursday delaying enforcement of a law that requires companies to keep "harmful" Internet material away from children.

Lowell ordered a 10-day delay, but was expected to extend it until a Dec. 8 hearing.

The Child Online Protection Act requires commercial Web sites to collect a credit card number or some other adult access code as proof of age before allowing Internet users to view material considered harmful to minors. Violators would face penalties of

up to six months in jail and a \$50,000 fine.

Supporters say the law is a commonsense way to keep Internet pornography away from children. Unlike the Communications Decency Act of 1996, which the Supreme Court struck down, the new law regulates only commercial Web sites.

The American Civil Liberties Union argued that the measure, signed by President Clinton last month, violates the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech and could be used to unfairly prosecute gay men and lesbians, AIDS activists or doctors distributing gynecological information.

Bruce A. Taylor, president of the National Law Center for Children and Families, said the ACLU failed to show that sites such as the Internet magazine Salon had a legitimate fear of being prosecuted under the law. Taylor said the law doesn't apply to sites of

general interest.

The editor of Salon testified Thursday that the law would force editors to comb through thousands of articles in the magazine's archives and purge potentially objectionable material.

Complying with the law "would have the consequence of purifying our site to make it acceptable to the most conservative community in the U.S.," thus alienating the magazine's core readership and causing circulation to plummet, said editor and CEO David Talbot.

Talbot said he believes some of the material published by his site — including a popular column by feminist author Camille Paglia — could be deemed harmful to minors.

Requiring readers to provide a credit card number or some other access code would also drive them away, Talbot said.

"People don't like to hit walls or gates of any kind. They want to move freely," he said.

Teen moms continue to smoke

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of pregnant smokers fell by 26 percent in the 1990s, the government reported. But hundreds of thousands still smoke while pregnant — and more teen-age mothers are among them.

A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found 13.6 percent of pregnant women smoked in 1996, down from 18.4 percent in 1990. The drop was paced mostly by strong declines in smoking by women in their 20s and 30s.

But mothers-to-be ages 15 to 19 have the highest smoking rates during pregnancy, rates that actually inched up in recent years. The CDC said Thursday that 17.2 percent of pregnant teens smoked in 1996, up from 16.7 percent in 1994.

Smoking during pregnancy can cause babies to be born smaller, sicker and at a higher risk of sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS.

Pregnant smokers are using fewer cigarettes: 33 percent smoked at least a half pack a day in 1996, down from 42 percent in 1990, the CDC said.

Four states and Washington, D.C., already have reached the government's goal of having no more than 10 percent of pregnant women who smoke by 2000. The states are Connecticut, Hawaii, Texas and Utah.

The CDC study was based on data collected from birth certificates in all but four states: California, Indiana, New York and South Dakota.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services for Nov. 19, 1998 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 33-year-old man was arrested in the 800 block of Avenue K and charged with public intoxication.

Incidents

— More than \$600 worth of performance stages and risers were stolen from the 400 block of Ranger.

— Theft of service was reported at a business in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

— Two semi-trucks were reported as being driven recklessly on East Highway 60.

— Theft of gasoline was reported from a convenience store in the 2900 block of East First.

— A woman reported two women were stalking her in the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

— A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of Star.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft by check.

— A 41-year-old woman was

arrested for violation of probation for a tampering with government documents conviction.

— A 24-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

— A 19-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

— A 40-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation on a failure to provide information charge.

— An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged for burglary of a building.

— A 30-year-old woman was arrested for violation of probation on a theft charge.

— A 17-year-old man was arrested and charged with failure to comply with compulsory school attendance laws.

— A 46-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft by check over \$20, under \$500.

Incidents

— A criminal mischief was reported.

— A dog bite was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 9:02 p.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at 718 Thunderbird.

LIFESTYLES

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School Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D. Breakfast

MONDAY-Pancakes with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, diced peaches cup, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Breakfast pizza; or cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY-No school. Thanksgiving Holidays.

Lunch

MONDAY-Steak fingers with gravy, fluffy potatoes, green beans, whole wheat rolls, white cake with cherry topping, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Barbecue franks, baked beans, tator tots with catsup, cornbread, orange cream bar, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY-No school. Thanksgiving Holidays.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-Chili beans, rice, carrots, cornbread, peanut butter bar, milk.

TUESDAY-Ham and cheese melts, tator tots, vegetarian beans, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY-No school. Thanksgiving Holidays.



New officers—1999 officers for the Deaf Smith County Genealogical Society were installed during a recent meeting at K-Bob's. Installing officer, Patricia Robinson, right, is shown with officers, from left, L.J. Clark, president; Donita Rule, first vice president and program chairman; Wilma Clark, secretary; Nolan Grady, treasurer; and Jean Beene, reporter.

Genealogical society holds election

Deaf Smith County Genealogical Society met Monday evening at K-Bob's for dinner and the installation of officers.

Patricia Robinson served as installing officer, urging officers to form a chain of leadership. During the ceremony,

officers formed a symbolic ribbon chain as each was challenged to fulfill their duties.

Officers installed were L.J. Clark, president; Donita Rule, first vice president and program chairman; Wilma Clark, secretary; Nolan Grady, treasurer; and Jean Beene, reporter.

Following the installation service, members discussed their experiences with genealogical research on the Internet.

The next meeting will concern the organization of materials in a genealogical library. It will be at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18, 1999.

Members present were Gerald and Oneta Johnson, Jess L. and Patricia Robinson, Miles and Ella Caudle, Grant and Troyce Hanna, Jim and Evelyn Bozeman, Cleon and Lily Roberts, L.J. and Wilma Clark, Donita Rule, Nolan Grady and Jean Beene.

Syndicated Columnist

Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Desperate for Advice," the divorced woman who was afraid her ex-husband would ask

their son, "Brandon," to live with him so he could avoid paying child support. She was also concerned because her ex had been verbally abusive to her, and the boy might learn it was OK, to behave the same way.

I say let Brandon go live with his father if he wants to. Believe me, it isn't going to save her ex-husband any money. He will wind up spending a lot more on a teenage boy who is living under the same roof. However, the arrangement should be carefully thought out by both parents. I recommend they try it out during long holidays or school vacations and see how it goes.

My situation is similar. My 15-year-old son went to live with his dad when he started high school. It was a difficult decision for me to accept, but in the long run, it worked out well. I realized it was time for my son to live with his dad when "Joey" was 11 years old. One spring evening on our way to religious services, he didn't have his suit jacket on. He didn't want to wear it and was ready to give me a big argument. Instead, I asked what his father would wear in that situation. Joey thought a moment, then went in the house and got his jacket.

I'm pleased with the effect this living arrangement has

had on my son. When Joey is with me on vacations, I see the positive influences of his father and am glad I let him go. — D.M., Chicago, Ill.

Dear D.M.: Some divorced parents are so determined to hurt each other, they lose track of what is in their children's best interests. In "Desperate's" case, she needs to keep an eye on the situation because of the verbal abuse, but it should not prevent Brandon from living with his father on a trial basis. Children need BOTH parents to be involved in their lives. Thank you for providing insight and encouragement, which too often are in short supply.

Dear Ann Landers: When I read the letter about the drunk animals, I knew I had to share our story.

Several years ago, we had a purple plum tree in our front yard. That silly tree did not know it was supposed to look pretty and not produce anything useful. Every year, it produced lovely reddish plums, so sour they were no good for anything except making jelly.

One year, we noticed some mourning doves acting strangely in our front yard. They would make a brave effort as they flew from tree to tree, but after flying about 50 feet, they would fall like rocks to the ground. The doves would get up, wobble for a few feet

and then fly back into the tree.

After witnessing this for a couple of days, we realized they were behaving like drunks. The reason became evident when we noticed that the top of the tree was full of plums in a state of fermentation. Since that year had produced a bumper crop, the lawn under the tree was also loaded with rotting plums. Those poor creatures could no longer fly. After a little yardwork, we got rid of all the pungent plums, and very soon, those doves were back on the road to sobriety. — Emme in K.C.

Dear Emme: Well, to date, we have heard from readers about inebriated fish, tipsy cows, a drunk dog and now your loaded doves. It is reasonable to assume that fish, mammals and birds are all affected by alcohol. I hope some experts in the field will let us know if these creatures become addicted, and if they do, how do we sober them up?

Is life passing you by? Want to improve your social skills? Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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Friday, Nov. 20 - Thursday, Nov. 26, 1998

G	RUG RATS	SAT-SUN, MATINEES: 1:30 & 3:45	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS: 7:00 & 9:00
PG-13	WATER BOY	SAT-SUN, MATINEES: 1:30 & 3:50	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS: 7:15 & 9:05
R	SEIGE	SAT-SUN, MATINEES: 1:00 & 3:50	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS: 7:10 & 9:10
PG-13	MEET JOE BLACK	SAT-SUN, MATINEES: 1:00 & 4:20	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS: 7:20
R	ENEMY OF THE STATE	SAT-SUN, MATINEES: 1:45 & 4:20	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS: 7:00
R	I STILL KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER	SAT-SUN, MATINEES: 1:15 & 3:20	FRIDAY-THURSDAY EVENINGS: 7:20 & 9:15

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CHURCH NEWS

HEREFORD BRAND • Friday, November 20, 1998 • A4

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are in the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time on this weekend as we commemorate also The Feast of Christ the King. Readings are II Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20 and Luke 23:35-43. St. Anthony's welcomes people of all faiths, and especially invites back into the flock those Catholics who have been away, for whatever reasons. You are missed.

Bring bread and wine for blessing to the parish Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Keep it with you until a special time for bringing it forth for blessing.

Youth and CFC elementary children who are participating: a choir practice will take place at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving eve service.

There will be no liturgy on Thanksgiving day. The Parish Holiday Dinner will be Dec. 6.

Thanksgiving baskets will be prepared and delivered beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Antonian Room.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The friendly folks and the Rev. Jeremy Grant welcome you to our fellowship and service of worship. At our 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday, Rev. Jeremy Grant will preach a sermon titled, "Thanking My God." The Bible lesson is Philippians 1:3-11.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our time of Sunday morning fellowship and a cup of coffee in the Large Fellowship Hall off the back parking lot. We start at 10:10 a.m. and wrap up before worship which begins at 10:30 a.m.

A Harvest Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday. Naturally, our focus will be on giving God thanks.

Season of Prayer continues this week.

Worship Team will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Little Blessings Day Care is open Monday and Tuesday from 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Give us a call at 364-2475.

The Prayer Group gathers Mondays at 6 p.m. and junior high girls meet Monday for Bible study.

Our new Playgroup for Moms and kids meets on Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.; youth and children's LOGOS program, meets from 5:15-7:15 p.m.; and the Sanctuary Choir practices at 7:30 p.m.

Brian Burzynski's Bible study, the men's Bible class and Leadership team for high school seniors will not meet this week.

Hanging of the Greens will be at 10 a.m. Nov. 28. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and fellowship of decorating our church for the Christmas season.

Come see what's happening at First Presbyterian Church. Contact us at firstpres@wtr.net or 364-2471. We're located at 610 N. Lee.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Immanuel invites you to come worship with us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. corner of Ave. B and Park. This Sunday's sermon theme is "Don't Be a Slack Servant" focusing on Luke 12:42-48.

Sunday School for the children is from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Immanuel also offers two Bible studies. Sunday at 9:15 a.m. the study is on the different religions. Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. is a study on the book of Philippians.

Thanksgiving service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving day. Take a break from cooking the turkey and come join us as we give thanks.

Pastor Stadler begins the day Tuesday through Friday with a short morning prayer service at 7:45. The service lasts about 15 minutes.

We hope to have you join us at any one of our services or activities. If you have questions, contact the church at 364-1668.

HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Nazarene congregation invites you to worship with us Sunday morning at 10:30. Pastor Ted Taylor's sermon will be taken from Galatians 5:21 and 6:4, "Blessed are the Peacemakers."

Join us for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. We have classes for all ages.

Sunday evening at 6 is "Called to the Edge of Nowhere."

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Wednesday evening Bible study, Grief Recovery Class, Word Rangers, Faith Roots for children nor Club Paradise for teens.

Weight Down Workshop, now being led by Ruby Sanders, meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday in the Discipleship Room.

Susie's Bible study will not meet this Tuesday. The next class will be Dec. 1.

Pastor Carol invites all the children to come to Children's Church at 10:30 a.m. There will be puppets, Bible story and Mr. Mike. If you need a ride, call 364-8303. We have a van or a bus.

This Sunday, for high school seniors and parents only, from 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m., in the fireside room, Todd Brandt from SNU will be here to answer questions about the school and take you to lunch after church.

Care Groups for teens begin at 6 p.m. Sunday followed by "Sunday Night Live" at Jim's.

Join us at Nazarene Kid's Korner Day Care on Wednesday and Fridays. For more information, call Brandi Martinez at 364-8161.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, and the congregation of Temple Baptist, Avenue K at Forrest, invite everyone to come worship with them Sunday.

Sunday school and Bible study begin at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages. Morning worship is at 11 with the pastor bringing the message.

Evening activities begin at 5:45 with Discipleship Training with John Curtis. TeamKIDS, for first through sixth graders, is at 5:45 also. Evening worship is at 7. The pastor will preach.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. is prayer meeting time. After the prayer meeting we will continue the study of the Bible. The choir will meet at 7:45 p.m. They are

beginning rehearsal for their Christmas program, so they need all members of the choir to be present.

The church office will be closed Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving.

This month we are not having a Fifth Sunday Dinner but instead we will have a Holiday Dinner after the morning service on Dec. 6.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Church extends a warm welcome and invitation to attend worship services each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday school is held for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited after worship this Sunday to a fund-raiser dinner for the Crisis Center and to the show for Diana Wise, bride-elect of Mike McPherson.

Dr. Tom Fuller's sermon Sunday is titled "Break a Vase or Something" with accompanying scripture taken from John 11:55-12:11. The Carol Choir and Sunshine Choir will sing "Rejoice, Rejoice" as the anthem, and the offertory, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir. Pre-service music will be sung by the Sunshine Choir. Guest pianist is Margaret Williams.

The children's department will deliver food baskets beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Pastor Fuller will teach an adult class at 6 p.m. Sunday titled "The Internet-Friend or Enemy?"

The fund-raiser dinner after services Sunday will be cooked by the Methodist Men to benefit the Women and Children's Crisis Center. The menu will consist of brisket, potato salad, beans, cobbler and drink. A love offering is asked. Money raised from the dinner and other designated community fund-raisers during "Stop the Violence" week will go toward a safe shelter for abused families.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

Mahalo. Gracias. Danka. Merci. Aregato. It does not matter what language one uses... "thanksgiving" has got to be one of the most magical and healing expressions among humans. In light of that, FOB will celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday, focusing on the magic and healing that attends the giving of thanks both to God and to one another.

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of the Nazarene and their pastor Tony de Aquino invite you to worship with them.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:30. Evening worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on Wednesday.

The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m. There are monthly meetings for men and women.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Larry Perkins welcomes all who are interested in prophecy to attend services this Sunday evening as Frio Baptist Church holds a study on prophecy. The service starts at 7 p.m. at the church which is located 5 miles south of Hereford on Hwy. 1055.

Topics include: Are we living in the last days? Is the United States mentioned in prophecy? Why is the Middle East peace process such a big deal? A simple approach to understanding the book of Revelation; and much more.

For more information call 276-5380 or 276-5616.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

We have been extremely blessed over many weeks now to have so many people sharing what the Lord is doing in their lives, and what He is revealing to them. It has been inspiring everyone to seek even more to see what the Lord is saying daily. We are being equipped to be "overcomers." Revelation 12:11 is truly coming to life for us.

Christian Assembly is a non-denominational church. We have Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday nights at 7 there is prayer meeting at the church, and the "in home" youth group, RU4 HIM. On Friday evenings there is now a young adults group. (One or two of these groups gets fed quite well.)

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Kick-off program—In observance of Nov. 19-25 as "Stop the Violence" Week in Hereford, a special kick-off program was held at 5 p.m. Thursday in the county courthouse. Stressing the importance of the Women and Children's Crisis Center and making the community aware of the need for the center, its services and a shelter are the objectives of those involved. Addressing the group were, center left, Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor of First United Methodist Church and, center right, County Judge Tom Simons.

309 Brevard. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. We teach it like it is.

Morning worship is at 11 a.m. We preach it like it is.

Richard Collins, pastor, said, "We neither take from, nor add to, what's written in The Book."

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Tammy Passmore and members of Wesley invite you to visit our services each Sunday.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and the worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship begins at 6 p.m.

The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday.

On Saturday, Dec. 5 Wesley will host an arts and crafts show at Hereford Community Center.

TEMPLO EL CALVARIO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Josue D. Garza, pastor, and Ben Gonzales, minister of youth, invite you to the bilingual services at Templo El Calvario.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday youth services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7.

There is a children's service during the Sunday and Wednesday evening services.

Rev. Garza has announced the church's participation in the Assemblies of God's World Hunger Day. On Nov. 22 the congregation will join with Assemblies of God churches across the U.S. and around the world to collect funds to relieve hunger and poverty worldwide.

A nursery is provided for all services.

For more information, call 364-5686.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

606 E. 15th

Pastor Mike Sullivan and the congregation of First Assembly would like to extend a warm welcome to worship and experience the Lord with them.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday Morning worship is at 10:45. The evening service begins at 6.

On Tuesdays at 7 p.m., we have Royal Rangers and Missionettes for the boys and girls. Our Youth Service, as well as the Mid-Week Adult Bible Study, is on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A nursery is provided for all services.

Men's Fellowship meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. For the ladies, Joy Fellowship is on the third Thursday at 7 p.m.

If you are looking for a place to help in God's work, or just want to enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit, come by and see us.

LIFESTYLES



Donation—During Celebrity Waiter Night Thursday at Sirloin Stockade, employees presented a \$500 check to the American Cancer Society, representing a portion of the cost of all drinks sold at the restaurant during November. Celebrity waiters were on hand to help with the observance of Thursday as the 22nd annual Great American Smokeout and also to assist with the kick-off of the Relay for Life. Pictured are, from left, Don Cumpton, celebrity waiter; Adam Treff, accepting the check as chairman of the Deaf Smith unit of the American Cancer Society; Carolina Mungia Segura, Sirloin Stockade general manager; Barbie Brown, Tencha Lucio and Rosa Martinez, employees; and Gracie Gamez and David Wagner, celebrity wait-persons.

Better Breathers Club presentation will center on controlling asthma

Better Breathers Club, the support group for patients with breathing problems, and their families, will meet from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the cardiac rehab department of Hereford Regional Medical Center, 801 E. Third.

The speaker for this meeting will be Eileen Talusan, M.D.,

allergy and immunology and pediatrics. Her topic will be controlling asthma.

There will be a question/answer session following her presentation.

Oxygen will be available. The support group is made possible by the cooperation of

the American Lung Association, National Home Health Care, St. Mary Family Healthcare Center and Hereford Regional Medical Center.

For more information, call Frank San Miguel, American Lung Association volunteer, at 364-4422.

Music show at Country Opry

Union Mill Opry Country Music Show will appear at 7 p.m. Saturday at Country Opry, west Hwy. 60.

This show has 10 entertainers, featuring Tim and Kandi Zuber and Penni Sisk of Idalou.

Union Mill Opry has been a Missouri entertainment tradition for 25 seasons in country and gospel music and hillbilly comedy.

Tickets are available at the door for \$7 or in advance for \$6 by calling 364-4767.



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Hobbs' Tasker returns to court as girls coach

By Pete Herrera
AP Sports Writer

HOBBS, N.M. — Ralph Tasker's retirement didn't last long. Just long enough for his first vacation in 45 years and to realize there's still a market for his coaching instincts.

Eight months after coaching his final basketball game

with the Hobbs boys team, Tasker is back, as a volunteer coach with the Hobbs varsity girls squad.

"I'm so lucky to be able to come out," says Tasker, who turned 79 on July 15. "I can't sit at home. I don't know how to loaf."

Tasker was talked back

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Lubbock cops drop charges

Hampton University coaches victims of mistaken identity, according to chief

By Chris Newton
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — The Hampton University women's basketball coach and two others accused of trying to run a scam in a Wal-

Mart parking lot were mistakenly identified and won't be charged, the police chief said Thursday.

Chief Ken Walker said that after studying the store's security tapes, police decided that coach Patricia Bibbs, her husband Ezell Bibbs and assistant coach Vanetta Kelso could not have been involved. The tape seems to show two other people exiting the store after the victim and the coaches entering later, he said.

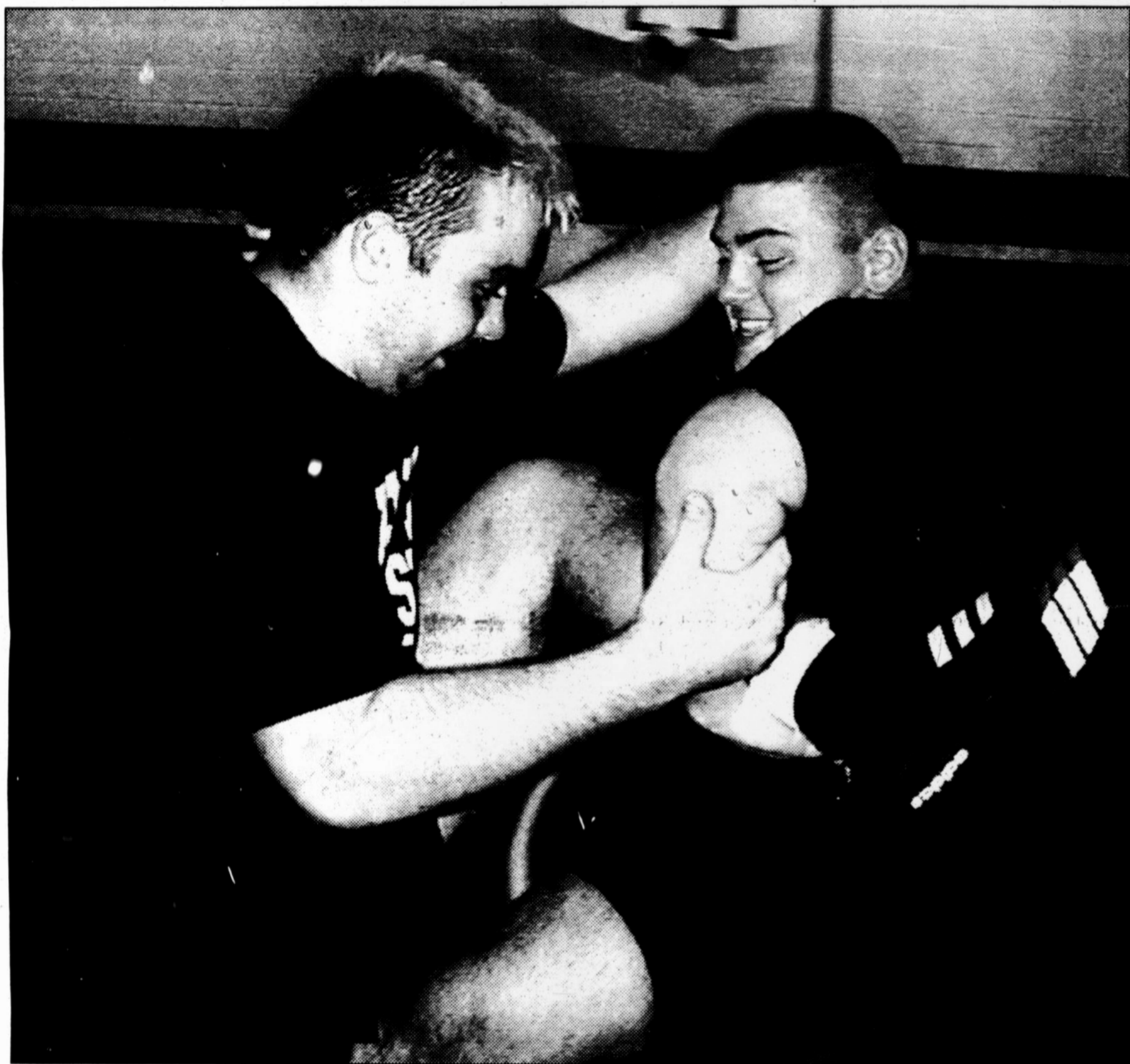
Walker also denied race was a motive in the arrests. The three, who are black, have suggested that might have been the case.

"We responded to a complaint from a citizen, we went forward on an identification made by that citizen and we have handled the case the same way if the suspects had been Hispanic or Anglo or any other ethnic origin," Walker said.

Nonetheless, Lubbock officials including Mayor Windy Sitton, City Manager Bob Cass and City Attorney Anita Burgess were traveling to Hampton to meet with the coaches and other school officials Friday.

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BEST FOOT FORWARD



Kris Hammerbeck (right) has the advantage over Daniel Fangman during practice Thursday at Hereford High School. The Whitefaces will begin their inaugural season at 7:15 p.m. Monday at Amarillo Caprock.

Herd will kick off its first wrestling season Monday

By Bob Varmette
Hereford Brand Sports Writer

Shortly after 7:15 p.m. Monday night, Chris Govina will make history.

Govina will step onto the mat at Amarillo Caprock as the first Hereford High School varsity wrestler in the Whitefaces' first match sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League.

And shortly after that, the 103-pounder will make history again — either with the first win, the first loss, or the first draw in school wrestling history.

Wel-come to the world of interscholastic wrestling.

For many of them, their first experience, their first exposure has been a week ago, or a few days ago, Hereford coach Mike Dominguez said.

"They have very little workout room experience, but they're good athletes for the most part."

What they lack in mat time, Dominguez said, they make up for in athleticism and work ethic, and a willingness to learn. That will be the most important factor for the Whitefaces in their initial season.

Dominguez may be in his first year at the helm of the Hereford program, but he's no stranger to wrestling in Texas. Dominguez started the wrestling program in Dumas and

oversaw that program for six years before taking the Hereford job.

Dominguez will be assisted by Britt Narrell.

One of the first challenges the two faced was getting the word out that there would in fact be a wrestling program at Hereford in 1998-99 and then securing enough athletes for a squad. That's one mission accomplished.

The Whitefaces have about 35 wrestlers this first season, enough that Hereford should be able to compete in every weight class.

"We'll juggle our lineup to fill all 15 weights," Dominguez said.

He added that if the Whitefaces aren't able to fill a weight class and are forced to forfeit one or two matches early, it won't be critical.

And despite it being Hereford's first year, Dominguez does have

a few wrestlers with experience.

"As far as I know, Kris Hammerbeck was Grand Nationals silver (medalist), Javier Alonzo was a bronze, third at Grand Nationals," Dominguez said. "Those are big tournaments... so they have had some mat time. They've wrestled the club circuit. A few others have some limited experience."

Hammerbeck will wrestle at heavyweight and Alonzo is slated to compete at 135

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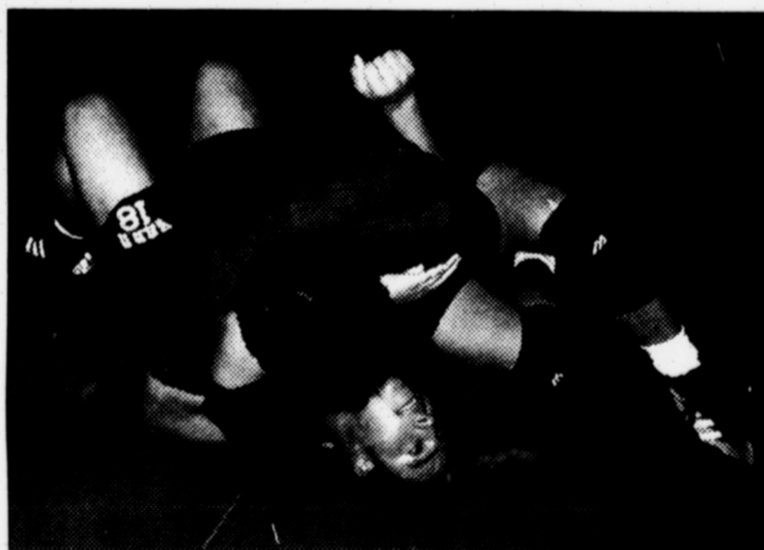
WEIGHING IN

The Hereford Whitefaces will begin their first year of interscholastic wrestling Monday at Amarillo Caprock. Here's a glance at the Whitefaces weight by weight.

103 — Chris Govina
112 — empty
119 — Josh Rodriguez, Wally Walker, Joe Wilson, Rodney Gaitan, Jeremiah Castillo
125 — Perfecto Mancha
130 — Albert Chavarria
135 — Javier Alonzo, Michael Jones
140 — J.P. Gutierrez
145 — Ruben Lancon
152 — Raul Garcia, Rafael Ramirez, Edward Davila
160 — Ramirez, Davila, Isaiah Valdez, Jose Garcia
171 — Valentin Sustaita, Toby Meek
180 — Seth Pietsek, Rick Bordoayo, Meek
189 — Gilbert Hernandez, Johnny Zammaripa, Michael Barba, Paul Estrada
215 — Gerardo Ojeda, Bobby Barba
Hwt — Roy Pena, Kris Hammerbeck, Daniel Fangman.

Hereford High School '98-'99 Wrestling Schedule

Nov. 23	at Amarillo Caprock
Dec. 3	Amarillo Palo Duro
Dec. 5	at Tucumcari (N.M.) tourney
	Junior high at Vernon
	Ulysses (Kan.) tourney
Dec. 11-12	Junior high at Hobart, Okla.
Dec. 15	Borger
Dec. 19	at Borger
Jan. 5	Altus (Okla.) qualifiers, TBA
Jan. 8-9	Liberal (Kan.) tourney
Jan. 8	JV at Lubbock qualifiers, TBA
Jan. 12	Canyon Randall at Hereford
Jan. 16	Canyon Randall tourney
Jan. 21	Amarillo River Road triangular (Hereford, Caprock, River Road)
	JV at Roswell (N.M.) tourney
Jan. 22-23	Junior high at Liberal tourney, TBA
Jan. 26	Amarillo High
Jan. 29-30	Texas State Qualifying at Dallas,
Feb. 6	District 8 tourney at Vernon
	Junior high district tourney at Vernon
Feb. 12-13	Region I tourney at Amarillo
Feb. 26-27	State tourney at Austin
	All home matches at Whiteface Gymnasium. Start time is 6:30 p.m. for junior varsity, 7:15 p.m. for varsity.



Hereford coach Mike Dominguez (top) puts Johnny Zammaripa on the mat during practice Thursday at Hereford High School.

K-State must still get by Tigers

DALLAS (AP) — Kansas State is 10-0 and ranked second nationally, but the Wildcats will have to get by a 19th-ranked Missouri team Saturday that is prone to knocking off favored opponents.

Kansas State has already wrapped up the Northern division of the Big 12, following its victory over Nebraska last week and Missouri's loss to Texas A&M.

Missouri is 7-3 overall in its own right and 5-2 in conference play. An upset over K-State would put the Tigers in position for a better bowl spot.

Three other Big 12 games are on Saturday's schedule:

— Baylor (2-8, 1-6 Big 12) at Oklahoma State (4-6, 2-5), 11:30 a.m.

Big 12 Glance

	North Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Kansas St.	7	0	311	85	10	0	512	99
Missouri	5	2	198	125	7	3	275	174
Nebraska	4	3	194	125	8	3	367	169
Colorado	4	3	141	153	7	3	237	194
Kansas	1	6	135	246	4	6	260	318
Iowa St.	0	7	112	268	2	8	198	308
Texas A&M	7	0	167	86	10	1	261	131
Texas	5	2	217	196	7	3	373	302
Texas Tech	4	3	181	169	7	3	280	200
Oklahoma	2	5	105	181	4	6	161	212
Oklahoma St.	2	5	173	208	4	6	279	286
Baylor	1	6	132	215	2	8	198	308

Saturday.

— Kansas (4-6, 1-6) at Iowa State (2-8, 0-7), 1 p.m. Saturday.

— Texas Tech (7-3, 4-3) at Oklahoma (4-6, 2-5).

Colorado, Nebraska, Texas and Texas A&M get the weekend off. On the day after Thanksgiving, Texas and Texas A&M will play at 10 a.m. in Austin, and Nebraska-Colorado will follow at 1:30 p.m. in Lincoln, Neb.

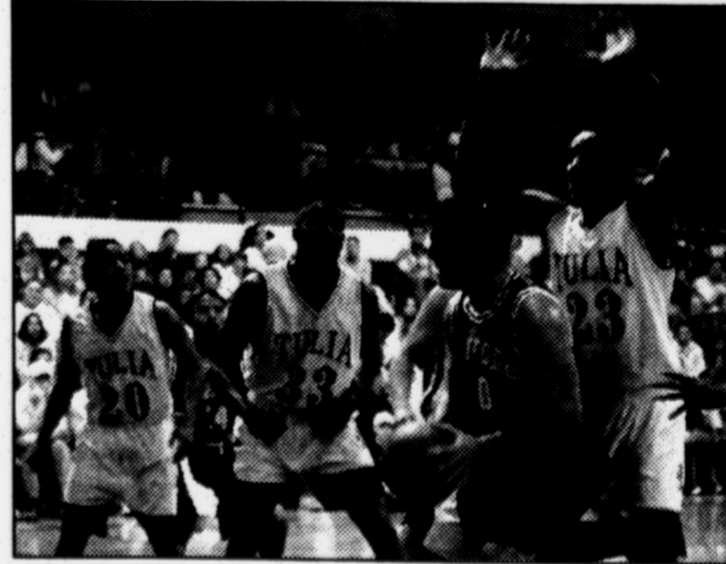
Kansas State and Missouri are two of the nation's most powerful teams. They don't use many gimmicks.

Kansas State's specialty units are among the best anywhere with a 21.3 yard punt return average and an NCAA-high five TD runbacks. The Wildcats also are first nationally in punting average at 42.3 yards, with just seven returns for 53 net yards.

Wildcats quarterback Michael Bishop

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Mitch Wagner of Hereford (40) is surrounded by Hornets Tuesday night in Tulia, including Kevin Gomez (20), Josh Barrow (33) and Mikey Marshall (23). Tulia won the non-district game, 65-55. Hereford will play at Canyon Randall tonight at 7:30 p.m. in a non-district game.



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SPORTS

AREA HAPPENINGS



Courtesy Photo

Tori Walker of Hereford (right) was honored Thursday as the area high school volleyball player for the month of October by the Sports Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. Also pictured is Hereford coach Brenda Kitten. Brionne Yosten of Hereford was previously honored as one of the September cross country runners of the month.

Canucks blank Avs, 5-0

DENVER (AP) — Vancouver Canucks coach Mike Keenan earned his 500th career victory Thursday night as goaltender Garth Snow beat the Colorado Avalanche 5-0.

Peter Zezel and Mark Messier scored first-period goals, and the Canucks added two shorthanded goals in the second period.

Keenan's 500th win tied him with former Montreal coach Toe Blake for fifth place in NHL history.

Snow, posting his second shutout of the season, had 35 saves, while Colorado's Craig Billington had 22. Colorado went 0-for-8 on the power play.

Peter Zezel and Mark Messier scored first-period goals.

Colorado applied early pressure on Snow but couldn't score. At 13:36, Bret Hedican took a long shot from the left boards just inside the blue line. The shot was redirected by Zezel past Billington.

Tech takes opener from UTSA

LUBBOCK (AP) — Cliff Owens scored 23 points, leading Texas Tech to an 87-78 victory in its season opener Thursday night against UT-San Antonio.

Devin Brown also had 23 for UTSA (1-1).

The Red Raiders won despite 29 turnovers, 10 of them by

guard Rayford Young, who was Tech's second-leading scorer with 19.

Tech made 65 percent of its field goal attempts (31-of-48) to 43 percent for UTSA (29-of-67). Tech guard Stan Bonewitz was 5-for-5 from the floor, including three 3-pointers.

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leads the Big 12 in passing with 132 of 241 completions for 2,346 yards and 20 touchdowns. He has just two interceptions. But Mizzou defensive backs Wade

Perkins and Harold Piersey present one of the toughest tandems to throw against in the nation.

Missouri is led by quarterback Corby Jones (73-of-148 for 1,263 yards and seven touchdowns).

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pounds.

"Any mat time is better than no mat time," Dominguez said. "Rip Evers - I really have to commend him. He's done a good job in instilling in these kids there was a sport called wrestling out there."

Evers is the wrestling coordinator for the Hereford Area YMCA.

UIL wrestling is in its first year, although many of the teams competing will have experience in the Texas Interscholastic Wrestling Association. Teams will wrestle 15 individual matches from 103 pounds to heavyweight.

All teams will wrestle in one classification.

Four Amarillo schools - Amarillo High, Tascosa, Caprock and Palo Duro - will constitute District 5. District 6 will be Amarillo River Road, Borger, Dumas and Boys Ranch.

District 7 will be a Lubbock district. The aforementioned districts, along with the district into which Hereford has been assigned, will all be in Region I, which will stretch from Dumas to El Paso.

Hereford has been placed into a three-team district with perennial TIWA powers Canyon Randall and Vernon. The three schools will make up District 8.

"Vernon is always in the Top 10, if not the Top 5, every year at state," Dominguez said. "They'll be tough. Randall started about seven years ago... They went to dual state last year, which is the

top 16 teams in the state. They've had state champions, state runnersup, they've got some really tough kids."

Tough is what the Whitefaces' schedule is. On it are a virtual who's who of high school wrestling - from Texas to Oklahoma to Kansas to New Mexico.

Hereford will get its first taste of tournament experience Dec. 5 at Tucumcari, N.M., then travel to Ulysses, Kan., Dec. 11-12. Also on the schedule are tournaments in Liberal, Kan., Altus, Okla., and Amarillo.

"We have a tough schedule," Dominguez said. "The Liberal tournament is as tough as they come. People from all over Oklahoma and Kansas will be there, which is really tough."

At the Liberal tournament, the Whitefaces will have a chance to go up against some of the top wrestling programs in the country, including Perry, Okla., Norman, Okla., and Garden City, Kan. - a team that is annually ranked among the nation's best.

Also on hand for the Liberal tournament will be some of the top programs in Texas - Tascosa, Amarillo High and Dumas.

"It's all a learning process," Dominguez said. "Absolutely... If you lose a match, it's not the end of the world as long as you learn from that and continue to work better and persevere."

"Early, we'll lose some matches just on technique, (and) because we're not in shape. But that's where I come in - corrective coaching."

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"I would describe it as a goodwill visit," city spokesman Tony Privett said. "I did not have a chance to talk to them about what they plan to do."

Hampton officials said they were relieved by the announcement.

"We knew they were innocent, and now the world knows that they were innocent," said university President William R. Harvey.

Coach Bibbs said no other outcome was possible "because we knew that we had done nothing wrong."

But Bibbs also said she still feels a sense of loss after being placed in handcuffs and taken to jail for something she didn't do. "I feel something has been taken away," she said.

The chief said alleged victim Elenita Hester has since told police that she was no longer sure the Hampton coaches were

the ones who tried to con her. Mrs. Hester did not return calls Thursday by The Associated Press.

The three were in Lubbock as Hampton was to play No. 12 Texas Tech on Tuesday night. The game was canceled.

Walker has said the three had been suspected of trying a con game called the "pigeon drop."

The Bibbses and Kelso said they went to the store to buy supplies for the team and some personal items.

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into the gym by Hobbs girls coach Kent Williams. Williams played for Tasker in the mid '70s and idolizes the man who during a 53-year coaching career won 1,122 games - the third most in the history of high school basketball.

Williams said he and assistant Shelby Reeves - another of Tasker's former players - consider themselves fortunate to have him on the bench.

"It's a big blessing for us," said Williams. "To have that kind of wisdom. Somebody that can sit there and have a third pair of eyes. It's a pretty good third pair."

Tasker was head coach of the boys program for 49 years and led the Eagles to 11 state championships. But prior to the start of the 1977-98 season, the Hobbs School Board told Tasker it would be his last.

In Tasker's final season, the Eagles went 19-8 and in his last game beat Cibola in the third place game at the State Tournament. When he left The Pit that March afternoon, Tasker reluctantly accepted retirement.

"I did a good job last year," Tasker said this week. "It was a good way to end your career."

But aside from a trip to his

native West Virginia, Tasker found himself sitting at home too much and eating too many of the homemade brownies and fudge his sister regularly sent him.

"I snacked all the time," he said. "I gained weight."

It took some urging from Williams to get Tasker to return to the arena that's named in his honor.

"He didn't want to step on anybody's toes," Williams said. "He's the most humble man on the face of this earth."

Once Tasker agreed to return, he quickly got back into his old routine.

"This is what he is, he's a coach," Williams said. "It's his life... and we're going to make sure we take full advantage of his expertise."

And it didn't take long for Tasker to build a rapport with the Lady Eagles.

"I think he's incredible," said senior Angela Duckworth. "He's just wonderful. He'll do anything for us."

"He still has a lot of energy," said senior Missy Chambers.

Tasker looks and acts like a man who has found rejuvenation. So much so that in January, he'll return to the classroom to teach a basketball class at College of the Southwest in Hobbs.

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TV stations have varied attention spans for Starr

Television viewers needed to do some channel surfing to catch all of Kenneth Starr's testimony before the House Judiciary Committee.

While cable news outfits, C-SPAN, Court TV and PBS carried all of the proceedings on Thursday, only sporadic live coverage could be seen on major broadcast affiliates.

Nine networks had live cameras watching as Starr outlined a case for impeaching a president, only the third time that has happened in the House. After a partisan skirmish, Starr began a two-hour, 16-minute opening statement at 10:50 a.m.

Sixteen minutes later, NBC's Tom Brokaw gave his network's affiliates the first chance to break away. He noted that continuous live coverage would be available on NBC's cable news sister station, MSNBC.

On New York's WNBC, Starr was abruptly replaced by a "Sally Jessy Raphael" episode about quickie divorces. Other NBC affiliates across the country, including Chicago and Los Angeles, stuck with Starr, network spokeswoman Alex Constantinople said.

NBC let its local affiliates decide how long they wanted to stay with Starr, she said. "We were disappointed that some of our stations decided not to stay with our coverage," she said.

Terry Doll, a spokeswoman for WNBC in New York, said

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Television

that people interested in Starr could watch it on MSNBC. "We're doing what we feel is of most interest to the majority of our audience," she said.

Several CBS affiliates, including WCBS in New York, cut away from Starr at noon for a local news broadcast, then returned to Starr's testimony in progress.

Both CBS and NBC gave affiliates the option of covering the hearing when questioning of Starr began after lunch.

ABC said its affiliates aired all of Starr's opening statement. The network also covered the beginning of Starr's cross-examination for a little more than an hour. Cable news networks stuck with all of the hearing's proceedings.

"It was very important to stay with the full testimony and not shortchange the viewers by making bits and pieces available," ABC spokeswoman Eileen Murphy said.

"Obviously, it's a pivotal moment in a case that we just spent a lot of time this year covering," she said.

ABC's "Good Morning America" on Thursday aired

"We were disappointed that some of our stations decided not to stay with our coverage," Alex Constantinople

what it billed as an exclusive five-minute interview of Starr, conducted by Tim O'Brien on Wednesday night. The network is also pursuing Starr for an interview with Diane Sawyer that it hopes to broadcast next Wednesday night.

Few TV commentators saw Starr's testimony as riveting. "It's sort of a snoozer," said MSNBC legal analyst Cynthia Alksne. "I noticed people behind him yawning."

While Thursday's hearing represented Starr's first chance to talk at length about the case, it comes at a time polls show many American are tiring of it.

"It was awfully long, Peter, and it was hard to pay attention to the whole thing," ABC's Cokie Roberts told anchorman Peter Jennings after Starr's opening statement. "I doubt that many people did."

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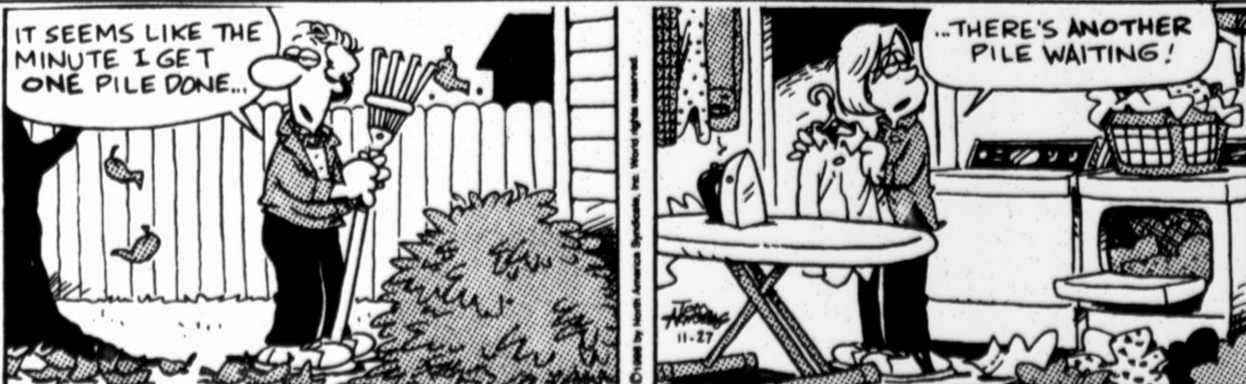
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2	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St	Ballykissangel	Time Goes	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	NewsHour			
3	Mr Bill	Addams	AXN	Life, Camera	Movie: Innerspace (1987) Dennis Quaid ***	700 Club	Mr Bill				
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Dateline	Trinity	Homicide: Life	News	(:35) Tonight Show				
5	Movie: You Lucky Dog Kirk Cameron	(:35) Movie: Freaky Friday Shelley Long	(:15) Famous Jett Jackson	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro						
6	Roseanne	Roseanne	(:05) Movie: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988) Bob Hoskins ****	(:25) Movie: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989) ***							
7	News	Fortune	Two-Kind	Boy-World	Sabrina	Brothers	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
8	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Movie: Pretty Woman (1990) Richard Gere. ***	News	MacGyver	Heat					
9	News	Home Imp.	Kids Say	Candid C.	Buddy Faro	Nash Bridges	News	(:35) Late Show			
10	Mad	Simpsons	Brimstone	World's Worst Drivers	Simpsons	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV		
11	Sportsctr.	College Basketball Michigan State at Temple	College Basketball: Preseason NIT - Teams TBA	Sportscenter							
12	Movie: When-Kings	Movie: How to Be a Player Bill Bellamy *	Movie News	Stargate	(:45) Dead Man's Gun	Outer Limits					
13	Inside the NFL	Movie: The Glimmer Man Steven Seagal	Movie: Route 9 (1998) Kyle MacLachlan, Peter Coyote	Chris Rock	Movie: I						
14	Movie: Clear-Danger	Movie: The Locusts Kate Capshaw. ** 1/2 R	Movie: Contact (1997) Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey. *** 1/2								
15	Movie: The Singing Nun	Movie: Seven Samurai (1954) Toshiro Mifune, Takashi Shimura. ****	Movie: Magnificen: 7								
16	Waltons	Auto Racing Monster Truck Challenge Pennzoil World Auto Thrill Tournament	Dallas	Auto Racing							
17	Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery	News	Storm	Science Mysteries	Justice Files	Wild Disc				
18	Law & Order	Biography	All Dogs Go	Enigma	Sandiego	Holmes	Pretenders	Countdown	Ghostbstrs	Harveytoon	Heathcliff
19	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Movie: No Greater Love (1996) Kelly Rutherford	Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					
20	Last Word	Sports	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey New York Islanders at Dallas Stars							
21	ER	Movie: Mr. Majestyk (1974) Charles Bronson. ** 1/2	(:15) Movie: The Stone Killer (1973) ** 1/2								
22	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Kablam!	Animorphs	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Happy Days	Laverne	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore
23	Xena: Warrior Princess	Movie: Scent of a Woman (1992) Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell. ***	Movie: The Naked Gun (1988) *** 1/2								
24	Mi Pequena Traviesa	Vivo por Elena	Desencuentro	Maria	Derbez	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo			
25	20th Century	Hitler and the Occult	Movie: Dead Ahead: The Exxon Valdez Disaster (1992)	Look at the '70s	Hitler-Occult						
26	An. Court	AnimalDr	Movie: The Magic of the Golden Bear: Goldy III (1994)	Wildlife	Wildlife	Movie: Magic of Golden Bear					

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 21

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Business	Business	Wash. Week	Wall St	Quitting	Sewing	Quilt	Sewing	Thai Cuisine	Garden	Pepin
3	Pee-wee	Candy	All Dogs Go	Enigma	Sandiego	Holmes	Pretenders	Countdown	Ghostbstrs	Harveytoon	Heathcliff
4	Couch	Critter	Science Guy	Saved-Bell	Hang Time	One World	City Guys	Hang Time	Inside Stuff	Locker Rm	Paid Prog.
5	Bear	Rolie Polie	PB & J Otter	Amazing	Movie: Dumbo (1941) 'G'	(:10) Movie: The Muppet Movie 'G'	Bug's Life				
6	3's Co.	Funnies	Funnies	Funnies	National Geographic Explorer	Movie: Tribes (1970) ** 1/2					
7	Hercules	Doug	Doug	Recess	Pepper Ann	Pooh	Squiggle	101Dalmts	College Football Michigan at Ohio State		
8	Farm Report	Business	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Outdoor	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Soul Train			
9	CBS News Sat.	News	Wild About	Franklin	Anatole	Bunnies	Rhino	Mer. Media	HS Football	Jordan Gp	
10	Potato Head	Rangers	Godzilla	Rangers	Knights	SpyDogs	Mad Jack	Oggy	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
11	Walkers	Sportsman	Spanish Fly	Photo Safari	Sportscenter Saturday	College Gameday	College Football: B.C. at W.Va.				
12	Movie: All-President's	(:15) Movie: The Shrimp on the Barbie *	(:45) Movie: Norma Rae (1979) Sally Field, Beau Bridges	Movie: Desperately SK							
13	Movie: Steel Shaquille O'Neal ** PG-13	(:45) Family Video Diaries	Rainmaker	Inside the NFL	Movie: Speed 2: Cruise Control PG-13						
14	Movie: (35) Movie: Frankenstein Sings * PG	Movie: Smoky Fred MacMurray. ***	Movie: Fools Rush In Matthew Perry. ** PG-13								
15	Movie: Princesse Tam	Movie: Please Don't Eat the Daisies (1960) ***	Movie: The Last Hunt (1956) Robert Taylor. ***	Movie:							
16	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Outdoors	Outdoors	Fishing	Ducks	Shooter	Fishin'	In-Fish	Outdoors	Auto Racing
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Great Chefs	Epicurious	Design	Great Chefs	Epicurious	Housesmart!	News		
18	(6:00) Movie: Shipwreck	Guide to Historic Homes	America's Castles	Biography International	Where Are All the UFOs?						
19	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Next Door
20	Sports	Sports	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	High School Extra	Paid Prog.	Big 12 Show	Cowboys	Paid Prog.	Football	
21	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West	Movie: Ad. of Brisco County, Jr.	Due South							
22	Nicktoons Marathon			Nicktoons Marathon	Tiny Toon	Tiny Toon	Looney				
23	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	World Wrestling Live Wire	Pacific Blue	Baywatch				
24	Plaza Sesamo	Tigritos T.V	Giorgiomani	Complices	Cuchufleta	Onda Max					
25	History Showcase	Automobiles	Trains Unlimite	Great Ships	Tales of the Gun	Weapons					
26	Lassie	Lassie	Petetera	Pet Con.	Pet Line	Petsburgh	Amazing	All Bird TV	Horse Tales	Breed	Good Dog

	12:30	1 PM	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
2	Old House	Workshop	Hometime	MotorWeek	Red Green	Tracks	All Aboard	Trailside	Trails	Travels	Texas Parks
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4	College Football Louisiana State at Notre Dame										
5	Movie: Escape to Witch Mountain	Famous	Flash	Baby-Sitters	Torkelsons	Bug Juice	(:45) Going Wild!	Flash			
6	Movie: Best of the Best (1989) Eric Roberts. ***	(:05) Movie: I Come in Peace (1990) ** 1/2	(:05) WCW Saturday Night								
7	(11:00) College Football Michigan at Ohio State	College Football Regional Coverage - Florida at Florida State or Teams to Be Announced									
8	Movie: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Xena: Warrior Princess	Hercules-Jrmys.	Crow: Stairway to Heaven	Earth: Final Conflict						
9	Jordan Gp	Pres. Cup	History of Navy Football	College Football: Ky. at Tenn. or Big East Game							
10	Paid Prog.	Golf World Cup of Golf - Third Round	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hercules-Jrmys.			
11	College Football: B.C. at W.Va.	College Gameday	Tennis ATP Tour Doubles Championship - Semifinal	Timber	Sportsctr.						
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13	Movie: Tracey	Movie: Space Jam Michael Jordan. PG	Movie: Steel Shaquille O'Neal ** PG-13	(:45) Movie: Never Say Never Again PG							
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19	Attitudes	Movie: Home Before Dark (1997) Brian Delate ***	Movie: Twice Upon a Time (1998) Molly Ringwald	Movie: Woman on the Run							
20	Links	This Is the PGA Tour	College Football Conference USA Game - Teams to Be Announced	Football							
21	Movie: Fast Food (1989) Jim Varney, Traci Lords. ** 1/2	Movie: Teen Wolf Too (1987) Jason Bateman *	Movie: Ladybugs (1992) *								
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Trial

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cut his throat.
By Josh's own account, his father likes to fight a lot and gets mean when he drinks.

When the Lawsons finally left the crime scene, the father drove to the hotel where they were staying and told his son to wear the belt with the small knife scabbard because he wouldn't have much use for it.

The final witness for the defense was Hereford Police Detective Eresal Silva, who was making his second appearance on the stand.

The only question evolved around the blood alcohol levels of both the victim and the defendant.

Silva testified a private laboratory, using a sample provided by the Lawson and blood collected from the victim prior to embalming, determined the blood alcohol level of Lawson was 0.18; Roger's was 0.27. Legal intoxication is 0.10.

Daffern presented a motion requesting a mistrial. He said there was inconclusive evidence Lawson knowingly and willingly committed the act. Gulley rejected the motion.

The only witness for the defense was the defendant.

He described himself as a professional cowboy, divorced with three children, one by his first wife and two by his second.

Lawson confirmed the testimony of previous witnesses and said that all the adults were drinking heavily.

Lawson said he could not remember ever meeting Rogers prior to the night of the fight. His son had testified that Rogers had been at the hotel approximately two weeks previously when his father had been arrested for public intoxication.

Lawson testified the night of the fight he saw a reflection in Rogers' hand and pulled the knife from his boot.

"Reckon that's when I stuck him," Lawson said. "I stuck him in the butt a couple of times, he was fighting me back." Lawson admitted having pinned Rogers face down, but could not remember how many times he stabbed him.

"I was just going to teach him a lesson," said Lawson. "There was no conscious weighing of anything at the time."

During sentencing, Lawson said he thought Rogers was a "pretty good ol' boy and I never meant for him to die." Even after the verdict, Lawson said Rogers' death was an accident, not murder.

Lawson told the court he hadn't run away from any of this and wanted to show his son how to face things like a man. In closing statements, Saul told the jury, "This man is here because he's just plain mean. He's offered no apology. There's no remorse that he took another's life." Lawson plans an appeal.

Aide quits to protest Starr's act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Senate Watergate Counsel Sam Dash abruptly resigned today as Kenneth Starr's ethics adviser to protest the independent counsel's decision to testify in the House impeachment hearing against President Clinton.

"You have violated your obligations under the independent counsel statute and have unlawfully intruded on the power of impeachment," Dash said in a letter to Starr that was obtained by The Associated Press.

"I resign for a fundamental reason," Dash said. "Against my strong advice, you decided to depart from your usual professional decision-making by accepting the invitation of the House Judiciary Committee to appear ... and serve as an aggressive advocate for the proposition that the evidence ... demonstrates that the president committed impeachable offenses."

"You have violated your obligations under the independent counsel statute and have unlawfully intruded on the power of impeachment."
— Sam Dash in letter to Kenneth Starr

Starr said he was saddened by Dash's departure and respected his adviser's position but added, "Reasonable minds can differ."

"I love Sam. I respect him. I admire him. He's a total man of principle. I have really profited from his judgment. I think it was a matter of principle. It was so important to him," Starr said outside his home.

"I regret I have a gentle disagreement with Sam," Starr added. "Over the years we have agreed far more than we have disagreed."

"Here's the final word from a giant of American jurisprudence on the methods, motives and ethics of Ken Starr," said Jim Jordan, a spokesman for House Judiciary Committee Democrats.

In his letter, Dash said that Starr had "only one narrow duty under the statute relating to the House's power of impeachment. ... That one duty ... is to objectively provide for the House substantial and credible information that may constitute grounds for impeachment."

Dash has counseled Starr on a wide range of issues for the past four years, reviewing evidence and participating in the decisions on whether grand jury indictments should

be sought.
Dash, chief counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee a quarter-century ago, has been a lawyer for nearly five decades and teaches at Georgetown University Law Center.

At Thursday's House Judiciary Committee impeachment hearing, Starr gave no indication that he had a disagreement with Dash. Starr hailed his "great wisdom during my tenure," noting that Dash had consulted on the impeachment referral that accused Clinton of abuse of his presidential powers.

Dash also was instrumental in breaking a months-long stalemate between Starr's office and Ms. Lewinsky's lawyers, arranging a breakfast meeting at his home in late July that brought the two sides together and led to the deal that secured her cooperation.

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was required, because Democrats did not object. All four will appear for sworn interviews in closed session, but it is not clear that they would testify at hearings.

Clinton, traveling in Asia, said today he did not see any of the hearing but did get a "cursory" briefing. He did take issue with the committee's vote to subpoena Bennett.

"As far as I know, there has never been a case where a person's lawyer was asked to come and testify," Clinton told reporters at Tokyo's Haneda airport before boarding Air Force One for a flight to Seoul, South Korea.

Greg Craig, a special counsel to Clinton, summed up the hearing: "There was nothing very much new of substance ... other than the fact the president and first lady were exonerated in two very important investigations."

Interviewed on NBC's "Today," Craig said Clinton's conduct was wrong but not impeachable. The president is still working on a list of 81 questions submitted by the committee, Craig added. "They'll be in due course and timely fashion submitted to the committee."

Although Starr's presentation was praised by Republicans, his decision to testify before the committee resulted in the resignation of his ethics adviser, former Senate Watergate Committee Counsel Sam Dash. Dash said in a letter to Starr that in testifying, Starr had become "an aggressive advocate for the proposition" that Clinton had committed impeachable offenses.

In an hour of high drama, Starr and Kendall, two titans of the Washington legal establishment, battled each other as if they were performing for a courtroom jury.

"Let me begin with the simple but powerful truth that nothing in this overkill of investigation amounts to a justification for the impeachment of the president of the United States," Kendall said before extending greetings to Starr.

It was one of the last peaceful exchanges between the two. "I thought that what we were here today to discuss is a referral, which we believe contains substantial and credible information of potential impeachable offenses by the president of the United States," the prosecutor told Kendall after the lawyer kept attacking Starr's conduct.

Kendall asked at another point: "And has anybody been fired from your office, Mr. Starr, for leaking?"

"No, because I don't believe anyone has leaked grand jury information, Mr. Kendall," the prosecutor snapped back.

Snack recalled for undeclared sulfites

WASHINGTON (AP) — Certain batches of "Fruit Delight 'n Nuts" are being recalled from 20 states by an Ohio company because the label does not say that the snack contains sulfites. People allergic to sulfites could suffer a serious or life-threatening reaction.

The product also does not state that it contains Yellow 6, which can cause moderate reactions in people sensitive to that dye, said manufacturer I.M. Good Inc. of Canton, Ohio.

The company estimated that about 1,000 bags of the mislabeled product were distributed in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia.

The product comes in 2- or 5.2-ounce clear plastic bags. Recalled batches contain expiration dates prior to Sept. 30, 1999 — printed on the front of each bag as 093099. Products that expire after Sept. 30, 1999, are properly labeled.

Consumers can return the fruit-nut snack to the place of purchase for a refund.

Republicans characterized the subpoenas as the next logical step to move the inquiry forward. Members now have heard marathon testimony from Starr and read mountains of evidence he submitted in September to back his allegations that Clinton committed impeachable offenses.

"I think we're just going forth, trying to make sure that we've got all the evidence," said Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio. "I think that we're making some real progress."

To Democrats, the new subpoenas were a Republican admission that the evidence so far has led to no impeachable offenses — not in the Lewinsky case and, as Starr admitted Thursday, not in the White House's misuse of FBI files or firings in the White House travel office.

"That comes to bad news for the most angry Clinton haters," said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. "Hope springs eternal in the breasts of the right wing, but I think it's less and less likely they're going to come up with anything."

In the closed session, the committee also voted party line for a Republican resolution that refused to recognize attorney-client confidentiality in the inquiry. Lindsey, a deputy White House counsel, has unsuccessfully raised that issue in federal court to keep from answering some questions in Starr's investigation.

Throughout the day Thursday, Democrats pounded Starr with allegations of misconduct — accusing him of failing to disclose contacts with Paula Jones' lawyers to the Justice Department and by discouraging Ms. Lewinsky from calling her lawyer last January, when prosecutors and FBI agents working for Starr first confronted her about the affair with the president.

While Starr denied misconduct with Ms. Lewinsky and denied he had any conflicts, he willingly agreed with Republican assertions that Clinton lied time and again to conceal his relationship with the former White House intern.

At the end of his appearance, Republicans gave the former appellate court judge a standing ovation.

Starr's testimony was the first the committee had taken since receiving boxes of his evidence this fall. While the full GOP-controlled House has voted for an open-ended inquiry, Republican appetite for prolonged proceedings has diminished markedly in the wake of election setbacks. Thus, it was not clear whether articles of impeachment would ever emerge from the panel.

Wolfe's book divides ultra-sensitive city

ATLANTA (AP) — Tom Wolfe has stoked a bonfire in image-sensitive Atlanta with his biting portrayal of the city in "A Man in Full."

Some view the novelist as a pen-wielding Gen. William T. Sherman, devastating Atlanta anew. But others are delighted that an eminent writer chose to focus on a town that craves recognition as a "world-class city" — one of Atlanta's many self-promoting slogans.

"Oh, my God! It's everything from pure hilarity to complete dread," Mary Rose Taylor said, describing the local response.

It was Ms. Taylor and her developer husband, Mack, who introduced Wolfe to Atlanta society when he was working on the book, which skewers Atlanta's real estate business and depicts racial tensions, backroom political maneuvers and arrogant developers with trophy wives.

During a black-tie reading and benefit dinner Wednesday night, the white-suited writer seemed both bemused and bewildered as he returned to town for a promotional tour.

"I'm not sure what to make of it. I'm glad that people have cared so much," said Wolfe, who couldn't recall a similar response to any of his earlier books that chronicle various American eras, most recently 1980s New York in "The Bonfire of the Vanities."

The intense local coverage, including "The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's" daily "Wolfe Watch," "makes me feel like the Beatles" in 1964.

Smiling at repeated comparisons to Sherman's burning of Atlanta in 1864, Wolfe said: "It might be more like a warm bath."

Dozens of people lined up for a special midnight book sale at one store last week. Based on early excerpts, the Buckhead Coalition, a business organization that promotes the wealthy neighborhood featured in the book, canceled plans to have Wolfe speak to its annual meeting.

"It wouldn't have been appropriate to break bread with someone when he has dirtied your linen and wants to profit by it," said Sam Massell, a former Atlanta mayor and president of the coalition.

The response "shows a pattern in Atlanta history," said Dana White, an Emory University historian. "There's the need to be recognized, the civic pride, then uncertainty about what people are going to say about us when we are recognized."

For some, Wolfe joins a list of those who have insulted Atlanta, including H.L. Mencken, who in a 1920 essay described this region as a cultural and intellectual Sahara desert, to Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, who declined to dispense his customary "best ever" compliment after the 1996 Olympics.

"A lot of us take ourselves very seriously here," said Ms. Taylor, a former TV journalist who thinks Wolfe captured the city brilliantly.

One popular pastime has been matching the book's fictional characters to the real-life ones they are derived from.

Resign

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sition in another area of health care.
Mal Manchee, president of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board, said this morning the directors Hamby was not meeting the "needs of the organization."

He said the decision was the administrator's, and the board concurred.

Director Chip Guseman agreed with Manchee, saying this morning he thinks the change at the ambulance service "should have been done by the interim administrator" rather than leaving the matter to Studsrud, who has been on the job for less than two months.

"You expect some changes, and we have to back him (Studsrud). It's his call," Guseman said. "I have a lot of confidence in him."

Director Jeremy Grant acknowledged Studsrud had sought Hamby's resignation, but would not provide any additional details.

Deaf Smith County Fire Marshal Jay Spain said he has had a good working relationship with the EMS while Hamby was director.

While Hamby served as EMS director, the ambulance service received the Public Provider Award, which is presented by the Panhandle Emergency Medical Services organization.

The Hereford EMS was established in 1979 as hospital-based service providing pre-hospital care to about 30,000 residents of Hereford and Deaf Smith County.

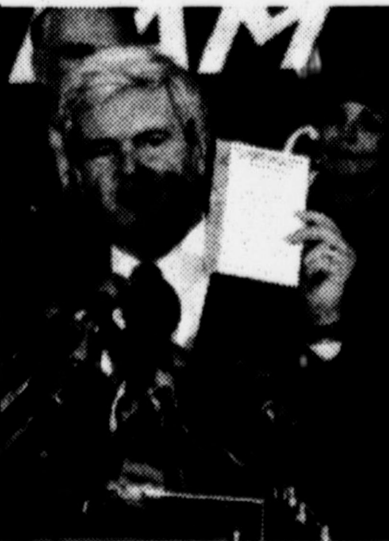
Gingrich price tag: \$50,000

Outgoing speaker commands big fee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newt Gingrich, the soon-to-be-former speaker of the House, is offering his services on the lecture circuit for a reported \$50,000 per appearance.

The Washington Speakers Bureau is promoting Gingrich, R-Ga., and calls him "one of the most talked-about figures in American public life."

But his pearls of wisdom will cost \$50,000, plus three first-class airplane tickets, according to an executive from a trade association quoted anonymously in today's editions of "The Washington Post."



Newt Gingrich

One of the plane tickets is presumably for Gingrich. It was unclear who would get the other two.

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Jul	140.00	141.00	Jul	3.52	3.54
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Nov	142.00	143.00	Nov	3.56	3.58
Jan	143.00	144.00	Jan	3.58	3.60
Mar	144.00	145.00	Mar	3.60	3.62
May	145.00	146.00	May	3.62	3.64
Jul	146.00	147.00	Jul	3.64	3.66
Sep	147.00	148.00	Sep	3.66	3.68
Nov	148.00	149.00	Nov	3.68	3.70
Jan	149.00	150.00	Jan	3.70	3.72
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May	151.00	152.00	May	3.74	3.76
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Sep	153.00	154.00	Sep	3.78	3.80
Nov	154.00	155.00	Nov	3.80	

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News in brief

Deadline here for tobacco deal

NEW YORK — It's deadline day for states to accept or reject a \$206 billion deal with Big Tobacco.

Twenty-nine of the 46 eligible states, facing a deadline of midday today, had embraced the package by late Thursday. The deal would resolve remaining state claims for the costs of treating tobacco-related illnesses.

All eyes were on Massachusetts and Maryland, two states considered to have strong cases and still undecided going into the final hours.

Michigan had also been in the group, but was among 11 states declaring Thursday they planned to sign the deal rather than fight on in court. No state has yet rejected the proposal.

Four states had reached settlements for a combined \$40 billion before this proposal was created.

The cigarette makers say they need a sufficient number of states to sign if they are to proceed with what would be the biggest U.S. civil settlement. The industry has declined to be more specific on how many states would constitute a sufficient number.

"I am optimistic that everyone will sign on," said Christine Gregoire, the attorney general from Washington state who led a team of eight states through five months of negotiations with four big tobacco companies.

Space station section launched

BAIKONUR, Kazakstan— A Russian Proton booster rocket carried the first part of the international space station into orbit today, heralding the start of a new era in international space colonization.

Russian space officials and others cheered as ground control announced that the capsule had separated from its booster rocket and reached its first orbit 125 miles above Earth.

"Success!" shouted one exultant official about 10 minutes after the giant rocket blasted off and entered orbit.

Officials from the space agencies of 16 nations participating in the project watched the liftoff from three miles away. Strategic Rocket Forces troops who had prepared the launch were in underground bunkers to avoid poisoning by the highly toxic rocket fuel.

The launch went smoothly, with the giant rocket soaring into the cloudy sky above the central Asian steppes. Its roar reverberated for dozens of miles across the empty plain around the base.

The international space station, the U.S.-led successor to Russia's beleaguered Mir, will serve as an orbital home for visiting astronauts and cosmonauts for at least 15 years.

The 412-foot Zarya, or Sunrise, was launched by a three-stage Proton booster rocket. Zarya is designed to serve as a space tugboat in the early stages of the project, providing propulsion, power and communications.

Gates' responses draw fire

WASHINGTON — Government attorneys complained that their star player, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates, was being evasive, answering with "I don't know" and long pauses throughout his videotaped deposition.

A federal judge seems to agree. "I think it's evident to every spectator that, for whatever reasons, in many respects, Mr. Gates has not been particularly responsive to his deposition interrogation," U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson said in a private meeting Thursday with the attorneys in the Microsoft antitrust trial.

Ironically, Microsoft lawyers had called the meeting with Jackson to voice some complaints of their own — that Justice Department attorneys were playing brief excerpts of Gates' testimony, culled from 20 hours of questioning over a three-day period last summer, rather than a single, long clip.

According to a transcript of the meeting, Microsoft attorney John Warden argued that the government was using the video "for the purpose of an audience outside the courtroom and for the purpose of creating news stories day after day."

But Jackson disagreed. "If anything, I think the problem is with your witness, not with the way in which his testimony is being presented," he told Warden.

FBI opens new high-tech center

WASHINGTON — Entering its 91st year with new duties that extend around the world, the FBI today opened a high-tech, \$20 million operations center nearly the size of a football field to allow headquarters to manage up to five crises at once.

The new Strategic Information and Operations Center — called "sigh-ock" after its initials — has 35 separate rooms that can seat up to 450 people total and covers 40,000 square feet on the fifth floor of FBI headquarters on Pennsylvania Avenue. It is 10 times bigger than its two-decade-old predecessor that could, with difficulty, handle two crises simultaneously.

Bureau officials became convinced the old SIOC was outmoded in the summer of 1996 when they tried to manage investigations of the Olympic bombing in Atlanta, the explosion of TWA 800 and the Khobar Towers truck-bombing in Saudi Arabia at the same time.

"There weren't enough rooms or enough telephones," FBI Director Louis J. Freeh said. "We had people working at desks in the hallway outside and reading top secret material in the vending area across the hall."

The supersecret facility with no windows to the street, or even any outside walls, has a private ribbon-cutting today with former President George Bush as the FBI celebrates its 90th birthday.

Introducing the new SIOC to reporters for a one-time-only tour, Freeh said it was emblematic of the bureau's expanded responsibilities and technology.

He noted that the bureau's fastest growing component, its Counterterrorism Center, is arrayed in the offices around the SIOC — as is its violent crime unit, which handles domestic attacks such as the Oklahoma City bombing or hijackings.

Military to probe student deaths

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Hetty Malik stands at the gates of Indonesia's Atma Jaya university, where last week she watched soldiers open fire on students during pro-democracy demonstrations that degenerated into street battles.

In a light tropical rain, the 20-year-old English-language student recalls the euphoria and empowerment of being part of the 3,000-strong protest. And how those feelings were shattered by gunfire.

"It is a great tragedy," Malik says. "The killing must stop." Eight students died in the melee. Rioting and looting elsewhere in Jakarta killed at least eight more people, including members of the military.

A military team will determine how the shooting deaths occurred despite a ban on live ammunition, Shoyan Karya, a government spokesman, was quoted as saying in today's edition of The Indonesian Observer newspaper.

Doctors have found metal bullet fragments in the bodies of students, Dr. Mun'im Idris, a forensic expert from the state-run Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital confirmed today.

The deaths sent shock waves through the student movement, which is driving the country's fledgling democracy movement. The students played a central role in the May downfall of former President Suharto.

'Bush Boys' wow governors' meeting

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The bantering Bush boys neared the end of their whimsical news conference when younger brother Jeb turned to George W. and said, "Can I disagree with you on one thing?"

The older Bush placed his hand on Jeb's shoulder, then fired back with his father's slanted smile: "Just make sure it's a minor point."

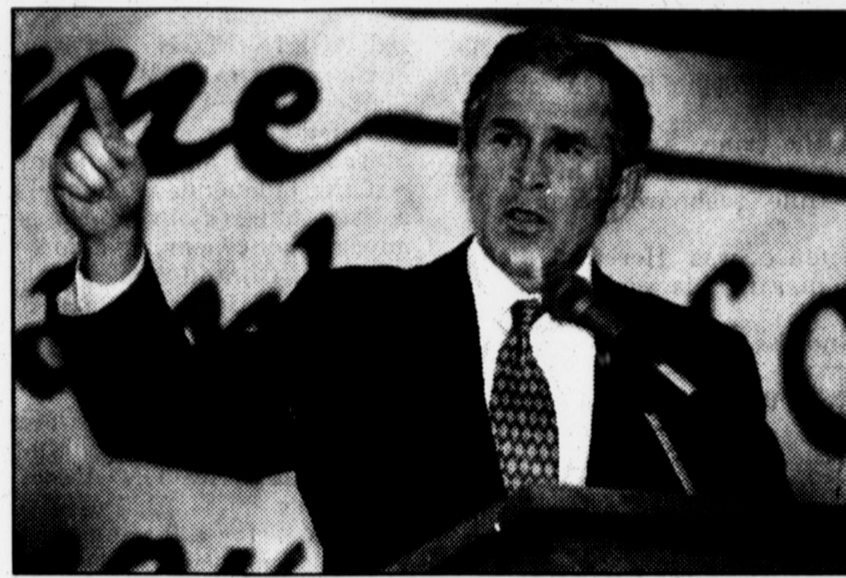
Ba-dum. A rare joint appearance by former President George Bush's sons generated one rim shot after another, as the governor of Texas and the governor-elect of Florida discussed the future of their party and their future as America's latest political dynasty.

They were chummy. "I love him a lot," George W., 52, of Texas, said of Jeb, 45, of Florida.

They were funny. "He's the tall one, and I'm the short one. Right?" the Texas governor asked.

They were teasing. Earlier, George W. jabbed a finger at his brother and told a reporter: "Throw him the tough questions! He's new on the national scene. See what he can do."

And they were self-confi-



Texas Gov. George W. Bush

dent, bordering on cocky in the case of George W. Asked if he believed he would make a good president, the Texas governor smiled that smile again and said, "You know me well enough to know the answer is yes."

He didn't answer the Big Question: Will he run for president?

"I haven't made up my mind yet, and I'm going to make it up later on," said Bush, elected to a second term Nov. 3 with 69 percent of the vote.

Chairman of Gulf War illness panel promises 'strong' recommendations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a presidential oversight panel suggests the long debate over the causes of Gulf War illness is only delaying proper treatment for ailing veterans.

"The debate at some point ought to stop," said former Sen. Warren Rudman, a New Hampshire Republican. He promised his panel will have "very strong recommendations" when it wraps up its work next summer.

The seven-member Special Oversight Board for Department of Defense Investigations of Gulf War Chemical and Biological Incidents heard Thursday from a parade of afflicted Gulf veterans, several walking with canes, one in a wheelchair.

"We not only lost our health in the Gulf War but we lost our future," said former Air Force Sgt. Robert Bergen of Altus, Okla. "For us, the Gulf War continues."

Describing himself as "constantly sick, some days unable to get out of bed," and with \$32,000 in unpaid medical bills, Bergen told the panel the government and insurance companies have rejected one medical claim after another. He cannot land a job, and now his wife and daughter are also sick, he said.

U.S. officials acknowledged the illnesses are real, but said they still lack good diagnoses despite years of study.

One out of seven of the 700,000 American men and women who served in the Gulf War "say they are sick" and want to know if their military service caused their illnesses, said Dee Morris, the Pentagon official in charge of investigating individual cases.

Despite the attention to chemical and biological agents, depleted uranium used as shell casings and other late 20th century technology, many reported symptoms — blurred vision, aches in joints, disorientation, constant fatigue — bear "striking similarities" to those suffered by returning U.S. veterans dating back to the Civil War, said Dr. Robert H. Roswell a physician with the Veterans Health Administration.

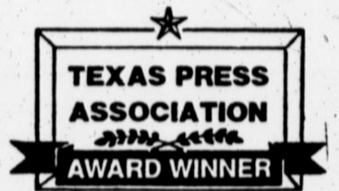
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- Jeb Bush, governor-elect of Florida

with hard-edged rhetoric, they soften their language; George W. calls himself a "compassionate conservative."

The Bush brothers said their victories should be a lesson to the rest of the party, particularly its partisan congressional leadership.

"It's a question of tone and style," Jeb said. "It's the style of governance in George's case and the style of campaigning in my case that might be a good lesson."



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