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Bush's coattails reach Deaf Smith

Schumacher captures clerk's post

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

George W. Bush's coattails extended all the way into the Deaf Smith County Courthouse on Election Day as a Republican captured the 222nd District Court clerk's job.

Jean Schumacher, a Republican making her first run for public office, pulled in 60.5 percent of the vote Tuesday to handily defeat Democrat Darla Hale, a 15-year veteran of the district clerk's office.

Schumacher received 1,990 votes in winning the office being vacated by Lola Faye Veazey, who has held the district clerk's position for more than two decades.

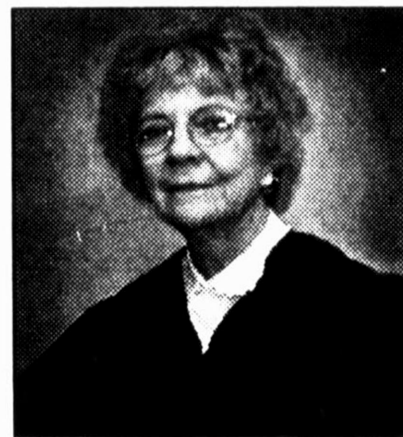
She carried every precinct and the early voting en route to the win. In the Hereford precincts, Hale's best showing was in Precinct 4, where Schumacher's edge was just 27 votes, 179-152. Hale lost by just two votes in Precinct 8, 10-8.

Schumacher's victory followed the statewide trend as Republicans, led by Bush's overwhelming win in his re-election bid, swept the state offices and made inroads in other areas.

In Deaf Smith County, Democrats were able to hold off GOP challenges for two



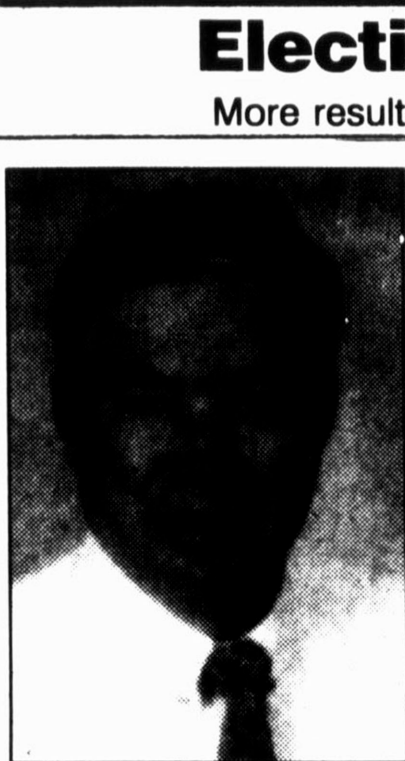
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seats on the county commission.

Incumbent Johnny Latham barely survived a challenge from Republican Jerry O'Connor, winning by a slim six-vote margin in the Precinct 4 race. In the unofficial returns, Latham received 377



votes to O'Connor's 371.

In Precinct 2, Sammy Gonzales Sr. outpaced Steve Hoffman by a 313-276 margin to keep that seat in Democratic hands. Gonzales made it onto the November ballot by ousting incumbent Lupe Chavez in the March primary.

Several incumbents were unopposed on the Deaf Smith County ballot. They included:

- David Wesley (Wes) Gulley, Republican, earned a new term as 222nd District Court judge;

- Roland Saul, Republican, re-elected as criminal district attorney;

- Tom Simons, Republican, earned another four years

as county judge;

- David Ruland, Republican, re-elected as county clerk;

- Nan Rogers, Democrat, returns to the county treasurer's office;

- Kenneth W. Hagar, Democrat, re-elected county surveyor; and

- Johnnie Turrentine, Democrat, got another term as justice of the peace.

In another county race, Bryan Hedrick, a Republican, was unopposed for constable. In the race for Congress, incumbent Republican Larry

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Governor positions himself for 2000 bid for the White House

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. George W. Bush trounced Democratic challenger Garry Mauro on Tuesday, winning re-election, making Texas history and positioning himself for a White House race if he chooses to run.

Republican muscle was flexed well down the ballot, giving the GOP its strongest grip on state government power in over 100 years.

GOP candidates won races for lieutenant governor, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner and attorney general. At midnight, the Republican candidate also held a narrow lead in the race for comptroller.

All that in a state where Republicans won only two of the top statewide jobs just eight years ago.

"The Democrats are in desperate straits," said Jerry Polinard, political scientist at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg.

"They really need to hold on to some of those positions. They can afford to lose the governor's position, it's more symbol than substance. They can't afford to lose lieutenant governor, comptroller and attorney general," Polinard said.

Bush got 69 percent of the vote to Mauro's 31 percent, a huge victory margin in a state that's had only one other Republican governor in the last 120 years.

His victory also made him the first Texas governor ever to win consecutive four-year terms. His share of the vote topped the previous modern Republican best, 63 percent for U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in 1994.

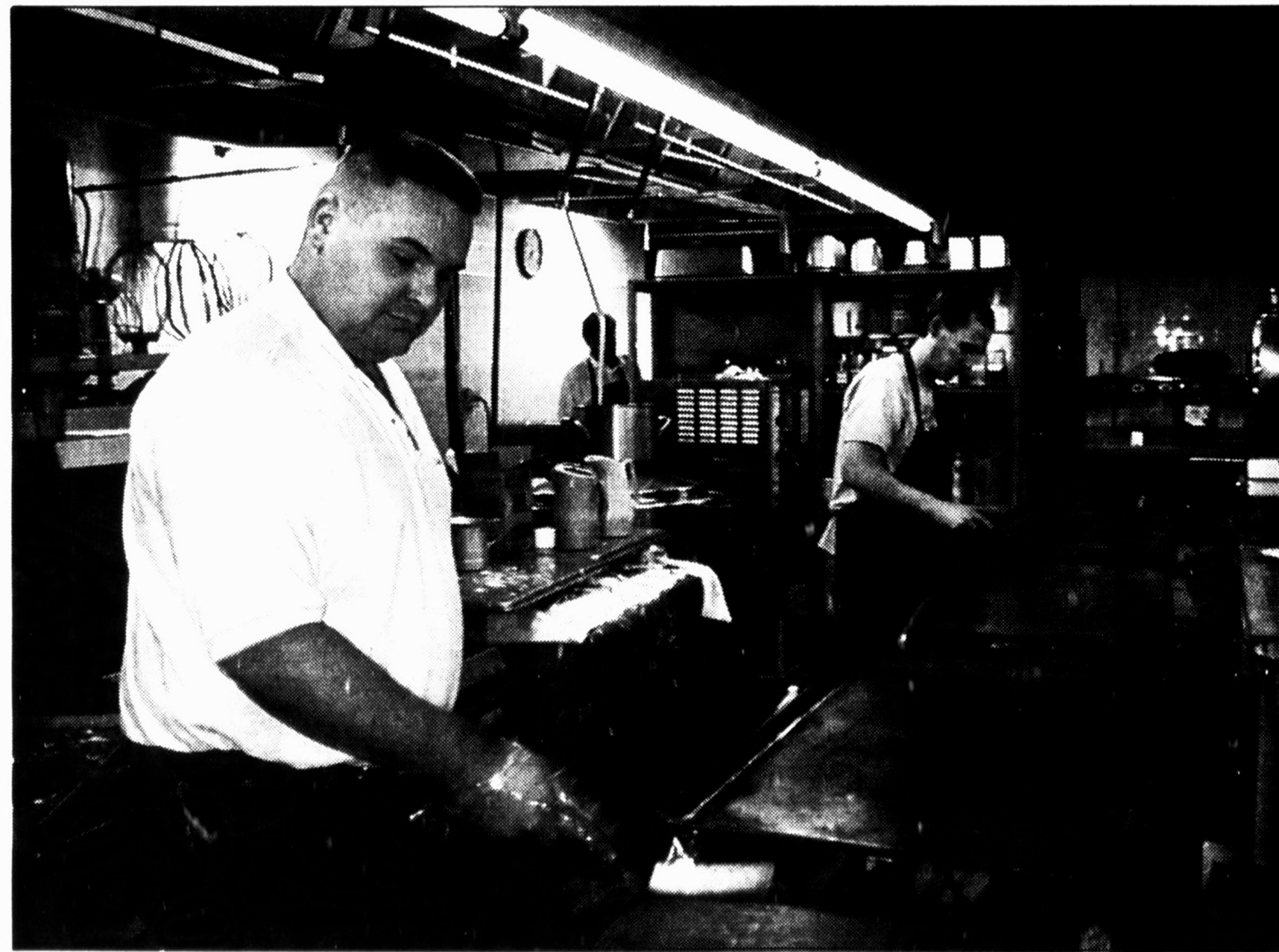
And it raised Bush's already high profile as a 2000 presidential contender.

"I think people have heard my message and I think people like it," Bush said. "I think people like that I can see a better future for everybody who's a Texan."

Mauro attributed Bush's big victory to something less philosophic.

"I couldn't raise enough money," he said. Mauro said he

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Now they get to eat — Hereford Kiwanis Club flapjack flippers Randy Agan, left, and Jim English wearily go about the task of cleaning pancake grills they tended, along with fellow members, during the club's annual election day pancake supper. The feast, always scheduled to coincide with the November elections, drew a large crowd that enjoyed pancakes and sausage — and even some who had not participated in this year's local election.

Economy: Factory orders show gain in September

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to American factories rose 0.4 percent in September, reflecting jumps in demand from the military and for industrial machinery and communications equipment.

Orders totaled a seasonally adjusted \$339.2 billion, the Commerce Department said today.

On Wall Street, the stock market extended its rebound on the heels of rallies overseas and with encouragement from an election that may

have slowed the momentum for impeachment. The Dow Jones industrial average shot up over 100 points in early trading today.

Demand for industrial machinery and equipment was up 4.6 percent, with orders for engines and turbines leading the way. Orders for electronics were up 5.5 percent, boosted by strong demand for communications equipment.

Excluding orders coming from the military, U.S. factories saw a 0.2 percent de-

crease in demand in September, the first drop since May.

Transportation orders were down 4.9 percent, with declining demand for aircraft more than offsetting increased orders for automobile equipment, ships and tanks.

Orders are an important indicator of how busy factories will be in the months ahead. September marked the fourth consecutive month of increases.

In August, factory orders rose 0.9 percent, mainly re-

flecting a rebound in auto manufacturing following the midsummer General Motors strikes and a surge in demand for aircraft.

In September, orders for durable goods rose 0.8 percent.

Orders for computer and office equipment declined 1.9 percent.

Demand for nondurable goods fell 0.1 percent, with slipping orders for paper and textile products canceling out increases in demand for food and chemical products.



Holiday activities

Chamber accepting reservations for inaugural 'Holiday Winter Gala'

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce is accepting reservations for its first "Holiday Winter Gala," which will be 6-7 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

Seating for the event is limited, and residents are urged to contact the chamber office at 364-3333 to obtain tickets.

The "Holiday Winter Gala" will feature a meal, style show, booths set up by local merchants, door prizes, and presentation of the Bullchip Award.

The cost is \$15 per couple.

Christmas Stocking Fund seeking volunteers for area's annual charity

Local charity organizers are making preparations for a new fast-approaching holiday season.

Volunteers for one of this community's most prominent charities, the Christmas Stocking Fund, are seeking volunteers for this year's drive.

The charity provides assistance to less fortunate community residents through food boxes, or through expense vouchers which help families defray utility, medical or clothing expenses.

CSF is composed of anonymous volunteers representing a broad cross-section of the community, and is not affiliated with an other charitable organization or government entity.

Applications for assistance are thoroughly screened by an anonymous committee that administers CSF, and are typically prioritized to help the greatest number of needy children and the elderly.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer for this year's CSF effort may call *The Hereford Brand* at 364-2030, or stop by the Brand office at 313 N. Lee.

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Local roundup

Band boosters beef drawing

Hereford Band Boosters are in the last week of their beef drawing campaign to raise scholarship funds for senior band students.

Raffle tickets, which are \$2 each, will be available Friday at the Junior Class Supper and the football game in Whiteface Stadium.

The winning ticket, entitling the holder to one-half of a beef, will be drawn Friday and will be announced during the Caprock-Hereford game. The winner need not be present.

There will be a business meeting of the Booster Club's executive committee at 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Junior class supper and fund raiser

Junior class will sponsor their annual class supper just prior to the Friday game.

The menu consists of brisket, tortillas, beans, rice, salad, and cobbler.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, for \$4, or from any junior student.

Also the sophomore class will be selling Angel's Garden Candles beginning Nov. 4. Candles come in three sizes and eight fragrances. For more information contact any sophomore student.

Chance of snow

Tonight, a 40 percent chance of light snow, snow may mix with rain early, freezing temperatures possible, low near 30, east wind 5-15 mph.

Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain, high near 50. South wind 10-20 mph.

Extended forecast

Friday, partly cloudy and windy, slight chance of rain, low 30 to 35, high 50 to 55.

Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, low around 30, high in the lower 50s.

Sunday, partly cloudy, low 30 to 35, high in the mid-50s.

Tuesday recap

High, 52; low, 38; no precipitation.

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News in briefs

GOP closes gap in state House; retain edge in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — The Republican onslaught in statewide races failed to carryover in the House, where Democrats have managed to maintain their edge while adding another Senate seat.

Republicans won enough races to hold on to a 16-15 majority in the Senate. They gained control of that chamber in 1996 for the first time since Reconstruction.

In the House, Democrats won 79 seats, down from the 82 they had in the last session. Republicans won 71 seats, picking up three spots.

Democrat David Bernsen of Beaumont unseated Republican incumbent Sen. Mike Galloway of The Woodlands, 52 percent to 48 percent.

Democrats had targeted Galloway's District 4, which runs along the northern Gulf Coast, for a possible upset. Bernsen is the former chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission.

Stenholm fights off strong challenge from Izzard

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — It was the fight of Charles Stenholm's life. The 10-term Democratic congressman says Republican challenger Rudy Izzard threw "everything but the kitchen sink" at him in a fierce battle for the District 17 seat. He even joked with advisers that he "saw some toilets fly by."

But in the end, Stenholm says, he might be going back to Washington for an 11th term because Izzard went too far.

With 99 percent of precincts counted early today, Stenholm had 54 percent of the vote to 45 percent for Izzard. Libertarian candidate Gordon Mobley got 1 percent.

Stenholm late Tuesday said Izzard's critical error in the race was making a major issue out of term limits, promising only to serve six years and criticizing Stenholm for having served two decades.

"People in this district want a congressman who has the respect of his peers and cannot only vote for (an issue) but convince other Congressmen and women to vote for it as well," Stenholm said.

Elsewhere:

GOLF SHOE SLAYING: A Wichita Falls woman is accused of killing her 81-year-old mother by beating the woman with a golf shoe and then shooting her. The trial of 57-year-old Barbara Ann Kelsey in connection with her mother's 1996 death began yesterday. ... **INTERNET SEX:** A middle school teacher from Clute is in an Illinois jail accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl whom he had met in an online chat room. Police say they arrested Philip Chaddock when he went to Batavia, Ill., to keep a second rendezvous with the girl. ... **BANK CLOSINGS:** Bank of America, formed from the recent merger of NationsBank and BankAmerica, is closing 115 branch offices in Texas, including all 50 BankAmerica branches at Kroger supermarkets in Texas. The new Bank of America plans to open 30 supermarket branches in Albertson's stores. **MISSING PLANE:** One survivor was found from an experimental plane that developed engine trouble and crashed into farm equipment in a field near Alvin. A 76-year-old man was said to be in guarded condition but alert after spending the chilly night outdoors.

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Adventurers make ice-trek history

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Sir Edmund Hillary's son and two other adventurers set out across Antarctica today on a journey that aims to become the longest unsupported ice trek of the century.

Dragging sleds with their provisions, the three plan to ski nearly 1,875 miles from New Zealand's Antarctic Scott Base to the South Pole and back with no outside assistance. The trip recreates the ill-fated 1911 expedition of British explorer Robert Falcon Scott.

New Zealander Peter Hillary, the son of the man who conquered Mount Everest, and Australians Jon Muir and Eric Philips left this morning, seen off by 60 staff from Scott Base and the nearby U.S. base, McMurdo Station.

Delayed in recent days by driving wind, today's weather was calm and the temperature a mild 11 degrees below zero.

Each member of the group will haul 396 pounds of food, fuel and equipment on trip, which is expected to last about 100 days.

Scott and his team of four men, who had set out with ponies and husky sled-dogs, died of starvation and weakness only a few miles from a supply dump and only days from journey's end. The animals also died.

Hillary's team, however, is banking on modern technology — super lightweight equipment, an Iridium satel-

lite telephone, paraglider-style kites — to see it safely through the adventure.

"An unsupported return trip has never been accomplished ... it looks like a pretty fantastic challenge to take on," Hillary said today.

"Going one way to the pole is like being helicoptered off the summit of a mountain. You've got to get there and back," said Hillary, who, like his father, also has climbed Mount Everest, the world's tallest peak.

Some areas the team plans

trek, such as the 88-mile-long Shackleton Glacier, are thought to never have been crossed before. They expect the route will speed up their journey.

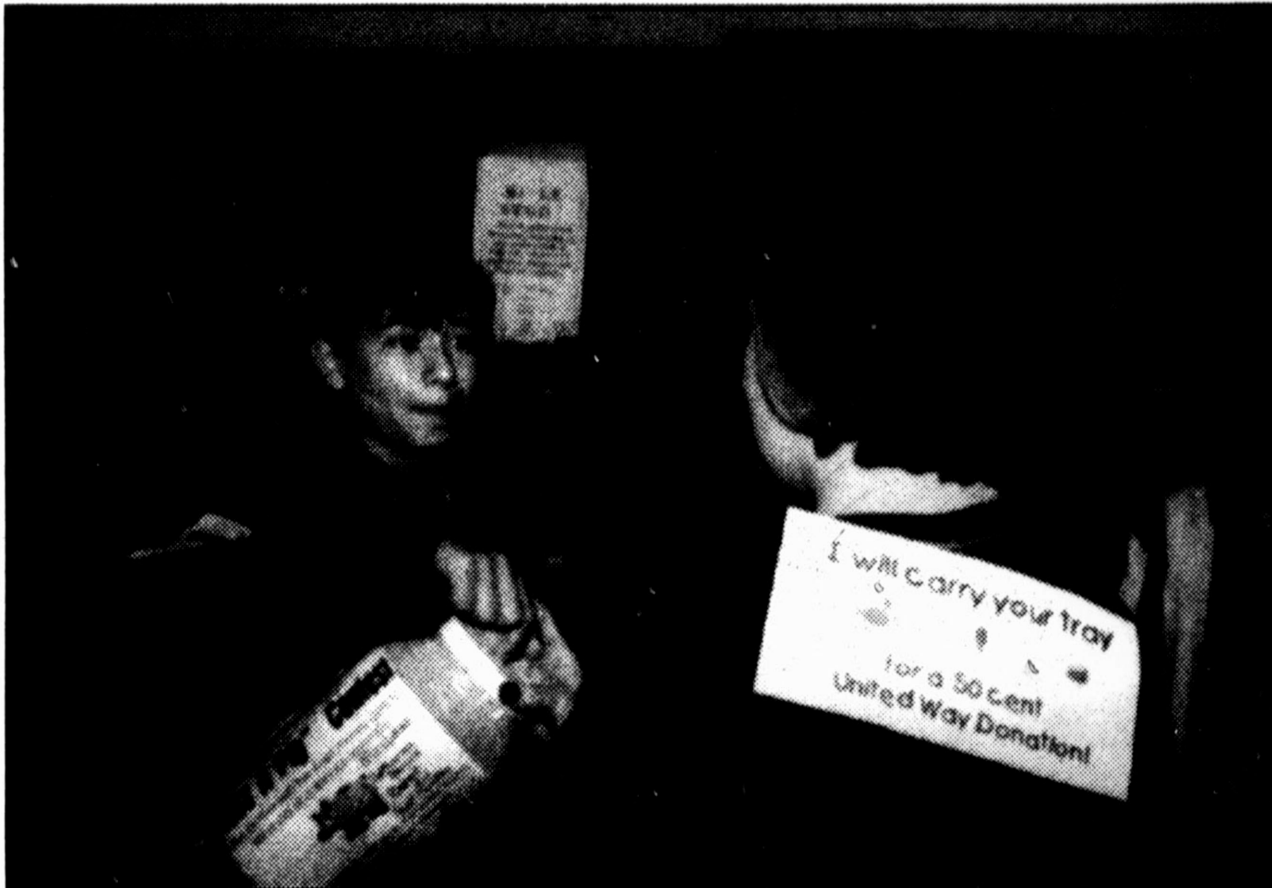
"The crevasse fields are intimidating; I think of them as human mousetraps," Hillary said. But team member Muir described the trio's mental attitude as healthy.

With tail winds, the quadrofoil kites will allow the men to double their speed, mostly on the return trip. They

hope to average 9 to 15 mph with the kites.

Blizzard conditions could cost them up to a week at a time, and Hillary said they are relying on the kites to help make that up. He described the odyssey across the frozen southern continent as a mix of "old-world expeditionary values" and modern know-how.

"We will be man-hauling our sleds most of the way ... so many aspects of the expedition will be very similar to those (Scott) had. Let's face it, Antarctica hasn't changed," Hillary said.



United Way contributions — Several student projects are underway at hereford Junior High School to benefit the local United Way campaign. Principal Marilyn Leasure not only offered to carry students trays to their table during lunch in exchange for a small donation, but also solicited donations for the "Kiss a Pig" contest in which some lucky faculty member will have to plant a big kiss on a live pig during a school assembly. A donation is offered here by seventh grade yellow team member Jose Cardenas.

Dyke prevents some flooding

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Frenzied efforts to bolster the city's incomplete dike system helped prevent flooding from becoming worse after some 2,000 people were evacuated as a precaution.

The Walnut River, swollen to 14 feet above its flood stage, broke through a levee Tuesday morning and inundated about 300 homes.

City officials, fearing a second levee breach would allow the flood to spread, quickly evacuated as much as 40 percent of the town's residential areas.

"We have probably gone too far, in retrospect, but better to err on the side of safety," City Manager Curtis Freeland said.

It was not immediately known when residents might be allowed to return to their homes.

More than 8 inches of rain had fallen in parts of the area. Arkansas City is particularly vulnerable to flooding because the Walnut and Arkansas rivers join just south of town.

Both rivers were falling this morning, but the Walnut was

still 8 feet above flood stage and the Arkansas was nearly 7 feet above flood stage.

In northern Oklahoma, about 165 people had been evacuated from their homes in Blackwell, one of the hardest hit communities in that state. The Chikaskia River at Blackwell had fallen rapidly to 17.9 feet today, well below the 29-foot flood stage, the National Weather Service said.

In Arkansas City, Quazetta Brown and her family were among the evacuees who crowded into three shelters.

"We just do the best we can," she said. "Be thankful for what we have — our lives."

The flood had receded enough by Tuesday evening so that two of the city's 10 wells were working again, replenishing the town's supply of drinking water, said Ron Parker, an environmental specialist.

Assessment teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, state emergency management and local officials went to the flooded areas Tuesday to determine whether

damage was severe enough to trigger a presidential disaster declaration.

"There are an awful lot of people affected in the flood areas," said State Adjutant General James F. Rueger. "Places that normally don't get flooded even in times of high water are flooded this time."

Police said one man was presumed drowned in the Arkansas River after telling a friend he was going for a swim. Farther north, near Newton, Kan., a woman was swept to her death when she drove onto a flooded road that had been barricaded.

A 19-year-old woman died in Oklahoma when a flood washed her and her mother off a road Saturday.

Some residents, like Howard Meador, thought they were safe from flooding. He said a new dike, built after a 1995 flood, was supposed to protect the neighborhood. However, it only channeled more water into town after the old levee broke.

Laws change to help battered women change SS numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move to help battered women escape their abusers, the Clinton administration is making it easier for domestic violence victims to change their Social Security number.

Vice President Al Gore was unveiling the new policy at a White House ceremony today.

"Our message to the victims of these hateful crimes is this: We will offer you the protection you need to regain your safety and rebuild your life," Gore said in a written statement issued before the ceremony.

Battered women will be able to get a new Social Security number by providing written confirmation of their domestic violence from a local shelter, a treating physician or a law enforcement official. Until now, the Social Security Administration required victims to prove that their abuser had misused their Social Security number. This could be done in only rare instances, administration officials said.

Stacey Kabat, of the Peace at Home domestic violence group, said in an interview Tuesday from her Boston home that the change was important.

"It's a big thing for the government now to get involved," she said, adding that being able to change Social

Security numbers more easily will allow more battered women to escape their abusers.

"It's a way of helping women disappear for a period of time, to get safe," she said.

The Social Security Administration will post on its Internet site (<http://www.ssa.gov>) the steps a battered woman needs to take to change her Social Security number, as well as provide referral information.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 2-3-4-14-26

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-7-7

LIFESTYLES

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Khuri gives foundation background

Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary's November meeting was called to order by Leona Schilling with Mary Schlabs reading the Auxiliary Prayer.

Sylvia Khuri, executive director of the Deaf Smith Healthcare Foundation, gave the group the background and purpose of the foundation. Khuri stated that the community is fortunate to have the foundation because it gives the hospital a cushion to offset the decreasing funding from government agencies.

Following Khuri's presentation, the auxiliary voted to donate \$1,000 to the healthcare foundation.

Bettie Dickson introduced special guest Gene McDaniels.

It was reported that auxiliary members volunteered 207 hours and 27 baby books were distributed.

The Oct. 30 jewelry sale was deemed a success and it was decided to sponsor the jewelry sale as the yearly fund-raiser.

Members present were Janis Bell, Mary Jane Burrus, Lupe Cerda, Grace Covington, Ann Cummings, Margaret Daniels, Billee Kelley, Irene Reinart, Theda Seiver, Anna Stindt, Bonnie Sublett, Quintina Waits, Mary Williamson, Dickson, Schilling and Schlabs.

NEW ARRIVALS

Ronda and Terry Lindsey of Lakeview are the proud parents of twins, Jadon Max and Jillian Jean, born Oct. 26.

Jadon weighed 5 pounds, 10-3/4 ounces and he was 19-3/4 inches long. Jillian weighed 5 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces and she measured 18 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Henry M. and Lillian Batenhorst of Hereford and Jimmy and Barbara Lindsey of Memphis.

Great-grandmother is Bertha Drager of Hereford.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Nov. 4 were Ofelia D. Estrada, Violet Flores, infant girl Flores, Viola M. Harbert, Jewell C. Hargrave, Dorma B. Kirby, Alice R. Lindell, Pearl Robbs, Dianna Rodriguez, Eugene Schacher.

Birthdays, special days, a year-around remembrance? Send them *The Hereford Brand*, a gift that reminds the recipient of your love and concern about 255 times a year!



A bridal shower honoring Ruth Murillo, right, bride-elect of Rick Robillard, was held Saturday in the home of Barbara Allen. Guests were greeted by, from left, Lois Wilken, grandmother of the prospective groom; Wendy Austin, mother of the prospective groom; Martha Ruiz, grandmother of the bride-elect; and Lela Murillo, mother of the bride-elect.

Syndicated Columnist

Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to the letter about accidents involving vending machines. I am an engineering executive in the vending industry and for the last 14 years have been active in the design and development of the type of machines described in that letter.

First, I assure you the safety of vending machines is controlled by the industry and all machines meet or exceed extremely thorough specifications. How do accidents occur? Let me describe two typical ones I personally investigated:

In the first instance, a man said he reached down to get the product, and when he looked up, the machine fell on him. The investigation, however, showed skid marks on the floor where the machine had been rocked and dragged about 12 feet. A loaded machine weighs about 1,000 pounds, so you can imagine the amount of effort it took to move the machine and knock it over.

The second accident occurred when three young boys attempted to steal the product. Two of the boys, one on either side, rocked the vending machine and, by placing their feet against the wall for leverage, succeeded in tipping the machine forward. The third boy, standing in front of the machine, was hoping to catch it and grab some free food. Unfortunately, the boy was not strong enough to hold the machine, and it fell, killing him instantly.

These accidents, like all others I have encountered, had

the same cause — attempted theft. There was a deliberate effort to tip the machine in order to have candy, food or soda fall to the bottom. These accidents were not caused by jostling or hitting a machine to retrieve lost change. Mild abuses of this kind are expected, and the machines are designed to withstand them.

The young man whose father is suing for wrongful death was not killed because he was jiggling a machine to get a coin out. He was killed because he violently rocked and tipped the machine in order to steal something. The owner of the machine should be suing the father for damage to the machine. — R.P., Martinsburg, W.Va.

Dear R.P.: You have made some significant points, and I agree that vending machines should not be abused. However, since the solution is so simple — bolting the machines to the wall — I cannot imagine why the industry would not comply, if for no other reason than avoiding the cost of lawsuits such as these.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter about sweepstakes scams and want to write about another scam that is legal but still a rip-off.

I answered an ad to make money by stuffing envelopes at home. The ad said it would cost me \$30 as an initial investment and I would be paid 30 cents per envelope. That meant I would get my money back after the first 100 envelopes were stuffed. The ad promised to tell me how to make this money after I mailed in my \$30.

I sent in a check and received a reply from the company. It said I had to put ads in magazines and newspapers,

advertising some information and asking people to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, which I would then stuff and mail back. When I checked around, I found it would cost more than \$100 to advertise. I wasn't interested in laying out that much money, so I asked the company for a refund of my \$30. Of course, it refused.

I hope my letter will save a few people from being taken advantage of. — Know Better in Prescott, Ariz.

Dear Know Better: I have received hundreds of letters from readers who were hoodwinked in precisely the same way. Unfortunately, these sharks have astute lawyers who help with the language to protect them from prosecution. Thank you for warning my readers about these get-rich-quick schemes.

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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Bridal shower honors bride-elect of Robillard

Ruth Murillo, bride-elect of Rick Robillard, was feted with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Barbara Allen.

Joining the honoree in greeting guests were Lela Murillo, mother of the bride-elect; Wendy Austin, mother of the prospective groom; Martha

Ruiz, grandmother of the bride-elect; and Lois Wilken, grandmother of the prospective groom.

Guests were served pumpkin bread, spiced tea and coffee from a table centered with a fall arrangement of pumpkins, eucalyptus and dried flowers.

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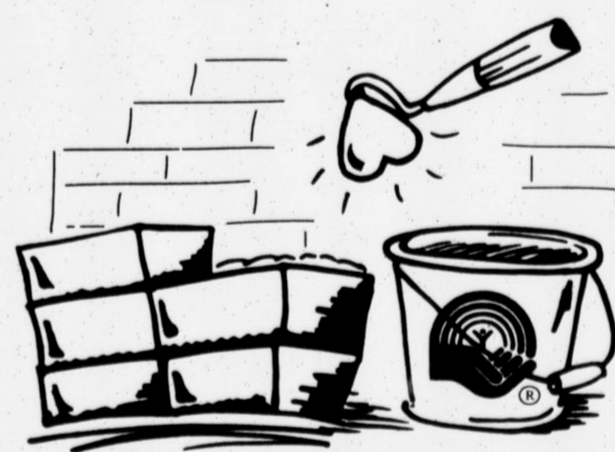
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Community Concert season opens Thursday

The Side Street Strutters will combine a unique blend of musical talent and personable humor at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Hereford High School auditorium.

The first concert of Hereford Community Concert Association's 1998-1999 season will feature a group of six musicians who recapture the classic big band and swing sounds of the 1930s and 1940s.

The group's repertoire spans over half a century of jazz, culled from the libraries of such classic composers as Fats Waller, Jelly Roll Morton, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington and scores of other greats.

In concert, the Side Street Strutters weave a tapestry of ballads, novelty selections and challenging compositions which showcase individual talents of each performer.

Featured in the ensemble are Robert Verdi, saxophone; Vince Verdi, clarinet; Joey Sellers, trombone and piano; Greg Varlotta, trumpet; John Noreyko, tuba and vocals; and Paul Johnson, drums.

The Side Street Strutters was formed as a jazz band in 1983 and awarded first place honors at the International Association of Jazz Educators jazz competition in 1984. They have made numerous television appearances, performed at Disneyland since 1985 and toured extensively through Europe and North America.

Hereford Community Concert Association season memberships will be available at the door to all of the concerts this season. In addition to The Side Street Strutters, these include The Rajko Song and Dance Ensemble, Mary Burt Siefert and the Amarillo Little Theatre.

SENIOR CITIZENS

MENUS

THURSDAY-Meat loaf with salsa, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas with onions, cornbread, apple crisp; or salmon loaf with dill sauce, applesauce.

FRIDAY-Fried pollack with lemon juice, oven brown potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, broccoli-cauliflower-tomato salad, cornbread, lemon cheese cake; or wieners, sauerkraut, D'zerta lemon pudding.

MONDAY-Pepper steak, buttered noodles, buttered peas, pear with cottage cheese, French bread, tapioca pudding with topping; or ham, D'zerta pudding.

TUESDAY-Cornflaked baked chicken, mashed potatoes, herbed green beans, Jello salad, rolls, pineapple upside down cake; or roast pork with gravy, D'zerta salad, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower au gratin, tossed green salad, French bread, fruit cobbler; or chicken and dumplings, mixed fruit cup.

ACTIVITIES

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

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., HSCA board meeting 9 a.m., set up trees 3 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

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

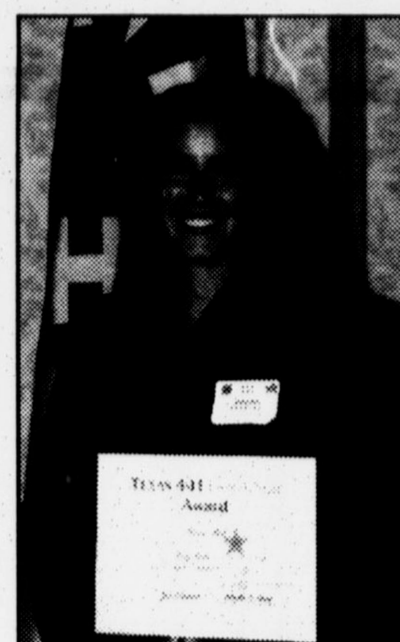
WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics noon-4 p.m.

NOTE: The regular first Saturday dance which was scheduled for this weekend has been canceled due to flooding in the auditorium which damaged the floor.

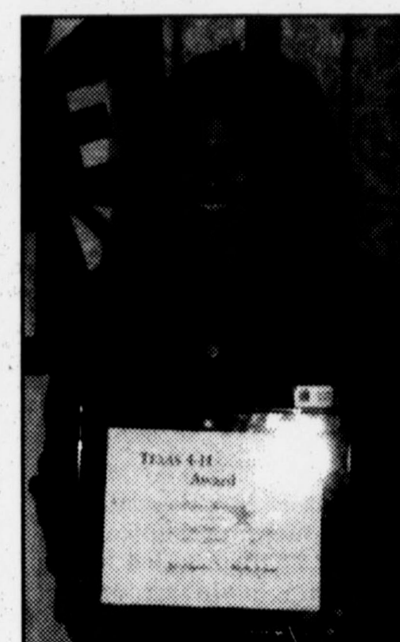
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Gold Star winners recognized

Deaf Smith County's 4-H program was well represented at the 41st annual Panhandle District 1 4-H Gold Star Banquet, held recently at West Texas A&M University.

Robin Bell, Brent Carlson and Kylee Auckerman, all from Deaf Smith County, were among 39 area youth to receive the Gold Star Award, the highest 4-H honor available at the county level. Attending with the recipients were their parents: Ralph and Margaret Bell, Roy and Shirley Carlson, and Rick and Georgia Auckerman.

Framed Gold Star certificates were presented to the honorees by Bob Robinson and Donna Brauchi, District Extension Directors of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Jaime Steiert of Hereford, president of the District 1 4-H Council, served as Mistress of Ceremonies, following the banquet theme of "Celebrating 4-H." Special guests were introduced by Deaf Smith County 4-H member, Craig Campbell, who is District Council reporter.

Abigail Wilks of Hereford shared her singing talent as

the featured entertainment. She attended the event with her father, Andrew Wilks.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative joined with five other cooperatives as sponsors of the banquet. Representing the local co-op board of directors were Clarence and Wynona Martin, Tony and Angela Acker, Jerry and Willie Roberts, Clark and Sue Andrews and member services manager Tommie Weemes.

County Extension Agents Beverly Harder and Dennis Newton serve as advisors for the local 4-H organization.

To qualify for the Gold Star

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La Madre Mia Study Club members have 'fun' with fund-raising auction

La Madre Mia Study Club held its annual "fun" fund-raising sealed bid auction during a recent meeting in the home of Lajeane Henry.

Co-hostess for the meeting was Pat Stone.

Auction funds raised will be used for benevolent causes supported by La Madre Mia.

Tommy Kay Stevens was welcomed as a new member.

A Halloween theme was used with refreshments of caramel apples and Halloween

decorated cookies.

The annual Holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by La Madre Mia will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 6.

Featured in the tour will be the homes of Buster and Cynthia Miller, 230 Ranger; Mick and Tommy Stevens, 408 E. 5th; Herschel and Ruth Black, 143 Quince; and Dwayne and Cindy Cassels, 142 Pecan.

Tickets for the tour are \$5 per person and may be purchased in advance or on the

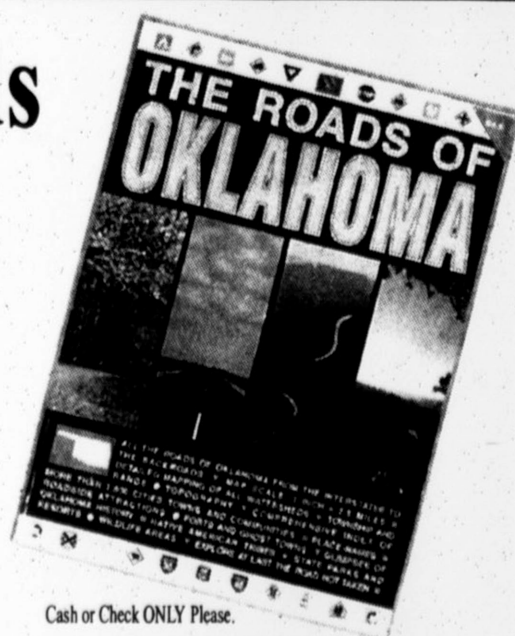
day of the tour.

Members in attendance were Carolyn Baxter, Ruth Black, Francyne Bromlow, Linda Cumpston, Kay Hall, Mary Herring, Susan Hicks, Betty Lady, Glenda Marcum, Gladys Merritt, Jan Metcalf, Lavon Nieman, Bettye Owen, Nancy Paetzold, Susan Robbins, Tricia Sims, Mysedia Smith, Georgia Sparks, Betty Taylor, Nicky Walser, Mary Beth White, Henry, Stevens and Stone.

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Arenas empty on first day (?) of NBA season

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Where Patrick Ewing usually suits up, boxes were piled high. Exercise cycles and empty ball racks were strewn about, mops were standing in the corner and three garbage buckets were stuffed into Terry Cummings' locker. "Unfortunately, the Knicks' locker room has been turned

into a storage room," a tour guide explained. "My best guess is it will stay this way until January."

Instead of a basketball court, there was a sheet of pristine ice for hockey. Outside, where scalpers usually ply their trade, there was only a stream of office workers shielding themselves from a harsh wind.

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Gailey wants 'Boys thinking playoffs'

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Chan Gailey has brought the Dallas Cowboys a change in attitude and one-game lead in the NFC East in the first half of the season.

Gailey is only one win away from matching Barry Switzer's 1997 grand total of six in a 6-10 season that cost the former Oklahoma coach his job.

The Cowboys routed Philadelphia 34-0 Monday night to move their record to 5-3 overall and 4-0 against NFC East foes. Dallas has outscored its division foes 134-27.

Even more importantly, Dallas has defeated the defending division champion New York Giants, the Washington Redskins and the Eagles on the road.

Now, the Cowboys have every reason to think playoffs heading into the second half of the season.

"I'd be disappointed if they weren't thinking playoffs," said Gailey, the former Pittsburgh offensive coordinator who boldly predicted in July that the Cowboys would be playing in January.

The Giants, whipped 31-7 by Dallas in the third game of the season, come calling on Sunday, needing to chip away at the

Cowboys two-game lead over them.

The next week, Dallas tries to make it a sweep of NFC East road venues by traveling to Arizona, beaten by the Cowboys 38-10 in the season opener. Arizona has a 4-4 record, trailing Dallas by a game.

Dallas lost two close games both by the same score, 13-12, to both Oakland and Chicago. The Cowboys won three and lost two while quarterback Troy Aikman nursed a broken collarbone.

Aikman's debut drew mixed reviews although he survived two sacks from the blitzing Eagles defense.

He felt sore on Tuesday but said "I feel pretty good. I took one real good hit on the (left) shoulder and it held up."

Aikman threw two touchdown passes in his first action since suffering the injury in the second half of the Denver game in the second game of the year.

He said the Cowboys aren't playoff quality yet — but they are getting there.

"We're just trying to get our respect back," Aikman said. "It's presumptuous to talk Super Bowl at the stage."

Gailey said he wouldn't settle

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Captains' selections round out Presidents Cup teams

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

When it comes to the Presidents Cup, making the top 12 in the standings is as good as making the team.

Jack Nicklaus used his two captain's picks Tuesday night on Fred Couples and John Huston, the third straight time a U.S. captain has taken the 11th and 12th players on the points list.

Peter Thomson, the five-time British Open champion and captain of the International team, used his picks on Frank Nobilo and Greg Turner, both from New Zealand. The matches will be played Dec. 11-13 at Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Australia.

Nicklaus had hinted strongly that he would be hard pressed to take someone other than the next two players in line — even if that someone was U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen.

"I said earlier I'd probably pick the 11th and 12th players on the list unless something unusual happened, and I don't think anything unusual happened except that Hal Sutton won the Tour Championship and played his way onto the team," Nicklaus said.

"I would have liked to have had our U.S. Open champion, but I didn't think it would be fair to pick somebody ahead of Lee when Lee didn't make the top 12."

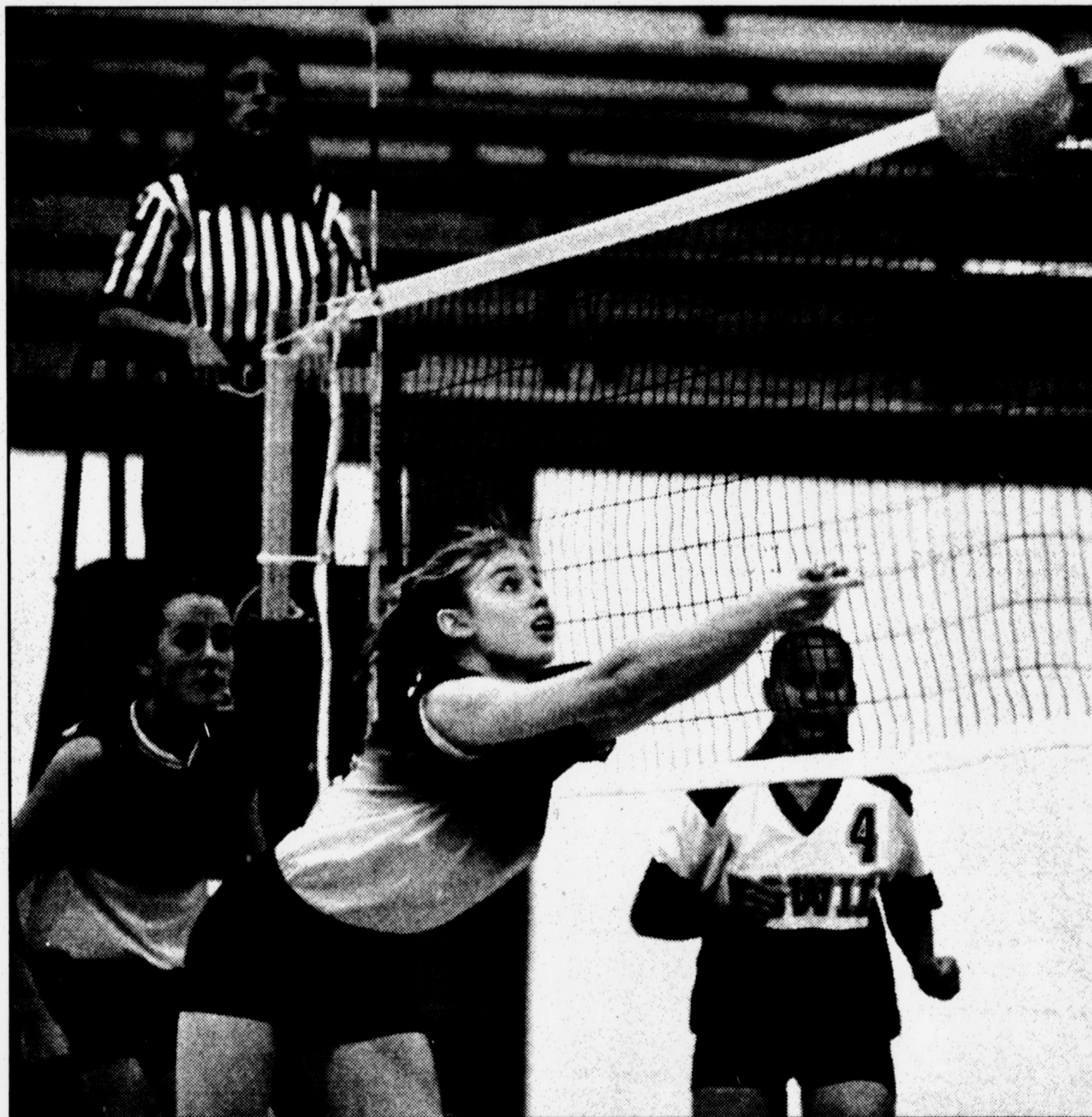
The U.S. standings were based on money earned the past two years, with the dollar doubled in 1998. The International team — every country except Europe — was determined by the world rankings.

Couples, who won twice this year, was 10th going into the Tour Championship but was knocked out of an automatic berth when Sutton won the \$720,000 first prize. Couples has a 6-1-0 record in two Presidents Cups and has played on every Ryder or Presidents Cup team since 1989.

Huston had to use a one-time exemption for being in the top 50 in career money to stay on tour this year. He made the most of it by setting the PGA

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A SCARE



Kristin Fangman of Hereford lunges after a shot Tuesday night as teammate Christy Schumacher (left) and El Paso Bowie's Blanca Rodriguez observe the action. Hereford won the Region I-4A area match 16-14, 15-4 at Ector Junior High School Field House in Odessa.

Hereford survives Bowie, 16-14, 15-4

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Hereford Lady Whitefaces fought off the El Paso Bowie Lady Bears in the first game before romping in the second game to earn a 16-14, 15-4 victory in a Region I-4A area volleyball match Tuesday at Ector

Junior High School Field House in Odessa.

"I think you could put all our problems tonight just under the umbrella of we did not expect Bowie to be as good as they were," Hereford coach Brenda Kitten said. "We underestimated their defense and

how stingy their defense was. I think we underestimated how good their hitters were and how hard they hit the ball."

Hereford (29-5) advances to a regional quarterfinal match with District 3-4A rival Pampa (21-8) at a time and site to be deter-

mined. Bowie ends its season at 27-8.

The Lady Bears jumped out to a 6-2 lead, much to the astonishment of Hereford — the two-time defending Class 4A champions.

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Collins returns to Saints, explains charges

By Mary Foster
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Kerry Collins doesn't think he has a drinking problem although he acknowledges he's at a crossroads in his career.

The Saints' new quarterback, arrested for drunk driving in Charlotte after an evening of drinking with his former teammates, apologized and admitted he was on the verge of blowing not only his second chance in the NFL, but possibly his last chance.

"I realize that I'm at a critical juncture in my career as an NFL quarterback," Collins said Tuesday. "I'm very disappointed in myself and I've disappointed this organization. In light of this, I'm recommitting myself on and off the football field."

Collins was arrested early Monday morning. A state policeman found he had a blood alcohol content of .14 percent, a Charlotte newspaper reported. A blood alcohol content of .08 is considered legally drunk in North Carolina.

Collins posted \$1,000 bond and returned to New Orleans to face a coach and teammates who counted on him to upgrade their struggling offense.

His hands trembling, voice catching nervously, Collins read from a handwritten statement that he said he prepared himself. In the statement Collins apologized and said his behavior was more than unacceptable, it was careless, immature and showed a severe lack of judgment.

"I completely accept full responsibility for my actions," Collins said. "Driving under the influence of alcohol is a serious offense, one which should not be taken lightly. This is my first offense and it will be my only offense."

Collins refused to discuss the specifics of his arrest, saying his lawyer had advised him not to.

Collins, who quarterbacked the Panthers to the NFC title game in their second season, left the team in disgrace last month after coach Dom Capers said Collins told him he'd lost his heart for the game.

A&M-Kingsville has knack of finding potential NFL talent

By David Barron
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Ron Harms loves to tell the story of how he persuaded Darrell Green, the Washington Redskins' perennial All-Pro cornerback, to attend the out-of-the-way Division II school known then as Texas A&I.

The punch line, you see, is that no persuasion was necessary.

"Darrell Green was recruited out of high school for track, and everybody thought he was too small to play football," said Harms, the Javelinas' longtime head coach. "He obviously has proven everybody wrong, but that is how we get a guy like that to come

"A lot of them have been deemed as maybe too light by some of the bigger schools. If a guy is maybe 6-5 and 220, a big school may pass him up because they can get the guy who's already 6-5 and 270. We look for growth and potential and speed and how active they are on the field of play."

— Ron Harms

here. His speed was amazing, but he didn't want to run track, and he was just happy to find somebody who wanted him to play football."

Green, of course, was no isolated case. Texas A&M-Kingsville, as the

school is now known, boasts eight alumni on current NFL rosters (six of them former Texas high school players) more than Rice, SMU, TCU or Texas Tech. There probably are entire states with fewer guys playing on

Sundays.

Green is headed for the Pro Football Hall of Fame upon retirement, but he won't be the first Javelinas player to arrive; he was preceded by Gene Upshaw, the All-Pro offensive lineman for the Oakland Raiders during the 1960s and '70s who is now executive director of the NFL Players Association.

At that, A&M-Kingsville struggles to maintain its second-place position among Texas A&M University System schools as a conduit for NFL talent. Texas A&M-Commerce, formerly known as East Texas State, has four players on NFL rosters. Among other smaller Texas colleges, Stephen F. Austin has six players in the NFL,

Southwest Texas State has two.

When it comes to scouting for the NFL, good players turn up in the most unexpected places. C.O. Brocato, the veteran scout for the Tennessee Oilers, said Harms has seven players on the current A&M-Kingsville roster who could get a shot at the NFL.

"I think our coaches do an outstanding job of searching out the players, and we have certain standards and certain things that we kind of go by in terms of players who come out of high school," said Harms. "A lot of them have been deemed as maybe too light by some of the bigger schools. If a guy is maybe 6-5 and 220, a big school may

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pass him up because they can get the guy who's already 6-5 and 270. We look for growth and potential and speed and how active they are on the field of play."

And, as one of the smaller schools in the talent food chain, they take chances that can pay off big-time for school and player.

"(Offensive lineman) Jermaine Mayberry didn't qualify academically coming out of high school, and people saw that as a knock against him," Harms said. "But we saw some good things that he did and researched him thoroughly and came to the conclusion that this was a good guy. He ended up coming to school here and paying his way the first year."

He left, however, as a first-round draft choice by the Philadelphia Eagles. Harms downplays the impact of academic non-qualifiers, since Division II schools now have to abide by the same Proposition 48 entrance standards as larger NCAA schools. But the fact remains that the absence of such standards in the early days of Prop 48 helped the Javelinas land such players as Johnny Bailey and Kerri Simien.

Smaller schools also are more likely to take a flyer on a junior-college prospect. Vikings defensive lineman John Randle, originally signed by Baylor, ran into academic problems and went to a junior college after leaving Hearne. A member of Harms' staff played at Baylor and knew the Randle family,

and the Javelinas had another future All-Pro.

Recruiting, however, is just half the battle. John Pearce, the former Willowridge coach and Texas A&M assistant coach at Stephen F. Austin, prides himself on his ability to sell his players' potential to NFL scouts.

"It's just like when I coached at Willowridge," he said. "I told the players that if they played hard, we would do everything we could to help them get to the next level. It's the same deal here."

Pearce has had some amazing results. In a state with just a handful of NFL quarterbacks and receivers, Stephen F. Austin has one quarterback (former walk-on Mike Quinn of the Cowboys) in the league and another (former scout team tight end James Ritchey, formerly of the Oilers) who was cut before the season. Wide receiver Mikheal Ricks of Anahuac, one of less than a dozen Texans at his position in the NFL, is starting to see some action for the Chargers.

"No one knew who Ricks was before the season, but he became a second-round draft choice," Pearce said. "It's a sell, sell, sell thing. I learned that from (Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum). We have an open-campus policy like A&M does. Everybody I coached who was a starter at A&M ended up getting drafted, and we have that same policy here."

"Every NFL team comes through here. It's like a flood. And it helps our players."

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AREA HAPPENINGS



Courtesy Photo

Kayla Landers (left) won first place in the recent ages 8-9 girls division local Elks Hoop Shoot contest at Hereford Junior High School. Jordan Confer (center) was second and Kimberly Valdez was third.

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That was how things looked Tuesday at Madison Square Garden, where the New York Knicks were supposed to have opened their 1998-99 season against the Boston Celtics in one of 10 games on the NBA schedule.

The Garden and nine other arenas were as dark as the prevailing mood.

It was Day 125 of the lockout, which meant no Shaq, no Michael, no Kobe — and no end in sight to the work stoppage that has forced the NBA to cancel games for the first time in its history.

"It doesn't look so good," commissioner David Stern said on MSNBC. "Obviously once we get into December without a deal, if that occurs, then I'd say the season is in jeopardy."

There were no words of encouragement coming from Stern on the day when all the talk of missed games finally became a reality. The league and the players will be back at the bargaining table Wednesday — one week after Michael Jordan joined the talks and a speedy agreement seemed possible — with both sides now saying not much progress is being made.

"They have a pie, and they are fighting over how much of the pie each side gets to eat," the Madison Square Garden guide explained to a group of 16 tourists from the United States, the Netherlands, Greece, Spain and Ireland. "The owners and players are each getting this much," he said, holding his hands a few inches apart, "and the owners are trying to force the players to take this much," he said, moving his hands within an inch of each other.

"They should all be disgusted with themselves," said Sophia Bogdasarian, a tourist from outside of Boston.

If her words reflected the feelings of basketball fans worldwide, the lockout moved into a new phase Tuesday as the reality of canceled games hit

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Bowie's solid defense took advantage of a flat Hereford squad before the Lady Whitefaces rallied to close the gap to 7-5. Hereford took an 10-7 lead, but the Lady Bears had a rally of their own, eventually knotting the score at 11-11.

Bowie eventually took a 14-13 advantage and twice served for game point before Hereford came back to take a 16-14 win on a receiving error by the Lady Bears when the ball fell to the floor untouched surrounded by four Bowie players.

"I think the fact they ran an offense that had only two hitters on the front row, and those hitters would run all along the net, I think that threw us a little bit," Kitten said. "We haven't seen that all year long. . . . We were out of position a number of times because we just didn't make a good read."

The Lady Whitefaces looked more like the Lady Whitefaces in the second game, surging to an

11-1 lead before taking the second game and the match, 15-4.

"We spent the first half to the time out (between games) just talking about we got to come out and be warriors," Kitten said. "We can't come out and play the victim, which I felt like we were. . . . We had to wait on our blocks more. We had to watch where the ball was being set, rather than the person who was doing the hitting. . . ."

Tori Walker led Hereford with 10 kills, and also had two blocks and eight digs. Kristin Fangman and Christy Schumacher each had six kills for the Lady Whitefaces. Fangman led Hereford with three blocks and Schumacher had two blocks and 11 digs.

Lyndi Carlile and Makesha Rives each had four kills for Hereford. Carlile contributed six digs and Rives had five digs.

Audra Witkowski had 23 set assists and nine digs for Hereford.

Torre receives AP manager honor

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Torre, who won his second World Series in three years with New York, was honored Tuesday as

The Associated Press manager of the year. Torre received 85 votes from a panel of writers and broadcasters.

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for a 5-3 record the second half of the season.

"I expect to be 8-0," Gailey said. "I'm very excited where we are and where we can be. I see a lot of potential. We have a chance to be a very good team."

The Cowboys came out of the Eagles game with a beat up offensive line.

Right tackle Erik Williams suffered an injury to his right foot and was listed as doubtful for the Giants' game.

Deep snapper Dale Hellestrae

and center Clay Shiver suffered sprains to their right knees and were listed as questionable.

"It could be difficult for us because the Giants have a very good front four," Gailey said. "We're pretty sure the Giants will try to load up on the run again. They'll force us to beat them with the pass."

He added "this will be another one of those games where they don't like us and we don't like them. They'll be trying to return the favor for us beating them at their place."

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scoring record in Hawaii with a 28-under 260, then won the Disney Classic two weeks ago. He closed with a 68 on Sunday in the Tour Championship to tie for 11th.

Huston finished \$25,799 ahead of Janzen, who is developing a stigma as "Mr. Hard Luck" when it comes to national teams.

Lanny Wadkins overlooked Janzen in favor of Curtis Strange for the 1995 Ryder Cup team. Two years ago, Janzen also finished 13th in Presidents Cup standings, and captain Arnold

Palmer took the players at 11 and 12 — David Duval and Kenny Perry.

This time, Janzen had only himself to blame. After winning the Open at The Olympic Club and tying for third a week later in the Western Open, he never finished higher than a tie for 24th the rest of the year.

"I knew Lee hadn't been playing particularly well," Nicklaus said. "I still would have liked to have had Lee on the team. He's a great competitor. But he didn't play well enough to do it."

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Weighty issue

Who has real weight problem on TV? We do

By Lynn Elber

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Calista Flockhart is just fine, insist the folks at Fox TV. She's absolutely fit and healthy, says her publicist.

Which is certainly good to hear about the lovely "Ally McBeal" star whose whisper-thin figure has prompted cries of concern and just plain prying about her eating habits.

Quite a few of the rest of us, unfortunately, are in rotten shape.

It's not just that we're chubby, although we are. More Americans are overweight now than at any other time in our history, with up to one-third fitting in the obesity bracket that indicates an increased health risk.

But it's more than that. Some of us are hurting emotionally, too, the result of a psychological battering about how fashionably thin we ought to be in a land of plenty.

More children, teen-agers and even adults are suffering from serious eating disorders, while many other people simply drive themselves to distraction trying this weight-loss diet or that new drug.

"I believe we live in a toxic environment with respect to both food and body image," said Kelly Brownell, a Yale University professor of psychology and public health. "On the food side, we're exposed to unprecedented levels of high-fat, high-calorie

foods, highly available at low costs. Because of that, and declining physical activity, the population gets fatter.

"The pressure on people to have a thin body in the face of a tidal wave of inducements is what creates this paradox."

Certainly, the flood of television, movie and magazine images of sexy thinness seems inescapable — both for consumers and those featured in them.

"I entered a field that is weight-obsessed," said Camryn Manheim, who co-stars on ABC-TV's "The Practice." Her Emmy acceptance speech in September for supporting actress included the war cry, "This is for all the fat girls!" And she has an upcoming book called, "Wake Up, I'm Fat."

"If an alien came down and their only experience of our culture was watching television, they would never get a sense that we had fat people in the world," Manheim said.

Slimness, of course, has always been at a premium in Hollywood. But the quest for it seems to have accelerated recently into what one industry member called a "high-school competition" among actresses to flaunt the smallest dress size.

Courtney Cox and Jennifer Aniston of "Friends," Lara Flynn Boyle of "The Practice," Helen Hunt of "Mad About You" and talk show host Kathie Lee Gifford are among the TV stars who were wisps to start

with or are shrinking before our eyes.

A costume designer for one new drama said the lead is a dream to dress: She wears a size zero.

The star of another series smokes to keep herself from gobbling doughnuts off the set's omnipresent snack table. Weight control is a major reason cigarettes are seen hanging off so many actresses' lips.

But where is the pressure coming from to turn them into weightless wonders?

Veteran casting director Junie Lowry Johnson ("NYPD Blue," "Star Trek") insists there is no emphasis on "rail-thin" looks by studios or producers. But if actresses are lowering the bar themselves, she understands why.

"There is tremendous competition (for work)," said Johnson.

Even if these women win roles, however, they may end up being penalized by observers and viewers who claim they are too scrawny for their own good, or ours. Skeletons aren't sexy, we complain. Antisocial X-rays, we grumble, setting unrealistic standards for the rest of us.

Emme, who has gained success as a larger-size model (her latest coup is a contract to join Cindy Crawford and Halle Berry as a Revlon "face"), thinks that actresses like Flockhart are victims of changing attitudes.

Dr. Laura lashes ex-boyfriend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Radio therapist Laura Schlessinger lashed out at a former boyfriend who sold nude photos of her to an Internet site, calling his actions "morally reprehensible."

Speaking a day after a federal judge ruled the 23-year-old photos could continue to be seen on the Internet, Schlessinger said many people have written to her expressing relief that their own past actions are "buried in merciful oblivion."

"Would that I could say the same," she said on her show Tuesday.

Schlessinger, known as "Dr. Laura," sternly dishes

out moral advice to callers seeking guidance. The nude pictures were taken by former California talk show host Bill Ballance.

He claims Schlessinger, 51, was married when they were dating, but she said she had filed for divorce and never hid their relationship.

"I am mystified as to why, 23 years later, this 80-year-old man would do such a morally reprehensible thing," she told listeners.

Schlessinger said fans are aware she has undergone profound changes in her life, including her journey from atheist to observant Jew.

Television

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 4

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Living Edens	Nova						Charlie Rose	Newshour	
Mr. Bill	Addams	AXN	Life, Camera	Movie: Earthquake in New York (1998) Greg Evigan				700 Club	AXN	
News	Ent. Tonight	Dateline	3rd Rock	Newsradio	Law & Order			News	(35) Tonight Show	
Movie: Escape to Witch Mountain			(40) Movie: The Boy Who Could Fly Lucy Deakins PG	Gargoyles				Walt Disney Presents	Zorro	
Roseanne	Roseanne	(05) Movie: The Delta Force (1986) Chuck Norris, Lee Marvin	**					Movie: Bad Boys (1982) Sean Penn ***		
News	Fortune	Dharma	Two Guys	Drew Carey	Secret Lives	20/20		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Dawson's Creek	Charmed	News				MacGyver		Heat
News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Maggie	To Have & to Hold	Chicago Hope			News	(35) Late Show	
Mad	Simpsons	Beverly Hills, 90210	Party of Five		Simpsons	M*A*S*H		Frasier	Cops	Real TV
Sportsctr.	PBA Bowling Indianapolis Open		Wonderful World of Golf			NFL's Great		Sportscenter		Poker
Movie: Bad News Bears		Movie: Critical Care James Spader *1/2 R				Movie: Night Vision Fred Williamson R		Love Street	Women	
(5:30) Movie: Space Jam		Movie: First Time Felon Omar Epps R				Oz		Chris Rock	Movie: Eve's Bayou (1997)	
(4:50) Movie: Selena PG		Movie: Behind Enemy Lines ** R	Contact			Movie: The Terminator Arnold Schwarzenegger *** R		Movie:		
Movie: Never a Dull		Movie: Pop! (1999) Alan Arkin, Rita Moreno ***1/2				Movie: All This, and Heaven Too (1940) Bette Davis ***				
Waltons	Life-Tuff Hedeman	Prime Time Country				Rodeo		Dallas		Dukes
Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine				Would You Believe It		Justice Files		Wild Disc.
Law & Order	Biography	American Justice				Sherlock Holmes		Law & Order		Biography
Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Movie: Betrayed: A Story of Three Women (1995)				Attitudes		Golden Girls		Golden Girls
Last Word	Sports	Boxing Puerto Rico vs. United States				This Week in NASCAR		FOX Sports News		Sports
ER		Movie: The Shadow Riders (1982) Tom Selleck ***1/2				Babylon 5		Movie: In the Company of Darkness		
Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold! Allen S.	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Happy Days	Laverne		I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore
Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Cape Fear (1991) Robert De Niro, Nick Nolte ***				Movie: The John Travolta PG		New York Undercover		
Pequena Traviesa	Vivo por Elena	Desencuentro				Lente Loco		Fuera	P. Impacto	Noticiero
20th Century	Best Kept Secret: D-Day	Empires of Industry				Modern Marvels		Weapons at War		D-Day
An Court	AnimalDr	Emergency	Rescues	Crocodile Hunter		Footsteps of a Bear		Emergency	Rescues	Crocodile

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 5

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street		Mr. Rogers	Puzzle Place	Charlie	Wimzies	Tots TV	Noddy	Cooking
Harveytoon	All Dogs Go	Mork	700 Club			Kangaroo	Station	Mr. Moose	Adv. Mumfie	Bobby
Today				Leeza		Sunset Beach		Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives
Golf Troop	101Dalmits	Sing a Story	Pooh	Bear	Out of-Box	Madeline	Katie-Orbie	Mermaid	Pooh	Bear
Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Little House on the Prairie		Griffith		Griffith		Matlock		Hunter
Good Morning America				Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee		The View		Howie Mandel		News
Tiny Toon	Animaniacs	PinkyBrain	Histeria!	Batman	Batman	Griffith	Griffith	Matlock		News
This Morning				Ricki Lake		Price Is Right		Young and the Restless		News
Magic Bus	Ned's Newt	Garfield	Hercules	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robinson		Angel
Sportscenter		Sportscenter				Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Tennis
Movie: Desperately Sk.	(15) Movie: Once in a Blue Moon Cody Serpa *1/2 PG					Movie: The Bad News Bears *** PG		(45) Movie: Wind (1992)		
Movie: Boys Will Be Boys Randy Travis	Movie: The Beniker Gang *1/2 G					Movie: Two of a Kind John Travolta PG		Movie: Hello Again (1987)		
Movie: Fourteen Hours Richard Basehart	Movie: Fools Rush In Matthew Perry ** PG-13					Movie: Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie		Movie:		
Movie: Chance at Heaven	Movie: Gambling Lady (1934) ***1/2					Movie: Stars in My Crown (1950) ***		Movie: Lust for Life (1956) ****		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Club Dance		Crook & Chase		Dallas		Aleene's Creative Living		Waltons
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery		Home Matters		Housesmart!		Interior Motives		Home
McMillan and Wife				Equalizer		Murder, She Wrote		Northern Exposure		Law & Order
Designing	Designing	Attitudes	Attitudes	Party of Five		Chicago Hope		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie:
Sports	Sports	Sports	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Last Word
CHiPs		Reasonable Doubts		In the Heat of the Night		Movie: A Stranger Waits (1987) Suzanne Pleshette **		Movie: In		
CharlieB	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	Muppets	Gullah	Busy World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Rupert
Videos	Videos	Foxworthy	Something	Single Guy	Boston	Wings		Movie: Waxwork II: Lost in Time (1992) **		
(6:00) Despierta America				Malte		La Duena				Samantha
Year by Year		Real West		Movie: Sharpe's Battle (1994) Sean Bean ***1/2		Air Combat				Newsreels
Nature	Acorn	Pet Con.	Pet Line	Petsburgh	Amazing	AnimalDr	An. Court	Pet Con.	Pet Line	Petsburgh

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
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Menace	Casper	Ghostbstrs	Eek!stravag	Bad Dog	Walter M.	Three Friends & erry	Countdown	Show-Funny	Show-Funny	
Days-Lives	Another World	Donny & Marie	Maury				Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News	
Amazing	101Dalmits	Golf Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Famous	GrowPains	Off the Wall	Mad Libs	GrowPains	Brotherly
Hunter	Movie: Perry Mason: Heartbreak Bride			Mama	Mama	Full House	Full House	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	ABC Mat.
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital		Brown	Joe Donnell	Brown	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House
News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Coach	Coach	Webster	Charles	Saved-Bell	Blossom	Full House	Full House
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Gulding Light		Roseanne Show	Hollywood			Edition	News	CBS News
Angel	Forgive or Forget	Little House on the Prairie	Spider-Man	Rangers	Knights	Hercules	Nanny	Grace Under		
Tennis: ATP Paris Open Indoor Champ.		NFL Films	PGA Golf	Senior PGA Golf Tour Championship -- First Round				Up Close	Sportsctr.	
(11:45) Movie: ** Wind Matthew Modine		Movie: Kenny & Co. Dan McCann PG		Movie: Hidden in America Beau Bridges				Movie: Desperately Sk.		
Movie: Hello (15) Movie: Father Hood Patrick Swayze ** PG-13				Inventors' Specials		Movie: Bad Medicine Steve Guttenberg		Movie: League II		
Movie: Adventures-Milo	Movie: Jingle All the Way (1996) Sinbad			Movie: The Evening Star Shirley Maclaine ** PG-13				Movie: Major League II		
Movie: (15) Movie: The Devil's Disciple (1959) ***1/2				Movie: The Strange Love of Martha Ivers (1946) ***				Movie: The Shepman		
Waltons	America's Country Hits	Crook & Chase		Club Dance		Dukes of Hazzard		Dallas		
Home	Design	Interior Motives		Great Chfs		Great Chfs		New House	Fix-It-Line	
Law & Order	McMillan and Wife	Intimate Portrait		Equalizer		Murder, She Wrote		Northern Exposure		Ellen
(12:00) Movie: One Woman's Courage		Intimate Portrait		Designing		Designing		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ellen
Ultimate	Golf: World Open Championship -- First Round	Hardcore Football		This Is the PGA Tour		Extremists		Ultimate		
Movie: In the Company of Darkness	Kung Fu: Legend	Due South		Lois & Clark-Superman		Babylon 5		Figure It Out	Alex Mack	
Dr. Seuss	CharlieB	Tiny Toon	Garfield	Doug	Clarissa	Rocko's Life		All That		
Movie: Cape Fear (1991) Robert De Niro, Nick Nolte ***				Baywatch		Saved-Bell		USA High	Hercules-Jrns.	
Samantha	La Mujer de Mi Vida	Gordo	El Blablazo	Cristina		Primer Impacto		Blivenvidos	Noticiero	
Newsreels	20th Century	Movie: Sharpe's Battle (1994) Sean Bean ***1/2		Air Combat				Newsreel-News		
Amazing	AnimalDr	An. Court	AnimalBite	Zoventure	Lassie	Skippy		Human Nature		Petsburgh

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Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Great Railway Journeys	Mystery!						Charlie Rose	Newshour	
Mr. Bill	Addams	AXN	Life, Camera	Movie: Night Visitors (1996) Faith Ford *1/2				700 Club	AXN	
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Veronicas	ER		News	(35) Tonight Show	
Movie: Magic Island Zachary Ty Bryan				Movie: Neverending Story II		(15) Tale Spin		Walt Disney Presents	Zorro	
Roseanne	Roseanne	(05) WCW Thunder		(05) WCW Thunder		Movie: Revenge of the Nerds III: The Next Generation WC V		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
News	Fortune	Movie: Mission: Impossible (1996) Tom Cruise, Jon Voight ***1/2				News		MacGyver		Heat
Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Wayans	Jamie Foxx	Harvey	For-Love	News		MacGyver		Heat
News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder	48 Hours		News		(35) Late Show		
Mad	Simpsons	Wildcat Police Videos	Shocking Moments	Simpsons	M*A*S*H			Frasier	Cops	Real TV
Sportsctr.	GameNight	College Football East Carolina at Cincinnati				Sportscenter				Cheerlead
Movie: Desperately Sk.	Movie: Kingpin (1996) Woody Harrison, Randy Quaid			Linc's		RudeAwk		Red Shoe	Dead Man's	Corman
(5:45) Movie: Never Say Never Again Sean Connery		Movie: Legend of the Mummy R				Siege-Look		Inside the NFL		Artiss
Movie: *1/2 Major League II	Movie: Cobra Sylvester Stallone * R	5thElemnt		Movie: The Fifth Element Bruce Willis *** PG-13				Movie:		
Movie: Parade	Movie: The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) ****			Movie: Henry V (1945) Laurence Olivier, Robert Newton. ****						
Waltons	Professional Bull Riding	Prime Time Country				Today's Country		Dallas		Dukes
Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery	Unknown	Strange	Real ER		Touch of Frost		Justice Files		Wild Disc.
Law & Order	Biography	Unexplained						Law & Order		Biography
Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Movie: Moment of Truth: Stalking Back (1993) **				Attitudes		Golden Girls		Golden Girls
Last Word	Sports	ABL Basketball: Rage at Blizzard				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		Sports
ER		Movie: Trading Places (1983) Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd. ***				Movie: Trading Places (1983) Eddie Murphy ***				
Doug	Rugrats	Thornberrys Cousin	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Happy Days	Laverne		I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore
Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Red Rock West (1993) Nicolas Cage ***				New York Undercover		Stalkings		
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20th Century	Freemasons	Empires of Industry				Modern Marvels		Trains Unlimited		Freemasons
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Combest of Lubbock handily defeated Democrat Sidney Blankenship, an environmental activist from Adrian. Combest received 2,599 votes, or 84 percent, to 734 votes, or 16 percent, for Blankenship.

Blankenship's low-key campaign, which focused on environmental issues, never got off the ground, and Combest was never seriously threatened.

Deaf Smith County voters followed the statewide trend, favoring the Republican candidate in nearly every race.

Bush, who becomes the first Texas governor re-elected to a four-year term and the first GOP governor ever re-elected, beat his Democratic opponent, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, by a 4-1 margin in Deaf Smith County. Bush pulled in 2,761 votes to just 646 for Mauro.

Here's how Deaf Smith County voters cast their ballots in other state races:

Lieutenant Governor: Rick Perry (GOP), 2,036; John Sharp (D), 1,243;

Attorney General: John Cornyn (GOP), 2,098; Jim Mattox (D), 1,254;

Comptroller: Carole Keeton Rylander (GOP), 1,872; Paul Hobby (D), 1,445;

Land Commissioner: David Dewhurst (GOP), 2,259; Richard Raymond (D), 899;

Agriculture Commissioner: Susan Combs (R), 2,070; Pete Patterson (D), 1,187;

Railroad Commissioner: Tony Garza (GOP), 2,088; Joe B. Henderson (D), 713;

Supreme Court Justice, Place 1: Craig Enoch (GOP), 2,171; Mike Westergren (D), 1,009;

Supreme Court Justice, Place 2: Harriet O'Neill (GOP), 2,042; Rose Spector (D), 1,110;

Supreme Court Justice, Place 3: Greg Abbott (GOP), 2,243; David Van Os (D), 915;

Supreme Court Justice, Place 4: Deborah Hankinson (GOP), 1,992; Jerry Scarbrough (D), 1,161;

Criminal Appeals Court Judge, Place 1: Mike Keasler (GOP), 2,081; Charles F. Baird (D), 1,099;

Criminal Appeals Court Judge, Place 2: Cheryl Johnson (GOP), 2,022; Winston Cochran (D), 1,146;

Criminal Court Judge, Place 3: Larry Meyers (GOP), 2,284; Larry Perry (Libertarian), 484;

State Board of Education, District 15: Judy Strickland (GOP), 2,529;

State Senate, District 31: Teel Bivins (GOP), 2,711;

State House, District 86: John Smith (GOP), 2,682;

7th District Court of Appeals, Place 1: Phil Johnson (GOP), 2,512;

7th District Court of Appeals, Place 2: Don H. Reavis (GOP), 2,501.

The turnout in the county was 41 percent, with 3,485 of 8,460 registered voters casting ballots.



Texas Gov. George W. Bush (shown speaking at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce banquet in February) handily won re-election Tuesday, swamping Democrat Garry Mauro.

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raised \$5 million to \$6 million; Bush reported raising more than \$17 million.

Bush again downplayed presidential speculation — despite a recent poll showing him leading Vice President Al Gore in a head-to-head matchup and the fact that his campaign's final days were covered by news media from Argentina to Denmark.

Again, he said, a decision must wait. "I will make my decision about the presidency later on," Bush said Tuesday morning at the Governor's Mansion. "My decision about the future will be based upon whether I want to leave this beautiful home and a life that has been a great life for me and my family."

Down the ballot, Republicans grabbed some offices that have been Democratic for decades.

Perry got state's No. 2 job, lieutenant governor, who presides over the state Senate, controls the flow of legislation and is next in line to be governor.

Perry, the two-term agriculture commissioner, defeated Democrat John Sharp, an officeholder for 20 years. Perry's victory could be a crucial factor in Bush's presidential thinking, since another Republican now is poised to move into the Governor's Mansion should Bush go to Washington.

Republican Tony Garza, who served as Bush's first secretary of state, was elected to the three-member Railroad Commission. The other two commissioners also are Republican.

Republican David Dewhurst, a millionaire Houston businessman, won the land commissioner's post. Susan Combs, a former GOP state legislator, was elected agriculture commissioner. Former GOP Supreme Court justice John Cornyn beat Democrat Jim Mattox in the attorney general's race.

Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander defeated Democrat Paul Hobby — the third generation in a powerful political family — for comptroller.

Republicans also won all seven appeals court seats on the ballot — four on the Supreme Court and three on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The elections reflected the growing strength of the Texas Republican Party, which fielded a well-funded slate of candidates.

If his party swept the day, Bush said, "This would be one of the most historic years in Texas political history."

In 1990, GOP candidates won only two jobs — state treasurer and agriculture commissioner. Treasurer since has been abolished. But in 1996, the GOP swept all 10 statewide races, including seven seats on the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals.

And this year, except for a judge on each of those courts, no Democratic incumbent even sought re-election to a top statewide post.

Mauro and Sharp bid for other jobs. Attorney General Dan Morales retired. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who's held statewide office since 1975, announced his retirement — and endorsed Bush.

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Gov. George W. Bush

GOP rethinking strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democrats' surprising showing in House and Senate races left Republicans rethinking their strategy and strengthened President Clinton's hand in his struggle against impeachment. "It's got to take some of the steam out of it," the Senate's top Democrat said.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich saw his predictions of big Republican gains in the election blown away. "We have to look carefully at what happened and at what lessons Republicans have to learn," Gingrich said today.

Noting how closely split along partisan lines the new Congress will be, Gingrich speculated that voters "were looking for balance."

The GOP retained control of Congress but their already-slim margin was trimmed in the House. In the Senate, with only Nevada's race still undecided, the Republicans had made no headway. Republicans also lost their hold on governors' seats in California and four other states but nearly offset that by picking up four new governorships.

"It's disappointing," said Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma,

the Senate's No. 2 Republican. Some Republicans groused their party had miscalculated by focusing on Clinton and his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

"If you make it a referendum on a president with a 67 percent approval rating, you shouldn't be surprised if the election goes against you," Republican Gov. Tom Ridge said as he coasted to re-election in Pennsylvania.

Millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, angling for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, said the GOP leadership "will have a lot to answer for." Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, another likely White House hopeful, said, "We're going to have to start talking about what we're for — and not what we're against."

Rep. Mary Bono, a California Republican on the House committee conducting the impeachment inquiry, said, "People are definitely tired of the impeachment. They want to put it behind them. ... Nonetheless, it is still our duty to look at what we have before us."

House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt said Demo-

crats made gains by concentrating on "the kitchen table, everyday issues," while Republicans "spent a lot of time on this impeachment investigation and 40 or 50 other investigations they carried on endlessly."

"The message all over the country is that they want us to get back to work on the people's business," said Vice President Al Gore.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the election would deflate the House impeachment inquiry, scheduled to start soon.

"They can't feel very good about prolonging this," he said. Election Day's most unusual outcome was the upset victory by former professional wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura as governor of Minnesota, running under the Reform Party banner.

Republican brothers Jeb and George W. Bush won the governorships in Florida and Texas, respectively. "Good going, brother," the Texas governor said.

Democrat Gray Davis won the plum governorship prize, California, ending 16 years of GOP control.

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