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REFUGE

Changes for public use now in effect

Special to The Brand

UMBARGER - Several changes in public use and recreational activities at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge are now in effect.

The changes follow a series of public meetings and the public comment period earlier this year.

Visitors to the refuge will not be allowed to use charcoal or wood fires, which is designed to reduce the threat of wildfire in sensitive wildlife habitats. Portable gas grills and stoves will be permitted in the camping/picnicking area.

The existing picnic area will be closed and converted to a hiking trail which will be handicapped accessible.

Camping and picnicking will be permitted in the overnight use area. Table sites are available for both camping and picnicking on a first-come, first-serve basis, and only overnight campers will be permitted on the refuge after the official closing time. All other visitors should leave the refuge by the closing time.

The group camping/picnicking site will be by reservation only for organizations, such as school groups, scouting activities and others using the site for wildlife-oriented educational activities. The site will not be reserved for non-wildlife oriented uses, such as family reunions, weddings, fraternity parties or holiday events.

Horseback riding will continue to be permitted under the following guidelines:

- Horseback riding will be permitted along the 9.5-mile outer fire lane of the old Buffalo Lake Bed;
- Horseback riding in other areas of the refuge, including the interior fire lanes of the old Buffalo Lake Bed, is prohibited, as is cross-country riding;

- Facilities for overnight use by horses are not available and overnight use by visitors with horses is prohibited;

- Horses are to be in the direct, tethered control of the rider/owner at all times; horses are prohibited from the table area of the camping/picnic area. Tethering of horses to trees or any refuge structure, such as fences, sign posts, buildings or water structures, is prohibited;

- Feeding of horses at the refuge and the transportation of commercial feeds, such as hay, mixed grains or supplements onto the refuge is prohibited;

- Watering facilities for horses are not provided. Water may be transported to horse trailer parking areas from refuge public water supplies using containers provided by the rider/owner. Also, Pond No. 3 within the old Buffalo Lake Bed may be utilized for horses; and

- Parking and unloading of horse trailers is permitted only at the end of the auto tour road.

For more information or maps of the areas open for these recreational activities, check with the refuge headquarters. Facilities and structures to enhance these activities will be provided as time and funding become available.

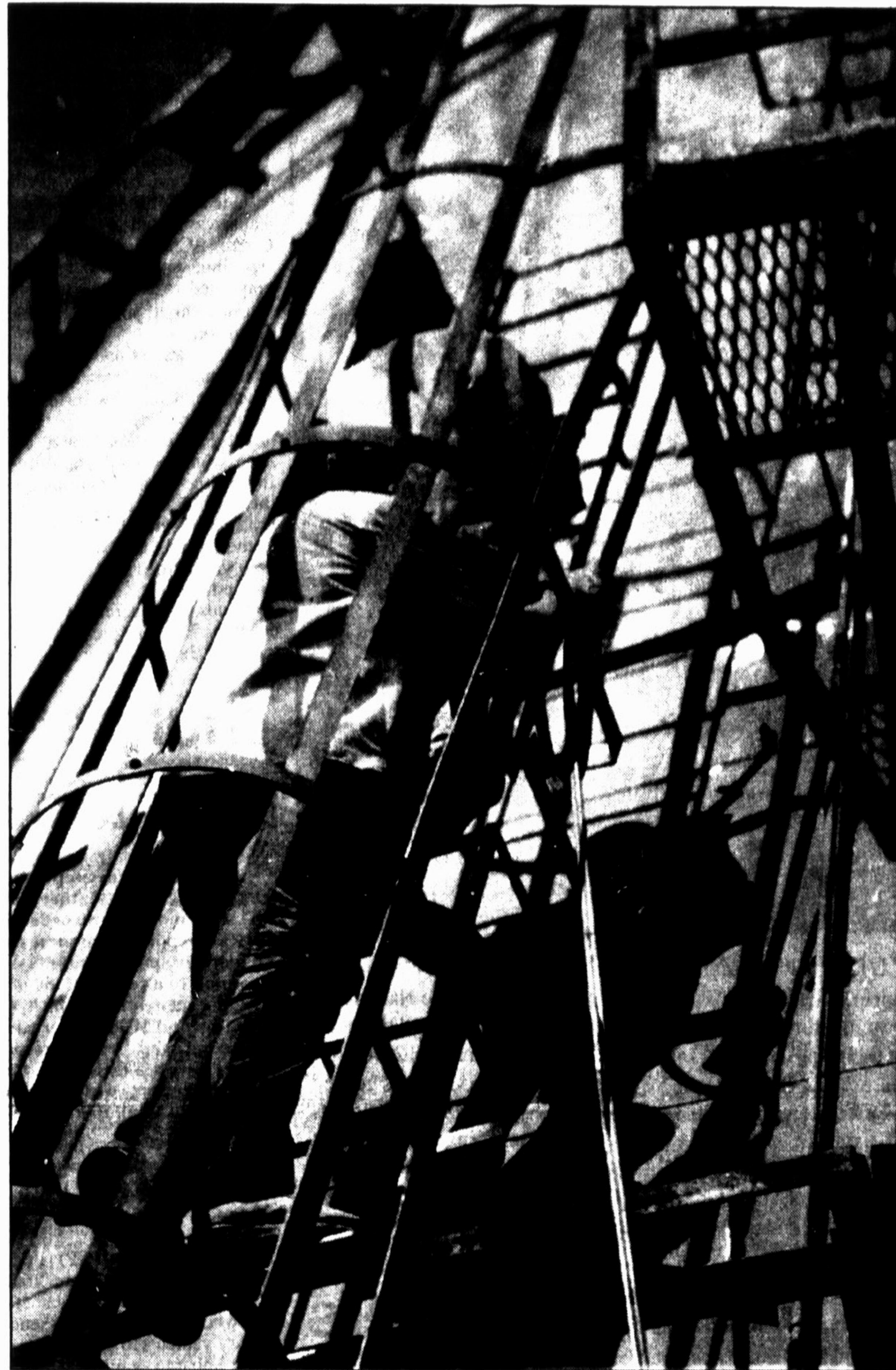
Mauro still welcoming Clinton aid

AUSTIN (AP) - Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro remains ready to roll out the red carpet for President Clinton, despite Clinton's mounting legal troubles in Washington.

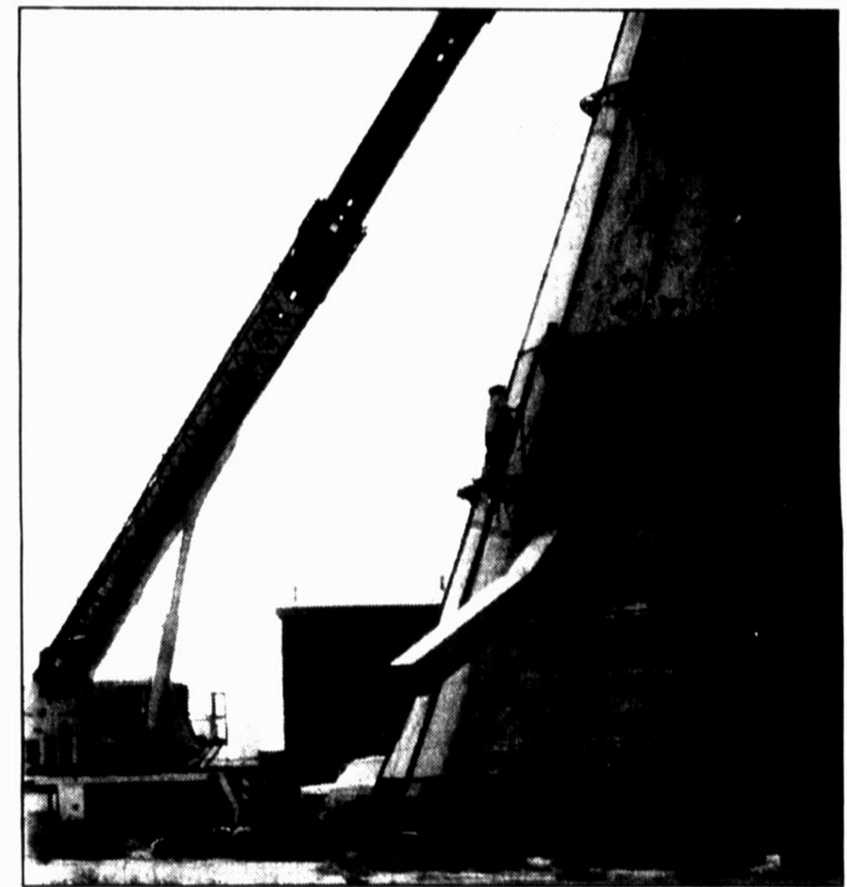
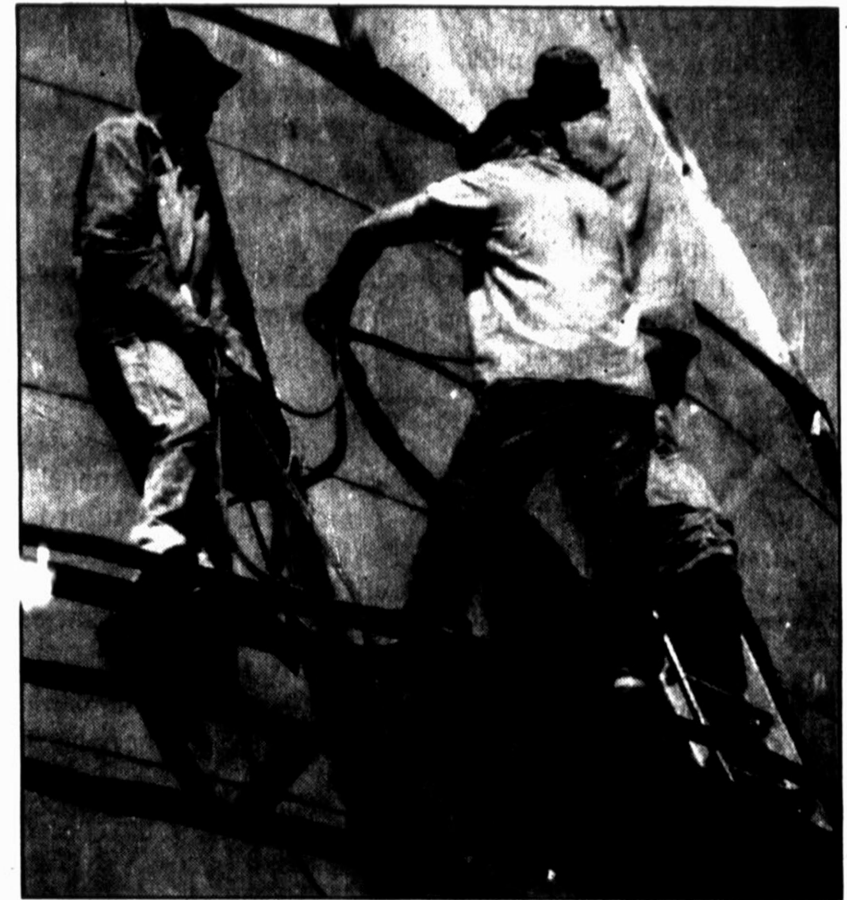
Clinton is slated to headline fund-raising events for Mauro in San Antonio and Houston on Sept. 27.

"Nothing has changed," said Mauro spokesman John Hannah. "We absolutely want the president

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COMING DOWN - Dennis Elmquist (top, left photo) shares a ladder with fellow Hereford city worker Jake Northcutt as Elmquist uses a cutting torch in preparing for the dismantling of the incinerator at



the city landfill. Elmquist and Northcutt were joined by Manuel Cantu (at right, top) on the walkway around the incinerator (above right).

RAIN!



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

WET STUFF - A brief, but welcome, rain shower Wednesday afternoon brought some unusual fun for Alyssa Sturgeon, 8, while she danced and sat in the miniature streams running down her street in the 300 block of Eighth.

Clinton abandons reluctance to apologize for his actions

MIAMI (AP) - With his Monica Lewinsky scandal casting a shadow over fellow Democrats, President Clinton is abandoning any reluctance to apologize for deceiving his family, his political allies and the children of America who viewed him as a good role model.

"I tried to do a good job taking care of this country, even when I haven't taken such good care of myself, my family and my obligations," a somber president told a hushed audience of state Democratic donors Wednesday evening at the close of a long, emotional day.

"I hope you and others that I have

injured will forgive me for the mistakes I've made," Clinton added.

The president had another chance to ask forgiveness today as he summoned his Cabinet members to the White House for their first session since Jan. 23, when he personally assured them that reports he had a sexual affair with the former White House intern were false.

After the January meeting, Cabinet members were sent out in public to express confidence in Clinton's denial. "I believe the allegations are completely untrue," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said then. "I'll second that. Definitely," said

Commerce Secretary William Daley.

"Third it," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

Clinton also was meeting at the White House today with Senate Democratic leaders as he and they braced for the fallout from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report to the House on his Lewinsky investigation. It is reported to contain embarrassing details about their relationship, which Clinton repeatedly denied until his grand jury testimony Aug. 17.

On Wednesday before flying to

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Y2K

House panel gives government 'D' for work on Year 2000 glitch

WASHINGTON (AP) - Like a disapproving school teacher, a House panel gave a barely passing "D" grade to the federal government's overall efforts to fix the Year 2000 computer problem.

It predicted more than one-third of the most important computer systems won't be fixed in time, and it estimated the government will spend \$6.3 billion on the problem. That's much higher than a \$5.4

billion estimate the Office of Management and Budget made last week.

OMB said it didn't include agency estimates that it hasn't already approved as "appropriate." That amount includes \$550 million for the Health and Human Services Department and \$295 million for the Treasury Department.

Five agencies criticized in the past for their lack of progress earned

individual "F" grades, although the Defense and Transportation departments improved slightly since June to a "D." The Justice Department fell to an "F."

"This is not a grade you take home to your parents, and it is definitely not a grade to take back to the voters and taxpayers," said Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., who is

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Local roundup

Burn-ban dropped

Don't look for the bright red flags which announced the county-wide burn ban any longer. As of Thursday, Fire Marshall, Jay Spain, said the burn ban has been lifted. He encourages anyone who needs to burn trash to get it done before the first frost, which he says is not that far away. Also with the recent showers, now is a good time to burn off unwanted litter.

Fall Kidfish

Children, age 16 and under, are invited to try their luck at catching their share of more than 800 pounds of catfish, which will stock the Aquatic Center Park for Kidfish.

The fall Kidfish will begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 19. Participants are encouraged to collect sponsorships to win a variety of prizes. All participants will win a goody bag. Those raising \$15 or more will receive a trophy or medal; \$25 or more will earn a T-shirt; and those earning more than \$50 will win a rod and reel as well as the other prizes.

"Fun Lunch"

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce's 2nd Annual "Fun Lunch" will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday in Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C. The lunch will be sponsored by Panhandle Vision Center and will be catered by K-Bob's Restaurant.

There will be songs, games, community announcements, door prizes and a drawing for Hereford Bucks for Chamber of Commerce members. Cost of the lunch is \$5.25 and the public is invited.

The last "Fun Lunch" was last September, and Alva Lee Peeler, director of Hereford Big Brothers/Big Sisters, received the Bullchip Award.

For reservations, call the chamber office at 364-3333.

PLN session

CANYON - The Promised Land Network (PLN) will hold its fourth Southern Plains Study Club meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at First State bank, 1908 4th. The meeting, which is open to the public, will focus on "Environmentalism and Agriculture: Do We Have Common Values?"

The agenda includes discussion of the book, "Forcing the Spring: The Transformation of the American Environmental Movement." Focus on the discussion will be on five types of environmentalism identified by author Robert Gottlieb and its relevance for agriculture.

PLN, an ecumenical rural outreach, sponsors Southern Plains Study Club meetings as a format for public education on the long-term sustainability of regional agriculture and rural communities.

For information or summary notes, contact the Hereford PLN office at 364-4445 (phone), 364-4005 (fax) or email at pln1@wrrt.net.

Band boosters

The Mighty Maroon Band Booster Club executive committee will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall.

The committee will receive reports on photo buttons, beef raffle, decorations for the marching contest, football programs and club bylaws.

The HHS Mighty Maroon Band will perform its Civil War show Oct. 17 at the UIL Marching Contest in Amarillo's Dick Bivens Stadium.

Booster Club members are parents of band students at Hereford High and Hereford Junior High schools. The executive committee members include officers and class representatives.

Anyone who is interested in band activities is invited to attend.

Window washing jobs needed

Jose Torres Jr., a professional residential window washer from Michigan is currently seeking window cleaning jobs in an effort to pay for the pending funeral expense of his sister Maria Escamilla, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Mr. Torres needs up to 20 jobs to be able to meet the costs of a nominal funeral.

To contact Mr. Torres and arrange for him to clean windows call 364-8536 or 655-3989 in Canyon and leave a message.

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60 to 65, south to southeast wind 5-10 mph.

Friday, partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high around 90, east to southeast wind 10-20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60 to 65.

Extended forecast

Saturday through Monday, a chance of thunderstorms, highs in the 80s and lows in the lower to mid-60s.

Wednesday recap

High, 90; low, 62; precipitation, 0.52 inches.

Elsewhere

INS DETAINEES: A human-rights advocacy group is taking issue with the immigration service's policy of housing thousands of foreigners, including asylum seekers, in local jails, saying it is inappropriate to mix people who are not in criminal proceedings with the criminal jail population. Washington-based Human Rights Watch said many of the detainees it interviewed have been physically mistreated by their jailers. ... **TOO FEW BEDS:** The Texas prison system could be feeling the crunch by the year 2000 if nothing is done about potential overcrowding in juvenile detention centers. A report issued by the state Criminal Justice Policy Council says there will be an estimated 146 more juvenile prisoners than space available in less than two years. ... **GOING GREYHOUND:** Greyhound Lines will guarantee wheelchair access to its buses when it receives two days of advance notice from passengers. But some passengers say it's unfair to require them to give advance notice.

Coast braces for tropical storm Frances

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) - Gulf Coast residents in Texas, already soaked by 7 inches of rain, braced for more rain and flooding today as Tropical Storm Frances churned slowly offshore.

The storm, with winds of 45 mph, was expected to make landfall about 50 miles south of Brownsville in northern Mexico on Friday. But its path and timetable were still uncertain as Frances remained nearly stationary.

"It isn't really moving yet, so we obviously have to slow the predic-

tions down," Paul Yura, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Brownsville, said today. "You have to have some sort of steering winds aloft to move it, and right now, there is nothing to push it along."

At 7 a.m. CDT, the center of the storm was again relocated by reconnaissance aircraft, this time about 155 miles southeast of Brownsville.

Forecasters predicted the outer fringes of the storm would deliver another 4 to 6 inches of rain along the

western Gulf Coast, raising the potential for flooding today.

As of 6 a.m., flood waters were affecting numerous roads along the upper Gulf Coast. In Jamaica Beach on west Galveston Island, tides flooded streets with waist-deep water.

Tides in the Galveston Bay area were forecast to rise to 5 to 6 feet later today, with 4 to 6 feet expected elsewhere along the coast. A voluntary evacuation was suggested for residents along the shore from the San Luis Pass to Surfside early today, as water and debris flooded roadways.

In Corpus Christi, several roads remained closed early today, and others were expected to flood later today. At high tide later today, water was expected to submerge most of Corpus Christi beach and nearby U.S. 181, according to the National Weather Service in Brownsville.

One side of the John F. Kennedy Causeway from Padre Island to Corpus Christi was closed by flooding, with the other lane being converted to two-way traffic, said Corpus Christi police Capt. Richard Lewinski.

Beach waters had risen past the sand dunes on Mustang and Padre islands, and very few surfers braved the heavy waves.

At Sabine Pass, water cut off access on Texas 87, the only road linking the historic community with the rest of Port Arthur. Texas 82, the road between Port Arthur and Cameron, La., also was blocked by high water. No evacuations had been ordered.

Winds also increased along the coast. At 7 a.m., tropical storm-level winds of 39 mph and gusts of up to

45 mph were reported in Port Aransas. Corpus Christi Naval Air Station reported 34 mph winds with gust up to 44 mph.

The storm has already caused trouble for Gulf fishermen, who had been advised to head for port as the storm gathered strength. About 40 boats took shelter in the Laguna Madre on Wednesday.

Three shrimp boats ran aground near outside of South Padre Island, near Brownsville, and a small Coast Guard vessel was overturned by a 10-foot wave as its crew tried to help one of the stranded vessels, Coast Guard officials said.

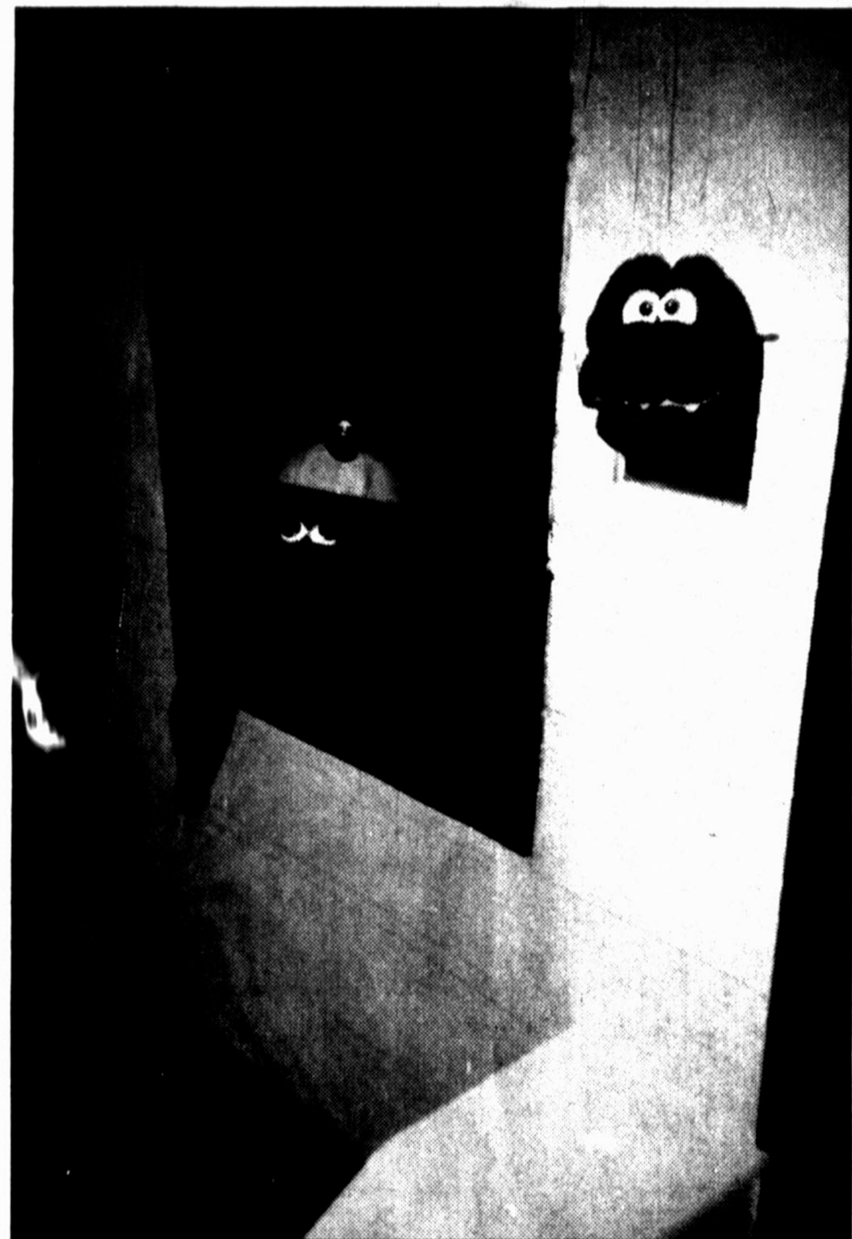
In the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Cameron County was gearing up for potential flooding. Several agencies, including the Department of Public Safety, the U.S. Border Patrol and Texas Parks and Wildlife were ready to provide assistance, said Desi Najera, the county's emergency management coordinator. Three hundred national guardsmen also were prepared to pitch in.

Blackhawk helicopters and tanker trucks with 5,000 gallons of potable water each were on standby, Najera said.

The agencies and helicopters also were standing by to help the Corpus Christi area, said Jo Schweikhard Moss, spokeswoman for DPS' Division of Emergency Management.

Frances is the third system to develop in the Gulf during recent weeks.

Flooding caused by remnants of Tropical Storm Charley killed 19 people in Southwest Texas and Mexico last month. Hurricane Earl struck the Florida Panhandle last week with 80 mph winds, killing three.



Puppet town

Puppet Town in Celebration City at the Church of the Nazarene's new children's church is nearing completion and will be ready for the grand opening on Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Celebration City is a special place, where everything is geared toward children. During grand opening celebrations participants will have the opportunity to win prizes, including two bicycles; see great puppet shows; play on a giant air slide and bouncer; and if that isn't enough Mr. Mike Harris's beard will be history if at least 300 kids show up. Celebration City invites everyone out for the fun.

Smoking cheerleaders in for court mediation

BROWNSBORO, Texas (AP) - A judge has delayed a ruling whether to reinstate nine high school cheerleaders kicked off the squad for smoking cigarettes.

State district Judge Carter W. Tarrance ordered the two sides into mediation after hearing testimony from Brownsboro school officials who said the cheerleaders had signed documents in which they agreed to remain "beyond moral reproach."

They were caught smoking at a summer cheerleading camp, officials said.

Tarrance also heard from a cheerleader who acknowledged she had been warned about such conduct as smoking but who said the punishment was too harsh.

"It appears to the court, the community of Brownsboro has been polarized by the issue," Tarrance said. He told the parties involved to "heal the community. Respect flows both ways from authority down."

The nine high school cheerleaders were kicked off the squad because of a provision in the school's cheerlead-

ing constitution by the group's faculty sponsor.

Plaintiffs attorney Mike Carroll argued that the document was "not legally binding" and hadn't been approved by Brownsboro school trustees.

School district attorney John Hardy argued the girls and their parents had signed an agreement and knew they could be dismissed from the team for smoking.

"What they come seeking is, 'Wait a minute, time out. We don't like the punishment. Give us another chance and we'll do better,'" Hardy said.

Tarrance ordered the two sides to meet with a mediator. If that's unsuccessful, he'll issue a ruling on Sept. 25.

Felix Exelbierd, the father of terminated cheerleader Anna Exelbierd, said he felt the judge made the right decision.

Ginnie Sanders, one of the terminated cheerleaders, acknowledged on the witness stand that she violated the rules.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 9, 1998, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

-- A motorist reported that a bottle was thrown at her car in the 800 block of North Knight.

-- A dispute regarding the ownership of a mobile home was reported in the 300 block of Avenue E.

-- An assault was reported in the 700 block of Avenue G.

-- A boy's senior ring, valued at \$180, was reported stolen from the High School.

-- A 6-year-old child was injured

when a car hit her in the 300 block of Avenue I. No series injuries.

-- A fight was reported in the 300 block of Avenue H.

-- A two car accident was reported in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. No injuries.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

-- A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft by check.

-- A 30-year-old man began serving time.

-- A 28-year-old man was arrested on a surrender of surety.

-- A 33-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) - Federal prosecutors have lodged rare "trading with the enemy" charges against two men who are accused of sending military vehicles to Vietnam during a trade embargo against the Communist nation.

Dien Duc Huynh, 58, of Maurice, also was charged Wednesday with conspiring to steal military jeeps and jeep parts that were to be exported to Vietnam, said U.S. Attorney Mike Skinner.

The military vehicles and parts were sent to Vietnam by Huynh's Lafayette business, Dien's Auto Salvage, before a trade embargo with Vietnam was lifted on Feb. 3, 1994, said Skinner.

Also charged with violating the Trading With the Enemy Act was Son Kim Nguyen, 42, of Garden Grove, Calif. Skinner said Nguyen is the owner of Gold Seas Import Export Trading Co. of California.

Criminal summons for the two were issued Wednesday after a federal grand jury, sitting in Lafayette, released its indictments. Huynh and Nguyen are expected to make their first court appearances in a week, Skinner said.

People charged with trading with the enemy face maximum prison sentences of 10 years and fines of \$50,000 for each count.

Huynh could not be reached for comment. Nguyen said he could not immediately comment because he speaks limited English.

Skinner said it is the first trading with the enemy case he has prosecuted in five years as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana.

Skinner could not provide information on what kind of military vehicles were allegedly sent to Vietnam.

But he said the conspiracy charge Huynh faces involved the alleged purchase of 43 military jeeps, utility trucks and vehicle parts from Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Texas.

The vehicles were supposed to be



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disassembled so some parts could be used or resold. Others were supposed to be destroyed so the vehicles could not be reused, Skinner said.

"Rather than destroy the parts of the jeep, he would disassemble the parts and reassemble them," Skinner said. "The whole purpose was that certain parts would be mutilated so it couldn't be used as a jeep."

Huynh was also charged with falsely claiming he was a doctor on March 29, 1994, while purchasing medical equipment from the Army.

Huynh and Nguyen were also charged with sending military vehicles and parts to Vietnam without a Department of Commerce export license after the Vietnam trade embargo was lifted.



AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million.

The ticket was sold in Vidor. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

6-17-19-35-40-44.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-9-0

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Lifestyles

96-year-old trained Texas horsewomen

By ZEKE MacCORMACK
San Antonio Express-News
HUNT, Texas - Horseback riding is no longer compulsory for the girls at Camp Waldemar, but nobody's pried Connie Reeves out of the saddle since she became a riding instructor here 63 years ago.

"I'm almost blind, and hard of hearing," confessed Reeves, 96, before welcoming her latest group of students two weeks ago. "But I just can't give it up. It's in my blood."

She has a hitch in her gait from a leg broken by a horse's kick in 1986, and a run-in with hornets while leading a trail ride in 1994 caused a broken arm, fractured ribs and a punctured lung.

But that hasn't affected her enthusiasm for riding, and she's still plenty feisty.

"At 96, there's no point in complaining," she said. "I'm damn lucky to be here."

Reeves still teaches three two-hour classes, six days a week, at the summer camp in Kerr County that caters to local youngsters as well as Perots, Bushes and Rockefeller.

"I love the outdoors and I love children," said Reeves, who has taught about 30,000 girls at the camp. Past campers often make camp reservations for their daughters at birth, and Reeves is a big reason why.

"When you have a camp that has women of that caliber, of course you are attractive," said Mary Russum, 67, who vividly recalls the striking figure Reeves cut in the saddle during her summer session at the camp in 1933.

"She was the most handsome woman I've ever seen on horse," said Russum, of Kerrville. "She knew every horse they had in the stable by name, and they knew her, and she had a marvelous way with young girls."

Riding lessons went far beyond western and English styles in those days at the camp founded in 1926 by Ora Johnson, using horses that performed in the "world-famous rodeo" run by her brother, Col. W.T. Johnson.

"It was just unbelievable what they would do," said Russum. "Students would stand on the horses as they jumped over obstacles, and they would ride two horses together, with one foot on each."

"This was back before insurance," she noted.

There will be none of that for her granddaughter, Lauren Russum of Laredo, who'd heard all about Reeves before riding lessons began last Monday.

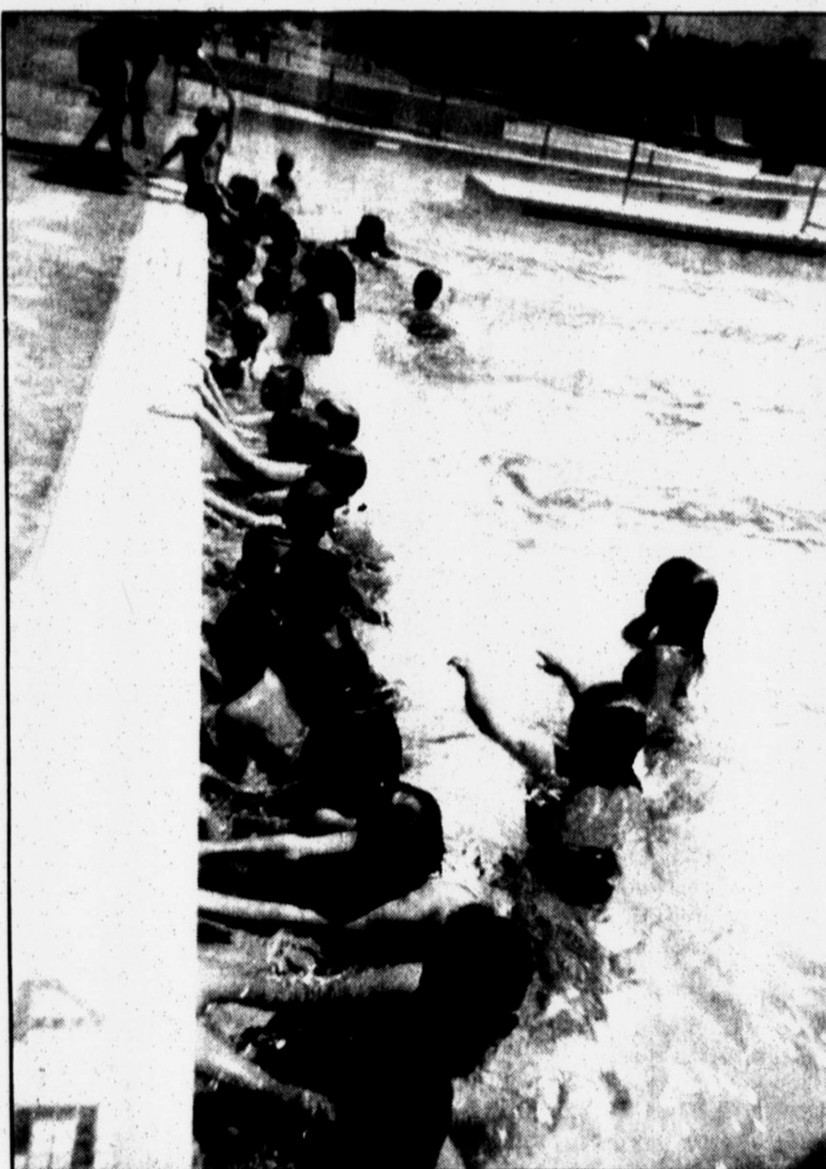
"My grandmother, my two aunts and my two cousins have all been here," said Lauren, 11, duly impressed by Reeves. "She's real good. She trots real well for a 96-year-old."

Liz Pohl succeeded Reeves as the camp's head riding instructor in 1980 - on paper, anyway.

"She still cracks the whip, and I just try to keep up," said Ms. Pohl, 32. "She's an amazing woman."

Before settling into the saddle, Reeves was a teacher and flirted with a career as a lawyer after getting a degree in speech at Texas Woman's

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Swim classes

Students at St. Anthony's School began swimming lessons at the Hereford Aquatic Center this week. Students in K5 through 6th grade will swim monthly during the school year as part of their physical education program. They are participating in a variety of water-related activities designed to promote water safety and encourage life time recreational skills.

Hints from Heloise

Silver tape amazing in cleaning up glass

Dear Heloise: To your reader B.C. in Ventura, Calif., whose glass table had been broken on the patio, a few years ago a rock was thrown through our living room plate-glass window. We had a mess of glass all over the carpet.

The repairman from the glass company cleaned all the big pieces, vacuumed and then — the magic — he took wide, silver tape and patted the whole area. Amazing what he picked up! Press hard! And weeks later, if I saw something sparkle, out came the tape and I very soon had a glass-free carpet.

I thought you might like to add this to your many wonderful tips. — V.K.S., Edison, N.J.

PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES

Dear Heloise: I never miss any of your columns, and I enjoy them so much.

Here's a hint that's worth passing on. I take several prescription medications each month and I get lots of little bottles. I use them to store my extra batteries instead of having all those different sizes rolling around

in the drawer. I mark on the top what size they are (AAA, etc.). — S.R. Collins, Henderson, Texas

EXTRA DIAPER BAGS

Dear Heloise: When my daughter and twin sons were born we received small diaper bags from both of the doctors' offices and the hospital. I never used them because it was easier to carry one big bag for all their things.

I discovered that the small diaper bags were perfect for storing baby books and mementos. I have one for each child and they hang in their closets where they are easy to get to so I can update them. I also keep one bag in our van with an emergency supply of diapers and wipes just in case I leave the house without their big bag. — JoAnn Reimer, Marion, Iowa

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I know you are aware that the International Campaign to Ban Landmines is a project to which Princess Diana devoted her time and which recently won the Nobel Prize for Peace.

Each year, 26,000 civilians are killed or injured by the 100 million land mines that are planted in 70 countries around the world. In Angola, land mines outnumber children. In Cambodia, there is an amputee for every 236 people. In Somalia, 75 percent of land-mine victims are children who are injured during innocent exploration or play. For every mine cleared, 20 more are planted. The mines do not discriminate between military personnel and civilians, or between men, women and children.

Last December, 124 nations signed the Ottawa Treaty to ban the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel land mines. Sadly, the United States was not among

them. The reason seems to be that the military finds them useful on the battlefield, especially in Korea. And, of course, land-mine production and trade are very profitable. While the United States has been promoting the use of "smart" mines, which will self-destruct after a given period of time, the fact remains that these mines also harm civilians.

The Campaign to Ban Landmines, composed of hundreds of non-governmental organizations from all over the world, is a good demonstration of what can be accomplished by ordinary people through a united global effort. There is no problem that cannot be solved if we have the will and the unity of our human family. — May Khadem, M.D., Chicago Disaster Relief Subcommittee, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Dear Dr. Khadem: Thank you for your thoughtful and compassionate letter. A few months ago, I saw a very

moving film put together by one of the non-governmental organizations you mentioned called Physicians Against Land Mines. The president of the organization is Dr. William Kennedy Smith, and the chairman is Dr. Henry Betts, who is with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

The film showed hundreds of civilians in Mozambique, Angola and Cambodia who had had limbs blown off by land mines. It convinced me that there should be an international agreement to outlaw these hideous devices that cripple men, women and children. PALM is now working to establish a center, in connection with the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, for the development of low-cost artificial limbs to benefit land-mine survivors.

I do not know all the reasons our government has refused to sign the Ottawa Treaty, but unless ALL countries sign the agreement, it is questionable how effective it will be.

I hope, however, that someone can come up with a solution that will protect the interests of the United States without crippling and endangering civilians around the world.

Readers who would like more information about land-mine organizations in the United States can write to: Campaign For Landmines Free World, Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, 2001 S Street, N.W., Suite 740, Washington, D.C. 20009 (www.vvaf.org).

Confidential to Can't Figure It Out in Shaker Heights, Ohio: When your wife of 12 years no longer cares when you come home, it's safe to assume that it's later than you think.

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Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Sept. 9:

Peggy Buentello and infant girl Buentello, Frank E. Clements, Sarah E. Correa and infant girl Correa, Mindi Davis, Velva Elliott, Audrey Gonzales and infant girl Gonzales, Melissa Mendez, Rita Nanez and infant girl Nanez, Bibian M. Perez, Martin Rivera, Alverna T. Schacher, Maria Valenzuela and infant boy Valenzuela.

'Gang Life' to be topic of seminar

Wesley United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Hereford are sponsoring a "Gang Life" seminar from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on Sept. 13 in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Speaker will be Cpl. Steve Powers of the Amarillo Police Department.

The program will be presented in two 1-hour sessions with a break between. Child care will be provided.

For more information call 364-3908 or 364-4419 for Pastor Tammy Passmore.

Keenan wins talent, places 2nd in Teen Amarillo Area pageant



ANNIE KEENAN

Annie Keenan of Hereford was the talent winner and second runner-up in the Teen Miss Amarillo Area pageant held Aug. 30 in the Grand Plaza of the Amarillo Civic Center.

Keenan, 17, performed "Don't Rain on My Parade" as her entry in the talent competition.

The Hereford High School senior plays tennis and is active in performing musically. She plans to attend college and major in voice.

Her parents are George and Glenda Keenan. She has two brothers, Johnathan and Matt.

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Performers in Amarillo Opera's production of *Man of La Mancha* are, from left, Lee Kendle as Don Quixote, Steve Hill as Sancho and Kathy Kendle as Aldonza. The musical is set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 in Amarillo Civic Center.

AMARILLO

Amarillo Opera opens its 11th season with a stirring favorite, *Man of La Mancha*, the Broadway hit composed by Joe Darion and Mitch Leigh, according to Amarillo Opera Outreach representatives, Nancy Jossereand and Margaret Formby.

The musical is set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 on the Amarillo Civic Center stage.

The work, which features "The Impossible Dream" and other well-known songs, is based on the life of Spanish writer Miguel de Cervantes

and his famous character Don Quixote, the self-appointed knight who fights injustice, defends beauty, and holds forth his idealistic vision of the world in spite of the harsh realities he encounters.

Lee Kendle, talented veteran Amarillo Opera performer, has the lead role of Don Quixote. Starring as Sancho, Don Quixote's witty, ever-faithful companion, is Steve Hilton of Canyon. Joining Kendle and Hilton onstage is Kendle's wife, Kathy Kendle, as Aldonza.

Tickets may be purchased at the Civic Center Box Office by calling

806-378-3096. Season members in BRAVO! receive tickets as part of their membership.

CLARENDON

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon, the oldest Catholic Church in the Panhandle, is holding St. Mary's Day celebration Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The celebration will be an old-fashioned Sunday afternoon featuring hamburgers cooked outside, games for all ages, raffles, a country store with home baked goods and craft items and lots of just plain fun for the whole family.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the afternoon. Proceeds will go to build a Parish Hall.

For tickets and information, please call 806-874-2846.

LEVELLAND

A reunion for students in the South Plains College classes of 1962-1963 and 1963-1964 is scheduled Oct. 3 in the Sundown Room on the SPC campus.

The reunion is being organized by former students Sue and Walt McAlexander of Lubbock and Kaye Dean of New Home, all 1964 graduates of SPC.

Former students who attended SPC during the specified years are asked to contact the reunion organizers and let them know where they are and what they are doing.

Interested persons can contact Dean at 806-924-7252 or (fax) 806-924-7253 or the McAlexanders at 806-799-8649.

HORSEWOMAN

(From Page 3)

College in Denton.

She completed three years of law school at the University of Texas before the Great Depression derailed her plans to follow in the footsteps of her father, W.C. Douglas, a state district judge for the 216th District in San Antonio.

Instead, the Eagle Pass native taught at Jefferson High School in San Antonio, her alma mater.

There, she formed the Lassos, one of the state's first high school glee clubs, and took the group to the 1939 World's Fair in New York as ambassadors from Texas.

Horseplay took on a new meaning after Reeves, then Connie Douglas, joined the Camp Waldemar staff as head riding instructor in 1936 for \$50 a summer. There, she fell in love with the camp's ranch foreman, Jack Reeves. They married in 1942.

He died in 1985, but their life together - raising sheep, goats, cattle and caring for the camp's horses on their ranch in Junction - is chronicled in Reeves' book, "I Married a Cowboy," published in 1995.

Reeves' dedication to her students, and her love of the frontier life, has earned her honors from the Cowgirl Hall of Fame and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in the last year.

"Connie's a great role model. She has been for generations of young women," said Pat Riley, executive director of the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, which honored Reeves for her "outstanding contribution to the American West."

This spring, Reeves became the first woman to receive the Chester A. Reynolds Award, which honors the founder of the cowboy hall in Oklahoma City. Past winners include J. Frank Dobie, Gene Autry and Ronald Reagan.

Reeves, who followed actor Charlton Heston at the podium during the Reynolds Award presentation, brought the black-tie crowd to its feet with an

extemporaneous speech about the virtues of life on the range - versus the pitfalls of existence on the nation's other side.

"Let the East have their computer wizards, their skyscrapers, their stock market, their pollution," she said, "But leave the wide open spaces and the fresh air to the West."

The publicity led to an invitation for Reeves to appear on the Rosie O'Donnell show in May. But Reeves said that fell through when she was asked to perform tricks on a fake horse because the talk-show hostess is allergic to the real thing.

"It was kind of a disappointment," said Reeves, but noted, "She's a damn Yankee."

Marsha Elmore, who bought Camp Waldemar in 1979, calls Reeves "a living legend."

"She's going to be here as long as she wants to be," Elmore said.

She said Reeves "has mellowed out a little bit" since the hard-charging days of the 1950s, when Elmore first saw her jumping obstacles and barking out instructions during Elmore's session at the camp.

"She was tough and hard to live up to," recalled Elmore, but that turned her charges into good riders who ended up respecting the horsewoman.

Elmore, 60, said she still rides, but defers to Reeves on matters equestrian.

"I don't look as good on a horse as Connie does at 96," Elmore said. "She belongs there."

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
 Today is Thursday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 1998. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Sept. 10, 1813, Oliver H. Perry sent the message, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours" after an American naval force defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812.

On this date:
 In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

In 1846, Elias Howe of Spencer, Mass., received a patent for his sewing machine.

In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served in the U.S. First Division during World War I.

In 1939, Canada declared war on Germany.

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis.

In 1948, American-born Mildred Gillars, accused of being Nazi wartime radio broadcaster "Axis Sally," was indicted in Washington, D.C., for treason. Later convicted, she served 12 years in prison.

In 1955, "Gunsmoke" premiered on CBS television.

In 1963, 20 black students entered public schools in Birmingham, Tuskegee and Mobile, Ala., following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.

In 1977, convicted murderer Hamida Djandoubi, a Tunisian immigrant, became the last person to date to be executed by the guillotine in France.

Ten years ago: Steffi Graf of West Germany achieved tennis' first Grand Slam since Margaret Court in 1970 by winning the U.S. Open women's final. Gretchen Elizabeth Carlson of Minnesota was crowned Miss America.

Five years ago: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton lashed out at what she called "standpat, negative, nay-saying" opponents of health reform in an address to state legislators at George Washington University. The cult series "The X-Files" premiered on Fox Television.

One year ago: Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy pleaded innocent to charges of accepting \$35,000 in sports tickets, travel and lodging from companies regulated by the Agriculture Department.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Fay Wray is 91. Movie director Robert Wise is 84. Golfer Arnold Palmer is 69. Country singer Tommy Overstreet is 61. Actor Greg Mullavey is 59. Jazz vibraphonist Roy Ayers is 58. Singer Danny Hutton (Three Dog Night) is 56. Singer Jose Feliciano is 53. Actress Judy Geeson is 50. Rock musician Joe Perry (Aerosmith) is 48. Actress Amy Irving is 45. Actress Kate Burton is 41. Director Chris Columbus is 40. Actor Colin Firth is 38. Rock singer-musician David Lowery (Cracker) is 38. Rock musician Robin Goodridge (Bush) is 32. Rock singer-musician Miles Zuniga (Fastball) is 32. Rapper Big Daddy Kane is 30.

Thought for Today: "No man is so methodical as a complete idler, and none so scrupulous in measuring out his time as he whose time is worth nothing." - Washington Irving, American author (1783-1859).



Hereford YMCA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

YMCA Volleyball is safe! It is an indoor game with very little equipment needed. We feel volleyball for girls will offer them a chance to get ahead by learning the fundamentals of volleyball, sportsmanship and team play. Volleyball is fun and exciting and can provide enjoyment throughout a lifetime. Remember, it's more fun to play than watch.

THE LEAGUE: There will be two divisions: K-5 thru 3rd grade and 4th thru 6th grade. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA office. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS. Players may elect to play up an age division.

DATES: FINAL DAY TO REGISTER IS SEPTEMBER 10TH! Games will be played on Saturday mornings. First games start Saturday, September 19th. Practice will begin on September 14th. (Coaches will be notified of location and time).

LEAGUE FEE: Fee will be \$20.00 plus a YMCA membership. All participants must be YMCA members. YMCA memberships are \$29.00 per year for youths, (partial memberships are available). Entry fee for additional children in the same family will be \$15.00.

EQUIPMENT: Girls will have to supply their own shoes and knee pads (optional). Only tennis shoes will be permitted for play and practice.

Volunteers are needed to help coach and referee. If you are interested please fill out a form that can be picked up at the YMCA office. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. You may pick up a registration form for your child at the Y-office or call 364-6990.

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Sports

Youth football league set to kick off for '98

From staff reports

AMARILLO -- The Panhandle Youth Football League will kick off its 1998 season Saturday during opening day ceremonies at Bible Heritage School Youth Stadium in Amarillo. The ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

The PYFL is made up of 10 teams of fifth and sixth graders from Amarillo, Canyon, Boys Ranch and Hereford.

Teams are named after their future high schools. Hereford has

two teams in the league -- the Hereford "Lil" Herd American League and the Hereford "Lil" Herd National League.

Five games are on the schedule for the opening weekend. On Saturday, Hereford "Lil" Herd AL will meet the Amarillo High "Lil" Sandies at noon; the Hereford "Lil" Herd NL will take on the Boys Ranch "Lil" Roughriders at 2:30 p.m.; the Amarillo Tascosa "Lil" Rebels

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Gordon credits team for '98 success

By DICK BRINSTER
AP Sports Writer

One of the strengths of a good accountant is the ability to make the numbers say just about anything the client desires.

No one who audited Jeff Gordon's career could juggle enough figures to show something other than greatness. He achieves victory or approaches it in virtually every race, and holds or is a good bet to break practically every record.

All this at age 27, and still by more than two years the youngest driver on the Winston Cup circuit. Perhaps part of the reason for this success is his unassuming approach each time an opportunity arises to break another hallowed

"It's just our team. We have unbelievable chemistry. That's what matters most."

-- Jeff Gordon



NASCAR record.

"I haven't thought about that," Gordon said when asked about his chances of matching Richard Petty's modern-day mark for most victories in a season. "I wasn't

thinking about 10, so how can I be thinking about 13?"

He got his 10th last Sunday, and will have nine more chances to get the last three, if not more. Considering his run of six victories in the

last seven races, that doesn't seem like such a tall mountain to climb.

Gordon extended his own record with his fourth straight Southern 500 victory, at Darlington Raceway, NASCAR's toughest layout.

"I think Jeff Gordon is the best driver of all time," said Felix Sabates, who owns one of the cars The Kid humbles whenever the green flag flies. "If they had been driving a Ford this year, they might be undefeated."

Sabates believes Gordon is winning in a Chevrolet despite a Ford bias.

Gordon doesn't necessarily.

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GETTING THROUGH

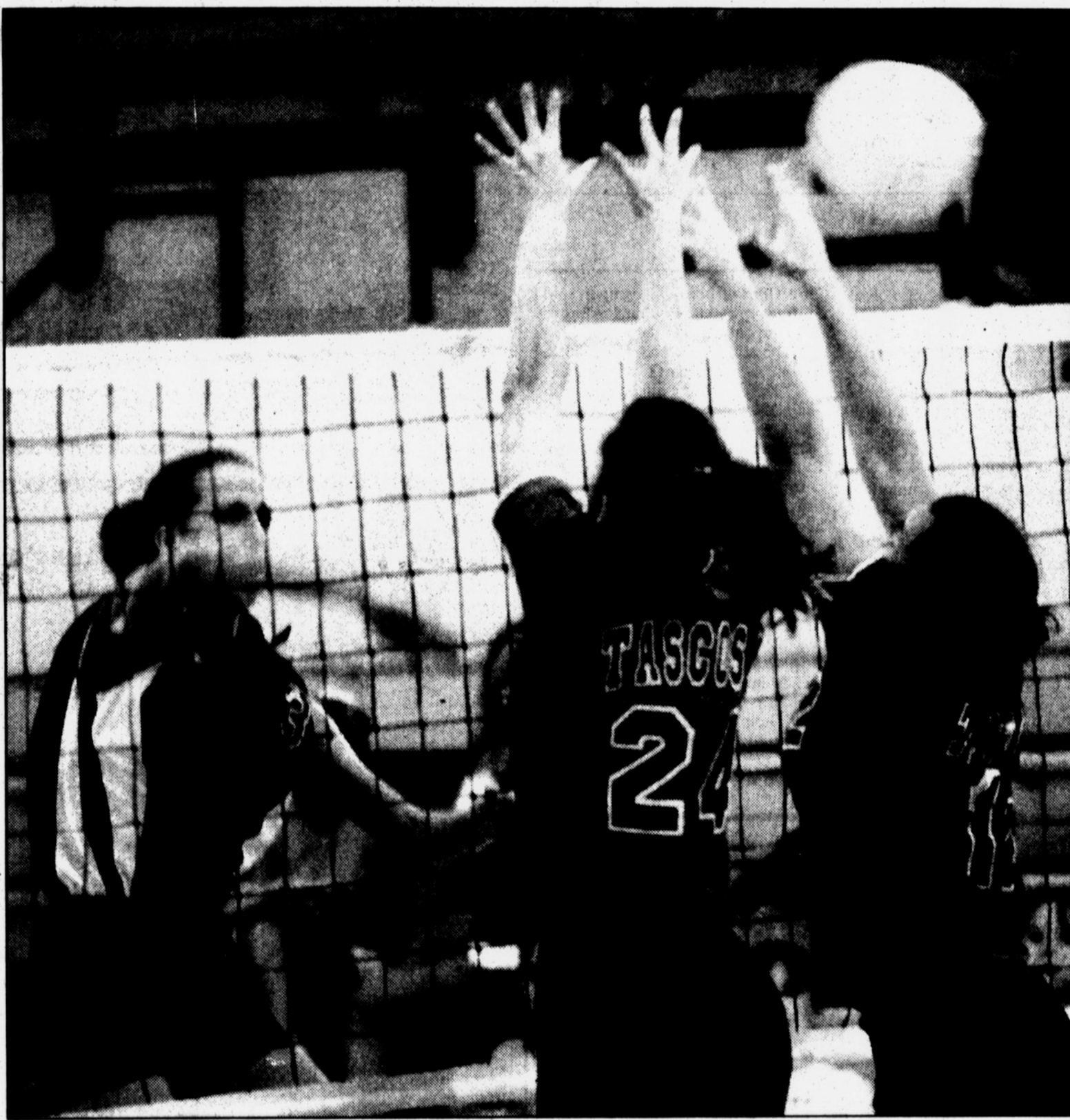


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CHRISTY SCHUMACHER of Hereford slams a kill attempt through the attempted block of Amarillo Tascosa's Wendy Ridings (24) and Lizzie Woodburn during a recent nondistrict match at Whiteface Gymnasium. The Lady Whitefaces will continue their nondistrict schedule when they travel to Perryton this Saturday. Hereford will not have another home match until they begin their district schedule against Dumas Sept. 22 at Whiteface Gymnasium.

Williams, Rafter gain semifinals

By ROB GLOSTER

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK -- Venus Williams needed a set to adjust to the wind and cold before turning on her power game. Pete Sampras needed no such warmup period, hitting his first serve of the match at 134 mph.

As spectators huddled beneath blankets, Williams and Sampras overpowered quarterfinal opponents on a chilly Wednesday night in the U.S. Open.

Undermined by repeated errors in the first set, the fifth-seeded Williams overwhelmed No. 4 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario during the rest of her 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 victory to set up a semifinal match against No. 2 Lindsay Davenport.

The top-seeded Sampras had 13 aces in a 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 victory over No. 9 Karol Kucera, who had eliminated Andre Agassi a day earlier. Sampras will play defending champion Patrick Rafter in the semifinals.

"Considering the conditions, I think I played pretty well. It was really nasty out here, really cold, and I'm just glad to get out of it," Sampras said. "With the conditions tonight, it wasn't fun to play. With the wind gusting in the third set, I couldn't even feel the racket my hands were so cold."

Once Williams adjusted to the wind and cold, she was able to play her game. And there are few players in women's tennis who can handle that kind of power.

Sanchez-Vicario certainly wasn't able to Wednesday night.

"In the first set I was missing a lot, I wasn't patient. I stayed away from my game plan," said Williams, a U.S. Open finalist last year. "I just had to stop missing. I just had to make up my mind that I wasn't going to miss anymore."

Williams began the match wearing a bright yellow hooded sweatshirt, but still seemed bothered by the chilly

U.S. OPEN AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK (AP) -- Highlights of Wednesday's play in the \$14 million U.S. Open tennis championships:

WEATHER: Partly cloudy, windy with brief showers in the early afternoon and a high of 68.

ATTENDANCE: Day: 18,219. Night: 19,826. Total: 38,045.

RESULTS: Defending champion Patrick Rafter beat No. 12 Jonas Bjorkman in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3, 7-5, to advance to the semifinals.

Top-seeded Pete Sampras beat No. 9 Karol Kucera 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 to set up a semifinal match with Rafter. Sampras leads 8-2 in head-to-head matches with Rafter.

Lindsay Davenport, the No. 2 seed, gained her second straight semifinal berth at the U.S. Open with a 6-0, 6-4 win over No. 13 Amanda Coetzer. Fifth-seeded Venus Williams, after dropping the first set, rebounded for a 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 victory over No. 4 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario. Williams and Davenport will meet in the semifinals, with Davenport holding a 4-1 lead in head-to-head matches. Martina Hingis and Jana Novotna, the top-seeded doubles team, beat No. 14 Barbara Schett and Patty Schnyder 6-3, 6-4 in their quarterfinal match.

STAT OF THE DAY: It took Lindsay Davenport just 18 minutes to take the first set in her victory over Amanda Coetzer.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I've been brought up in the wind, whether it's winter or summer it's very windy conditions. I've played in that since I'm 10 years old."

-- Patrick Rafter, who grew up in the Australian town of Mount Isa. Rafter beat No. 12 Jonas Bjorkman, who played in long sleeves on a chilly afternoon made even colder by a 24-mph wind.

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TRAIL BLAZERS El Paso Americas knows first season will be tough

By EDUARDO MONTES

Associated Press Writer

EL PASO -- It was one thing for the Trail Blazers to be taking on the smaller, slower opponents they faced last year before a crowd composed mostly of parents.

But last Friday, under the lights, with local TV sports crews on the sidelines and a real screaming throng in the stands, El Paso Americas got a true taste of what high school football in Texas is all about.

"It's the first time we ever experienced a varsity game. We were more psyched up, energized more," said Danny Baez, a junior offensive tackle. "Everything's faster. The guys that we're playing are bigger."

"It's a big change."

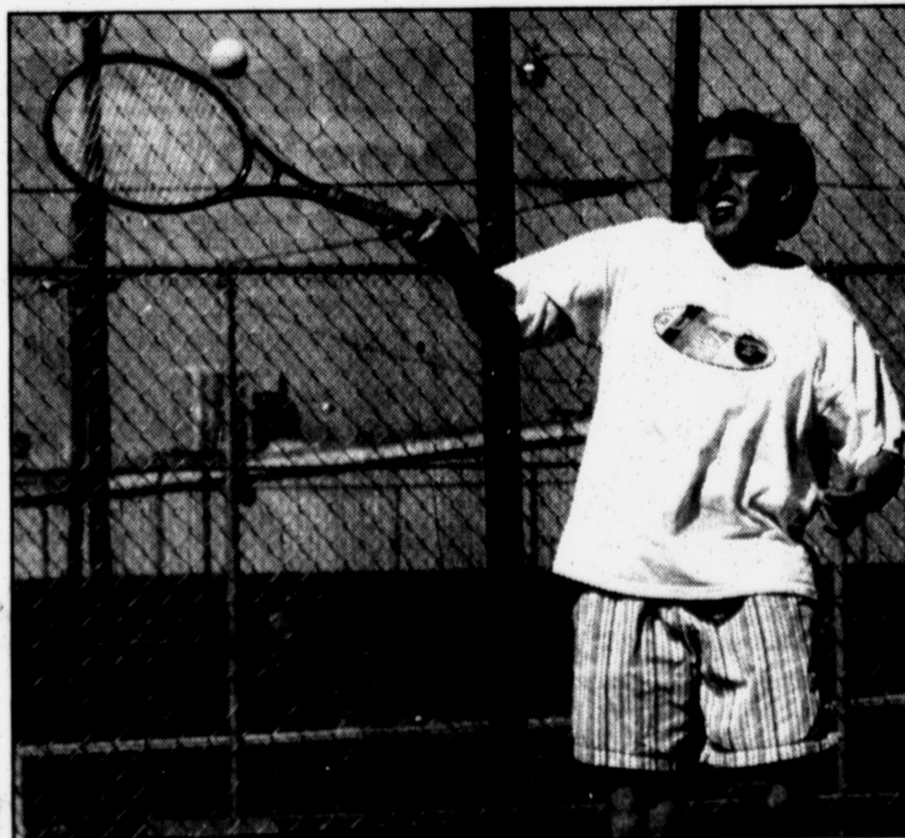
El Paso Americas, in just its third year in existence, is one of only a handful of Texas high schools fielding a varsity football team for the first time in 1998. Their initiation doesn't promise to be an easy one.

The Trail Blazers were edged 24-19 in their first varsity game last week against El Paso Bowie, one of the city's oldest high schools. The rest of September brings more games against long-established teams, El Paso Riverside and El Paso Coronado, both already considered playoff contenders.

The players know the next few weeks will be tough, but this is a team that's accustomed to win-

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NELSON BEVILLE of Hereford returns a shot during practice at Whiteface Courts. The Hereford boys and girls tennis teams will travel to Amarillo Palo Duro Saturday.



Texas shuts out Royals

ARLINGTON (AP) -- Aaron Sele got his 18th win and Lee Stevens hit a three-run homer as the Texas Rangers wrapped up their season-long assault on Kansas City pitching with a 8-0 victory over the Royals on Wednesday night.

Texas, which began the night two games behind AL West-leading Anaheim, won its third straight. The Rangers had 14 hits, including a season-high seven doubles.

Sele (18-10) won his fifth straight start and joined teammate Rick Helling as an 18-game winner. He allowed five hits in seven innings, walked one and struck out seven, five of them looking.

Texas was 8-3 against the Royals, scoring 90 runs and hitting .353 -- its best-ever average against an opponent. Juan Gonzalez was 21-for-45 against Kansas City with 26 RBIs, the most by a Ranger against an opponent in one season.

Gonzalez was 3-for-4 with a double.

Gordon

accept that, nor will he claim to be the main reason why the rainbow-colored DuPont car keeps making at least one more left turn -- into the winner's circle -- than all the rest.

"It's just our team," he said. "We have unbelievable chemistry. That's what matters most."

He'll get no argument from Ford ace Rusty Wallace, who four years ago was winning almost as frequently as Gordon is now.

"I just can't understand why Gordon's team is so good," Wallace said. "You've got to be envious of them and happy for them."

Dale Earnhardt shares with Petty the most coveted record of all -- seven series titles. With Gordon closing in on a third championship in four years, and perhaps able to drive for another 20-25 seasons, even that record is very much in jeopardy.

"That son of a gun has got it together," Earnhardt said. "He'd better ride that horse while it's running."

This weekend it's running at Richmond, Va., one of the few places where Gordon hasn't won this year. He looked like he was about to three months ago, but a collision with Wallace left dents even brilliant crew chief Ray Evernham couldn't fix.

Jack Roush, who owns the Ford driven by Gordon's friend and rival, Mark Martin, says Evernham fixes things all too well. Although the well-respected car owner has persuaded NASCAR to look at Gordon's tires to determine whether they've been illegally doctored, no one in the sport has stepped forward in support of him.

One victim of Gordon's dominance is Pontiac driver John Andretti. He can only smile when asked about Gordon's dominance.

"It happens every week," he said.

NASCAR WINSTON CUP

By The Associated Press
NASCAR Winston Cup driver point standings:
1. Jeff Gordon, 3,777; 2. Mark Martin, 3,578;
3. Dale Jarrett, 3,529; 4. Rusty Wallace, 3,326;
5. Bobby Labonte, 3,201; 6. Jeremy Mayfield, 3,157; 7. Jeff Burton, 3,113; 8. Dale Earnhardt, 2,969; 9. Terry Labonte, 2,745; 10. Ken Schrader, 2,699;
11. John Andretti, 2,696; 12. Ernie Irvin, 2,583; 13. Sterling Marlin, 2,582; 14. Bobby Hamilton, 2,563; 15. Michael Waltrip, 2,518; 16. Bill Elliott, 2,496; 17. Chad Little, 2,461; 18. Jimmy Spencer, 2,434; 19. Johnny Benson, 2,348; 20. Ward Burton, 2,287;
21. Ricky Rudd, 2,216; 22. Ted Musgrave, 2,211; 23. Darrell Waltrip, 2,192; 24. Brett Bodine, 2,136; 25. Joe Nemecek, 2,128; 26. Dick Trickle, 2,067; 27. Kenny Irwin, 2,060; 28. Mike Skinner, 2,050; 29. Kyle Petty, 2,027; 30. Robert Pressley, 1,989;
31. Geoff Bodine, 1,977; 32. Rick Mast, 1,921; 33. Steve Grissom, 1,905; 34. Kenny Wallace, 1,883; 35. Jerry Nadeau, 1,524; 36. Kevin Lepage, 1,384; 37. Derrin Cope, 1,308; 38. Lake Speed, 1,297; 39. Wally Dallenbach, 1,190; 40. Jeff Green, 1,121.

FEARLESS FORECASTERS

This Week's Games

Amarillo Tascosa at Borger
Amarillo Caprock at Sanford-Fritch
Dumas at Perryton
Canyon Randall at Amarillo Palo Duro
Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High
Lubbock High at Hobbs, N.M.
Pampa at Amarillo High
Clovis, N.M., at Plainview
Wofford Frenship at Snyder
Brownfield at Friona
Lamesa at Dimmitt
Vega at Boys Ranch
Sundown at Springlake-Earth
Nebraska at California
Northern Illinois at Kansas St.
Texas Tech at North Texas
Texas at UCLA
Oregon at UTEP
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Oklahoma St. at Tulsa
Oklahoma at TCU
Rice at Purdue
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Minnesota at St. Louis



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will play the Amarillo Caprock "Lil" Longhorns at 5 p.m., and the Canyon High "Lil" Eagles will play the Randall High "Lil" Raiders at 7:30 p.m. In the lone Sunday game, the Amarillo River Road "Lil" Wildcats will play the Amarillo Palo Duro "Lil" Dons at 4 p.m.

The PYFL will play by University Interscholastic League rules, according to PYFL president Kevin Moran.

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Open

evening. She was trailing 3-2 and had already lost her serve twice when she stripped to a light-blue tank top.

Williams seemed to lunge for shots the rest of the set, battling the swirling wind as much as her opponent.

"She started playing much more aggressive. She started attacking," Sanchez-Vicario said. "I mean, she's a player that hits the ball really hard."

The third-seeded Rafter had 44 winners and only 14 unforced errors in a 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 victory over No. 12 Jonas Bjorkman.

Rafter was far too quick for Bjorkman, who played in long sleeves on a chilly afternoon made even colder by a 24 mph wind. Rafter used his exceptional speed to control the match, running down Bjorkman's passing shots and darting to the net for winning volleys.

The wind turned service tosses into

adventures. On one toss, the ball was blown so far away from Rafter that he didn't even attempt to catch it -- instead, letting it bounce and roll toward a ballboy.

Rafter said the conditions were no worse than those in Mount Isa, the Australian town where he grew up playing tennis.

"I've been brought up in the wind, whether it's winter or summer it's very windy conditions," he said. "I've played in that since I'm 10 years old."

Davenport's power was too much for No. 13 Amanda Coetzer in a 6-0, 6-4 quarterfinal victory.

Davenport was consistent, if not spectacular, getting 94 percent of her first serves in during the first set. She never lost her serve in the match, despite struggling with the wind.

"It's tough. When you're with the wind, you can't hit the ball too far or it flies long. On the other side, you have

to hit the ball hard," Davenport said. "You never know what's going to happen out there in the wind."

There were two short rain delays during the Davenport-Coetzer match.

"The wind and the delays probably helped me a little bit. I was definitely struggling with the way she was hitting the ball," Coetzer said. "Often the wind is a little bit of an equalizer. And the rain delays gave me a little bit of an opportunity to slow things down, have a chance to speak to my coach."

Coetzer, who at 5-foot-2 is more than a foot shorter than her 6-2 1/2 opponent, said she was intimidated by the power and depth of Davenport's shots.

"It's tennis. There's no requirements to play, no age requirements, no height requirement, no weight requirement. Tennis is tennis," Davenport said. "I can't help it that I'm a lot taller than her and I hit the ball harder."

Americas

ning. Today's juniors played on a freshman squad that went 8-0 and a junior varsity team that finished 8-2.

Guard Manny Silva figures this year's squad can duplicate that success.

"It won't be easy," said Silva, also a junior. "But we have the talent to do it. If we can work as a team we should."

Coach Jack Murphy, who has been charged with building the program from the ground up, said one of the biggest challenges this year has been preparing his players mentally for the varsity game.

"Our kids on Friday night, they had no idea of the change in the speed and tempo of the game," he said. "They don't understand that until they see it. We have to be a lot simpler with what we do offensively and defensively. We want to have a good offensive plan

and stay simple on defense so we can minimize our mistakes."

"Right now we have to take each day at a time. We have to find out what kind of personality this team has. We don't have any idea how they're going to (ultimately) react at the varsity level."

Murphy, a coach for about 15 years, said that in most instances a team can turn to its senior leadership to ease the younger players' transition to another level of play.

With only juniors, El Paso Americas doesn't have that luxury.

"We have some kids who are starting to step it up, but it's going to take a while," Murphy said. "What we would like to get started here is a tradition of winning. Our juniors on our team have an opportunity to get that started."

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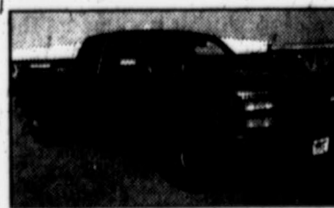
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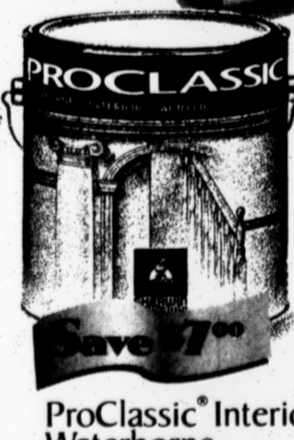
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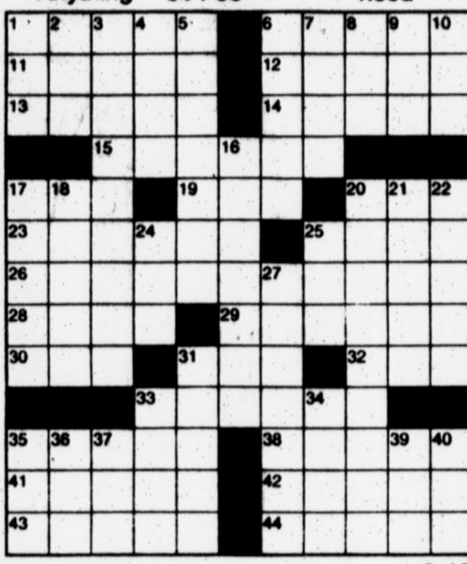
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WASHINGTON (AP) - The stock market's gyrations are making some people more cautious with their money, but two-thirds of American adults say they have not changed their spending habits, according to an Associated Press poll.

More than 90 percent of those polled say they believe that a year from now their family's financial situation will be as good as it is today or better.

"We have less money on paper, but it's not worrying us right now," said Leslie Crismon, a Phoenix homemaker and mother of five. "Our stock market investments are for our retirement. I'm not planning on touching those stocks for quite a while."

Recent financial news made 30 percent more cautious about spending, according to the survey conducted for The Associated Press by ICR of Media, Pa.

But most people said interest rates and the job market were more important to them than the stock market. Interest rates were cited by 44 percent as the most important factor, followed by the job market at 35 percent and the stock market at 13 percent.

"I am just renting right now and have been thinking about purchasing a home of my own," said 25-year-old truck driver Wayne Nelson of New York Mills, Minn. "Loan rates might

be important to me."

Unemployment and inflation rates are the best they've been in a generation, and falling interest rates have spurred a boom in housing sales. Four out of five people in the poll said their family's financial situation was better now than it was a year ago.

"Middle Americans are still focused on the basics of life," said Astrid Adolphson, an economist with the financial advice group MCM MoneyWatch in New York. "People can get jobs, people can refinance and buy houses, they have real disposable income. Middle America is still optimistic. They don't watch the stock market directly, they watch it indirectly."

A day after posting a record 380-point gain, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 155 points Wednesday to 7,865, slipping back below this year's starting point of 7,908.25.

Young adults were more optimistic about their family's financial future in the coming year than older adults, the poll indicated. About two-thirds of adults age 18 to 44 said they expect things to improve.

"I feel secure today," said Martin Gasinger, a 30-year-old truck driver from Hubbard, Ore., who is married and has three children. "The stock markets do not affect a head of lettuce being shipped by my company."

Probe overshadows year-end conflicts

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tax cuts, spending for schools and defense and other issues that in most years would be the political focus of a town gearing up for the November elections are being submerged by possible impeachment proceedings against President Clinton.

The near-total focus on Clinton's problems is bad news for Democrats, who almost daily try to change the subject by talking about education, an increase in the minimum wage and other subjects. But it's fine for Republicans, who talk relentlessly about their agenda but are happy to remind listeners of Clinton's plight.

"In spite of the monumental distraction that we're faced with, the American people still expect the Republican Party to lead when it comes to saving Social Security, cutting taxes, moving dollars and policy back to the classroom and

away from Washington," Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the No. 4 House Republican, told reporters Wednesday.

Boehner spoke on the steps of the Library of Congress, where he, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and other House GOP leaders had gathered to discuss their agenda for the remaining four weeks of Congress' 1998 session. They were surrounded by about 25 reporters and a half-dozen television cameras.

But in one measure of public interest, hundreds of tourists, congressional staffers and journalists were gathered just across the street at the Capitol. The crowd was watching two vans from the office of Independent Counsel Ken Starr, which were unloading cartons containing Starr's report of possible impeachable offenses by Clinton.

before lawmakers leave town in early October to campaign for re-election.

The only real must-do task is completion of the 13 annual spending bills needed to keep agencies running on Oct. 1, the start of the new fiscal year. So far, only one has been sent to Clinton, an \$8.4 billion measure for military construction.

Clinton has veto threats against seven of the remaining bills. He wants more spending for education, environment and other programs than Republicans, and opposes many other GOP-written provisions. These include language dictating how the 2000 census will be conducted and allowing a road to be built through federal lands in Alaska.

Few people think a standoff will produce a partial federal government shutdown. But hoping to focus attention on the two sides' differences, White House budget chief Jacob

Low told reporters Wednesday that if Republicans insist on deep cuts and restrictions on programs Clinton favors, "it is a sure confrontation they are headed for."

Heading the list of items the GOP wants to achieve this year are tax cuts. Gingrich said Wednesday that Republicans would try cutting taxes this fall by \$70 billion to \$80 billion over the next five years, and by much more next year.

But in Florida, Clinton rejected GOP plans to pay for tax reductions with the expected budget surplus, which he wants reserved until Social Security's long-term fiscal problems are addressed.

Other disputes are still raging over defense spending; expanding authority for the president to negotiate trade treaties; providing \$18 billion to replenish the International Monetary Fund's coffers.

Y2K

chairman of the technology subcommittee for the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Other agencies earning an "F" from Horn's subcommittee included the Health and Human Services, Energy, State and Education departments, along with the Agency for International Development.

Three agencies earned an "A": the Social Security Administration, the National Science Foundation and the Small Business Administration.

The subcommittee, which periodically issues its "Y2K" report cards, said Wednesday that its \$6.3 billion estimate was based on figures submitted by 24 departments and agencies, which they also submitted to the OMB.

But OMB said it didn't count estimates from some agencies because it was still trying to determine whether those figures were appropriate, spokeswoman Linda Ricci said.

Republicans have accused the Clinton administration of failing to

push hard enough to prevent potential Year 2000 problems, which could affect electricity, water supplies, cash registers and even traffic lights.

Many computers originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year won't work properly after Jan. 1, 2000, when machines will assume it is 1900. Some computers can be reprogrammed, but many devices have embedded microchips that must be physically replaced.

For example, Horn said, the city of Baton Rouge, La., reported that water pumps on its fire trucks aren't affected by the Year 2000 problem, but the truck ladders won't work without repairs.

Horn also criticized some agencies' plans to fix the problem by replacing affected computers, saying that could lead to further delays.

"When was the last time you heard the government putting a new computer in place on schedule?" Horn said. "There is no room for the usual slippage. There is no margin for error."

CLINTON

Florida, Clinton held an emotional meeting with House Democratic leaders who later described the president as apologetic and determined to keep the country focused on issues he deems most important, such as education and health care.

Even Democrats who have been among Clinton's biggest supporters are expressing outrage at his handling of the Lewinsky affair. Some are distancing themselves from the politically wounded president as they enter the final stretch of the fall election season. Maryland's Democratic governor, Parris Glendening canceled a fund raiser with Clinton; on Tuesday the governor stayed away when Clinton visited a Maryland elementary school.

Several Republican members of Congress have called for Clinton to resign. The latest, Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas, asserted that Clinton's ability to lead has been all but destroyed and his "actions have been corrosive to our national character and debased the office of the presidency."

In Florida the reception was warmer. Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay,

who is the Democratic candidate for governor, praised Clinton during joint appearances Wednesday in Orlando and Miami.

Quoting Martin Luther King Jr., MacKay said in Orlando: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. Mr. President, we are not going to be silent. We are going to speak out in support of the work you are doing to improve people's lives."

In what aides said was a spontaneous decision by Clinton to use MacKay's remarks as an opening to again express regret and pain over the Lewinsky affair, the president said he was moved by MacKay's loyalty.

"I've done my best to be your friend," Clinton said. "But I also let you down. And I let my family down and I let this country down. But I'm trying to make it right. And I'm determined never to let anything like that happen again." Twice he vowed to "redeem the trust" of the American people.

In his remarks in Miami, Clinton said he feared that MacKay could be hurt at the ballot box by appearing with him in public.

MAURO

to come down."

Mauro's campaign declined to say whether anything in special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's report to Congress, delivered Wednesday, would change that stance.

"We're not going to speculate on that report because we don't know what's in it," Hannah said.

Mauro has known the Clintons since 1972, when he worked with them on George McGovern's presidential campaign. Mauro twice

headed Clinton's presidential campaigns in Texas.

This year, the Clintons have been key fund-raisers for Mauro, who opinion polls say is waging an uphill battle to unseat Republican Gov. George W. Bush.

In addition to events in Washington, Hillary Rodham Clinton has done fundraisers for Mauro in Texas. The Clintons also have sent fund-raising letters on Mauro's behalf.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONG FELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

9-10 CRYPTOQUOTE

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CATTLE FUTURES

CATTLE-PRIME (CME) 10,000 lbs., cents per lb.									
	Settled	Open	High	Low	Settled	Open	High	Low	Settled
Oct	62.50	62.50	62.67	62.50	90	82.00	65.00	30	82.00
Nov	64.67	64.75	64.83	64.67	—	—	—	—	65.00
Dec	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	66.00
Jan	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	66.00
Feb	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	66.00
Mar	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	66.00
Apr	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	66.00
May	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	66.00
Jun	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	66.00
Jul	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	66.00
Aug	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	—	—	—	—	66.00
Est. vol	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 10,000 lbs., cents per lb.									
	Settled	Open	High	Low	Settled	Open	High	Low	Settled
Oct	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	90	74.50	59.75	25	74.50
Nov	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
Dec	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
Jan	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
Feb	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
Mar	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
Apr	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
May	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
Jun	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
Jul	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
Aug	58.50	58.50	58.50	58.50	—	—	—	—	58.50
Est. vol	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
HOGS-LAND (CME) 10,000 lbs., cents per lb.									
	Settled	Open	High	Low	Settled	Open	High	Low	Settled
Oct	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	90	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Nov	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
Dec	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
Jan	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
Feb	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
Mar	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
Apr	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
May	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
Jun	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
Jul	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
Aug	36.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	36.00
Est. vol	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

GRAIN FUTURES

Open High Low Settle Change High Low Interest									
CORN (CBOT) 5,000 bu., cash per bu.									
Sept	201	201	199 1/4	199 1/4	- 1/4	201	181	7.40	
Oct	201 1/4	201 1/4	200 3/4	200 3/4	- 1/8	201 1/4	181 1/4	7.40	
Nov	201 1/2	201 1/2	200 3/4	200 3/4	- 1/8	201 1/2	181 1/2	7.40	
Dec	201 3/4	201 3/4	200 3/4	200 3/4	- 1/8	201 3/4	181 3/4	7.40	
Jan	202	202	201 1/4	201 1/4	- 1/4	202	182	7.40	
Feb	202 1/4	202 1/4	201 1/4	201 1/4	- 1/4	202 1/4	182 1/4	7.40	
Mar	202 1/2	202 1/2	201 1/2	201 1/2	- 1/4	202 1/2	182 1/2	7.40	
Apr	203	203	202 1/4	202 1/4	- 1/4	203	183	7.40	
May	203 1/4	203 1/4	202 1/4	202 1/4	- 1/4	203 1/4	183 1/4	7.40	
Jun	203 1/2	203 1/2	202 1/2	202 1/2	- 1/4	203 1/2	183 1/2	7.40	
Jul	204	204	203 1/4	203 1/4	- 1/4	204	184	7.40	
Aug	204 1/4	204 1/4	203 1/4	203 1/4	- 1/4	204 1/4	184 1/4	7.40	
Est. vol	10,000	10,000	900	900	779 1/2	254	2		
Open int	10,000	10,000	900	900	779 1/2	254	2		
+ 2.38.									
SOYBEANS (CBOT) 5,000 bu., cash per bu.									
Sept	529 1/2	529 1/2	519 1/4	519 1/4	- 1/4	529 1/2	509 1/4	3.80	
Oct	529 3/4	529 3/4	519 1/4	519 1/4	- 1/4	529 3/4	509 3/4	3.80	
Nov	530	530	519 1/4	519 1/4	- 1/4	530	510	3.80	
Dec	530 1/4	530 1/4	519 1/4	519 1/4	- 1/4	530 1/4	510 1/4	3.80	
Jan	530 1/2	530 1/2	519 1/2	519 1/2	- 1/4	530 1/2	510 1/2	3.80	
Feb	531	531	520 1/4	520 1/4	- 1/4	531	511	3.80	
Mar	531 1/4	531 1/4	520 1/4	520 1/4	- 1/4	531 1/4	511 1/4	3.80	
Apr	531 1/2	531 1/2	520 1/2	520 1/2	- 1/4	531 1/2	511 1/2	3.80	
May	532	532	521 1/4	521 1/4	- 1/4	532	512	3.80	
Jun	532 1/4	532 1/4	521 1/4	521 1/4	- 1/4	532 1/4	512 1/4	3.80	
Jul	533	533	522 1/4	522 1/4	- 1/4	533	513	3.80	
Aug	533 1/4	533 1/4	522 1/4	522 1/4	- 1/4	533 1/4	513 1/4	3.80	
Est. vol	10,000	10,000	900	900	779 1/2	254	2		
Open int	10,000	10,000	900	900	779 1/2	254	2		
+ 1.57.									
WHEAT (CBOT) 5,000 bu., cash per bu.									
Sept	390	390	384 1/4	384 1/4	- 1/4	390	374 1/4	3.40	
Oct	390 1/4	390 1/4	384 1/4	384 1/4	- 1/4	390 1/4	374 1/4	3.40	
Nov	390 1/2	390 1/2	384 1/2	384 1/2	- 1/4	390 1/2	374 1/2	3.40	
Dec	390 3/4	390 3/4	384 3/4	384 3/4	- 1/4	390 3/4	374 3/4	3.40	
Jan	391	391	385 1/4	385 1/4	- 1/4	391	375 1/4	3.40	
Feb	391 1/4	391 1/4	385 1/4	385 1/4	- 1/4	391 1/4	375 1/4	3.40	
Mar	391 1/2	391 1/2	385 1/2	385 1/2	- 1/4	391 1/2	375 1/2	3.40	
Apr	392	392	386 1/4	386 1/4	- 1/4	392	376 1/4	3.40	
May	392 1/4	392 1/4	386 1/4	386 1/4	- 1/4	392 1/4	376 1/4	3.40	
Jun	392 1/2	392 1/2	386 1/2	386 1/2	- 1/4	392 1/2	376 1/2	3.40	
Jul	393	393	387 1/4	387 1/4	- 1/4	393	377 1/4	3.40	
Aug	393 1/4	393 1/4	387 1/4	387 1/4	- 1/4	393 1/4	377 1/4	3.40	
Est. vol	10,000	10,000	900	900	779 1/2	254	2		
Open int	10,000	10,000	900	900	779 1/2	254	2		
+ 1.57.									

METAL FUTURES

GOLD (Com.Div. NYM)				999.999, 1,000 Troy oz.			
Sett	Open	High	Low	Sett	Open	High	Low
Oct	296.00	296.00	296.00	295.10	1.00	296.00	225.00
Nov	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	270.00
Dec	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Jan	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Apr	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
June	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Aug	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Oct	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
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Feb	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Apr	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
June	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Aug	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Oct	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
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Feb	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
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Feb	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Apr	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
June	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Aug	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.00	272.00
Oct	297.00	297.00	297.00	297.00	1.00	297.0	

SILVER (COMEX) 100 oz., cash per oz.									
Sett	482.5	472.0	483.5	489.3	49.9	3.9	728.8	483.0	1
Sept	482.5	472.0 <td>483.5</td> <td>489.3 <td>49.9 <th>3.9</th> <td>728.8</td> <td>483.0</td> <td>1</td> </td></td>	483.5	489.3 <td>49.9 <th>3.9</th> <td>728.8</td> <td>483.0</td> <td>1</td> </td>	49.9 <th>3.9</th> <td>728.8</td> <td>483.0</td> <td>1</td>	3.9	728.8	483.0	1
Oct	481.5	469.5	481.5	485.0	47.7	3.7	724.0	481.5	52.0
Nov	479.0	467.0	479.0	482.7	47.7	3.7	698.0	471.0	1.0
May				508.8	47.7	3.7	698.0		
July				508.8	47.7	3.7	698.0		
Sept				508.8	47.7	3.7	698.0		
Nov				508.8	47.7	3.7	698.0		
Dec	509.0	510.0	509.0	507.2	47.7	4.7	759.0	487.0	3.0
Mar				508.8	47.7	3.7	698.0		
Apr				511.4	47.7	3.7	698.0		
Dec				515.2	47.7	3.7	698.0		
Dec				515.2	47.7	3.7	698.0		
Dec				515.2	47.7	3.7	698.0		
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Dec				515.2	47.7	3.7	698.0		
Dec				515.2	47.7	3.7	698.0	</	

FUTURES OPTIONS

CATTLE-PRIME (CME)						
10,000 lbs., cash per lb.			Puts-Settle			
Settled	Open	High	Low	Settled	Open	High
Prices	Oct	Nov	Dec	Prices	Oct	Nov
64	1.50	1.50	1.50	63	0.37	1.00
65	1.50	1.50	1.50	64	0.37	1.00
66	1.50	1.50	1.50	65	0.37	1.00
67	1.50	1.50	1.50	66	0.37	1.00
68	1.50	1.50	1.50	67	0.37	1.00
69	1.50	1.50	1.50	68	0.37	1.00
70	1.50	1.50	1.50	69	0.37	1.00
71	1.50	1.50	1.50	70	0.37	1.00
72	1.50	1.50	1.50	71	0.37	1.00
73	1.50	1.50	1.50	72	0.37	1.00
74	1.50	1.50	1.50	73	0.37	1.00
75	1.50	1.50	1.50	74	0.37	1.00
76	1.50	1.50	1.50	75	0.37	1.00
77	1.50	1.50	1.50	76	0.37	1.00
78	1.50	1.50	1.50	77	0.37	1.00
79	1.50	1.50	1.50	78	0.37	1.00
80	1.50	1.50	1.50	79	0.37	1.00
81	1.50	1.50	1.50	80	0.37	1.00
82	1.50	1.50	1.50	81	0.37	1.00
83	1.50	1.50	1.50	82	0.37	1.00
84	1.50	1.50	1.50	83	0.37	1.00
85	1.50	1.50	1.50	84	0.37	1.00
86	1.50	1.50	1.50	85	0.37	1.00
87	1.50	1.50	1.50	86	0.37	1.00
88	1.50	1.50	1.50	87	0.37	1.00
89	1.50	1.50	1.50	88	0.37	1.00
90	1.50	1.50	1.50	89	0.37	1.00
91	1.50	1.50	1.50	90	0.37	1.00
92	1.50	1.50	1.50	91	0.37	1.00
93	1.50	1.50	1.50	92	0.37	1.00
94	1.50	1.50	1.50	93	0.37	1.00
95	1.50	1.50	1.50	94	0.37	1.00
96	1.50	1.50	1.50	95	0.37	1.00
97	1.50	1.50	1.50	96	0.37	1.00
98	1.50	1.50	1.50	97	0.37	1.00
99	1.50	1.50	1.50	98	0.37	1.00
100	1.50	1.50	1.50	99	0.37	1.00
101	1.50	1.50	1.50	100	0.37	1.00
102	1.50	1.50	1.50	101	0.37	1.00
103	1.50	1.50	1.50	102	0.37	1.00
104	1.50	1.50	1.50	103	0.37	1.00
105	1.50	1.50	1.50	104	0.37	1.00
106	1.50	1.50	1.50	105	0.37	1.00
107	1.50	1.50	1.50	106	0.37	1.00
108	1.50	1.50	1.50	107	0.37	1.00
109	1.50	1.50	1.50	108	0.37	1.00
110	1.50	1.50	1.50	109	0.37	1.00
111	1.50	1.50	1.50	110	0.37	1.00
112	1.50	1.50	1.50	111	0.37	1.00
113	1.50	1.50	1.50	112	0.37	1.00
114	1.50	1.50	1.50	113	0.37	1.00
115	1.50	1.50	1.50	114	0.37	1.00
116	1.50	1.50	1.50	115	0.37	1.00
117	1.50	1.50	1.50	116	0.37	1.00
118	1.50	1.50	1.50	117	0.37	1.00
119	1.50	1.50	1.50	118	0.37	1.00
120	1.50	1.50	1.50	119	0.37	1.00
121	1.50	1.50	1.50	120	0.37	1.00
122	1.50	1.50	1.50	121	0.37	1.00
123	1.50	1.50	1.50	122	0.37	1.00
124	1.50	1.50	1.50	123	0.37	1.00
125	1.50	1.50	1.50	124	0.37	1.00
126	1.50	1.50	1.50	125	0.37	1.00
127	1.50	1.50	1.50	126	0.37	1.00
128	1.50	1.50	1.50	127	0.37	1.00
129	1.50	1.50	1.50	128	0.37	1.00
130	1.50	1.50	1.50	129	0.37	1.00
131	1.50	1.50	1.50	130	0.37	1.00
132	1.50	1.50	1.50	131	0.37	1.00
133	1.50	1.50	1.50	132	0.37	1.00
134	1.50	1.50	1.50	133	0.37	1.00
135	1.50	1.50	1.50	134	0.37	1.00
136	1.50	1.50	1.50	135	0.37	1.00
137	1.50	1.50	1.50	136	0.37	1.00
138	1.50	1.50	1.50	137	0.37	1.00
139	1.50	1.50	1.50	138	0.37	1.00
140	1.50	1.50	1.50	139	0.37	1.00
141	1.50	1.50	1.50	140	0.37	1.00
142	1.50	1.50	1.50	141	0.37	1.00
143	1.50	1.50	1.50	142	0.37	1.00
144	1.50	1.50	1.50	143	0.37	1.00
145	1.50	1.50	1.50	144	0.37	1.00
146	1.50	1.50	1.50	145	0.37	1.00
147	1.50	1.50	1.50	146	0.37	1.00
148	1.50	1.50	1.50	147	0.37	1.00
149	1.50	1.50	1.50	148	0.37	1.00
150	1.50	1.50	1.50	149	0.37	1.00
151	1.50	1.50	1.50	150	0.37	1.00
152	1.50	1.50	1.50	151	0.37	1.00
153	1.50	1.50	1.50	152	0.37	1.00
154	1.50	1.50	1.50	153	0.37	1.00
155	1.50	1.50	1.50	154	0.37	1.00
156	1.50	1.50	1.50	155	0.37	1.00
157	1.50	1.50	1.50	156	0.37	1.00
158	1.50	1.50	1.50	157	0.37	1.00
159	1.50	1.50	1.50	158	0.37	1.00
160	1.50	1.50	1.50	159	0.37	1.00
161	1.50	1.50	1.50	160	0.37	1.00
162	1.50	1.50	1.50	161	0.37	1.00
163	1.50	1.50	1.50	162	0.37	1.00
164	1.50	1.50	1.50	163	0.37	1.00
165	1.50	1.50	1.50	164	0.37	1.00
166	1.50	1.50	1.50	165	0.37	1.00
167	1.50	1.50	1.50	166	0.37	1.00
168	1.50	1.50	1.50	167	0.37	1.00
169	1.50	1.50	1.50	168	0.37	1.00
170	1.50	1.50	1.50	169	0.37	1.00
171	1.50	1.50	1.50	170	0.37	1.00
172	1.50	1.50	1.50	171	0.37	1.00
173	1.50	1.50	1.50	172	0.37	1.00
174	1.50	1.50	1.50	173	0.37	1.00
175	1.50	1.50	1.50	174	0.37	1.00
176	1.50	1.50	1.50	175	0.37	1.00
177	1.50	1.50	1.50	176	0.37	1.00
178	1.50	1.50	1.50	177	0.37	1.00
179	1.50	1.50	1.50	178	0.37	1.00
180	1.50	1.50	1.50	179	0.37	1.00
181	1.50	1.50	1.50	180	0.37	1.00
182	1.50	1.50	1.50	181	0.37	1.00
183	1.50	1.50	1.50	182	0.37	1.00
184	1.50	1.50	1.50	183	0.37	1.00
185	1.50	1.50	1.50	184	0.37	1.00
186	1.50	1.50	1.50	185	0.37	1.00
187	1.50	1.50	1.50	186	0.37	1.00
188	1.50	1.50	1.50	187	0.37	1.00
189	1.50	1.50	1.50	188	0.37	1.00
190	1.50	1.50	1.50	189	0.37	1.00
191	1.50	1.50	1.50	190	0.37	1.00
192	1.50	1.50	1.50	191	0.37	1.00
193	1.50	1.50	1.50	192	0.37	1.00
194	1.50	1.50	1.50	193	0.37	1.00
195	1.50	1.50	1.50	194	0.37	1.00
196	1.50	1.50	1.50	195	0.37	1.00
197	1.50	1.50	1.50	196	0.37	1.00
198	1.50	1.50	1.50	197	0.37	1.00
199	1.50	1.50	1.50	198	0.37	1.00
200	1.50	1.50	1.50	199	0.37	1.00
201	1.50	1.50	1.50	200	0.37	1.00
202	1.50	1.50	1.50	201	0.37	1.00
203	1.50	1.50	1.50	202	0.37	1.00
204	1.50	1.50	1.50	203	0.37	1.00
205	1.50	1.50	1.50	204	0.37	1.00
206	1.50	1.50	1.50	205	0.37	1.00
207	1.50	1.50	1.50	206	0.37	1.00
208	1.50	1.50	1.50	207	0.37	1.00
209	1.50	1.50	1.50	208	0.37	1.00
210	1.50	1.50	1.50	209	0.37	1.00
211	1.50	1.50	1.50	210	0.37	1.00
212	1.50	1.50	1.50	211	0.37	1.00
213	1.50	1.50	1.50	212	0.37	1.00
214	1.50	1.50	1.50	213	0.37	1.00
215	1.50	1.50	1.50	214	0.37	1.00
216	1.50	1.50	1.50	215	0.37	1.00
217	1.50	1.50	1.50	216	0.37	1.00
218	1.50	1.50	1.50	217	0.37	1.00
219	1.50	1.50	1.50	218	0.37	1.00
220	1.50	1.50	1.50	219	0.37	1.00
221	1.50	1.50	1.50	220	0.37	1.00
222	1.50	1.50	1.50	221	0.37	1.00
223	1.50	1.50	1.50	222	0.37	1.00
224	1.50	1.50	1.50	223	0.37	1.00
225	1.50	1.50	1.50	224	0.37	1.00
226	1.50	1.50	1.50	225	0.37	1.00
227	1.50	1.50	1.50	226	0.37	1.00
228	1.50	1.50	1.50	227	0.37	1.00
229	1.50	1.50	1.50	228	0.37	1.00
230	1.50	1.50	1.50	229	0.37	1.00
231	1.50	1.50	1.50	230	0.37	1.00
232	1.50	1.50	1.50	231	0.37	1.00
233	1.50	1.50	1.50	232	0.37	1.00
234	1.50	1.50	1.50	233	0.37	1.00
235	1.50	1.50	1.50	234	0.37	1.00
236	1.50	1.50	1.50	235	0.37	1.00
237	1.50	1.50	1.50	236	0.37	1.00
238	1.50	1.50	1.50	237	0.37	1.00
239	1.50	1.50	1.50	238	0.37	1.00
240	1.50	1.50	1.50	239	0.37	1.00
241	1.50	1.50	1.50	240	0.37	1.00
242	1.50	1.50	1.50	241	0.37	1.00
243	1.50	1.50	1.50	242	0.37	1.00
244	1.50	1.50	1.50	243	0.37	1.00
245	1.50	1.50	1.50	244	0.37	1.00
246	1.50	1.50	1.50	245	0.37	1.00
247	1.50	1.50	1.50	246	0.37	1.00
248	1.50	1.50	1.50	247	0.37	1.00
249	1.50	1.50	1.50	248	0.37	1.00
250	1.50	1.50	1.50	249	0.37	1.00
251	1.50	1.50	1.50	250	0.37	1.00
252	1.50	1.50	1.50	251	0.37	1.00
253	1.50					

CORN (CBOT)					Pulse-Settle				
5,000 bu., cash per bu.					5,000 bu., cash per bu.				
Price	Oct	Nov	Dec	Mar	Oct	Nov	Dec	Mar	
110	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
115	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
120	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
125	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
130	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
135	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
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1995 Buick LeSabre white, loaded!	\$10,995
1995 Buick LeSabre silver, loaded!	\$10,995
1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo red, sporty!	\$12,995
1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera SL 4 dr, V6	\$8,900
1994 Buick Century Sedan 4 dr, V6, white	\$6,900
1993 Buick Century Station Wagon real nice, V6	\$7,900
1992 Buick Park Avenue 4 dr, A-1 shape!	\$8,750
1990 Buick Park Avenue 4 dr, real clean	\$6,750
1990 Lincoln Continental 80,000 miles	\$6,950
1989 Bonneville SSE 4 dr, Must see!	\$4,995
1988 Chevrolet Caprice 4 dr, 305 V8	\$3,900
1986 Buick LeSabre LE V6	\$3,950
1986 Buick Century 4 dr, V6	\$3,500
1986 Chevrolet Celebrity 4 dr.	\$1,500
1983 Lincoln Town Car	\$1,295
1978 Oldsmobile '98 4 dr.	\$1,200
1983 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Runs good!!	\$1,995

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1995 Dodge Caravan V6, sharp!	\$8,995
1993 Chevrolet Lumina Van V-6, nice!	\$8,900
1990 Dodge Caravan 80,000 miles, 4 cyl, clean!	\$4,950
1991 GMC Safari Van V6, None nicer!	\$6,900
1995 Ford F-250 XL solid, white	\$9,900
1993 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4, real clean, must sell ..	MAKE OFFER!
1987 Chevrolet Suburban '91 350 V8	\$5,900
1990 Ford F-250 Supercab Diesel A-1 shape!	\$9,900
1990 GMC Club Cab 4x4 90,000 miles	\$10,900
1991 Ford Explorer 2 dr, sporty red	\$8,900
1987 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4 red/black	\$4,900
1990 Chevrolet Silverado reg. cab, brown/tan	\$7,900
1990 Dodge Ram 150 4x4	\$8500
1994 Mitsubishi Mighty Max Real sharp!	\$6,500
1993 Chevrolet SWB Silverado black beauty	\$9,900
1988 Chevrolet SWB 4x4 new motor & trans.	\$8,900
1993 Dodge Dakota Sport	\$6,900
1988 Chevrolet LWB 4x4 Stout!	\$6,900
1988 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab	\$5,700
1982 Ford Lariat XLT	\$2,995
1981 Ford Lariat XLT	\$2,900
1988 Jeep Cherokee 4 dr.	\$3,900
1987 Jeep Cherokee Laredo 4x4, white	\$3,900
1994 Chevrolet Pickup LWB white	\$8,900
TRAILERS	
1998 Ponderosa Bumper Pull 6x16 Trailer red	\$2,900
1998 Ponderosa Gooseneck 6x16 Trailer white	\$3,900

NEWS

in brief

Yeltsin nominates foreign minister to head government

MOSCOW (AP) - Boris Yeltsin today nominated Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov to be prime minister in a bid to end a bitter dispute with the parliament that has stalled efforts to stem the economic crisis.

Government officials said Yeltsin nominated Primakov after Viktor Chernomyrdin asked the president not to nominate him as prime minister for a third time.

"I cannot harm Russia. Russia has had enough upheavals this century. This is my choice," said Chernomyrdin, who had been acting prime minister.

Yeltsin made the decision to nominate Primakov after meeting with him and Chernomyrdin at the Kremlin.

The Communist-dominated lower chamber of parliament, the State Duma, had already indicated it would agree to Primakov as premier. Yeltsin and the Duma have been locked in a bitter two-week battle that stalled the formation of a new government after Chernomyrdin was rejected twice.

Primakov, 68, a former Soviet foreign policy expert, is seen as a technocrat, not ideologically linked to any political faction. He has been criticized in the West for taking a less liberal line on foreign relations.

He was named foreign minister in January 1996, and has been praised by most of Russia's political factions for doing a good job.

U.N. suspends review of sanctions on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The Security Council has taken its toughest action yet in punishing Iraq for freezing U.N. weapons inspections, suspending periodic review of sanctions that have crippled Iraq's economy.

A resolution that suspended the reviews, adopted 15-0 on Wednesday, left Baghdad with little room to press for the easing of the tough measures imposed in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

The council condemned Iraq's decision on Aug. 5 to stop cooperating with inspectors as "a totally unacceptable contravention" of U.N. resolutions.

The resolution suspends a major, 6-month review scheduled for October, and all subsequent 60-day reviews until Iraq allows inspectors to go back to work.

However, years of the regular reviews have never resulted in any easing of the measures, so Wednesday's action was largely symbolic.

Refugees fleeing Serbian attacks on villages

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) - Refugee officials say as many as 25,000 civilians, driven from their homes in southwestern Kosovo, are desperately trying to escape a pincer strike by Serb troops and tanks that blasted their villages.

The latest victims of the crack-down on ethnic Albanians in the Serbian province fled on tractors and wagons heaped with their belongings, clogging a dirt road Wednesday in a column seven miles long, according to Western observers who visited the area.

In a news release Wednesday, the Geneva-based United Nations High

Commissioner for Refugees warned it "fears slaughter may occur if a shell hits the column of people."

Kosovo is in southern Serbia, the dominant of two republics left in the Yugoslav Federation. Its population is 90 percent ethnic Albanian, most of whom back the rebels' armed struggle for independence after decades of repression by Serbian authorities.

One official said the current refugee situation threatens to create as many as 25 new ghost towns in Kosovo, where dozens of villages already have been charred and emptied in the face of shelling or clashes between Serb security forces and ethnic Albanian rebels.

First tourists return from visit to Titanic

OFF THE COAST OF NEW-FOUNDLAND (AP) - Fourteen hours after plunging to the bottom of the ocean in a tiny submarine, the first tourists to see the Titanic wreck emerged triumphant; and a little chastened.

"Awesome," Pat Brown whooped after climbing out of the 23-foot submersible where he had spent the day squashed beside fellow passenger Buck Kamphausen and pilot Anatoly Sagalevitch.

"And humbling, too," he said. "You see the plates and beds and bottles scattered all around the wreck and you really begin to understand the tragedy that happened here."

Brown and Kamphausen, undertakers from Vallejo, Calif., were among four tourists who paid \$32,500 each to be escorted 21/2 miles down into the blackness of the Atlantic for a glimpse of the storied wreck.

Eight more tourists are to follow over the coming days in dives that defy a court order from a U.S. judge handling a dispute over rights to the wreckage.

Police, soldiers scatter Cambodian peace marchers

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - Policemen on motorcycles and soldiers scattered thousands of protesters who had marched and shouted for peace today in Cambodia's capital after riot police fired point-blank into a crowd of demonstrators, critically wounding a student.

The marchers - whose numbers grew from a few hundred to more than 6,000 people as bystanders joined in - were applauded and cheered from balconies and storefronts in Phnom Penh. They included hundreds of saffron-robed Buddhist monks.

Police let them march for about two hours until they massed at the Angkor-style Independence Monument, where about 150 elite Flying Tiger police arrived, joined by 150 police on motorcycles and soldiers in trucks.

After 19 years in captivity, Keiko leaps toward freedom

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) - Keiko the killer whale is one step closer to truly being free.

The 9,050-pound, droopy-finned star of the "Free Willy" movies was being flown by airplane to Iceland early today. After 19 years in captivity, he was to be released in a sea pen, a sort of halfway house to reacquaint him with the waters where he was captured at age 2. The goal is to set him free - if handlers think he's ready.

Market seen as too risky for SS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Those who argued throughout Wall Street's boom that the stock market is too risky a place to consider investing Americans' Social Security money are now saying, "I told you so."

"We weren't born yesterday. Senior citizens know better than anyone that a market that goes up like a rocket can plummet like a rock," said George Kourpias, president of the National Council of Senior Citizens.

The group, which has 2,000 local

chapters nationwide, is among those using the recent stock market slide to attack proposed legislation that would divert some of the Social Security taxes now deducted from Americans' wages into private accounts that workers could invest for themselves.

Supporters of privatization say they still think the nation's retirement system would benefit from putting some money in stocks, but now they're anticipating a tougher battle.

"We've got to make the case better than we are, because I think

we'll start losing support," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, a key booster of private accounts, said the stock market downturn should make people's expectations more realistic.

"We shouldn't get carried away with the idea that ... we're going to make every worker an instant millionaire," Gramm said.

Record-breaking stock market gains in recent years provided the perfect backdrop for Republicans -

and some moderate Democrats - to promote legislation that would partially privatize Social Security.

Supporters say private investment would earn a better return for Social Security dollars - now held in low-yielding U.S. Treasury bonds - just as pension money is expected to run short for the huge wave of baby boomers nearing retirement.

However, Wall Street has been turned on its head this summer by economic troubles in Asia and elsewhere.

Statewide candidates square off on TV ads

AUSTIN (AP) - The candidates for lieutenant governor are now in your living room, or at least on your television.

Democratic candidate John Sharp aired his first campaign ad on Tuesday, a spot touting his record as a legislator and as comptroller.

Republican candidate Rick Perry debuted an ad Wednesday featuring what he calls a "positive and conservative vision and philosophy for Texas."

Perry campaign spokesman Ray Sullivan criticized Sharp's ad as distorting the Democrat's record on a prison furlough bill approved by the House in 1979, when Sharp was a state representative.

In Sharp's ad, which is running in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, the Democrat says, "In the Legislature, I ranked some members of my own party by fighting against prison furloughs and against income taxes."

Sullivan suggested that Sharp voted for the bill allowing temporary furloughs - House Bill 2244 - because Sharp was present and was not shown voting against the bill.

But Kelly Fero, Sharp's spokesman, noted that the vote was a "non-record" voice vote, meaning Sharp didn't have to register his vote in the House Journal.

Fero said although Sharp didn't register his vote, he voted against the measure and "was one of very few lawmakers who voted no on House Bill 2244 in 1979."

"This is more of Rick Perry's negative campaigning because he has nothing in his record to justify Texans promoting him to another office," Fero said. "He is a failed agriculture commissioner and that's why the Texas Farm Bureau, who knows him best, rejected him."

The Farm Bureau has endorsed Sharp over Perry.

"If Mr. Sharp opposed that (furlough) bill, he had every opportunity to be shown voting no," Sullivan said. "He was silent. He chose to do nothing and let it pass."

Sullivan added that Perry has been endorsed by "several agriculture groups and the state's two largest business organizations."

Perry's ad, which began running in Austin Wednesday and kicks off in Dallas and Houston today, shows the agriculture commissioner in front of a Texas flag talking about his beliefs, being open and honest and fighting for safer streets and better schools.

"I believe decisions affecting you and your family should be made by you, and not government," Perry said.

Fero said, "Rick Perry is saying nothing to Texans in his ad."

In other developments, Democratic comptroller candidate Paul Hobby unveiled an education plan that he said would make "academic achievement as much a part of Texas culture as cowboy hats, Mexican food and rodeo parades."

Hobby's plan would use money from the current projected state budget surplus - more than \$3 billion - to increase the teacher pay scale, resulting in a yearly raise of roughly \$2,000 for teachers; spend \$250 million on academic improvement grants for schools; and eliminate many districts from the "Robin Hood" recapture program, which involves property-rich school districts sharing funds with the rest of the school system.

Scott McClellan, the campaign spokesman for Republican comptroller candidate Carole Keeton Rylander, said Hobby is flip-flopping.

"Hobby actively campaigned for the ill-fated 'Robin Hood' constitutional amendment in 1993 that Texans turned down 2 to 1," McClellan said. "Hobby called 'Robin Hood' the 'good neighbor plan' in opinion pieces just days before it was rejected."

"I have always been in favor of increasing the state's share of the cost of public education so that remedies like Robin Hood would not be necessary," Hobby said. "In 1993, additional state money was not available. In 1999, it will be available."

Last month, Mrs. Rylander unveiled an education plan calling for more focused audits of school districts "that are not effective or efficient."

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You may play on only one Co-Ed team. There will be two divisions offered: Co-Ed A - Modified Power Rules and Co-Ed B - Recreational Rules. All games will be played at the YMCA. Game days will be Monday and Tuesday nights depending on the number of teams entered. Games will start at 7:15 pm. Let us know if you need to play on a certain day, we will try to be flexible.

Entry fee is \$102.00 per team. The roster must be final by September 24th. Entry fee should be turned in with roster. Everyone on team rosters must be full paid participants. T-shirts will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place winners in each division.

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