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State says its funds are safe

AUSTIN (AP) - The billions of dollars invested in stocks to benefit state retirees and Texas schools are long-term investments that should be able to withstand stock market gyrations, state officials said.

"The Permanent School Fund is a perpetual fund. We're in it for the long haul. We can ride out what we think is going to be a short downturn," Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, said Tuesday.

The \$16.2 billion Permanent School Fund, which provides money for public schools, is projected to provide \$1.3 billion through the next two years, about \$280 per student.

About 55 percent of that fund is invested in stocks and other equities, Ms. Ratcliffe said, and only 4 percent of that is in international stocks.

She said fund administrators were assessing the markets but "really see this more as a buying opportunity" for the fund.

"This really seems based more on an emotional panic than a decline caused by some problem with the economy. They're figuring that the market will snap back in a very short time. From the beginning of the year, the market is still up 20 percent," she said.

"They're watching the situation closely but they're not worried at all about it."

Those comments were echoed by a spokesman for the nonprofit corporation that manages investments for the \$6.4 billion Permanent University Fund, which helps support 17 institutions in the University of Texas and Texas A&M systems.

NEWS in brief

CHINESE PRESIDENT RECEIVES WARM WELCOME FROM CLINTON

WASHINGTON (AP) - Prepared to conclude a major nuclear pact with the United States, Chinese President Jiang Zemin was getting a warm welcome from President Clinton as the leaders worked to rebuild the long-estranged relationship between their nations.

On the eve of their official meeting today, Clinton tried to personally connect with Jiang, holding a "long, almost philosophical" late-night talk at the White House, national security adviser Sandy Berger said. The face-to-face chat was "very direct, personal and substantive," he added.

The two presidents, with their top national security and foreign affairs aides at their sides, discussed human rights, Tibet and Taiwan - all irritants in the U.S.-China relationship. Clinton told Jiang America's 18th century Founding Fathers distrusted government and so gave more freedom and power to the people. Jiang, in turn, told of China's 4,000-year-old history of civil war, feudal societies and central government control.

They met for 90 minutes in the relaxed setting of the Yellow Oval Room on the second floor of the residence after Clinton gave Jiang a 15-minute White House tour. Shown a copy of the Gettysburg Address written in Abraham Lincoln's own hand, Jiang, who likes to impress Americans by reciting the speech and other historical documents in English, recounted the first line for Clinton, "Four score and seven years ago..."

INVESTMENT BANKER TESTIFIES PRESIDENT SOLICITED FUNDS

WASHINGTON (AP) - As senators argue over extending a campaign fund-raising investigation and fight about secret bank records for the probe, a witness is ready to give a firsthand account of President Clinton dialing for dollars.

Investment banker Richard Jenrette was testifying today about the \$50,000 he and his companies donated to the Democrats after Clinton called him in October 1994. The top White House lawyer also was to testify, and was certain to feel the wrath of Republicans who have been fuming over delayed production of subpoenaed documents.

Convinced the delays were a plot to stall the investigation until it hit its Dec. 31 expiration, the chief fund-raising investigator has formally sought an extension.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, wrote Majority Leader Trent Lott asking for more time, his aides confirmed Tuesday.

LIVESTOCK MANURE BEING BLAMED FOR MARYLAND'S TOXIC OUTBREAK

SALISBURY, Md. (AP) - For Bill and Cathy Green, the huge pile of chicken manure in their barn is a vital part of the cycle that earns their living. Now all that is threatened. "Why now?" asks Cathy Green.

"This is a practice that's been done for years and years and years," she added.

All across America, farmers use nutrient-rich, cheap livestock manure to fertilize crops. But on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the practice is being blamed as the likely cause of an outbreak of a toxic microbe that killed fish and sickened people along the Chesapeake Bay this summer.

Although most farmers contend that science has yet to prove a link between *Pfiesteria piscicida* and manure run-off, others say it is only common sense but acknowledge the great reluctance to admit it.

SALEM, AMITYVILLE MUST TAKE BACK SEAT TO ST. AUGUSTINE

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) - Forget Salem. Forget Amityville. If you want a city where things go bump in the night all the time, head to the Florida coast and the nation's oldest city.

St. Augustine has so many reputed spooks and ghouls that there are nightly walking tours named "A Ghostly Experience." A new book, "Ghosts of St. Augustine," is filled with two dozen haunted tales from St. Augustine, a settlement established in 1562 some 40 miles south of Jacksonville.

There's no better place to start than with the 300-year-old home of Pat and Maggie Patterson, who say they aren't squeamish about sharing it with the ghosts of a former governor of Florida, a sentry, a calico cat and a shadowy white figure.

The fun-loving apparitions at the Patterson residence like to turn on lights, hide jewelry and move furniture, the owners say. And there's that empty coffin on the third floor - a leftover from when a doctor occupied the house and kept a couple of the boxes around to bury the dead.

SENATE CONFIRMS 3 FCC NOMINEES, HOPES TO SPUR COMPETITION

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate has approved three Federal Communications Commission nominees in hopes they will speed cable and telephone competition envisioned in last year's telecommunications law.

But the chamber delayed until today consideration of the nomination of the FCC's general counsel, Bill Kennard, a Democrat, to be the first black chairman of the five-member panel.

Approved by voice vote Tuesday night were Republicans Harold Furchtgott-Roth and Michael Powell and Democrat Gloria Tristano to be commissioners. Already on the board is Democrat Susan Ness.

At Senate hearings several weeks ago, Kennard and the three other incoming commissioners said they want to speed the pace of local phone and cable competition to offer customers the same wide choices they now have in long-distance. They did not say how they would accomplish that.

LADY WHITEFACES DUMP RANDALL TO CAPTURE TOP SEEDING IN 1-4A VOLLEYBALL TOURNNEY

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Local store on the block

A Hereford convenience store is among properties being sold by Giant Industries Inc., a Scottsdale, Ariz.-based convenience store chain.

The company announced a sealed bid sale to divest itself of \$18 million in excess commercial development land, convenience stores and gas stations in six Western states. The sale will be conducted by the National Real Estate Clearinghouse (NRC) of Chicago. The deadline for bids is Dec. 4.

Giant is selling 64 convenience stores/gas stations in conjunction with Thriftway Marketing Corp. and affiliates. Most of the 50 operating stores are being sold as land plus the business, but eight are leasehold only. The 14 closed stores are located in the Four Corners area of New Mexico.

In Hereford, the Gasman store at 1502 W. 1st is being sold.

Other Panhandle stores being sold include four in Amarillo, and one each in Borger, Pampa and Perryton.

In addition to the stores, the company is selling nine parcels of land in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. They range in size from 1,039 acres to less than one acre. These properties include three tracts in and around Phoenix, Ariz.; two tracts in Tucson, Ariz.; two tracts east of Gallup, N.M.; ranch land near Sulphur Springs, Texas; and a small tract in Taos, N.M.

For a property catalog, bidders may call the National Real Estate Clearinghouse at (800) 595-4445.

Also, the NRC will conduct a "How to Bid" seminar at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Radisson Inn, 7909 E. Interstate 40 in Amarillo.

Deadline for bids is noon CST. Bids should be submitted to the National Real Estate Clearinghouse, 720 N. Franklin-Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60610.

HISD OK's software

Hereford High School and Stanton Junior High School soon will have a new \$160,000 computer software package in wake of action at Tuesday's meeting of the Hereford Independent School District board.

The board, after discussion and comparison of other packages, agreed to purchase the Plato package from TRO.

The package includes two years worth of updates, installation, two-year financing with zero interest and three years of technical support at no additional cost.

According to HISD assistant superintendent Nena Veazey, the program will provide challenges to children of all learning abilities from

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Holiday decorations

No two ways about it. The holiday season is rapidly approaching and Brian Jones, owner of Inkahoots is one of the first merchants to decorate for the season happenings. Look for the special holiday section in the Sunday edition of the Hereford Brand for all the details of coming holiday festivities.

Factory orders show drop

WASHINGTON (AP) - Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket durable goods fell 0.6 percent in September, the first drop in four months. The development provided additional balm for jittery financial markets worried about potentially inflationary economic growth.

The Dow Jones industrial average added more than 50 points shortly after the stock market opened and the Nasdaq Composite Index was up more than a dozen.

In the inflation-sensitive bond market, prices also were higher, nudging down yields on 30-year Treasury bonds to 6.27 percent from 6.28 percent late Tuesday.

Orders for products expected to last more than three years totaled a seasonally adjusted \$185.7 billion, down from \$186.8 billion a month earlier, the Commerce Department said today.

The fall was due to declines in demand for airplanes and motor vehicles and for electrical equipment, a category that includes items such as computer circuit boards and communications gear.

Many analysts had expected a drop of about 0.7 percent after orders shot up a revised 2.8 percent in August, a surge they said was not sustainable. The August advance was initially estimated to be 2.7 percent.

"Most components (are) expected to record declines following large gains in August," economist Lynn Reaser of Barnett Banks Inc. in Jacksonville, Fla., told clients in advance of the report.

Analysts expected the moderate decline to further calm markets that had been roiled by financial turmoil

overseas and domestic fears that the Federal Reserve may boost interest rates at home to ease inflation pressures.

After plunging 554.26 points on Monday, the biggest point drop ever, the Dow Jones industrial average rebounded Tuesday to post a 337.17 point gain, the biggest point advance for a single day.

Observers will be studying Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's congressional testimony today for an indication of the central bank's interest rate sentiments.

Many now believe the central bank will leave rates unchanged when its policy makers meet next month.

The durable orders drop was the first since they edged down 0.4 percent last May and the steepest since they fell 2.8 percent last March.

Tickets for electronic and other electrical equipment plunged 7.7 percent after soaring 29.4 percent in August, the largest increase since the government began tracking orders in 1958.

Transportation orders were down 3.3 percent after rising 4 percent a month earlier. Excluding this category, tickets edged up 0.2 percent.

Other categories posted gains, including a 4.3 percent advance for primary metals such as steel, which had slipped 2 percent in August. Orders for industrial machinery and equipment rose 1.5 percent, erasing a 1.4 percent loss a month earlier.

Orders for nonmilitary capital goods excluding aircraft increased 6.1 percent following a 5 percent decline the previous month.

Hereford schools appear to avoid much use of Ritalin

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Daily activities of a school nurse involve much more than taking temperatures, bandaging skinned knees or keeping track of untold numbers of vaccinations.

One of the most prevalent concerns of school nurses is the distribution of daily medication. Medications which include insulin, asthma inhalers and one controversial drug - Ritalin.

Ritalin (methylphenidate hydrochloride) is often prescribed for children diagnosed with attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder. ADHD is a disorder in which children are unable to sit still or concentrate on tasks for any length of time.

Children diagnosed with ADHD may have trouble learning and finishing schoolwork. Many are easily distracted and considered hyperactive.

The use of Ritalin does not cure the problem and is designed to be used in conjunction with a treatment that includes psychological, educational and social therapy.

The December issue of *Pediatrics* reported approximately 1.5 million 5- to 18-year-olds currently take the medication. The National Association of School Nurses, though, report nearly twice that number.

The numbers in the Hereford Independent School District are not so high.

Hereford High School nurse June Rudd said only three students out of 1,200 are taking the drug.

Debbie Gallman, HISD director of student services, said there are only 14 students within the district's 4,406 students who are taking the medication.

The HISD percentage is significantly lower than one school in Maine which was news reports found 23 of 450 students - 19.6 percent - taking Ritalin.

Ritalin is so commonly prescribed to school children that the National Association of School Nurses recently sent out information packages to 11,000 members.

The package includes information on dosage, precautions, description of pills in various dosages and signs of abuse.

"We're very lucky," said Gallman. "We have very little use and nearly no abuse of the product."

Nurses from around the country have reported increasing numbers of children being prescribed Ritalin, but according to Gallman, the local numbers have remained about stable during the last few years.

Local Roundup

Iowa Tests

Hereford ISD will be administering Iowa Tests of Basic Skills - Tests of Achievement and Proficiency on Nov. 4-6. Grades 2-9 and 11 will be tested. please make every effort possible to have your child present in school on these dates.

Trip planning meeting

Parents of junior high and senior high school age students who are interested in giving their children an educational experience they will never forget are invited to attend a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Hereford Junior High. Plans are being made for a tour of Washington, D. C., in June 1998. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like more information, call Paula Miller at 364-6316, Susan Perrin at 289-5965 or Linda Mason at 289-5383.

Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear with low in the mid-30s and southwest wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, becoming partly cloudy, high 65-70. Thursday night, partly cloudy, low in upper 30s.

3- to 5-day forecast

Friday and Saturday: partly cloudy with highs 65-70 and low in lower 40s.

Sunday: partly cloudy, low 35-40 and high near 60.



Letters to Estonia

Kindergarten students at Tierra Blanca display pictures and stories about themselves. The items will be sent to pen pals

in Estonia. The children hope to get similar letters and pictures from children in Estonia before the year ends.

News Digest

FEDERAL JUDGE LOSES LAW LICENSE

AUSTIN (AP) - Dallas federal judge Jerry Buchmeyer has lost his Texas law license - at least temporarily - after his son defaulted on an \$11,745 student loan.

The punishment by the state bar has no effect on Buchmeyer's job as a \$133,600-a-year jurist because federal judges are not required to be licensed attorneys.

"Other than being embarrassing, it doesn't have any effect," Buchmeyer told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Buchmeyer said he plans to pay off the loan soon. His suspended license, first granted in 1957, could then be reinstated.

The veteran federal judge said his son, Jon Buchmeyer, a University of Texas graduate now living in New York, never notified him that the loan was in default.

MASS MURDERER PUT TO DEATH

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - With his mother sobbing hysterically a few feet away, convicted killer Kenneth Ray Ransom was put to death for his part in a stabbing rampage that left four people dead at a Houston amusement center 14 years ago.

Ransom, 34, a two-time convict on parole for auto theft when he was sent to death row, was strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney Tuesday evening and asked his mother, Pearl, to be strong and not cry.

The woman, watching through a window, fell to the floor of the viewing room and screamed uncontrollably when her son gasped as the lethal drugs began taking effect. Prison officers lifted her to a wheelchair and she was removed from the death house before her son was pronounced dead.

Ransom's last statement included a lengthy Muslim chant. He also insisted he was innocent of the killings and said his death would be "an instrument to abolishing the death penalty."

"First and foremost, I'd like to tell the victims' families I'm sorry," he said. "I'm not sorry because I feel I'm guilty. I am sorry because of the pain all of them are going through each holiday, each birthday that they're without their loved ones."

REFORM JEWS MULL DIVISIVE ISSUE

DALLAS (AP) - When Don Schnair, a 29-year-old Reform Jew, became engaged last year to a woman who had been raised in the Church of Christ, his first choice for performing the ceremony was his hometown rabbi in Chicago.

"I knew he would turn me down, but I figured I would ask anyway," Schnair said. Sure enough, the rabbi told Schnair that he couldn't in good conscience officiate at an interfaith wedding.

Schnair and his fiancée, Julie Griffin, then talked to a rabbi at the liberal congregation in Atlanta where the two attended services. He was willing but unavailable.

In the end, the cantor from the Atlanta synagogue conducted the May 1997 ceremony. It took place under the traditional chuppah at a historic home in Atlanta and was all Schnair had hoped, under the circumstances.

"In retrospect, we got very lucky," said Schnair, who now lives in Dallas with his bride of five months. "Both the rabbi and the cantor welcomed my wife and they addressed potentially different situations between her family and my family."

SENATE FILIBUSTER SEEN ON DEFENSE BILL

WASHINGTON (AP) - Shrugging off a presidential veto threat and a promised Senate filibuster, the House has given final approval to a defense bill that would chill plans to privatize work at closing Air Force depots in Texas and California.

On a 286-123 vote Tuesday night, the House passed a \$268 billion defense authorization bill that now faces a challenge in the Senate from Texas and California senators.

The bill had been stalled for months because of a bitter dispute over privatization at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio and McClellan AFB in Sacramento, Calif.

Last week, the logjam was broken with a deal that the Clinton administration and others contend would irretrievably harm competition between the public and private sectors for the closing bases' work.

While the defense bill passed the House with ease, its future in the Senate appeared more clouded.

PAUKEN: SUPPORT PAYMENTS INCORRECTLY MAILED

AUSTIN (AP) - Attorney General Dan Morales' political opponent is raising new allegations about the state's system for processing child-support payments.

Tom Pauken, who wants to replace Morales, says more than 10,000 child-support payments mailed from the attorney general's office have been returned because a new state computer generated old or wrong addresses.

A spokeswoman for the attorney general called the 10,000 figure "very inaccurate."

Pauken, former head of the Texas Republican Party, is one of three Republicans seeking the party's nomination for attorney general. On Tuesday, he blasted Morales for continued delays in child-support payments.

"Dan Morales' office installed the new computer system solely to be able to claim that he was meeting the Oct. 1, 1997, federal deadline for getting the system on line," Pauken said.

ASTRONAUT TO CAST BALLOT FROM SPACE

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - A couple hundred miles won't come between astronaut David Wolf and his right to vote.

Thanks to a new Texas law, a ballot has been sent to an American in orbit for the first time.

Lawmakers made the change after John Blaha, the U.S. astronaut on Russia's Mir space station a year ago, couldn't cast a ballot.

Under the old law, an absentee ballot had to be sent by U.S. mail. But in June, Gov. George W. Bush signed a bill saying astronauts registered to vote in Texas - where most of them live - can cast ballots from space.

Prisons inspected on prisoners behalf

TYLER (AP) - U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice has issued a court order that will allow attorneys and experts representing the interests of prison inmates to inspect Texas prisons.

The judge issued the ruling Tuesday in response to a motion by attorney Donna Brorby, who represents plaintiffs in the ongoing

Ruiz lawsuit that alleged that the state's prisons subjected prisoners to unconstitutional conditions.

The judge said he wanted to be certain that the prisons are being operated in a constitutional manner before he relinquishes oversight over them.

Ms. Brorby and some experts will be allowed to inspect a limited

number of state institutions, the judge said.

The judge said the inspections will focus on specific areas which are still under court supervision, such as medical and psychiatric care. He said the plaintiffs would have to give the state 10 days' notice before the inspections begin.

The state has filed a suit to end federal court supervision of Texas' prison system, which began as a result of the decades-old Ruiz lawsuit.

The lawsuit prompted Justice to call for improvements after he determined that unconstitutional conditions existed.

In approving the inspection, Justice said the plaintiffs "have diligently sought discovery in this matter since the summer of 1996," but the state repeatedly has rebuffed their efforts because "they believe the issue can be resolved by review of the documents recently produced by them concerning a number of systemwide statistics."

Assistant Attorney General Jay Aguilar told the judge he did not

believe the newly enacted Prison Litigation Reform Act was meant to "restart litigation" and said the state had a right to limit discovery.

"As far as I'm concerned, we finally have the order we need to do the discovery we need to do," Ms. Brorby said when contacted at her San Francisco office by the Tyler Morning Telegraph Tuesday afternoon.

She said she did not know how soon the inspections can begin.

"Obviously, it's in everybody's interest to proceed as quickly as possible, and that's what we'll be doing," she said.

Ms. Brorby had argued earlier that the PLRA does not allow federal court supervision to end if there are current or ongoing constitutional violations and the inspections are essential to determine that.

Aguilar and spokesman Ron Dusek of the Texas Attorney General's Office did not immediately return telephone requests for comment, the newspaper reported.



Money from sweets

Seth Hatley, president of West Central Student Action Committee, acting on behalf of the student body, donated the profits from one week's candy sales, \$131.25 to the United Way Agency. Accepting the check for United Way was Karen Sherrod, executive director of Hereford United Way.

Flu shot recipients fear AIDS exposure

MONROE, Conn. (AP) - Like thousands of older Americans across the country, hundreds of people in tiny Monroe decided to get flu shots after their doctors said the illness strikes the elderly especially hard.

Now the people who got the free flu inoculations fear they could have been exposed to the AIDS and hepatitis viruses. The doctor who administered the vaccines used fresh needles for each patient, but failed to change syringes each time.

He gave the shots to 468 people this month at three clinics sponsored by Monroe, in southwestern Connecticut about 10 miles north of Bridgeport.

More than 450 residents, most of them elderly and many of them frightened, packed an auditorium at Masuk High School on Tuesday to question state health officials about the risks.

"I don't understand how something like this could be happening in this day and age. This is really horrible," said Mary Ann Marini, 63.

State officials assured people that the chance of exposure to any blood-borne virus was extremely remote. Still, they recommended that those who received the flu shots be given a free hepatitis B vaccine as a precaution.

Dr. Claude Light resigned as town medical director on Monday after

state health officials received a complaint that he failed to change syringes for each patient.

Light said he didn't realize that the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now require that the syringe as well as the needle be changed for every shot.

He used one syringe for each vial of flu vaccine. Each vial contains doses for 10 to 12 people.

"I thought the procedure I was using was perfectly acceptable," Light said by telephone from his private practice. "When (the standards) changed, I probably should have changed, but I didn't know. I thought what I was doing was risk free, no problem."

Light said no blood was drawn, so there was little risk of contamination of the syringes.

Epidemiologist Aaron Roome of the state Department of Public Health and Addiction Services called the risk "extremely low," saying exposure could only come if blood from an infected person was drawn back into the syringe and injected into the next person.

He said HIV exposure would be even more remote because the AIDS-causing virus is not as hardy as hepatitis B and not as easily transmitted.

The first of three doses of the vaccine were to be administered at a free clinic today.

Lottery sales drop

By The Associated Press

Members of the Texas Lottery Commission were to meet today to discuss mounting problems in the wake of a report that sales are slumping for the first time in five years and the departure of the lottery's new marketing director.

The slumping sales report follows five years of shattering national sales records.

In addition to discussing the sales slump, the three commission members will also discuss the future of Lottery Director Lawrence Littwin.

Officials say that sales for the first eight weeks of the new budget year are down \$7.6 million and well below the amount legislators were counting on to help balance the state's budget.

Deputy Lottery Director Linda Cloud told The Dallas Morning News Tuesday that "a combination of things" has caused the sales slump, but she declined further comment.

The resignation of Don Rogers, who assumed the post as marketing

director in August, was confirmed Tuesday by an agency spokeswoman who would not say if he resigned or was fired from his \$65,000-a-year job. "It is my understanding he is not employed here any longer," said spokeswoman Marcy Goodfleisch. "Beyond that, we don't discuss personnel matters."

Rogers could not be reached for comment, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported today.

Last week's ticket sales of \$56.8 million were the lowest since the week ending Sept. 30, 1995, when sales fell to \$55.8 million.

The lottery must sell \$77 million in tickets each week in order to meet revenue projections in the state budget that began Sept. 1. The ticket sales have topped that figure only once when it hit \$91 million when the Lotto Texas jackpot was \$55 million.

Littwin was hired in June to replace Nora Linares, who was fired in January after confirming that a longtime friend had worked as a consultant for lottery operator GTECH.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies include:

Police Department

--Two women were arrested in the 200 block of Avenue F and charged with disorderly conduct.

--An assault was reported in the 300 block of east Fourth.

--Stalking was reported in the 800 block of Union.

--13 citations were issued.

--No accidents were reported.

--No fire calls.

The following information is being released by state law on two newly registered child sex offenders.

Offender "A" is a 22 year old man who lives at Coronado Acres, outside city limits, zip code 79045. His offense is sexual assault.

Offender "B" is a 24 year old woman who lives on Avenue H, inside city limits, zip code 79045. Her offense is aggravated sexual assault of a child.

For more information regarding child sex offenders contact Cpl. Terry Brown at the Hereford police Department.

LOTTO TEXAS

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: **3-10-20-22-38**

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: **5-8-2**

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Lifestyles

Speakers advance

Thirty-four local 4-H members qualified for District Public Speaking contest during County Round-Up Sunday afternoon at the Community Center.

The junior and senior level 4-H'ers will perform a variety of method demonstrations, speeches, numerous poetry, songs and a pantomime at District Round-Up, scheduled Saturday, Nov. 8 at West Texas A&M University, Canyon.

Six judges critiqued the 4-H performances, which were presented in three rooms prior to an awards assembly, emceed by Erin Auckerman, president of the County 4-H Council. The audience of 4-H families was treated to three Share-The-Fun programs, including the comedic poetry of Jerad Johnson, the son "Don't Rain on My Parade" by Abby Wilks, and a dramatic pantomime by Chelsea Blain, Nathan

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Garnishing

Mary Beth Messer demonstrated culinary garnishing to Deaf Smith County 4-H members that are participating in the Food and Nutrition Project. Messer transformed ordinary dishes into tempting delicacies by teaching visual eye appeal to present and garnish dishes. She also led the 4-H'ers in a culinary career presentation.

Achievers 4-H Club meets

Members of the Achievers 4-H Club were joined during their regular meeting at the Community Center by other 4-H'ers who will participate in the Food and Nutrition Project to see a demonstration on culinary garnishing by Mary Beth Messer. Messer transformed ordinary dishes into tempting delicacies by

teaching visual eye appeal to present and garish dishes. She also led the 4-H'ers in a culinary career presentation. No business meeting was conducted due to the length of the program presentation. The date of the next Achievers 4-H meeting will be announced in the 4-H newsletter.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple tidbits, oatmeal cookies; or baked chicken, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY-Fish nuggets with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, Scandinavian vegetables, cabbage/apple slaw, French bread, lemon cheese cake; or ham, D'zerta cheese cake.

MONDAY-Salisbury steak, baked potato with sour cream, buttered sliced carrots, lettuce/tomato/onion, whole wheat bread, ice cream with fruit topping; or smothered chicken, cottage cheese, peaches.

TUESDAY-Baked ham, sweet potato patties, Normandy vegetables, 5-cup fruit salad, rolls, chocolate cake; or brisket, diet cake.

WEDNESDAY-Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, pickled beets with onions, sweet pickle slices, cornbread, applesauce cake; or salmon loaf, applesauce.

ACTIVITIES

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

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Senior Crime Alert 12:30 p.m., SATURDAY-Games 12-4 p.m., game night 7:30-11 p.m., dance 8-11 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting 1-3 p.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 1-3 p.m.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I have prostate cancer. This is the most common cancer among men. Now, because of advances in medical science, most men can be as lucky as I am.

My cancer developed after the PSA test became available, meaning it could be detected at such an early stage that chances are it won't shorten my life. Before the PSA, many prostate cancers weren't detected until symptoms appeared, which meant the cancer was much more advanced.

I am also lucky because my cancer developed after a new form of treatment passed muster. Instead of having to undergo debilitating surgery, which includes side effects such as impotence and incontinence, I underwent a simple outpatient procedure known as radioactive seed implant, a variant of radiotherapy.

In this procedure, doctors use hollow needles to plant tiny radioactive seeds directly in the prostate. The radiation is quite strong but has a very short range, so it destroys the tumor and minimizes damage to surrounding tissue. I was surprised to come out of the operating room without so much as a Band-Aid.

My hope is that all the men who read this will get a PSA test and, if they find they have prostate cancer, make sure they see a urologist who offers seed-implant treatment as well as surgery. Not all men are good candidates for seed implants, but for

those who are, it's better to be one of the lucky ones, like me. -- Tom Stites, director of communications, Unitarian Universalist Association

Dear Tom Stites: Thank you for being so open about a problem that a great many men would not care to talk about. I am delighted you have done so well.

This information will undoubtedly reassure men who are concerned about the side effects of prostate surgery. There are not many studies available on seed implants, but the treatment looks promising. It is important, however, that you see a doctor who has successfully performed this procedure at least 25 or 30 times.

And now, dear readers, here are the seven warning signals that could mean cancer. Please read them and pay attention:

1. A change in bowel habits.
2. A sore that does not heal.
3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
4. A thickening or lump in the breast or elsewhere. (Men should check testicles every month.)
5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. An obvious change in color or shape of a wart or mole.
7. A nagging cough or hoarseness.

Dear Ann Landers: Would you please explain again the harm a father does when he sleeps with his young daughter? I can't seem to get through

to my friend.

"Elsie" mentioned to me that her husband occasionally crawls into bed with their 9-year-old daughter. When I told her he should not be doing that, she said she trusts her husband implicitly and has no reason to believe there is anything sexual in his mind. I tried to explain how this kind of intimacy is very unhealthy to both the father and his child, but she didn't get it.

Please print my letter and your comments so I can show it to her. -- A Concerned Friend in Florida

Dear Florida: Your friend's husband must be told emphatically to stay out of his 9-year-old daughter's bed. Fatherly affection is healthy and should be encouraged, but it must be expressed with both parties vertical at all times. Please be clear about this. It is extremely important. That child's entire future could depend on it.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Fund-raisers discussed during meeting of Deaf Smith County FCE Council

Maudette Smith presided at the Monday meeting of the Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Council in the county library.

Wyche FCE Club was hostess to the seven clubs represented, with six having 100 percent attendance.

Jo Lee read a poem titled "For All of Us Born Before 1945" as the opening exercise.

Visitors welcomed were Dorma Kirby, Audrey Rusher, Alita Mae

Higgins and Evelyn Crofford.

Dolores Brorman, chairman of the yearbook committee, requested a complete listing from each FCE club of officers, members, addresses and years in club to be presented at the Nov. 24 council meeting.

The council nominating committee was named. Members are Perry Keyes, Tonie Vaughn and Kate Bradley. Council needs a nomination for vice TAFCE chairman.

Beverly Harder, FCE agent, discussed the Westway Country Christmas Bazaar which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Community Center. FCE members will have a concession stand and will sell tickets for a drawing for a quilt made by FCE members.

As a community service project, members need to bring a gift for a disadvantaged elderly person. The unwrapped gifts should be placed in a decorative sack.

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Six women to be inducted into Cowgirl Hall of Fame

FORT WORTH -- Six outstanding women will be inducted into the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame at its annual inductee luncheon on Friday in the ballroom of the Worthington Hotel. Festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with a champagne reception. Lunch will follow at noon, with the induction ceremony beginning at 12:45 p.m.

Five of the inductees are scheduled to attend the luncheon and one will

be inducted posthumously.

Inductees are Nita Brooks-Lewallen of Stephenville and Sweetwater, Lindy Burch of Weatherford, Marie "Mary" Keen Gress of Golden, Colo., Connie Douglas Reeves of Hunt, Nancy Bragg Witmer of Winfield, Kan., and the late Clara Brown of Denver, Colo.

The 1997 inductees have been chosen by the museum's research and selection committees based on their

accomplishments and contributions to the American West," said Mrs. Kit T. Moncrief, president of the museum's board of directors. "We are proud that these inspiring role models are joining the 133 honorees who are already in the Hall of Fame."

Brooks-Lewallen, who started competing in rodeos in 1936 at the age of 12, excelled in barrel racing, relay racing, pole racing and flag bending. She was named Texas

Breeder of the Year by the Thoroughbred Breeders Association in 1991 and 1993. In 1992 she received the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders of America's prestigious Texas State Breeder of the Year honor. In 1986 she received the USDA Soil Conservation Award for the Goodyear Award for Rancher of the Year.

In 1980, Burch became the first woman to win the National Cutting Horse Futurity, with the never-equalled record score of 225.5 points. She has won more than \$2 million, making her one of the all-time leading money earners in cow cutting.

Gress performed in the 1930 and 1940s across America as a trick rider, steer wrestler, bronc rider and performer in rodeos, circuses, and Wild West Shows. Her trademark trick riding stunt was going under the belly of her horse while it was in full motion.

Reeves has taught the art of horsemanship to approximately 20,000 girls as riding instructor of Camp Waldemar since 1936. Spry at 96, she still enjoys riding.

Witmer performed in rodeos and Wild West Shows in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. An outstanding trick roper, trick rider and all-around cowgirl, she originated the "falling tower" back bend into a Roman stand.

Brown was an African-American pioneer and activist in Colorado during the 1800s. She opened a laundry, organized a Sunday school, cared for the sick, and worked to ensure that black suffrage was guaranteed in Colorado's state constitution.

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame is the only museum in the world dedicated to honoring and documenting the lives of legendary women who have distinguished themselves while exemplifying the pioneer spirit of the American West.



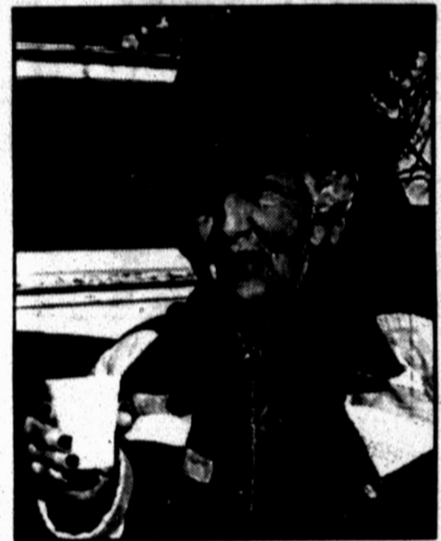
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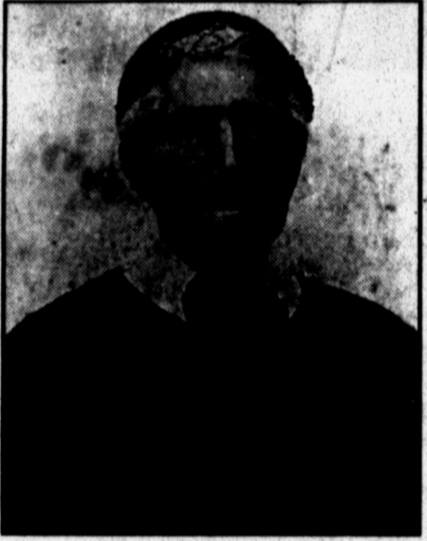
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CLARA BROWN

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Oct. 29, the 302nd day of 1997. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 29, 1929, Black Tuesday descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's Great Depression began.

Ten years ago: Following the confirmation defeat of Robert J. Bork to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, President Reagan announced his choice of Douglas H. Ginsburg, a nomination that fell apart over revelations of Ginsburg's past marijuana use. Jazz great Woody Herman died in Los Angeles at age 74.

Five years ago: A New York City

jury acquitted 17-year-old Lemrick Nelson of murdering Yankel Rosenbaum, an Australian Hasidic scholar who was killed in rioting that erupted in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn in August 1991 following the traffic death of a black child who was hit by a Hasidic driver. (In February 1997, a jury convicted Nelson and Charles Price of violating Rosenbaum's civil rights.)

One year ago: Hundreds of thousands of New York Yankees fans participated in an enormous blue-and-white ticker-tape parade for the World Series champions.

Thought for Today: "If I have done any deed worthy of remembrance, that deed will be my monument. If not, no monument can preserve my memory." - Agesilaus II, King of Sparta (c.444-360 B.C.)

SPEAKERS

(From Page 3)

Louder, Celeste Louder and Lark Duncan.

Contest dates and regulations were explained by Extension Agents Beverly Harder and Alan Patranello. Serving as moderators during competition were Justin Betzen, Amber Brumley and Jaime Steiert.

Advancing to District competition will be:

Junior Level: Amy Bell and

Dominique Brown, "Pondering the Pond"; Shayla Wilcox and Kristen O'Rear, "The Early Bird Gets the Worm"; Amanda Smith and Alyssa Hill, "Milo Mania-Food Fodder"; Cody Matsler, "From Shag to Shine"; Dawn Auckerman and Seth Hoelscher, "Raisin Ruckus"; Josselyn McClure and Jessica Matsler, "Riding High"; Taylor Tankersly, "Laundry ABC's"; Justin Johnson, "Dressin' Up."

Senior Level: Erin Louder and

Cassidy Hicks, "Is Your Purse Ringing?"; Cindy Harder and Lindsey Ward, "On-Line Active Wear"; Robin Bell and Jaime Steiert, "Welcome by Design"; Erin Auckerman and Kylee Auckerman, "The Cabbage Patch"; Miriam Wilks, Trae Blain, Jodi Wilburn and Amber Brumley, "Bridging the Generation Gap"; Brent Carlson, "Leap to the Future with LEPA"; Justin Betzen, Public Speaking; Craig Campbell, "Let's Avoid a Raw Deal."



Carnival preparations

Residents of Hereford Care Center, Ellen Carter, Dora Barnett and Sally Parmer, help set the mood for a Halloween Carnival which will be held from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday at Hereford Care Center, 213 Kingwood. The carnival will include a cake walk, fishing booth, dart throw, face painting and pin the nose on the pumpkin. Prizes will be awarded for best children's costumes.

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Quiet place

J.D. SanMiguel has found a place where he can relax and work a puzzle at the Deaf Smith County Library. Story time for preschoolers is at 10 a.m. Thursdays. Activity time for 4th-6th graders is at 4 p.m. Mondays and for 1st-3rd graders is at 4 p.m. Tuesdays.

Wedding information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday to be included in the next Sunday Brand. Wedding information forms, as well as those for engagements and showers, are available at the news office, 313 N. Lee.

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Sports

On the Sidelines

District 1-4A Football

Team	District	Season	PF	PA
Dumas	4-0	7-0	191	58
Borger	4-0	6-1	238	122
Randall	3-1	6-2	214	139
Pampa	2-2	3-2	91	119
Canyon	1-3	2-4	120	189
Hereford	1-4	2-7	125	178
Caprock	0-5	3-5	150	188

Last week's games

Friday

Dumas 11, Hereford 6
Borger 37, Amarillo Caprock 20
Canyon Randall 42, Canyon 7
Pampa idle

This week's games

Friday

Borger at Canyon Randall, 7:30 p.m.; Canyon at Dumas, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Pampa at Amarillo Caprock, 2 p.m.

Rodeo Leaders

STEER WRESTLING

1, Frank Davis, Blackwell, Texas, \$70,652. 2, Flope Myers, Van, Texas, \$69,596. 3, Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$62,884. 4, Brad Gleason, Ennis, Mont., \$61,903. 5, Ivan Tolgen, Camp Crook, S.D., \$59,482. 6, Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$56,874. 7, Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., \$54,378. 8, Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$51,915. 9, Butch Myers, Athens, Texas, \$51,030. 10, Kirby Kaul, Canyon, Texas, \$50,889. 11, Todd Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., \$50,559. 12, Victor Deck, Sumner, Ala., \$49,237. 13, Tom Duvall, Henryetta, Okla., \$48,973. 14, Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$46,740. 15, Neil Nelson, Ocala, Fla., \$46,392. 16, Brock Andrus, St. George, Utah, \$45,528. 17, Marvin DuSoo, Lampasas, Texas, \$44,428. 18, Steve Duhon, Sonora, Texas, \$43,082. 19, S-d Steiner, Austin, Texas, \$40,106. 20, Bill Pace, Sonora, Texas, \$39,877. 21, Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, \$35,037.

TEAM ROPING (HEADER)

1, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$63,900. 2, Steve Purdie, Hereford, Texas, \$59,882. 3, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$56,090. 4, Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$46,950. 5, Walt Rodman, Galt, Calif., \$46,116. 6, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$40,211. 7, Bret Boatright, Mulhall, Okla., \$38,524. 8, Rubie Woolsey, Dewey, Ariz., \$37,747. 9, Daniel Green, Valley Springs, Calif., \$37,515. 10, Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$37,284. 11, Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas, \$35,383. 12, Doyle Gellerman, Nampa, Idaho, \$33,361. 13, Randy Polich, Aztec, N.M., \$32,946. 14, Paul Griememan, Worland, Wyo., \$31,101. 15, Richard Eiguren, Jewell, Ore., \$30,729. 16, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$28,820. 17, Joe Beaver, Huntville, Texas, \$27,898. 18, Kermit Maass, Snook, Texas, \$27,810. 19, Vic Morrison, Sand Springs, Okla., \$24,143. 20, Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$23,651.

NHL

Tuesday's Games

Dallas 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Los Angeles 2, Florida 2, tie
Anahaim 2, Toronto 2, tie
Colorado 3, Buffalo 2
Calgary 3, Pittsburgh 3

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

NBA

Friday's Games

Indiana at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Roy gets 335th win
By The Associated Press
Patrick Roy rebounded from his first loss of the season with a landmark victory. Roy made 19 saves for his 335th NHL win as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Buffalo Sabres 3-2 Tuesday night. The goalie moved into a tie with Rogie Vachon for seventh place on the career victory list. "It's a step I guess, and it's fun, but this is not the objective," said Roy (6-1-4), who was coming off a 3-1 loss at Dallas on Saturday. "Most importantly, we won this game." Joe Sakic scored his eighth goal of the season and Eric Lacroix added the clincher for the Avalanche, who remained unbeaten (4-0-3) at home.

Mavericks cut four
DALLAS (AP) -- The Dallas Mavericks waived free agents Jerome Allen, Ike Nwankwo, Carlos Strong and Kevin Whitted on Tuesday, lowering their roster to of signed players to 16. Although all four played in at least one preseason game, none was expected to make the team.

Sports calendar

Thursday
Football
Clovis junior varsity at Hereford junior varsity Maroon, 7 p.m. Whiteface Stadium.
Amarillo Palo Duro freshman "A" at Hereford freshman "A," 5 p.m.
Amarillo Palo Duro freshman "B" at Hereford freshman "B," 6:30 p.m.

South Florida fetes the teal warriors

MIAMI (AP) -- The Florida Marlins threw an all-day party Tuesday that turned downtown into a howling river of teal. The celebrations spilled over to Fort Lauderdale and ended with a rally at Pro Player Stadium, the site of the team's World Series triumph. Beaming players drenched in ticker tape waved from open convertibles while thousands of fans, many dressed in the team's teal blue, cheered and chanted during a parade

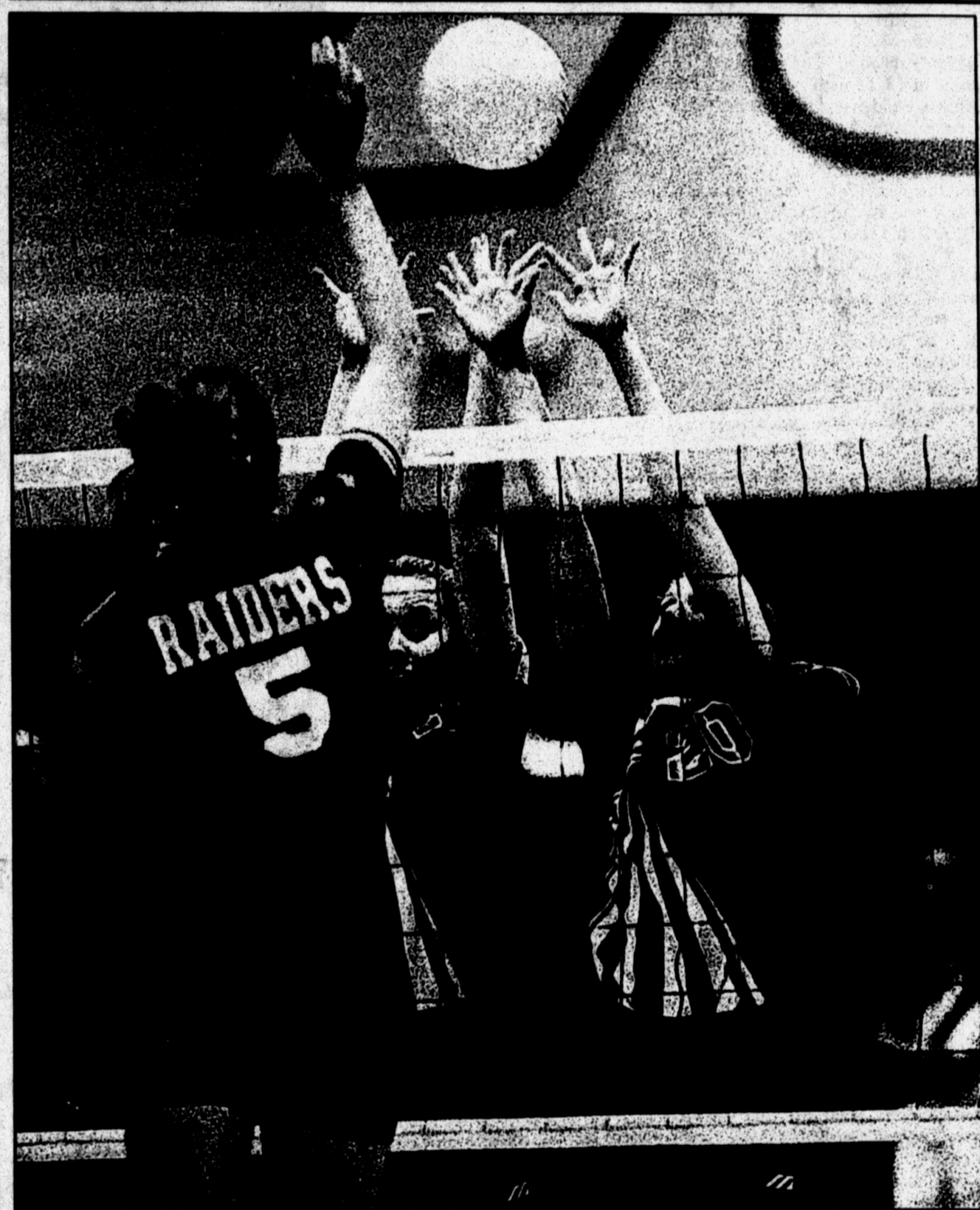
down Flagler Street. South Florida's ethnic friction was put aside as Latin, black and white fans joined in the area's largest, most festive gathering since at least 1987, when Pope John Paul II visited Miami. "This community has come together in a way I haven't seen for many, many years," said Dade County Mayor Alex Penelas, wearing a Marlins jersey. The festivities touched all the

bases. It took the team to Miami's Little Havana in trolleys as fans honked horns and waved flags, then moved 25 miles north to Fort Lauderdale for a boat parade down the New River. The 10-hour celebration began with cloudy skies and flurries of confetti, but there was no rain on the parade. Cuban Livan Hernandez and Colombian Edgar Renteria drew some of the biggest cheers, and many fans

waved flags from those nations. Hernandez, the most valuable player in the World Series, wore sunglasses, a Panama hat and confetti on his check. "I love you, Miami," he said. Slugger Gary Sheffield stood up in his convertible, smoking a cigar, pounding his chest and shouting, "We're No. 1." "To see everybody out here makes us realize what we've done," said Jeff Conine, a Marlins star since their

first game in 1993. The motorcade also included pitcher Alex Fernandez, a Miami native who delayed shoulder surgery to take part; manager Jim Leyland, enjoying his first World Series title after 33 years in professional baseball; and owner Wayne Huizenga, who put the team up for sale in June. Fans pressed against the cars and raised their arms to embrace the team. Please see **TEAL**, page 6

DISTRICT 1-4A VOLLEYBALL



Canyon Randall's Keisha Cornelius (5) and Hereford's Julie Rampley and Tori Walker (20) battle at the net Tuesday night at Caprock Activity Center in the District 1-4A seeding tournament. Photo by Julius Bodner

Herd sacks Randall for No. 1 seed

By BOB VARMETTE
Staff writer
AMARILLO -- Experience. There's no substitute. The Hereford Whitefaces dipped into their immense reservoir of playoff experience while Canyon Randall had nothing to draw on but talent and exuberance. In the end, experience won. Hereford (23-6) outlasted Canyon Randall Tuesday night in front of 750 at Caprock Activity Center in the District 1-4A seeding tournament, 11-15, 15-9, 15-12. With the win, Hereford claims the district's top seed in the Class 4A volleyball playoffs. "I think it (playoff experience) was pretty valuable," said Hereford head

coach Brenda Kitten. "We've played in a few more of these than Randall. I think it gave us more security." Even though it wasn't technically the playoffs, the experience should prove valuable for the Lady Raiders. Randall head coach Shelly Williams and her Lady Raiders are making their first-ever trip to the volleyball playoffs. "We're still improving," she said. "I see us doing things we've worked on in practice. But in a situation like this, we're playing Hereford and they have so much playoff experience. They're the state champions. They've been here before. That's

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Dumas rebounds to claim second seed

By BOB VARMETTE
Staff writer
AMARILLO -- Dumas head volleyball coach Jack Wilson didn't want to go into the playoffs on a down note. After losing to Hereford Monday night in the District 1-4A seeding tournament, he said beating Canyon Randall was more important than getting the No. 2 seed. He got both. The Demonettes outlasted the

Lady Raiders in two hard-fought sets Tuesday night before a crowd of 600 at Caprock Activity Center, 15-12, 17-15. That was after the Lady Raiders lost a hotly contested three-setter to the defending Class 4A champion Hereford Lady Whitefaces. "You want to go into the playoffs winning," Wilson said. "If we lose to Randall, then I think we would have

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Stars edge Rangers, 3-2

NEW YORK (AP) -- Richard Matvichuk scored two goals in a second game of the first period as the Dallas Stars beat the New York Rangers 3-2 Tuesday night. Matvichuk scored at 3:07 and 4:19 of the first period to give Dallas a 2-0 lead. Both goals came with the teams skating four-on-four. On the first goal, Matvichuk caught goaltender Mike Richter off guard and rifled the puck into the net and rifled a second goal.

redirected a shot by Greg Adams past Richter for his third goal of the season. After an apparent New York goal by Alex Kovalev was disallowed because the Rangers had a man in the crease, Dallas took a 3-0 lead with 23 seconds left in the first period on a goal by Joe Nieuwendyk. Nieuwendyk beat Richter with a 35-foot shot after Brian Leetch committed a turnover in the neutral zone.

Hale had better year than Tiger

By RON SIRAK
AP Golf Writer
HOUSTON -- Player of the year honors could be determined this week, but not entirely at the Tour Championship. Tiger Woods has the PGA Tour award wrapped up. But maybe Hale Irwin had the best year in golf. It's too bad there is not a vote for the best overall season, no matter what tour. Then maybe there would be a little more drama surrounding the Tour Championship rather than the feeling

that 30 guys who have already had a good year are looking to pick up one more check. The tension is gone from last year when Tom Lehman, Phil Mickelson and Mark Brooks were fighting it out for Player of the Year. Now it's simply this: Wrap up the award and send it to Woods. Perhaps the loss of drama is a byproduct of Tigermania, especially in the dizzy days after Woods won the Masters by an astounding 12 strokes. Talk was of Grand Slam, double-digit number of victories and \$2 million in

winnings. And some of what was lost was the remarkable year Irwin put together on the Senior PGA Tour. He did more of those things than Woods. While the top 30 money winners on the PGA Tour gather this week at Champions Golf Club to play for the \$720,000 first prize at the Tour Championship, Irwin is playing for a more modest sum in Los Angeles. But he is also playing for history at the Ralphs Senior Classic. For the

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THE BIG TEST Cowboys, 'Niners to battle Sunday

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) -- The San Francisco 49ers built their NFC-best 7-1 mark by rolling through the bulk of their divisional schedule. The going is about to get tougher, starting with Sunday's game against Dallas. "We all understand the caliber of players and the team that they have," 49ers coach Steve Mariucci said Monday. "They're the second-ranked defense in the league, next to ours, so we know we're in for a dogfight. Yards are going to be hard to come by and so are points." Sunday's game renews one of the league's marquee rivalries, pitting teams that have won four of the last five Super Bowls. "You don't have to go very far to figure out that this is a huge game for our organization and for the Dallas Cowboys organization," Mariucci said. "We're playing the football team that most mirrors our organiza-

tion, not in every way but in many ways. "Their organization has five Super Bowls, just like we do. Their organization has a lot of good veteran players, just like we do. They have very high expectations, just like we do. Every person that works here and every fan that follows the Niners knows what kind of week this is going to be. We have to handle it right." Though banged up on the offensive line, San Francisco comes into Sunday's matchup against the Cowboys (4-4) tied with Denver for the NFL's best record. Since a season-opening loss, the 49ers have won seven straight, all against NFC West teams, including Sunday's 23-0 win at New Orleans. "It's not that the teams we've played have been that bad; it's that we made them look bad," linebacker Gary Plummer said. "The Cowboys are going to be a good test for us, the

first real test we've had." Dallas has won three Super Bowls in the '90s, twice beating the 49ers in the NFC title game en route to the championship. The 49ers turned the tables in 1994. Green Bay pushed past San Francisco and Dallas in the NFC in claiming the Super Bowl last season. But the Cowboys particularly have struggled to regain their championship form. They're coming off a 13-12 loss to Philadelphia, their fourth loss this season to an NFC East rival. Quarterback Troy Aikman missed much of the game after a neck strain and a concussion, though he said Monday he expects to play against the 49ers. "It's pretty ironic how this has played out over the years between these two teams," safety Tim McDonald said. "These guys have

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Not this time
Canyon Randall's Keisha Cornelius (5) rejects Lyndi Carlisle's attack as Hereford teammates Julie Rampley and Makesha Rives (4), and the Lady Raiders' Angela Wolden watch Tuesday night at the Caprock Activity Center in the District 1-4A seeding tournament. Hereford won in three sets 11-15, 15-9, 15-12 to earn the district's top seed. Photo by Julius Bodner

District 1-4A Football Statistics

Team	Offense	Total	Avg.	Stumbo, Randall	39	384	10.1	6	Willard, Borger	13	248	19.2	2	Kickoff Returns (min. 5)	Player, team	Rs.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Borger	1598	1315	2901	414.4	Greer, Pampa	114	396	3.2	1	Davis, Canyon	13	318	16.8	3	Vallejo, Hereford	11	33.5	67	1
Randall	1957	837	2794	348.3	Rodriguez, Hereford	43	293	6.6	3	Griffin, Caprock	12	196	16.3	2	Miller, Hereford	7	31.3	50	0
Dumas	1726	551	2277	325.3					Reynolds, Dumas	12	193	16.1	3	Venzor, Dumas	6	28.3	75	1	
Caprock	1088	1429	2497	312.1										Geer, Pampa	5	23.2	51	0	
Pampa	1032	607	1639	234.1										Hulkins, Canyon	17	23.0	40	0	
Canyon	897	785	1682	210.3										Kimball, Randall	6	19.7	34	0	
Hereford	1008	612	1620	180.0										Tindall, Borger	5	18.0	26	0	
														Wilson, Randall	7	18.5	34	0	
														Mitchell, Caprock	8	16.1	35	0	
														Reed, Pampa	9	13.1	26	0	

Dumas

been pretty much done. You have to be winning at this point in the season." Randall had high hopes entering the district seeding tournament. Despite losing to both of District 1-4A's powerhouses, Hereford and Dumas, the Lady Raiders got some valuable experience to take with them on their first-ever playoff run. "I thought we played really well," said Randall head coach Shelly Williams. "We came out tonight and played two tough matches. We went three sets with Hereford and then a tough match with Dumas. These girls never quit. . . . This has been a great experience. I feel like we'll need that."

Dumas (20-9) will face the third-place team from District 2-4A, either Levelland, Wolforth Friendship or Lubbock Estacado, in the bi-district round. Randall (18-10) will play Snyder, the runner-up in District 2-4A, in bi-district at a time and site to

Herd

really valuable." Julie Rampley led Hereford with 14 kills and also had three stuff blocks. Meredith Tabor had 12 kills, two stuffs and 20 assists. Katie Betzen added nine kills and Lyndi Carlisle had six kills. Junior Kristin Fangman was again a force at the net, leading the Lady Whitefaces with four stuffs. Senior Kendra Wright added 18 assists for Hereford. With the win, Hereford will have a bye into the area round. The Lady Whitefaces will play the winner of the San Angelo Lakeview-El Paso Bowie bi-district match. Randall later lost to Dumas and will be the No. 3 seed from District 1-4A. The Lady Raiders will play Snyder, District 2-4A runner-up, in the bi-district round.

Hereford's primary objective wasn't to win the seeding tournament,

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lost some games but they're still very capable. As a team, they're probably more dangerous now. They want to get back on track and what better way than against us? We're going to see the best Cowboys team that we've seen all year." The game also could go a long way in determining the 49ers' standing in comparison to the league's other elite teams. San Francisco has outscored opponents 204-85 in stringing together seven straight wins but the victories have come against teams with a combined record of 9-24. "I think all the doubters are saying the 49ers played a soft schedule and that we haven't really played a strong team," linebacker Ken Norton Jr. said. "Our identity last year was that we couldn't win the big game (going 0-5 against Dallas, Green Bay and Carolina in '96). The more those big games come up, the more we shut up our doubters and gain confidence as we go along. But this obviously is a big game for us."

be determined. In the first game, Dumas took an early 6-2 lead. Randall came storming back, tallying six straight points behind the serve of Crissy Daniels and strong net play from Keisha Cornelius. In the run, Cornelius got a pair of kills and a block. Dumas worked itself back into the lead and won 15-12 using a swarming defense to overcome some lackluster hitting. "We played some great defense," Wilson said. "But we're making too many mistakes. We gave away too many points." Dumas and Randall played the early stages of the second game about as evenly as two teams could, trading points and sides out until Dumas scored five unanswered points to take an 8-3 lead on a kill by 5-10 junior Julie Williams. Williams had 13 kills to lead the Demonettes. Randall fought back, though, shaving the Dumas lead to one at 8-7

Kitten said. It was to improve their level of play in time for the playoffs. The Lady Whitefaces won the No. 1 seed, but they didn't meet that objective, she said. "We were terribly flat. It was pretty much a pride match against Dumas (Monday night) and it took its toll mentally and physically. We saw some of the effects tonight," Kitten said. She added there wasn't just one area the Lady Whitefaces broke down in -- it was almost everything. "Our passing was terribly inconsistent. We were constantly running ourselves out of position. We let countless number of balls fall on the floor. It was a poor effort; it was very frustrating. We had some poor hitting. We weren't serving the ball very well," Kitten said. Did the Lady Whitefaces do anything well?

Hale

record, Irwin is the first player on any single tour to win \$2 million in a season. His nine victories this year ties the seniors record set by Peter Thomson in 1985 and is the most won by a male on the U.S. or European tour since Sam Snead won 11 times in 1950. Mickey Wright won 13 tournaments on the LPGA Tour in 1963. The knee-jerk reaction might be to dismiss Irwin's accomplishments because they came on the Senior PGA Tour. To do so would be to underestimate the mental and physical strain of competing -- and winning. "It's hard to stay on that high as many times as I have this year," Irwin said as he got ready to try for his record 10th victory this week. "Winning, and I don't care at what

when Lisa McPherson stuffed Dumas' Beth Ratliff. Dumas then ripped off five straight points behind the serve of senior Anna Morris getting a lot of help from Randall unforced errors. The Demonettes also got a pair of kills from Ratliff. Down 12-7, the Lady Raiders weren't through. They knotted the score at 13-13 with three kills from Angela Wolden and an ace serve from Crissy Daniels. Both Dumas and Randall had their chances at the end but the Demonettes got the win 17-15 when the Lady Raiders were called for four hits on the match's final point. Wilson said two players, Ratliff and 5-10 sophomore Amy Hanes, were key to the victory. "Beth Ratliff did a great job for us," he said. "She got some key blocks." Hanes was inserted in place of senior Kerri McAllister to counter

"We hung in there," Kitten responded. "We hung in there close enough at the end until we could take advantage of our experience at the end." Williams concurred. She said she never sensed the Lady Raiders were nervous, until the end of the match. "At first, we were OK," she said. "We came out and we won the first game. But we started getting more jittery at the end. We didn't take care of some things. . . . That's a lack of experience." Randall won the first game 15-11, although they had to fight off several Hereford rally attempts. Randall got out to a 7-3 advantage, but the Lady Whitefaces fought back to knot the score at seven-all. The teams fought back and forth until Randall finally pulled away behind the serve of Kati Williams. The Lady Raiders got the winning

Teal

Club president Don Smiley, who is trying to organize a group to buy the team from Huizenga, found the enthusiasm heartening. "I had no idea there was so much interest out here for baseball," Smiley said. "We needed a jump start, and winning the World Series is absolutely what you need." Miami Mayor Joe Carollo told fans he wants to see the Marlins hitting home runs into Biscayne Bay from a waterfront stadium. But it's unclear if any local government is willing to spend \$350 million or more for a ballpark. Public support may be fleeting. The Marlins won the World Series in just their fifth season, and just last month, the team drew only 16,677 fans for an important game.

Randall's height advantage. It paid off for Dumas. "We lose something when we don't have Kerri in the lineup," Wilson said. "We lose her hitting, but we had to do something. They were hitting right over Kerri. Even though she didn't have the stats, (Hanes') presence gave us a defensive advantage against their hitting. All in all, being the second seed isn't too bad, said Wilson. "It's a great spot," he said. "But we're lucky to get it. . . . Some days we're hot and some days we're not. We really did fight. . . . We have plenty of talent. We're still giving away way too many points. If we don't stop, we're not going to be playing very long."

point on a dink from 6-0 junior Keisha Cornelius. Hereford jumped out of a 6-0 lead in the second game and then staked themselves to a 9-2 advantage before Randall started to rally. The Lady Raiders capitalized upon a pair of ace serves from Williams that Rampley couldn't handle, as well as a stuff block from Haley Hartline to close to within two points at 9-7. But the Lady Whitefaces then ran off three straight points on a pair of violations and a Rampley kill to go up 12-7. Tabor and Fangman stuffed Randall's Courtney Gilmore for game point and a 15-9 win. In the pivotal third game, Randall held several leads, at 7-2 early and as late as 12-9. Hereford then tied the game at 12 and got their final two points on a pair of kills by Betzen.

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MANDELA PRESENTS AWARD TO GADHAFI

ZUWARAH, Libya (AP) - South African President Nelson Mandela returned to Libya today to present Moammar Gadhafi with South Africa's highest honor for a foreigner. Gadhafi used the occasion to ridicule the United States and Britain.

The Libyan trip prompted speculation that he might try to mediate an end to 5-year-old U.N. sanctions backed by the United States and Britain. South African officials, however, denied Mandela had any such plans.

Gadhafi himself said Mandela's visit was simply an expression of support for Libya. He reiterated his refusal to turn over the two Libyan agents suspected of masterminding the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people.

The sanctions, which were meant to force Libya to turn over the two men, limit diplomatic contacts, ban arms sales and prohibit flights to and from the North African country.

ATTACKERS BEHEAD CATHOLIC PRIEST

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - A Catholic priest was found beheaded in a forest in northern India, apparently killed for aiding the region's no-caste untouchables, colleagues said today.

A search party from the Australian-run mission that employed the Rev. A.T. Thomas found his decapitated body Monday near Sirka village, three days after Thomas was abducted from the village's meeting place.

He was the third Catholic clergyman killed in the past two years in Bihar, India's least-developed state, where caste-based gang wars have killed hundreds of residents in recent years.

POLLARD ASKS ISRAEL TO NAME HIM AN AGENT

JERUSALEM (AP) - Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard asked Israel's Supreme Court today to force the government to acknowledge him as its agent, taking responsibility for his espionage against America.

Israeli leaders have maintained that Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, passed secret U.S. military documents to Israel in the mid-1980s without official Israeli sanction.

During today's closed-door hearing, a three-judge panel ordered the government to grant Pollard's wife meetings with senior security officials during the next two months, then return for another hearing.

"The government seems to be beginning to realize that it's got to deal with this," Esther Pollard told reporters outside the court.

Pollard's lawyer, Larry Dub, said an Israeli acknowledgment that Pollard was an agent could clear the way for his client's release. Pollard has served 13 years of a life term in a U.S. prison.

SWISS BANKS RELEASE LIST OF HOLOCAUST ACCOUNTS

GENEVA (AP) - Swiss banks released a new list of 14,000 dormant World War II-era accounts today in a sweeping attempt to give back the assets of Holocaust victims.

For the latest listing, supervised by international investigators, 123 banks - including small savings institutions - searched their records to find even small bank accounts.

The latest findings total about \$12.4 million - bringing to \$54 million the total found in unclaimed accounts over the past two years. That is far short of the hundreds of millions of dollars that some Jewish groups assert is missing.

But the banks have said they will add interest according to a formula to be devised by American financial consultant Henry Kaufman.

PAPER, EX-PROSECUTOR SETTLE SUIT

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The *New York Times* has settled a multimillion-dollar libel lawsuit filed last year by a former Philadelphia prosecutor over a story reporting that she hid evidence and kept blacks off juries.

"There is an agreement in principle. We are still working on the final

Keeping an eye on Texas

Fall foliage forecast

Although pictured in black and white below, Texas leaves over the next months will display a burst of autumn colors from yellow and gold to rust and flaming red. In addition to the locations listed, call the Fall Foliage Hotline 1-800/452-9292 for weekly updates on Texas fall color.

Leaves and locations

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settlement documents," *Times* spokeswoman Heidi Pokorney said. Terms of the deal were not released. U.S. District Court Judge Eduardo Robreno issued an order Tuesday afternoon dismissing the case.

Barbara L. Christie, who now works in the legal office of the Pennsylvania State Police in Harrisburg, had sought \$2.1 million, saying the depiction of her in the 1995 *New York Times Magazine* article was false and damaged her reputation with colleagues, judges, police and the public.

Ms. Christie and her attorney, Richard A. Sprague, did not return several messages left for comment.

JONES WANTS TO DROP SUIT AGAINST EX-TROOPER

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - The woman suing President Clinton for sexual harassment wants to drop her claim that a state trooper's depiction of her as an eager mistress tarnished her reputation.

Paul Jones' filed to amend her lawsuit Tuesday, less than two weeks after lawyers for the trooper, Danny Ferguson, began questioning potential witnesses about her past.

Bill Bristow, Ferguson's attorney, has defended the questioning, saying it's his job to "determine what her reputation was."

Ferguson allegedly set up a hotel room meeting in Little Rock between Jones and then-Gov. Clinton in May 1991.

Mrs. Jones' \$700,000 lawsuit alleges that Clinton exposed himself and asked her for oral sex. She was a state employee at the time and claims Clinton later used his influence to land her in a dead-end job.

Clinton has denied the allegations and said he does not recall meeting Mrs. Jones.

POLICE OFFER FOOD IN ILLINOIS STANDOFF

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - State troopers have dropped off a package of food and returned power and water in a goodwill gesture to an armed widow who has kept them at bay in a five-week standoff.

"It's our hope she'll see the package, read the letter, eat the food and again have some calming effect that at some point we could reintroduce someone to talk to the woman," State Police Director Terrance Gainer said.

Allen has been holed up in her farmhouse since Sept. 22, when her brother and Christian County sheriff's deputies tried to bring her in for a court-ordered psychiatric evaluation requested by her family. She brandished a shotgun and ordered them off her property.

STRIPPERS REFUSE TO FORM UNION

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Topless dancers won't be wearing the union label at the Oakford Inn.

Employees of the club in the Philadelphia suburb of Bensalem Township turned down the chance to form the first exotic dancers union in the region by a 31-6 vote Tuesday.

"Management has felt all along that they had a good working relationship with the dancers," said Ken Gilbert, the club's attorney.

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GOP has 'gender canyon'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republicans face a "gender canyon" among middle-aged voters, according to polling data counseling prospective GOP House challengers that many women favor government action in education, health care security and environmental protection.

"Too often we are intent on 'teaching (President) Clinton a lesson' and ultimately boxed in by policy and process and lose the rhetorical debate," said the briefing provided at a candidates' school for potential GOP contenders in next year's congressional elections.

"Too often we seem intent upon putting ideological purity above political reality," added the analysis, presented by Republican pollster Linda DiVall.

DiVall reviewed her polling data with Republican hopefuls gathered at the National Republican Congressional Committee two blocks from the Capitol. "We had about 50 candidates from all over the country," said Mary Crawford, a spokeswoman for the committee, the political organization for House Republicans.

In a telephone interview, DiVall said her presentation was designed to make Republican contenders aware that "the gender gap is a significant electoral problem," yet it can be addressed within wavering from Republican principles if GOP candidates "understand how women react to some of our policies."

As a difference in views between men and women, she cited a question about the potential uses for a budget surplus. A majority of men believe the surplus should go to deficit reduction, while a majority of women believe it should go for tax relief for working families, she said.

The polling was conducted roughly midway between the 1996 elections and next year's balloting, when Republicans will be defending a narrow majority in the House of Representatives.

The GOP currently holds a 227-206 edge in the House, with one independent lawmaker and one vacancy. The vacancy will be filled by special election next week in New York City in a race in which the Republican candidate has pulled ahead in private polling.

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What Others are Saying

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:

Waco Tribune-Herald on IRS reform:

It's telling that the nationwide outpouring of resentment against the abusive treatment of taxpayers at the hands of the Internal Revenue Service caught both Congress and the administration by surprise.

No one in Washington earlier this fall anticipated that a series of Senate Finance Committee hearings that encouraged complaints about the IRS would yield much more than a few political points for the Republicans who control Congress.

Instead, witness testimony from both taxpayers and whistle-blowing IRS agents touched a raw nerve with taxpayers who either have been pushed around by the IRS or who fear they will become the next victims of what they consider a rogue government organization.

Fortunately, the bandwagon for sweeping IRS reform launched by those hearings has even convinced President Clinton, the last holdout, to support legislation to restructure the agency.

After weeks of defending the IRS and opposing the IRS reform legislation unveiled by Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, Clinton made his abrupt turnaround when it became obvious that the White House would be on the losing end of a popular movement that even attracted the support of House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and other Democrats.

It's good that IRS reforms now have solid bipartisan support. Congress needs to work in unison to reform a bullying agency that has developed a culture of arrogance toward taxpayers.

The bill strengthens the taxpayer's hand in tax disputes, gives taxpayers the right to sue for damages caused by negligence and makes it easier to recover legal fees in disputes arising from IRS errors.

The bill also would establish an oversight board consisting of 11 members - eight private citizens appointed by the president, plus the Treasury secretary, the IRS commissioner and an IRS labor union representative. Since Congress for decades has failed to hold IRS oversight hearings, the oversight board is a good idea.

Now that Congress and the administration understand how deeply Americans feel about IRS abuses, the new reforms should be passed and then closely monitored. Some critics warn that portions of the reforms will make the IRS even more intrusive. Others worry that the reforms will hamstring the agency's ability to catch tax cheats.

Another lesson Congress and administration should learn from the public firestorm that erupted following the IRS hearings is that all government agencies should be monitored to ensure that they serve the public, not abuse the public.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on IRS reform:

Before America becomes too excited about a package of "reforms" for the Internal Revenue Service - a bill that has bipartisan support, one that even the Clinton administration says it can accept, passed the House Ways and Means Committee last week on a 39-4 vote - it should be understood that the pending legislation is neither a cure-all nor a blow to the IRS.

Nor, in fact, is it a done deal. Apparently the Senate will not be considering the bill until early next year, and issues such as how to make sure that a proposed citizens oversight board will be neither politicized nor self-serving could yet prove to be stumbling blocks. Indeed, the oversight board, if not carefully designed by Congress, could turn out to be a bigger problem than the IRS.

The IRS has needed changes - especially changes to increase its efficiency (its computer problems are well-documented) and make it more customer-friendly - for years. The administration has begun its own program of IRS reform, and the president's nominee for IRS commissioner, Charles O. Rossotti, brings badly needed management and computer skills to the job.

Frankly, Congress is pushing reform for the political and publicity value. Even the ballyhooed shifting of the burden of proof in tax suits from taxpayers to the IRS will affect only 1 percent of non-compliance cases, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation, and taxpayers still would have to cooperate by providing requested documents.

Meanwhile, the most important changes that could be made would be those enhancing the IRS' ability to provide clear, accurate answers to taxpayer questions. We have to hope that will be one result of the reforms.

Austin American-Statesman on TAAS test:

A courtroom attack on the state's high school graduation exit test may unearth evidence of something rotten in the education system. But we're not convinced the test is the tainted item.

A high school diploma should mean something. Specifically, it should mean that the holder can at least read, write and calculate at a basic level. That was the thinking in the mid-1980s when the state began requiring that Texas students pass a basic skills test, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, before being given a diploma. It still makes sense...

Texas initiated exit testing to address perceived deficiencies in our schools. A decade later we may need to do more. It's unlikely we need to do less.

Houston Chronicle on Medicare whistleblowers:

The dire straits of the nation's Medicare and Medicaid systems have suffered no shortage of publicity in recent months. Medicare could go broke just after the turn of the century, for example, and a big part of the problem has been fraud and abuse. As much as \$27 billion annually may have been siphoned off through fraud and abuse.

A tool to fight that part of the problem, however, has not gotten nearly as much publicity, and perhaps it is time it should.

The Federal False Claims Act as amended in 1986 (also known as "the Whistleblower Act") allows people who have evidence of fraud and abuse to sue on behalf of the government.

The act has been used by citizens in the past to pinpoint fraud in health-care and defense contracting. Earlier this year, in fact, a civil action brought by an accounting clerk and the Justice Department recovered \$325 million in Medicare billings from a health-care conglomerate.

The Whistleblower Act suffers from a lack of attention and from periodic legislative attacks. And contractors - to no one's surprise - have led such attacks.

It is, in effect, a way that "privatizes" the fight against fraud and abuse without adding layers of more government regulation and bureaucracy.

This measure deserves more attention. Supporters are urging Congress to encourage more use of the act. Supporters of the Whistleblower Act are right.

The Dallas Morning News on improving the national infrastructure:

National infrastructure used to mean highways and bridges. Now it also means tangles of computer networks that zip credit card transactions around the world or listen for nuclear tests in distant lands.

That new infrastructure is dangerously vulnerable.

President Clinton recognized the threat when he created the Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection last year. The commission examined five sectors: energy, including oil, gas and electrical utilities; information and telecommunications; banking and finance; transportation and physical distribution systems; and vital human services. The commission's final report, released last this week, should be particularly pertinent to Texas executives in defense, finance and telecommunications companies.

The commission found that computer networks and home computers have made it easier for pranksters, criminals and spies to nose around and tamper with sensitive information and systems.

Infrastructures have also grown increasingly intertwined. That is, electrical utilities depend on computer networks which depend on phone systems, etc. No one knows how a strike against one type of infrastructure will cascade into other areas. Efforts to protect these infrastructures - if they exist - are often fragmented and hampered by distrust, the commission reported. Among the commission's recommendations:

- * Create centers where public and private groups can cooperate on security.

In that environment, industry could discuss infrastructure threats and compare information without fear of anti-trust complaints or exposing weaknesses to competitors or saboteurs. With more information sharing, companies and public agencies could discern orchestrated attacks on infrastructure.

* Encourage all networked computer users to consistently adopt precautions such as frequent password changes. Commissioners recommend that the National Security Agency and the National Institute of Standards and Technology publish a manual of "best practices" for infrastructure security.

* Last, commissioners argue - rightly - that America isn't spending enough on research to detect real-time breaches of security and effective responses. Their proposal, to double annual spending on infrastructure protection to \$500 million, is steep, but the threat is real and potentially catastrophic. Congress should amend the next budget to reflect that threat.

San Antonio Express-News on cutting auto emissions:

When President Clinton last week unveiled an anti-pollution plan to comply with a proposed international global warming treaty, it included vehicle emissions reduction.

Thus, recent announcements about new developments concerning fuel-efficient cars could not be better timed.

But, meanwhile, Americans this year are burning record amounts of gasoline, buying bigger, less-fuel-efficient vehicles and driving at higher speeds.

How soon this nation has forgotten the Arab oil embargo of the mid-1970s - the rising, fluctuating gas prices, gas stations closed at night and long lines at the pumps when they were open.

After reacting to that by building energy-efficient vehicles for a while, Americans the last 10 years have been muscling up again. Half the vehicles sold are light trucks or sport-utility vehicles.

And, reports the federal Energy Information Administration, Americans are burning a record 336 million gallons of gas a day this year, about half from imported oil.

But the new technology may save people from themselves.

A Boston firm announced a breakthrough Tuesday that could lead to pollution-free, energy-efficient electric cars using a fuel cell that produces energy by combining oxygen and hydrogen from gasoline.

Chrysler said it could use the fuel-cell engine to mass produce cars by 2010.

Americans have demonstrated all too clearly that they do not value conserving oil.

But the energy-wasting days, like all benders, will eventually end. And, without the brilliance of new technology, it would end in a nightmare that was previewed in the '70s.

It is vital that Detroit speed up its development and production schedule to mass produce fuel-saving, clean vehicles before Chrysler's 2010 forecast - or face losing this emerging market to the Japanese and Germans.

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Loose lips sink markets

WASHINGTON (AP) - In times of stock market dives, there's not much political leaders can say to make matters better. They just have to be careful not to make things worse.

Offhand comments in October 1987 by then-Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and by then-SEC Chairman David Ruder may have contributed to the magnitude of that market plunge.

President Clinton confronted this predicament Tuesday by focusing on the overall health of the U.S. economy and sidestepping the stock market's record 554-point plunge of the day before.

"I think it neither prudent nor appropriate" for a president to comment on daily or hourly movements of the market, Clinton said even as U.S. stocks were roaring back from Monday's downdraft.

The Dow regained 337 points Tuesday after three straight days of losses. Clinton left most of the explaining to Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who maintained that U.S. economic fundamentals remained strong.

On Capitol Hill, congressional leaders were also treading carefully as they awaited Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's testimony today before the Joint Economic Committee.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., was even cautious on the subject of Greenspan.

"I want to lower expectations," Daschle told reporters. "I don't think we ought to be saying it all rests - the weight of the world and all the economic projections for the next three quarters - on what Alan Greenspan's going to say."

Markets hang, of course, on every word Greenspan utters.

His musing last December over "irrational exuberance" sent shivers along Wall Street. And his comments earlier this month that the economy was on an "unsustainable track" sent stock prices slumping temporarily.

Greenspan, of course, gets high marks from nearly everyone for his calming words - and easing of credit - in the 1987 stock market plunge. But not all lawmakers are Greenspan fans.

As the market was tumbling Monday afternoon, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, was waging a one-man filibuster against two Clinton Fed nominees: Michigan

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economist Edward M. Gramlich and New York banking consultant Roger W. Ferguson Jr.

Harkin asserted that Greenspan was keeping interest rates higher than necessary, given the strong economy, and was hinting at more increases if labor costs escalate. Greenspan's policies "are destroying the broad middle class in America," Harkin told a nearly empty Senate chamber.

To Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., Harkin's harsh words and delaying action against the two Fed nominees - which could put confirmation votes off until next year - is "not wise to do, particularly in light of the shakiness of the stock market."

Meanwhile, the No. 2 Senate Republican, Majority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., viewed the market gyrations as an opportunity to put in a plug for Clinton's embattled proposal for "fast track" trade negotiating authority.

Congress is sending "the wrong signals" to financial markets by delaying a vote until next year, Nickles said. Republicans generally support the measure, but Democratic backing is slight.

Political leaders and their spokesmen are mindful of the ever-present possibility that verbal gaffes can provoke a deeper decline or halt a rebound.

"We want everyone just to take a deep breath and think about where we are," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Monday. "So let's just be calm and reasonable."

During the Oct. 19, 1987, Dow plunge of 508 points, then-SEC chief Ruder's comment to reporters that trading might be halted was widely believed to have led to further panic selling.

And Baker, then the Treasury secretary, made pointed criticism of interest rate increases in West Germany the weekend before. Many analysts contend those remarks further unnerved investors.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, another former economist, had an even flatter take on the subject: "These things happen every now and then."

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Fed chief soothes jittery Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rose sharply again this morning, with the Dow up more than 100 points as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan soothed Wall Street with assurances that the recent market turmoil could actually prove beneficial to the U.S. economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 118.12 points higher at 7,616.44 after the first hour of trading.

Wall Street grew confident that its record gain of the day before might hold up when Hong Kong investors sent the main index there up nearly 19 percent overnight. The rally spread to Tokyo stock market, which rose 3.3 percent, and London, where the main index was up 2.1 percent by midafternoon.

Greenspan, in testimony before Congress this morning, said that in a few years the market's pullback could help the U.S. economy by slowing it to a more sustainable pace.

On Tuesday, the Dow soared 337 points in its biggest one-day gain ever, erasing more than half the previous day's record drop of 554 points.

Trading today slowed considerably from Tuesday's blistering pace,

which produced the heaviest volume in Wall Street history despite some technology glitches that delayed many investors' orders.

Overall, more than 2.8 billion shares changed hands Tuesday on big U.S. exchanges thanks to a crush of investors eager to make deals after trading was halted abruptly by Monday's selloff. The Nasdaq Stock Market became so bogged down that it was unable to calculate its composite index for more than 90 minutes after the close of trading. The New York Stock Exchange had its first billion-share day ever.

IBM's early announcement that it would buy back up to \$3.5 billion worth of its stock was seen as a turning point that erased an early 178-point drop. Companies buy back their stock to tighten the supply of shares, boosting their value and making them attractive to buyers.

The market also drew strength from cool heads among small investors who have become convinced over the years that market drops are merely reasons to buy more, rather than run scared.

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30538P	1997	Mercury	Tracer	10400	\$10,400
30564P	1997	Mercury	Tracer	10400	\$9,960
30587P	1997	Mercury	Tracer	10400	\$9,960
30527P	1997	Mercury	Tracer	10400	\$10,240
30540P	1996	Ford	Contour	11400	\$10,960
30572P	1997	Ford	Mustang	16100	\$14,820
30567P	1997	Ford	Mustang	16100	\$15,889
30454P	1996	Ford	Escort	9300	\$9,300
30599P	1995	Mark	VIII	24300	\$9,320
30590P	1997	Ford	Taurus GL	15400	\$21,410
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30551P	1997	Ford	Taurus	15400	\$14,200
30543P	1996	Mercury	Cougar	14600	\$14,960
30520P	1996	Mercury	Cougar	14600	\$13,605
30519P	1996	Mercury	Cougar	15900	\$13,605
30586P	1995	Mercury	Cougar	12900	\$15,598
21268	1992	Pontiac	Grand AM	9300	\$12,100
21300	1994	Ford	Taurus	10400	\$4,500
21212	1995	Ford	Escort	7600	\$9,600
30578P	1995	Ford	Probe	10625	\$10,130
21309	1993	Chrysler	Fifth Ave.	9850	\$7,880
30524P	1996	Ford	Contour	11400	\$11,115
30535P	1996	Ford	Crown Vict	16950	\$16,778
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21292	1994	Ford	Explorer 4x4	16,800	\$14,912
35245P	1997	Ford	Explorer 4x4	25,800	\$23,994

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21174	1996	Club	Wagon	16,500	\$16,000
35237P	1997	Windstar		19,800	\$19,452
35255P	1996	Villager		17,150	\$16,210
35272P	1998	Windstar		24,500	\$20,480
35268P	1995	Windstar		14,800	\$14,800
21315	1995	Windstar		14,800	\$12,334
21277	1995	Windstar		14,800	\$11,991
21316	1994	Aerostar		12,900	\$11,612
21159	1992	Aerostar		7890	\$7,000
20998	1992	Club	Wagon	12,980	\$10,750

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35265P	1997	Ford	XLT F150	19,650	\$17,423
21283	1995	Ford	XLT F150	16,100	\$15,898
35252P	1995	Ford	XL F150	12,150	\$11,462
21257	1995	Ford	XL F150	12,150	\$11,462
21310	1997	Ford	XL F150	16,200	\$15,415
35267P	1996	Ford	Ranger XLT	11,550	\$10,638
35264P	1996	Ford	Ranger XL	15,400	\$14,861

Stk#	Year	Make	Model	NADA Book Price	Our Price
35256P	1997	Ford	Ranger XLT	14600	\$13,280
21170	1994	Ford	Ranger Splash	8650	\$13,978
21247	1993	Dodge	Dakota 4x4	10,100	\$7,946
21257	1995	Ford	F150	14,425	\$10,000
35257P	1995	Ford	F150	12,650	\$10,625
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