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NEWS

in brief

ASTRONAUT GETS GO-AHEAD FOR STUDY ABOARD MIR

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - After winning an eleventh-hour approval, space shuttle Atlantis and David Wolf, the next American to live on Mir, dashed after the battered space station today for a weekend linkup.

"I hope David remembered his screwdriver to help fix Mir," the astronaut's mom, Dottie Wolf, said moments after Thursday night's liftoff.

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin announced his controversial decision to send Wolf on a four-month Mir mission after mulling over station safety reports. Then he flew down from Washington for the astronaut's night-turned-into-day departure.

"Your son is unbelievable," Goldin told Mrs. Wolf. The gung-ho astronaut told his boss just before the flight, "I thought I was going to go on anyhow and I wouldn't even need your answer."

WHITewater PROSECUTOR SEEKS MORE WHITE HOUSE RECORDS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Moving aggressively following a favorable court ruling, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is pursuing a probe of possible obstruction by subpoenaing White House records of some 50 people, including the president and first lady, lawyers familiar with the matter say.

At the heart of the latest demands from Starr are records of every White House lawyer who spoke to Whitewater witnesses or their private legal counsel, according to the attorneys and other knowledgeable sources.

Starr's investigators are moving on another front, too - appearing before a newly empaneled grand jury in Washington. Deputy Whitewater prosecutor Jackie Bennett declined comment Thursday on the new grand jury.

A recently expired grand jury heard testimony from first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton about the still-unexplained reappearance of her law firm billing records outlining work for the failed Arkansas savings and loan at the center of the investigation.

GINGRICH: CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM UNLIKELY TO PASS IN '97

WASHINGTON (AP) - Campaign finance legislation backed by President Clinton will not become law this year, House Speaker Newt Gingrich predicted as the Senate turned to the overhaul bill following months of delay.

"I do not think it'll pass the House," Gingrich told reporters Thursday. Despite his opposition to the bill, which he said would lead to a "disaster for this country," he said he expected it would be debated on the House floor, reversing earlier opposition to giving it that chance.

Hours later, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., announced debate would begin today on a virtually identical Senate version by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis. That was weeks earlier than expected.

"This is not what we had anticipated," said a happy Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., adding, "We now have a good shot at passing good, meaningful campaign finance legislation this year." The bill has the backing of all 45 Democratic senators and four Republicans.

SPORTSCASTER ALBERT SIGNS OFF ON DEAL; NBC FIRES HIM

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - It was a confident, almost defiant Mary Albert who strode up to the microphones outside the Arlington County Courthouse in the spring and predicted: "I will be proven innocent at trial."

That was before his longtime mistress sobbed on the witness stand and described how Albert violently bit her and forced her to perform oral sex. It was before another woman testified that she, too, had been bitten by Albert in a sexual attack.

That was before millions of television sports viewers learned of his penchant for wearing women's underwear and for pornographic movies and three-way sex.

Inside that same courthouse Thursday, the bravado was gone, the sportscaster's voice barely audible when Albert pleaded guilty to assault and battery, ending the trial that threw a spotlight on his kinky sex life - and left his broadcasting career in tatters.

U.S. PROPOSAL TO ADD GERMANY, JAPAN TO SECURITY COUNCIL STALLS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - A U.S. proposal to add Germany, Japan and three other countries as permanent members of the Security Council was supposed to give a boost to stalled efforts to reform the U.N.'s most powerful body.

Instead, it has unleashed a flood of counterproposals, fueled national rivalries and encouraged those who want to curb the veto power of the United States and the other permanent members: Russia, China, Britain and France.

"The right to veto is incompatible with the general interest," Belgian Foreign Minister Erik Derycke said Thursday. "It should be possible to ... avoid any recourse to this obsolete instrument."

The Security Council, effectively the U.N. board of directors, is the only U.N. body authorized to send peacekeepers abroad. In addition to the five permanent members there are 10 seats that rotate within regions for two-year terms and have no veto power.

Economy's torrid pace slows

WASHINGTON (AP) - Shoppers shunned stores in the April-June quarter but businesses kept the economy advancing at a healthy rate by building their inventories and investing in new equipment at the fastest rate in 14 years.

The gross domestic product grew at a 3.3 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate in the second quarter, the Commerce Department said today.

That's down from a torrid 4.9 percent rate in the first quarter. The deceleration was much more abrupt in consumer spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of the economy. It slowed from a 5.3 percent growth rate in the first quarter to just 0.9 percent in the second.

Bullish spending by businesses on capital equipment from computers to aircraft salvaged the overall growth rate. Capital spending soared at a 23 percent annual rate, the highest since the fourth quarter of 1983.

"Business investment has been very vibrant. Lately this has been a business-driven expansion," said economist Robert Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

Inventory accumulation accounted for about a fourth of the economy's growth in the second quarter and that should restrain the expansion.

"Inventories will be a big drag on growth in the second half," said economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch in New York.

Wall Street showed little reaction to the report. For unrelated reasons, the Dow Jones average of industrial stocks gained 63.36 points in the first half hour of trading to 7,911.37. Bond prices rose too, with the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond, which moves in the opposite direction from the price, falling to 6.36 percent from 6.40 percent.

The overall 3.3 percent growth rate represents a revision from the 3.6 percent estimate a month ago. Smaller export growth than shown last month is the primary source of the revision.

Economists had originally thought second quarter growth slowed more sharply, offering a welcome respite from any buildup of inflationary pressure and postponing any need for the Federal Reserve to dampen economic growth by increasing short-term interest rates.

Last month's report temporarily shattered that thinking, but inflation has been so well behaved that analysts now are convinced that Fed policy-makers will hold rates steady when they meet on Tuesday.

A measure of inflation tied to the GDP rose at a mere 1.8 percent annual rate in the second quarter, the smallest in five years and down from 2.4 percent in the first. Lower energy prices are the main reason for the slowdown.

Many analysts, noting strong back-to-school spending and other signs of a consumer revival, remain convinced the Fed will raise interest rates in November or December. Others believe the overhang of inventories will help fill some of the renewed demand and keep production from overheating at factories.

On average, economists are predicting growth in the second half of this year will moderate to around a 2.5 percent rate. The government's preliminary third quarter estimate is due out at the end of October.

In details from today's second-quarter report, the Commerce Department said spending on housing construction grew at a 7.4 percent rate, government expenditures advanced at a 3.1 percent rate, and imports grew faster than exports, a 20.5 percent annual rate versus 18.4 percent.

After-tax corporate profits rose 1.7 percent from the previous quarter to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$475.3 billion. They increased 2.9 percent in the first three months of the year.

The various changes put the economy's output in the second quarter at a seasonally and inflation-adjusted annual rate of \$7.16 trillion.



Photo by Don Cooper

A mobile home?

A stucco house, escorted by at least two Hereford Police Department patrol cars this morning, moves slowly down Avenue A en route to its new location in the 300 block of Avenue D. Bob Campbell House Moving of Hereford transported the structure.

HRMC has \$1 million 'wish list'

By DONALD M. COOPER
The Brand

Medical equipment isn't cheap - something that's underscored by the \$1,022,939 capital budget approved Monday by the Deaf Smith County Hospital District trustees.

Although the capital budget items represent a "wish list" compiled by the various department heads, many of those wishes are becoming requirements if Hereford Regional Medical Center is to be competitive, according to HRMC administrator Jim Robinson.

In response to a question from a resident attending Monday night's hospital board session, Robinson noted that the life expectancy of a digit R&F unit (X-ray machine) is eight years. The unit at HRMC is 13 years old, he noted.

Although an item's inclusion on the capital budget is not a guarantee it will be purchased, there are some items that are essential and will be purchased, either this fiscal year or the next, he indicated.

The X-ray unit is something the hospital cannot function without, Robinson said. If the administration does begin to negotiate the purchase of a new R&F unit, the budget projects paying \$274,450 to replace the old unit.

Another capital item that likely will go from the "wish list" to the hospital inventory is a new computer system, which is budgeted for \$200,000.

The present system has experienced several failures, and Robinson said it fails to meet the requirements of the federal Health Care Financing Administration

(HCFA), which administers the PIP program. The PIP program essentially provides advance payment for anticipated Medicare/Medicaid patients. On a regular basis, the hospital records are examined, and if the billings are less than the PIP funding, the hospital reimburses the HCFA; if the billings are more than the PIP, the HCFA issues a check to the hospital.

Because all of the billings are entered into the computer, any down time can effectively cost the hospital money.

Robinson said other capital expenditures are for direct patient care, which he said makes these items essential.

Here's a look at the capital budget, by department:

MEDICAL SURGERY

- Blood warmer, \$2,500;
- Patient care lift, \$3,200;
- Telemetry upgrade, \$9,752;
- Shower, remodel from tub, \$3,000;
- 25 Sigma 6000 IV pumps, \$45,000;
- Baby/diaper scale, \$3,000.

EMERGENCY ROOM

- LifePak 9 defibrillator, \$8,295;
- Crash cart, \$1,200;

OB/GYN, NURSERY

- Incubator/transport, \$5,000;
- 2 incubator/isolettes, \$10,250;
- Radiant warmer, \$4,850;
- 6 bassinets, \$1,958;

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Defense spending bill OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is signaling its willingness to accept a \$24.5 billion defense spending bill after lawmakers gave the White House flexibility to stop building B-2 bombers and extend the Bosnia peacekeeping mission.

The 1998 defense appropriations bill was sent to the president after passing by a vote of 356-65 in the House Thursday afternoon, followed a few hours later by a 93-5 vote in the Senate.

It still contains language cutting off funding for the Bosnia troop deployment by June 30 and allowing the president to spend money expanding the B-2 bomber fleet. But companion provisions give President Clinton an escape hatch on both issues.

Clinton can decide to spend the B-2 money repairing and modernizing the existing fleet of 21 B-2s - as he undoubtedly would, given his firm opposition to buying any more of the \$2 billion radar-evading planes.

On Bosnia, Clinton could remove the funding cutoff merely by going to Capitol Hill by next May 15 and explaining why and how the Bosnia mission must be extended.

While the Clinton administration is still examining the bill, officials indicated Thursday that a veto is unlikely.

"We feel now that the Bosnia language fulfills our minimum commitment, so, at least on Bosnia, we no longer have a veto threat from senior presidential advisers," said Lawrence Haas, a spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget.

"We are requiring the administration to clearly articulate our Bosnia policy," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., who drafted the compromise language.

Despite the concession, lawmakers said they still want U.S. troops out of Bosnia by the middle of next year, a pledge the administration this week indicated it may not be able to keep.

Whitefaces to play host to Borger in league opener.

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Sioux warrior going home

LONDON (AP) - The remains of a Sioux Indian chief were en route today to a tribal burial ground near the Black Hills of South Dakota, after spending 105 years in a British cemetery.

Chief Long Wolf's descendants gathered at his grave Thursday in west London's Brompton cemetery, chanting and beating a drum as his body was exhumed.

Long Wolf died of pneumonia in 1892 while traveling with Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West show. He was buried with Star, the 17-month-old daughter of another Sioux Indian, who died when she fell from a horse during a performance in London.

The two were members of the Oglala Sioux tribe, and their single casket was being moved to the

"When I found the grave, I made a promise that he would go home. I know Long Wolf longed to be at home on the foot of his beloved Black Hills."

- Elizabeth Knight

ancestral cemetery at Pine Ridge Reservation close to Wounded Knee, South Dakota, about 60 miles from the Black Hills.

To the beat of a funeral drum and the sound of Sioux chants, the casket was borne on a black cart pulled by two black horses. Wearing feather bonnets and bright Indian jackets and blankets, relatives and a shaman walked behind.

The coffin, covered by a Sioux flag and the Stars and Stripes, was taken to a nearby church for a service

of thanksgiving. More than 200 parishioners joined the family for the ceremony, during which the tribal medicine man, Wilmer Mesteth, said prayers to the four winds on which the chief's soul will travel when he is finally laid to rest on the reservation.

Long Wolf's great-grandson John Lack Feather, who wept through much of the service, said later: "I don't know how to thank our friends

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Local Roundup

Jr. Class supper

The Jr. Class has been cooking up good things for their annual supper. This year the class will be serving brisket, beans, cole slaw, cobbler and drinks. Cost is \$4 or \$4.50 carryout. Serving begins tonight at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Increasing cloudiness

Tonight, increasing high cloudiness. Low in the upper 50s. South wind 10-20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High 85 to 90. Southwest to west wind 10-20 mph. Saturday night, mostly cloudy and breezy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low 50 to 55. 3 to 5 day forecast, Sunday, breezy and cooler. Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. High 65 to 70. Monday, partly cloudy. Low 45 to 50. High 70 to 75. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Low near 50. High in the lower 70s.

Agriculture Briefs

An election of a soil and water conservation district director to serve in Zone 5 of the Tierra Blanca Soil and Water conservation district is scheduled for 8:30, Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Farmer's Elevator, five miles north of Dawn on State Highway 809.

In order to serve a four year term as a director for Zone 5 of the Tierra Blanca SWCD, the person must be at least 18 years old, an eligible voter, actively engaged in farming or ranching, own land within the zone and be a resident of the county all or part of which is included in the conservation district.

Zone 5 consists of that portion of Deaf Smith County lying east of a point on the Castro County line south of the southwest corner of Section 48, block M-7, and running north to a point on the Oldham County line north of the northwest corner of Section 15, block K-5.

The purpose of the Tierra Blanca SWCD is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers, and local community entities on conservation matters.

All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator or other potential users of the SWCD's programs.

News Digest

TEXAS EXECUTES MAN FOR DOUBLE KILLING

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - A jury took seven minutes to convict Benjamin Stone of killing his ex-wife and stepdaughter two years ago and seven minutes to decide he should be put to death.

On Thursday evening, the former plumber was pronounced dead seven minutes after lethal drugs began flowing into his arms, an execution Stone insisted he wanted since the July 1, 1995 slayings.

Stone, described by his trial attorney as "happy as a clam" when the jury decided on the death sentence, had refused legal help and refused to have appeals filed on his behalf.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's the only way I'll find peace of mind," Stone said in an interview last week.

He said nothing from the death chamber gurney, shaking his head when asked by the warden if he had a final statement. A few feet away, watching through a window, two sisters stood holding hands, one of them crying and trembling.

Stone's execution was the second this week in Texas and 28th this year, adding to a record number of executions in the state in 1997. Another is scheduled for next week.

JUROR WHO BACKED OUT ORDERED TO ATTEND TRIAL

HOUSTON (AP) - A man who was selected as a juror in a robbery case and then asked off the jury because he feared the stress would be harmful to him because of his blood pressure is going to be at the trial anyway.

Elwood Wise is not a juror, but District Judge Debbie Mantooth Stricklin ordered him to sit in the courtroom and watch the entire trial.

Wise was selected for the home invasion robbery case on Tuesday. The judge had asked prospective jurors several times to speak up if there was any reason they could not serve on the jury.

Wise didn't say anything and was selected with 11 others and told to return Wednesday for the start of the trial.

The juror then told the judge about his high blood pressure just before the trial was to begin. He told her he could not sit in judgment of another person, a statement that would have disqualified him from service the day before.

AIRLINER, PRIVATE JET IN NEAR-MISS OVER DALLAS

DALLAS (AP) - A Southwest Airlines jet had to take evasive action when a business jet turned into its path 2,500 feet over downtown Dallas, according to Federal Aviation Administration officials.

"It was close," said Doug Murphy, air traffic division manager for the FAA's Southwest Region.

Authorities said Flight 858 from San Antonio was on final approach to Dallas Love Field at 7:55 a.m. Thursday when a Lear 35 turned slightly less than a mile in front of it.

The jet went into a sudden climb after a collision warning sounded on the Southwest Boeing 737.

An investigation has been launched by the FAA Murphy said. A preliminary report indicated that the controller who was in charge of both airplanes "may have forgotten the Southwest jet was there," he said.

COMMISSION EYES STATEWIDE USE OF FORCE RULES

AUSTIN (AP) - A state agency has begun a months-long process to require counties to draft formal policies on the use of force against jail inmates.

But four of the Texas Jail Standards Commission's nine members say such a requirement wouldn't have prevented alleged abuses videotaped more than a year ago at a county jail in Brazoria County.

That jail is run by Capital Correctional Resources, Inc., a Jackson, Mississippi-based private prison company.

"Another written policy is not going to prevent something like this," Carmella Jones, a jail standards commission member and the Armstrong County sheriff said during a commission meeting Thursday.

"More knowledge and training and mandatory training on the use of force would do more to prevent it than a file cabinet full of policies," she said.

FORMER OFFICERS FREE ON BOND

McALLEN (AP) - Three ex-lawmen accused of taking bribes to help drug traffickers smuggle marijuana are free on bond today after they were admonished against threatening anyone associated with the case.

The stiff warning was issued Thursday by federal magistrates after prosecutor Terry Leonard disclosed he had videotapes in which one suspect discusses "past violence that he's committed."

The revelation came at a detention hearing for former Donna police Sgt. Homero Cisneros Gallardo. He is accused with six other men of helping drug traffickers smuggle about 1,700 pounds of marijuana into South Texas.

One of the men was expected to turn himself in today.

Leonard declined to provide further information about the tapes. But Gallardo's attorney, Jack Wolfe, told the court the tapes were several years old and that his client was "not going to run or persist in any of these types of activities."

PARTIES IN TOBACCO SUIT DON'T WANT GAG ORDER

AUSTIN (AP) - The federal judge presiding over Texas' \$14 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry is being urged not to impose a sweeping gag order that could silence lawyers and others involved in the upcoming trial.

"Fundamentally, such an order would significantly impede the ability of the citizens of Texas to observe the actions of their government in this case," argued lawyers for Dow Jones & Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal.

Under age drinkers face stiff penalties

New law aimed at curbing young drinkers

AUSTIN (AP) - State lawmakers want underage drinkers to take note: If they're caught, Texas is throwing the book at them.

A new law levies tough penalties for anyone under 21 caught with any detectable trace of alcohol in their system.

"This is a serious new law that we hope will serve as a deterrent for young people," Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, who sponsored the legislation, said Thursday. "This law makes a difference, but it makes the most difference when people are aware of it."

The state's "zero-tolerance" law went into effect Sept. 1 and says that underage drinkers will face criminal penalties and the automatic suspension of their license.

The crime is a Class C misdemeanor or on the first offense, punishable by a maximum fine of \$500 and an automatic driver's license suspension for 60 days.

The law eliminates a provision

allowing people under 21 to drive with a blood-alcohol content of 0.07 and replace it with a zero-tolerance standard.

"Zero-tolerance laws have been created to prevent underage DUI (driving under the influence) crashes and untold injuries every year by deterring teens from drinking and driving under the powerful threat of loss of their license," said John Lawn, chairman of The Century Council, which is sponsoring a \$200,000 public awareness campaign about the law.

The Century Council unveiled posters with the slogan "You Drink, You Drive, You Walk," that will be distributed to high schools, universities and state offices across the state.

Lawn also presented a humorous television commercial that tells teen-agers about the law. "It's tough! It's new! And - if you're under age - it's just for you," the commercial announcer says. "Here's your chance to double date with mom and dad."

Lawn said the council decided to take a light approach to the commercial because that is how teen-agers relate to their peers.

"We had to be careful not to preach to young people," Lawn said. The commercials will be shown during time set aside by television stations for public service announcements.

The bill also increases the penalties, including driver's license suspension, for selling alcohol to someone who is under age and for purchasing alcohol for someone under 21.

Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, said he is still concerned about law enforcement's ability to accurately measure a zero blood-alcohol content.

"As an engineer I know that zero is a hard number to measure," Madden said.

He said depending on the sensitivity of the equipment, it would be possible to pick up traces of

cooking sherry.

"If you had strong enough equipment, you would be able to find alcohol in their system, whether they had drunk in two years or not," Madden said.

Congress has mandated that states adopt a "zero-tolerance" law by Oct. 1, 1998, or face the loss of \$38.5 million in federal highway funding over the next two years.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission also announced a new statewide alcohol education program, Project SAVE (Stop Alcohol Violation Early), Thursday that targets students in elementary, middle and high school levels.

"Project SAVE teaches young Texans not only to avoid alcohol use because it is illegal, but also equips them with the skills necessary to resist peer pressure," said TABC agent Kirk Dalchau.

The program will include the use of videos, role playing and extensive student involvement.

HOPE frees tuition at community colleges

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - While the centerpiece of his education agenda falters in Congress, President Clinton can claim one victory: New data show that his HOPE scholarship program will make community college tuition free to students in seven states.

The president was traveling from Arkansas to the San Jacinto Community College in Pasadena, Texas, today to outline the benefits students can claim beginning in January. He also planned to urge Congress not to scale back his other proposals for tuition assistance.

He was armed with an Education Department analysis, released today, that showed the new HOPE scholarships would fully cover community college tuition and fees in seven states - Arizona, California, Hawaii, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Carolina and Texas.

Students in New Hampshire, where the estimated \$3,000 tuition for 1998-99 is the nation's highest, the maximum scholarship tax credit would cover a little under half.

The scholarship, which students can apply for starting in January, provides a maximum of \$1,500 per year to families with incomes under \$80,000.

Clinton was promoting the government help two days after the College Board reported an average 5 percent increase this year in tuition and fees at four-year colleges.

"It points to the need for continued assistance for those families and students who want to seek opportunities for higher education," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

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- Medication cart, \$1,095;
- OPERATING ROOM**
- Sterilization scopes, \$17,390;
- O/R table, \$30,000;
- Portable monitor, \$8,000;
- O/R lighting system, \$40,000;
- AMBULANCE**
- Education equipment (grant), \$3,310;
- 4 portable IV syringe pumps, \$10,780;
- Overhead door (north), \$1,200;
- 2 stretchers, \$2,430;
- LABORATORY**
- Cell washer/Blood Bank, \$6,500;
- Microscope Objectives, \$3,000;
- Urine centrifuge, \$3,500;
- Lab system workstation, \$9,000;
- Dry-Bath incubator, \$1,000;
- CO2 incubator, \$30,000;
- X-RAY**
- Mammograph unit, \$77,500;
- Ultrasound upgrade, \$92,000;
- Digital R&F unit, \$274,450;
- X-ray tube, \$15,000;
- Air conditioning, sonogram room, \$4,000;
- RESPIRATORY**
- Carbon dioxide monitor, \$5,700;
- Carbon monoxide monitor, \$1,200;
- PHYSICAL THERAPY**
- Parallel bars, \$500;
- CARDIAC REHAB**
- Finger pulse oximeter, \$665;
- DIETARY**
- 3-door pantry refrigerator, \$3,000;
- 2-door production refrigerator, \$3,000;
- Steam table, \$10,000;
- PLANT OPERATIONS**
- HRMC roof repair, \$6,000;
- Air conditioning, R&F room, \$6,000;
- Roof repair, Allsup's, \$2,500;
- Remodel boiler room, \$2,500;
- Sprinkler system, east grounds, \$10,000;
- Water line repair, \$10,000;
- PERSONNEL**
- Printer, \$300;
- Time & attendance system, \$25,000;
- BUSINESS OFFICE**
- Computer, M/D followup, \$1,300;
- Air conditioning, Admissions, \$3,500;
- Storage shelving, \$1,000;
- ADMINISTRATION**
- Computer system, hospital, \$200,000.



Certificate presented

Pete Holcombe, right, president of Hereford Lions Club accepts a certificate of appreciation from past district governor Bob Lawrence of Amarillo on behalf of Lions World Services for the Blind. The presentation recognized the support of the Hereford Lions Club for the rehabilitation program for the blind and visually impaired.

Texas gets multi-million dollar water funding package

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal government would spend nearly \$108 million on water improvement projects in Texas next year under a spending package hammered out by House and Senate negotiators.

Among the biggest-ticket Texas items included in the 1998 energy and water development appropriations conference report is \$20 million to begin the job of widening and deepening the Houston Ship Channel.

Houston-area lawmakers expressed satisfaction Thursday at the funding level, which marks a compromise between the nearly \$24 million approved earlier by the House and the \$15 million OK'd by the Senate.

"This construction project is an investment not only in Houston's future but also in the economic viability of our country," said Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, noting that the port of Houston provides \$5.5 billion in annual business revenue.

Echoed Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land: "The Congress has recognized that the port is a critical economic

lifeline between our nation and the rest of the world."

The expansion will improve safety in the ship channel and allow for the passage of larger ships. The work, which is the first step in a \$341 million project, marks the first major expansion of the ship channel in 30 years.

The conferees meeting to iron out differences in the House- and Senate-passed spending bills wrapped up their work Wednesday night. Now, the compromise bill goes back to both chambers for final passage.

Rep. Chet Edwards, the only Texan on the energy and water development appropriations subcommittee and the conference committee, hailed the Texas funding. "I think Texas does very well in this legislation," he said.

The Waco Democrat persuaded his colleagues to earmark \$510,000 for the study of flooding and water quality problems in the Brazos River watershed affecting Lake Waco and other lakes.

"There've been days over the past

year where you could smell Lake Waco before you saw it, and that's of great concern to people in our community," Edwards said. The review will be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Brazos River Authority.

Another big-ticket earmark is the \$20.6 million set aside to complete repair of the Twin Buttes dam near San Angelo. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, applauded the action. "After years of fighting for San Angelo with the federal Bureau of Reclamation, full federal funding for this very important project for Tom Green County is close to being made final," he said.

Beyond the ship channel, other Houston-area projects were funded, including \$13 million toward the \$312 million cost of the Sims Bayou flood control project. The work will consist of 19 miles of channel enlargement and erosion control.

"It is imperative that we speed up the Sims Bayou project to better safeguard nearby neighborhoods from chronic flooding," said Rep. Ken Bentsen, D-Houston.

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burial. Intrigued by the story, she tracked down his relatives.

"When I found the grave, I made a promise that he would go home. I know Long Wolf longed to be at home on the foot of his beloved Black Hills," Knight said.

Long Wolf, according to family legend, was among the warriors who wiped out Gen. George Custer's 7th Cavalry at the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876, but ultimately was defeated. Rather than join his fellow Sioux in subjugation, Long Wolf joined Buffalo Bill's troupe.

who have reunited us with Long Wolf and Star."

Long Wolf's 87-year-old granddaughter, Jessie Black Feather, also attended the service. Her mother was 12 when Long Wolf died and she returned to the United States.

The body, however, remained in Britain and as the years passed, the family lost track of where it lay.

A British woman, Elizabeth Knight, came across a book in an antique market that contained a lament on Long Wolf's tragic life and

Obituaries

Meagan Evelyn Narrell

Sept. 24

Meagan Evelyn Narrell, infant daughter of Britt and Daphne Narrell of Hereford died Wednesday in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Tom Fuller officiating. Private family burial will be in West Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Meagan was born in Amarillo. She is survived by her parents, a brother Blake Lawrence Narrell; twin sister, Katie Carole Narrell; grandparents, William "Bill" and Evelyn Narrell of Amarillo and Tommy and Madeline Rosson of Hereford; two great grandmothers, Edith Miller of Jacksboro and Willie Rosson-Burford of Hereford; great grandfather, Bill Turner of Friona.

The family asks for memorials be made to the Northwest Texas hospital Neo-natal ICU.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Emergency Services

Activities reported by local law enforcement include:

Police Department

Arrests

--A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue H and charged with driving with a suspended license.

--Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of Brevard.

--Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

--Theft was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

--Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Avenue G.

--Criminal trespass reported in the 300 block of Avenue B.

--One minor accident reported.

--No traffic violations reported.

--Two cuff tickets issued.

--No fire calls reported.



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Lifestyles

Program features outdoor decorating items

Enjoying the beauty of the outdoors through the winter months can be achieved with minimal effort.

Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, will present two identical sessions on Monday, designed to give program participants decorating ideas using outdoor items. Participants can

choose either of the sessions that will be presented free of charge.

The first session will be held in a "Lunch and Learn" format at 12 noon. Iced tea and coffee will be provided and each participant is encouraged to bring a sack lunch with them. The program will begin promptly at 12:10 and end at 12:50.

The second session will be held that evening beginning at 7. Both sessions will be held in the west side banquet room of the Community Center.

The program will explore ways to preserve, refresh, arrange, coordinate and create with items found outdoors

to grace the beauty of the indoors.

This program will begin a series of programs for area residents that will be sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Extension Service Family Living Committee of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The next program will be on Oct. 27 and will be a Fall Cooking Extravaganza.

Hunsacker receives most votes from Toastmasters

Hereford Toastmasters voted Breck Hunsacker as best speaker, Rick Jackson as best evaluator and Margaret Del Toro as best topic speaker at the Thursday morning meeting at the Ranch House.

Hunsacker spoke on "Decision Making Made Decisively Easy" and was evaluated by Jackson.

Mike Morrison was the other speaker for the meeting. His speech titled "Hoover Dam" was evaluated by Dan Hall.

Del Toro won as best topic speaker for her impromptu presentation on "Changes in race relations in the next 40 years."

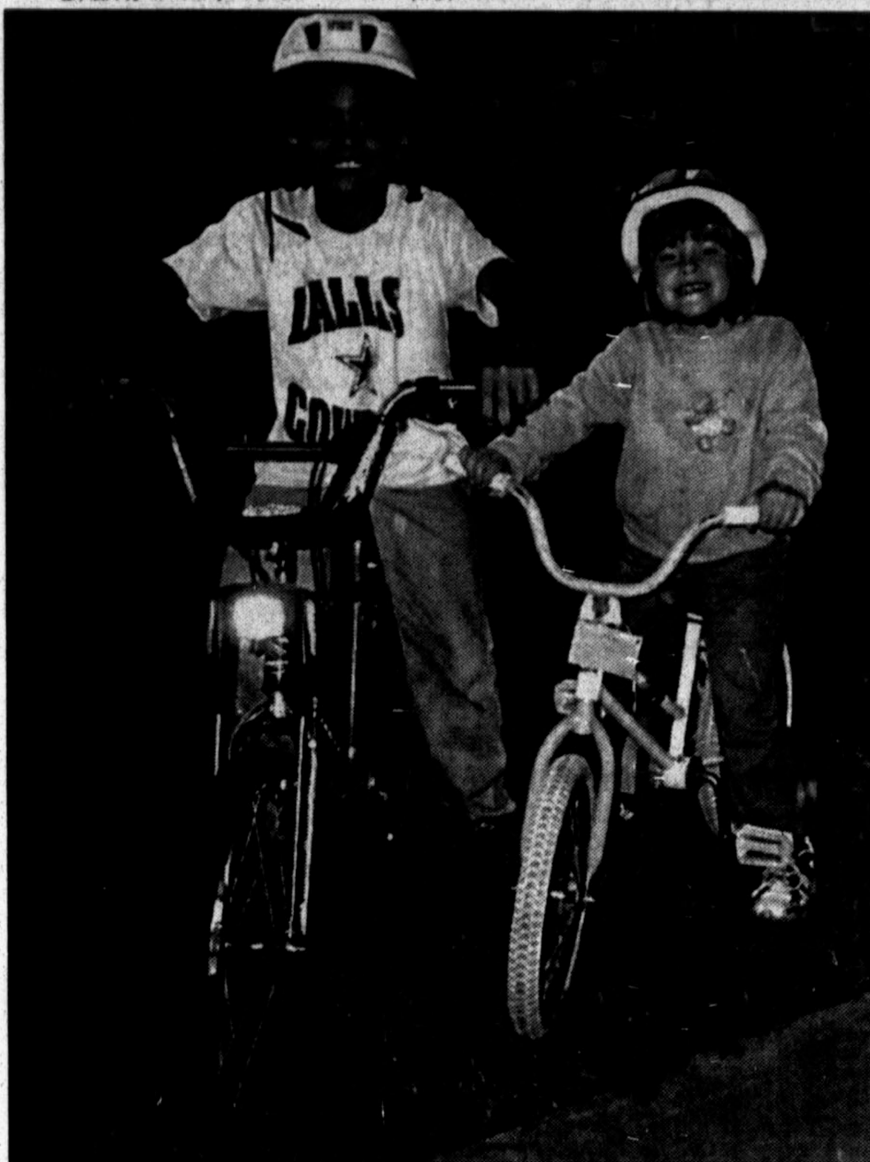
Topics selected by topicmaster Jigger Rowland for other topic speakers were Jackson, "Changes in education in the next 40 years";

Sharon Cramer, "Changes in the religious structure 40 years from now"; and Hall, "What will the food production system be in 40 years?"

Hall served as presiding officer; Del Toro as toastmaster; Adolfo Del Toro, timer; Cramer, AH counter and grammarian; and Jackson, wordmaster, introducing the word "delectable".

Guest at the meeting, in addition to Adolfo Del Toro, was Michael Morrison.

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Dressed for safety

Hereford High School Anchor Club is hosting a Bicycle Safety Clinic for all children in kindergarten through 6th grade from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the HISD Administration parking lot. Bicyclists will have a chance to participate in a safety awareness obstacle course and undergo a bicycle inspection conducted by Boy Scout Troop 50. Pictured are Logan and Jennyfer Kimmel getting ready. Free cokes and candy will be provided for refreshments by the Hereford Pilot Club.

Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D

Breakfast

MONDAY-Pancake with sausage on a stick; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, diced peaches, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Breakfast taco; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, grape juice, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, cherry muffin square; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, banana, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Sausage patties, biscuit with jelly; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, mixed fruit, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Cheese toast; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, orange wedges, milk choice.

Lunch

MONDAY-Chicken strips with gravy, fluffy potatoes, green peas, hot peach cobbler, whole wheat rolls, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Submarine sandwich, potato wedges with catsup, baked beans, orange cream bar, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Ground beef with macaroni, cabbage, apple and raisin salad, seasoned corn, pear delite, cornbread, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Beef enchiladas, lettuce and tomatoes, seasoned beans, Spanish rice, sliced peaches, cowboy bread, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, burger salad, oven fries with catsup, fresh fruit salad, oatmeal raisin cookies, milk choice.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-Pigs-in-a-blanket, tator tots; carrot sticks, banana pudding, milk.

TUESDAY-Chili beans, French fries, coleslaw, cherry cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande, pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Baked chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding, milk.

FRIDAY-Canadian bacon pizza, corn, tossed salad, fruity Jello, milk.

Masonic Lodge to host car show

Entries are now being accepted for a car show to be held Oct. 4 in the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn. Hereford Masonic Lodge will sponsor the event from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Eligible vehicles include classic, antique, modified or any other vehicle

the owner would like to display. Entry fee is \$10 per vehicle.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

For additional information, contact Robin Ruland at 364-5055.

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Church News

HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The congregation of the Nazarene Church cordially invites you to join us at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School and 10:30 a.m. for worship. Pastor Ted's sermon is "Forgiveness With No End" based on Matthew 18:21-22.

This Sunday night is our Prayer, Praise and Fasting Service. We hope you will come and share your prayer requests as we lift up our community's needs to the Lord. All are welcome to join us at 6 p.m. or as soon as you can come.

Children, come and join Pastor Carol in Children's Church Sunday. She will teach on the woman who knows how to pray in the lesson "The Prayer Warrior - Esther." Power point this week is: Prayer changes things. Don't miss this exciting story. There will also be fun and fellowship.

Teens, we would like to invite you to join us at 9:30 for our new junior high Sunday School class with Cathy Bunch and senior high Sunday School class with Jim Pope. We also invite you for Sunday night Care Groups: 7th-8th grade ladies at 107 Nueces; 9th-10th grade ladies at 244 Douglas; 11th-12th grade ladies at 710 Cherokee; 7th-8th grade men at 107 Centre; and 9th-12th grade men at the Church in the Nazare Rock.

Join us at Nazarene Kid's Korner on Wednesdays and Fridays for kid's day out. All children are welcome to come and share in the fun, the games and exciting outings we enjoy. Call 364-8161 for more information.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

"The Hard Work of Being a Christian Community." That is the title of Pastor Stone's sermon for Sept. 28. The pastor would prefer to talk about the easy work of being a Christian community but the lectionary texts will not allow that. The sermon is based on James 5:13-20 and Mark 9:38-50.

Wondering out loud, Pastor Stone will invite the congregation to consider: "Can a church survive on corporate worship alone?" "As a group, how interconnected are we to be?" "Is one person's 'wandering from the truth' a personal or corporate matter?" "How is a church to care deeply for one another yet avoid becoming exclusive?" And... "Is Carl Sandburg correct in identifying 'exclusive' as the ugliest word in the English language?"

The Fellowship of Believers is a church that longs to be inclusive even when being exclusive is tempting and would be the easier way. The congregation would like to share love and life with any interested in exploring this hard work of being a Christian community.

The church gathers around coffee and homemade pastries at 9:17 a.m. "Forum," an open-discussion-style Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:33 a.m. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. and concludes no later than 11:30 a.m.

A supervised nursery is available for all services.

Fellowship of Believers is located at 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman). For transportation to the services phone 364-0359.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

6 miles west on Hwy. 60
The pastor, Bro. Ellis Parson, and congregation of Summerfield Baptist Church invite you to worship with us at 10 a.m. Sunday for Sunday School, 11 a.m. for morning worship and at 6 p.m. for evening Bible study.

Our Wednesday evening worship is at 7 p.m. Sunday evening and Wednesday evening, Bible study will be led by Bro. Ellis.

This Sunday, the church will view a video on state missions, "State of Grace," led by th WMU ladies. The preaching service will follow.

At 6 p.m. Wednesday, there will be an Actem meeting at the church for junior high and high school girls. For more information or to make arrangements for a ride, call 357-2535.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

401 Country Club Drive
Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

The following is the regular schedule of services.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday evening prayer service is at 6 p.m.

Gospel singing will be held the last Sunday of each month starting at 5 p.m.

A nursery is provided during all services. Pastor Wiggins says, "Come and experience what God is doing here - a church where the Spirit is alive and God is moving by His power, a church full of love where you are somebody and Jesus is Lord."

Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

You are cordially invited to join us for our Sunday morning service to experience worship that heals, preaching that inspires, and ministry that uplifts and delivers. Our Sunday morning service begins at 10:45 and has a simultaneous Children's Church service for kids in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Our Sunday school classes, for all ages, begin at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided for all services.

Your kids will love our Missionettes and Royal Rangers (scouting programs for girls and boys). They meet each Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. They have campouts, sleepovers, earn badges, do crafts, and much more, yet are distinctly Christ-centered.

On Wednesday night is our dynamic Prayer and Bible service characterized by praise and worship, followed by in-depth teaching from the Word of God. Since all Christians are to represent Christ daily, a midweek service is beneficial to "recharge" for the remainder of the week. The service starts at 7 p.m.

While the adults enjoy the Wednesday night service in the sanctuary, the youth gather in the Fellowship Hall for their own Youth Service (at 7 p.m.) where they study the Word, praise, have sports, and refreshments. Your youth will enjoy the company of this on-fire group.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Sunday in our 10:30 a.m. worship time, the Rev. Jeremy M. Grant will preach on Galatians 5:1-12 and the Gospel Matthew 7:21-23. The title of his sermon is "What Really Counts."

You are more than welcome to join us for Bible study in one of our Sunday morning classes at 9:15. We have a nondenominational class for people with special needs. We also have classes for young married and singles, other adults, youth, elementary age, preschool and a nursery.

At 10:10 a.m., we gather each Sunday for a cup of coffee, a goodie and great fellowship. Come and meet a friend this Sunday.

The First Presbyterian Prayer Group gathers for the lifting of joys and concerns to God at 6 p.m. on Mondays.

Little Blessings Day Care is open from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Space is limited, call for a reservation, 364-2472.

The worship committee will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Adult Choir will practice at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Note time change. LOGOS are at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call the church office from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. at 364-2471.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

100 Avenue B
Located at 100 Avenue B in Hereford, our Sunday School classes for all ages meet at 10 a.m. The theme of our adult Bible class this Sunday is "God Comfort for Troubled Christians."

We meet for Christian fellowship briefly with refreshments before the 11 a.m. worship celebration. Special hymns have been selected which focus on the sermon theme: "Me? A Christian Witness?" based on the Bible text of Acts 1:8 and Revelation 1:4-8.

We invite your input into our congregational survey as we are in process to decide the hours on Sunday for our Sunday School and worship times. In our Strategic Planning we also are evaluating the challenges and needs of our community and how Immanuel can best serve the community of Hereford. Favorite hymn survey is also being compiled.

Youth and parents are invited to attend the orientation-information session being held for Concordia University, Austin, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5005 I-40 West, Amarillo at 3 p.m. For transportation, please notify the church office.

On Wednesday, we continue our Bible discussion survey course, GOD FOR US, an introduction to Lutheran teaching. Topic this week: The Christian Church and where do I fit in.

In case we can serve your spiritual needs or wish to make appointments for counseling or need further information about the church, please call Pastor Robert Kuhlmann at 806-383-7700 or Immanuel Lutheran, Hereford, 364-1668.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregation of Westway Baptist Church invites you to come and visit. We have visiting ministers each week. God has blessed us with men of great experience and training. Each Sunday is a joy as each shares the message given to them for us.

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages. Worship follows at 11 a.m. The music program of our church will thrill you as members serve together to praise in song.

We may be reached at 289-5203 if we can be of any service to you.

We will look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregation of Avenue Baptist Church, located at 130 North 25 Mile Avenue, invites you to worship with us.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship follows at 11. Sunday evening worship begins at 6. The choir meets for choir practice from 8-9 p.m. on Monday. Wednesday night Prayer Service is at 7.

Due to the road construction some of the parking lot entrances are closed, but you can enter the north parking lot from Union Street.

There's a place for you at Avenue Baptist Church if you are looking for a church home and a place to serve God.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Worship liturgies at St. Anthony's Catholic Church are Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. All persons in the community are welcome to come and pray and sing and fellowship with us. This weekend is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Liturgy of the Word will come from the Book of Numbers 11:25-29, James 5:1-6 and Mark's Gospel 9:38-48.

Animals (especially children's pets) will be blessed in the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, at 2 p.m. Oct. 3, on the St. Anthony's School playground. Msgr. Blum will offer a blessing prayer and bless them, in the name of their creator.

A social with dinner and games for those in St. Anthony's Parish who are 50 years and older will be held in the Antonian Room Saturday evening, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m.

Michael Harter of Amarillo will come and give an interesting teaching on 2000 years of church history, from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 1 in the Antonian Room. All of Hereford is invited. Harter is an expert in this special part of history and makes the information delightfully palatable. This is no charge. Refreshments available.

Only Saturday night Liturgy will offer C.L.O.W. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) for this semester. It will begin Oct. 4 with Deby Reinart as CLOW instructor. Anita Wilhelm will assist. It is for grades K-5-1st and 2nd.

Liturgical ministers (ushers, greeters, lectors, choir people, eucharistic ministers) are invited to an evening of "nitty-gritty and enrichment" from 8-9 p.m. Tuesday. Focus of our enrichment will be "Eucharist: A Taste of God." The nitty-gritty is up to you and your ministry coordinator.

The Problem Pregnancy Center garage sale is Oct. 3-4 in the St. Anthony's School gym. We will begin taking items from 4-8 p.m. Thursday.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, and the congregation of the Temple Baptist Church, 700 Avenue K and Forrest Avenue, invites everyone to come worship with them this Sunday.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages. The morning worship hour is at 11. The pastor will bring the message. Discipleship training is at 5:45 p.m.; also Team Kid's for all children 1st through 6th grades. Evening worship service begins at 7. The pastor will bring the evening message also.

Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. we meet for prayer meeting and Bible study. We are studying 1 Timothy. If you know of anyone who needs intercessory prayer call our office and we will include them on our prayer list.

Sanctuary Choir meets at 7:45 p.m.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, Jr., Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas, will make his first visitation to St. Thomas'. Bishop Ohl will visit the Adult Class and the Sunday School Class and be the Presiding Celebrant and Preacher at the 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist. There will be an all-parish Fellowship Meal after the service to honor Bishop and Mrs. Ohl. Food assignments are: A-D, salads; F-H, vegetables; J-W, desserts. The meat will be provided.

Christian Education for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Children and Youth gather in the Education Wing for "Living the Good News," our curriculum based on the Sunday readings in the Eucharist. The Adult Class meets in the Ruth Warner Room with Bishop and Mrs. Ohl for an open forum.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. and includes the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Holy Unction and Holy Communion. The proper collect and readings are those for the major feast of St. Michael and All Angels, transferred from Sept. 29.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message.

In case of emergency, or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

BARN CHURCH

Barn Church is a non-denominational Christian ministry. Our goal is to worship God and fellowship with each other. Barn Church is for everyone that likes things a little on the country side. We'll have some singing, some preaching and maybe a testimony or two.

It's come as you are, so dust off your jeans and come on out. Bring the family and tell your friends.

Regular meetings of Barn Church are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the B Bar S Arena.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Larry Perkins and the congregation of the Frio Baptist Church invite you to join them for Sunday and Wednesday services.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and is followed by worship at 10:45 a.m. Evening services begin with Discipleship Training at 5 which is followed by evening worship at 6.

We would also like to invite any youth to join us and our interim youth minister Brett Baldwin. Wednesday prayer services begin at 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Steve and Patti Elzy and the congregation of Christian Assembly invite you to worship with us and rejoice over what God has done.

For more information please call 364-1942.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Come worship with us each and every Sunday at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible Classes are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for all ages.

We are located at the corner of Sunset and Plains.

We would love to have you come and study God's word with us.

Our minister is Tom Bailey.

NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH

The congregation of New Beginnings along with Pastors Rafael and Linda Rosado would cordially like to invite you to join us this Sunday morning at 9:45 for an incredible study in prophecy. There are classes for all ages, so bring your kids.

Sunday evening praise and worship is at 6.

Wednesday night Bible study is on the book of Genesis at 7.

Youth night service is at 7 p.m. Friday.

The ladies meet for prayer and Bible study on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. If you need prayer call 363-9007 or 364-0210.

God bless you. See you in church. We are located at the corner of Bradley and Ironwood, across from West Park Cemetery.

FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Pastor Warren McKibben is pleased to announce the opening of an Acts 2:38 Bible believing church. We welcome all for a truly down to earth praise and worship experience with our Lord.

If you are seeking answers, come and let's worship together in the name of Jesus. If you are looking for a blessing and still believe in miracles, then this is the place to come. We are one big happy family of God.

We invite all to attend our services at 2 p.m. Sunday.

For further information, call 1-800-454-6051.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

We at Calvary Baptist Church extend a hearty welcome for you to attend our Sunday school and church services.

When you come, we believe you will especially enjoy the wholesome Christian fellowship and spiritual service. There will be a Sunday school class for every member of your family.

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

Ray Sanders is the pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

You are always welcome at First Baptist Church.

Our schedule of activities includes:

Sunday
9:45 a.m.--Family Bible Study
10:50 a.m.--Morning worship
4 p.m.--Team Kid
4, 4:30 & 5 p.m.--Disciples College
5 p.m.--Youth

Monday
6:30 p.m.--Adult handbells

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.--Fellowship supper
6 p.m.--Children's choirs
6 p.m.--Acteens

6:15 p.m.--Prayer meeting

7 p.m.--Youth

7 p.m.--G.A.'s and Mission Friends

7:10 p.m.--Adult choir

There is room for you in each of the above areas of fellowship and ministry. There is a place for you at First Baptist Church.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Christ's Church Fellowship would like to invite you and your family to come praise and adore Jesus Christ with us. Sunday School classes begin at 9:45 a.m. with the worship service and K.I.D.S. church beginning at 10:45 a.m. Deanna Edwards and Shelly McCracken present God's will in a wonderful and special way to the little ones.

Sunday evenings we have home group meetings. At 6 p.m. we meet at the Keenan's, 126 Mimosa and at 6:30 we meet at the Lewis', 106 Avenue I.

A Tuesday home group meeting is held at 7 p.m. at the Barrett's, 2 miles west on the Harrison Hwy. on the west side of the road.

On Wednesday, choir practice is at 6 p.m. and the teens meet at 7 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

Also at 7 p.m. Wednesday, there is a men's ministry and a women's ministry.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and congregation invite you to come and worship and praise with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Sunday evening service is at 6 and a nursery is again provided.

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets Monday night at 7 p.m.

Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Ladies Prayer Group meets.

The Wednesday service, children's church and youth group all begin at 7 p.m.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregation of Dawn Baptist Church invites you and your family to worship with us each Sunday with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.

Sunday evening at 5:30 the adults are currently studying the "Experiencing God" series. We would also like to invite the youth to join us for Team Kids, which is a club for youth ages 4-13 where they enjoy fun, games, Bible lessons and snacks.

A nursery is provided for both morning and evening services.

For more information or prayer needs call 258-7330. Hope to see you soon.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

400 N. 25 Mile Ave. Sugarland Mall
Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.

Come and experience the goodness of God and His power.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m.

If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13th and Avenue H
Pastor Elda Olivarez and congregation invite you to worship with them.

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

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

New Hope Church of the Nazarene was founded by Pastor Olivarez in June 1992, right in the center of the barrio. We are reaching out to single mothers, teenagers, the elderly and lots of children.

We would like to thank all who were involved in our Vision of "expanding out to reach out." Our new addition will include four Sunday school rooms, a cry room, fellowship hall and restrooms.

We are still praying and raising funds to complete our Vision.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bible Baptist Church is now seeking a pastor and as we seek, we will continue study from the Bible itself at 10 a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, with Bible preaching from visiting Independent Baptist preachers at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays.

We are a friendly people. If you love God's Word and wish to hear it expounded, you will appreciate our church.

We are located at 1204 Moreman. Call 364-3729 or 364-3102.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 1997. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 26, 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first Secretary of State; John Jay the first chief justice of the United States; Samuel Osgood the first Postmaster-General; and Edmund Jennings Randolph the first Attorney General.

On this date: In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1950, United Nations troops recaptured the South Korean capital of Seoul from the North Koreans.

In 1957, the musical "West Side Story" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, the first televised debate between presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy took place in Chicago.

In 1980, the Cuban government abruptly closed Mariel Harbor, ending the freedom flotilla of Cuban refugees that began the previous April.

In 1981, the twin-engine Boeing 767 made its maiden flight in Everett, Wash.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

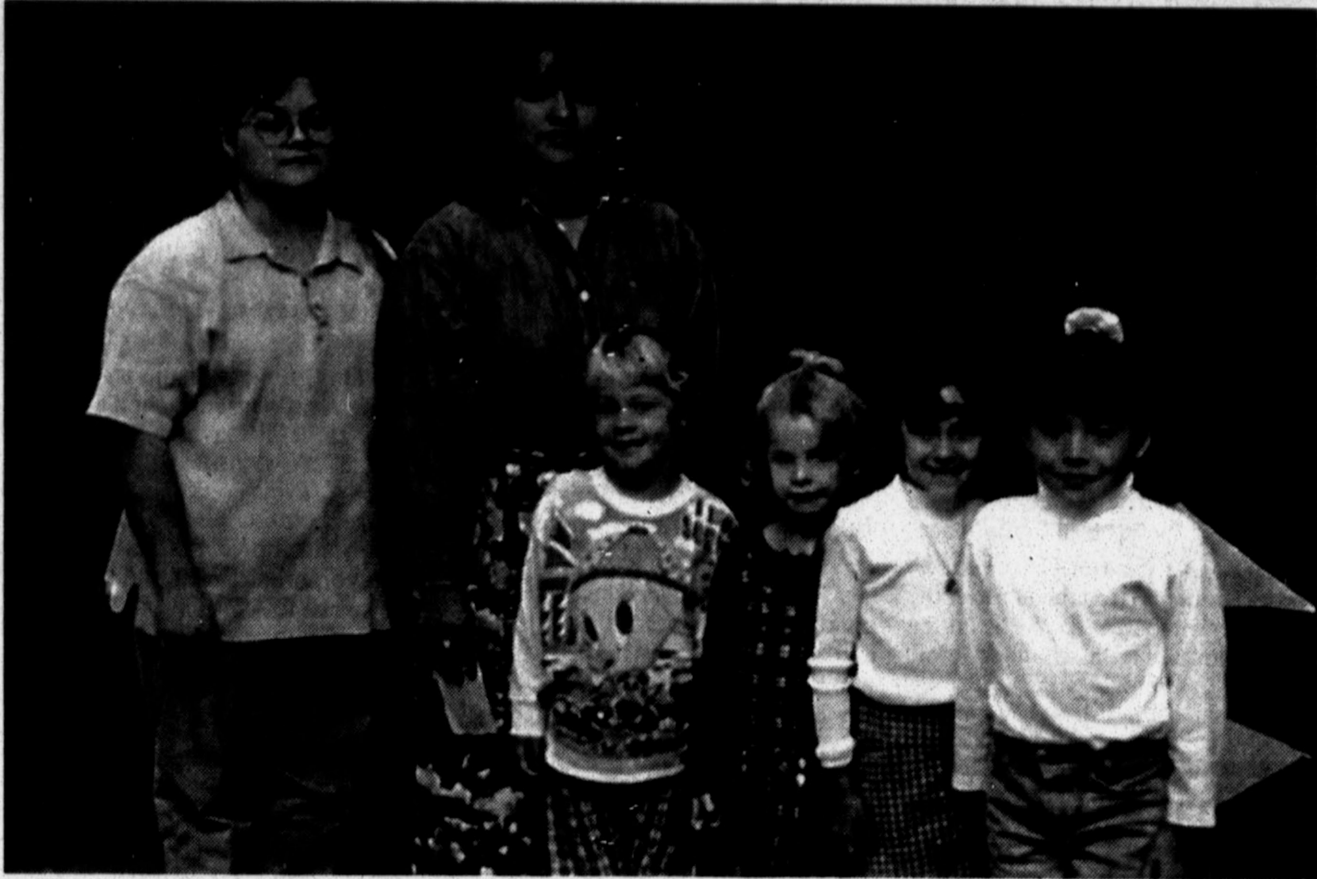
In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure known as Biosphere 2 in Oracle, Ariz.

Ten years ago: In his Saturday radio address, President Reagan said he was reluctantly signing legislation restoring the automatic deficit-reducing provisions of the Gramm-Rudman Act.

Five years ago: South African President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela held their first meeting in three months, during which they agreed on the urgent need for an interim government. A Nigerian military transport plane crashed shortly after takeoff, killing all 163 people aboard.

One year ago: Astronaut Shannon Lucid returned to Earth in the shuttle Atlantis after six months aboard the Russian Mir space station. President Clinton signed a bill ensuring two-day hospital stays for new mothers and their babies. ValuJet received federal permission to fly again three months after it was grounded following a deadly crash. Richard Allen Davis, the killer of 12-year-old Polly Klaas, was formally sentenced to death in San Jose, Calif.

Today's Birthdays: Fitness expert Jack LaLanne is 83. Actress Julie London is 71. Actor Philip Bosco is 67. Country singer David Frazier is 56. Actor Kent McCord is 55. Singer Bryan Ferry is 52. New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman is 51. Singer Lynn Anderson is 50. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 49. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 49. Rock singer-musician Cesar Ros



Donation recipients

Brownie Scout Troop 167 received a donation of \$75 from the Pilot Club of Hereford recently. The funds were made available to the members of the troop so that they could make purchases from the Girl Scout Mobile Shop while it was in Hereford Thursday. Pictured are troop leaders Melissa Galvan and Liz Agan and members Allison Riley, Megan Agan, Vanessa Galvan and Heaven Galvan.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a how-we-met story about a woman who got a traffic ticket and wound up marrying the police officer. Ready for the reverse flip?

I'm a female law enforcement officer. As I was beginning my shift early one Sunday morning, I noticed a long, black limousine parked across the alley from the police station. Thinking there might be some criminal activity, I approached the driver and inquired about his reason for being in a "No Parking" area behind business establishments that were closed.

The uniformed chauffeur explained that he rented the adjacent garage on weekends and had just finished an all-night charter for some clients. I pointed out the infraction he was committing, and then, we chatted briefly about how we both disliked working Sundays because it kept us away from church. He invited me to visit his church with him when I had a Sunday free.

Six months later, I accepted his invitation. A year after that, we were married. Twelve years later, he still tells people that he got a life sentence for being illegally parked. -- Still Protecting and Serving in California

Dear California: What a delightful story. Long may you protect and serve.

Dear Ann Landers: Can you stand one more "how we met" story? As a young musician from Grand Island, Neb., I came to Chicago in 1965 to join a traveling dance band, the Tiny Hill Orchestra.

I was the youngest member of the band and was assigned a roommate who was much older. We hit it off and quickly became good friends, despite the difference in our ages.

As we traveled, I noticed that he was always telephoning someone. I

was curious and asked him about it. He said that he was calling "his kid," that she had just graduated from high school and lived in Chicago and that he wanted me to meet her when we got back to town.

"His kid" and I just celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. Her father has been gone for many years, but he was always my friend first, my father-in-law second. -- Dan Windolph in Chicago

Dear Dan: Thanks for a lovely story. Happy anniversary to you and "the kid."

Dear Ann Landers: When I saw your letter about auto-train accidents, I had to write. You agreed with a reader who said victims of these accidents "volunteered" to be killed. This is not always true.

The parallel lines of train tracks create an illusion in which the train appears to be standing still. Even an experienced driver may believe he/she can cross safely, but in actuality, the train is a lot closer and moving much faster than the driver believes. Therefore, since two-thirds of all railroad crossings in America do not have warning signals of an oncoming train, the driver may attempt to cross.

Please inform your readers that they must always slow down at railroad crossings and look in both directions before crossing. When they see a train, even though it may appear to be a long way off, they should wait a few minutes for the train to pass, rather than risk their lives by crossing the tracks. And if you are stalled on the tracks with a train approaching, get out of the car immediately and make sure all passengers do the same. Thank you. -- An Experienced Driver

Dear Driver: What you have written could save lives. Please, dear readers, pay attention. I don't want to lose any of you.

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Sparklers 4-H has meeting

Nutritious snacks were the subject of the Sparklers 4-H Club program presented by Kathy Brorman at the club's first meeting and election of officers.

Officers to serve for 1997-1998 are Kesli Urbanczyk, president; Sabra Paetzold, vice president; Allyson Paetzold, secretary/reporter; Kristen O'Rear and Shayla Wilcox, Council delegates; and Ashton Paetzold, O'Rear and Wilcox, communications officers.

The next club meeting will be Oct. 16 at St. Anthony's School. Laurie Paetzold will give the program on making pumpkin characters.

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American League

Boston 3, Detroit 1
 Kansas City 2, Milwaukee 1
 Toronto 4, Baltimore 3
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 4, 10 innings
 Chicago White Sox 10, Minnesota 3
 Texas 8, Anaheim 5
 Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
 Minnesota (Radke 20-9) at Cleveland (Ogea 7-9), 6:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 18-7) at Detroit (Thompson 15-11), 6:05 p.m.
 Boston (Henry 7-2) at Toronto (W. Williams 8-14), 6:35 p.m.
 Baltimore (Krivda 4-1) at Milwaukee (Harnisch 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Appier 9-12) at Chicago White Sox (Siroka 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Texas (Helling 2-3) at Anaheim (Springer 9-9), 9:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Oquist 3-6) at Seattle (Moyer 17-4), 9:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Minnesota at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
 Boston at Toronto, 12:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 12:15 p.m.
 Oakland at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 6:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.
 Texas at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m.

National League

Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 2, 10 innings
 Montreal 3, Florida 2
 Houston 9, Chicago Cubs 1
 Los Angeles 9, Colorado 5
 Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 3, 14 innings
 Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
 Florida (Ojala 1-2) at Philadelphia (Schilling 16-11), 6:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Morgan 8-12) at Montreal (Johnson 2-4), 6:35 p.m.
 Atlanta (Brook 9-9) at N.Y. Mets (Bohannon 6-4), 6:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-3) at St. Louis (Busby 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Loaiza 11-10) at Houston (Garcia 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Valdes 9-11) at Colorado (Wright 8-11), 8:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Smith 7-5) at San Francisco (Estes 18-5), 9:05 p.m.

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 Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 12:15 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
 San Diego at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 3:10 p.m.
 Florida at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Montreal, 6:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Houston, 7:05 p.m.

IN BRIEF

JV teams both win

From staff reports
BORGER -- Pedro Hernandez threw four touchdown passes to lead the Hereford junior varsity Maroon to a 33-6 win over Borger's junior varsity Thursday.

Hernandez finished the night 12-for-13 for 236 yards. He was intercepted on his only incomplete pass.

Greg Ewing scored the Whitefaces only touchdown on the ground, running in from 60 yards out.

The White team won as well, defeating Plainview 32-6 at Whiteface Stadium Thursday night.

Matt Lusk tossed a touchdown pass and ran for another to lead the Whitefaces.

Jacob Paris hauled in Lusk's scoring toss from 20 yards out early in the first quarter. Lusk then scored on a two-yard run later in the first quarter.

Tony Lopez scored on a 35-yard pass from Paris, also in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Hereford added touchdown runs of five yards by Perfecto Marcha and 60 yards by Edward Dominguez.

Bezner records ace

CANYON -- Frankie Bezner of Hereford recorded his first-ever hole-in-one Tuesday at Palo Duro Golf Course in Canyon.

Bezner used a pitching wedge to ace the 125-yard downhill par 3 first hole.

Witnessing Bezner's ace were fellow Hereford golfers Bub Sparks, Charlie Hoover and Arthur Clark.

For the round, Bezner shot a nine-over-par 81.

Sports calendar

Friday Football
 Borger at Hereford, 7:30 p.m. Whiteface Stadium.

Golf
 Hereford Girls at Amarillo Invitational, TBA.

Saturday Volleyball
 Dumas at Hereford, junior varsity and varsity, 2 p.m. at Whiteface Gymnasium.

Cross Country
 Hereford at Amarillo, TBA at Thompson Park.

Golf
 Hereford Girls at Amarillo Invitational, TBA.
 Hereford Boys at Borger, 9 a.m. at Huber Golf Course.

Tennis
 Hereford at Canyon Randall, 1 p.m.

Astros stumble to NL Central pennant

HOUSTON (AP) -- Someone had to win the NL Central.

Eleven years to the day after clinching their last postseason berth, the Houston Astros finally won baseball's worst division, routing the Chicago Cubs 9-1 Thursday night behind Brad Ausmus' three-run homer in a six-run seventh inning.

"We've been second place the last three years, so now we get to find out what the other side feels like," said

Mike Hampton (15-10), who pitched a four-hitter. "You think you are dreaming, but it's our time to tell everyone else to take a seat."

Houston, just 82-77, stumbled to the division title by going 23-28 since Aug. 1. Second-place Pittsburgh, which dropped four games back going into its season-ending three-game series in the Astrodome, was even worse, losing 18 of its last 29 games.

But the Astros didn't care how

they got into the playoffs.

"This team has so much heart," left fielder Luis Gonzalez said. "We finally have a chance to relax and enjoy it. The next three days are going to be fun around here."

Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio, the sparks for the Astros throughout the season, embraced as the game ended and championship banner was unfurled in center field.

"We've been through so much

together, getting so close so many times and now to finally get where we want to be is very exciting," Bagwell said.

Houston has led the division since July 18, going 18-5 following the All-Star break.

"They blasted us when we didn't make any trades before the deadline and said the Astros didn't want to win," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "But we're one of

the teams going on in the playoffs."

The Astros last clinched a title on Sept. 25, 1986, when Mike Scott pitched a no-hitter against San Francisco to ensure finishing atop the NL West.

"For all the years I've been here as player, broadcaster and manager, I've seen a lot of memorable games, and this is one of the most memora-

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

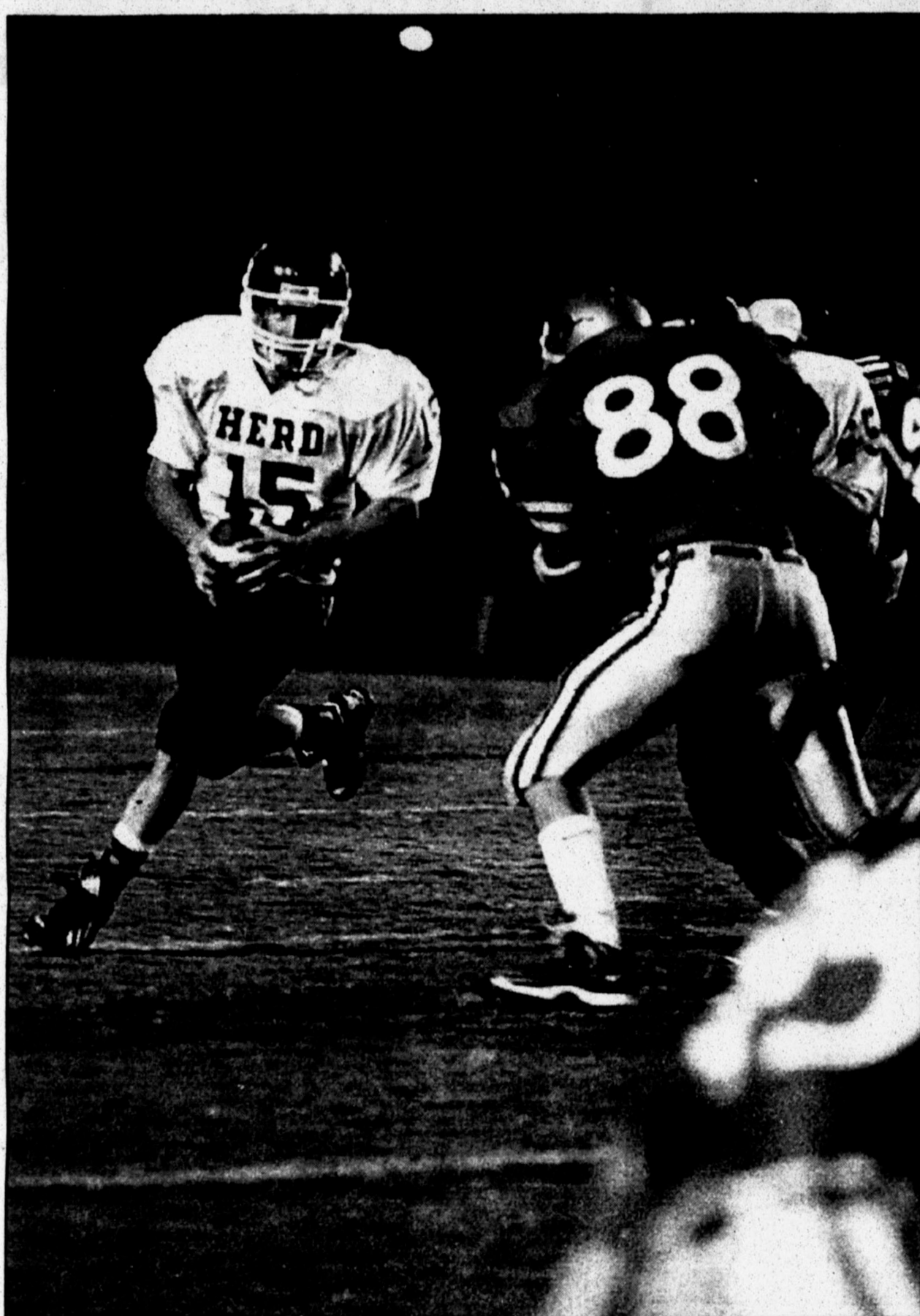


Photo by Rick Castaneda

Hereford senior quarterback Jeremy Urbanczyk (15) runs the option Friday night at Lowrey Field against Lubbock Coronado, while senior right tackle Jory McKibben (65) blocks Mustangs' defensive end Jason Jones. Coronado won 28-2. The Whitefaces kick off their District 1-4A schedule 7:30 p.m. tonight at Whiteface Stadium against Borger.

STARTING OVER

Hereford, Borger meet as district season opens

By BOB VARMETTE
 Staff writer

For the teams in District 1-4A, pre-district is history; now the real football begins.

Of the three district matchups set for tonight (Canyon will travel to Wolfforth Frenship), perhaps the most interesting from a team standpoint is the Borger-Hereford matchup set for 7:30 p.m. tonight at Whiteface Stadium.

Both Borger head coach Marty McClintock and Hereford head coach Craig Yenser agree it's a different season.

"We've stepped it up a level during practice this week," Yenser said. "Going into it, we're nervous and we're excited."

McClintock said the same is true for his Bulldogs, and he knows the wins won't come as easy as Borger's 67-24 rout of Guymon, Okla., last Friday night.

"Realistically, that's not going to happen in district play," he said.

The Bulldogs, however, (2-1) enter district play as the top offensive team in the district. Borger has scored the most points (125) and averages the most total yards (435.3).

Hereford (1-3), on the other hand,

has relied on its defense to remain competitive.

When the two clash tonight, will it be a high-scoring affair with the Bulldogs' offense again in high gear?

Yenser, of course, hopes not, but he said the Bulldogs have plenty of offensive talent.

"They have good team speed," Yenser said. "And I'm concerned with Kevin Massey, their tailback and Victor Escobar their quarterback. I'm real impressed with him. He throws the ball well and he's a real competitor."

Together, Massey (5-10, 166 Sr.) and Escobar (5-11, 169 Sr.) account for nearly three-quarters of Borger's total yards to date.

Massey is second in District 1-4A with 437 yards on 65 attempts, a healthy 6.7 yards per carry, with six touchdowns. Massey is a transfer from the Dallas area.

"He's OK," Borger head coach Marty McClintock said. "(But) he's still learning our system. He's going through some growing pains, but he's incorporating very well into our offense."

Escobar enters the Hereford game

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John Tyler, La Marque meet in No. 1 battle

By JAIME ARON
 AP Sports Writer

The atmosphere at Etheredge Stadium tonight will likely be as unique as the matchup between the No. 1 teams in Classes 5A and 4A, providing the kind of feeling that people have to experience to understand.

The stadium has a capacity of around 8,500 and at least that many are sure to be there, along with hordes of reporters and camera crews, when Tyler John Tyler and La Marque kick off at 7:30 p.m.

Students and bands from both

schools will fill about 1,300 of the seats. Another 1,000 will be La Marque season-ticket holders. John Tyler sold 850 seats. That left 5,350 tickets for sale to the general public.

Friday night junkies from all over the state snapped up some of those tickets, as did casual observers sucked in by the lure of seeing two No. 1 teams.

But the most unusual group in the crowd may be the backers of La Marque's top rival Texas City, who are free because their team played

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Wake Forest edges NC State, 19-18

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) -- Matt Burdick kicked a 37-yard field goal with 43 seconds left Thursday night as Wake Forest reversed its recent trend of losing close games by edging North Carolina State 19-18.

The Demon Deacons (2-2, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) had lost by one point to East Carolina and by two against Georgia Tech in each of the last two weeks after blowing first-half leads.

Burdick's game-winning kick

helped Wake Forest break a nine-game losing streak against the Wolfpack (3-2, 1-2). It also snapped a seven-year skid in which the Demon Deacons had started 0-2 in the ACC.

The Wolfpack, with no timeouts left, drove to the Wake Forest 41, but Chris Hensler's 52-yard field goal attempt was about five yards short and the Wake Forest students stormed the field as time ran out.

Wake Forest won despite turning the ball over five times.

Trailing 18-16 with 3:29 left, the Demon Deacons got the ball at midfield and Brian Kuklick, who was 23-of-34 for 275 yards, went to work.

Wake Forest then milked the clock with runs, forcing the Wolfpack to use two timeouts and then a third to try to rattle Burdick. But the sophomore from Winston-Salem made the 37-yarder with room to spare.

Kuklick threw two TD passes.

Albert accepts plea bargain

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) -- After three days that put the details of his kinky sex life on trial, Marv Albert pleaded guilty Thursday to assault and battery charges that could bring him a year behind bars and perhaps a lifetime of humiliation. Within hours, NBC fired him.

"From my point of view, I just felt like I had to end this ordeal," Albert said outside court in a weary voice after agreeing to a deal in which prosecutors dropped the more serious charge of forcible sodomy, which carried from five years to life in prison.

Albert, 56, was accused by a longtime lover of flinging her onto a bed, viciously biting her back and forcing her to perform oral sex in an Arlington hotel room Feb. 12 because she failed to bring another man into their bed.

His plea came a day after a surprise witness came forward with similar accusations: that Albert -- wearing white pants and a garter belt -- bit her on the neck and tried to force her to perform oral sex on him during a 1994 struggle in a Dallas hotel room that left her holding the sportscaster's toupee.

"The significance of that testimony is profound," Arlington County Commonwealth's Attorney Richard Trodden said outside court, adding that the plea bargain was endorsed by Albert's 42-year-old accuser.

As he left court, Albert thanked NBC for standing by him. But less than four hours later, the network issued a statement saying it had terminated its relationship with Albert.

Albert, who for three decades has

been one of America's most distinctive play-by-play voices with his exuberant "Yesss!" call, later issued a statement of his own, resigning from the regional MSG cable network as the voice of basketball's New York Knicks.

"I fully understand the position in which the networks found themselves due to my very painful situation," Albert said. "In the interest of my family, my friends and my many supporters, I step aside with deep humility and will seek to reconstruct my personal and professional life."

Albert's lawyer, Roy Black, said his client accepted the deal because the judge had gutted his case.

"If all our evidence had been allowed, we wouldn't be in this position," said Black, who successfu-

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Rangers down A's, 8-5

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) -- Lee Stevens homered twice for the second time in three games, and Rusty Greer and Juan Gonzalez also homered to power the Texas Rangers past the Anaheim Angels 8-5 Thursday night.

Stevens, who connected twice Tuesday against Oakland, homered in the first off Jason Dickson (13-9) and in the ninth off Greg Cadaret for his third

multihomer game of the season.

Bobby Witt (12-12) won for the first time in seven starts since Aug. 12, allowing five runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Eric Gunderson replaced Witt in the sixth with the tying run at third base and retired Orlando Palmeiro on a flyout. Julio Santana came on with two on and

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Photo by Julius Bodner

Up for the kill

Julie Rampley of Hereford spikes the ball Saturday against Amarillo Caprock as her teammates watch. Hereford, 4-0 in District 1-4A, will play Dumas 2 p.m. Saturday at Whiteface Gymnasium.

MLB ROUNDUP

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 3
TORONTO (AP) -- Wearing No. 43 in honor of fired manager Cito Gaston, Joe Carter became the Toronto's career leader with his 203rd homer, leading the Blue Jays over the Baltimore Orioles 4-3 Thursday night.
 Carter, who had been tied with George Bell, connected off Mike Mussina (15-8) in the sixth inning. It was his 21st of the season, his first since Aug. 29.
Yankees 5, Indians 4, 11 Inn.
CLEVELAND (AP) -- David Cone no-hit the Cleveland Indians for five innings and Ivan Cruz hit a tiebreaking, two-run single in the 10th as the New York Yankees beat their first-round playoff opponent 5-4 Thursday night.
 Cruz, called up from Triple-A on Sept. 15, drove in Andy Fox and Wade Boggs with a single to right off Paul Shuey (4-2) to break a 2-2 tie in the 10th.
Royals 2, Brewers 1
MILWAUKEE (AP) -- Jeff King and Rod Myers drove in runs and rookie Glendon Rusch got his sixth victory as the Kansas City Royals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 2-1 Thursday.

Rusch (6-9), who had five straight no-decisions and had not won since beating Detroit on Aug. 15, allowed one run and four hits in 7 1-3 innings. Scott Service relieved with two on in the eighth and retired Jeff Cirillo and Darrin Jackson on flyout. Hipolito Pichardo finished for his 11th save.
Cal Eldred (13-15) gave up both runs and seven hits in eight innings.
Red Sox 3, Tigers 1
DETROIT (AP) -- Mo Vaughn hit his 35th homer and Steve Avery made his first start since Aug. 31 -- triggering a \$3.9 million option -- as the Boston Red Sox beat the Detroit Tigers 3-1 Thursday.
 Robinson Checco (1-1), the second of four Boston pitchers, pitched a perfect sixth inning. Tom Gordon pitched the ninth for his 11th save, allowing an RBI single to Travis Fryman.
 Scott Sanders (6-14) gave up three runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings for Detroit.
White Sox 10, Twins 5
CHICAGO (AP) -- Frank Thomas went 3-for-4 with his 35th homer and Magglio Ordonez hit a two-run homer Thursday night to lead the Chicago

White Sox to a 10-5 victory over the Minnesota Twins.
 Doug Drabek (12-11) gave up five hits in 6 1-3 innings, walked two and struck out three.
 LaTroy Hawkins (6-12) fell to 0-3 in three starts against the White Sox this year. He gave up five runs and nine hits in 2 2-3 innings.
Expos 3, Marlins 2
MONTREAL (AP) -- Montreal's Pedro Martinez became the 14th pitcher since 1900 and the second this year to record 300 strikeouts in a season, and David Segui homered in the ninth to send the Expos to a 3-2 win over the Florida Marlins.
 With one out, Segui hit the first pitch from Robb Nen (9-3) over the wall in straightaway center for his 21st homer.
 Steve Kline (1-3) pitched two perfect innings for the win.
 Martinez struck out nine to increase his franchise record to 305. He allowed one run in seven innings, lowering his major league-leading ERA to 1.90.
Dodgers 9, Rockies 5
DENVER (AP) -- The Los Angeles Dodgers moved within two games of

San Francisco in the NL West as Todd Zeile homered twice Thursday night in a 9-5 victory over the Colorado Rockies.
 Hideo Nomo (14-12), who had two losses and two no-decisions in his previous four starts, limited the Rockies to three runs and five hits in seven innings.
Reds 4, Cardinals 3, 14 Inn.
ST. LOUIS (AP) -- Mark McGwire remained stuck on 55 homers, getting two singles in six at-bats Thursday night as the Cincinnati Reds beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3 in 14 innings.
 McGwire flew out to medium left in the first and struck out swinging in the third and sixth. He singled in the eighth off Brett Tomko, and again in the 10th against Stan Belinda.
Braves 3, Phillies 2, 10 Innings
PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- The Braves reached 100 wins for only the second time this century, beating the Philadelphia Phillies 3-2 Thursday night on Andruw Jones run-scoring single in the 10th inning.
 Tom Glavine, Atlanta's Game 2 starter in the playoffs, allowed one run and six hits in seven innings.

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ble," said manager Larry Dierker, a former Astros pitcher and broadcaster. "This is a credit to all the hard work these guys have done. They've come so close before. I'm happy for them. They deserve this."
 Houston, which lost a 16-inning thriller to the Mets in the NL championship series finale that season, has never been to the World Series. The Astros also won the NL West in 1980 and won a share during 1981's split season.
 Hampton (15-10) pitched his seventh complete game, struck out six and walked one. He retired 11 in a row at one stretch starting in the second.

Bagwell hit the Astrodome ceiling with a popup in the sixth inning, what is believed to be the first fair ball to strike the top since the stadium opened in 1964. The ball appeared to be headed toward third, but pitcher Jeremi Gonzalez (11-9) caught it for an out.
 Before a crowd of 35,623, Biggio's RBI double put Houston ahead in the third, and Gonzalez hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth.
 Mike Hubbard pulled the Cubs to 2-1 with an RBI single in the seventh, but Houston pulled away in the bottom half.
 Bagwell tripled home a run in the eighth.

District

as one of the top-ranked passers in the state in 4A. He's 27-for-63 for 515 yards and five touchdowns, with no interceptions.
 "He's in the same situation as Kevin," said McClintock. "He played defense last year. He's learning, but he's had a hard time adjusting."
 Yenzler said he expects the Bulldogs to mix up the run and pass, probably about 60-40 in favor of the run. Borger also likes to run a lot of their pass offense off the bootleg with a healthy dose of play action, Yenzler said.
 What Borger's offense is able to do against the Whiteface defense is very much of concern to McClintock.
 "All 11 of them worry me," he said. "They're very sound defensively. . . . They do a great job. Their secondary makes a lot of plays and their linebackers do an excellent job of run support."
 Offensively, Borger primarily runs an offset-I formation, moving their fullback around extensively. That fullback is junior Michael Cano. Cano (5-7, 187) is a pretty good reason you can't zero in on Massey and Escobar.
 McClintock, however, is reluctant to single out any player.
 "We believe in the total team concept," McClintock said. "We expect all 11 on the field to be

leaders."
 That especially applies to the defense, said McClintock.
 "We're young and we still have a lot of guys trying to adjust to their positions, and to each other. . . . It's important that we have people who can help each other," he said.
 One of those players adjusting to his position is junior free safety Tony Powell. Powell (5-9, 136) was an all-district performer last year at cornerback for the Bulldogs.
 Another concern in the secondary of the Bulldogs is junior cornerback Devon Brown. Yenzler said Brown got some playing time on the varsity last year as a sophomore.
 "They can run and they have experience. That's a concern for us," he said.
 The Whitefaces prepared all week for the gambling Borger defense by having the Hereford coaching staff throw more at them than they'll probably see in the game, Yenzler said.
 "Their whole scheme is to try to confuse the offensive line. They may give you a big play, but then they take you for a five-yard loss," Yenzler said.
 But the Whitefaces may have some opportunities to capitalize upon aspects of the Bulldog defense.
 Yenzler said Hereford will try to

work on the short passing game because the Bulldogs' pass coverage tends to be cautious in man-to-man situations. Should the Bulldogs try to press, he said, the Whitefaces will try to go over the top.
 What Hereford does offensively is a matter of concern for McClintock. Everywhere he looks, he sees a threat.
 "They're a good football team. Their record doesn't indicate what kind of a team they really are," he said. "I have a lot of respect for Coach Yenzler and his staff."
 McClintock said he is particularly wary of Hereford's trio of tailbacks, Jeremy Miller, Henry Hernandez and Mark Rodriguez.
 "We have to keep them contained," he said. "That's the key defensively. We have to stop them from getting to the outside."
 The Bulldogs head into tonight's game with no major injuries, according to McClintock. Hereford, on the other hand, will still be missing some players.
 Cory Marsh and Jay Wilson are out. Roger Gaitan and Jeremiah Beltran are listed as questionable. Yenzler got good news this week, though, with the return of Abram Hill, who had been recovering from an appendectomy, and Ulysis Tabares who had a dislocated elbow.

Battle

Thursday night.
 The La Marque-Texas City rivalry is akin to Texas-Texas A&M, so it would seem likely that the Texas City fans would root for John Tyler fans.
 Not so, says La Marque coach Alan Weddell.
 "I got an anonymous call from a guy the other day," Weddell said. "He said, 'You don't know me, but I'm a big Texas City fan and I wanted to let you know we're going to be pulling for you.'"
 The man went on to explain that he expects John Tyler, La Marque and Texas City to all win state championships this season. He's also confident Texas City will beat La Marque when the teams meet in two weeks.
 So, if La Marque can beat John Tyler, then Texas City would be able to proclaim itself the true state champion, the man said proudly.
 "I told him I didn't know about his logic," Weddell said, "but that I appreciated his support and I'll see him at the game."
 Recent history made Tyler John Tyler and La Marque an appealing matchup when the schools' coaches agreed last year to a home-and-home series. They ended up planning a marquee event that seems almost too good to be true.
 It wasn't surprising both teams had trouble finding opponents. Tyler won a 5A state title in 1994 and was an 11-1 area finalist in 1995 and La Marque was the 4A runner-up in 1994, then went 16-0 to win the title 1995.

Rangers

no outs in the seventh and retired the next six batters. John Wetzel finished for his 31st save, striking out Jack Howell with the bases loaded and two outs.
 Homers by Greer and Stevens gave Texas a 4-0 lead. But the Angels responded in the bottom

of the first with an RBI double by Garret Anderson and a two-run homer by Tim Salmon, his 33rd of the season and 33rd allowed by Witt -- career highs for both.
 Texas made it 6-3 in the second on an RBI groundout by Gonzalez and an shortstop Robert Echnoo-

rn's throwing error.
 Palmeiro hit a two-run triple in the bottom half as the Angels closed to 6-5, but Gonzalez hit his 41st homer in the seventh.
 Dickson allowed six runs and nine hits in six innings.

Albert

lly defended William Kennedy Smith against a rape charge in 1991. "I thought it was the best way for Marv to end this matter."
 Under Virginia's rape shield law, the judge is allowed to bar evidence of a sex assault victim's past. The defense intended to introduce evidence that Albert's accuser had a pattern of threatening past boyfriends and that she was mentally unstable.
 In their biggest coup, defense lawyers played a tape for jurors Tuesday in which she appeared to coach and bribe a potential witness, a cab driver, into backing up her claim that Albert was trying to procure another man for three-way sex.
 As Albert made his plea before Circuit Judge Benjamin N.A. Kendrick, his family and other supporters sat stoically in three rows of the courtroom, showing no visible reaction. His fiancée, ESPN producer Heather Faulkner, sat with her hands

clasped in her lap.
 Sentencing was set for Oct. 24; he could receive up to a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine for the single misdemeanor count. The judge ordered a presentencing investigation. Albert has no prior convictions.
 "Judge Kendrick is a tough sentencing judge in cases of this type," said Henry Hudson, a former Arlington County prosecutor and former U.S. attorney in Alexandria. "On the other hand, this is a first offender with a good record, except for some of the testimony that came out at trial."
 The plea came after a morning of closed-door meetings between Albert's lawyers and prosecutors. Trodden said the deal Albert accepted was the same one he had offered him before the trial.
 Juror Kerri Nelson told Fox News Channel that she "did not feel there was enough evidence to convict Albert."

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TOM HANKS
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - He's flown to the moon and saved his crew, at least in the movies, and he doesn't know he's supposed to wear long pants to watch a shuttle launch?

Shame on you, Tom Hanks. Hanks, who starred in the film "Apollo 13," had to put on a white coverall usually worn by launch pad technicians to watch his first space shuttle launch Thursday night. The two-time Academy Award winner forgot the safety dress code for viewing from atop the 525-foot-high Vehicle Assembly Building. It's one of the best seats, so to speak, in the house.

"I left without my long pants," said Hanks, who showed up in gray athletic shorts and a T-shirt. Hanks has been in central Florida off and on over the past seven months working as executive producer of the future HBO miniseries "From Earth to the Moon." The series chronicles the early space program and was partially shot at the Kennedy Space Center.

The actor portrayed Apollo 13 commander Jim Lovell in the 1995 film.

LARRY KING
WASHINGTON (AP) - Larry King is hunting for new digs in Southern California, on the other coast from the city that is home base to his popular talk show.

But the "King of Talk" will keep doing his "Larry King Live" show from both Washington and Los Angeles - as he has done for years, CNN said. "We're a bicoastal show. We've been a bicoastal show for years," said Caroline Teasdale, spokeswoman for "Larry King Live."

King and his new wife, Shawn Southwick, will maintain a residence in the nation's capital.

It's been a busy month for King. Earlier this month, he married for the seventh time. Three days later, King, 63, who has had heart surgery, underwent an angioplasty.

BILL GATES
SEATTLE (AP) - The county says Bill Gates' new lakefront home is worth more than \$53 million. The

Names in the news

richest man in America wants a second opinion.

The Microsoft Corp. co-founder, who spent the last seven years building his 40,000-square-foot mansion in the moneyed Seattle suburb of Medina, is questioning his 1998 tax appraisal.

Gates, his wife, Melinda and their 1-year-old daughter, Jennifer Katherine, moved into the home two weeks ago.

Like Gates, whose fortune is estimated at more than \$38 billion, the house is unique and high-tech: Much of it is underground, set on five acres that includes a man-made trout stream. The house features a 60-foot pool, a theater and a reception hall for 100 people.

Brent Wilde, King County's chief appraiser, said the bill is based on construction costs, which got stretched out because of design changes. But Gates has argued it might be more realistic to base it on what he could get for the property if he should sell it.

Gates has 60 days to appeal the new tax valuations from the time they are mailed.

DAVID BRINKLEY
NEW YORK (AP) - David Brinkley will be signing off from TV news for good after he delivers his commentary for ABC's "This Week" on Sunday.

He announced his retirement on Thursday, less than a year after he stepped down as host of the Sunday morning news show that bore his name.

"I leave with best wishes and thanks to all," the 77-year-old broadcaster said. Brinkley said in a statement that ABC News had asked to renew his contract, "but I have decided to retire from television and try something else."

Brinkley began his broadcasting career at 23 covering President Franklin Roosevelt. As half of NBC's famous Huntley-Brinkley news anchor team in the 1960s, his short,

clipped sentences and dry wit were much imitated.

He launched a second career in 1981 as host of "This Week with David Brinkley," renamed "This Week" when he retired last November. Brinkley offered weekly commentaries on the show.

STEVE FOSSETT
ST. LOUIS (AP) - Steve Fossett hasn't abandoned his quest to circle the globe nonstop in a hot-air balloon - and hopes the third try will be a charm.

Fossett, a 53-year-old Chicago securities trader, has attempted the feat twice before and the adventurer - who has competed in Hawaii's Ironman Triathlon and has swum the English Channel - says getting the aviation feat done is his top priority.

"I won't run out of ideas, but this is a major objective and I think it's perhaps the greatest exploration that hasn't been done on Earth," Fossett said Thursday.

His last try, in January, ended when he ran out of fuel and touched down in a mustard field in rural northeastern India, startling villagers who initially took him and his silver balloon for a monkey god in a floating temple. A storm cut short his first attempt, in January 1996.

TED DANSON
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Ted Danson took the plunge and became the first one on his block - and in the state - to attach to new whale-tail license plate to his car.

Danson, who is president and founder of the American Oceans Campaign, placed the new plate on his solar-powered car in a waterfront ceremony Thursday.

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6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: Adventures-Milo	Movie: Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco 'G'	Movie: Homeward Bound	Movie: Just Cause (1995) Sean Connery. **	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
News	Ent. Tonight	Dateline	Movie: The Cable Guy Jim Carrey. ** 1/2	Edge	Movie: Below Utopia Justin Theroux. 'R'	Chris Rock	Real Sex 18	Movie: The Terminator Arnold Schwarzenegger. *** 'R'	Movie: Show Boat (1951) Kathryn Grayson. ***	Movie: 3 Stooges Go Around the World
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Goof Troop	Amazing	Animals	Animal	Movie: The Chipmunk Adventure (1987)	Scoby and the Reluctant Werewolf	Baby-Sitters	Imagine	Sing a Story	Science Guy	Saved-Bell
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12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Flash	Torkelsons	Inside Out	Dragon	Movie: Computer Wore Shoes	Dinosaurs	GrowPains	GrowPains	Muppets	Flash	Torkelsons
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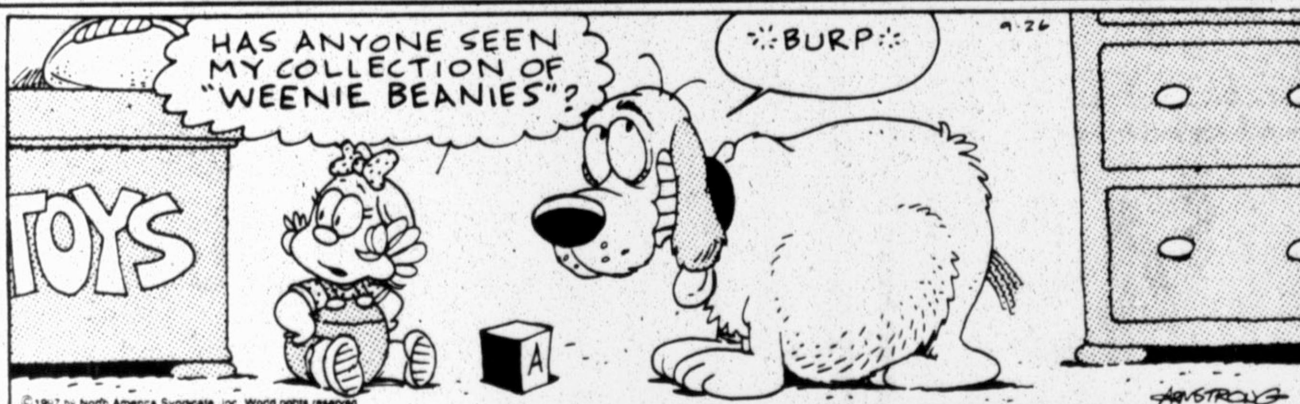
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9-26 CRYPTOQUOTE

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DATED this 11th day of September, 1997.

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CAPITOL COMMENT U.S. SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

PRIORITIES

The Clinton administration is going to have to decide which is more important: stopping the flow of illegal drugs across the Mexican border into this country, or making the border more hospitable for nocturnal ocelots.

Down in Brownsville, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has drawn a bead on the Immigration and Naturalization Service. As part of Operation Rio Grande, the Border Patrol has increased its manpower, added equipment and installed some two dozen lights along the banks of the Rio Grande to foil nighttime sneaking activities by drug smugglers and illegal aliens.

But these lights, Fish and Wildlife officials allege, disturb two large species of cat, the nocturnal ocelot and the jaguarundi. Brownsville INS sector chief Ernesto Castillo says the lights are an essential element of the Operation Rio Grande strategy, protecting both Border Patrol agents and thwarting drug traffickers.

Mexico is the source of between 20 per cent and 30 per cent of the heroin and 70 per cent of the marijuana shipped into the United States. It is the transit point for between 50 per cent and 70 per cent of the cocaine sold in the United States. The use of illicit drugs among eighth-graders has risen 150 percent in the last five years. Heroin addiction is climbing and crack cocaine remains an epidemic in America's urban centers.

As valid as it is to be concerned about endangered animals, I am even more concerned about an endangered generation of children in America.

The federal government has all but lost control of the 1,200-mile border between Texas and Mexico. One of Mexico's largest drug cartels operates across the border from Brownsville. Texas farmers and ranchers are being terrorized on a daily basis by drug thugs who operate with impunity in that area. And the McAllen Border Patrol Sector, which includes Brownsville, now exceeds San Diego in the number of illegal aliens crossing the border.

On August 25 the INS stepped into that breach — lights and all — with its Operation Rio Grande. Congress has few higher priorities among its legislative activities than to provide the resources to address this problem, and Operation Rio Grande is part of the Clinton administration's response to our concerns.

I oppose any attempt to diminish the impact of Operation Rio Grande, or any other effort to secure the Texas-Mexico border. Not one light should be turned off.

The administration should rein in Fish and Wildlife and instruct it to work with the Border Patrol to resolve this matter in a way that does not impede law enforcement efforts. The overriding issue here is the well-being of our children and our nation as a whole.

Kindly intentions toward wildlife notwithstanding, that must be our first priority.

CLINTON LAWYER DOESN'T SEE SETTLEMENT SOON

WASHINGTON (AP) - Despite a cordial discussion recently with Paula Jones' new lawyer, President Clinton's attorney doubts there will be a settlement soon in her sexual harassment lawsuit.

Bob Bennett, who represents the president, said he would welcome the chance to renew negotiations. But he cautioned that he would never agree to a settlement that included any kind of admission from Clinton or require the president to dip into his own pocket.

During a forum Thursday night sponsored by George magazine, Bennett touched briefly upon everything from fashion to bickering in Congress and the Justice Department's investigation into Clinton's fund-raising efforts.

"We have one of the most honest Congresses in history but everyone thinks they're crooks," Bennett said.

At the same time he suggested that the independent counsel law and partisan calls to invoke it have perpetuated an unwarranted scandal mongering and public cynicism.

CLINTON HAILS "LITTLE ROCK 9"

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - After all the speeches were finished and only a handful of people from a huge crowd remained, Minniejean Brown Trickey strode onto the front lawn at Central High School.

Forty years ago, she and eight other black teen-agers had crossed the same lawn to attend classes as armed U.S. Army paratroopers cleared their path through hate-filled white mobs.

"It was good to be walking on the grass without soldiers with me or screaming mobs of lousy souls," Ms. Trickey said Thursday. She and the others received a presidential welcome during a special ceremony commemorating the 40th anniversary of the day they broke Central's color barrier.

President Clinton pulled open the front door of Central High and stood back to welcome nine blacks who integrated the school. He was assisted by Gov. Mike Huckabee and Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey.

"It was pretty strong symbolism," said Ms. Trickey, "exactly the kind of drama that must happen so that people realize that we are taking this seriously."

"How do we undo 40 years ago the governor saying no? We reverse it, we turn it around and we do it over."

Clinton hailed the bravery and perseverance of the nine throughout a racial drama that wrenched America.

CLERGY WANTS SUNDAY SOCCER TO STOP

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) - The pew or the practice field? It's a choice some clergy say no soccer mom, dad or kid should have to make - and the reason for a plea asking coaches and youth organizers not to schedule games on Sunday mornings.

"It used to be that people had respect for Sunday morning," said John Sumwalt, pastor of Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church, one of 22 area clergy who have signed a letter asking for Sunday-free soccer. The Rev. Gary Erickson, pastor at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, said youth soccer "kind of dominates everything and gives us a back seat. I think it's about time to get back to what's healthy and what's good."

But the complaint from the clergy ignores other religions - and doesn't reflect most parents' views, said Mark Botterill, executive director of the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club, where 11,000 youngsters ages 5 to 19 play each weekend.

He said he has switched games from Saturday to Sunday to accommodate Jewish parents. But there are few complaints from parents at all, he said.

"We don't hold anybody hostage that they have to be at the event," he said.

Though baseball, hockey and basketball programs play host to tournaments all weekend long, soccer was singled out in the Milwaukee area after the Wauwatosa Fest soccer tournament started scheduling games on Sunday mornings this year, leaving parents and children to make the difficult choice, Sumwalt said.

"ER" WENT LIVE, STAYS "IN ONE PIECE"

NEW YORK (AP) - Even broadcast live, "ER's" doctors and nurses gave viewers the best of care.

Performed straight to air, NBC's medical drama displayed its usual precision and bustling tempo Thursday night in a form that has been virtually extinct since video tape and film eclipsed the live TV drama of the 1950s.

But "ER" live also sparked the promised electricity at the possibility that something - a dropped prop, a missed cue - would go awry. Not that anything noticeable did.

"We're still in one piece," said "ER" executive producer John Wells, shaking his head with wonder at the show's Burbank, Calif., studio after the first performance, which was seen by viewers in the Eastern and Central time zones.

Then it was time to get ready to do the whole thing again, live, for the Pacific zone. Only those in the Mountain time zone and in Hawaii saw the episode on tape.

The second broadcast went off as smoothly as the first, except viewers could hear the word "commercial" before the first break and "action!" when the show returned.

BARGE OWNERS FINED \$7 MILLION IN SPILL

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - Rhode Island's worst oil spill was the result of criminal negligence that left a barge and tug improperly equipped to navigate stormy winter waters, its owners said in agreeing to pay \$7 million in fines.

The spill of 828,000 gallons of home heating oil in January 1996 happened after winter storm warnings were ignored, the companies and the tug captain also acknowledged, U.S. Attorney Sheldon Whitehouse said Thursday.

The plea agreement with Ekof Marine Corp. of New York's Staten Island borough, its president and two affiliates must be reviewed by federal and state courts.

Whitehouse said the fines, if approved, would be the largest criminal fines paid in Rhode Island's history and the largest environmental fines ever paid in New England.

News Digest

WOMEN WIN JUDGMENT AGAINST AMERITECH

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Ameritech Indiana will appeal a nearly \$1.1 million judgment awarded to three female employees after a federal jury decided the company was liable for sexual harassment and subjected the women to repeated harassment by a male co-worker.

Ameritech spokeswoman Lee Ann Hoy said the company would file its appeal within the next 60 days and insisted Ameritech did nothing wrong in handling the allegations against Gary Amos that began in 1975.

On Thursday, a federal jury awarded \$1,065,000 to Lori Everts, Wendy Pollard and Debbie Wentland. The three will split the judgment.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed the lawsuit on behalf of the three women after complaints were repeatedly filed against Amos alleging that he harassed 18 female co-workers over a 19-year period.

STATES WANT STUDY OF FISH KILLS

WASHINGTON (AP) - To Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening, the fish killed by toxic microbes in Chesapeake Bay tributaries are like the canaries once used by coal miners to warn against deadly gas.

"Our fish are dying in the same way to tell us that we have a very serious problem with our environment," Glendening told a House committee Thursday. "Something is clearly triggering this outbreak."

Glendening, a Democrat, and a top Virginia state official urged Congress to appropriate more federal money for research into what caused the appearance in mid-Atlantic waterways of toxic pfiesteria, which is responsible for some reported human ailments.

"We are working in a near void of science when it comes to pfiesteria and human health," said Virginia Health Commissioner Randolph Gordon. "The best way to protect everyone from this potential threat is by, first and foremost, commitment to the best science."

Glendening closed three Eastern Shore rivers after the toxic form of Pfiesteria piscicida appeared last month. It sickened or killed fish and possibly caused illness in 27 people who came in contact with the water. Millions of fish were killed two years ago in eastern North Carolina rivers by pfiesteria.

ARAFAT'S POLICE ARREST HAMAS ACTIVISTS

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) - Yasser Arafat's security forces arrested dozens of Hamas activists in the West Bank and Gaza Strip early today as part of a crackdown on Islamic militants that had been sought by Israel and the United States.

In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was on the defensive today after angering Secretary of State Madeleine Albright with his announcement of more construction in Jewish settlements despite her call for a "timeout" in building.

Netanyahu had not given Albright advance notice of his planned declaration even though he had spoken to her by phone just hours before.

The Israeli leader announced the construction of 300 new homes in the West Bank settlement of Efrat at a time when the Palestinians were on the defensive over their failure to prevent terror attacks on Israel.

YELTSIN SIGNS CONTROVERSIAL RELIGION BILL

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin today signed into law a highly controversial religion bill that enshrines the Russian Orthodox Church as the country's preeminent religion and limits the activities of other religious groups.

Russia's Orthodox Church and hard-liners and nationalists in parliament have fought hard to pass the law, arguing that the country was flooded by dangerous alien religions seeking to "sow the seeds of religious enmity," as Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexy II said this week.

"This is a source of danger not only for the church but also for the state," he said.

Critics say the legislation violates the Russian constitution in curbing the rights of many religious organizations, including Protestant and Roman Catholic groups that have become increasingly active in Russia since the 1991 Soviet collapse.

EARTHQUAKES JOLT CENTRAL ITALY

ASSISI, Italy (AP) - Earthquakes jolted a mountainous swath of central Italy early today, killing at least eight people and damaging artworks and buildings, including the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

Civil defense officials said six of the deaths happened during a sharp quake hours after the initial jolt. Among those were two men killed in the basilica when a quake collapsed the roof while they were inspecting frescoes damaged by one of the earlier tremors.

The mayor of Assisi told state television that the two men were friars of the Franciscan order.

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What Others are Saying

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers: The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on AIDS on prisons:

At a time when the nation is recording a drop in the number of new AIDS cases, the number of AIDS cases reported among Texas prison inmates is rising.

Texas Board of Criminal Justice chairman Allan Polunsky has asked for a review of AIDS policies in the prison system. Two state senators addressed the problem of AIDS in prison last week by calling for hearings.

The situation is getting worse, and it justifiably needs attention. And the prison system needs some new policies that are laced with a heavy dose of common sense.

For example, the TDCJ does not currently mandate HIV testing of its prison inmates. Inmates can take the tests voluntarily, but they are not required to do so.

Given the obvious HIV risks of prison inmates through homosexual activity and drug use, prison officials should be testing inmates for the virus at least once a year. Each incoming inmate should be tested for HIV.

Also, TDCJ officials say current rules prohibit the segregation of HIV-infected inmates because of confidentiality laws. Such rules are illogical when dealing with a contagious and deadly disease. They have no doubt been a factor in the spread of the disease thus far.

Inmates who are infected with the AIDS virus should quite obviously be quarantined apart from inmates who do not have it.

No more time should be wasted before a comprehensive review is made of prison AIDS policies and a serious effort is made to reduce health risks.

Prison inmates may deserve to be locked away from society for a time, but they are still human beings who should live in an environment that is as safe as possible.

San Antonio Express-News on problems with Mir: The latest close call for the Russian space station Mir highlights the never-ending problems for the 11-year-old space station.

A U.S. satellite recently passed within 500 yards of the space station. Rather than attempt to maneuver Mir out of the path of danger, the Russian-American crew huddled in an escape capsule.

Mir already has been involved in one collision, during a June docking with a cargo craft. That led to long-running electrical and computer problems.

At times, the crew, which includes an American, has had oxygen-supply problems.

The Associated Press reported that the crew had just finished repairs on Mir's main computer when it was warned of the oncoming satellite.

The Russians do not attempt to get Mir out of the way of approaching objects, partly because distance estimates are not exact.

U.S. officials say a planned international space station will use thrusters to try to avoid objects.

After the satellite passed, the crew left the escape capsule and resumed operations, but the incident is the latest example of Mir's dangers.

The aging spacecraft is no longer safe enough to justify having an American on board.

Waco Tribune-Herald on probation loopholes: Not only are Texas judges and prosecutors improperly using plea bargains and deferred adjudication to cut their workload, they also are wiping criminal records clean for probationers who fail to meet the terms of their probation.

The Texas Legislature again needs to tighten the loopholes that allow Texas judges and prosecutors to reward criminals who mock the law.

An investigation by the Houston Chronicle reported that many criminal defendants convicted of a crime and sentenced to deferred adjudication and probation are walking around with spotless records due to a corner-cutting practice by Texas judges and prosecutors that rewards probation violators.

The newspaper found that many judges, particularly in Harris County, reward absconders (probationers who disappear without fulfilling their probation terms) by terminating their felon probationary sentences early due to "unsatisfactory" performance.

Rather than getting their probation revoked, and being arrested and punished fully for their original crimes and violation of their probation and deferred adjudication sentences, they instead are given an "unsatisfactory termination," which reduces work for prosecutors and judges and gives a free walk to criminal defendants.

Some legal scholars, according to the newspaper, say judges lack the authority to order "unsatisfactory terminations" because the Code of Criminal Procedure requires a defendant's "satisfactory fulfillment" of probation before a judge may change the original sentence.

The prosecutors who recommend and judges who accept "unsats" defend giving early release to absconders by saying the practice is permitted by the Code of Criminal Procedure under the authority of judicial discretion.

Judges and prosecutors who use early termination of felony probationers may have found a technicality to give a walk to probation scofflaws, but this practice clearly is not wanted by law-abiding taxpayers or lawmakers who have been tightening laws to prohibit early terminations of probation.

One judge quoted by the Houston Chronicle defended his acceptance of recommendations to give early release to probation violators. "When the state of Texas tells me they don't want to pursue a case, I'm not going to second-guess their judgment," said 228th state District Judge Ted Poe.

Most Texans assumed judges were paid to exercise their own judgment. The Texas Legislature must close this loophole that allows judges and prosecutors to reward people who violate the terms of their probationary sentences.

The Huntsville Item on UT law professor Lino Graglia: In debate over how to respond to University of Texas law professor Lino Graglia, Jesse Jackson isn't right either.

Jackson met last Tuesday with University of Texas students protesting Graglia's remarks about minority students who came from cultures that regard failure less of a disgrace than whites do, thus limiting their ability to succeed.

Rather than call for his ouster, Jackson urged Graglia's students to skip his classes instead. That won't help young minorities in their quest for academic success, either.

... Even if you believe a professor's controversial opinions require immediate action, even Jackson doesn't support firing Graglia, who, he says, would then be viewed as a martyr.

... The lesson Graglia offers is perhaps this: During the course of their professional lives everyone encounters those who prejudice them by some unfair standard. Bigotry and arrogance are as intractable as they are pervasive. Those obstacles that cannot be removed must be scaled.

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