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At the fire station

Stanton pre-K students visiting the Hereford Fire Department had the opportunity to see and hear the trucks, a fireman in

full fire fighting gear and learn the importance of smoke detectors, fire escape routes and other fire safety tips.

Kids taught about fire safety

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Mrs. O'Leary's cow has been exonerated officially of blame in the great Chicago fire of the late 19th century, but the disaster is recalled as fire departments across the U.S. observe National Fire Prevention Week.

National Fire Prevention Week is observed annually during the first week of October.

School children across the country use the week to study fire prevention and safety, tour fire stations and take time to tell their folks to check the smoke detectors.

"We can't measure fire prevention," said Hereford Fire Marshal Jay Spain. "We can only educate the kids and hope they remember the message we send out."

During tours of the local fire station, students are told to check their homes for fire hazards and to check the batteries in smoke detectors.

"The smoke detector is probably the most important fire prevention tool invented in the last 500 years," said Spain. "But it can't do any good if the batteries are dead or missing."

"In 9 out of 10 fire fatalities, it's the smoke that kills, not the fire," he said.

"When the rubber and plastics in houses start to burn, they release cyanide gas - the same stuff they used to use in the gas chambers."

Spain and the 32 Hereford volunteer firefighters stress the fire safety tips of stop, drop and roll, staying low to the ground when moving through a smoke-filled area, and never play with lighters and matches.

Other safety tips include:

- Never leave cooking fires unattended;
- Never carry a burning pan or spray it with water; and
- Always keep loose clothing away from a heat source.

"But it comes down to being the parents' responsibility to teach their kids about the dangers of fire," Spain said.

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department consists of one paid member (Spain), 32 volunteers, nine firefighting units and one rescue truck.

"Don't let the fact that it is a volunteer fire department fool you," said Spain. "On a national ranking for paid and volunteer fire departments, we rank a 4."

Spain added there are only a few departments with a 3 ranking and even fewer with a 2 and no ones.

"We rank the same as Amarillo with all their stations and paid firefighters," he said. "If this were a paid department, it would cost the city and county an additional \$1.4 million (per year)."

Volunteer firefighter Joe Hamby said being a volunteer fireman compares favorably with being a member of the Lions or Kiwanis clubs.

"It takes the people to make the department," said Hamby. "It's the volunteers, the families and the employers who allow the volunteers to leave when they get called."

A good thing about this volunteer fire department, Spain said, is the members live and work in every part of the town, which means the response time is usually less than three minutes.

Firefighting is both contagious and addicting, Spain said.

"It gets in your blood and you know you're doing a good job when you know a big fire is out and no one got hurt," he said.

Heating costs expected to be lower

WASHINGTON (AP) - Homeowners can expect to pay less to keep warm this winter, thanks to last year's mild winter. But an unusually cold winter this year could drive up natural gas prices.

That was the forecast released Wednesday by the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration.

Administrator Jay Hakes said last winter's relatively mild temperatures left supplies of heating oil, propane and natural gas at higher levels than last year.

That translates into smaller heating bills this time around.

The average homeowner using heating oil should save between \$60 and \$70 this winter, compared with last year. Natural gas bills are expected to drop about \$20 for the season. And customers who heat their homes with propane can look for savings of more than \$90.

"It appears that the nation is in pretty good shape," Hakes said. "It's a different picture than we were seeing at this time last year."

The unusually cold winter of 1995-96 diminished fuel supplies, and

prices of heating oil and natural gas surged as utility companies scrambled to replenish their reserves. The cold temperatures during the fall and early winter last year exacerbated the situation, as utilities tried to keep up with demand. Customers howled and governments investigated the sharp price increases.

Once temperatures turned warmer, prices dropped and utilities wound up with higher reserves than expected.

There is enough propane and heating oil to meet the extra demand if temperatures this winter are colder than normal, Hakes said. But natural gas supplies are only slightly higher than last year, meaning that they could be drained by an unusually severe winter, which would force natural gas prices higher.

The drop in fuel prices is expected to spread to gasoline. With more motorists driving longer distances and burning more gasoline, pump prices climbed above \$1.30 a gallon last summer.

Because driving declines in the winter, the demand for gasoline falls as well. Gas prices are expected to decline by 5 to 7 cents a gallon.

Harvesters ready to begin working

Sugar beet harvesters are set to hit the fields Oct. 14 as another campaign winds down for the Golden Spread region.

Experts from around the growing area expect timely rains and solid crop management will produce a good crop.

Yields and quality throughout the region are expected to be higher than previous years.

"The northern Panhandle region really saw an increase in production this year," said Kenneth Frye, president of the Texas and New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association.

With the increased production of sugar beets, Frye is pleased that Holly Sugar was able to increase the number of piling stations.

Holly piling areas, from the northern Panhandle to the South Plains and over to eastern New Mexico, are ready to receive the crop.

Producers this year will have 10 receiving stations available. Locations are in Dawn, Farmers Corner, Dalhart, Wildorado, Friona, Bovina, State Line, Etter, Hartley and the Holly factory location.

Full harvest begins for all stations on Oct. 27.

According to Dennis Printz, Holly Sugar's agriculture manager, Cutrell Trucking of Amarillo will provide freight for outlying receiving stations. Printz says growers overall should see yields well above 22-ton average and sugar content above 14 percent.

"We will have some growers who will easily surpass 25 tons in production with a 15 percent sugar content," said Printz. "Some will even approach 30 tons or more per acre."

NEWS

ARMY PLANS COURT-MARTIAL OF TOP ENLISTED SOLDIER

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Army has decided to court-martial Sgt. Maj. of the Army Gene McKinney, its top enlisted soldier, on sexual misconduct charges resulting from accusations of harassment and assault by six servicewomen.

McKinney, a 29-year veteran, is expected to enter a plea at an arraignment within a few days. He has strongly denied the allegations against him and accused the Army of racial bias. McKinney is black; all six of his accusers are white.

No trial date was set.

The case against McKinney, which started with sexual misconduct accusations last February by a former aide, retired Sgt. Maj. Brenda Hoster, has been a source of great embarrassment for the Army. The service has struggled with a string of sexual harassment and abuse cases in recent months; this summer an independent panel concluded that sexual harassment was widespread in the Army and that its leaders were to blame for letting it persist.

SUSPECTS MAKING ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY BY CHICAGO POLICE

CHICAGO (AP) - The image of Chicago police as baton-swinging thugs is resurfacing long after city officials thought they had banished it.

One suspect says his leg was broken with a baseball bat in a lockup. Another man says police broke his jaw with a flashlight. A black officer says 11 white cops beat him and peppered him with racial slurs, even though he showed them his badge.

The Justice Department is investigating one brutality case. And even department spokesman Paul Jenkins - who once spoke glowingly of a new breed of wine-sipping, art-loving officer - was dumped after a public relations gaffe.

"I urge the residents of Chicago not to let a few bad apples erode their trust in the Chicago Police Department," Superintendent Matt Rodriguez said Wednesday as he sought to stem damage to the image of his beleaguered force.

MORALE REPORTEDLY LOW AMONG IRS RANK AND FILE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tales of IRS misconduct that emerged from Senate investigative hearings came at a time when morale already was low, members of the agency's rank and file say.

From Texas to Michigan to Maryland, a cross-section of IRS workers said they were distressed that the Finance Committee hearings cast too broad a brush over 102,000 workers.

As House Majority Leader Dick Army, R-Texas, and Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., prepared to kick off a "National Tax Reform Tour" Friday in Ohio, some Internal Revenue Service employees still bristle over the tone of hearings.

"I feel like I am watching, hearing and reading the Salem witch trials," said Sandra Leigh, a Florida agent who poured out her thoughts in a letter to Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla.

STORMY WEATHER TO DOUSE TEXAS

By The Associated Press

Stormy weather will continue to douse Texas Friday and a cold front chilled temperatures in some areas.

In West Texas, a weak cold front has become stationary today and wet conditions prevailed. Temperatures ranged from 42 at Guyman to 73 at Sanderson.

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Health-care workers considered source of flu among elderly

WASHINGTON (AP) - Doctors, nurses and other health-care workers are major sources of influenza infections that kill thousands of elderly nursing home residents every year, a new study finds.

Dr. Gregory Poland of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said health-care workers are lax in getting annual flu shots and only about half of people over 65 receive the vaccine. Even fewer of the elderly have received shots that protect against pneumonia infections.

This results, he said, in thousands of deaths that could be prevented. "The very people who are charged with protecting the elderly from the flu may bring the virus into nursing homes and expose residents to this disease and its life-threatening complications," Poland told a news conference.

"Physicians, nurses and health-care workers who have not received flu vaccine are regularly putting the patients under their care at risk," he said.

Poland said a British study of 1,059 residents at 12 different facilities for long-term care found the death rate among patients dropped from 17

percent to 10 percent when health-care workers were required to receive annual flu shots.

"Just immunizing the health-care workers gives significant protection for these patients," said Poland.

About 25 percent of health-care workers become infected with flu every year, he said. Yet surveys show that only about 30 percent of doctors, nurses and attendants annually get flu shots.

Poland said flu shots give a high level of protection against infection from the virus. Additionally, he said, people protected by the vaccine are much less likely to spread the virus to others.

The doctor emphasized that the flu vaccine is made from killed virus, which means the shots cannot cause the infection.

People over 65, particularly those already in poor health, are very susceptible to flu and its potentially lethal side-effect - pneumonia. Poland said many elderly people who get flu go on to develop pneumonia, and about 10 percent of those patients die.

Dr. Jay Butler of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta cited an alarming rise in strains of pneumonia-causing bacterium that do not respond to antibiotic treatment.

Butler said that about 20 percent of the pneumococcus strains now found in elderly patients do not respond to penicillin, an antibiotic that has long been the mainstay against the infection. Ten percent of the bacteria are now unresponsive to even advanced types of antibiotics, he said.

This makes it even more important, said Butler, that people over age 65 receive not only the flu vaccine but also shots that protect against most of the types of pneumococcus.

"As many as 22 million elderly have never been immunized against pneumococcal disease," he said.

The combination of flu and pneumonia was the sixth leading cause of death among Americans last year, claiming about 40,000 lives. There were about 500,000 cases of influenza that required hospitalization, said Poland.

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Local Roundup

Freshman class supper

The freshman class will sponsor a nacho grande supper on Friday from 5-7 p.m. in the Hereford Junior High cafeteria. Plates are \$4 each and carry-out is \$4.50.

Early out

HISD will dismiss classes one hour early on Friday to allow students to participate in homecoming events. **The Brand** earlier reported a different schedule due to some conflicting information. We apologize for the inconvenience. Also the students will be out on Monday for Columbus Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday.

Food drive

Hereford Food Pantry will hold a food drive during the homecoming football game against Caprock Friday evening. Everyone attending the game is asked to bring canned goods or non-perishable food items to leave in a trailer which will be parked at the gate.

Chamber seminar set

John Allen and "Woody" will conduct three training seminars for area businesses and their customer contact personnel Oct. 14 at the Hereford Community Center. The seminar topics are "Customer Relations Skills," "Dealing with the Angry Customer," and "Telephone Customer Relations Skills." Each session will last 45 minutes. The customer relations seminar will begin at 7:30 a.m., the angry customer seminar at 8:45 and the telephone training session at 10 a.m. Reservations are requested. For reservations, call the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, 364-3333.

Lawmakers to visit

The Panhandle delegation to the Texas Legislature will meet with area residents during a dutch-treat luncheon beginning at noon Oct. 15 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

Legislators planning to participate in the meeting are Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, and Reps. John Smithee of Amarillo, Warren Chisum of Pampa and David Swinford of Dumas.

Hereford Mayor Bob Josserand has said the lawmakers are describing the event as "non-political." Josserand said he expects the legislators to discuss some "things coming down the pike."

The Hereford Lions Club will be the event's host. The luncheon will be \$5.75 per person.

Increasing clouds

Tonight, increasing clouds. Low near 55. South wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly sunny and breezy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High near 80. South winds 15-25 mph with higher gusts. Chance of rain is 20 percent. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low 50 to 55. 3 to 5 day forecast, Saturday, breezy. Partly sunny with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High around 75. Sunday, mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of showers. Low near 50. High 65 to 70. Monday, becoming mostly clear. Low 40 to 45. High in the mid-60s.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Just a note to say "thank you" to all the businesses in Hereford that contribute to our high school class suppers. I personally called on 10 to 12 grocery stores, restaurants and supply companies a month ago for the senior class chili supper.

I then had to turn around and solicit again for the upcoming freshman class supper this Friday. All the businesses were willing to chip in and help our kids! I am proud to live in a town where people realize our youth are our greatest asset!

Thank you, Hereford, for being the kind of place I want to live. (And don't forget the Junior High Nacho Grande Supper Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.)

Michael Power,
Freshman/Senior parent

Dear Editor:

Work has started on a new roof for King's Manor and Westgate facilities. The board and administrator discussed the need and possible funding of a new roof in May. A suggestion was also made to seek a matching grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

A concerned citizen and supporter of King's Manor started the ball rolling. Letters were mailed to citizens and supporters to solicit contributions for half the cost of a new roof.

After we received pledges and contributions for half the cost, the Amarillo Area Foundation graciously approved our grant application for half the cost.

King's Manor wants to extend a special "Thank You" to all the supporters and concerned citizens who answered our requests and contributed to pay half the costs of the roofing.

Patsy Bryant,
Administrator

Emergency Services

Activities reported by the local law enforcement include:

Police Department

Arrests

--A 31-year-old man was arrested at Union and Avenue F on a DPS speeding warrant.

--A 20-year-old man was arrested in the 900 block of Forrest and charged with public intoxication.

--A 27-year-old man was arrested in the 900 block of Forrest and charged with domestic violence and public intoxication.

--A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 900 block of Forrest and charged with domestic violence.

--A theft was reported in the 300 block of north 385.

--Theft was reported in the 600 block of east Park.

--Theft was reported in the 500 block of north 385.

--A criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of east 5th.

--An assault was reported in the 400 block of east 60.

--Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1500 block of Blevins.

--Domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Avenue H.

--Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

--Two traffic tickets were issued.

--No curfew violations.

--One minor accident.

--No fire calls.



Away he goes

Brendon Puente took advantage of the fall weather to go for a ride on his AmTryke tricycle. The tricycle is hand powered rather than with foot pedals, which allows Brendon, who was born with spina bifida, to get around on his own.



Peace and flower children

Students at HHS have spent the week showing school spirit in a variety of ways including dressing in their version of the hippies of the seventies. Participating in the event were Zack Wall, Jacque Bezner, Amanda Kraegshauser, Julie Rampley, Tate Head, and Emily Parker.

Mexico to release Tyler man

Supporters remain cautiously optimistic

TYLER (AP) - A Texas businessman jailed in Mexico after airport officials said they found a gun in his luggage is scheduled to arrive in Dallas on a morning flight today, the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* reported.

After 70 days in jail, Steve House was released Wednesday night, said

Pam Arruda, press secretary for U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas.

Sessions, family and friends have been working to free the Karnack man for more than two months.

Mexican authorities first said they would release House Wednesday afternoon, but then detained him until

Wednesday evening, family spokesman Ian Halperin said.

House was scheduled to arrive at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport Wednesday night, but rescheduled his flight, Halperin said. House's supporters, who've expected him to be freed several times during the past two-and-a-half months, say they'll remain "cautiously optimistic" until they see him step off the plane.

House, a six-year Gas Services employee, was en route to Bolivia with several bags containing thousands of dollars worth of computer equipment when he was arrested.

Both Arruda and Halperin were unsure of the recent agreement made between U.S. and Mexican officials to free House. It's possible all charges against him were dropped, Arruda said.

"We won't know any other details until he comes back," she said. Sessions visited House in August, and Anderson spent weeks in Mexico City lobbying for his release.

"We're pleased and thrilled this ordeal is finally coming to an end," Arruda said. Halperin said House will immediately head home to Karnack today.

House missed his son's wedding while he was in jail, and celebrated his birthday and wedding anniversary alone in his cell. "He's got some family celebrations to catch up on," Halperin said.

Clinton threatens veto Senate abandons education block grant plans

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lawmakers seem to be abandoning a Senate plan to turn more than one-third of federal education dollars into block grants controlled by school districts, a proposal that has prompted a White House veto threat.

But with fiscal 1998 already in its second week, President Clinton and Congress are still battling over issues sprinkled throughout overdue spending bills, plus the president's use of the line-item veto to kill 38 military construction projects.

Last month, the Senate narrowly approved the block-grant plan, in effect removing the Education Department from control of nearly 40 percent of its budget. The plan was included in an \$80 billion measure financing the departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services for the new fiscal year. There was no comparable provision in the House version.

With House-Senate bargainers trying to write compromise legislation, the sponsor of the block-grant provision said Wednesday there probably was not enough support among negotiators for him to prevail.

"We'd be one vote short," said Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash. But he added, "I'll continue to pursue this until the final vote has taken place. This isn't an idea that will go away."

There are still other sharp conflicts threatening that bill.

Clinton has also promised to veto the measure if it omits his voluntary plan for giving national reading tests

to fourth-graders and math tests to eighth-graders. So far, House negotiators are insisting they want to kill the president's idea.

"We cannot move at all," said Rep. William Goodling, R-Pa., House Education Committee chairman and a top opponent of the testing plan.

Meanwhile, Clinton's line-item veto of 38 military construction projects Monday continued to rile lawmakers.

The Senate Appropriations Committee planned a hearing today at which aides said Pentagon officials would testify to the need for the projects.

And the House Appropriations Committee chairman, Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., sent Clinton a letter accusing him of using the power "at random against miscellaneous but worthy projects not blessed by the White House."

Clinton also signed a \$248 billion defense bill, but indicated he may use the line-item veto to kill items in that measure too.

Clinton said the bill's spending was excessive, containing \$1.2 billion more than what he believes was agreed to in his budget deal with Congress. The president has until Tuesday to strike individual projects, some of which are in the hometowns of such influential lawmakers as Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

These could include half a billion dollars in congressionally added spending on eight C-130J military transport aircraft not in either the Pentagon's budget request or in the request Clinton sent to Capitol Hill. The planes are built in Marietta, Ga., Gingrich's hometown.

Congress also added \$100 million for an LPD-17 amphibious assault ship to be built near the district of House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La.; and \$720 million for an Aegis destroyer built in Lott's hometown of Pascagoula, Miss.

Congressional leaders decided to duck one potential controversy by agreeing to block a handful of senior lawmakers from qualifying for a potentially lucrative change in their pension plans.

They decided to make long-serving members of Congress ineligible to switch to a plan that lets federal workers invest some of their retirement savings in the stock market. Leaders worried that the move would spark public criticism, and Republicans were angry that most beneficiaries would have been Democrats.

In one step forward, the House approved one of the largest of the 13 annual spending bills, a \$91 billion measure for veterans, housing, environmental and space programs. It passed with little controversy, 405-21, and now needs Senate approval before going to the president for his signature.

Any ideas or suggestions?

If it's news to you, then it's news to us. If you have any suggestions for news or feature stories, just give us a call at **The Brand**.
364-2030



By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn for a \$19 million grand prize in the twice-weekly Loto Texas game Wednesday night, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:
10-13-16-34-43-48.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$27 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-2-1

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Dollie Mae Hathaway
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Dollie Mae Hathaway, 85, of Hereford died Wednesday at St. Anthony's Hospice.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Temple Baptist Church with Rev. H.W. Bartlett officiating.

Interment will be at Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hathaway was born Feb. 17, 1912, in Blossom, Texas to Robert Lee Smullen and Eva Ross Miller. She married Edward Matthew Hathaway March 2, 1937 in Annona, Texas and came to Deaf Smith County in 1972. She was a homemaker and a member of the Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Ronnie Hathaway of Hereford, Mickey Hathaway of Canyon, Gary Hathaway of Gruver; two daughters, Marilyn Malena of Amarillo and Janet Stanford of Dimmitt; 17 grandchildren, 15 great grand children, one great great grandchild.

The family will receive friends and family from 7-9 p.m. at Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home. Memorials should be made to St. Anthony's Hospice or Temple Baptist Church.

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Time to get tough with intruder

Dear Ann Landers: A few months ago, a woman in her 30s came to my mother's house and announced that she was my deceased father's illegitimate daughter. Apparently, she had written to my parents before my father died, but he denied that he had anything to do with this woman's mother. He was an honorable man, and I believe what he said. I deeply resent the way she tried to muddy his name in an attempt to become a member of our family.

This woman has continued to contact my father's relatives, claiming to be his daughter. We have made it clear that we have no intention of acknowledging her as a family member. Mind you, there is no legal or medical proof of paternity. Even if her claim is a legitimate one, we still don't want to associate with her. When she confronted my mother, she was arrogant and rude. Meanwhile, she keeps phoning and insists that she be treated as a member of the family.

What can we do to put an end to this harassment? We are fed up with her pushy behavior. -- Unsettled in Sioux City

Dear Sioux City: There are times in life when you must take off the kid gloves and get tough. The next time the woman phones, tell her flat-out that you have nothing to say to her

and to please stop calling. If she calls after that, simply hang up when you hear her voice.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed some stories about stupid criminals. Here's one you might like. It appeared in a Chicago paper:

A Norwegian burglar broke into an Oslo home in mid-afternoon. No one was in the house. He promptly filled three large suitcases with loot, used the phone to order a taxi, waited outside on the street with his bounty, gave the driver his card, which had his name and address on it, and asked to be driven home.

The robber then paid the driver, took the loot inside and began to sort through it. Shortly after, he heard a knock on the door and found himself face to face with a police officer. He was promptly arrested. His comment was "I had this planned perfectly. What went wrong?" -- I'd Rather Be a Dane

Dear Dane: In the interest of good international relations, I shall refrain from making any comment. But thanks for my laugh of the day.

Dear Ann Landers: In support of "S.J., M.D.," I, too, am disgusted with how my tax dollars are being spent and the apathy of complainers who don't speak up.

I didn't care for your reply that "we" have it better in America than

those who live in many other countries. That is the attitude that allows for our tax dollars to continue being spent unwisely. Just because one thing is better than something else doesn't mean it can't be improved upon.

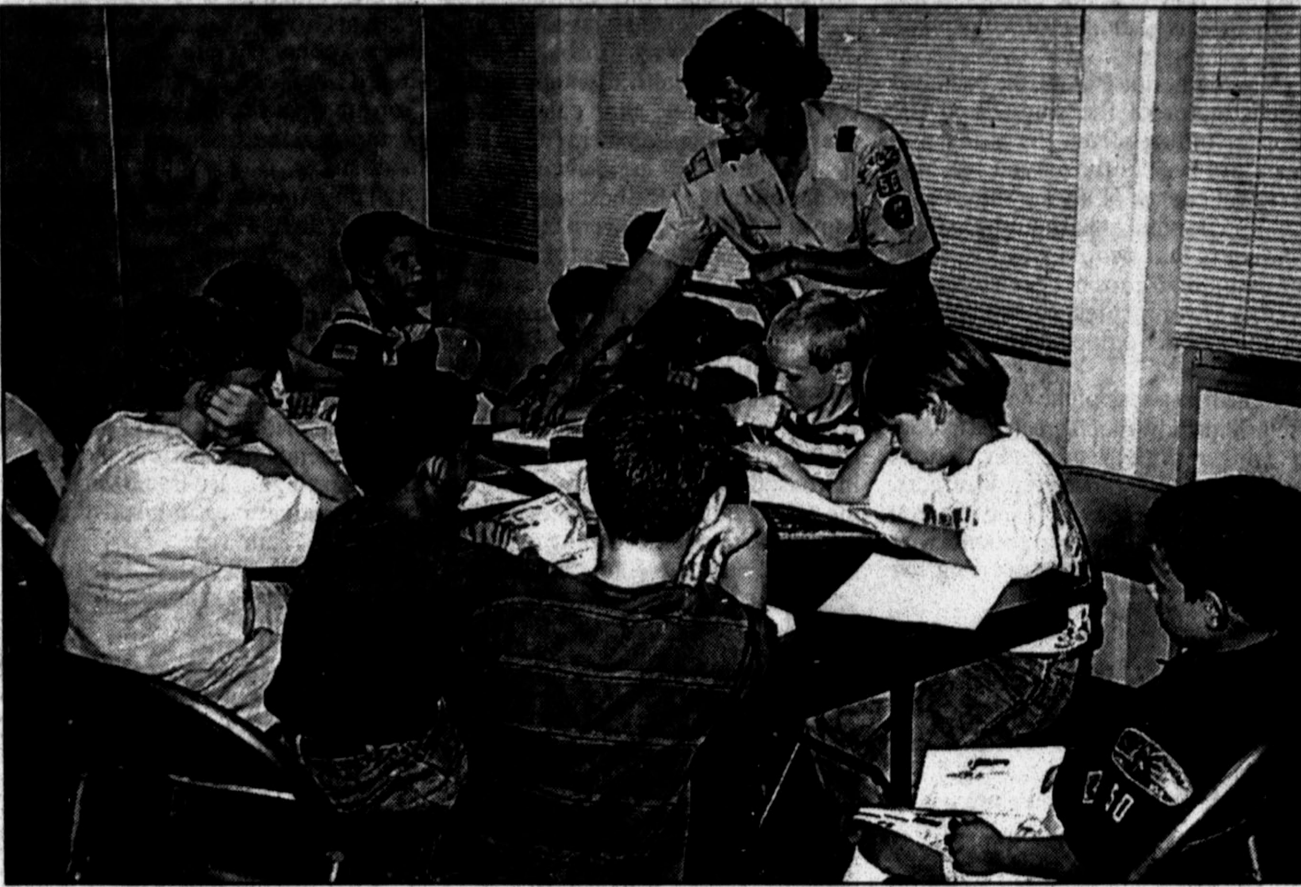
Those folks who are sick of their hard-earned dollars being spent inefficiently need to voice their opinion by letter, by e-mail and at the voting booth. -- S.K. in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Dear S.K.: If you think complaining about how your tax dollars are being spent is going to change anything, I know of a swamp in Louisiana that I'd like to sell you.

You are right, however, when you say dissatisfaction with the way things are going should be expressed in the voting booth. That makes sense, and I second the motion. This is the way things are done in a democracy.

Gem of the Day (Credit Ralph Waldo Emerson): You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know when it will be too late.

Need a few dollars more? Round up your no-longer-used-but-still-usable articles and call The Brand's Classified Ad department. We'll put a low-cost, fast-acting sales message together for you. Call 364-2030.



"I pledge..."

Lisa Blakley, leader, and Cub Scouts in Den 7 discuss the Cub Scout pledge and what it means. There is a scouting program available for boys from first grade through age 18. For more information, contact Jeff Milam at 364-7158.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Oct. 9, the 282nd day of 1997. There are 83 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 9, 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument.

On this date:
In 1635, religious dissident Roger Williams was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

In 1701, the Collegiate School of Connecticut - later Yale University - was chartered in New Haven.

In 1776, a group of Spanish missionaries settled in present-day San Francisco.

In 1930, Laura Ingalls became the first woman to fly across the United States as she completed a nine-stop journey from Roosevelt Field in New York to Glendale, Calif.

In 1936, the first generator at Boulder (later Hoover) Dam began transmitting electricity to Los Angeles.

In 1946, the Eugene O'Neill drama "The Iceman Cometh" opened at the Martin Beck Theater in New York.

In 1958, Pope Pius XII died, 19 years after he was elevated to the papacy.

In 1967, Latin American guerrilla leader Che Guevara was executed while attempting to incite revolution in Bolivia.

In 1975, Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1985, the hijackers of the Achille Lauro cruise liner surrendered after the ship arrived in Port Said, Egypt.

Ten years ago: Supreme Court nominee Robert H. Bork, his rejection by the Senate a virtual certainty, angrily told reporters he would not ask that his nomination be withdrawn. Author, politician and diplomat Clare Boothe Luce died in Washington at age 84.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council voted to ban all military

flights over Bosnia-Herzegovina. The 102nd Congress adjourned.

One year ago: Vice President Al Gore and Jack Kemp debated in St. Petersburg, Fla. Two Americans and a Briton shared the Nobel Prize in chemistry while three Americans won the physics prize. In the opening game of the American League Championship series, 12-year-old Jeffrey Maier turned a probable fly out into a game-tying home run by reaching over the right-field wall at Yankee Stadium and sweeping the ball into the stands with his baseball glove (the Yankees won, 5-to-4 in 11 innings).

Today's Birthdays: Actor Fyvush Finkel ("Picket Fences") is 74. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., is 56. Rock musician John Entwistle (The Who) is 53. Singer Jackson Browne is 49. Actor Robert Wuhl ("Arli\$\$") is 46. Musician James Fearnley (The Pogues) is 43. Actor Scott Bakula is 42. Actor Michael Paré is 38.

Substances outside traditional medicine enlisted against cancer

By MEREDITH RAINE
Corpus Christi Caller-Times
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas - As the owner of a Corpus Christi health store, Connie Lane regularly sees the desperation cancer can cause.

Patients come in with clippings from newspapers and medical journals touting what scientists think might be ammunition for the fight against cancer.

"Most of the time, they are searching for a backup to the conventional treatments for cancer," said Lane, who operates the Herb Kitchen, 4942 Everhart Road. "I think it reassures them and gives them hope that they'll get better." Similar pursuits outside the realm of traditional medicine for protection against cancer are gaining popularity in the medical community.

In recent years, many scientists have begun to turn their focus from

research into cancer treatments and are studying herbs, foods and vitamins that may contain cancer-fighting elements. Their hope is that the perfect product for preventing cancer is already in the kitchen pantry waiting to be discovered.

"Therapy hasn't been as successful as everyone hoped it would be, and we are finding out that prevention may be a much more fruitful way to beat cancer," said Dr. Michael J. Wargovich, a chemoprevention researcher at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Onions, garlic, soy, citrus fruits, wheat bran and tea leaves are among

some of the dishes on the smorgas-bord of research being conducted in the United States.

At M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, researchers have begun the first human trials in the United States to study green tea as a cancer-fighting agent.

"There is tremendous interest right now in using natural substances to treat and prevent disease," said Dr. Waun Ki Hong, chairman of the Department of Thoracic, Head and Neck Medical Oncology at M.D. Anderson.

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Area Events

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The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Current Concepts in Breast Cancer Treatment" from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the HCC Amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

The cost for the conference is \$29 with pre-registration and \$39 the day of the conference.

The conference is honoring Walter E. Dickinson, M.D., for his outstanding contributions to oncology care in the Texas Panhandle.

Topics to be presented are "Breast Conservation after Induction Chemotherapy", "Lumpectomy and Radiation Therapy for Invasive Breast Carcinoma" and "The History of High Dose Therapy and the Peripheral Stem Cell Program at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center."

The conference is jointly sponsored by the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Amarillo School of Medicine, Office of Continuing Medical Education, Amarillo College Center for Continuing Healthcare

Education and the Dr. Walter Dickinson Lectureship in Surgical Oncology.

For more information call Tracy Dougherty at 806-359-4673.

The Amarillo Trade Exchange National Network will host an art show and sale Saturday and Sunday at the Radisson Inn, Amarillo.

All artists who are currently members of a trade exchange associated with ATENN are welcome. Sale will be full trade to trade exchange members and on a cash basis to the public.

WTAMU

Alumni of the West Texas A&M University T-Anchor Club will reunite Friday during WTAMU Homecoming festivities for the third time since the program ended in 1943.

Pre-registration prior to Friday is not necessary. The club will have a registration table set up from 9 a.m.-noon Friday in the Opportunity Plan, Inc., office, 504 24th St., Canyon.

The reunion begins with a social hour from noon-1 p.m. in the Virgil

Henson Activities Center Mirror Room, followed by a luncheon at 1 p.m. in the Activities Center Ballroom.

West Texas A&M University will host a Fall Choral Concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall on the WTAMU campus.

Admission is free, and the general public is invited.

For more information, contact Dr. George Biffle, associate professor of music at WTAMU, at 806-656-2846.

Seven West Texas A&M University music department faculty will join together for a Faculty Chamber Recital at 8 p.m. Oct. 16 at Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall on the WTAMU campus.

Joe Ella Canisler, Dr. Tina Carpenter, Dr. Robert Krause, Ron Lemon, Karla Qualls, Doug Storey and Sally Turk will be featured.

"We will do a variety of things such as a woodwind quartet and trios," Krause, professor of music at WTAMU, said.

Admission to the concert is free. For more information, contact Krause at 806-656-2821.

State seal on Capitol Ornament

AUSTIN -- Nelda Laney, wife of Texas House Speaker Pete Laney and chairman of the Capitol Ornament Committee, has been joined by First Lady Laura Bush, wife of Gov. George Gush, and Jan Bullock, wife

of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, in announcing the formal opening of sales of the 1997 Capitol Ornament.

"This year's ornament features the State Seal of Texas," said Mrs. Laney, who originated the Capitol

Ornament program. "This is the second in a series of collectible ornaments featuring our great symbols of Texas." The ornaments help fund educational programming and continued preservation of the Capitol.

"For all of us who love Texas, this series of ornaments, which benefits the Capitol preservation project, is a wonderful collection to pass down through our families," Mrs. Bush said.

The ornament is a 3-1/4 inch circular ornament with a 24k gold finish on a three-dimensional design of the seal enhanced by a navy border. The seal details are highlighted with green, red and white enamel with "The State of Texas" lettering in white enamel edged with gold.

The ornament is presented in a blue velour-lined gift box and includes a leaflet relating the history of the state seal.

"Last year, we had hoped to sell 500 or so ornaments and were surprised when demand exceeded 14,000," Mrs. Laney said. "We've ordered 30,000 this year." A limited number of the first edition ornaments, featuring the south facade of the Capitol, are also being made available.

Cost for either the 1997 State of Texas seal or the 1996 Texas State Capitol ornament is \$18.40 per ornament (including tax, shipping and handling). A 20 percent discount is offered for quantities of 25 or more.

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Ornament sales open

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Garden tips given for club roll call

Members of the Garden Beautiful Club answered roll call at the recent meeting by giving garden tips. Interesting and helpful tips were shared.

June Hubbard presented the program on "Planting Now for Spring Flowers". Information she provided included plant tulips now, about 12 inches deep, plant trees and container shrubs now, perennials lifted and divided now will have time to become re-established, parsley seed planted now will sprout in the spring, and rake leaves, shred and add to compost pile.

The meeting was held in the home of Louise Streun with Helen Spinks as co-hostess.

Members present were Louise Axe, Leona Andrews, Vada Axe, Audine Dettman, Jeane Dowell, Dorothy Noland, Jerrye Wheeler, Hubbard, Streun and Spinks.




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"Green tea has been shown to inhibit many kinds of cancer in laboratory and population-based studies in Japan, and since it appears to have very few side effects, it has tremendous potential for widespread use," Hong said.

Dr. Katherine Pisters, the principal investigator of the study, said she hopes findings from the study will validate beliefs that green tea may prevent cancer or shrink tumors.

"In Japan, what studies have shown is that people who consume more than 10 cups of green tea a day have a lower incidence of all types of cancers or developed it late in life," Pisters said.

The first phase of the research will determine how much green tea extract a cancer patient can take before experiencing significant side effects, she said. Then they will see if green tea can prevent cancer in patients who are at high risk for developing the disease.

"Right now there is a lot of interest in diet and its relation to cancer," Pisters said. "Hopefully in the next year we'll be able to shed some light on what we've learned in this area."

While Pisters' patients are trying capsules of green tea extract, Wargovich, a professor of medicine at M.D. Anderson, is researching garlic, onions, vegetables, citrus fruits, aspirin and calcium.

"We're looking at chemicals in foods that boost the immune system, and, in some cases, cause the disappearance and shrinkage of tumors in laboratory animals," Wargovich said.

Isolated chemicals found in garlic

and onions appear to prevent colon cancer in animals, he said, and compounds found in the rinds and pulp of citrus fruit may protect against cancer of the pancreas.

Wargovich also is involved in a study funded by the National Institutes of Health to examine the role of aspirin and calcium in preventing colon cancer.

"We're walking away from chemotherapy as the best way to treat cancer and moving toward biological therapies," Wargovich said. "We're encouraged by the results we are seeing." In California, scientists with the U.S. Department of Agriculture are exploring wheat bran's possible role in fighting colon cancer.

And in Hawaii, doctors at the Cancer Research Center have found that increased soy in the diet may reduce the risk of endometrial cancer, which affects the uterus, according to Foods for the Future, a food, health and

nutrition publication. Tami Cohen, a registered dietitian at the Corpus Christi Cancer Center, said that while research into the link between diet and cancer is encouraging, it is important for patients to realize that, as of yet, there are no conclusive findings. "We've heard our mothers say all along that you are what you eat, but we've never really researched it until recently," she said.

The American Cancer Society concurs. In its 1996 guidelines on diet, nutrition and cancer prevention, it emphasizes that some foods and vitamins may reduce the risk of cancer, but there is little scientific evidence to prove it.

Until there are conclusive results, the American Cancer Society recommends that people eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables and several servings of breads, cereals, grain products, rice, pasta or beans every day.

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Thursday, Oct. 9
 Cleveland (Nagy 15-10) at Baltimore (Key 16-10), 7:13 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
 Baltimore (Mussina 15-8) at Cleveland (Hershiser 14-6), 3:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 12
 Baltimore (Erickson 16-7) at Cleveland (Wright 8-9), 6:50 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 13
 Baltimore at Cleveland, 7:11 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 15
 Cleveland at Baltimore, 3:15 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, Oct. 16
 Cleveland at Baltimore, 7:15 p.m., if necessary
National League
 (NBC)
Tuesday, Oct. 7
 Florida 5, Atlanta 3
Wednesday, Oct. 8
 Atlanta 7, Florida 1, series tied 1-1
Friday, Oct. 10
 Atlanta (Smoltz 15-12) at Florida (Saunders 4-6), 7:07 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11
 Atlanta (Neagle 20-5) at Florida (Brown 16-8), 6:37 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 12
 Atlanta at Florida, 3:07 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 14
 Florida at Atlanta, 7:07 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 15
 Florida at Atlanta, 7:07 p.m., if necessary

IN BRIEF

Arena vote set

DALLAS (AP) -- The Dallas City Council on Wednesday gave formal approval to measures that will allow voters to determine if they want to help fund a \$230 million deal for a downtown basketball and hockey arena.

On a 12-2 vote, the council approved two measures -- one setting a vote for Jan. 17 and the other approving the letter of intent between the city and the Dallas Stars and Dallas Mavericks.

The exact site has yet to be determined. But the deal calls for Reunion Arena, on which the city still owes about \$28 million, to be torn down a year after its replacement opens.

NCA VB splits

From staff reports

The Nazarene Christian Academy Lady Eagles defeated Amarillo Catholic Middle School 15-7, 15-3 in volleyball action Monday.

NCA was led by Lauren Trobert with 11 service points. Erin Nolan had six service points for the Lady Eagles.

Tuesday, St. Andrews School defeated NCA 15-8, 15-12 in Amarillo. Amanda Smith led the Lady Eagles with eight service points.

7th graders win

From staff reports

Both Hereford Junior High seventh-grade teams were winners Tuesday at Whiteface Stadium in games against Dumas.

Louis Perez scored on touchdown runs of 10 and 12 yards to lead the "A" team to a 20-14 win over the Demons. Jose Recce also scored on a 15-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Perez's first touchdown was set up by a 75-yard interception return by Robert Gill to the Demons' 10-yard-line.

Hereford scored 12 points in the fourth quarter to rally from a 14-8 deficit.

In the "B" game, Bryan Gaitan scored on a 20-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, and Jeremy Blakely hit Edward Villareal on a 38-yard touchdown pass in the fourth for a 14-6 win.

NCA FB loses

From staff reports

AMARILLO -- St. Andrews School defeated Nazarene Christian Academy 56-0 Tuesday.

The Eagles will play Plainview Christian School 4:30 p.m. today

Sports calendar

Thursday

Football

Hereford junior varsity Maroon at Amarillo Caprock, 4:30 p.m.
 Plainview Christian at Nazarene Christian Academy, 4:30 p.m. NCA Field.

Volleyball

Plainview Christian at Nazarene Christian Academy, 4:30 p.m. NCA Gymnasium.

Friday

Football

Amarillo Caprock at Hereford, 7:30 p.m. Whiteface Stadium.

Baltimore shuts down Cleveland, 3-0

BALTIMORE (AP) -- Hey, the American League has great pitchers, too.

Scott Erickson shut down Cleveland on just four hits over eight innings, and Brady Anderson and Roberto Alomar homered Wednesday night to lead the Baltimore Orioles over the Indians 3-0 in the opener of the AL championship series.

With all the attention focused on the superb starters of Atlanta and Florida, pitchers in the AL series

have been overlooked. Erickson managed something no NL pitcher has accomplished, carrying Baltimore to the first shutout in this year's postseason.

Winless in seven postseason starts before beating Seattle last week, Erickson got 14 outs on grounders and struck out three, and Randy Myers followed with a perfect ninth, extending the Indians' scoreless streak to 13 innings.

Anderson, meanwhile, opened the

series exactly the same way he began the Indians-Orioles matchup in last year's playoffs -- with a home run.

And Alomar, whose 12th-inning homer in Game 4 won last year's series clincher, hit a two-run shot in the third off loser Chad Ogea.

Anderson also made a great defensive play, leaping to catch Manny Ramirez's first-inning shot, headed for a home run above the 7-foot wall in right-center.

Baltimore, seeking its first AL

pennant since 1983, will try to take a 2-0 lead Thursday night when Jimmy Key pitches against Charles Nagy of the Indians.

Erickson, making his first appearance against Cleveland this year, walked none and allowed just the singles to David Justice in the second, Bip Roberts in the third, Marquis Grissom in the sixth and Matt Williams in the eighth.

Justice was stranded at first, Roberts was left at third. Grissom was

erased when Roberts lined into a double play and Williams was rubbed out when Sandy Alomar hit a comebacker that Erickson turned into a double play.

On Ogea's very first pitch, he crushed the ball over the 25-foot scoreboard in right field. Last year, he had opened the first-round series with a homer off Nagy.

Ogea, 5-2 against the Orioles coming in, didn't get into much trouble except for the homers.

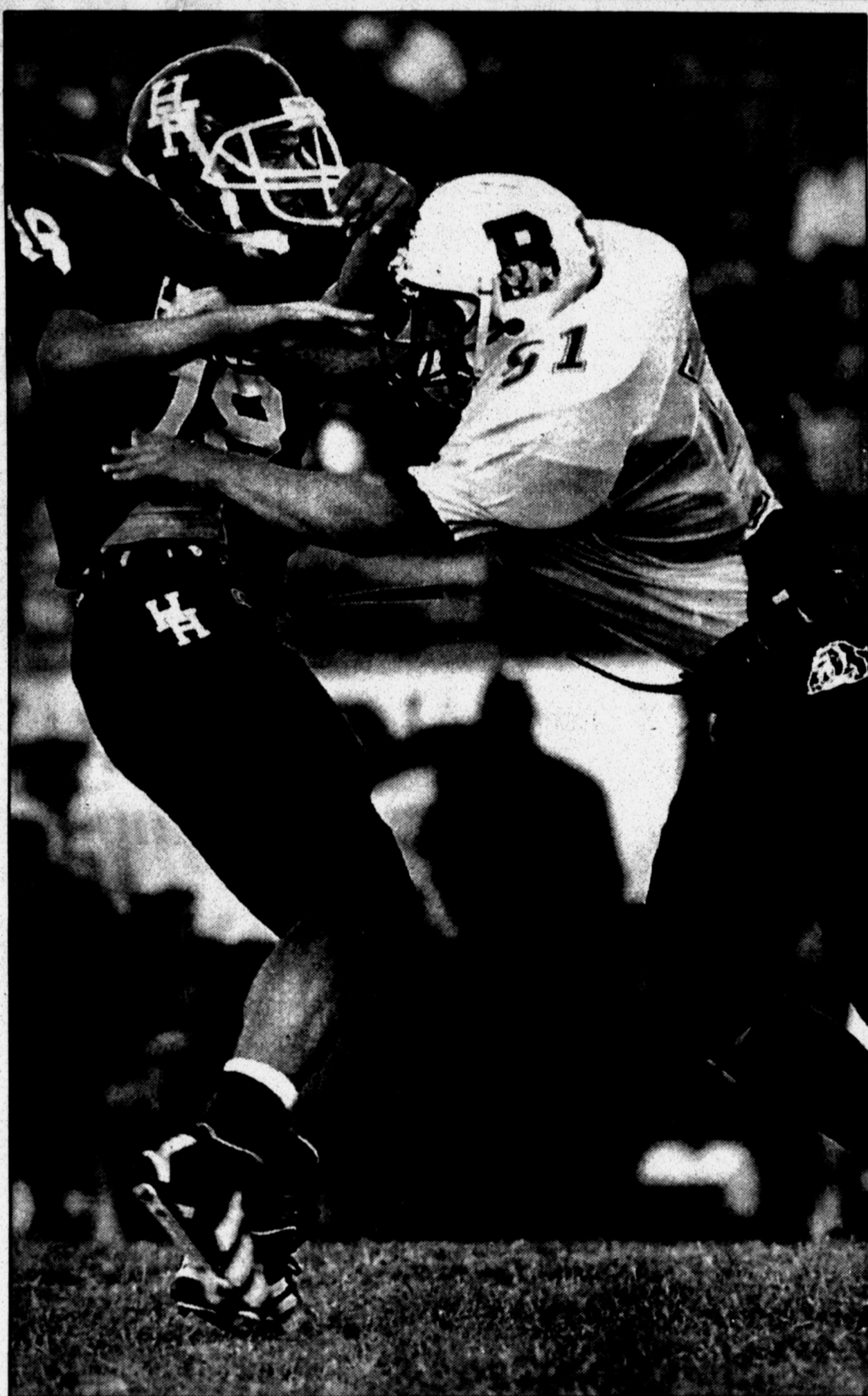


Photo by Mauri Montgomery

In the trenches

Bobby Barba (78) of Hereford and Derek Bidwell (51) of Borger mix it up September 26 at Whiteface Stadium. The Bulldogs won the District 1-4A opener for both teams, 35-18.

Braves gut Marlins to even series

ATLANTA (AP) -- First the Atlanta Braves got mad. Then they got even.

Tom Glavine pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning, Chipper Jones and Ryan Klesko homered and the Braves caught everything in outplaying the upstart Florida Marlins in all phases, winning 7-1 Wednesday to tie the NL championship series at one game apiece.

Angry at their own sloppy showing in the opener, the Braves bounced back in sharp fashion, looking every bit like the team that's been boss in the NL throughout the 1990s.

The Marlins lost for the first time in their young postseason history. They looked bad from the beginning, too -- Gold Glove catcher Charles Johnson made his first error of the season on Kenny Lofton's leadoff bunt, and Alex Fernandez lasted just 2 2-3 innings in his shortest start since 1995.

Now, after their first setback in five playoff games, it will be the Marlins' turn to prove they can recover from such a lousy loss. Game 3 will be Friday night at Miami when rookie Tony Saunders, 3-0 against Atlanta this year, faces John Smoltz.

Glavine did his best to restore the Braves' pitching prominence, allowing three hits in 7 2-3 innings. He retired the first nine batters and, with an early 5-0 lead to work with, cruised until Devon White's RBI double with two outs in the eighth -- a play, by the way, on which White was foolishly thrown out trying to stretch it into a triple.

Relievers Mike Cather and Mark Wohlers completed the three-hitter.

Atlanta's fielders, meanwhile, had a return to respectability. A day after several mistakes made all five runs off Greg Maddux unearned in a 5-3 loss, the four players guilty of the misplays -- Jones, Klesko, Fred McGriff and Lofton -- each turned in neat grabs.

Klesko and Jones each homered for the second straight day. Jones drove in three runs with three hits, while Keith Lockhart had three hits and scored three times.

Fernandez, one of several key players the Marlins imported in the offseason to beat the Braves, was 2-0 against them this year. But he was

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Cowboys hope to avoid road woes

IRVING (AP) -- If the Dallas Cowboys learned anything from last season's problems on and off the field, they now know the importance of having home-field advantage in the playoffs.

No wonder the Cowboys are afraid that if they don't straighten themselves out soon, their road to the Super Bowl will again be on the road.

Dallas (3-2) is one week into a five-game, make-or-break part of its season that includes four road games. The Cowboys opened the stretch with a 20-17 loss to the New York Giants in the Meadowlands last Sunday.

Next up are the Washington Redskins (3-2) in the Monday night

debut of their new stadium, followed by a home game with Jacksonville (4-1) then back on the road to Philadelphia (2-3) and San Francisco (4-1).

"We've got to come out of this in good shape," fullback Daryl Johnston said. "If we don't, we could find ourselves in the same shape as last year, out of the race for the home field advantage."

The Cowboys took themselves out of that race last year by starting the season 2-3 while Michael Irvin was suspended.

Despite finishing the season 10-6

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Houston chooses firm to clear site

HOUSTON (AP) -- The Harris County-Houston Sports Authority has chosen a firm to start preparing the land around Union Station for the construction of a \$250 million baseball stadium.

The authority on Tuesday approved a \$315,614 contract with D.H. Griffin of Houston to remove existing buildings and contaminated soil from the area, on the north side of downtown. Environmental cleanup

is expected to start within a month.

Two weeks ago, the site was selected. Some of the land was bought up by a group of business leaders headed by Enron Corp. CEO Ken Lay.

Leah Flanigan, a project manager for the city of Houston Public Works Department, says a surprisingly small amount of contaminants had been found at the site.

Those that exist, largely hydrocar-

bons from petroleum-based products, have not sunk far enough to reach the water table some 20 feet below ground, she said.

In addition to digging up contaminated soil and moving it to waste-disposal sites, Griffin will remove asbestos from buildings on the land where the ballpark will be erected.

Of the \$250 million estimated cost of the stadium, public taxpayers will contribute \$180 million.

In defense of the much-maligned tie

Let's talk about ties.

As in football, not clothing accessories. Or rather let's talk about the lack of tradition incessantly attacking sports.

I've dealt with this subject before, dealing with the designated-hitter rule, wild-card playoff teams and interleague play in baseball, domed stadiums, artificial turf, etc., etc.

This time, I want to talk about ties.

What's wrong with a tie? I'll come right out and say it. I don't like overtime during the regular season.

Overtime is just another attack upon the traditions of sports.

If two teams are so evenly matched the score is tied after four

The Toy Department

By Bob Varmette



quarters, why does there have to be a winner? Obviously, there must be a winner in the playoffs. And anything's better than penetrations and first downs. I'll give you that one.

But in the regular season, I don't believe every game must have a winner. And I think it could

detract from the excitement of the game.

A case in point -- Friday's Clovis vs. Clovis game in Clovis, N.M.

The Californians rallied from a 29-15 deficit to score a touchdown with one second left in regulation. They eschewed kicking the extra point, which would have sent the game into overtime. They went for two, made the conversion, and won the game 30-29.

I don't know if California has overtime. But I don't think Clovis, Calif., head coach Tim Simons would have made a different call regardless.

They had come too far to do anything but win the game, in regulation.

It made a great ending to a great football game.

I think a lot of coaches would have kicked the almost-automatic extra point and taken their chances in overtime. Why take the chance on losing the game?

If the Californians had decided to do that, I think it would have taken something away from the drama of that game.

But we now have overtime. If we are going to have overtime, I think there's a better way to do it.

If there must be overtime, whether it's regular season or in the playoffs, it should be sudden death. None of this taking the ball at the 25-yard-line and giving both teams an opportunity to score.

Whoever scores first wins, just

like the NFL. Now, I guess the powers that be in high school and college football felt that would be unfair.

Everybody, you know my refrain by now. Say it with me, LIFE IS UNFAIR.

My feeling is that if you can't stop the other team from scoring with the game on the line, you don't deserve to win.

As far as I know, from covering high school and college football now in seven states -- Texas, New Mexico, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Wyoming and Nebraska -- over the past 10 years, only one state, Nebraska, has no overtime during regular season. In the

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Braves

tagged for six hits in his earliest exit since going 2-3 innings for the Chicago White Sox on May 25, 1995. All in all, these Braves looked very similar to the ones who, stung early by St. Louis last fall in the NLCS, surged back to outscore the Cardinals 32-1 to win the final three games and the seven-game series. It took only one inning in this game to see that all the omens were in Atlanta's favor, as was the scoreboard. After Jones and Lofton had no trouble making plays in the top of the first, Lofton opened the bottom half with a bunt to the left side of the plate

Cowboys

and winning the NFC East for the fifth straight year, their record was the worst of the three division winners. That forced them to play a first-round playoff game for the first time since 1991. Dallas won that game, but lost to the Panthers in Carolina the following weekend, ending the Cowboys' season before the NFC championship for the first time since 1991. Coach Barry Switzer reminded his team all summer that a good start this year would at least provide a better shot at a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Although the record is better than it was at this time last year, Dallas is still struggling, especially on offense. The big problem has been scoring touchdowns. By settling for field goals so often, the Cowboys have turned potentially easy victories into nail-biters. Dallas lost in overtime to the Cardinals in Arizona and failed to get off a potentially game-tying field goal as time expired against the Giants. If not for a flubbed field goal attempt by Philadelphia, Dallas also would've lost at home to the Eagles. Tampa Bay leads the NFC Central and the conference home-field chase with a 5-1 record. San Francisco leads the NFC West at 4-1. Dallas and Washington are tied for the NFC East lead at 3-2. "I think everyone knew this was going to be an important game when they saw where it was on the schedule," Johnston said. "But, the way that the season has transpired to this point, I think it puts a little bit more emphasis on it."

Morris warrant issued

ROCKWALL (AP) -- An arrest warrant has been issued for Baltimore Ravens running back Byron "Bam" Morris as part of an attempt to revoke his 10-year probation on a 1996 drug conviction. Morris' attorney, Jay Ethington, said the player would turn himself in by Friday. District Attorney Ray Sumrow of Rockwall, 25 miles east of Dallas, sought the arrest warrant. He said Morris' probation should be revoked because he violated two conditions of his probation by using alcohol and by failing to report to his probation officer seven times from July 1996 to August 1997.

Ties

playoffs, at least up until several years ago, they used sudden death. I hedge because two years ago I was informed that the Nebraska High School Athletic Association revamped its playoff system in consultation with the University Interscholastic League. And we all know what a fine mess they can create when they put their minds to it. So who knows what they do now. My point being, getting the ball on the 25-yard-line, or the 20, or the 10, depending on the state you play in, is now the norm. It's acceptable. This is the first year for overtime in Texas. In Minnesota, it's been in place for more than 10 years. It's the politically correct thing to do.

You win the overtime toss, you go on defense first, to see how many points you need to score. Isn't that basically conceding that you don't think your defense can stop your opponent? And another thing, I don't like seeing a 10-10 game go to overtime and it end up 48-41. I covered a playoff game in Minnesota in 1989 that was tied 13-13 at the end of regulation. It was a great defensive game by both teams. The final score was 48-41. I think the outcome was tarnished by overtime as it was used. Since it was a playoff game, overtime was necessary, but sudden death would have preserved the defensive dignity of the game. In the regular season, I see no reason for not having ties. I see no

reason a team shouldn't win or lose every game. I just see no reason for not having ties. No one has ever told me why regular-season ties are bad. They only tell me why overtime is good. I believe you should play every game to win -- you should never play to tie. If I were a coach, I would've done exactly what Simons did Friday night in Clovis, with or without overtime. Of course, there are times you must tie -- the long field goal with time running out, getting a two-point conversion to tie the game on the game's last play -- those things will happen in football games. A tie is still better than a loss. But if a coach has a chance to win a ballgame and instead settles for a tie, that's... well I can't print that.

Ice

Dandenault had the only goal in the first period. He used his stick like a baseball bat to swat the bouncing puck past goaltender Roman Turek. Igor Larionov did some artful skating to maneuver around Dallas defenseman Sergey Gusev while each side was short a man early in the second period. Turek managed to block the shot, but Fetisov poked in the rebound.

Turek got tangled up with Darren McCarty behind the net a few minutes later. McCarty got the puck to Kozlov who had an easy shot into the still-empty net for a 3-0 lead. McCarty had to be helped off after being slashed in the back of his left leg by Pat Verbeek at 14:43 of the second, but he returned before the period ended.

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in brief

FAST TRACK MOVES OUT OF COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton insists his battle for authority to negotiate new free-trade deals is gaining momentum, but opponents contend his failure to pick up more Democratic support means their side will ultimately win.

Clinton's fight to win congressional authorization for a top priority of his second term - creation of a hemisphere-wide free-trade zone - is proving to be every bit as bruising as his successful 1993 fight to get Congress to approve a free-trade deal with Mexico.

The House Ways and Means Committee approved the measure on a 24-14 vote Wednesday, but despite Clinton's appeal, only four of the committee's 16 Democratic members supported the bill. Clinton had invited 10 of those Democrats to the White House Tuesday for a face-to-face lobbying session.

The committee chairman, Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, blamed organized labor for Clinton's failure to pick up more support and said if the situation does not change, the proposal will be defeated.

GINGRICH WANTS TO KILL "MARRIAGE PENALTY"

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Speaker Newt Gingrich says elimination of the so-called marriage penalty tax could form the centerpiece of next year's tax cut legislation.

The speaker's spokeswoman, Christina Martin, said Wednesday that Gingrich believes elimination of the marriage tax "deserves very, very serious consideration for next year's tax bill."

The Georgia Republican arranged to formally endorse today a proposal by Reps. David McIntosh, R-Ind., and Jerry Weller, R-Ill., on Thursday to eliminate the marriage penalty tax.

In 1996, some 21 million married couples were hit with an average \$1,400 in extra taxes because joint filing of taxes pushed them into higher tax brackets, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Due to the workings of the tax code's marginal rates, the income of the couple's second wage earner is taxed at a much higher rate than if that salary were taxed only as an individual.

U.S. WARNS IRAQ ABOUT NO-FLY ZONE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Defense Secretary William Cohen is warning Iraq again about sending warplanes into southern Iraq in violation of a no-fly zone patrolled by the United States, Great Britain and France.

"We intend to enforce the no-fly zone, and we have communicated this to the Iraqis," Cohen said Wednesday at a news conference.

He also said the United States was trying to make it more difficult for Saddam Hussein's government to fly over southern Iraq, but provided no details.

Cohen gave no indication what the United States may do if the flights continue in the zone that was placed off-limits to protect Shiite Muslims from Baghdad attacks. Other administration officials also have declined to tip their hand.

CASTRO LAUDS CUBA'S RESISTANCE TO U.S.

HAVANA (AP) - Harkening back to the early days of the Cuban revolution, Fidel Castro lashed out at the United States and vowed to continue Cuba's socialist path in a 7-hour speech opening a Communist Party congress.

The 71-year-old Castro, who had made few recent appearances, appeared hollow of face, but his endurance at the podium Wednesday seemed to combat rumors he was ill and easily fatigued.

For hours, Castro outlined the crisis Cuba has faced since the 1991 Soviet Union collapse eliminated its main source of aid and trade.

"The historic enemy," the United States, "which never renounced beating back our independence, became more powerful than ever," even as Cuba's economy plunged, he said.

"The world waited for news that the revolution had disappeared." But Cuba had resisted those pressures, he said, reasserting his socialist faith.

JACKSON TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton on Wednesday appointed veteran civil rights activist Jesse Jackson as his special envoy for the promotion of democracy in Africa.

Jackson will work on specific projects to promote and sustain democratic reform in Africa, where the number of democratic nations has grown from five to 23 in six years.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Jackson will have dual designation as envoy for both Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. His portfolio is designed specifically to promote democratic progress and democratic reform in Africa, McCurry said.

"They've been talking about it for a long time," McCurry said.

RWANDA, KABILA CITED IN MASSACRES

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The Rwandan army and Laurent Kabila's forces carried out most of the massacres of civilians in eastern Congo and killings there are still going on, a human rights group charged Wednesday.

In a 40-page report, Human Rights Watch/Africa acknowledged that troops loyal to the late Mobutu Sese Seko also committed murders, rapes and other abuses during Kabila's seven-month rebellion, which ended with Mobutu's downfall and Kabila's installation as president.

Last week, Secretary-General Kofi Annan recalled four leaders of a U.N. team sent to the Congo to investigate the alleged massacres after differences with the government stalled the probe.

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES RAISED IN CHINA

BEIJING (AP) - They were workers who thought their jobs were safe, with steady wages and steady work. Then they got laid off and a whole new world of stress began.

Chinese psychiatrist Wang Kunming says he's seeing more and more patients like this: unemployed workers who can't cope.

Mental health has become an increasingly pressing issue as China seeks to remold itself into a modern nation.

A key sign of China's growing interest in mental health: A Beijing meeting of the World Psychiatric Association, which opened this week.

Organizers say the gathering, attended by hundreds of Chinese and foreign experts, is the largest of its kind ever held in China.

Bealls

Retailer bringing Calvin Klein, Bill Blass to small towns

KERMIT (AP) - Calvin Klein and Bill Blass are moving to this oilfield town Thursday. They're also staking claims in nearby Monahans and Pecos.

No, the fashion pacesetters haven't abandoned their penthouse views for the brown acres of the Permian Basin. But their designs, once an hour's drive away for folks in this town of 7,000, will be within arm's reach at the refurbished Bealls store here.

"It was a pretty store as an Anthony's," said manager Elfida Armendarez, a 26-year veteran of the C.R. Anthony Co., which was bought by Houston-based Stage Stores Inc. this summer. "Now, with all this new stuff, it's going to be great."

Thirteen former Anthony's locations in the Midland-Odessa area reopened today as Bealls as part of Stage's gradual absorption of the 75-year-old Anthony's chain. Remodeled stores will carry some cosmetics, accessories and fragrances not previously available at Anthony's. (In Hereford, a Bealls opened last month in the same location that had been occupied by Anthony's.)

When it absorbed 246 Anthony's outlets in a \$93 million deal, Stage nearly doubled in size overnight. The company now owns 577 stores in 26 states, mostly serving Middle America's smaller cities and towns.

"There's a great need in those areas because they have no options," said Joanne Swartz, vice president of

retail marketing for Stage. "This gives them an opportunity to find what they're looking for in their own back yard."

Store managers are crisscrossing the country to re-train Anthony's personnel. The grand openings take place in regional blocs, though the two-year process will take a holiday during the hectic Christmas season.

Officials say there are no current plans to close any outlets, even in seemingly redundant locations.

In Lubbock, for instance, a Bealls sits across the freeway from an Anthony's that has yet to be redecorated. Rather than close the latter, the company plans to spruce up the building and stamp its Stage name on it, though the product lines of both stores will be almost identical.

"Convenience is very important this day and age," said Ms. Swartz, who said customers used to that Anthony's location might not want to take their business a mile away. "People don't have time like they used to run to malls or go out of their way to pick up a gift or whatever."

Stores will carry roughly the same brand names, though Ms. Swartz said locale is taken into consideration. Where the Kermit store might have extra western wear, the Palais Royal near Houston's Meyerland neighborhood might focus more on upscale fashions.

Three monikers compose Stage

Stores. Bealls presides in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico; Stage will be the name of choice in the other states, which include all of the nation's midsection, extending westward to California and east to Ohio.

The exception is Houston, where the company operates more than three dozen Palais Royal stores.

In the late 1960s, New York native Bernard Fuchs arrived in Houston to work for the Palais Royal chain, then a 10-store local clothier. He took over in 1979, then began an aggressive growth program that continues today.

First, he trebled the size of the company by purchasing Bealls, then continued gobbling up other regional retailers with small-town niches. Additionally, the company is opening about 30 brand new outlets annually.

But none of those moves holds a candle to the buyout of the 75-year-old Anthony's, which will catapult Stage Stores to more than \$1 billion in sales this year. Investors apparently are pleased, as Stage's stock offering has jumped from around \$20 in mid-June to the low-\$40 range now.

"I've felt for a long time that Stage was a great match with C.R. Anthony," said Danny Prier, manager of the Sedalia, Mo., Stage store who helped Ms. Armendarez transform her Anthony's.

She added, laughing: "Yes, they finally got us."

Ms. Armendarez wasn't chuckling at first. In an era of corporate downsizing, she worried about what lay ahead when she first heard the takeover talk last spring.

She was relieved to learn the new company intended on keeping her and the store, despite the fact that Kermit is much smaller than the average population of Stage cities, which is roughly 25,000.

"If there weren't already an Anthony's here, the company probably wouldn't open a new store in a town this size," Prier said.

Ms. Armendarez, whose husband put in 33 years of his own for Anthony's before retiring, looked forward to reopening the doors Thursday.

"The next town (Odessa) is 46 miles, and they really feel more comfortable here," she said. "They don't like to go to the malls. In a small town, we take better care of the customers. 'They're spoiled.'"

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BETTY FORD

NEW YORK (AP) - Betty Ford says one of the toughest aspects of enduring cancer was facing the stars at a White House formal gathering following her mastectomy.

Mrs. Ford, 79, openly discussed her breast cancer in the mid-1970s, when few women were as willing to be so candid about it.

Asked during an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" whether that took guts, Mrs. Ford said, "Well, it was gutsy the first time I appeared at a state dinner and I walked down those stairs and I just knew all eyes were upon me.

"And they were probably saying, 'Which one did they say it was?'"

In the interview, which was scheduled to air Sunday, Mrs. Ford also discussed her alcoholism and the rehabilitation center that she founded to help alcoholics and other addicts.

GLORIA ESTEFAN

MIAMI (AP) - Gloria Estefan is feeling the heat

for a move that prompted some Cuban-Americans to say she is soft on communism.

The Grammy Award-winning singer defended a local arts official who was fired for saying Cuban artists should be allowed to perform in Miami.

"As an American, I am frightened to see one of our most basic liberties being trampled on in the march for political gain. As a Cuban-American, I am embarrassed that non-Cubans might think that we are all narrow of mind," Estefan wrote in a recent column for The Miami Herald.

Tomas Regalado chided Estefan on his radio show Wednesday: "Some people in the community have said they sympathize with the communists."

Estefan, who came to the United States at age 2, said she and her husband remain vehemently anti-communist and wouldn't attend a concert by a Cuban performer, but they respect others' rights.

JAKE STEINFELD

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Fitness guru "Body by Jake" Steinfeld says all the power you need is between

Italian playwright wins Nobel

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - Dario Fo, the Italian playwright whose work combines biting political observation with side-splitting comedy, won the Nobel Prize for Literature today.

Fo, 71, who is also an actor, is best known for the plays "Mistero Buffo," "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" and "Can't Pay, Won't Pay."

"With a blend of laughter and gravity, he opens our eyes to abuses and injustices in society and also the wider historical perspective in which they can be placed," the citation by the Swedish Academy said.

The prize this year is worth \$1 million.

Fo has long been a major figure in drama; but his winning the prestigious prize could be considered a surprise choice; his name generally has not been included on critics' lists of potential winners.

"I am amazed," Fo said when reached by ANSA, the Italian news agency.

Fo said he learned of the prize while driving from Rome to Milan, when another car drove near him and

someone in it held up a sign saying, "Dario has won the Nobel."

In 1980, Fo was refused an entry visa into the United States because of his membership in an organization supporting prison inmates.

"His independence and clear-sightedness have led him to take great risks, whose consequences he has been made to feel," the academy said.

"Accidental Death of an Anarchist" is based on right-wing bomb attacks in Italy in 1969, which officials and the press blamed on anarchists. The play centers around a figure called Il Matto (The Maniac), "who possesses the kind of lunacy that lays bare the lies of officialdom," the citation said.

Bjoern Linnell, a Swedish literary critic and former publisher, called Fo a playwright "of the people."

"He is a person who consciously tries to make performances that appeal to the people," Linnell said. "He both learns from the people and gives back to the people."

Fo married actress Franca Rame in 1954, with whom he founded a

drama company five years later.

The academy keeps a tight lid on its deliberations, saying only that it aims to recognize outstanding literature with the prize. But few observers believe that's all that the academy members have in mind.

After being criticized for being biased in favor of males and Europeans - of the first 30 winners, there were only three women and two non-Europeans - the academy has spread the prize more evenly by gender and wider by geography.

Some notable gaps occur. Only three writers from Asia have won the prize.

The prize is the second of this year's Nobels to be announced. The medicine prize was won Monday by American Stanley Prusiner for discoveries related to brain-wasting diseases.

The peace prize is to be announced Friday in Oslo, Norway.

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"It's totally inspiration and zero perspiration," the brawny Steinfeld said.

Discipline is a key to success, he said. Take Lesson No. 4, "which focuses on getting a mentor, a go-to person who 'pumps you up.'"

"A lot of people have dreams. If they find someone who believes in them and buys into that dream, it works," said Steinfeld, whose go-to person was his

grandmother.

HOWARD STERN

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Howard Stern claims that a movie studio reneged on a deal to feature him in an ill-fated movie with Melanie Griffith.

Ministry of Film Inc. of Beverly Hills recruited the radio shock-jock for the movie "Jane" knowing it didn't have financing for the film, then failed to pay him when the movie wasn't made, Stern alleges in a \$1.5 million lawsuit filed Wednesday.

Ministry of Film officials declined to comment, said a woman who answered the phone at the studio offices Wednesday.

Stern, who starred in the autobiographical movie "Private Parts," is accusing the studio of breach of contract, fraud and negligent representation.

Television

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 9

Table of TV programming for Thursday, October 9, listing times from 6 PM to 11 PM and various channels and programs.

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Table of TV programming for Friday, October 10, listing times from 7 AM to 12 PM and various channels and programs.

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NEWS

in brief

TEEN MOTHER HID NEWBORN FOR TWO WEEKS

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) - For more than two weeks, 17-year-old Shanta Clark kept a secret hidden among the blankets on her closet floor: her son.

She gave birth in her bedroom, then hid the infant in the closet for 21/2 weeks while she went to high school each day, feeding and diapering her 4-pound baby when she got home.

On Tuesday, the ninth grader was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor.

"Unfortunately, this is a criminal case, but our hearts go out to her," said Suffolk County Detective Sgt. John Twiname. "She tried to care for the baby as best she knew how."

On Wednesday, the little boy - born five weeks prematurely and small enough to fit in a policeman's hand - was in the intensive care unit at Stony Brook University Hospital. He was in stable condition and feeding normally, though underweight, said Margaret Parker, head of the pediatric critical care unit.

PATHFINDER FINDS MARS HAS IRON CORE

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - The Mars Pathfinder has found that like Earth, Mars has a crust, a mantle and an iron core. But while the iron core implies there was once heat there, scientists are still chasing that other elusive ingredient necessary for life: water.

During a news briefing Wednesday, scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory offered little interpretation of the iron core find. However, having enough heat to create the distinct inner layers some 4 billion years ago adds weight to theories that the planet once may have been warm and wet enough for life to form.

Scientists also found past signs that the surface teemed with flowing streams that carried rocks from place to place. Such flowing water could have created newly observed little cementings of rocks and pebbles called conglomerations.

The evidence that the planet is not merely a solid ball of rock comes by measuring the changes in radio signals from Pathfinder as Mars spins on its axis, and comparing signals measured from the Viking spacecraft that landed in the 1970s.

CHRYSLER TO APPEAL \$262.5 MILLION AWARD

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) - Chrysler Corp. officials, calling a \$262.5 million judgment against the company "outrageously large," promised to appeal a lawsuit that blamed a faulty latch for the death of a 6-year-old boy.

The family of Sergio Jimenez II sued the company, saying a defective rear latch on a Chrysler minivan caused the boy to be thrown from the vehicle in a 1994 accident.

Wednesday's award, the largest ever against the automaker, included \$12.5 million in actual damages and \$250 million in punitive damages. The family did not ask for a specific dollar amount.

Sergio Jimenez says he broke into tears when he heard the federal jury's decision.

"I can't even talk. I didn't expect anything this big," said Jimenez, a mason with three other children.

CITY WIRES MONEY TO WRONG AGENCIES

CLEVELAND (AP) - The city said it has wired at least \$115,000 to neighborhood development agencies by mistake in the last 17 months, money that has all been recovered.

The Cleveland Finance Department acknowledged the errors Wednesday, less than a month after the discovery that the city had mistakenly wired \$617,000 to an anti-crime group in April.

The latest money mistakes sent two transfers totaling \$66,000 to Ohio City-Near West Development Corp.; \$35,000 to the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Corp.; and \$14,500 to Union-Miles Development Corp.

Ohio City-Near West discovered the city had mistaken deposited \$50,000 to the group's bank account in May 1996 and another \$16,000 in January. The organization notified the city, which retrieved the money, said Executive Director John Wilbur.

KEVORKIAN BELIEVED TO HAVE AIDED SUICIDE

DETROIT (AP) - A woman who suffered from nerve damage that left her in constant pain had consulted with Dr. Jack Kevorkian before her body was found in a motel room, according to published reports.

Lois Carol Hawkins Caswell, whose body was found Wednesday morning, died of a lethal intravenous injection, the Oakland County Medical Examiner's office said.

Mrs. Caswell, 65, of Lexington, Ky., had come to Michigan to see Kevorkian, his attorney, Geoffrey Fieger, told *The Oakland Press* of Pontiac.

"That's one of Dr. Kevorkian's patients," Fieger said. "She had chronic pain syndrome. She was on more than three grams of morphine a day and her husband was with her when she died."

STANFORD BAND IRKS CATHOLIC OFFICIALS

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) - Stanford University's athletic director apologized to Catholic school officials after its football pre-game and half-time shows lampooned the Irish potato famine and referred to the Irish as "stinking drunks."

Ted Leland issued a written apology to more than 30 local school administrators who signed a letter condemning the university band's shows, performed during Saturday's Stanford-Notre Dame game.

The parody of the potato famine featured "Seamus O' Hungry," whose "sparse cultural heritage consisted only of fighting, then starving."

The band's act was tasteless, Leland wrote. "In their sophomoric attempt at humor, the band crossed the line from funny to obnoxious and offensive." No punishment was planned, officials said.

KOREAS SIGN OPEN SKIES TREATY

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South and North Korea, bitter ideological rivals, agreed Wednesday to open their skies to each other's commercial flights for the first time in a half century, Seoul officials said.

Negotiators from both Koreas signed the treaty in Bangkok. The pact, which takes effect next February, will enable international airlines to fly shorter routes and save fuel because they will no longer have to circumvent skies over the tense border between the two Koreas.

North Korea, a reclusive communist state, has kept its airspace off limits to most countries. But last year it signed an agreement with the International Air Transport Association, promising to open its air space to all commercial flights.

Unemployment in U.S. declines

WASHINGTON (AP) - Unemployment lines unexpectedly got a little shorter last week, the latest sign of a tight job market that threatens to revive inflation pressures.

The Labor Department said today that new applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 304,000, down from 309,000 during the week ended Sept. 27.

It was the lowest since an identical level during the week ended Aug. 2 and marked the first time claims remained below 310,000 for four straight weeks since early 1989. Many analysts had expected claims to edge up by 2,000.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned Congress on Wednesday that the taut employment situation could soon translate into higher wages and subsequently higher prices.

The unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.9 percent in September. It has remained below 5 percent since June and stood at 4.8 percent in May and July, a 24-year low.

Greenspan said the tight market

eventually could result in higher prices.

"The law of supply and demand has not been repealed," he said. "If labor demand continues to outpace sustainable increases in supply, the question is surely when, not whether, labor costs will escalate more rapidly."

Greenspan's warning that the central bank stood ready to boost interest rates if needed to keep inflation under control roiled financial markets.

Most broad market measures fell, with the Dow Jones industrial stocks average closing down 83.25 at 8,095.06 and a month-long rally in the bond market coming to an abrupt halt.

Bond prices fell further this morning. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds rose to 6.40 percent in early trading today from 6.37 percent late Wednesday and a 19-month low of 6.23 percent on Tuesday.

Greenspan and other analysts say that so far, the inflation picture is the brightest in three decades.

The next look at the price situation

comes on Friday when the Labor Department releases the September report on the cost of goods just before reaching the consumer level.

Many analysts expect the Producer Price Index to inch up 0.2 percent, a bit less than the 0.3 percent gain in August, which marked a 2.2 percent decline at an annual rate so far this

year. The four-week average of new weekly jobless claims fell by 2,000 to 306,750, lowest since 298,500 during the period ended Aug. 9.

States with the largest declines were Texas, 2,730; Tennessee, 1,455; Virginia, 1,401; Oregon, 1,173, and South Carolina, 853.

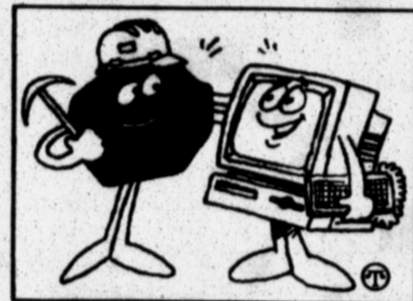
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Independent Executor of the
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NOTHING
IS POLITICALLY RIGHT WHICH IS MORALLY
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Analysis: Is it caution or courage?

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst
NEW YORK - Throughout every
area of life are those who worry the
most when times are the best.

When the weather is clear, they see
it as a "storm breeder." When they
don't have a cold, they worry they'll
catch one. The higher their stocks
rise, the more convinced they are that
stocks will fall.

Is Alan Greenspan one of them?
Greenspan told Congress this week
"a re-emergence of inflation is,
without question, the greatest threat"
to the balanced economy. With labor
markets tight, he said, "it may be
only a matter of time."

In those brief words Greenspan,
the Federal Reserve chairman,
expressed a lack of affinity with the
popular rationale that global trade and
technology-induced productivity have
put inflation in a cage.

This is the "new era" theory,
which posits the view that what
happens today is so radically different
that historic comparisons cannot be
made. Its adherents have been
growing, in numbers and intensity of
belief.

They hold that not only has
inflation been subdued long-term,
negating the necessity of raising
borrowing rates to constrain it, but
that the ebullient stock market is a
healthy reflection of economic
strength.

Greenspan never was clearer:
"The law of supply and demand has
not been repealed," he told Congress.
If labor demand outpaces labor
supply, "then surely... labor costs
will escalate more rapidly."

And then, the chairman indicated,
he was prepared to act, and in this
context the word "act" means only
one thing: Higher interest rates.

But so far, say his detractors - a
growing number whose new-era
forecasts would be endangered by
interest-rate increases - you can't find
significant inflation even if you
dusted for fingerprints.

Greenspan thinks differently: His
interest isn't in finding the prints after
the crime is committed, but in
securing the premises to foreclose the
possibility. In this context, interest
rates are like barbed wire.

The chairman knows he will be
beaten up by some of the new

thinkers, even subjected to the nasty
innuendo that his view of the
economic world is un-American. Isn't
it American to press the limits?

Those who believe in the new
economic paradigm are vigorous in
stating their belief that the economy
can grow faster, and produce higher
profits, better wages, more tax
revenue and higher living standards.

They believe the current stock
market advance, which is almost
unparalleled, has a long way to go.

At the extreme, these people are
looking into the future, and the
farther they look the more optimistic
they are about the new world they
see. History and its lessons fade and
no longer have pertinence.

But, whereas they use a telescope,
Greenspan uses a microscope.

His perspective is now, and
perhaps six months from now, and
then back into the past. He recalls the
inflation of the 1970s, and the
industrial bottlenecks of just three
years ago. History has meaning and
lessons.

And only history can decide
whether his judgment is right or
wrong.

Smoking, health costs eyed

BOSTON (AP) - Would health
costs go down if everyone stopped
smoking? Does cracking down on
underage cigarette sales make
teen-agers smoke less?

If the answer to both questions
seems like an obvious "yes," think
again.

Two new studies support the
contrary view.
One looked at the economic impact
if every smoker went cold turkey
tomorrow. The conclusion: Health
care costs would drop for a while but
would then inexorably rise for the
simple reason that nonsmokers live
longer.

The other study found that even
with strict enforcement of laws
against selling cigarettes to anyone
under 18, teen-agers can still get them
easily, and they smoke just as much,
if not more.

Both works challenge simple

assumptions about the causes and
consequences of smoking. They were
published in Thursday's issue of the
New England Journal of medicine.

An estimated 3,000 children take
up cigarettes each day in the United
States. Making cigarettes harder to
buy is the cornerstone of a new effort
by the Food and Drug Administration
to keep them out of the hands of
teen-agers.

The FDA rules, which went into
effect last February, require stores to
get photo identification from anyone
who looks younger than 27. A federal
goal is to have at least 80 percent of
stores obey the laws.

Nevertheless, enforcement has
received little testing to make sure it
works. So a team led by Dr. Nancy
A. Rigotti of Massachusetts General
Hospital set out to compare high
school students' access to cigarettes
in six Massachusetts towns - three

where tobacco sales laws were
beginning to get strict enforcement,
and three where the laws were not
enforced, even though underage sales
were still illegal.

The study was conducted from
1994 to 1996. In the enforcement
towns, stores were barred from
selling to youngsters under 18. But
they did not have to ask for an ID
from everyone who looked young.

The researchers tested compliance
by sending 16-year-old girls into
stores to buy cigarettes. The girls
could not lie about their age or show
fake IDs.

By the study's end, 18 percent of
the stores in the towns with enforce-
ment were still selling cigarettes to
the decoys, compared with 55 percent
in the other towns.

A survey of 17,603 high school
students found that enforcement did
nothing to control teen-age smoking.

Charter plane missing in Colo.

MONTROSE, Colo. (AP) - A
charter plane for eight federal Bureau
of Reclamation employees has
disappeared on a flight from Colorado
to Arizona.

The single-engine plane took off
from Montrose early Wednesday for
the 90-minute flight to their office in
Page, Ariz., said Mike O'Connor of
the Federal Aviation Administration.
An air search called off at nightfall

was schedule to resume at daybreak
today.

The Cessna 208 used by Scenic
Airlines Inc. was carrying the pilot
and eight employees of the Interior
Department agency that oversees
federal dams and other water
operations.

"Their missing status has a very
chilling effect tonight across the
Bureau of Reclamation," Barry

Worth of the agency's Denver office
said Wednesday.

O'Connor said the pilot did not file
a flight plan, and there were no
immediate reports of a distress signal
or sightings of a crash.

Scenic Airlines, which charts
business and sightseeing tours, said
pilot Robert Armstrong had been
flying for the company for 10 years.

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Names in the News

BILL COSBY

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Bill Cosby is challenging TV viewers to think
before they let their children watch - even his own commercials.

"The networks say they don't influence anybody," he said. "If that's
true, why do they have commercials? Why am I sitting there with Jell-O
pudding?"

Cosby spoke Tuesday to about 1,500 people who gathered to hear about
a new ratings system, "KidScore." It was developed by psychologist David
Walsh, who founded the Twin Cities-based National Institute for Media
and the Family last year to monitor the media's effect on children.

The system rates film, video games, CD-ROMS, CDs, Internet sites
and television and will be published monthly in Cornerstone, the magazine
of the Aid Association for Lutherans. The rating system was not meant
to compete with Hollywood's efforts to rate programs, Walsh said last
year.

Cosby said viewers themselves bear responsibility for the content of
the shows they watch.

"If there's violence and sex, it's because you turn it on," Cosby said.

CHARLTON HESTON

LOS ANGELES (AP) - From his new perch as first vice president of
the National Rifle Association, Charlton Heston wrote a passionate "From
the Capitol" column for the latest issue of *Guns & Ammo* magazine.

"Since I marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in 1963, I have been
a willing activist for many causes close to my heart," Heston wrote.

He urged readers to fight individual gun control proposals but also
to stay focused on the more insidious and sinister enemy we all face; the forces
at work to dilute, disgrace and discard the Second Amendment - the right
to keep and bear arms.

WISH BONE

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - A woman is suing rapper Wish Bone, saying
she suffered neck and back injuries when he jumped into the audience during
a concert.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from Wish Bone, his group Bone
Thugs-N-Harmony, the group's record label, its promoter and the city of
Tucson, which owns the convention center where the concert was held
last October.

Lupita Duarte, 29, also filed a \$250,000 claim with the city earlier this
year, alleging there weren't adequate safeguards at the concert.

Terry Anderson, the city's risk manager, said he investigated and found
the city wasn't negligent.

E. coli scare causes beef prices to fluctuate

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - A fluctuating cattle futures market that dipped
to an 11-week low this week and then rebounded with gains is not unexpected,
market analysts say.

Washington hearings on food safety and three E. coli contamination
scars linked to ground beef in recent weeks have led to some uncertainty
in the market, said Chuck Lambert, chief economist with the National
Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"The futures tends to be the market that has the most immediate reaction
to both negative and positive news so that's probably contributed some,"
he said.

More than the E. coli incidents, the weakened market is due to a plentiful
cattle supply, said Jeff Stolle, vice president of marketing for the Nebraska
Cattlemen's Association.

"It would be, in my estimation, dead wrong to blame it all on E. coli,"
Stolle said. "Most of the reaction in the futures market is that we anticipate
a rather large supply of fed cattle between now and the end of the year."

Cattle producers are becoming frustrated with the market because they
had hoped to make more money than they are on cattle they purchased
earlier this year, Stolle said.

On Tuesday, December cattle fell 0.45 cent to 66.225 cents a pound.
November feeder cattle fell as much as 1.125 cents to 76.6 cents a pound
on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

The market rebounded Wednesday, with December cattle gaining 0.17
cent to 66.4 cents a pound. November feeder cattle were up 0.15 cent to
76.75 cents a pound early in the day and later leveled off at 76.6.

The cash market has remained relatively constant in recent weeks. In
Nebraska, slaughtered cattle were selling for \$105 per 100 pounds two
weeks ago and last week. This week the market softened to \$104 per 100
pounds, Stolle said.

"A dollar change in three weeks is very little change whatsoever," he
said.

In Kansas and Texas, the price paid for live cattle also has remained
constant the past three weeks, dropping only \$1, Stolle said.

Considering all the variables this time of year, it is difficult to sort out
what is causing the highs and lows, Lambert said.

"At this stage it's probably difficult to pin it on any one issue," he said.
The news for the beef industry has been nothing but bad since late August
when the Hudson Foods Inc. plant in Columbus, Neb., shut down after
recalling 25 million pounds of ground beef suspected of being tainted with
the E. coli bacteria. A U.S. Agriculture Department investigation is under
way and a federal grand jury in Omaha is investigating whether there was
an attempt to cover up the extent of the possible contamination.

Last week, South Korean officials said they would not accept 18 tons
of beef imported from IBP Inc. of Dakota City, Neb., after samples showed
the presence of E. coli.



In the 1400's, Jan Van Eyck became the first great artist to use the
technique of oil painting.

Tax collectors easy target

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tax collectors always have been can't-miss political targets, never more than when the worst-case tactics of the trade are on display.

But as episodes of IRS abuses and blunders unfold at Senate hearings, there is a subplot in the lapsed campaign to reform and simplify the complexities of the tax code that the agency enforces.

That was a Republican cause, and a centerpiece in the GOP presidential campaign a year ago. While advocates of comprehensive tax reform say they aren't dropping the effort, it is at least on hold. Simplification yielded to targeted cuts that are making the system more complicated - 285 new sections and amendments to 824 old ones, one senator said.

When a flat-rate income tax was a campaign sales pitch, Republicans who advocated the idea said one benefit would be a far smaller, less intrusive Internal Revenue Service.

The emphasis lately has been on curbing the IRS, not on overhauling the tax system. "People want us to do something about the IRS," Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., the majority leader, said during the Senate Finance Committee's three days of hearings on the agency and mistreatment of taxpayers.

"This is not IRS-bashing; it is oversight," said Sen. William V. Roth, R-Del., the committee chairman. There's no dispute about the need for reforms in an agency Roth said is losing the confidence of the American people.

A congressional commission already has recommended an overhaul of the agency, and its plan may be put to a House vote this fall. The Treasury says it is at work to

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reform the IRS and improve its performance.

Republicans have been making an issue of it in their fund-raising mail. "With your immediate help today, we can virtually abolish the IRS as you know it," reads a letter signed by Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who heads the Republican Senate campaign committee.

GOP House leaders have made similar appeals. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told Midwestern Republicans a month ago that he wants a flat tax and "virtual elimination" of the IRS, then amended that to say a consumption tax also should be considered and both ought to be topics in the next two election campaigns.

IRS abuses obviously demand action. But the agency is not going to be virtually abolished, at least not in the foreseeable future. Congress is adding to its tasks, and not only in implementing the tax code changes of 1997. The IRS has been assigned a role in enforcing child support payments.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., said where there's a need, the Senate should act to change the IRS.

"But I think it's also important to point out that a great deal of the problems of the IRS come about because of legislation which we ourselves have passed.

"There are now 9,451 pages in the tax code," he said. "In August... we

added 820...." He hefted the whole thing. "You could hurt yourself if you dropped this," he said.

Roth said complexity makes the tax task more difficult, but the IRS must do it "in a way that is fair and civil to our American taxpayer." Instead, in cases recounted at the hearings, agents were said to have acted abusively, falsified evidence and lodged and collected unwarranted tax claims that damaged businesses and livelihoods.

"We need to make sure that the IRS is in check, that it's doing its job, that it's not abusing its power," said Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla. "And I think we have a real challenge and responsibility to see if we can't simplify this very complex and inequitable system."

Because of the maze of tax laws, Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., added, "In many ways, Congress has charged the IRS with an impossible task."

The agency is an easy whipping boy, he said. "From King Solomon's time, the tax collector has been despised and reviled."

"Just look at the code," Nickles said, "... far too complex and in many cases, not fair."

And more than six times as long as the Bible.

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Senate hearings take look at Teamsters, Demos links

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate campaign finance investigators are exploring fund-raising links between the Democratic Party and Teamster President Ron Carey, while a House probe is questioning donors who say they were reimbursed by party money man Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee is grilling two former Democratic National Committee fund-raising officials today: one-time finance director Richard Sullivan and Mark Thomann.

Across the Capitol, the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee summoned the first witnesses in its campaign finance investigation - Trie's sister, Manlin Fong, her friend Joseph Landon and David Wang, a Democratic fund-raiser in California.

Sullivan, making his second appearance before the Senate panel, confirmed in an interview Sunday that he asked a subordinate, Thomann, to consider directing a \$100,000 contribution to Carey's coffers. The proposal was dropped when its legality was questioned, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said he made the request at the urging of Laura Hartigan, a

Clinton-Gore '96 campaign official. She worked with Martin Davis, a consultant who pleaded guilty Sept. 18 in what federal officials described as an illegal scheme to swap Teamsters' money for contributions to Carey's campaign.

"I made that call as a favor to Laura Hartigan, who for reasons not clear to me was intent on trying to help" Carey, Sullivan said. "When (Thomann) came back and said it was not legal... I just dropped it."

The Senate panel months ago looked at the fund-raising activities of Trie, a former Little Rock, Ark., restaurateur and longtime associate of President Clinton who is suspected of sending illegal foreign money into Democratic coffers.

While Trie has left the country, Ms. Fong and Landon previously told House investigators that Trie purchased their \$12,500 tickets for a Democratic Party fund-raising event in northern California.

Ms. Fong also said her brother reimbursed her for an additional \$10,000 donation, according to committee aides.

Wang has described how he was reimbursed by Trie or an associate for

a \$5,000 ticket he purchased to a fund-raiser. He was invited by Democratic National Committee fund-raiser John Huang, the aides said, adding that some of the money was traced to foreign accounts.

In an opening statement Wednesday, the chairman of the House committee, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said Democratic fund-raisers Gene and Nora Lum were prepared to testify that irregularities involving foreign money and straw donors began during the 1992 presidential election.

"It appears... the seeds of today's scandals may have been planted as early as 1991," Burton said.

Democratic Rep. Paul Kanjorski of Pennsylvania retorted that the Republicans were reaching conclusions "before the evidence is in."

Emotions ran high throughout a daylong Senate hearing Wednesday as Republican senators and the lone witness - former White House aide Harold Ickes - sniped at each other. Republicans kept telling Ickes, Clinton's former deputy chief of staff, that he was an important cog in a scheme to raise money illegally - whether from foreign donors or from a government building.

Federal judge delays start of tobacco trial

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) - The federal judge in Texas' lawsuit against the tobacco industry has pushed back jury selection once again.

During a hearing Wednesday, U.S. District Judge David Folsom told attorneys for both sides that formal jury selection will begin Oct. 27. It had been scheduled to start next week after an earlier delay because of a backup of motions pending in the case.

Folsom decided to move the trial back again after attorneys for the tobacco industry asked for more time to respond to motions filed by Attorney General Dan Morales' office.

"It is reasonable to assume that additional time is appropriate," Morales said, noting a number of unresolved issues.

"The court is being very conscientious about ensuring that the trial proceeds in an orderly and fair fashion. We will be prepared to begin jury selection on October 27th," the attorney general said.

Dozens of motions remain before the judge. Also pending is a request by tobacco attorneys to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals asking for a longer delay to appeal Folsom's order on how the case will proceed.

Folsom has ordered the Texas trial be divided into three stages to make the evidence clearer to jurors and to save time.

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