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## NEWS

*in brief*

### CLINTON ORDERS SECOND CARRIER SENT TO THE PERSIAN GULF

WASHINGTON (AP) - Amid rising tensions with Iraq, President Clinton today ordered the aircraft carrier USS George Washington to the Persian Gulf in a major buildup of military force. It is expected to join the carrier USS Nimitz in a week.

"It's too dangerous an issue, it would set too powerful a precedent about the impotence of the United Nations if we didn't proceed on this," the president said, dramatically raising the stakes in the showdown with Saddam Hussein.

He said the world community had to act "in the face of what I consider to be one of three or four most significant security threats that all of our people will face in the next whole generation, this weapons of mass destruction proliferation. We've got to stop it."

The president refused to speculate about options but declared, "We have to steel ourselves and be determined that the will of the international community, expressed in the United Nations Security Council resolutions, will have to prevail."

U.S. arms inspectors expelled from Iraq reached the Jordanian capital of Amman today after a dreary night drive across the desert. Their 68 colleagues were allowed to fly to Bahrain.

Clinton spoke during a photo opportunity in the Oval Office with Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo. They were joined by Vice President Al Gore and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

Clinton said the Iraq crisis "is not just a replay of the Gulf War" when Saddam was forced out of Kuwait after Iraq's 1990 invasion. "This is about the security of the 21st century and the problems everybody is going to have to face, dealing with chemical weapons," he said.

He said the United Nations made the correct decision in withdrawing international weapons inspectors after Saddam expelled six American members of the team. "The real issue is how to stop Saddam Hussein from reconstituting weapons of mass destruction."

Saddam has used chemical weapons against his enemies and against his own people, the president said.

Clinton said the United States supports the U.N. decision to send a U-2 spy plane over Iraq this weekend.

### CONGRESS ADJOURNS, ENDING SESSION FILLED WITH PARTISAN BICKERING

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress adjourned for the year, weary after a bruising partisan session that ranged from the highs of a budget deal and tax cut to a lackluster finish that left major issues, from foreign policy to trade, uncompleted.

"I would give this Congress a B for achievement, a D for behavior and the overall assessment of incomplete," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., as lawmakers headed home after Thursday's final session.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., claimed success, alluding only generally to an abortive coup attempt against him last summer by some of his top lieutenants.

"We ... made some mistakes and had to learn some things during the year," he said. "But in the end I think virtually every member will tell you, it has been a very successful year for House Republicans."

Even though Congress passed a budget-balancing deal and a \$152 billion, five-year tax cut this year, lawmakers left a plateful of issues to tackle when they reconvene in January.

### ECONOMISTS SAY SIGNS INDICATING PROBLEMS WITH SOUTH KOREAN ECONOMY

WASHINGTON (AP) - Even as U.S. policy-makers are trying to calm jittery financial markets, private economists are worried that South Korea could be the next Asian nation engulfed by financial problems.

The telltale warning signs are there already. The South Korean currency has plummeted in value in recent weeks while bankruptcies of large corporations have surged this year, putting more pressure on a shaky banking system.

Similar problems already have beset a number of Asian countries, forcing the International Monetary Fund to assemble bailout packages this year for the Philippines, Thailand and, just two weeks ago, Indonesia.

The South Korean government denies that it is considering seeking IMF help. But a number of private economists told Congress on Thursday that they viewed South Korea as the next crisis candidate with ramifications that could be far more severe than those seen thus far.

### INDEPENDENT COUNSEL MAY INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST INTERIOR SECRETARY

WASHINGTON (AP) - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is closer to facing an independent counsel probe for a decision that aided Democratic donors, while a House committee is trying to win cooperation from a party fund-raiser, Johnny Chung.

Attorney General Janet Reno opened a 90-day preliminary inquiry Thursday into allegations that Babbitt's Interior Department killed a proposed Indian gambling casino in Wisconsin because of the promise of political contributions by opponents.

### SNOW WARNING IN EFFECT FOR AREAS OF TEXAS PANHANDLE; 1-2 INCHES LIKELY

By The Associated Press

A snow warning was in effect today for western and central areas of the Texas Panhandle as forecasts called for as much as 1-2 inches of snow. An Arctic cold front stretched across southern areas of the Panhandle early today from Childress northeastward to Oklahoma City.

Snow flurries were reported early today in the Panhandle behind the front and some light rain fell in the Lubbock area.

Across the Panhandle, lows tonight will be 10-15 and highs Saturday will be in the 30s.

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## Youth home closer to reality

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE  
Staff Writer

Deaf Smith County Youth Home is one step closer to its long-needed 2,456-square-foot expansion.

This after a six-week delay while dealing with permits and problems with some old laws.

The juvenile board met Thursday to approve final plans and open the first set of sealed bids on the project.

Deaf Smith County Youth Home is home for 12 youths, five of which come from Dalhart. The addition will not allow more bed space, but will add classroom space, wired for 12 computers, to be provided by the school district.

Plans for the addition provide space for juvenile probation officers, mental health officers and on-site laundry.

Specifications call for special fire protection sheet rock, locked-off business areas, and external fire doors which can only be opened from the inside.

The board received sealed bids on electrical fixtures and standards; lumber and sheet rock; and joists.

All three low bids were from local suppliers.

Kelly Electric bid a complete electric bid package of \$10,525.25. The other electric package bid was supplied by Electric Specialties at \$11,200.

Carl McCaslin Lumber and Higginbotham-Bartlett lumber submitted bids on lumber, sheet rock and installation.

Higginbotham-Bartlett's low bid of \$9,909.60 was accepted, pending review. The review is necessary to guarantee both bidders will supply the same items.

The same companies provided bids on the necessary joists for the project. Higginbotham-Bartlett offered a bid of \$5,918.30. McCaslin's bid of \$6,211.40 was nearly \$300 higher.

The board agreed to accept a bid on trusses for approximately \$3,400 from a company from New Mexico.

Ground-breaking is expected to begin Monday, weather permitting. Foundation should be complete early in January with the rest of the building being completed in a few months.

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## Hereford vs. Dumas



### Throwing up a wall

Hereford's Kristin Fangman (left) and Tori Walker attempt to block an attack from Canyon Randall's Kristen Hohensee during a Region I quarterfinal match Saturday at the Amarillo High Activity Center. Hereford's Lady Whitefaces will face District 1-4A rival Dumas for the fifth time this season when the two squads collide at 7 tonight in the Regional I volleyball finals at the Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo. See preview, Page 6.

## ECONOMY

### Retail sales post an unexpected decline

WASHINGTON (AP) - Inflation at the wholesale level nearly disappeared in October while retail sales unexpectedly slumped for the second consecutive month.

Prices paid for finished goods to producers such as food processing plants and auto factories inched just 0.1 percent higher, the Labor Department said today.

That follows a sharp 0.5 percent jump in September and a moderate 0.3 percent rise in August. The increases came after seven consecutive declines - a post World War II record.

Retail sales fell 0.2 percent in October to a seasonally adjusted \$213.7 billion following a 0.1 percent decline in September, the Commerce Department said. Economists had been expecting a 0.3 percent increase last month, and September had originally been estimated as a 0.3 percent gain.

Retail sales account for about a third of the economy's output and the back-to-back drops, although small, are raising concerns about shoppers' willingness to buy during the all-important holiday shopping season.

The inflation-sensitive bond market gained ground

after the figures were released. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds, which move in the opposite direction of prices, fell from 6.09 percent late Thursday to 6.06 percent, the lowest in 21 months.

The Producer Price Index has declined at a 1.2 percent annual rate for the first 10 months of the year, compared with a 2.8 percent increase during all of 1996.

Inflation has remained remarkably tame this year, despite robust growth and the lowest unemployment in 24 years. And analysts are predicting the financial turmoil in Southeast Asia will work to contain the prices of some commodities and goods next year.

The Consumer Price Index, which includes service costs in addition to retail goods prices, hasn't actually fallen because it more fully reflects rising wages. It's increased at an annual rate of just 1.8 percent through September.

A big part of the story at the wholesale level has been a sharp decline in energy costs from January through May. However, even excluding volatile food and energy costs, the producer index for finished goods increased at only a 0.3 percent annual rate.

## RAIL WOES

### Gridlock drag on economy

DALLAS (AP) - Gridlock at the nation's largest railroad could mean bigger heating bills soon for Americans whose utilities are running low on coal as winter nears.

One San Antonio utility, unable to get shipments from Wyoming, is turning to South America for its coal; others are scrambling to replace coal with natural gas to fuel power plants at a time when gas prices are up 50 percent in some areas.

The problems don't stop there. Agriculture, plastics, chemicals and automobiles also are among industries caught up in the Union Pacific's track logjam. The U.S. military has stopped using UP because of the stubborn delays that have backed up freight and left a shipment of M-1 tanks unguarded.

The massive traffic jam already has cost hundreds of rail customers an estimated \$1 billion and delays have spread to several major railroad competitors.

"The problem is it disrupts the whole transportation for the country," said economist Ray Perryman of Perryman Consultants Inc. Unless solved soon, estimates are the nation's economic growth rate will be reduced by one-tenth of a percentage point to two-tenths, he said.

Many consumers will feel the pinch when they get their electric bills. Several utilities, including Houston Lighting & Power, are down to just two weeks worth of coal.

UP says it had reduced the number of coal cars by 19 percent to try to alleviate delays in shipping for other industries.

As a result, many utilities may look to natural gas to fuel generators at a time when gas prices are on the rise.

"Here's the worst case scenario: Let's suppose the coal doesn't get delivered on time and we have a very cold winter and the utilities have to switch to gas, assuming it's available," said University of North Texas economist Bernard Weinstein, who follows Union Pacific for the Texas Railroad Commission. "That would double the fuel costs for generating electricity."

Fuel costs are immediately passed along to consumers, he said.

San Antonio's electric utility, City Public Service, is importing coal from Colombia. After arriving at the harbor at Corpus Christi, the coal will have to travel only 150 miles by rail

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## What's this! Scholar takes aim at Davy Crockett!

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) - Davy Crockett, mythologized as the king of the wild frontier, was not born on a mountaintop and probably didn't slay any bears as a toddler.

And, worse still, he didn't die heroically fighting the enemy at the Alamo; he more than likely threw up his hands and surrendered.

For these revelations, North Carolina State University history Professor Jim Crisp was recently threatened by a Texas woman with a Bowie knife and introduced at a speech as the Antichrist - both in jest, he said.

Screenwriters and balladeers always have taken certain liberties in portraying the life of the stalwart Tennessee frontiersman who became an American icon.

Most boys in the 1950s donned their coonskin caps to watch Fess Parker give life to the legend on TV. Moviegoers cheered when John Wayne stood at the walls of the Alamo clubbing Mexicans with the butt of his rifle and fell reverently silent when he was taken down by bullets and bayonets.

But now, along comes Crisp with the crusher.

Instead of dying in glory, Crockett was taken prisoner by Mexican Gen. Santa Anna and was ignobly put to the sword, says Crisp.

"I lean about 60-40 that Crockett was executed because the preponderance of evidence is there," said Crisp, a history professor at North Carolina State University. "... There will always be doubt. But if I had to say what's most likely, I would have to say Crockett was executed. We have three eyewitnesses who saw it."

The controversy surrounding Crockett's death started soon after the Alamo fell on March 6, 1836. Some newspaper accounts said Crockett died a hero; others said he surrendered and was executed.

Much of the modern debate has swirled around the 1836 diary of Jose Enrique de la Pena, a Santa Anna lieutenant.

The diary first surfaced in 1955 and was immediately branded a malicious fake by defenders of the Crockett legend.

In his account of the Texas Revolution, de la Pena claims to have seen Crockett executed with six other Alamo survivors.

When the English translation of "With Santa Anna in Texas, A Personal Narrative of the Revolution by Jose Enrique de la Pena" appeared in 1975, Dan Kilgore, then-president of the Texas State Historical Association, endorsed its version of Crockett's death.

Kilgore was accused of being a communist traitor. Into the battle waded Crisp, a native Texan who had no interest in the Crockett controversy until 1994, when he was asked by the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* to review a book claiming that de la Pena's diary was a forgery.

"I began this project without an opinion," he said. "I sat down to write a review that I thought would take me one or two days, and it turned into a career."

For three years, Crisp hunted through libraries in Texas and at Yale University and pored over 19th century newspapers. He found written accounts

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# Lifestyles

## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My mother was the first-born of seven children to blue-eyed parents. Five of the seven children have blue eyes except the oldest -- my mother -- and her youngest sibling. Both have brown eyes.

My mother has been told that it is not possible for parents with blue eyes to have brown-eyed children. My mother, who looks nothing like the rest of her siblings, has come to believe that she and her brother have a different father, and it has been a source of discomfort for years.

Would you please help me get a straight answer on this? It would be a help to the whole family if we could put this matter to rest. My mother worries about this endlessly. -- Nanuet, N.Y.

Dear Nan.: Tell your mother to stop worrying about nonsense. According to the experts in the field of genetics, eye color can come from more than one gene. Some shades of brown are the result of pigment that can come from parents with any color eyes. While not common, it is entirely possible for blue-eyed parents to have hazel brown-eyed children.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I are blessed with two teenage sons who are excellent students, personable, well-mannered and athletic. Both have held responsible paid positions in their young years. They know they are loved unconditionally. We have had the same struggles that all parents have -- the desire for teenage freedom vs. show-us-your-maturity-and-we'll-give-you-more-privileges.

I remember back in the '60s, you had a column in which you ran the definition of "maturity." I carried it in my wallet for years, but eventually, it fell apart. Is there any chance you could run that column again? We don't preach to our kids because they tend to turn a deaf ear, but I occasionally tack up a clipping on the bulletin board, which always seems to get read and often leads to discussion. This would make for great dinner table talk -- a time we have always insisted is "family" time. Thank you for helping all of us over those little bumps in life's road! -- V.C., McLean, Va.

Dear V.C.: With pleasure. Here it is and thanks for asking. Maturity is the ability to control anger and settle differences without violence.

Maturity is patience. It is the willingness to pass up immediate pleasure in favor of a long-term gain.

Maturity is perseverance, the ability to sweat out a project or a situation in spite of heavy opposition and discouraging setbacks.

Maturity is the capacity to face unpleasantness and frustration, discomfort and defeat, without complaint or collapse.

Maturity is being big enough to say, "I was wrong." And, when right, the mature person need not experience the satisfaction of saying, "I told you so."

Maturity is the ability to make a decision and stand by it. The immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities and then do nothing.

Maturity means dependability, keeping one's word and coming through in a crisis. The immature are masters of the alibi. They are confused and conflicted. Their lives are a maze of broken promises, former friends, unfinished business and good intentions that somehow never materialize.

Maturity is the art of living in peace with what we cannot change, the courage to change what should be changed and the wisdom to know the difference.

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



### Christmas yard art

Alpha Iota Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will have this jolly Santa Claus and brightly designed Christmas tree on display during the 17th annual Festival of Arts and Crafts sponsored by Wesley United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 6 in the Community Center. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. One ticket provides a chance on both designs. For tickets, contact Kryn Jesko at 364-0247, Marrie Leverett at 364-6017 after 8 p.m., or any member of Alpha Iota Mu.

### Jewelry discussed for club

Perry Graham of Duncan and Boyd Jewelers presented the program at the Tuesday meeting of Toujour Amis Study Club in the home of Marsha Winget. Graham passed around jewelry for those in attendance to admire. He also answered questions regarding fine jewelry, estate jewelry and repairs. Hostesses Heather Hicks, Judy Barrett and Winget served a light meal to Chrystal Anuszkiewicz, Cindy Black, Melinda Bridge, Lisa Formby, Diana Griffin, Shannon Hagar, Jill Harrison, Julie Hatley, Sandy Josseland, Elaine McNutt, Sally Nolen, Lauri Paetzold, Kim Porter, Jan Reeve, Becky Reinart, Jill Savoini, Donna West and Tammy Yenzen.

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**Hints from Heloise**

Dear Heloise: Here's a helpful hint for those of us who love miniblinds but sometimes accidentally bend a few or even have a pet chew on the ends.

I always buy mine 2 to 3 inches longer (vertical length -- Heloise) than needed. If I need to replace a blind, I simply remove the blinds beginning at the bottom, up to the damaged blind. Then replace the damaged blind with one from the extras. This saves so much money and keeps the blinds looking nicer! It's so easy to do too! -- Shar Davis, Harrisburg, Pa.

**BOOSTER SEATS**

Dear Heloise: For inexpensive booster seats for little visitors I cover old telephone books with vinyl-coated fabric. Just wrap books with the vinyl like a present and seal with clear packing tape. Spills can be wiped off. You can purchase a variety of vinyl designs at a fabric store to match your decor. -- Heidi Trout, West Friendship, Md.

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**Creative Scouts**

Pictured above are local Scouts who were winners in the recent slide contest. Each Scout made a slide, either from a kit or of his own design. From left are Michael Rojas, Aaron Franks, Chris Brockman and Aaron Milam. Tiger Cubs, pictured above right, did not compete in the slide contest, but each made a necklace of beads and conchos.



**Menus**

**HEREFORD I.S.D.**

**Breakfast**

**MONDAY**-Waffles with syrup; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, rosemary applesauce, milk choice.

**TUESDAY**-Breakfast burrito; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, orange smiles, milk choice.

**WEDNESDAY**-Scrambled eggs with sausage and flour tortilla; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, diced pears, milk choice.

**THURSDAY**-Sausage pattie and biscuit with jelly; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, orange juice, milk choice.

**FRIDAY**-Hash brown and Texas toast with honey; or cereal, cinnamon raisin toast, banana, milk choice.

**Lunch**

**MONDAY**-Fish strips with tarter sauce, cabbage-apple-raisin salad, black-eye peas, apple crisp, whole wheat rolls, milk choice.

**TUESDAY**-Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, oven fries with catsup, pickle spears, strawberry yogurt, milk choice.

**WEDNESDAY**-Chili beans, mini corn on cob, cherry apple topping over yellow cake, corn bread, milk choice.

**THURSDAY**-Turkey and dressing supreme, candied yams, green peas, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, hot rolls, milk choice.

**FRIDAY**-Chili dog with mustard, tator tots with catsup, ranch style beans, fresh fruit cup, milk choice.

**ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL**

**MONDAY**-Ham and cheese wraps, potato wedges, vegetarian beans, pear halves, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn, homemade bread, pineapple cake, milk.


**WEDNESDAY**-Tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk.

**THURSDAY**-Turkey and dressing with gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, mixed fruit salad, milk.

**FRIDAY**-Barbecue franks, black-eye peas, potato salad, homemade bread, apple crisp, milk.



The dogtooth violet is actually a member of the lily family and not a violet at all.

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Dyess of Springfield, Va., and Gary Straub of Alexandria.

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# Sports

## Herd, Dumas to battle again

On the Sidelines

High School Football

**CLASS 3A**  
Division I  
El Paso Franklin (8-2) vs. El Paso Montwood (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday at Socorro Student Activities Center, El Paso.  
Lubbock Coronado (7-3) vs. Odessa (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ratliff Stadium, Odessa.  
Levelland (8-4) vs. Duncanville (8-1), 8:30 p.m. Friday at Texas Stadium, Irving.  
Mansfield (4-8) vs. Arlington Martin (7-3), 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium, Irving.

**Division II**  
El Paso Irvin (7-3) vs. El Paso Bel Air (4-8), 8:30 p.m. Thursday at El Paso Irvin.  
Amarillo (8-3) vs. Midland Lee (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Dick Bovens Stadium, Amarillo.  
Flower Mound Marcus (8-2) vs. Irving MacArthur (8-4), 9 p.m. Friday at Texas Stadium, Irving.  
Haltom City Haltom (10-0) vs. DeSoto (7-2-1), noon Saturday at Texas Stadium, Irving.  
El Paso Socorro (8-2) vs. El Paso Jefferson (3-7), 8:30 p.m. Friday at Socorro Student Activities Center, El Paso.  
Ablene Cooper (8-1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Jones Stadium, Lubbock.  
South Grand Prairie SS, Hurst Bell 17 Arlington Lamar (8-1) vs. Fort Worth Wyatt (8-2), 7 p.m. Saturday at Texas Stadium, Irving.

**CLASS 4A**  
Division I  
Canyon Randall (7-3) vs. Wolfforth Friendship (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon.  
El Paso Ysleta (8-2) vs. Big Spring (7-3), 2 p.m., Saturday at Memorial Stadium, Big Spring.  
Brownwood (8-2) vs. Fort Worth Western Hills (7-3), 1 p.m. Saturday at Maverick Stadium, Arlington.  
Sherman (7-3) vs. Saginaw Boswell (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Goldsmith Stadium, Lovelockville.

**Division II**  
Dumas (8-0) vs. Snyder (3-7), 2 p.m. Saturday at Plainsview.  
El Paso Riverside (8-2) vs. Andrews (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, site TBA, El Paso.  
Stephenville (7-3) vs. Fort Worth Eastern Hills (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Glen Rose.  
Denison (10-0) vs. White Settlement Brewer (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Pennington Field, Bedford.  
Lubbock Estacado (8-1) vs. Borger, 2 p.m. Saturday at Hereford.  
Sweetwater (10-0) vs. El Paso (5-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Fort Stockton.  
Fort Worth Arlington Heights (5-5) vs. Graham (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Maverick Stadium, Arlington.  
Springtown (9-1) vs. Burkburnett (3-6), 7 p.m. Saturday at Fouts Field, Denton.

**CLASS 3A**  
Friona (10-0) vs. Seminole (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Levelland.  
Monahans (7-2) vs. Midland Greenwood (5-5), 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Ratliff Stadium, Odessa.  
Vernon (9-1) vs. Abilene Wylie (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Vernon.  
Aledo (10-0) vs. Hillsboro (4-8), 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Maverick Stadium, Arlington.  
Denver City (10-0) vs. Perryton (8-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Hereford.  
Colorado City (8-2) vs. Alpine (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Crane.  
Breckenridge (10-0) vs. Iowa Park (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Weatherford.  
Clifton (9-1) vs. Bridgeport (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Coppell.

**CLASS 2A**  
Canadian (8-1) vs. White Deer (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Tampa.  
Lockney (8-1) vs. New Deal (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Plainsview.  
Seagraves (8-2) vs. Iraan (8-2), 7 p.m. Saturday at Ratliff Stadium, Odessa.  
Stamford (8-2) vs. Winters (8-1), 8 p.m. Friday at Winters.  
Quanah (10-0) vs. Spearman (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Canyon High School.  
Post (7-3) vs. Hart (4-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Floydada.  
Stanton (10-0) vs. Shallowater (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lamesa.  
El Dorado (9-0) vs. Albany (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ballinger.

**CLASS A**  
Wheeler (7-3) vs. Kress (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Childress.  
Petersburg vs. Wink (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownfield.  
Aspermont (9-1) vs. Alvord (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Eastland.  
Iron County (9-1) vs. Cross Plains (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at McMurry University, Abilene.

**SIX-MAN**  
Follett (9-0) vs. Chillicothe (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shamrock.  
Lazbuddie (9-1) vs. Rochester (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Crosbyton.  
Ropes vs. Westbrook (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Klondike.

**IN BRIEF**

**Baseball camps**  
LUBBOCK -- The Texas Tech baseball coaching staff will have its first holiday baseball camp sessions in January 1998, according to Texas Tech head baseball coach Greg Evans. The session for six to 13-year-olds will be Jan. 4, 1998 beginning with registration at 1 p.m. at the Athletic Training Center. The session for 14-year-olds through high school seniors will run for two days, Jan. 2-3, 1998. Registration will begin 8:30 a.m. Jan. 2 at the ATC. The cost for either session will be \$110.00. For more information, please contact Evans at (806) 748-1146.

**Keenan rejoins NHL**  
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) -- Insisting he is wiser, patient and more reflective, Mike Keenan is back in the NHL. Keenan was hired as coach of the Vancouver Canucks on Thursday.

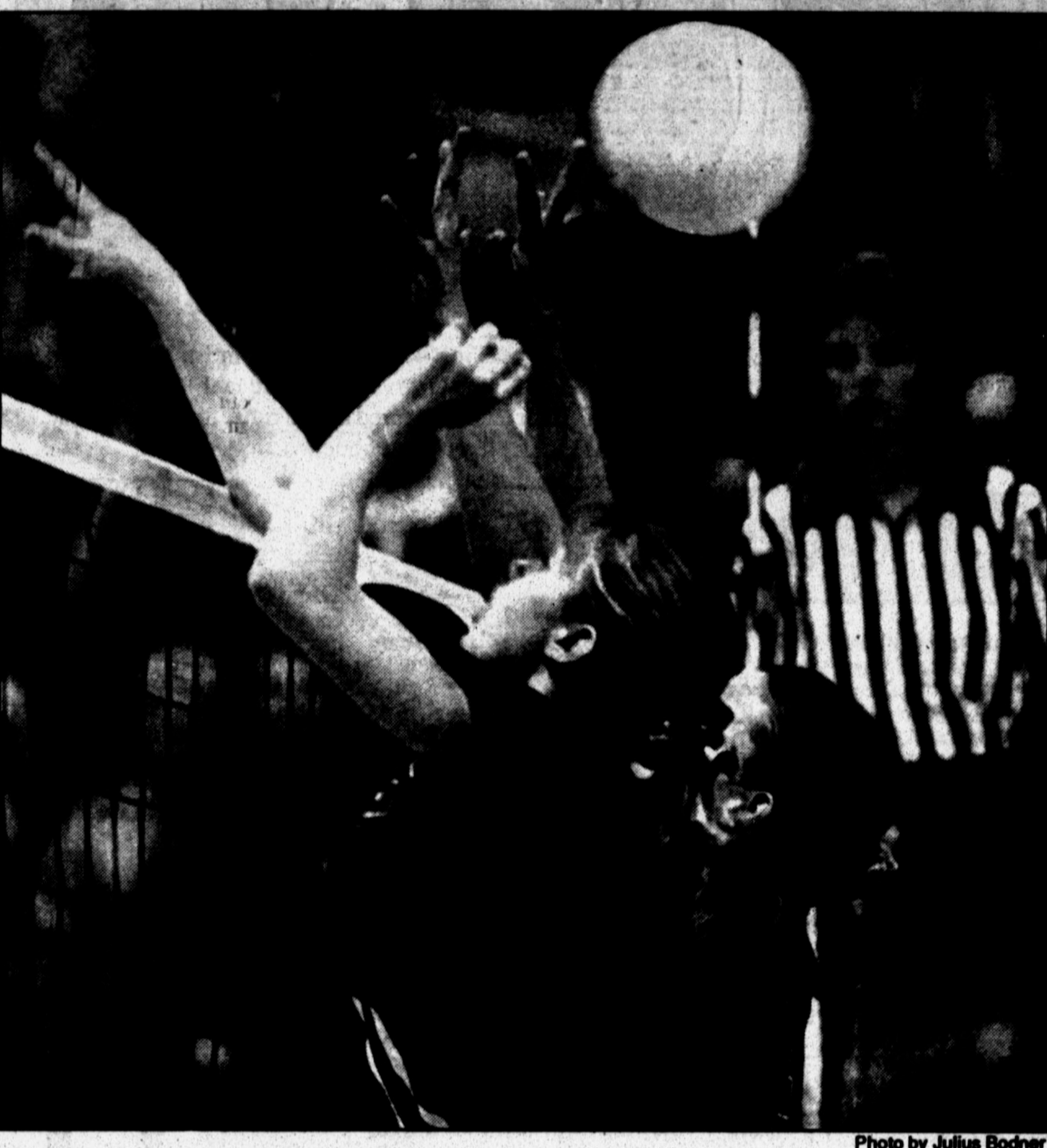
**Sports calendar**  
Volleyball  
Dumas vs. Hereford, 7 p.m. Friday Caprock Activity Center.

**By BOB VARMETTE**  
Sports Writer

It's not the usual meeting between familiar acquaintances. No, you can't say that. It's going to be a war. For the fifth time this season, Hereford (26-6) and Dumas (24-9) will tangle 7 p.m. tonight at Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo. But this time, it's the Class 4A Region I volleyball finals. "We're playing to go to state; we're playing to get to Austin," Hereford head coach Brenda Kitten said. "If you can do that against Dumas, so much the better, because it's such a big rivalry." But in this case familiarity doesn't breed contempt. It breeds respect, on both sides. "We know them real well; they know us real well," Dumas head coach Jack Wilson said. "We know where they're going to hit. We know what they're going to do, and the same goes for Hereford about us. We're a good team; Hereford's a good team. It's going to be a real battle."

It's the sixth time in eight years Hereford and Dumas have met in the Region I finals. In the five previous matches, three times the winner has gone on to win the Class 4A championship, most recently with Hereford's title in 1996. Both teams head into the showdown on a roll, too. Dumas dispatched Springtown 15-8, 15-9 and Hereford routed Denton 15-4, 15-5 in the regional semifinals. "We're absolutely ecstatic about the way we're playing," Wilson said. "We've really played some good games right in a row. We've really come on with some consistency." Ditto for the Lady Whitefaces. "Our kids have really come on in crunch time," Kitten said. "It took awhile for them to realize they were a state finals contender. Everyone on

this team has had to assume different roles (from 1996). . . . It took them awhile to warm up to that." Both coaches rate the match a toss up. Who goes to Austin will depend upon who makes the fewest mistakes. "We're very close talent-wise," Kitten said. "The team that wins may be the most patient, without getting frustrated. We can't outsmart them, nor vice versa." "There's no advantage by either team," Wilson concurred. "Serving, blocking, hitting, defense, they're all a toss up. . . . They may have the advantage because they won the last two in a row, at least you would think." There are many similarities between the teams, but there are also differences. While Hereford in the past several matches has evolved into a balanced attacking team, Dumas relies heavily offensively on junior Julie Williams. "We have to get some blocks on her early in the match," Kitten said. "Julie has a tendency to tip the ball if she's getting blocked. Also, she won't hit the ball hard if she's not getting good sets. We're going to have to mix it up offensively to keep them from getting those good sets." While the Lady Whitefaces don't have a dominant offensive weapon, Wilson and the Demonettes aren't letting down their guard. If fact, Wilson believes that makes Hereford even more of a threat. "They're dangerous because of that," he said. "They're just a good, solid team, from top to bottom. They're not dominating, but they do attack you consistently. They don't hit it real hard, but they know where to put the ball." Hereford had five hitters register at least two kills in their victory over Denton Tuesday. Julie Rampley led the Lady Whitefaces with seven, but



Hereford's Kristin Fangman, foreground, and Meredith Tabor block a Canyon Randall attack Saturday at the Amarillo High Activity Center during a regional quarterfinal match. Photo by Julius Bodner

## Walker wins NL MVP

NEW YORK (AP) -- Larry Walker won the National League Most Valuable Player award on Thursday to become the first Canadian in either league to win the honor. Walker, who hit .366 with 49 homers and 130 RBIs for the Colorado Rockies, received 22 first-place votes, three seconds and three thirds for 359 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of American. "I've done something good for me personally, and I've done something good for my country," Walker said. "Maybe kids will look up to me and it will push them to reach for their goals." Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza was second with three firsts, 22 seconds, two thirds and one fourth for 263 points, followed by Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell -- the 1994 winner -- with 253 points. "It's such a great feeling," Walker said. "I was going up and down the stairs at my house and I don't think I hit any of the steps. I

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"Just day after day, I sometimes shocked myself at what I was doing," Walker said. "I'd go home at night or to the hotel room and say, 'I did that again? This is fun!'" Some have said that playing in the mile-high air at Coors Field helped Walker. But he hit .346 on the road with 29 homers and 62 RBIs. "Eventually, Coors Field is going to lose the rap, just like Wrigley Field lost it or just like Fenway -- bouncing all those doubles off the wall," Walker said. "Every park has unique things that are going to work for you or against you. You've still got to throw it. You've still got to hit it and you've still got to catch it. It doesn't matter where you are." Walker earned a \$200,000 bonus for winning the award, and Rockies teammate Andres Galarraga got a \$100,000 bonus for finishing seventh. Ken Griffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners was a unanimous selection on Wednesday as MVP of the American League.



Hoop Shoot winners. Winners in the recent local competition of the Boys 10-11 Division of the 1997 National Elks Hoop Shoot were (front) John Griffin, first place; (back, left to right) Jeremy Wilkins, second place; and Fernando Escobal, third place. Girls winners in the 10-11 Division of the local contest were (front) Jacklyn Salinas, first place; (back, left to right) Sabrina Garcia, second place; and Marketha Nicklaus, third place.



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## Shaq pumps in 34 as L.A. downs Spurs in OT

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- Shaquille O'Neal scored 34 points and the Los Angeles Lakers extended their season-opening win streak to six games as they beat the San Antonio Spurs 109-100 in overtime Thursday night. The Lakers erased a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter and tied the game at 96-all with 7.1 seconds left on Nick Van Exel's jumper from just inside the 3-point line. Los Angeles then outscored San Antonio 13-4 in overtime as the Spurs struggled to get off a good shot against the Lakers' aggressive defense. O'Neal, the NBA's leading scorer, opened the extra period with a three-point play off a dunk. Eddie Jones, who had 26 points, added a

3-pointer the next time down the floor. San Antonio was 0-for-7 from the field in overtime until Sean Elliott's jumper with 24.3 left cut the Lakers' lead to 106-100. David Robinson had 27 points and 14 rebounds for San Antonio, which fell to 6-2 following the matchup of teams with the two best records in the Western Conference. Tim Duncan added 19 points and 13 rebounds. Los Angeles opened an 11-point lead with a 16-2 run in the first half only to have San Antonio rally for an 85-75 lead on Avery Johnson's layup with 8:58 left in the game. San Antonio looked like it had a chance to pull away in the third quarter when O'Neal, who had 15 rebounds, drew his fourth foul.

## Mavs extend losing skid to 4

DALLAS (AP) -- Allen Iverson scored 31 points, including a key 3-pointer with 1:37 left, and the Philadelphia 76ers handed the Dallas Mavericks their fourth consecutive defeat, 99-98 Thursday night. Jerry Stackhouse added 21 points and connected on a 3-pointer with 2:20 remaining to give the 76ers the lead for good, 90-88. Iverson's 3-pointer from the left wing on Philadelphia's next possession extended the 76ers' lead to 93-88.

Derrick Coleman contributed 25 points, 16 in the second half, and pulled down 14 rebounds for the 76ers, who won their first game of the season Wednesday night at Houston following an 0-5 start. Shawn Bradley, who paced the Mavericks with 20 points and 13 rebounds, scored on a layup with 1:19 left to make it 93-90. Coleman sealed the victory when he hit two free throws with 33.6 seconds left for a 97-90 lead.

# Progress, but still no wins for Prairie View A&M

**By MICHAEL A. LUTZ**  
AP Sports Writer

**PRAIRIE VIEW** — At Prairie View A&M, moral victories count. Ties are not like kissing your sister. A close loss or a well-played quarter is cause for celebration. Made it on fourth-and-one? Take a bow.

The incomparable Panthers made some progress for first-year coach Greg Johnson this season, but going into Saturday's season finale against Jackson State (7-2) they haven't put a real victory in the win column.

The Panthers started this season with the nation's longest losing streak of 68 games, and they've padded that with eight more losses, extending the string to 76. Prairie View's last victory was Oct. 31, 1989, when it beat Mississippi Valley 21-12.

"We had a lot of moral victories, we played more competitively, cut down our mistakes and we are focusing a lot better," Johnson said. "It's not what I wanted, but it's something that I can build from."

Still, Johnson was in a brighter mood than the cold, misty weather following a lengthy workout.

"After a couple of quarters, we seem to figure out that we can play with these guys (opponents)," Johnson said. "Not knowing that you can do it from the beginning is where we're at."

"We have to get in and test the waters and then feel it's warm enough and you can take it."

It happened in last week's 48-14 loss to Arkansas Pine Bluff.

"We were driving the ball and boom, we made a mistake and boom, we lost focus," Johnson said. "Then they made some mistakes and we realized we had a chance. But we didn't decide that until they'd already put 21 points on the board."

That's how it's been for the Panthers this season, fighting for respect with a short stick that has kept them down since a financial scandal forced the cancellation of the 1990 season.

The program restarted in 1991 but

without scholarships. Two of Johnson's predecessors, Ron Beard and Hensley Sapenter, failed to ignite a turnaround. The Panthers have played with 15 scholarships the past two seasons.

One of Johnson's most bitter losses was the second of the season, 19-10 to Langston, the program Johnson turned around before accepting Prairie View's offer. After that loss, the Panthers lost to Southern 63-7 and Grambling 33-6 on successive weeks.

"They brought me here because I'd been through a similar situation, but Rome wasn't built in a day. Prairie View has had a rich history and tradition and that won't be built back in one day or one season," Johnson said.

"Some thought I'd be a savior and take these guys to the championship, but it will take more than just me. It's going to take me, the alums and the institution to be more competitive with our 15 (scholarships) to everybody else's 63."

Prairie View was most competitive in the Langston game, Johnson said, but again the errors were costly.

"We gave up two touchdowns where we slipped off a tackle and the guy goes the distance and we miss a line call."

"That's our life story this year, always making a mistake here and there that gives them a big play. Big plays have beaten us all year. We play hard enough but not smart enough."

Prairie View thought it might get a victory on Oct. 18 in a battle of the beatens against winless Alabama State. The Panthers went down 56-7.

"I thought we'd mature more than we did," Johnson said. "I didn't have enough guys here from recruiting that came in knowing how to win. I had more old guys and the old regimens and mentality took over."

"We had new coaches coming in with new ideas and concepts and to the older guys it was just like the third head coach coming in here and telling them the same old thing over and over and it didn't happen."

## Battle

Catie Betzen had three, and Lyndi Carlile, Meredith Tabor and Kendra Wright all had two kills each. In recent matches, sophomore Tori Walker and junior Kristin Fangman have also made significant contributions on offense.

In the four previous matches this season, the two teams have split. Dumas won in the Justin Northwest Tournament and the first district match. Hereford won the second district match and in the District 1-4A seeding tournament.

The first district match at Whiteface Gymnasium Sept. 27 may have been one of Hereford's worst outings of the season. Dumas won, 15-9, 15-9.

At Dumas Oct. 21, Hereford won 11-15, 15-10, 15-11. In the seeding tournament a week later, Hereford needed only two sets to down the Demonettes, although the match was hotly contested, 18-16, 15-10.

Neither Kitten nor Wilson were particularly happy with the way their team played in those matches. It was part of a sometimes struggling regular season for both Dumas and Hereford.

"Both teams have come together at the end of the season," Wilson said. "We've been inconsistent during the season... making just really dumb errors. That really hurt us. But now we are getting that consistency. Hereford is in that same boat."

There's nothing fancy in the game plan of either coach.

"They're an extremely good offensive team," Kitten said. "We have to be patient offensively. They'll block us well. And we're going to have to be prepared to dig some tough hits."

"We're going to have to put a damper on their hitting," Wilson said. "We have to do a little bit better job of blocking."

To that end, Wilson will continue to use sophomore Amy Hanes in place of senior Kerri McAllister, a move he made to combat Canyon Randall's height in the seeding tournament.

And then there are the intangibles. The match may be between two District 1-4A foes, but it's not just another district match.

"Emotion is such a big factor," Kitten said. "It plays a big part in winning or losing... There's been more pressure on this group than any other group. You don't realize how great it is until you're going through it."

## SCOREBOARD

- NHL**
- Thursday's Games**  
Washington 3, Buffalo 2  
Detroit 4, Ottawa 2  
Colorado 2, Philadelphia 1  
St. Louis 4, Boston 2  
Toronto 2, Chicago 1  
Minnesota 5, Phoenix 2  
Carolina 4, Calgary 2  
Los Angeles 6, San Jose 3
- Friday's Games**  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.  
Colorado at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Florida, 6:30 p.m.  
Vancouver at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
- NBA**
- Thursday's Games**  
Cleveland 85, New Jersey 74  
Washington 91, Minnesota 88, OT  
Philadelphia 99, Dallas 98  
L.A. Lakers 106, San Antonio 100, OT  
Seattle 95, Detroit 89  
Milwaukee 102, L.A. Clippers 94
- Friday's Games**  
Toronto at Boston, 6 p.m.  
Miami at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
Denver at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
- Sacramento at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
Seattle at Utah, 8 p.m.  
Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.
- NCAA Basketball**
- EXHIBITION**  
Alabama 65, BC Chemekewa 50  
Arizona 113, Melbourne 79  
Grambling St. 101, VASDA Blue 94  
Lafayette 75, Tennessee Tech 51  
Marshall 88, N. Illinois 60, OT  
Mississippi 128, Spirit Express 88  
Morehead St. 92, Sports Branch 71  
Murray St. 80, Albion 74  
N. Iowa 96, Pella Windows 75  
New Orleans 94, Vanda USA 86  
Oral Roberts 105, Concordia 81  
Osbark All-Stars 77, McIntosh St. 74  
Penn St. 88, Ural-Great 66  
Rutgers 85, Around the World 82  
Southern Miss. 83, Slovakia 61  
Texas A&M 99, North Melbourne 8  
Texas Christian 126, California All-Stars 92  
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## Mood better for stadium

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The outlook for a Minnesota Twins stadium funding proposal brightened somewhat Thursday as House Minority Leader Steve Sviggum considered backing a new plan, a move that could push a package to approval.

Sviggum said he is thinking about supporting the plan that emerged Thursday after sponsors of the previous package prepared to dump a key component of the plan before it came up on the floor.

The proposal announced last week called for redirecting the income taxes of baseball and football players to help pay for the project. Sviggum opposed that plan.

Just before the House convened Thursday, that idea was on the verge of being scrapped in favor of a higher surcharge on player salaries, a doubling of stadium parking taxes from \$1 to \$2, and an increase in sales taxes at the stadium from 6 percent to 9 percent.

"We have some ideas, we're seeing what people are thinking about them," said Rep. Loren Jennings.

Before Thursday's new plan emerged, Sviggum said prospects were dim.

"I don't think it will pass," he said Wednesday.

## Personal

just a great player. I consider him one of the top five receivers I've ever played against in the league. We've had a pretty good rivalry, that's for sure."

This year Irvin hasn't had a banner season by his standards as the Cowboys struggle at 5-5.

He's caught 46 passes for 717 yards and five touchdowns and he's averaged 15.6 yards per catch. But Irvin and quarterback Troy Aikman haven't hooked up for critical touchdowns like in the past.

Green has been dynamite again in Washington's 6-4 campaign. He leads the team with 16 passes defended although he hasn't intercepted one. He's the sixth-leading tackler on the team with 31.

"We're just trying to get our success up there where the Cowboys are," Green said. "The Cowboys have been in the playoffs the last umpteen years and that's where we would like to get. I do look forward to these games with the Cowboys."

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BARBRA STREISAND
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Barbra Streisand stepped into the limelight long enough to make a few quips about big hair, former beaus and her own secluded life.

She had good reason: her friend and frequent music collaborator, composer-producer David Foster, was receiving an award for his philanthropy.

"I can't believe they got me out of the house to honor somebody who isn't running for office," said Streisand, a friend of President Clinton.

Streisand recalled first meeting Foster in a studio in the 1970s while recording a song.

"I kept hearing this piano riff and I liked it," she said during the tribute Wednesday. "So I said 'Who's playing that?' Somebody said 'It's that guy with the hair.' And I said 'Which one?' Because back then everybody had hair."

"And they pointed him out to me and I said, 'Oh, he's cute and he has great hair.' And I knew hair, because I was going with an ex-hairdresser at the time," she said, referring to Jon Peters.

The event raised \$2.1 million for the Neil Bogart Memorial Fund, which conducts research into the treatment of leukemia, cancer and AIDS in children.

PHILIP MICHAEL THOMAS

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Philip Michael Thomas' wife claims he roughed her up in front of their children. He says that's a blatant lie.

Kassandra Green Thomas, the mother of five of the actor's 12 children, filed a domestic violence complaint against the former "Miami Vice" star, The Miami Herald reported.

Her attorney, Ellis Rubin, said Thomas ordered his wife to make Thomas bed, then followed her, their children and housekeeper as they left on an errand on Halloween.

When Mrs. Thomas snatched the car keys, the actor "grabbed her by the neck/chest area and then grabbed her right wrist and pushed her in an arm lock and forced her almost to the ground," the police report said.

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Rubin called it "a police hold. That made the children cry."

Thomas calls his wife's account "an absolute, blatant lie."

He said he was trying to talk to the housekeeper and his wife "kept getting in my face. I grabbed her arm for about 10 seconds until she let the keys go, and I let her go... That was the extent of it."

SPICE GIRLS

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - They were whistling at the Spice Girls, all right - booing and whistling.

Hundreds of people at the Prisa publishing group's Onda entertainment award ceremony booted the five popular British pop divas off the stage Thursday after they refused to allow pictures to be taken while they performed.

The band, whose hits include "Wannabe" and "Say You'll Be There," cited a contract clause in demanding that all photographers leave the concert hall. When the shutterbugs refused, the band demanded they put their cameras down and made many of them pledge not to transmit or publish pictures of the performance.

Their set finished and the booing started.

The Onda prize was given in recognition of the band's contributions to music.

JIM KELLY

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Jim Kelly is urging professional athletes not to sit on the sidelines when it comes to charity work.

The former Buffalo Bills quarterback was named Philanthropist of the Decade on Thursday by a local charity, the Western New York United Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse, and promptly suggested that athletes lend their names to a good cause.

"When you see the smiles it puts on kids' faces, you know it's all worthwhile," said Kelly, an NBC commentator.

Kelly has raised more than \$1 million for disabled children with his Kelly for Kids Foundation. His 1-year-old son suffers from Krabbe's disease, a deadly disorder that attacks the brain.

WILL SMITH

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Will Smith is giving up his independence to hook up with Jada Pinkett.

The 29-year-old star of "Independence Day" and "Men in Black" got engaged to his longtime girlfriend and they plan to marry by year's end, their publicists said Thursday.

The marriage will be the first for the 26-year-old actress, whose films include "Set It Off" and "The Nutty Professor." Smith is divorced and has a 5-year-old son.

LL COOL J

LOS ANGELES (AP) - LL Cool J's latest rap: Stay in school.

"One of the things I've learned is that education is one of the most important things you could ever do for yourself," he told students Wednesday at John Marshall High School. "It's unbelievable. It's like having a garden in your mind. It's constantly growing. You have to water it."

LL Cool J, who was born James Todd Smith, has six platinum rap albums, including "Mama Said Knock You Out," and stars in the UPN sitcom "In the House." He spoke as part of the Newspaper Association of America's literacy campaign, which also boasts such spokesmen as former presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

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Comics

The Wizard of Id comic strip by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart. Panel 1: Wizard asks 'HEY, TURNKEY, WHAT DAY DO THEY PICK UP MY LAUNDRY?' Panel 2: Wizard says 'I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THAT MYSELF.'

Marvin comic strip by Tom Armstrong. Panel 1: Marvin says 'HEY, THOSE STROLLERS OVER THERE LOOK JUST LIKE OURS!' Panel 2: Marvin says 'THAT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE OURS, SILLY!' Panel 3: Marvin says '...OURS HAD TWO MOMMIES ATTACHED TO THEM!' Panel 4: Marvin says 'THEY CAN'T BE'.

Blondie comic strip by Dean Young & Stan Drake. Panel 1: Blondie says 'I'M TAKING BLONDIE TO A MOVIE AFTER DINNER.' Panel 2: Blondie says 'HAH! I'LL BET YOU FALL ASLEEP BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME.' Panel 3: Blondie says 'I WILL NOT FALL ASLEEP AT HOME! WE'RE GOING TO A MOVIE!!' Panel 4: Blondie says 'Z-Z'.

Beetle Bailey comic strip by Mort Walker. Panel 1: Beetle says 'SLOW DOWN... LET HIM PASS.' Panel 2: Beetle says 'BUT I HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.' Panel 3: Beetle says 'YEAH, BUT HE HAS THE RIGHT-OF-RANK.' Panel 4: Beetle says 'NOT! WALKER'.

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith comic strip by Fred Lasswell. Panel 1: Barney says 'MISS PRUNELLY-- I GOT SOME GOOD NEWS AN' SOME BAD NEWS!!' Panel 2: Barney says 'I'M ALL EARS, MIZ SMITH!' Panel 3: Barney says 'UH-- JUGHAID WON'T BE COMIN' TO SCHOOL TODAY.' Panel 4: Barney says 'AN' WHAT'S TH' BAD NEWS?'.



**RAIL WOES**

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compared to more than 1,600 miles from its regular Wyoming supplier. "We're working with all our utilities to hopefully ensure their stockpiles don't get too low," said UP spokesman John Bromley. "I think none of them are too happy with the amount of coal they've received, they'd all like to have more."

The problems come at a time when businesses have streamlined operations to reduce their costly stockpiles of parts and merchandise. But that has left them more susceptible to supply disruptions.

At Ashland Chemical Co. in Columbus, Ill., Jim Vitak says the backup in shipments is the worst in 20 years. "It is having a very significant effect," he said. "We're not unlike other businesses."

After the third-largest corn harvest ever, shortages of hopper cars left millions of bushels of grain on the ground as elevators were filled to capacity in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

The corn, the nation's primary feed for livestock, can degrade when it sits outside.

"When the rail system fails us it can be very expensive," said John Green of the National Corn Growers Association.

Hawaii, which relies heavily on shipments of consumer goods from the mainland, has felt the ripples from the rail disruptions that have clogged ports.

Matson Navigation Co. and Sealand, which ship 85 to 90 percent of Hawaii's imported goods, in recent weeks have had to wait several days longer than normal to move cargo on and off their ships. Some supermarkets say that has reduced the shelf life of perishables, like milk.

Still, the Texas Railroad Commission says that the Lone Star State bears the brunt of the problems on the 36,000-mile UP network and that's why Texas opposed the \$3.9-billion merger between Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Rail Corp. in September of 1996.

The Surface Transportation Board, which approved the merger, has tried to ease the massive gridlock by ordering UP to open a portion of its freight business to its competitors. It will review that order on Dec. 3 and could extend it for another eight months.

That strategy is not without its critics. "They can't get on the UP tracks because they're all backed up. It would be funny if it wasn't so serious," economist Weinstein said.

**CROCKETT**

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that he said corroborate the diary's version of Crockett's death.

"I'm 99.9 percent sure that de la Pena isn't a forgery," Crisp said. From those accounts, Crisp has stitched together a new ending to the Crockett story.

A Mexican general stopped the slaughter in the Alamo when just a handful of Americans from the 189-man garrison were left standing. Some accounts put the number of survivors at five; others say it was seven. They were taken to Santa Anna, whose aides included Juan Almonte, a former diplomat who was educated in the United States and had lived in New York.

"Almonte fingered Crockett," Crisp said. "He was very familiar with who Crockett was and had seen images of Crockett. Crockett was a famous guy in the United States. He was a celebrity and was most easily the most famous man in the Alamo."

Santa Anna ordered nearby soldiers to shoot the prisoners on the spot. When the soldiers hesitated, officers stepped forward and killed them with their swords.

Challenging received legend comes at a price. Crisp's own Rice University alumni magazine accused him of "marketing a contrarian neo-history to suit (his own) self-interests."

One Alamo expert mocked him as being president of "The Who Cares How Davy Died Association."

The truth, though, is starting to filter into the Crockett story, Crisp said. Recent television documentaries on the Alamo included the possibility that Crockett may have surrendered and was executed, and a new high-school history textbook has a footnote about the debate, Crisp said.

"This is not a bunch of communists debunking our heroes," he said. "We are historians debating the evidence."

**BOARD**

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The project is being funded with a \$27,000 grant from Amarillo and a matching grant from the city of Hereford.

In other business, the board heard a report from the juvenile probation department regarding the number of youths currently being handled through the juvenile probation office.

Currently 42 juveniles are on probation, up 14 from last month, but only up five for October 1996.

Deferred adjudication was granted to 18 juvenile offenders; six offenders were filed on by the district attorney; three offenders had their probation modified; three were counseled and released and 12 cases were otherwise disposed of.

Juvenile probation officers made 67 home visits; 198 school visits and 56 school visits.

The largest fish is the whale shark, which weighs up to 15 short tons, twice as much as an African elephant.

**NEWS**

*in brief*

**RENOIR PAINTING SELLS FOR \$20.9 MILLION**

NEW YORK (AP) - A Renoir painting of a seated nude, "The Bather," sold for \$20.9 million at auction, more than twice the expected amount.

The painting was one of 66 Impressionist and modern art works auctioned Thursday for \$92.7 million, said Alexander Apsis of Sotheby's New York.

"The Bather," an oil on canvas work painted by Pierre-Auguste Renoir in 1888, had been valued at only \$10 million. It shows a young woman sitting against a backdrop of trees and shrubbery washing herself with a cloth.

Apsis said the painting - acquired at an auction by Sotheby's in London in 1980 for \$1.2 million - is the finest Renoir to appear at auction in several years.

Another Renoir painting, "Dressing the Hair," sold for \$8.8 million. The 1888 painting shows a young woman attaching a flower to the hair of another woman in a room of rich red and yellow furnishings. It had sold in 1986 for \$3.5 million.

The current sellers of both Renoirs were anonymous, like most of the consigners at the auction.

**FDA PANEL FINDS BALDNESS PILL EFFECTIVE**

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) - The first pill to fight baldness is a step closer to the market, after scientific advisers told the Food and Drug Administration that Propecia appears to help some men grow new hair.

But the FDA panel stopped short of giving a total endorsement of Merck & Co.'s new pill - raising questions over whether men who took the pill for years would suffer fertility problems and other unforeseen side effects. The panel, without a vote, concluded that the pill was effective and left the safety question to the government.

Now it is up to the FDA to decide whether to require Merck to extend the study of the drug or allow its sale and keep tabs on what happens to balding men over time.

Still, despite the lingering questions, "I've been very impressed" by the effectiveness studies on Propecia, said panelist Dr. James Kilpatrick Jr. of the Medical College of Virginia.

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**AMTRAK RESCUE BILL GOES TO CLINTON**

WASHINGTON (AP) - With rare concurrence, Congress and the administration are celebrating passage of an Amtrak overhaul bill that they say will head off a possible disaster for America's national railway.

The legislation will provide \$3.4 billion for the financially stricken railway through 2002 for operating and building expenses. The measure also will free up another \$2.3 billion for capital investment set aside by Congress until an Amtrak overhaul bill was passed.

Besides the money, the bill gives Amtrak greater operating freedom that supporters hope will lead to less dependence on federal subsidies and eventual independence.

**POET-PUBLISHER DIES AT 83**

NORFOLK, Conn. (AP) - James Laughlin, a poet and pioneering publisher who introduced American readers to some of the best-known writers of this century, died Wednesday of complications following a stroke. He was 83.

Laughlin died at his home, his family said. He was still an undergraduate at Harvard University in 1936 when he founded New Directions with money from his father and issued the first of the anthologies that he said were a place "where experimentalists could test their inventions by publication."

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*in brief*

## LAWYER SAYS KEVORKIAN ASSISTS IN SUICIDE

DETROIT (AP) - Dr. Jack Kevorkian, whose assisted suicide campaign is condemned by Roman Catholic officials, helped a woman with liver cancer die in a church, then took her body to a hospital, his lawyer said.

Nadia Foldes, 74, of New York, inhaled carbon monoxide Thursday at a church in the Archdiocese of Detroit where "there is a sympathetic priest," Kevorkian attorney Geoffrey Fieger said.

He did not name the church, but said in today's editions of the Detroit Free Press that Ms. Foldes was an Eastern Orthodox Christian and asked Kevorkian to help her die at a Catholic church.

Kevorkian delivered the body to the emergency room of POH Medical Center, formerly known as Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, at about 7:30 p.m., spokeswoman Sharon Lucik said.

Police detectives in Pontiac, 25 miles north of Detroit, were investigating, Sgt. Terry Morris said.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON ARRIVES AT ROCKEFELLER CENTER

NEW YORK (AP) - With only a warning of snow and not a fa-la-la to be heard, the Christmas season arrived at Rockefeller Center with a towering 74-foot tree.

The 26,000 light bulbs won't be up and twinkling until the Dec. 2 lighting. But some visitors already were awestruck by the arrival of the seven-ton, 73-year-old Norway spruce on Thursday.

The tree "looks bigger than on TV," said Opal McClure, of Charleston, W.Va. "I'd love to see it after it's decorated. But we'll have to see it on TV."

Hours before workers raised the tree, 8-year-old Danny Gillespie and his 6-year-old brother, Bobby, of Lindenhurst, N.Y., stood on tiptoes to help place a white star on the tree's top.

The boys' father, Officer Kevin Gillespie, was killed while chasing suspected carjackers in the Bronx last year.

## ARMY'S TOP PERSONNEL OFFICIAL TO RESIGN

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Army's top personnel official, Sara Lister, planned to resign today after a storm of protest arose over her remark that the Marine Corps is an "extremist" organization.

A senior Pentagon official who spoke on condition of anonymity said Mrs. Lister was submitting her resignation.

Thursday evening, the House passed a voice resolution seeking Mrs. Lister's ouster, even though she said several months ago that she planned to leave her job on Nov. 21, the end of next week.

Mrs. Lister, the assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs, had previously apologized for her remark and said it had been misconstrued.

House Republicans said Mrs. Lister's remark was evidence of an anti-military mind-set in the Clinton administration, which has struggled to overcome this image from the start of President Clinton's first term.

In a letter Thursday to Clinton, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., called Mrs. Lister's remark "completely out of order" and an insult to the entire military.

## FBI BELATEDLY FINDS FILES FOR CHINA PROBE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI said today it belatedly discovered new counterintelligence files relevant to its investigation of a possible Chinese plot to influence U.S. elections.

The material was found following a search that FBI Director Louis Freeh ordered in September "when it became apparent the FBI was in possession of certain counterintelligence information" it had not previously analyzed, an FBI statement said.

"During the course of this ongoing review, the FBI identified other relevant materials, at which time Director Freeh promptly briefed the Department of Justice and congressional committees," the statement said.

"Much of the counterintelligence information gathered by the FBI consists of raw, uncorroborated intelligence that requires significant analysis before the information is appropriate for dissemination."

The House's chief campaign-finance investigator, meanwhile, demanded meetings with Attorney General Janet Reno and Freeh about the FBI's failure to turn up key intelligence information sooner.

## UNIONS WANT UNIFORM LIMIT ON CARRY-ON LUGGAGE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Linda Romano, a flight attendant for 28 years, is tired of being caught in the middle of passengers who won't part with their carry-on bags, airlines overeager to please their customers and a job that demands high safety standards.

"The public is ignorant, and we've made them that way," Romano said Thursday at a conference of the Association of Flight Attendants, a union representing 42,000 employees on 27 carriers. "Are we safety professionals or Coke-and-peanut toters?"

The unions say excessive baggage in the overhead bins poses a safety threat, so they want the Federal Aviation Administration to establish industry-wide guidelines limiting carry-on luggage.

## LEE'S NOMINATION RETURNED TO WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bill Linn Lee's hopes for holding the nation's top civil rights job depend on President Clinton's willingness to resubmit his nomination and the will of his backers to fight for it. But Lee's top Senate foe urged Clinton today to forget it and send the Senate a new nominee.

"I think it's a loser for them," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said.

Hatch said the Senate late Thursday returned the nomination of the Chinese-American civil rights lawyer to the White House after Democrats failed earlier in the day to marshal enough votes to send it to the Senate floor.




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# News Digest

**REAL ESTATE AD GENERATES EXCITEMENT**  
**WARWICK, R.I. (AP)** - Ray Brigidi hoped his real estate agent could generate some excitement about his house. A typo on the "For Sale" sign caused a stir, all right.

Prospective buyers who called the toll-free telephone number on the sign hoping to hear an automated listing of homes for sale got a wrong number - and an earful from a phone sex line.

Brigidi discovered the mix-up Sunday night, when he called expecting to hear a description of his three-bedroom house. Instead, he heard a breathless invitation to talk to "hot" girls and a sales pitch for a Web site with sexually explicit pictures.

"I kept thinking I punched the wrong number," Brigidi said. "I thought it was funny."

His wife wasn't amused. After she called, she told her husband to "get that sign off" the front lawn.

Patricia Lenihan, a manager with J.W. Riker Real Estate, sent an apology letter to the Brigidis. The company removed identical signs posted at six other homes around Rhode Island to fix the wrong number, which was off by a single digit.

**EL NINO TURNING INTO TOURISM FITCH**

**EUREKA, Calif. (AP)** - Even El Nino has a silver lining.

The famed weather phenomenon, which is expected to bring storms and flooding to California this winter, is being pitched as a boon for travelers.

Some Humboldt County hotels are even offering an El Nino Sale. Here's the deal: If the weather gets REALLY bad, the hotel bill is free.

It applies only if El Nino whacks the state's northern coast with heavy storms, closing highways out of town. Seven hotels and inns have signed up to offer the deal so far.

"All these national weathermen are saying, 'Don't come to California. El Nino's going to blow it away.' But we don't think it'll be that bad up here," Kathleen Gordon-Burke of the Eureka Humboldt Visitors Bureau said Thursday in the *San Francisco Examiner*.

"We're betting the big storms will miss us and stay south," she said. "And even if they do hit us, Eureka's a great place to watch storms."

**EVEN THE GOVERNOR HAS TO PROVE IDENTITY**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)** - His mug looked familiar to everyone standing in line for driver's licenses, but Gov. Paul Patton still had to prove his identity to state workers.

Patton didn't have the two forms of identification necessary to get a replacement license - he had lost his wallet at a conference in Phoenix earlier this week. But two IDs from the governor?

"Of course. That's the rule," Clerk Janice Marshall said.

A state trooper standing next to him had to vouch for Patton's identity before he was able to get the license Wednesday.

Patton even signed the back of his new license to become an organ donor and paid the extra \$1 for the organ donor promotion program.

**EMU GIVES OFFICERS RUN FOR THEIR MONEY**

**WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP)** - Found: an agitated emu that gave animal control officers a run for their money.

The big bird was spotted bounding along a street in this Salt Lake County suburb early Thursday. Subduing the emu turned into quite a tussle.

"I have roped a buffalo, chased a Brahman bull and wrestled a couple of pretty good sized pythons," said animal control officer Stan Larsen. "This is the first time I've tackled an emu."



**Dream team**

The Whiteface Booster Club recently honored three of its members; Don Cumpton, Wade Easley and Donny Henson for their prowess in field goal kicking. Each of the kickers connected on 30-yard field goals and claimed \$150 during the pre-game kicking contest sponsored annually by local businesses and the booster club. The 30-yard portion of the contest was sponsored by Hereford State Bank. Booster club members pictured during the special recognition ceremony were; from left, John Kreighauser, Don Cumpton, Craig Yencer - Whiteface head coach and Athletic Director, Tom Bailey - booster club president, Donny Henson, Wade Easley and Larry Alley.

**AXYDLBAAXR IS LONG FELLOW**

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

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 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE WOMEN OF GREECE COUNTED THEIR AGE FROM THEIR MARRIAGE, NOT FROM THEIR BIRTH.—HOMER

By The Associated Press  
 Here are excerpts from editorials in newspapers in the United States and abroad:

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**The Outlook, Santa Monica, Calif., on the 'Murphy Brown' marijuana episode:**  
 CBS Vice President Chris Enders says the decision to show television's Murphy Brown smoking marijuana to relieve nausea from chemotherapy is part of the show's "rich history of blending comedy with controversial political and social issues ..."

How about part of Hollywood's shameless tradition of exploiting controversy to raise ratings? ... This episode has nothing to do with social responsibility and everything to do with hucksterism. ...

Five years ago, Vice President Dan Quayle's criticism of Murphy Brown's having a baby without being married was splashed all over the media and generated lots of free publicity. That lesson wasn't lost on CBS producers.

Federal Drug Enforcement Administration chief Thomas Constantine says the network is "trivializing drug abuse" and that Murphy Brown sends the message to our children that marijuana must be OK.

We should all be angry about that. ... (N)o scientific study has shown that smoking marijuana is good medicine. The National Institutes of Health recently said more study is needed before it can be decided whether marijuana is medicine. ...

CBS has decided that profiting from the exploitation of drug abuse is more important than its responsibility to America's children.

**Chillicothe (Ohio) Gazette, on Saddam Hussein:**

Saddam Hussein never gives up. Always needing, he pushes the United Nations to the brink, then backs down just short of a major blowup.

That's why President Clinton is calling for patience in negotiating with Saddam on allowing U.N. inspection teams to include Americans.

Iraq created another major crisis this week when U.N. monitoring teams were turned back because of American members. The teams are to investigate and monitor the elimination of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. U.N. resolutions imposed after the Gulf War require Iraq to destroy the weapons. The United Nations will end economic sanctions imposed when Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990 if Iraq complies with the resolution.

We agree with the president that, even though the temptation is to give him a swat, the best way to deal with him is to quietly stand our ground.

**Roswell (N.M.) Daily Record, on major league baseball:**  
 Now that America's pastime is

over for another year - the Florida Marlins have won the World Series, the Cleveland Indians are bridesmaids once again and all the excitement has subsided somewhat - a big question remains, does Major League Baseball have a death wish?

It certainly seems so, given the way the custodians of the grand old game have coddled some of their players busted on a variety of drug charges this past season.

What kind of message does this send to millions of impressionable kids who look up to ballplayers as role models? ...

There comes a time when the most loyal fans begin to lose patience with what they perceive to be a self-indulgent game that is rapidly spinning out of control.

That time is now for Major League Baseball.

**The Herald-Dispatch, Huntington, W.Va., on railroad safety:**

Federal regulators have decided they want to take more time to review a proposed takeover of Conrail by CSX Corp. and Norfolk Southern Corp. In view of growing concerns about rail safety, the closer scrutiny seems certainly justified.

Service and safety problems have plagued Union Pacific Corp. following its merger last year with Southern Pacific Rail Corp. The federal Surface Transportation Board ... recently gave CSX and Norfolk Southern one month to submit safety integration plans.

CSX and Norfolk Southern said they expect no problems detailing their safety plans. But a review of some recent happenings in West Virginia clearly shows that federal regulators need to ask some tough questions about rail safety. ...

From an economic perspective, the takeover of Conrail by CSX and Norfolk Southern may make good sense. CSX ... has said the takeover could translate into new jobs at some locomotive repairs shops.

Nonetheless, before the federal government gives the takeover a green light, the two railroads must demonstrate that they're ready to deal with the very real safety issue.

**The Seattle Times, on MIGs for peace:**

The U.S. purchase of 21 high-performance MIG jet fighters from the former Soviet republic of Moldova, for an estimated \$40 million, is money well spent.

The U.S. Air Force is shipping the aircraft from the small, eastern European country ... to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in

Ohio, where they will probably gather expensive dust. That's far better than their other destination, Iran, which tried to buy the jets from cash-starved Moldova. ...

Where 21 of them were going is a country without a valid reason for such high-performance weaponry. Iran already has 30 of the advanced fighters, another squadron of them would not serve the region well. Today, the stakes are too high, the risks of nuclear and biological vandalism too great for the U.S. not to intervene in the transfer of such weapons.

**Herald-Journal, Spartanburg, S.C., on South Carolina's wilderness:**

The group that put together the state purchase of the Jocassee Gorges property deserves credit and gratitude for a farsighted move that will benefit South Carolinians for generations to come. ...

The result is a public asset unlike any other in the Eastern United States. (Gov. David) Beasley correctly characterized this land as "one of the most important scenic, scientific and recreational assets in the Southeast."

South Carolinians will have a magnificent mountain area available for hiking, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. The state also will have another draw for tourism. ...

It will be easy for some to complain that the state should not be in the land business, buying such a large chunk of the state and taking it out of the market. But in this case, the state government represents the people of the state acting together to limit development in a pristine area that can be preserved for future state residents. ...

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**Analysis**

**Prayer do's, don't listed**

By RICHARD CARELLI  
 Associated Press Writer  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** - School officials nationwide - especially those in Alabama - are caught in the middle of what they call religious warfare. What, for heaven's sake, can be done about school prayer?

Thirty-five years after the Supreme Court outlawed organized prayer sessions in public schools, the fallout remains controversial and confusing.

The Clinton administration two years ago sought to calm the waters by issuing detailed guidelines on religious activities in public schools. They helped, but total success proved elusive.

In Alabama, a federal judge now has taken the unusual step of ordering training sessions for teachers and administrators in DeKalb County schools. A school administrator there alleged that students had been coerced into participating in religious activities.

Oddly, religious practices in Alabama courtrooms also have become a politically charged issue. A state judge in Gadsden is fighting to continue having prayers at the start of court sessions and to keep a carved display of the Ten Commandments behind his bench.

Two notions - both found in the Constitution's First Amendment - often collide in school-prayer disputes. One says that government should not promote or "establish" religion; the other that government should not unduly interfere with individuals' religion.

A list of do's and don'ts for school officials can be gleaned from three decades of Supreme Court rulings and federal legislation that has withstood constitutional challenge. Here's some of the best advice legal experts can offer:

- Students are free to pray at any time, either individually or in groups, as long as their praying is not disruptive.

- Prayers organized, or in some way endorsed, by teachers or school administrators are forbidden. For example, a principal cannot lead a morning prayer over a school's public address system.

- If a school accommodates student clubs, such as providing a classroom for after-school use, a student club that seeks to meet to pray or otherwise worship must be given the same access.

- Students must be allowed to say grace before meals. Again, rules about disruptive behavior apply. The absence of official school policy is a key here.

- If students are allowed to wear T-shirts bearing various messages, those bearing religious messages cannot be banned.

- Teachers may read the Bible or other scripture to students in the course of instructing about religion, but cannot do so to teach a particular religion in an effort to evangelize.

- Courts are divided over the lawfulness of having students offer prayers at graduation ceremonies, and the Supreme Court so far has passed up an opportunity to clarify the issue. Right now, what is allowed depends on where you live.

- Students have a right to distribute religious literature on public school grounds, but school officials may impose reasonable restrictions on the times, places and manner of such efforts.

In Alabama, U.S. District Judge Ira DeMent this month barred prayers over school intercoms during class hours, pre-game prayers on stadium public address systems and some other practices in all of the state's public schools.

Reactions from students and administrators indicates many mistakenly believe the judge's order goes much farther and bars private prayers, the wearing of Christian T-shirts and meetings of religious student clubs. It does not.

Nevertheless, the judge's order is being appealed by county and state officials.

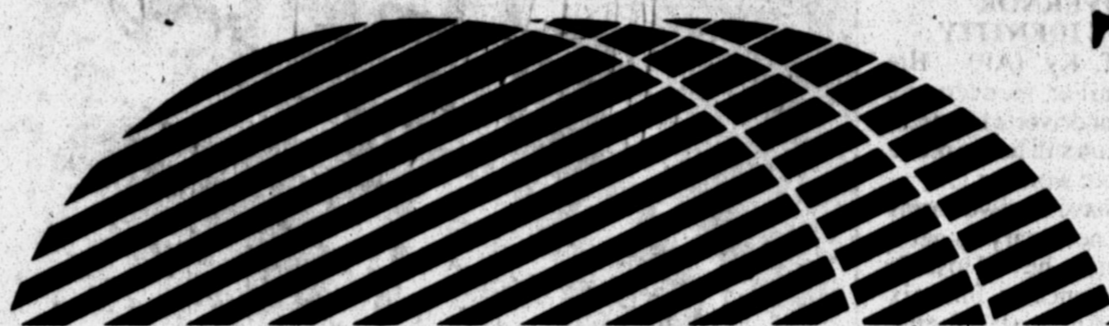
The National Congress of Parents and Teachers, along with The Freedom Forum First Amendment Center, has published a parent's guide to religion in public schools. It is full of good advice for those caught up in controversy, including this: "All parties should treat one another with civility and respect, and should strive to be accurate and fair."

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